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SKA Ladies Wing Teeyan Celebration

Teeyan was another successful event organized by SKA Ladies Wing with participation from over 300 ladies on 8 August 2010, Sunday at SKA Level 2

A slide show explaining the significance of this festival was shared with the audience. Giddha can be seen at its best when – Teeyan – or the women’s dance festival is celebrated. In Punjab, this festival is celebrated in the month of Sawan, the beginning of the rainy season, where newly married girls return to their parents’ homes. Usually a fair is organised on this occasion where swings are a common sight.

For the rural women specially, this is a time to pamper and enjoy oneself, by buying bangles, bindis, bead necklaces, getting henna tattoos done on hands and feet, and eating sumptuous dishes such as Kheer Puri, Gulgale, Karah and Pakoras. Married women returning to their parental home receive clothes and other gifts from their parents and other male kins.



The audience was kept thoroughly entertained by performances from different groups of ladies, from Divas – Hardip Steffijit with her group, Harmeet (singer) and also from the Ladies Wing themselves in their colorful dupattas. The ladies present thoroughly enjoyed themselves while enjoying the generous serving of food.



A cheque of S\$5000 was presented to Ms Jothi, a representative from the Street Child Project. This sum was raised during the Ladies Night of Giving that was held at SKA on 2 July 2010.



Bhai Maharaj Singh Inter-Gurdwara Golf Championship

Singapore Khalsa Association and Central Sikh Gurdwara Board jointly organized the Bhai Maharaj Singh Inter-Gurdwara Golf Championship on 13 August 2010, Friday at the Pulai Spring Golf & Country Club. This is the 10th consecutive year for the annual joint organization that augurs well for the community reflecting close coordination between a religious and a sporting body.

Gurdwara Sahib Silat Road successfully defended the “Champion Gurdwara” Trophy they won previously and Dhanvinder Singh Saini won the Individual “A” Division Best Gross Trophy.



Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to all the participants, sponsors and volunteers who contributed to the success of this event.



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SKA President and the Management Committee wishes all members and their families a very Happy & Prosperous New Year.

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AVIATION SEMINAR

SKA & Sikh Aviators jointly organized **"Aviation Seminar"** on 21 August 2010, Saturday at SKA Level 2 where the audience included Sikh university & polytechnic undergraduates. The seminar focused for participants interested in or with an inclination for working and making the Aviation industry their career. The speakers from SIA and the Aviation industry shared their experiences and the various career opportunities available in the Aviation field.



SKA Ladies Wing Duck Tour

This year, the Chair Yoga initiative continues to sustain momentum for the fourth year running.

Trainers and participants went for a Duck Tour outing on 2 September 2010, Thursday. A total of 46 ladies met at Khalsa Dharmak Sabha and were ferried by bus to Suntec City where they boarded the Vietnam War Machine (Duck Boat) which took them by sea to the Esplanade, Clifford Pier and the famous Merlion as part of the tour and for the second half of the tour they proceeded to Victoria Theatre, Supreme Court and back to Suntec City where the tour ended.



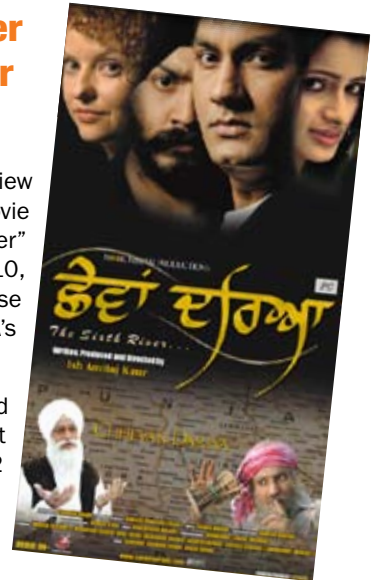
The participants enjoyed every moment of the tour as for most of them it was their first such outing. After the tour, they proceeded to the SKA for lunch and games. There was much fun and laughter during the games. The Organizing Committee received positive feedback and the participants thanked the organizing committee for the wonderful memories and many requested for more such activities to be organized.



The Sixth River Movie Premier with SKA

SKA hosted the preview of the Punjabi Movie entitled "The Sixth River" on 12 September 2010, Sunday at the Arts House exclusively for the SKA's Life Members.

Tickets were subsidized by the SKA at the cost of \$5 each. About 112 SKA's life members attended the preview.



7th Asia Pacific Sikhs Golf Championship 2010

The 7th Asia Pacific Sikhs Golf Championship 2010 organised by the Singapore Khalsa Association was held on the 24 & 25 September 2010. This year's tournament attracted 60 golfers from India, Australia, Vietnam, Indonesia and Malaysia competing in the "A" & "B" Divisions and Ladies category.

The first day of competition ended with a sumptuous sea food barbeque dinner for all golfers with their families and supporters reflecting the spirit of camaraderie amongst Sikhs in the Asia Pacific region.

