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The SKA "Looking Ahead"

As SKA continues to build upon what has been achieved over the past 80 years and aims to be a pre-eminent club by creating value and enhancing members' experience, the Management Committee would like to solicit feedback from all members in defining the future of SKA on how SKA can reposition to remain relevant and meet the changing aspirations of the members "Looking Ahead".

While feedback from the members have always been welcomed, the Management Committee is specifically requesting feedback from the members for "Looking Ahead", on how the members would like SKA to provide an environment of excellence for members and their families, with quality activities, and venue for social entertainment. This is to assist in defining the development plans for new facilities and upgrade the existing SKA's facilities and building. The solicitation of feedback from all would collectively allow the Management Committee to ensure that the plans are aligned to members' aspirations.

Therefore, members are strongly encouraged and requested to provide their feedback and inputs. All members' feedback will be evaluated and if there is a need an appropriate forum will be arranged to deliberate on the key requirements. This is to ensure that the Management Committee and all members' can collectively transform and reposition the Association for the future. Looking forward to receiving for members' feedback.

Please fax/post your feedback or email to khalsa@singnet.com.sg by 30 June 2010.

Updates...

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE (via Website)

Dear Members,

As part of the ongoing efforts to ensure that all the members records are up-to-date in the Club's records, the SKA website has been upgraded to allow members to login to verify and update their personal information.

All members are encouraged to log into the website today at www.singaporekhalsa.org.sg with

Username: SXXXXXXA (NRIC NO) **Default Password:** password (type password)

You are advised to change your password when you login for the first time.

Please contact the SKA Admin Office at 6298 1230 or email khalsa@singnet.com.sg for assistance.

Alternatively, members can also update their personal information by forwarding the completed Membership Update Form (enclosed) to SKA to have their membership records updated accordingly.

Premier Pitch @ SKA

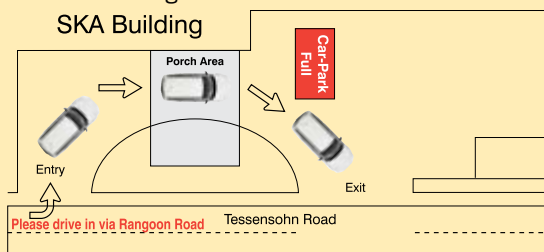
The latest update on the Premier Pitch @ SKA is that the upgrading work is in progress after some initial delay and the Opening of the Premier Pitch @ SKA is now August 2010.



Car Park @ SKA

Since 15 March 2010, the members coming to the Club using the car park facilities would have realized that the car park has now separate car park entrance and exit. Members are advised to take note of this change and to follow the traffic directions strictly.

Members driving to Club are advised to take the route via Rangoon Road in order to be able to enter the car park via the entrance. Members driving from the Balestier Road would not be able to turn right into the car park as in the past. They would need to drive down further and make a U-turn to come back to the entrance of the SKA car park. The SKA Management Committee would appreciate the cooperation of all members to comply with the new flow of traffic for the car park.



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Gurdip Singh Usma
(Chairman SKA Trustees)

Kirpal Kaur
(President/Advisor SKA Ladies Wing)

Kuldip Singh
Nirmal Singh Rode

Highlights of Vesakhi Mela 2010...

The SKA organized a series of events leading up to Vesakhi celebrations this year. The Pool tournament was held on 28 March at the SKA Lounge & Billiard Room followed by the 7th Young Khalsa Soccer tournament on 11 April, rounding up with the Vesakhi Golf tournament which was held on 16 April at Sembawang Country Club, where Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, High Commissioner of India graced the event by participating in the Golf tournament. All these events met with good participation levels.

This year, the Vesakhi Mela Organizing Committee had infused the theme of "Forging an Inclusive Community" into the celebrations. This theme supported the national focus in achieving greater social integration in Singapore by fostering a sense of community and engaging our people, including promoting integration among Singaporeans and with new Singapore citizens and foreign residents.

The Guest-of-Honor for the event was Mr. K Shanmugam, Minister for Law & Second Minister for Home Affairs which was held on 18 April 2010.

The activities of the Mela kicked off in the morning with more than 80 teams participating in the competitions games like soccer, hockey & netball. In addition this year's Mela included a brisk walking competition which was held at the Balestier Plain Clubs. The winner for the Men's above 40 category was Mr. Gurcharan Singh (from Treks). He completed the 720m (2 rounds around Indian Association field) in a time of 4 mins and 45 secs.

Stage shows, Funfair and Punjabi Heritage exhibition started off 1pm onwards. As part of SKA's effort to uplift the educational standards of Singapore Sikh youths and also to motivate others to do well, SKA again presented cash awards to top PSLE, "N", "O" and "A" Level Sikh Students who sat for the examinations in 2009.

The evening ended with Disco Di Raat at SKA Level 2 with song & dance.

