



From the President's desk

Another year of haggling at the Annual General Meeting has come and gone, and after the dust settled a new group of brave individuals has been selected to look after the MSBCA.

On behalf of the incoming committee I would like to say "thank you" to the members of the committee for volunteering your services and to the rest of the members, thank you for your vote of confidence.

I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to Khin Chew and his group for an excellent job in 2004/2005/2006. Khin and his group were responsible for establishing working relationships with most of the associations in Chinatown and the other multicultural associations. Another notable achievement was the setting up of our own premium audio-visual system in the clubhouse.

The focus this year is to concentrate on functions "in house". That means with your support and participation, we hope to revive the Sunday lunches, the monthly functions, the cultural night, national day celebrations and other activities.

Our immediate goal is to raise sufficient funds for the children's scholarship through food fairs, bake sales, tombola and other means. The first of these fund raising activities has been scheduled for November 18, 2006.

For the remaining part of this year, activities are being planned for Halloween, the Children's Christmas party and the New Year's Eve party. Come out and give your full support to the efforts of this new committee.

We are also trying a different approach this

year in managing the different committee functions. Responsibilities have been assigned to Jesse Cheah to look after Public Relations, Media, and other multi cultural activities while Eric Ng looks after relations in Chinatown.

Kim Roe and Jill Heng have been assigned the roles of planning social and food activities. Sherry Tay will look after the accounts as Club Treasurer and Ken Preston will make sure we do things right, as Club Secretary.

We have the people, we have the resources but we need your participation and support, so come out and have fun with us!

Before closing I would like to take this opportunity to wish all MSBCA members "Selamat Hari Raya" which was celebrated on Oct 24 and Oct 25 and "Happy Deepavali", which was celebrated Oct 23. I enjoyed the "Raya" and "Deepavali" pictures featured online at the Malaysian newspaper "The Star's" website.

Now that we have access to surf the net from the clubhouse we may be able to show this at our upcoming functions. Hope to see all of you at our Sunday activities and other functions.

Daniel Sario



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Editorial



"A year later, I can't say for sure if I've achieved the goals that I set out for 'MSBCA Mosaic', but I know that I don't feel as if anything was left undone, so that must be a good sign."



As I write this — my last editorial — I am beset by a lingering sense of *déjà vu*.

It seemed like only yesterday when I sat down and tried to figure out how to best re-vamp the newsletter; I wanted to improve its image, make it more interesting for all in one way or another, but most importantly, I wanted to build it to the level where — incredibly perhaps — members might actually look forward to receiving and reading it.

After all, it would seem that the one thing that ties all members together in this club (if nothing else) is this newsletter. This is because we cannot possibly meet everyone all of the time at club organized events, for any number of reasons.

Whether as a result of the busy-ness in our lives, personal disinterest or individual proclivities, you tend to see different faces at different club events, and as such, it's not uncommon for members to lose contact with each other over time.

The newsletter, as I see it, is a way for members of the club to "stay in touch" with one another, even if they haven't met in a while. There's always the phone of course, but how many of us have the time to make that single elusive phone call during the course of a day?

A year later, I can't say for sure if I've

achieved the goals that I set out for "MSBCA Mosaic", but I know that I don't feel as if anything was left undone, so that must be a good sign.

As the speeches, dedications and thank-yous of the outgoing committee fade away, I'd like to add my own, in writing, to the following people for "putting up" with me this past year, and for giving me *carte blanche*:

Khin Chew, whose leadership and example earned my respect, something not easily done; my long-time friend Jesse, whose selflessness and untiring volunteering efforts I hold in the highest esteem (yes, he's in this year's committee again); Peter, for his good cheer and incredible versatility, from making satay to performing on stage; Kai, whose clear thinking, insights and good humour kept us on track; Jennie, for her "not-a-problem" attitude and down-to-earth approach; and last but not least, Geraldine, whose integrity, principles and meticulousness pushed my own to new levels.

You all had my back, as I did yours; and will gladly do so again in an instant.

Finally, to all of you who wrote or called, with your comments, compliments and encouragement, "Thank you".

This is only goodnight, not goodbye.

MSBCA Annual General Meeting 2006 — George Heng



MSBCA 2006/2007 Committee

Thanks for stepping forward and congratulations to everyone!

