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President's Message



Ir. Bruce Chan Siew Keat
President
The Raintree of Kuala Lumpur

Dear Members,

Just a few weeks ago, on 30th June our previous caterer terminated their services to the club. The terms of the contract had not been agreeable between the Club and caterer. In the end, I understand that they felt that they had better opportunities to explore.

Their sudden departure put the General Committee into frantic search for an immediate replacement. At least 4 possible candidates were approached and only one responded positively, Classic Menu. The latter was positive about providing the services and was able to immediately mobilise on 1st July. We were happy that we found a caterer who would seamlessly take over and saved the situation.

Emergency meetings, and I thanked the GC for full attendance even though I had called these meetings at short notice, to resolve this issue. We debated on the appointment of Classic Menu and the main intention was to have a seamless takeover of the F & B operation on

1st July. We talked about whether process of submitting recommendation to the tender board on the F & B recommendation based on their discussion with the 4 candidates that they and the General Manager had approached. Tender Board, and I must also thanked them for convening a meeting at short notice to address this matter, after having been briefed by the F & B Sub Committee however suggested to the General Committee that a tender for the F & B operation should be called.

We were faced with a quandary as calling a tender would mean that the Club close the F & B operation. That could take as long as 3 months (including time for new caterer to mobilise). Fortunately, through the effort of F & B chairman, Classic Menu agreed to provide food & beverage service in the interim period. F & B is an important operation and to shut it down would have put the club at a standstill for 3 months. It was inconceivable for the General Committee. I am thankful to Classic Menu for the service they had provided during this interim period. They had of course requested that we viewed their interim service as a trial and that be suitably considered for appointment.

I reflected on the debate we had at the last AGM when Dr Michael Chiam (Past President) argued that the tender process should be confined to capital expenditure and not operational expenditure. His argument addresses the issue we are facing now. F & B is a service operation, very much like getting engaging a lawyer or engaging a repairman to make an immediate repair to a broken down equipment. In this instance, clearly there must be a different way to assess such appointment. Professional Services for instance should be chosen on capability and track record.

There is always a need for us to continuously improve our processes. The process should have adequate checks but not to slow down or hinder the operational issues. Certainly there is a need to review the process for operational expenditure (as opposed to capital expenditure) and that should be taken up as soon as possible.

We are coming to the end of the term for this General Committee. The AGM will be held sometime in September. I have a lot of people to thank. Let me assure all those who have often asked me; this is not a thankless job. Throughout this term, I have had many who offered appreciation, encouragement and useful feedback. To all these people my heartfelt gratitude. I have certainly rediscovered new comradeship and fellowship even when facing challenges. It has been a great term. Finally to my Muslim friends, Selamat Berpuasa.

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Social & Entertainment



Bowling Challenge (Tennis vs Badminton), 23 June 2012



The Bowling Challenge between Team Badminton vs Team Tennis was held on Saturday, 23rd June 2012 at 5:00pm. The event kicked off with eight players registered on each team with some invited guests. The evening was filled with fun and fellowship was great. Finally, Team Badminton emerged the Champion, beating Tennis with a very narrow margin. Highest individual score went to Gerald Yee (Team Tennis) followed by 1st Runner-up, Mr Eng Chong Yong (Team Tennis- Guest) and 2nd Runner-up, Mr Yew Kwah Chong (Team Badminton)

Big thanks to Team Tennis for donating the prizes and to Mr Chow Seck Kai for sponsoring the dinner.

Friendly Tennis with Tropicana Golf and Country Club



On the morning of June 16, Raintree tennis visited Tropicana Golf and Country club for its inaugural tennis friendly match. This was a unique friendly as Tropicana requested to have 6 ladies pair to play. Thanks to our Raintree Ladies that showed up to play we matched their numbers but was unable to win a single match in the ladies doubles. Tropicana's Ladies had more speed and pace which gave them the advantage. The Raintree Men's did much better by winning almost all but 1 match and the Mixed doubles matches favored the home team. It was special day as we got to know a local club that has so many active tennis members. After our matches, we had our lunch and mingled with the players. It was a fun morning and we look forward to hosting Tropicana Tennis in the future.

Tennis Friendly with Lake View Club



On July 21st, Raintree tennis headed into the Lion's den on a warm Saturday afternoon to play a friendly match against Lake View Club who only a week prior defended their title in the Sabah Invitational tennis tournament. With all their players present, we had a challenge on our hands. We played 11 ties and Lake View won the majority. Perhaps it was their home court advantage or perhaps they were riding off their recent tournament victory. The entire tennis organizing committee was present.