The SKA Management Committee would like to take the opportunity to thank all the members for attending and participating in all the events.



Singapore Indian New Year Celebrations

The Singapore Khalsa Association participated in the Indian New Year celebrations together with other twelve (12) Singapore Indian communities in Singapore held from Friday 16 April to Saturday 17 April 2010 at the open land bounded by Serangoon Road, Burmah Road and Birch Road. The Guest of Honour for the event was Mr. Lee Kuan Yew, Minister Mentor.

The SKA Ladies Wing Committee displayed a "Heritage Exhibition" on "Sikh Wedding" which drew a lot of interest from the visitors to the event. There was also food stall managed by "Riverwalk Tandoor" showcasing the cuisines entitled "Flavors of Punjab" that had fulfilled the hungry taste buds.



1st Young Khalsa Sports Day

The Singapore Khalsa Association and the Singapore Sikh Education Foundation jointly organized the 1st Young Khalsa Sports Day. The inaugural event was held on 27 February 2010 at 1330 hours at the Toa Payoh Stadium.



International Woman's Day - Shawa Punjabaney

The SKA Ladies Wing successfully organized, for the 3rd year running, a fund-raising walk in conjunction with the International Women's Day on the 7 March 2010. The event was a huge success, with more than 500 ladies participating in the event. The main aim of this event was to raise funds for the Singapore Sikh Welfare Council (SIWEC) that provides assistance to needy families as part of their activities.



Tessensohn Khala Rovers in the NFL

The SKA's participation in Football Association of Singapore National Football League Division 1 (April 2010 to September 2010)



Our proud Tessensohn Khalsa Rovers

Culture Swing @ SKA

Our Ladies in the Bollywood Swing.....

The Bollywood Bhangra classes have been ongoing for the past 1 year. The response for the classes has been excellent.

Contact SKA now if you would like to enroll in the classes.



What's Next!!!

Dialogue Session

The SKA Management Committee will be having a Dialogue session with NUS & NTU students on 21 August 2010 @SKA to engage the students and provide a platform for interaction and networking.

Scholarship Programme for Indian Diaspora Children (SPDC) 2010-11

The Government of India, Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, has announced the Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC) 2010-11 to assist Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) and Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) in pursuing under graduate courses in several disciplines in India.

The programme is open only to PIOs/NRIs from specified 40 countries having a larger concentration of Indian Diaspora. Singapore being one of those countries.

For more information, please visit the website www.edcilindia.co.in.

SKA Ladies Nite of Giving

SKA LADIES WING is organising a Ladies Nite of Giving, Charity Dinner on Friday, 2 July 2010 @ SKA Level 2.

59th Gurdwara Cup

This year's Annual Malaysia Singapore Sikh Sports Council (MSSSC) Festival of Sports, popularly known as the Gurdwara Cup, will be held from 9 June to 12 June 2010 at Penang, Malaysia hosted by Penang Sikh Association.

It is a competition open to all Sikhs from Malaysia and Singapore. The Singapore Khalsa Association Contingent will be participating in Hockey, Soccer, Netball and Golf.



Let's all support our Singapore Contingent participating in the exhilarating games to win over the 59th GURDWARA CUP OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP!!!

Preparation of Hockey Junior Squad for 59th Gurdwara Cup

Singapore Khalsa Association organizes various activities and is supported by the Ladies Wing, Sports, Culture, Young Khalsa and Professional Network Group. These activities centered around Sikh culture such as Vesakhi Mela, Lohri, Teeyan, Dhol lessons and various sport tournaments.

●●● Cultural Activities



●●● Khalsa Kindergarten

The Khalsa Kindergarten is an approved and registered educational institution with MOE for Pre-Primary Education.



●●● Banquets & Conferences



Function Halls

Capacity for function halls

- Level 1 – 350 Pax
(Barbeque Area - 150 Pax)
- Level 2 – 500 Pax
- Level 3 – 200 Pax
- Level 4 – 200 Pax
- Level 5 – 40 Pax
(Conference Room)

On-Line & Off line booking services available

●●● Young Khalsa



Young Khalsa is the Youth Wing of the Singapore Khalsa Association. Young Khalsa's objective is to provide a platform for Young Sikhs to meet, interact and network among themselves as well as with other similar ethnic age groups in Singapore.

●●● Professional Network Group @ SKA

The Professional Network Group, PNG was set up to promote networking sessions between established Sikh professionals in various professions so as to share their experiences with young Sikhs. PNG also provides latest economic & political awareness.



●●● Sports Facilities

For soccer, hockey, netball, turf and field games.



●●● Dine in Punjab

Level 3,
Kohinoor Palace
Restaurant

Mouth Watering Punjabi Dhaba Style Lunch and Dinner is available from Mondays to Fridays.

Relax and enjoy the ambience with family or catch up with friends.



●●● Others } SKA Billiards Room

} SKA Jackpot Room