From left to right:

*Sherry Tay, Jesse Cheah, Eric Ng,
Daniel Sario, Kim Roe, Ken
Preston, Jill Heng*

The MSBCA's Annual General Meeting was held on 14 October this year. Although there was initial ambivalence with regards to the venue — originally it was proposed to hold the meeting at the clubhouse, but as some members had requested for a full-blown Chinese dinner, it was published in the September issue of the newsletter that "Treasures of China" would be the venue.

However, despite repeated canvassing, we could not meet the minimum number of tables required, and the restaurant cancelled our booking — consequently, the AGM was held at the clubhouse as originally planned.

Volunteers prepared a simple dinner for members, who gathered to attend the event, as well as to socialize with one another. The fare was not elaborate but tasty and satisfying; club secretary (outgoing) Jesse Cheah was master of ceremonies for the evening, and got the ball rolling without much ado.

Following a flurry of nominations (several of which were declined), eventually a new committee emerged. The President's position was uncontested, as were VP Malaysia, Secretary and Treasurer. The VP Singapore and VP Brunei positions were left vacant as no candidates could be found.

Following the formation of the core group, two other members were invited to join the committee — Kim Roe and Jill Heng, who will be Social Coordinator and Food Coordinator respectively.

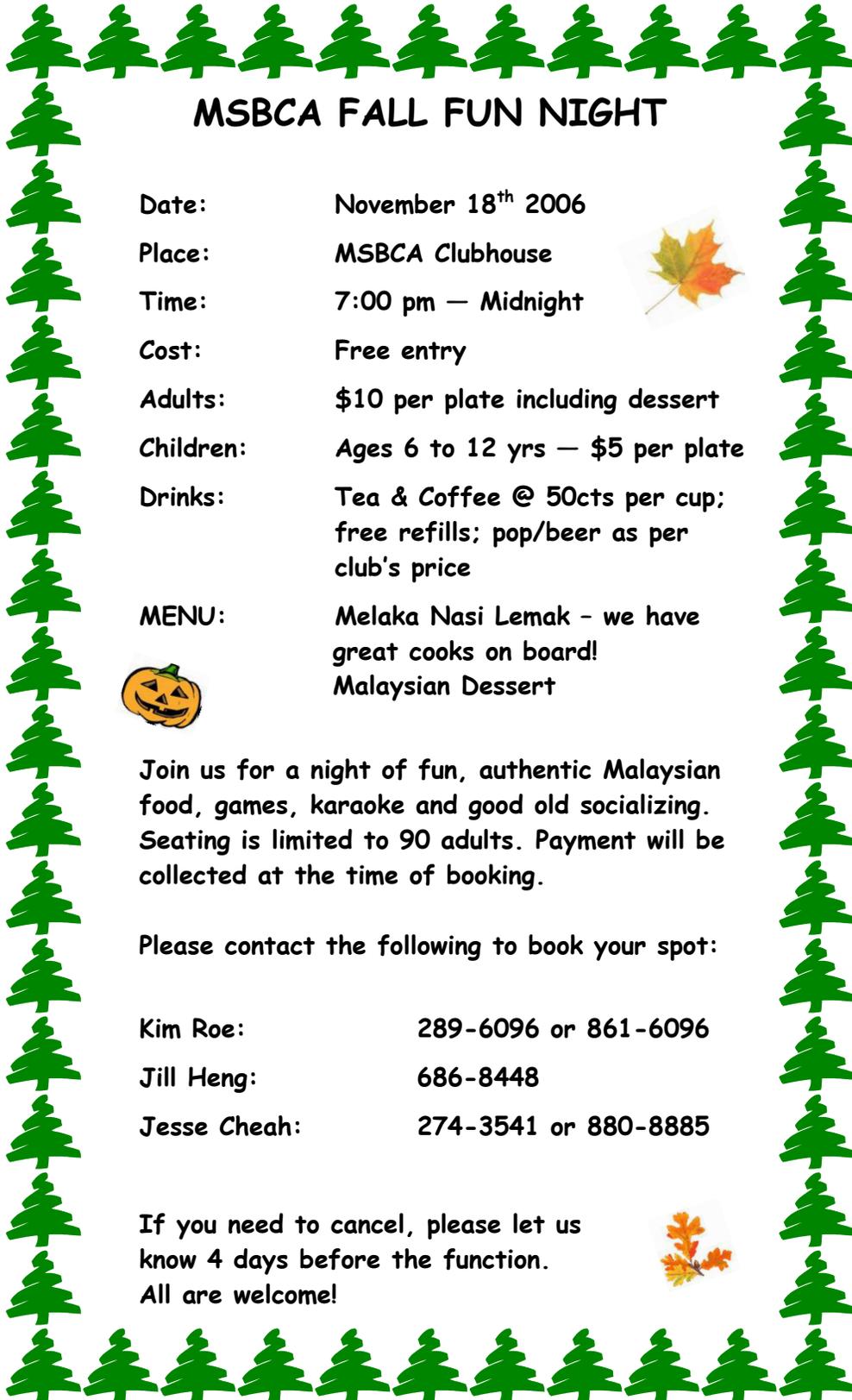
Overall the evening proceeded smoothly and without incident. On behalf of the outgoing committee, a big "thank you" to all who volunteered and assisted in the planning and execution of the event, as well as those who attended.