Overall we all had lots of fun playing under the sun. As night fell, we were treated to a pleasant buffet dinner with lots of adult beverage. We hope to turn the odds in our favor when we play them at the Raintree Club.

Sports & Recreation

Easter Golf Medal @ Bukit Unggul Country Club, Dengkil 24 April 2012



14 golfers registered & played in the Easter Golf Medal and in preparation for the next Golf Triangular Championship. The Top-3 placing were

Placing	Winner	HCP	Stableford Points Scored
1st	Jacqueline Cheong	23	70
2nd	Ainuddin Hamid	11	71
3rd	Tan Siew Chin	15	73

Congratulation to **JACQUELINE CHEONG** for emerging as Champion for the Easter Golf Medal.

Stableford Classic Championship @ Templer Park Golf Club, 4 July 2012



12 golfers registered and played in the Stableford Classic Championship. The Top-3 placing were

Placing	Winner	HCP	Stableford Points Scored
1st	John Tan	15	34
2nd	TayHoon Lim	18	31 (OCB)
3rd	DrSoranaValli	24	31

Congratulations to **Mr JOHN TAN** for winning the Stableford Classic Championship Trophy 2012.

16th Inter-Club Triangular Golf Championship @ Bukit Unggul Country Club, Dengkil on 26 May 2012



The 16th Inter-Club Triangular Golf Championship between Kelab Raintree, Royal Lake Club (RLC) and Kelab Shah Alam Selangor (KSAS) was held on Saturday, 26th May 2012 at Bukit Unggul Golf resort and hosted by Kelab Raintree. A total number of 71 participants from the three Clubs took part, with the highest number of 31 golfers from KSAS, followed by 22 golfers from RLC and 18 golfers from Raintree.

Though KSAS dominated the A- Medal (HCP 1-18) placements, our own Jacqueline Cheong did Kelab Raintree proud by winning the overall B Medal (HCP 19-36).

Lee Kwok Meng and Angela Burchardt made

podium appearances when they won the Nearest to Pin (NTP) and Nearest to Line (NTL) respectively.

Kelab Shah Alam Selangor (KSAS) once again retained the Challenge trophy consecutively for the third year beating Royal Lake Club by a margin of 36 points. However, Raintree was 3 points adrift of RLC and down in third position.

Position	Club	Points Accumulated
1st	KSAS	468 points
2nd	RLC	432 points
3rd	Raintree	429 points

Sports & Recreation

Badminton Friendly with Kelab Darul Ehsan, 26 May 2012

A group of 35 Badminton players (both Raintree and KDE) played in the Badminton friendly which was hosted by the Raintree. A total of 11 sets of games were played including some Juniors. However, Raintree lost 10 games to KDE due to KDE's strength. We had only one draw saved by Dr Ng and Lloyd. After the matches ended, all were treated to a fellowship dinner and had a good time toasting beers.



New Lighting System for Badminton Hall



After months of evaluating the Contractors for the new lighting system for the Badminton Hall, we've finally renovated the new T5 Highbay lighting system with a brighter lux all around the courts. (attached photo).

Sports & Recreation

Annual Inter-Club Triangular Table Tennis Tournament



Prior to the Annual Inter-Club Triangular Table Tennis tournament hosted by the Royal Lake Club on 17.6.2012, our team hosted a friendly match with the Maluri Table Tennis Club. This team has too many good players. Though we lost to them by 5 games to 7, our players experienced the many techniques and skills from the opponents.

As for the Inter-Club Triangular Table Tennis tournament participated by the Royal Lake Club, Royal Selangor Club and Raintree Club, we emerged as champions to recapture the challenge trophy won by the Royal Selangor Club last year. We beat the Royal Lake Club and the Royal Selangor Club by the scores of 9 - 2 and 7 - 4.

Our victory was made possible by the inclusion of Messrs Wong Zee Seng and Eng Tian Syh. Appreciation must also be given to our 3 ladies players, Chris Goh, Lau Wai Cheng and Koe Yueh. They won all their games in the 2 ladies singles, 1 ladies double and a mixed double. Raintree Club will host the next year tournament and we hope our players will continue to play and practice harder to retain the challenge trophy.

Half Hour Swim Challenge, 24 June 2012



A total of 31 swimmers registered for this half hour swim challenge, whereby each swimmer had to swim as many laps as possible within the time frame of 30 minutes. 29 swimmers managed to complete the half hour challenge and were rewarded with certificates of completion. 8 swimmers were also rewarded with book vouchers in getting the highest number of lap-counts in their respective categories.

