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Editor's Note

In this issue, the SKA football section has penned a beautiful and touching memorial for Karthik Raj, who left us suddenly on 5 April 2023. Karthik was an amazing footballer and a brilliant team player. He was an integral part of the SKA football team and SKA family. Karthik will always be remembered as a true inspiration to all of us.

Our marquee event – Vesakhi Mela – returned in a bigger and grander style this year. More than three thousand people thronged to SKA to participate in a myriad of activities. It was also a moment for the migrant community to rest, relax and partake in the festivities. Mr Eric Chua, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Culture, Community and Youth, and Social and Family Development, graced the occasion and presented awards to COVID-19 Sikh heroes and outstanding Sikh students. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you for making Vesakhi Mela 2023 a truly memorable event.

In March 2023, Young Khalsa organised an industry talk, in partnership with the Singapore Sikh Professional Network. Titled 'SPYKE Tech Talk', the event discussed the rising trend of layoffs in the technology industry in Singapore and the region. About 50 attendees joined us for the event and they expressed their satisfaction with the insights gained during the session.

The Ladies Wing celebrated the International Women's Day with a meaningful project which brought together more than 40 ladies to plant 50 trees. This initiative was part of the OneMillionTrees movement. The Ladies Wing also organised the Mother's Day celebration, bringing together more than 230 ladies for an afternoon tea filled with fun and delectable food. It concluded the second module of its chair yoga programme with an outing to East Coast Park in May 2023. Well into its 16th year, the weekly session is now held at Khalsa Dharmak Sabha.

The SKA sports section also had an equally busy few months. Fresh from its title-winning success last year, the football team remains unbeaten in the Singapore Football League Division One after seven matches. Its sits proudly at the top of the league and its success included winning the Challenge Cup at the start of the season. The men and women's hockey teams are also doing well in their respective leagues.

The football section organised a football fiesta in March 2023, which brought together 120 young and senior players in footballing fun. The SKA veteran players have also been having a fun time coming together for regular football action. They also participated in the Hari Raya Cup and came in a commendable second position in a five-team tournament.

SKA was also involved in sporting action in Malaysia in the last couple of months. In April 2023, we competed against Johor Sikhs in the Causeway Cup. We did well, winning all three matches in the open and veteran football and open hockey competitions. In early June 2023, close to 100 sportspersons took part in the 71st Gurdwara Cup and Sikh Festival of Sports in Johor. We participated in the golf, football (veteran, senior and youth) and hockey (veteran and senior) competitions. It was a successful outing filled with active competition and determined performances. The occasion had a proud moment for the Association, with Mr Jaspal Singh Grewal, a Singapore national hockey player, winning the Malaysian-Singapore Sikh Sports Council's 'Sportsman of the Year' for 2022. We congratulate Mr Jaspal on his achievement.

We are pleased to share that our giddha workshop in March 2023 and the inaugural Punjabi Antakshari Competition in June 2023 were highly successful. Similarly, several other social networking initiatives such as the Trivia Night, the networking session hosted by the Singapore Malayalee Association, the Indian New Year celebrations and the movie partnership were well received.

On a final note, we extend a warm welcome to SKA's new members. We hope that you will enjoy the amenities and offerings at the Association.

Ravinderpal Singh



IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of

Karthik Raj

We pen this memorial to share our thoughts and feelings for our dear friend and teammate, Karthik Raj. We mourn the loss of a great person and a wonderful human being by paying our tributes to his remarkable life.

Karthik was an important member of the SKA's Singapore Football League (SFL) Division One team and the SKA family. His presence will forever be cherished by everyone in the Association and the football section.

On 1 April 2023, during the football team's visit to Kuala Lumpur, tragedy struck when Karthik collapsed at the apartment we were staying. Despite the immediate action taken by the medical team, his condition worsened. He was swiftly brought back to Singapore, where he received the best medical care at Singapore General Hospital. Unfortunately, despite the best efforts of the medical team, he left us on 5 April 2023. The void left by his absence is immeasurable.

Karthik joined SKA in 2022 as a promising footballer and was voted the young player of the year by his fellow teammates. He was a true inspiration to all of us. His passion for sports, his dedication to the team and his unwavering spirit were a source of motivation. He was a great asset to the team, winning praises from his teammates and coaching staff for his determination and hard work.

In his honour, the SKA football team dedicated the victory in its opening match in the SFL Division One match on 29 April 2023 to Karthik. This gesture symbolised the profound impact he had on our lives and the legacy he leaves behind.

Karthik was a very joyful and sociable person. This explains the sheer number of friends he had in in the football fraternity and in his social life. He was always surrounded by friends who enjoyed his company and presence. He touched the lives of so many people – it is just amazing!