Following the confirmation and appointment of the new MSBCA Committee, the evening's events came to a close.

MSBCA Bingo Points update

Bingo Points updated to Oct 24, 2006			
Bird, Diana	60	Lau, Fred	30
Bong, Ah Nga	70	Lau, Kong	0
Bong, Jimmy	30	Lee, Brenda	20
Bong, Tracy	20	Lee, Ken	15
Chai, Peter	40	Lee, May & Jean-Michel	25
Chan, Jik & Yen	35	Lewis, Jenny	40
Chan, Kim Yee	20	Li, Raymond	20
Chan, Nelson	20	Liew, Peter & Megan	14
Chan, Rosana	30	Lim, Eng	0
Cheah, Jesse & Melissa	97	Lim, Jane	80
Chee, Leong	14	Lo, Michael	10
Chee, Ah	20	Loo, Kai	0
Cheung, Paul & Anna	1	Looi, Kok Sim	20
Chew, Khin & Siew	14	Ng, Eric	10
Chiang, Ian	11	Ng, Jack	20
Chiang, Ron	9	Ng, Keith	10
Chien, Rachel (Morley & Andry)	10	Poh, Kwong Wee & Jackie	0
Chiew, Andrew & Lily	15	Poon, Chester	0
Chiew, Calvin	60	Quek, Chong Hin	0
Chiew, Clara	10	Quek, Tony & Shyut Moi	0
Chiew, Keng-Wei	5	Roe, Kim	15
Chin, Ching Fatt	60	Rumjahn, Conrad, Rebecca, Arthur, Lara	80
Chin, George & Karen	67	Sario, Daniel, Julia & Pam	35
Chin, Khin & Cindy	20	Son, Cliff & Jessie	18
Chong, Alex Lye	2	Soo, John & Jennie	206
Choo, Yeu Chuan & Janette	0	Tan, Edmund	53
Chu, Kam	65	Tan, Jack	6
Chung, Chris	10	Tan, Peter	0
Gigi	5	Tan, Irene	100
Hau, Andy	0	Tan, Tuan Sing	8
Heng, Peter	0	Tang, C.K.	20
Kang, Ferlin	10	Teng, Hau Chong & Juliet	0
Kerr, Angie	10	Teo, Ah Eng	20
Khoo, Mok Yong	24	Win, Becky	90
Koong, Nora	5	Wong, Grace & Keith	20
Krishnasamy, Terrance & Sonia	50	Wong, Joyce	27
		Wong, Priscilla	115

Announcements



MSBCA FALL FUN NIGHT

Date: November 18th 2006
Place: MSBCA Clubhouse
Time: 7:00 pm — Midnight
Cost: Free entry
Adults: \$10 per plate including dessert
Children: Ages 6 to 12 yrs — \$5 per plate
Drinks: Tea & Coffee @ 50cts per cup;
 free refills; pop/beer as per club's price



MENU: Melaka Nasi Lemak - we have great cooks on board!
 Malaysian Dessert



Join us for a night of fun, authentic Malaysian food, games, karaoke and good old socializing. Seating is limited to 90 adults. Payment will be collected at the time of booking.

Please contact the following to book your spot:

Kim Roe: 289-6096 or 861-6096
Jill Heng: 686-8448
Jesse Cheah: 274-3541 or 880-8885

If you need to cancel, please let us know 4 days before the function. All are welcome!





