

# Hello Everyone!



How time flies! The second quarter of the year is already here, and we see the Club starting to gear up for its refurbishment. Since I last wrote to you about the Club's renovation plans, we've gone through a series of things which I would now take the opportunity to update you.

### Club's Renovation Update

As I've mentioned before, Sembawang Country Club will undergo a refurbishment project to refresh and rejuvenate the Club in order to continue as a key pillar in the SAF's people engagement efforts. This refurbishment will enable the Club to upgrade its infrastructure in order to bring about a decent and positive golfing experience for the members and their guests.

We had two club renovation update briefings – one on 8 February and the other on 7 April. The minutes of these briefings have been posted on our website, under the members' Info page. Let me give you a brief update of what has happened so far.

As far as the Club House renovations are concerned, we opened the renovation works contract for tender in February. About 27

companies responded to the tender, and when we finally closed the tender on 31 March, we were pleased to receive tender submissions from 15 companies. Even as I write this, we are evaluating these tender submissions and we will be able to conclude the tender evaluation by the end of April.

Part of the tender submissions from the 15 companies included "artists' impressions" of what they think the refurbished Club House would look like. We've taken a peek at these artists' impressions (and also showed some of them to members at the briefing on 7 April), and I must say that we can look forward to quite a beautiful and rustic Club House.

Over on the Golf Course upgrade, we've engaged Chris Pitman Golf Consultancy as the Golf Course Architect and Designer. He is in the midst of master planning the layout of the golf course, and we should be able to see some drawings in May. To support the detailed planning of the golf course, a topography survey of the present golf course needs to be done. To date, we've completed the back 9 of the golf course. The survey of the front 9 is on-going.

Looking at the draft master plan that Chris Pitman has drawn up, it looks like we would be able to achieve a total course length of 6300m. We're also going to have more ponds for our irrigation needs. And although the golf course has been designed on the same plot of land that we have all come to love as Sembawang Golf Course, there are some interesting adjustments to the course layout that makes it more challenging, and more of a "thinking man's game".

Looking ahead, there is every reason for us to feel excited about the new Club House and the new Golf Course. The Club Management is excited about bringing these new facilities to the members and their guests. What is crucial for us is that we want to bring to you an even higher quality of service standard.

### STAR Awards (Second Season)

This brings me to the STAR Awards winners for this second season which ran from December 2009 to February 2010. The winners for this season were nominated by our members and guests. They are Angela from F&B, and Saran and Gai from the Golfing Department. Congratulations to them, and thank you for all the nominations!

The third season is already in full swing, and I would like to thank you for your continued encouragement to our service staff through your nominations. The season ends in May 2010, so keep your nominations coming!



1st place  
**Angela**  
(106 votes)  
(F&B Dept)



2nd place  
**Saran**  
(98 votes)  
(Golfing Dept)



3rd place  
**Gai**  
(93 votes)  
(Golfing Dept)

### BEST Awards

We've also started a BEST Award to recognize staff who diligently work behind the scenes. These awards are given to those who have displayed outstanding performance in their work. The winners, nominated by the Club Management, are also dedicated to provide good service through their unseen work. The winners for this quarter are Yan Na (Accounts Department), Hossan (Golf Course Department), and Prema (Golfing Department).

There are exciting times ahead of us. There is also a lot of work to be done by the Club Management and the Club's Upgrade Committee to ensure that we bring you a Club House and Golf Course that we can ALL be proud of. Let's look forward to it together!



**Tan Yan Na**  
(Accounts Dept)



**Hossan Bin Ahmed**  
(Course Dept)



**Pramavathi D/O Munusamy**  
(Golfing Dept)