



### *Celebrating Milestones and Building a Brighter Future*

Dear Valued Members,

As we turn the page on 2023, it fills me with immense pride to reflect on a year brimming with momentous celebrations, exciting developments, and a spirit of unwavering resilience.

#### **A Year of Legacy and Celebration: Our 140th Anniversary**

2023 marked a significant milestone for the Singapore Recreation Club – our 140th anniversary! Throughout the year, we commemorated this landmark occasion with a calendar packed with vibrant events that fostered camaraderie and a sense of belonging among our esteemed members. From exhilarating sporting competitions that ignited friendly rivalries to a truly spectacular Gala dinner, this culinary extravaganza featured a dream team of chefs. Renowned Celebrity Chef Justin Quek, the award-winning Chef Chan Kwok, and our very own Executive Chef Raymond Chow collaborated to create an unforgettable 6-hands dining experience. We were incredibly honoured to have Minister Edwin Tong grace our

anniversary gala dinner with his presence. Minister Tong's informative and engaging speech was a captivating highlight for our members. As a token of our appreciation for our cherished members, we were delighted to present commemorative keepsakes, a lasting reminder of this momentous occasion.

#### **Enhancing the Member Experience: A Commitment to Continuous Improvement**

Our unwavering commitment to providing exceptional experiences for our members remains at the forefront of everything we do. This year, we were thrilled to unveil the much-anticipated re-launch of The Courtyard. This revitalised space offers a welcoming and comfortable environment for members to relax, unwind, and connect with fellow members.

Understanding the importance of fostering a vibrant outdoor community space, we invested in re-turfing the Padang field with premium Zoysia grass. This upgrade ensures a beautiful and functional green space for a variety of activities, allowing members to enjoy the outdoors in style and comfort.



Reflecting changing trends and promoting sustainability, the Club has also moved with the times by adding four electric vehicle charging stations to cater to members driving electric cars. Members can now recharge their EVs while enjoying themselves at the club.

With the culinary scene at the heart of the SRC experience, we were delighted to announce the opening of Le Mansion in April 2023. Helmed by the award-winning Chef Chan Kwok, this new establishment has quickly become a popular destination, offering a delectable culinary journey that tantalises the taste buds. Recognising a shift in member preferences, we also saw an opportunity to transform the space formerly occupied by B@Campo. This prime location has been reborn as Oasis@Padang, our very own sports bar. Here, members can enjoy a vibrant and casual atmosphere, perfect for socialising with friends and catching the latest sporting action.

## Membership

As of 31 December 2023, our membership stood at 6,648. We welcomed 271 new members, comprising 268 Ordinary Members and 3 Term Members. While we appreciate the contributions of departing members, we look forward to creating a vibrant future with our newly-inducted members.

## Investing in Our Team

The Club recognises the invaluable role our staff plays in creating a vibrant member experience. We are dedicated to fostering their professional growth and development. In 2023, we proudly celebrated 10 long-service award recipients, acknowledging their dedication and significant contributions to the Club over the years. To further empower

our team, the Club has partnered with NTUC's e2i (Employment and Employability Institute) programme. This collaboration focuses on enhancing staff capabilities and productivity through targeted training and potential job redesign initiatives. Ultimately, this program aims to achieve a win-win situation for both our employees and the Club's overall success.

## Community Giveback

Our Club is committed to giving back to the community and supporting local charities and social enterprises. Throughout the year, we continued to provide support to these organisations.

One of our most popular charity initiatives was the Boys' Brigade Share-A-Gift programme. Members and staff generously donated over 100 gifts, distributed to children and seniors in need during the festive season.

The Club also supported and collaborated with the Down Syndrome Association (DSA) by providing training space for the DSA children every Saturday. Our caring members from the Bowling Section also volunteered to coach the children. This helps to integrate the DSA children with the community, leading to an active lifestyle and improved quality of life for the children.

Ground-up efforts by the Women's Wing saw the creation of a successful Flea Market event. Collaborating with the Singapore Association of the Visually Handicapped (SAVH), they offered on-site massage services, generating enthusiastic support from members, particularly those from the Lifestyle Section. Proceeds from the event were proudly donated to SAVH, demonstrating our members' commitment to worthy causes.





## Sporting Activities

To commemorate our 140th anniversary, the Sports Department devised the highly engaging “140th Anniversary Games.” This unique competition encouraged members to try new and unfamiliar sports, fostering a sense of camaraderie and facilitating meaningful connections.

In March 2023, the Soccer Section played a pivotal role in supporting the book launch of “Uncle Choo: Singapore’s Greatest Football Coach.” An exhibition match featuring an SRC Selection team against Ex-Internationals generated much excitement. Notably, Guest-of-Honour Minister Edwin Tong displayed impressive skills, playing a half for each team. The event culminated in a successful fundraising dinner, graced by Mr Eric Chua, Senior Parliamentary Secretary of MCCY and MSF.

## Financial Performance and Navigating Challenges: Building a Secure Future

The year 2023 stands as a testament to the collective efforts of our dedicated team and the unwavering support of our members. We are pleased to report a strong financial performance, with revenue reaching \$16.561 million, reflecting a year-on-year increase of \$2.385 million. This achievement marks the second consecutive year of operating surplus, solidifying our financial standing and creating a robust foundation for the future.

However, navigating the complex global environment was not without its challenges. Rising inflationary pressures and economic uncertainty presented obstacles to overcome. The service industry, in particular, has been heavily impacted by staff shortages and escalating personnel costs.

## Embracing Change and Innovation: A Vision for Tomorrow

Despite these challenges, we remain optimistic and are committed to continuous improvement. On a positive note, essential infrastructure projects such as the air-conditioning chiller and service lift replacements are currently underway. We are confident that these upgrades will significantly enhance the overall comfort and functionality of the club for the benefit of our members.

As we move forward, we are dedicated to adopting an innovative approach and exploring new avenues to elevate the member experience at the Singapore Recreation Club. We are constantly exploring new ideas and opportunities to ensure that our offerings remain relevant and cater to the evolving needs and preferences of our members.

## A Heartfelt Thank You and Looking Ahead

On behalf of the entire Management Committee and the SRC administrative team, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for your unwavering support throughout 2023. Your continued loyalty and feedback are paramount to our success. As we embark on a new chapter, we are confident that together, we can build an even brighter future for the Singapore Recreation Club, a cherished community space that will continue to thrive for generations to come.

Sincerely,  
**Chang Yeh Hong**  
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