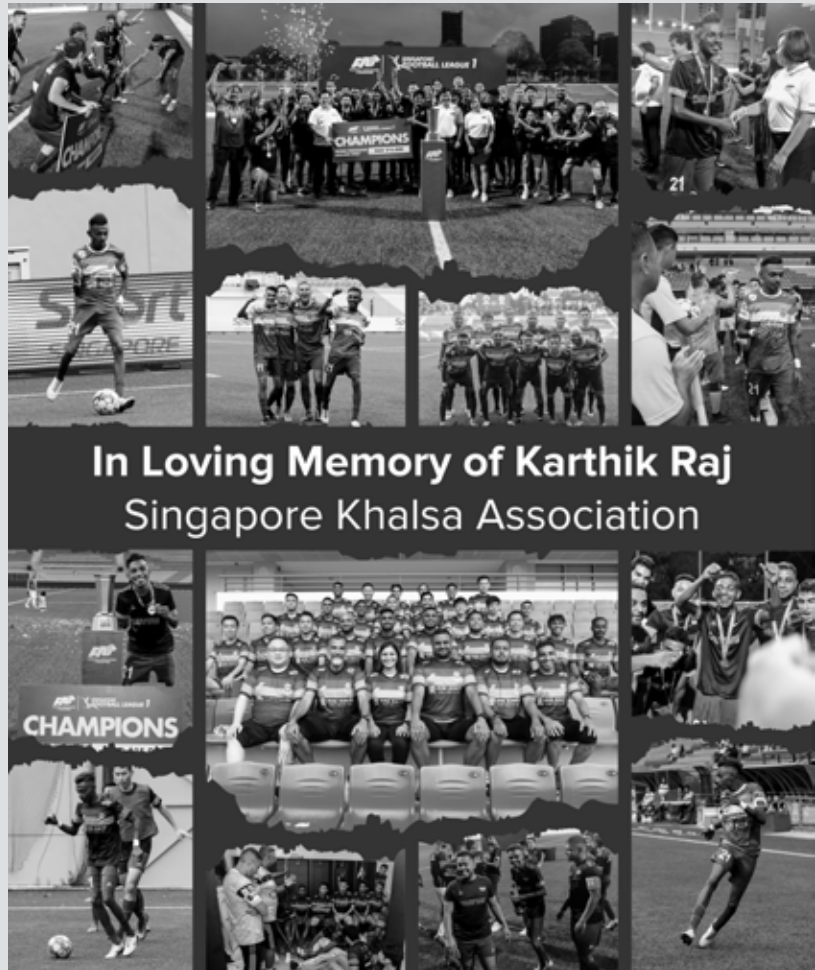
Though Karthik may no longer be physically present amongst us, his spirit will forever resonate within our hearts. We will carry his memory forward, remembering the joy, laughter and camaraderie he brought into our lives. He will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

We take solace in the belief that those we love never truly leave us. Though unseen and unheard, they walk beside us every day. Karthik's presence will always be felt, and his memory will continue to inspire us.

Let us all remember Karthik with love, respect and gratitude. May he rest in peace, knowing that he has made a lasting impact on our lives and will forever be a part of our cherished memories.

**"Those we love don't go away; They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard but always near; Still loved, still missed and very dear."**

The SKA Footballer Section



Celebrating Mother's Day

On 28 May 2023, more than 230 ladies came together for an afternoon of fun and good food in celebration of Mother's Day at SKA. Organised by SKA's Ladies Wing, the annual affair, as usual, attracted a sell-out crowd.

The activities included mother and daughter games, song duets, lucky draws, door gifts and a sumptuous high tea. The day ended with the pounding of the dance floor to the beat of favourite Punjabi and Hindi songs.

The ladies certainly had an enjoyable and entertaining afternoon celebrating an important occasion.



Indian New Year Celebrations

SKA was pleased to be part of the Indian New Year celebrations in Little India on 15 April 2023.

The initiative was spearheaded by the Little India Shopkeepers & Heritage Association and involved various Indian organisations in Singapore.

Mr Alvin Tan, Minister of State for Culture, Community and Youth, and Trade and Industry, was the Guest-of-Honour for the event.

The evening witnessed performances by various ethnic groups, including a bhangra performance by the Sikh community. There were also exhibition booths set up at the event, including one by SKA.

The event was inaugurated 13 years ago by the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew to celebrate the new year of the many diverse Indian communities.

It was an evening of entertainment and excitement.



GURDWARA C



SKA had a successful outing at in the 71st Gurdwara Cup and Sikh Festival of Sports in Johor, Malaysia, from 1 to 4 June 2023.

Close to 100 sportspersons departed from SKA on different days from 30 May to 2 June 2023 for participation in their respective competitions. We also invited supporters and spectators to join the Singapore side at the games.

