

We start off with happy news. Our team was crowned the Overall Champion (after a long time) of the Singapore Golf Association Inter-Club League. We also note the achievement of a member's son, Jin Cheng, who earned an invitation to the 2016 Augusta Masters by winning this year's Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship. Heartiest congratulations to all!

I am grateful for the support, honoured to be your President and will serve with humility and conviction. Our Club is founded on a rich heritage and a thriving, collegial membership. Subsequent to the merger of two golf clubs by the late, founding father of Singapore, we are now a true country club with a multitude of facilities and activities, playing a responsible role in and contributing to a vibrant society. My children spent much of their childhood here and as a grandpa, I am honored for the opportunity to help shape a new generation's memories.



At acceptance, I thanked the outgoing General Committee (GC) and Sub-Committees, and Staff. Even as we look towards building on our legacy, it is important to acknowledge those whose work and dedication have paved the way ahead for us. I also thanked the other candidates, both elects and non-elects, for offering their time and talents to serve the Club.

We intend to empower Management by the adoption of constructive management practices such as good governance, room to make decisions and respecting their professionalism by prohibiting staff abuse. With the right policies in place, we hope to address current and future issues in a sustainable manner, without micro-management.

Each GC is made of individuals with different backgrounds, views and skills. I will work to unite these differences, assign responsibilities effectively and drive the new "Team SICC" towards realising our Club's aspirations. We will inject a fresh perspective in handling Club issues, while observing continuity. I have nominated three more persons to the GC and, with GC input, will appoint sub-committee members – to ensure our Club is in the hands of people with apt skill sets. More details about the GC members are in the ensuing page. Most of the sub-committees have been formed and they will be announced in due course.



Upon assuming office, action on improving our golf courses and greens has commenced. We are looking for a sustainable solution.

There is much more afoot, such as

- Finalise the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), Licence Agreement and Facility Sharing Agreement with NTUC and the renewal of Island land lease, soonest possible.
- Rationalise the facilities at our two locations to (i) ensure all fraternities are catered to, including tennis and squash, and (ii) enhance facilities and outlets.
- Timely redevelopment of the Bukit Freehold land and Island Golf Courses, with prudent and stringent fiscal oversight of capital expenditure. In exploring feasible options, we will incorporate feedback from the AGM and the professionally conducted Members' Survey that addressed all membership segments and activities.

What follows are Management's timely updates on pertinent issues, which will be the mainstay of my future messages.

Finalising the Memorandum of Agreement and Island Land Lease

We have continued our discussions with the Labour Movement towards concluding the MOA, pending wrapping up certain issues like the "exit clause". We are also actively following up with the authorities on the renewal of the Island land lease and expect to conclude this very soon. We will keep members apprised of developments.

Strengthening Internal Controls

In light of the audit report of the project management and procurement procedures and controls in the construction of Island Clubhouse, the GC will enhance the Club's internal system of control - boosting accountability and compliance. We will discuss with the Club Chairman and new Audit Committee on the recommendations and update you on the steps to be taken.

Ensuring Members' Enjoyment of Club Facilities and Services

As announced, General Manager/Secretary Mr Casper Schonfeldt's last working day is 15 December 2015. We thank him for his services and wish him well and will search for a relevant replacement. For a smooth transition, Director of Finance, Mr Desmond Tay, will be Acting General Manager with effect from 16 November 2015 – to work with Management to maintain and improve all operations.

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Yours sincerely in the interest of the Club,



Alex Ooi
President