\$\$ Retail Corner \$\$

MSBCA has the following items for sale:

Sarawak Laksa Paste (Barrett's brand):

\$8.00 (600g)
 \$4.00 (300g)

Sarawak pepper (200g)

\$5.00 (white, ground)
 \$5.00 (black, corns)

Please contact the committee if you're interested in purchasing these items.

While stocks last!



MSBCA Calendar

(Volunteers for events are most welcome!)

Sundays: Martial Arts & Tai Chi (subject to clubhouse rentals and events)

November:

18 - MSBCA Event - Fall fun night

25 - Clubhouse rental

December:

02 - Children's X'mas party

Note:

Clubhouse rentals take precedence over "TBN" (To Be Notified) events. If you'd like to rent the clubhouse on those dates, please approach any of the committee members.

Sunday Martial Arts & Tai Chi Classes

Events permitting, there will be kids' martial arts and adults' tai chi classes every Sunday.

Martial arts: 11.30 am — 12.30 pm

Tai chi: 12.30 pm — 1.30 pm

Instructor: Tan Chin Hock

All members are welcome!

MSBCA Editorial Position

Members who are interested in taking up this position are to contact the committee as soon as possible for more details.



MSBCA CHILDREN'S X'MAS PARTY 2006



DATE: DECEMBER 2nd, 2006

LOCATION: MSBCA CLUBHOUSE

TIME: 11:00 a.m. -15:00 p.m.

PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN (Age 12 years old and under) BY NOV. 26th:

KIM ROE @ 289-6096

JILL HENG @ 686-8448

JESSE CHEAH @ 274-3541 or 880-8885

- Free lunch and snacks will be provided for the children
- Adults can purchase authentic Malaysian food and dessert available during the party @ \$7.00 per plate (includes lunch & dessert)
- Program includes a magic show, games with prizes to be won, Christmas carols and a visit from SANTA CLAUS

We will have guests from The Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Calgary. For more details, please contact Kim Roe.

Marketplace—goods, services & other announcements



MSBCA 2006 Badminton Schedule

- 29 Sept to 22 Dec (14 sessions)
- Every Friday evening, 8 pm-10 pm
- Venue: Talisman Centre Gym 4

Fees (Fall session, members only):

- \$35 — single; \$70 — double
- \$98 — family; \$7 — drop-in

Winter session fees will be announced at a later date

Overseas Singaporean Portal

Choo Wai Yee from the Overseas Singaporean Unit invites all Singaporeans to visit:

www.overseassingaporean.sg

The site contains plenty of useful information for overseas Singaporeans regarding passport extensions, immigration, news, etc. Your feedback on the site is also welcome.

Membership Fees

For those who have not done so, please renew your membership ASAP.

Hand your payment to any committee member or mail your cheques to the clubhouse at this address:

**MSBCA
#301, 114-3rd Ave SW
Calgary, AB T2P 0E7**

Clubhouse Rental

(changes as of 1 May, please read)

Holding a meeting, presentation or social event?

The MSBCA clubhouse features 1000 sq ft of space, a licensed commercial kitchen, state of the art audio and video equipment, plus a seating capacity of 80 people.

Rental Rates & Terms (with effect 1 May 2006):

Rental Hours: 9am to midnight

Members (including sound system):

Mon-Fri: \$120

Sat-Sun, Holidays: \$150

Non-members (excluding sound system):

Mon-Fri: \$160

Sat-Sun, Holidays: \$200

An additional \$100 is chargeable for the use of the sound system

Damage Deposit: Mandatory for ALL (refundable if there is no damage or loss to property):

- Building rental \$100
- Sound system \$400

With immediate effect, there will be a cleaning surcharge of \$50.00 if the clubhouse is not properly cleaned after each rental. If applicable, this will be deducted from the damage deposit.

For more details, contact:

Eric Ng @ 280.4165 or email
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Marketplace—goods, services & other announcements



**“Thank You” to
Malaysia Airlines
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for these 2006 events:**

**Chinese New Year
Asian Heritage Month**

Change of address?

**If your contact info is not
up to date, you may be
missing out!**

**Please contact Ken
Preston @ 279.1828 to
keep your details current!**



Got something to say?

Send your questions,
comments or articles to:
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