The Sultan of Johor, His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar, was the Guest-of-Honour at the opening ceremony. Following his address, he declared the games open and presented mementos to all the states' Chefs-de-Mission. Singapore's Chef-de-Mission was Mr Baldev Singh, SKA's Assistant Secretary, Administration and Security.

In golf, Mr Dhanvinder Singh was crowned the Super Senior Champion in the Gurdwara Cup. He also bagged the title of Nett Champion NTP in the Asia Pacific Sikh Golf Tournament, which was held concurrently with the Gurdwara Cup.

The Singapore hockey section was represented in two competitions – senior and veteran – with the latter being organised for the first time.

In the senior category, the Singapore team did well to recover after a narrow 4-3 defeat to Johor in the opening match to beat Penang 3-1 and qualify for the semi-final. An excellent showing in the semi-final saw the team beat a fancied Perak side 3-2 to book a final showdown with Johor again. The Singapore side dominated the match, earning seven penalty corners to none by Johor. However, Johor defended well and made full use of its counterattacks to score four breakaway goals. The Singapore side sadly lost the match 4-1. Nonetheless, it was a great showing by the senior side, which augurs well for the team in next year's Gurdwara Cup.

The veteran hockey players gave their best in a four-team round robin competition. They started well by holding a strong Kuala Lumpur side 1-1 in the first match. Unfortunately, they then lost to a star-studded Johor side 5-1 before being narrowly beaten 1-0 by Pahang. However,

Networking Time

On 26 May 2023, SKA was invited by the Singapore Malayalee Association (SMA) for a networking session with its new President and Management Committee at its premises.

SKA's Assistant Secretary, Administration and Security, Mr Baldev Singh, and Ms V Gayadri from the SKA Office, represented the Association at the event.

The attendees, comprising representing from a number of community organisations, discussed several key matters, ranging from challenges and engagement of volunteers in community groups to sharing resources for common cultural events.

The host also arranged for a sumptuous dinner for the occasion. The attendees certainly enjoyed the occasion and the opportunity to share views and perspectives.

SKA looks forward to working with SMA on mutually beneficial activities.



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a little more preparation before the tournament could have seen the team performing better.

In football, the Singapore contingent was represented in three competitions – senior, veteran and youth.

The senior footballers lost 2-1 to Perak in the opening match due to the absence of four players, who could not travel earlier with the team. The Singapore side came back strongly in the second match, beating Kedah 5-0 to qualify for the semi-final. It beat Kuala Lumpur 3-2 in the semi-final to set up a replay with Perak in the final. Despite controlling much of the match, the Singapore side had to settle for a 1-1 draw in normal time. Unfortunately, the Singapore team lost 5-4 on penalties.

The Singapore veteran football team played Kuala Lumpur in its first match. It gave a good account of itself during the match but conceded a late goal to go down 1-0 to Kuala Lumpur. It then beat Johor to finish runner-up in the veteran football competition.

For the recently formed Singapore junior football team, the Gurdwara Cup marked its first overseas tournament. The youngsters were overawed in their first match and lost 5-0 to tournament favourites, Selangor. However, they recovered well to notch up a 2-1 victory over host, Johor, in their second match. Despite losing the next two matches, the Singapore Under-18 side can be proud of its performance in the tournament. The boys certainly benefitted from the exposure.

The closing ceremony was held following the senior hockey final. The baton was passed to Kuala Lumpur as the host for the 2024 Gurdwara Cup and Sikh Festival of Sports.

The Singapore side looks forward to the next edition of the event.



CHAIR YOGA OUTING

SKA's Ladies Wing concluded the second module of its chair yoga programme with an outing to East Coast Park on 4 May 2023.

About 30 chair yoga participants and volunteers spent about an hour strolling along the beach and interacting among themselves. They were then treated to a splendid lunch reception.

This was followed by games, antakshari, giddha and boliyan. There was much laughter and merriment.

The ladies were also treated to masala chai and cakes and, to round it off, nice cold ice cream!

The chair yoga programme, a collaboration between SKA's Ladies Wing and Khalsa Dharmak Sabha (KDS), is well into its 16th year. The weekly session is now held at KDS.

Ladies, come and join us in this wonderful exercise initiative!



VESAKHI MELA 2023 RETURNS: BIGGER AND GRANDER

More than three thousand people thronged to SKA to be part of this year's Vesakhi Mela at SKA on 29 and 30 April 2023. These included Singaporeans from different walks and backgrounds as well as new citizens, expatriates and the migrant worker community.

Themed 'Moving Forward – United And Stronger', the two-day fair highlighted the Singapore society's triumphant fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and all communities in Singapore, including the Sikhs, moving forward as a united, cohesive and stronger group.