Names of Winners	Category	No. of lap-counts achieved
Denis Tee	Boys, 8-10 years old	38
Gillian Han	Girls, 8-10 years old	49
AyrtonSiah	Boys, 11-12 years old	55
Teng Li Yen	Girls, 11-12 years old	51
Tan Wei Wen	Boys, 13-14 years old	31
Rachel Foo	Girls, 13-14 years old	43
Tee Jing Ru	Girls, 15-17 years old	45
Chong Kim Yee	Men, Open	54

Congratulations to the above swimmers!

Sports & Recreation

11th Annual Karaoke Competition



Held on 16th June 2012 at cerating hall, almost 90 members turn up to enjoy the night where 15 contestant sign up to compete for Raintree Idols. The 5 winner from soloists category will represent the Club for Inter-Club Karaoke Competition host by Eurasian Club on September. The Winner for Soloist is;

1. **Chow Xian Zhi** - Champion
 2. **Irene Teh** - 1st Runner Up
 3. **Patrick Chiam** - 2nd Runner Up
 4. **James Lee** - 3rd Runner up
 5. **Stanley Tan**
- Duet Champion **Chow Xian Hui & Leong Kim Ming**

Special Thanks to our Sponsor on that night, YTL Corporation Sdn Bhd, Carlsberg Marketing Sdn Bhd & Entex Venture.

2012 ANNUAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

	Schedule of Play	Age Group Category	Closing Date
01	04.07.2012 till 22.07.2012	Men's Singles 30 & above	30.06.2012
02	07.07.2012 till 22.07.2012	Men's Doubles 30 & above	30.06.2012
Ramadan Break (21.07.2012 - 26.08.2012)			
03	27.08.2012 till 09.09.2012	Men's Singles 40 & above	22.08.2012
04	05.09.2012 till 19.09.2012	Men's Doubles 40 & above	22.08.2012
05	15.09.2012 till 30.09.2012	Ladies Singles (Open)	10.90.2012
06	21.09.2012 till 30.09.2012	Ladies Doubles (Open)	10.09.2012
07	15.09.2012 till 30.09.2012	Men's Singles 60 & above	22.08.2012
08	21.09.2012 till 30.09.2012	Men's Doubles 60 & above	22.08.2012
09	26.09.2012 till 14.10.2012	Men's Singles 50 & above	21.09.2012
10	10.10.2012 till 21.10.2012	Men's Doubles 50 & above	21.09.2012
11	20.10.2012 till 11.11.2012	Mixed Doubles	15.10.2012
12	27.10.2012 till 18.11.2012	Men's Singles (Open)	22.10.2012
13	10.11.2012 till 02.12.2012	Men's Doubles (Open)	22.10.2012

Time of Play:

Weekdays - 5:00 pm onwards Saturday 8:00 am - 8.00 pm Sunday - 6:00 pm onwards

All matches to be played either on Indoor Courts 1-3 and Outdoor Courts 4-6.
Kindly pre-book the court before playing at the Sports Counter.

Format of Play:

Best of 2 tie-break sets. Super tie-break (ten) will operate upon one set all.

Entrance Fee :

RM 20.00*, on first event per person. RM 10.00 for each additional event per person.
(* Registered players will be entitled to attend the dinner on the Sports Night in January 2013.)

Interested members, kindly register your name at the Sports Counter.

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Introduction to New Classes - Zumba and Yoga Classes 17 June 2012



LINE DANCE HI-TEA WORKSHOP EVENT 2012

Date: 18th November 2012 **Time:** 2:00pm to 6:00pm

Venue: Cerating Ballroom **Ticket:** RM 25.00 (Members) RM 30.00 (Guest)

There will be line dance workshop carried by line dance instructors with their own choreography, health wellness talk by medical practitioners and Q&A, Bazaar for sales of items required by line dancers, line dance jamming and hi-tea spread.

For further information, kindly contact Ms Noraini Othman, Recreation Executive @ 03-4257 9066 ext 108

AEROBICS

Calling for all Rain Tree Members , new aerobics classes are open for registration now:
the detail as per below

Yoga Classes

Day: Every Thursday

Time: 7:30pm to 8:30pm

Venue: Dance Studio, New MPH

Fees: RM 120.00 per peson

Zumba Dance Classes

Day: Every Sunday

Time: 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Venue: Dance Studio, New MPH

Fees: RM 120.00 per peson

Kindly register your name at Sports Counter.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY NOTICE

During the month of Ramadhan (From July 21st - August 19th 2012)

The Children Library's operation hours will be from
9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Tuesday - Sunday)

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The Club has a total Membership Roll of 2000 Members from various public and private sectors. The monthly circulation of the Samanea is more than 2000 copies. We are offering this facility to advertisers for the advertising space in the Samanea at the following rates.

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23 September 2012

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