Paul Singh of Malaysia captured the coveted Best Gross Trophy and the A Division (Nett) winner was Baldev Singh Gill of Indonesia with the B Division (Nett) trophy captured by Tarlok Singh of Indonesia. The Ladies Division champion was Paramjeet Kaur of Singapore. The Singapore team won the team championship with Indonesia coming in a close runner up.

Singapore Khalsa Association congratulates all the winners and sincerely thanks all sponsors (Jasmindar Singh Gholia of G-Serv, M.S. Maniam of Seagull Marine & Daljit Singh of BJS Engr) including all the participants and supporters in making this event a success in a friendly competitive spirit. The 8th Asia Pacific Sikh Golf Championship will be hosted by Johor, Malaysia, in the year 2012.



SKA Ladies Wing Children's Day Party

SKA Ladies Wing organized a Children's Day party on 2 October 2010, Saturday at SKA. The party was attended by 121 children with their parents and 13 Sikh children from needy families were also invited to the party.

The programme for the day included face painting, comedy cum magic show, Wizard Mascot who gave out lollipops, a balloonist who gave out sculptured balloons and games.

The children had a great time as they were entertained by the magic show by a professional magician that was entertaining and magical. The magician performed thrilling and mind-boggling tricks right before the children's eyes while engaging the children in exciting games. The children also had a great time taking photos with the Wizard Mascot.

The children were served light refreshments and went home with presents and goodie bags and of course lovely memories.



SKA LADIES WING XTREME FUNGAMA

SKA Ladies Wing had organized an event called the 'Xtreme Fungama' jointly with Udaan (Indian Woman Entrepreneurs Group). The aim of the event was to provide social and business networking platform between Singapore Sikh families and the families of Indian expatriates.

The event was held on 24 October 2010, Sunday which was attended by about 300 people for a fun-filled evening. There was a festive bazaar, dances, a skit and the highlight of the evening was the Dazzling Star Contest – to search for the belle of the ball! The Ladies Wing enthralled with their Jago performance. It was an evening where networking was promoted via an informal atmosphere.



USTAV STREET PARADE

The event, organized by the Hindu Endowment Board, was held on 30 October 2010, Saturday at Race Course Road in conjunction with Diwali celebrations.

SKA was represented by the YAAR PANJ-AAB Bhangra troupe, consisting of ten dancers and two dholies for the event and the troupe performances were very well received by the organizers and the guests.



Khalsa Kindergarten Graduation

The Khalsa Kindergarten's Annual Graduation Ceremony for the 90 children graduating from K2 this year was held 31 October 2010, Sunday where Mrs. Sarojini Padmanathan, Senior Director of SINDA, the guest of honor, handed the certificates to the graduates.

All children who had successfully completed the Swimming Teddy Bear Test I, II and III also received their certificates during the ceremony. The guests were treated to a number of dance items performed by the children which was well received by everyone.



Khalsa Kindergarten Nursery and Pre Nursery Party cum Concert

Khalsa Kindergarten organized 'Party cum Concert' on 13 November 2010, Saturday where the Nursery and Pre Nursery students had performed many dance items and entertained the audience.

The audience had lots of praises and appreciation for both the participants and organizers.



DIWALI DHAMAKA

This year's Diwali Dhamaka was held on 19 November 2010, Friday which was attended by about 300 guests mainly from the the local Sikh community including Indian expatriates.



For entertainment, Ram Tasildar from Kolkata, accompanied by 4 musicians entertained the crowd singing 80's and new Hindi and Punjabi numbers too.



The crowd enjoyed the performance from Moshi Moshi Bollywood dancers and the very entertaining Master of Ceremony, Karampal Singh.

Industry Talk by Sikh Professional

In the first series of Industry Talks, Dr. Charanjeet Singh presented talk on Medicinal Drugs and Health that was held on 20 November 2010, Saturday at SKA level 5 conference room. The topics covered medicinal drugs (originals vs generic) and the health topics of hypertension, arthritis and diabetes.

During the lunch network session, moderator Malvinder Bhandal had the participants, ranging from ages 21 to 81 to introduce themselves which lead to a fairly relaxed atmosphere where the participants actively engaged and participated in the Q & A session.



SKA's 64th Annual General Meeting

The Annual SKA General Meeting was held on 24 November 2010, Wednesday attended by 57 members.



SKA Hockey Update

The SKA hockey team emerged Champions in the National League Division 3 and well done boys!

The SKA hockey juniors participated in the U21 9-a-side hockey tournament which was held in Malacca, Malaysia on 11 & 12 December 2010. A total of 5 teams participated in the tournament namely Singapore, Klang, Seremban, Malacca and Batu Pahat. The Singapore team emerged third in the tournament.

Our junior Ishwarpal Singh Grewal was awarded the **"player of the tournament"** by the organisers.

SKA is inviting and encouraging all interested hockey players to join the training sessions every Friday 6 to 8pm at the Premier Pitch @SKA Pitch no 4. Please contact Paramjit Singh @98231570 for more details.