Close to 40 Sikh institutions and individuals were also recognised during the Vesakhi Mela for their valiant and unwavering contributions to Singapore's battle against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr Eric Chua, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth; and Ministry of Social and Family Development, Singapore, presented the COVID-19 Sikh Heroes Awards to these deserving institutions and individuals at the award ceremony on 29 April 2023.

At the same time, Mr Chua presented academic awards to outstanding Sikh students during the ceremony. These students had excelled in their PSLE, GCE 'N', GCE 'O', GCE 'A' and International Baccalaureate examinations in 2022. These recipients took Punjabi as a Mother Tongue language at the national level.

Following the ceremony, Mr Chua took time to view an exhibition on the Sikhs in Singapore and interact with the attendees at the Mela.

The event witnessed a diverse range of activities. These included children's activities, telematch for the ladies and senior citizens, sporting activities (football, lawn bowls, badminton, netball and balut), a Punjabi poetry competition, carnival games, an invitational kabaddi match, cultural performances and a bhangra night, among others.

The SKA Management Committee and the Organising Committee of Vesakhi Mela 2023 thank the sponsors, donors, volunteers, well-wishers, participants and attendees for their whole-hearted support and participation in this year's carnival.



Causeway Cup Success

The Singapore Sikh contingent did extremely well at the annual Causeway Cup on 1 April 2023. It emerged overall champion of the 30th edition of the competition.

Hosted by Johore Sikhs Sports Club (JSSC), the event featured the senior hockey, senior football and veteran football categories. The Singapore team won all three matches with a score of 2-1, 2-1 and 3-1 respectively.

Following the matches, JSSC hosted a dinner reception and prize presentation ceremony. The Singapore Sikh contingent had an exciting evening.

SKA looks forward to hosting the Causeway Cup next year.



Tree Planting Exercise

SKA's Ladies Wing celebrated the International Women's Day on 4 March 2023 through a meaningful community project.

Close to 40 ladies got together and planted 50 trees in Siglap as part of the OneMillionTrees Movement.

The rainy weather did not dampen the spirits of the ladies as they went about digging and planting the trees under the guidance of several NParks staff.

Following the tree planting, the ladies went to SKA, where they had refreshments and played several games. The ladies were also treated to a lunch reception.

The ladies certainly enjoyed themselves at the tree planting exercise and during the activities in the Association.



SPYKE Tech Talk Series

The first SPYKE Tech Talk series, a collaboration between the Singapore Sikh Professional Network and SKA's Young Khalsa, was a tremendous success.

Held at Celebrations Banquet Hall in SKA on 25 March 2023, the event had eight amazing panellists and close to 50 attendees who gathered for a thought-provoking discussion on the future of the technology industry. The topic of discussion was 'Is the Tech Industry still a Viable Career Option?', a question that has been on the top of the minds of many, given the recent massive layoffs.

The panellists shared their thoughts and perspectives on how the industry will play out in the coming years and if having a career in technology is still viable for the future. The discussion was insightful and informative, and the attendees left with a better understanding of the industry's outlook.

Despite the recent layoffs, the panellists held the view that there are vast opportunities and growth potentials in the technology industry, making it a viable career option for years to come. They also discussed the importance of continuously upskilling, staying on top of industry trends and having a growth mindset to succeed in this ever-changing industry.

Overall, the event was a great success. We are grateful to our esteemed panellists for sharing their valuable insights with us.

We look forward to hosting more SPYKE Tech Talk events on various topics. So, stay tuned for updates!



SINGAPOREAN CRO

Singapore enjoyed a proud moment at the 71st Gurdwara Cup and Sikh Festival of Sports in Johor from 1 to 4 June 2023.

Singapore's national hockey player, Mr Jaspal Singh Grewal, was chosen as the 'Best Sportsman for 2022' by the Malaysia-Singapore Sikh Sports Council (MSSSC).

This is the second time in recent times that a Singaporean has won the MSSSC award, the last being Mr Jay Pal Singh, who received the accolade in 2019 for his achievements in floorball and football in 2018.

Mr Jaspal started training with the Singapore hockey team in 2014 at the tender age of 20. He made his international debut a year later and has been omnipresent in the national team since then, blazing trails and being an excellent representative of the Sikh community and an important role model for younger Sikhs in Singapore.

Mr Jaspal represented Singapore in a number of regional and international competitions. He played his first international tournament – FIH World League – in Singapore in 2015 in which Singapore finished a credible seventh place. In the same year, he played for Singapore in the SEA Games in Singapore and collected a silver



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medal. In 2016, he was involved in the World League Round 1 in Singapore (fourth place) and the AHF Cup in Hong Kong (fourth place). In 2017, he won a bronze medal at the SEA Games in Malaysia. Two years later, he helped Singapore finished eighth at the FIH Series Finals in France. Recently, he played in his third SEA Games in Cambodia, winning a silver medal with the Singapore team.

