

# Rear Commodore's House & Grounds Annual Report 2011

Dear Members,

After being in charge of House and Grounds for the past 24 months, I will be stepping down from the committee this year. It has been an interesting and sometimes challenging journey, but at least we were able - with the combined efforts of all committee members and the club management - to make our club a nicer place to spend your leisure time.

There is still much work to do, so my successor won't be running out of work. House and Grounds needs permanent attention to ensure that the premises stay in good shape, especially in these challenging tropical conditions.

- 1) **New Furniture** – As mentioned in the Commodores report, this was the most noticeable change to the club ambience, so I wanted to include it here even though we got the furniture a little more than a year ago already. This was the first thing I had to address after joining the committee, and the feedback from most of you has been very positive.
- 2) **Pool Renovation** – some of you may still remember that the pool renovation was overdue for a while, as breaking and loose tiles caused cuts in hands and legs of the kids every now and then and the water quality was deteriorating. Thanks to the patience of our members last summer and Edwards dedication to get the renovation done within the planned timeframe, we were able to completely retile the pool, install new pumps and new underwater lighting. Even the water jets are working again now. If you are at the club in the evening, you will have noticed how much nicer the lighting in the pool area is now.
- 3) **Chalet Renovation** – The wooden Chalets have gotten a complete overhaul with new bathrooms, furniture, mattresses and a coat of paint. This year we are also repairing the pillars holding the chalets so our members can continue to enjoy weekend getaways at the club.
- 4) **BBQ pit renovation** – The BBQ pit area behind Tekong cove was in a sorry state, now you can book this space for your private party. Due to the landfilling there is much more space and the pits and huts are back in a presentable shape.

- 5) **New Caterer** – This was the most difficult decision we had to make and the change caused most likely the biggest pain to all of us in the last 2 years. Nevertheless it became obvious over the last year that we couldn't continue with our old caterer due to the massive amounts of complaints from our members about food and service quality. After a difficult start at the beginning of this year, our new caterer has improved both of the above significantly. You will have noticed that the new restaurant outfit is much nicer than before and I encourage all of you to come and bring your friends, family and business partners for lunch or dinner.
- 6) **Club Security** – The autogate was reinstalled and we have increased the security force overseeing the club premises during the day and night. This has resulted in a significant reduction of non-member cars parked at our premises. We have also installed a gate at the Jetty, installed and removed the wire fence on the jetty and installed and removed the plastic Jetty gate roof.
- 7) **Changi Hall clean up** – Changi Hall was used as a storage room in the past, we have now made this accessible to the members as an extension to the "party area", also a lot of our members do now enjoy the table tennis there as well.
- 8) **Boat Park clean up** – This is an ongoing activity, and while it is great to see so many more active sailors and new boats, we have reached our capacity limit. During the coming months, we will have to tidy things up even more and potentially start stacking some of the boats that are not used so frequently.

I want to thank everyone who has contributed to the improvements at the club during the last 2 years, especially Anthony who was keeping an eye on things while he was still staying at one of the bungalows and the rest of the committee for the continuous support in making the right decisions for the club. Last but not least all the members who have voiced their ideas, concerns, complaints and offered their help.

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