



SKA news

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PRESIDENT'S Message

The SKA's Building Committee (BC) has awarded all the contracts relating to building finishes and fixtures to the relevant parties. Thus, the construction work is now moving into the interior finishes of the building.

Furthermore, the SKA's Management Committee (MC) has awarded the tender for food and beverages (F&B) outlets to Mogul Mahal Restaurant Private Limited. It has also shortlisted an operator for the operation of the gymnasium. The target date for beginning operation of the refurbished premises, including the F&B outlets and gymnasium, is 1 Jul 2016.

Notably, in the course of the execution of the renovation work, some unforeseen expenses have been incurred. In addition, there has been a spike in the forecasted budget of certain items. The details relating to these expenses will be shared at an Extra-ordinary General Meeting (EOGM) which will be held in Feb/Mar 2016 at the Civil Service Club. At this EOGM, we will be raising issues pertaining to the additional funds required to complete the project, and hope to seek the support and approval of members in realising them.

In conjunction with the building refurbishment programme, the MC has

reviewed SKA's staffing situation. It has decided to appoint a General Manager (GM) whose main role will be to lead, inspire and manage the staff in a bid to better achieve the goals of the SKA. The GM's other key responsibilities will include marketing the SKA's facilities and services to ensure they are utilised at their maximum potential.

Finally, the AGM is intended to be held on 7 May 2016 at the renovated premises. Should there be a delay in obtaining the requisite Temporary Occupation Licence (TOP), the AGM will still be held as planned at an alternative location instead. Members may wish to note that the accounts for the financial year 2014/15 have been audited and posted on the SKA website for them to review.

Wishing all members and their families a healthy, prosperous and joyous 2016.

*The Management Committee
of SKA wishes all members
and their families a
Happy New Year 2016*

Members' Updates

- Promotional Life Membership Fee at \$500 before GST till 30 June 2016.
- Members can log on to SKA website to view the amended rules.
Log on to www.singaporekhalsa.org.sg
Username: **SXXXXXXXXA** (your NRIC No.)
Password: **password** (type password) unless you have changed the default password.

Note: members who have yet to change their default passwords are encouraged to do so immediately to safeguard their accounts.

PROGRESS OF WORKS ON BUILDING REFURB

The new extensions have been completed at the front and rear of the building. The building pillars, beams and floor slabs have been progressively strengthened and work has moved to the top floor for replacing the roof with a floor slab for the 6th storey. Interior partitioning works have started on the 1st level with the walling of the new offices and jackpot room. Work is in progress for the lift cores for the new lifts. The electrical, air-conditioning and sanitary works, including sewer-works for the toilets, have commenced as well. Tiling and other interior works will commence soon.



Front View



Rear View



Commencement of M & E Works



Strengthening Works

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New Staircase



Strengthening Works of Beams and Columns



Plumbing Works at Level 1



Partitioning works



Level 6 roof works

EDUCATION

Khalsa Kindergarten

The Graduation Ceremony has never failed to be the most spectacular event of the year at Khalsa Kindergarten. Hence, our 23rd Graduation Day held on 10 October 2015 at Umar Pulavar Tamil Language Centre's auditorium was no different. Our Guest of Honour Mr. K Kesavapany, President of the Indian Association and members of the



SKA's Management Committee graced the occasion. 100 graduates from K2 received their graduation certificates as well as their swimming certificates. They looked grown-up and ready to start their new journey to the primary schools.

Parents were invited to witness this special event as well as view an exhibition of the children's art work. Their costumes were specially picked by our teachers to add



colour to the of vibrancy of the event. The children performed gracefully with confidence and style that they captivated the audience with awe.

Khalsa Kindergarten's 7th Party-Cum-Concert 2015 was held on 23rd Oct 2015 at Umar Pulavar Tamil Language Centre. The concert was a special occasion, being the culmination of hard work; the actualization of goals attained and the acknowledgement of successes achieved. So, it was only fitting to say that we commemorated the road that we have all travelled on together to put up such a splendid concert which left our audience full of praise and awe.



Our proud Nursery and Kindergarten 1 students walked up confidently to receive their swimming certificates from our special guest, Mdm Vijaya Mohan.

The little children's exhibition that our teachers had displayed brought out the "wow" factor from our parents. The show ended with a drama in Chinese, which was evidence of the success that Khalsa kindergarten does not stop at bilingualism but carries on its learning ability to a third language.

Khalsa kindergarten takes pride in watching our children's progress and success! In keeping with the saying, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress and working together is success", we look back over the last few years to realise that certainly there was a beginning, and thankfully there was also progress. Undeniably we have been successful in 2015!

SPORTS

The players have regular training sessions every Tuesday at Bedok Court. In an attempt to recruit more girls for the netball team, a new poster was designed and posted on various social media platforms, like Facebook and Twitter.

Through this publicity campaign, a few girls have expressed their interest in the game and have come forward to join us in our training sessions at Bedok.