Mr Jaspal was also called up to play in the prestigious World League Round 2 in France. At the same time, he played for Amersfoort HC in the Netherlands as part of a six-month overseas stint. He was the only Sikh representative in the Dutch league.

Mr Jaspal has also been contributing his time to community service. He is an Assistant Treasurer with the Sikh Welfare Council. The Council provides a wide range of services in the area of financial support, education, eldercare, rehabilitation and prison aftercare, among others.

As Mr Jaspal was unable to travel to Johor to receive the award, his brother, Mr Ishwarpal Singh Grewal, collected it on his behalf. Mr Ishwarpal represented Singapore in the senior hockey competition at the Gurdwara Cup.

All of us at SKA congratulate Mr Jaspal for this highly impressive achievement.

Challenge Cup Winners

SKA's football team started its 2023 Singapore Football League (SFL) Division One season on a victorious note by capturing its first trophy of the season – the Challenge Cup – on 29 April 2023.

Playing against Yishun Sentek Mariners at Yishun Stadium, the much-anticipated opener had a delayed start due to the rain. When it started, it was great entertainment. SKA scored two goals in quick succession in the middle of the first half through an own goal and Al Harith. The opponents pulled a goal back quickly thereafter. With no goals in the second half, the SKA team ran out 2-1 winners.

The event was also an important opportunity for everyone present at the match to pay their tribute to the late Karthik Raj, who sadly passed on recently. SKA's President, Mr Hernaikh Singh, SKA's Sports Chairperson, Ms Harvender Kaur, and the players gathered before the match to present two SKA jerseys, with 'Karthik Raj' inscribed on the back, and a montage of Karthik to his parents. This was witnessed by his sisters and relatives.

The match also marked the start of the SFL Division One season.



A Warm Welcome To Our New Members

SKA's Management Committee is extremely delighted that 38 'Life' and 'Associate Life' members joined the Association from March to June 2023. We are also pleased to have 12 'Silver Life' and 'Silver Associate Life' members joining us in the same period. These new categories were introduced following the approval at the last Annual General Meeting in September 2022.

This impressive number was the result of the concerted efforts of the Membership Committee and the other SKA committees. We would also like to thank SKA's members for introducing their family and friends to the SKA membership.

We warmly welcome the following new life members:

'Life' and 'Associate Life' Members

March 2023

Mr Belvinderjit Singh
Mr Deva Gunalan
Mr Harjinder Singh S/O Harban Singh
Mr JaiPaul Sawhney
Mr Jasmeet Singh Khara
Mr Patvinder Singh
Mr Rajvinder Singh
Mr Shivraj Singh A/L Sant Singh
Mr Vishal Naavin
Ms Inderjit Kaur Punjabi

April 2023

Mr Barinder Jit Singh
Mr Harinderjit Singh Sidhu S/O Basant Singh Sidhu
Mr Karampal Singh Gurvinder Singh
Mr Nilesh Rai
Mr Prakash S/O Perumal
Mr Sukhwant Singh
Mr Swaran Singh S/O Dharam Singh
Mr Thamir Singh S/O Sokdev Singh
Mr Vinod S/O Sivapillai
Ms Pooja Arora
Ms Shangeeta Devi D/O Prabsankal

May 2023

Mr Amritpal Singh Padda S/O Balbir Singh
Mr Kalwant Singh Sandhu
Mr Kulwant Singh S/O Mohan Singh
Mr Prakash Arumugam
Mr Ramji Rainer
Ms Darshini D/O Krishnasamy
Ms Jasreen Kaur

June 2023

Mr Belvinder Singh S/O Dalbir Singh
Mr Eshaan Raj Singh
Mr Hitesh Singh
Mr Kesavan S/O Suppiah
Mr L Narayanan
Mr Raj Karrann Singh
Mr Singha Bahadur S/O Indra Bahadur
Mr Tarrann Raj Singh
Ms Darshiniy D/O Upal
Ms Nitya Shukla

'Silver Life' and 'Silver Associate Life' Members

March 2023

Mr Abhijit Dass
Mr Ayathuray Ernest Thevathason
Mr B Nagaraj@Raj
Mr John Lewis Taylor
Mr Kunnath Rajan Menon
Mr Mohd Latiff Bin Md Rafan
Mr Pravin Kumar Vasantal
Mr Surjeet Singh

April 2023

Mr Mohamed Anwar S/O Abdul Gaffoor
Mr Suppiah Magalingam Sam

May 2023

Mr Parminder Singh
Mr Rajinder Singh

We look forward to welcoming more members across the various categories to the Association.



Giddha Workshop@SKA

SKA hosted a highly entertaining giddha workshop in its dance studio on 18 March 2023.

The instructor, Ms Jasleen Kaur, led a group of enthusiastic participants who were keen to learn the finer points of the giddha.

During the session, the instructor showcased the beauty and fun of this traditional folk dance. Her simple and well-crafted choreography enabled the attendees, including the newcomers, to learn this beautiful dance.

We plan to present more such cultural programmes for our members.

Watch this space!





SKA MEMBERSHIP

The Details At A Glance!

Categories	Criteria	Fees* (excluding GST)
Life	Sikh	\$500 one-time fee
Associate Life	Non-Sikh	\$1,000 one-time fee
Supplementary Life	Spouse of Life Member	\$125 one-time fee
Supplementary Associate Life	Spouse of Associate Life Member	\$250 one-time fee
Silver Life	Sikh above 55 Years of Age	\$250 one-time fee
Silver Associate Life	Non-Sikh above 55 Years of Age	\$500 one-time fee
Sports*	Up to 35 Years of Age	\$35 per year / \$90 for 3 years
Junior*	Below 21 Years of Age	\$35 per year / \$90 for 3 years

i. GST is payable for all membership fees and membership fees are non-refundable.

ii. Payment of fees by instalment is available.

* For conversion of existing 'Junior' and 'Sports' memberships to 'Life' memberships, please enquire at the SKA Office.

Membership Benefits

- Special booking rates for function halls, boardroom, dance studio, gym and futsal fields.
- Priority participation in social, cultural and sporting activities.
- Preferential rates for events and activities organised by and/or partnered with SKA.
- Exclusive discounts at merchants across the island.
- Special privileges at Tashan (Members Lounge).

** For 'Life' and 'Associate Life' members only, strictly 18 years old and above.

Be part of a fun-filled member and family-centric association! Join us now!

For more details, contact the SKA Office at 6298 1230
or membership@singaporekhalsa.org.sg.

PUNJABI ANTAKSHARI A GREAT HIT!

SKA hosted its first Punjabi Antakshari Competition on 18 June 2023, which turned out to be an exciting success.

The three-hour event witnessed 12 participants competing in a game hosted in Punjabi by Mr Ramandeep Singh and Ms Charu Madan Kashyap.

Judged by Mr Avtar Bhullar, Ms Kuldip Kaur Bedi and Mr Rankesh Mukhija, the singing competition witnessed an exciting contest among the participants.

Antakshari is a spoken parlour game, with each contestant singing the first verse of a song that begins with the consonant of a Hindi alphabet on which the song of the previous contestant ended. The SKA Antakshari had a twist – it was all in Punjabi.

At the end of the competition, the three winners were Ms Jaspreet Kaur (first), Mr Harjeet Singh (second) and Ms Mandeep Kaur (third). The top prize winner walked away with a pair of JBL Bluetooth speakers and the three top contestants each received a trophy. At the same time, all the participants were presented with certificates for their participation.

Mr Rajvinder Singh, SKA's Chairperson for the Social and Cultural Committee, also presented tokens of appreciation to the judges and hosts of the event.

More than 80 supporters and spectators turned up to watch and cheer the participants. Mr Gurdev Singh and Mr Daljit Singh, winner of the Vesakhi Mela 2023 Bhangre da Raja Competition, enthralled the attendees with some great performances during the event. The attendees also got into the act, joining the contestants in the singing while others took to the dance floor. At the end of the competition, the attendees were treated to cha and pakoreh.

SKA would like to extend its appreciation to the sponsors – Naranjan Electronics and The Pickle Tickle by RB – for their wonderful support for the competition.



SKA's Movie Partnership

SKA was pleased to be a supporting partner for the release of *Carry On Jatta 3* in GV City Square Cinemas on 29 June 2023.

The Punjabi-language comedy film was directed by Smeep Kang and produced by Humble Motion Pictures. It was a sequel to *Carry On Jatta 2* (2018). The film starred Gippy Grewal and Sonam Bajwa in the lead roles with Gurpreet Ghuggi, Binnu Dhillon, Nasir Chinyoti, Jaswinder Bhalla, B N Sharma and Karamjit Anmol in supporting roles.

SKA organised a contest on the movie. Four lucky SKA's 'Life' members walked away with a pair of GV ticket passes each.

Do look out for more entertainment deals!



Football Fiesta 2023

The SKA football section organised Football Fiesta 2023 at the SKA Premier Pitch on 5 March 2023.

The weather was generally kind during the tournament as 120 players competed in the 'Open 4-a-Side' and 'Seniors 6-a-Side' categories.