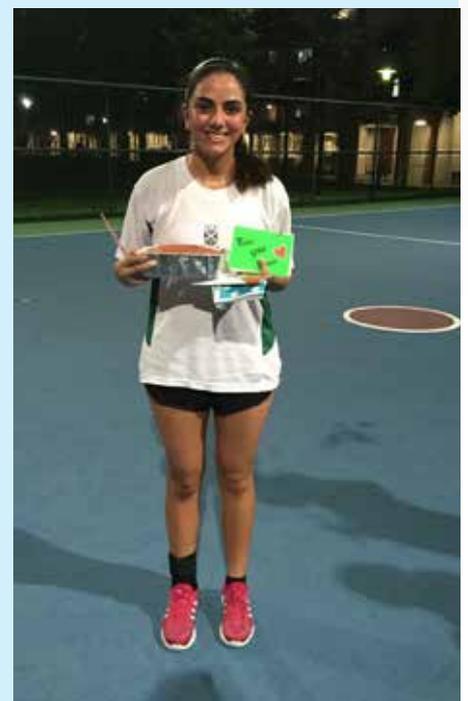
We had a surprise 'Thank You' celebration for our captain, Kiran Kaur. Not only is she passionate about the sport but a player who steps up and demonstrates leadership skills, both on the court and off the court. Notwithstanding her responsibilities at the university, she has worked very hard to keep the team together and our training sessions exciting.

In December, we had a pot-luck bonding session to build ties of friendship amongst the players. Through this fun gathering, we were able to know one another better and foster a stronger team identity, spirit and sense of belonging.

Although we stopped training for the year-end holidays, we have resumed training in the first week of January.



Building Netball Team



SPORTS



Hockey Surges

Our hockey teams participated actively in various competitions in 2015 in keeping with our projected outlook and objective to keep the fraternity active. Khalsa participated in the following tournaments in 2015:

1. SHF National Junior League Under-19
2. Causeway Cup
3. Liga (Senior)
4. Liga (Junior)
5. 64th Gurdwara Cup
6. SHF Division 1
7. SHF Division 3
8. Indoor Hockey League
9. Indoor World League
10. IA sixes

Both our teams were promoted to Division 1 (aka Premier League) and Division 3 respectively. The Division 1 team will continue to participate in the same division for second year running and our Division 3 team was promoted to Division 2 after their wonderful performance in 2015. Due to our strong showing, a few of our players were selected to be part of the national training squad. We would like to congratulate and wish Jeremiah Samson and Chee Yong all the best as members of the National Team.

Separately, we have managed to keep our Junior Development training which is held at Khalsa every Wednesday from 6.30pm - 8.30pm very much alive with a good turnout of around fifteen youngsters.

We hope 2016 will bring better results for the club and everyone involved in hockey.

Appointment of Investment Sub-Committee

Pursuant to the amendments to the SKA's constitution, the SKA's Board of Trustees is pleased to advise the setting up of a seven-member Investment Sub-Committee for a period of three years from January 2016. It comprises the following members:

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| 1. Mr Gurdip Singh Usma | Chairman, SKA's Board of Trustees |
| 2. Col (Retd) Gurcharan Singh Sekhon | Vice-Chairman, SKA's Board of Trustees |
| 3. Mr Balbeer Singh Mangat | Member, SKA's Board of Trustees |
| 4. Mr Inderjit Singh | CEO, Solstar International Pte Ltd and Former Member of Parliament, Singapore. |
| 5. Mr Harpreet Singh | Executive Director, Bank of Singapore |
| 6. Mr Rasik Singh Ahuja | Executive Director, Coutts & Co Ltd |
| 7. Mr Mandeep Nalwa | Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Taurus Wealth Advisors Pte Ltd |

As defined in the constitution, the role of the Investment Sub-Committee is to work with the bankers appointed by the trustees in making recommendations to them on the investment decisions and to provide recommendations to the Trustees in the setting up of the Trust Fund Operating Guidelines.

The Board of Trustees thanks the members of the Investment Sub-Committee for volunteering their services towards this very important role of helping to preserve the assets of the association.

SKA Ladies Wing – Chair Yoga Outing



Participants & Volunteers



Yoga volunteers & Committee Members



Ladies at the exhibition



Games in progress

The second cycle for chair yoga came to a close with an outing for the participants on 29th October 2015. The yoga volunteers and committee members of the Ladies Wing arranged two activities and a sumptuous lunch for the day. The first activity was a visit to the National Museum at 11 a.m., It was an interesting journey down memory lane as they viewed the various exhibits at the museum. As the museum is equipped for people who are not able to walk up stairs and long distances, wheel-chairs were used by the yoga volunteers to assist some of the old ladies around. The participants were taken to lunch at the Grand Imperial Hotel at Bellios Road. After lunch they were engaged in the next activity comprising games and merry-making. The ladies played musical chairs and passing the parcel. They enjoyed themselves and the day ended with refreshments.

SG50 Jubilee Big Walk

The SKA's President and MC members were invited to participate in the SG50 5km fun walk organised by the People's Association to celebrate the Golden Jubilee Year of Singapore.

The SG50 Jubilee Big Walk took participants through a trail that connects the past, present and future of the Singapore Story. The Guest-of-Honour for the event was our Prime Minister, Mr. Lee Hsien Loong.



SKA ACTIVITIES - 2016

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
10 - Lohri	18 - Chair Yoga 19 & 20 - Chingay / Lights of Legacy@F1 Pit 21 - Chingay / Lights of Legacy@Bishan Park	12 - 6th Young Khalsa Sports Day	
MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
7- 69th AGM 27 - Vesakhi Golf 29 - Vesakhi Mela	1 to 4 - 65th Gurdwara Cup		14 - Teeyan
SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
	1 - Khalsa Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony 8 - Khalsa Kindergarten Party-CUM-Concert	*4 or 11 – Diwali D&D 19 – 70th AGM	

* February / March 2016 - EOGM