While there was certainly a competitive element during the tournament, it was also an opportunity for the players to have good fun and catch up with their football kakis.

Following some highly exciting matches, Kacang Puteh emerged victorious in the 'Open' category after a hard-fought 2-1 win over La Plata Juniors while Diablos Blancos finished as the second runner-up. In the 'Senior' category, La Plata Juniors finished top after defeating Ready Toulouse while Old Wolf took the second runner-up spot.

The winners in each category went home with cash prizes, a champion trophy and individual medals.

Do look out for the next SKA football competition in August 2023!



Hockey Team Back in Division One

The SKA men's hockey team has certainly been holding its own in the Singapore Hockey National Division One following its promotion this year.

The team opened its campaign with a hard-fought 3-2 victory over Tornados Hockey Club on 11 March 2023. However, it succumbed to a 3-0 defeat against defending champion and title favourites, Jansenites Hockey Club, in its next match. It recovered thereafter to draw 3-3 with Singapore Cricket Club (SCC) before scoring an impressive 5-0 victory over Hollandse. The SKA team suffered its second defeat of the season, losing 6-1 to Old Rafflesians Association, another highly-rated team, which finished runner-up in the league last year. The SKA then played to another thrilling 3-3 draw with SCC before beating Hollandse 4-0 on 17 June 2023. A week later, the SKA put up a spirited performance against a strong Jansenites side before losing 6-2, largely through a string of short corners.

Despite several changes and comprising a number of young players with little experience of playing at a highly competitive level on a regular basis, the team has performed well in its first six matches in the league. With two matches to go, the SKA team sits in third place in the six-team league. Its forward, Mr Lee Kang Zheng, is the second top scorer, with six goals – a goal less than the top scorer. Another SKA player, Mr Ishwarinder Singh Mohan, also sits high on the scorer list with four goals.

The SKA team plans to build on its performance and experience of competing in the top hockey league in Singapore to perform even better next year.



Hockey Ladies Doing Well

The SKA ladies team has been performing well in the Singapore Women Hockey Division Two League.

The SKA team started the league slowly, losing 2-0 against Team HI in the opening match on 11 March 2023. It then rebounded in style to win its next five matches before succumbing to a narrow 2-1 defeat to Tannibellies Hockey Club Red on 18 June 2023. The five consecutive victories were against Tannibellies Hockey Club Black (6-0), Singapore Cricket Club (1-0), ActiveSG Hockey Academy DC (5-1), Jansenites Makciiks (3-0) and Vanquishers Hockey Club (7-0).

The good showing in the last three months now sees the SKA team sitting comfortably in fourth place in the 11-team competition. With three more matches to go, the ladies hope to finish the league on a high note.

Formed less than two years ago, the team struggled in the league in 2022. However, the ladies worked hard and put in the extra hours over the last one year. The progress has indeed been remarkable. We wish the ladies the best in the final leg of the league.



UNBEATEN RUN

SKA's football team has had a brilliant start in the FAS Singapore Football League Division One this year.

Fresh from its title winning success last year, the team is currently unbeaten in the league. It opened its campaign with a 2-1 win over Yishun Sentek Mariners on 29 April 2023. The match was also the Challenge Cup – the first trophy success of the year for the SKA team.

In addition to the victory against Yishun Sentek Mariners, the SKA footballers notched up victories over Project Vaults Oxley SC (6-1), Tiong Bahru FC (4-2), Warwick Knights FC (5-3), Katong FC (1-0) and Jungfrau Punggol FC (5-1). The only blemish to its proud record was a 2-2 draw against Singapore Cricket Club. After six matches, the team occupies the top position, with 19 out of 21 points.

While it is still early days of the league, the SKA team has been performing at a consistent level. The good showing in each of its matches has been the result of its outstanding teamwork. The players have been showing great coordination, communication and cohesion throughout the matches. Every player has been doing just great!

We wish the footballers the very best for the rest of their campaign.

Trivia Night

Tashan at SKA hosted its first Trivia Night on 2 March 2023.

It was a great evening with questions from the quiz master, Mr Dalvinder Singh Sidhu. There were lots of fun and laughter as the patrons tried hard to determine the answers. Some patrons did indeed come up with hilarious and creative answers.

Do look out for the next trivia night and let the smarty pants amongst you shine!



FOOTBALL VETERANS REGULAR SESSIONS

The SKA veterans took on Indian Association veterans in a friendly football match at SKA's Premier Pitch on 31 March 2023.

A number of SKA's players were headed to Johore for the annual Causeway Cup the following day. As a result, the team made many changes during the match. The SKA did well to recover from one goal to take the lead 2-1, and then to come back to level the score after going down 3-2. However, the team lost some of its shape with the changes made and eventually lost the match 7-3.

The veteran footballers took a break at the end of April 2023 due to the Vesakhi Mela at SKA. A number of them participated in the futsal tournament during the carnival.

On 26 May 2023, the veteran footballers returned to action and took on Katong FC at the Premier Pitch. The two teams decided to play two seven-a-side matches which were followed by two nine-a-side matches. This allowed all the players to have a run-in during the matches.

These two friendlies were part of the SKA veteran footballers' monthly series of matches. Based on the turnout, the SKA veterans are certainly having great fun during these matches.



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Hari Raya Cup Action

The SKA veteran footballers took part in a half-day Hari Raya Cup at Jalan Besar Stadium on 21 May 2023.

Hosted by Kaki Bukit SC, the five-team tournament also featured Indian Association (IA), Singapore Recreation Club and Xin Hua Football Club.

The SKA team did extremely well to emerge runner-up, winning two matches, drawing one and losing one – to the eventual champion, IA.

The five teams will next play for the National Day trophy to be hosted by IA in August 2023.










Rules and Regulations at Tashan

We are excited to welcome our members and guests to Tashan at SKA. Enjoy the elegant and comfortable ambience where members can interact, unwind and have a fantastic time. Tashan is open from Tuesday to Sunday and closed on Monday.

To ensure a pleasant and inclusive environment for everyone, we would like to share the following rules and regulations in Tashan. We kindly request your cooperation in adhering to them.

-  **Guests:** Members are welcome to sign in up to four guests per visit to Tashan. Please record their details in the guest book at the entrance to ensure a smooth and hassle-free entry for them.
-  **Member Presence:** We kindly request that members remain present while hosting their guest(s) at Tashan. Your presence adds to the delightful atmosphere we strive to create in Tashan.
-  **Age Restrictions:** Members and guests below 18 years of age are not allowed into Tashan after 7.30pm from Tuesday to Saturday. They are welcome to patronise the patio and open area outside Tashan during the operating hours on these days. There is no age restriction for entry into Tashan on Sunday.
-  **Dress Code:** Let's keep it classy! We kindly request your attention to the dress code in Tashan. Sleeveless T-shirts, singlets, tank tops, coveralls, sports shorts, tights, jogging attire, track suits, heavy-duty boots, spiked/studded boots, slippers, and flip-flops are not permitted in Tashan.
-  **Enforcing Rules:** We want to ensure a harmonious experience for everyone. Therefore, SKA and Tashan's management, along with their representatives, including the security officers, are authorised to ensure compliance with these rules and regulations. Necessary action, including the withdrawal of privileges, may be taken if any member or guest does not adhere to these rules and regulations.

Your understanding and cooperation in maintaining these standards make Tashan a welcoming and enjoyable place for all SKA members and guests. We appreciate your support in creating a vibrant community atmosphere!

Thank you for being a valued member of SKA.

Gym Privileges for SKA 'Life' and 'Associate Life' Members

We are delighted to announce that Gold's Gym will offer several attractive benefits for SKA's 'Life' and 'Associate Life' members. This is part of the continuous effort by the Management Committee to enhance the privileges for SKA's members as well as to encourage a healthy lifestyle among our members.

Members will enjoy the following perks at the gym:

- ✓ Free utilisation of the gym facilities during the following times:
Mondays to Friday 9.00am – 12.00nn
Saturday and Sunday 6.00pm – 9.00pm

Please note that given the size of the gym, at any one time, a maximum of eight persons are allowed into the gym. This will be on a first-come first-served basis.

- ✓ Twenty percent discount on any personal training package purchased.
- ✓ One free personal training trial session worth S\$100.
- ✓ Complimentary health and fitness talks (minimum 10 participants) and group fitness classes at \$25 per participant (minimum 10 participant per class).

For details and enquiries, please contact the SKA Office at 62981230 or info@singaporekhalsa.org.sg.



Exclusive Discounts for SKA's Members

Discover our Merchant Discount Programme

Following its initiation in 2018, the SKA Merchant Discount Programme has witnessed a significant growth. We are now pleased to have the following participating establishments:



- Arcade Sports
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- Riverwalk Tandoor
- Discovery the World Marketing Pte Ltd
- Silverstar Décor Pte Ltd
- Strikey Posey Photobooth
- Tara Holidays Pte Ltd
- Tashan Lounge (Members Only)



Simply scan the QR code above to check out the exciting benefits and discounts offered by these merchants!

The details of these offers are also found on SKA's website at <https://singaporekhalsa.org.sg/>.

For enquiries and further details on the programme, please feel free to contact the SKA Administration Office at 62981230/62986206 or membership@singaporekhalsa.org.sg.

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