



紀利華木球會
CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB

President's monthly report: August 2024

- 1. Update on land lease renewal.** In early August, the President had a tele-conversation with an officer of the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (CSTB) who is responsible for overseeing execution/renewal of land lease of our Club. According to the officer: (a) CSTB is working on ballpark land premiums for clubs having been granted Private Recreational Leases (PRLs) for land lease renewal purposes, and it will inform the clubs of the premiums once such are finalised; and (b) about 18 months before expiry of the PRL of a club (mid-2025 for our Club), Lands Department will commence the lease renewal process, including consulting related Government departments, as well as informing the club of the new lease conditions and land premium.
- 2. Proposed reforms on election.** In a recent members' opinion survey, General Committee (GC) wishes to seek members' views on the following proposed reforms on election: (a) changing the term of appointment of Officers, GC members, sports/social convenors, sub-committee members, and Audit Committee (AC) members from one-year term to two-year term; (b) imposing a maximum service duration under which a member should not continuously serve in the same position of each of GC, AC, or a sub-committee or as a convenor for more than 6 years, as well as that he/she should not serve on each of the aforesaid committees aggregately for more than 8 years; and (c) adopting special proxy forms for Club elections and General Meeting voting, under which names of candidates or voting options are enlisted on a special voting form. The proposed reforms aim to align club election practices with good corporate-governance practices of the Government and NGOs, as well as saving substantial resources in conducting annual elections. Members are requested to complete and return the survey questionnaire. Based on the results of the survey, GC will decide the way forward, including convening an Extraordinary General Meeting for considering and voting for the adoption of the proposed election reforms.
- 3. Need to carry out building services works in a timely manner.** Of the various venues of our Club, Centenary Building is 19 years old, Clubhouse Building 21 years old, and Sports Building 20 years old. As a result, many of the building services systems (such as air conditioning, fire services installations, water supply and drainage, electricity and gas supply, passenger lifts, telecom, wifi) have been worn out causing inefficient performance, and frequent breakdowns requiring major overhauls or complete replacements with energy saving and environmental friendly systems if repair works have become no longer cost effective. Moreover, many facades both inside and outside of our buildings exhibit serious wear and tear. Hence, there is a need to carry out repair works or replacements to address the aforesaid issues in a timely manner, at least to make our Club more nice looking and having various building services systems functioning satisfactorily. In this regard, the Building Services Department has compiled a list of building services works pending for execution, comprising a total of 122 items. The list will be uploaded onto Club website for members' information. GC will endeavour to ensure that the long-overdue building services rectification works are implemented in a timely manner. Given that the Building Services Department only comprises a part-time manager who is a building services professional specialising in drafting tender documents and supervising the execution of pertinent works projects, (other members of Department comprise two assistant managers holding technician qualifications and three technicians who are responsible for routine repair works), an additional well-qualified staff member will be recruited to expedite implementation of the building services works projects.

4. **New fee policy on admission of members' children as full members.** At present, a child of a member wishing to apply for full membership needs to do so within 90 days of attaining the age of 21 years if he/she wants to enjoy the privilege of paying a fee of 50% of the normal membership entrance fee. At its meeting held on 31 July 2024, GC resolved to adopt a new fee policy on admission of members' children, under which a member's child may apply for full membership anytime after attaining the age of 21 years, on the condition that, after 90 days of attaining such an age and for every calendar month thereafter, on top of the 50% entrance fee, he/she needs to pay an additional fee of 1% of the normal entrance fee. The new policy aims at providing members' children with more flexibility in deciding on the time of applying for club membership.

5. **Club's full support of Sport For All Day 2024.** On 4 August, in support of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)'s Sport For All Day 2024, with a focus on parent-child exercise for fun and fitness, our Club invited about 270 parents and children of some schools and organisations to participate in training and practices at most of our sports facilities, including lawn bowls, cricket and tennis (morning session), as well as golf, darts, table tennis and badminton (afternoon session). The 120 parents and children joining the morning session were served with light lunch at Braidwood's Hall, while the other 150 participating in the afternoon events were provided with tea sets at the end of the session. The President, Officers and GC members, General Manager and his staff, sub-committee chairmen/convenors and members, as well as more than 30 volunteers and coaches took part in event. Among the 9 sports and recreational clubs taking part in Sport For All Day 2024, our Club was second to none in terms of number of sports activities provided and number of participants.

6. **Introducing more sports activities at our Club.** In the opinion survey conducted in June, some members proposed introducing some additional sports at our Club, including pickleball. With the assistance of the Tennis Sub-committee, Pickleball Fun Day was held on 11 August, with more than 70 members participating in the event. Some of our Elite Sports Associates helped explain the rules and demonstrate playing of the game, followed by members trying out the game themselves. Given the popularity of pickleball among members, GC will take action to introduce the game as a regular sport at our Club. Furthermore, with the glorious achievements of two Hong Kong fencers Vivian Kong and Cheung Ka-long winning the unprecedented two gold medals at the Paris Olympics, GC believes that our Club can contribute to development of the game of fencing at this thrilling juncture. In a recent members' opinion survey, GC wishes to seek members' views on a proposal to introduce fencing training at our Club.

7. **Proposed conversion of Internet Corner into offices.** With the establishment of Membership, social and Communication (MSC) Department as well as Sports & Facilities (S&F) Department, there is insufficient office space to accommodate newly recruited staff in these two Departments. In a recent members' survey, GC wishes to seek members' views on a proposal to convert the existing Internet Corner located on the ground floor of Club House Building into offices, while newspaper stands together with new sofas will be provided at the foyer near the reception for members' use. Members requiring the use of computers can have access to them at the Reading Room. This arrangement will facilitate members' convenient getting-in-contact with managers of the MSC Department and S&F Department to raise their concerns/enquiries and make fruitful suggestions for improvement. The two Senior Managers and their staff will provide prompt and on-spot assistance to members.

8. **Providing new member services.** With a view to providing essential services to members, power banks for phone charging and umbrellas will be on loan to members at club reception. Furthermore, for members having made bookings for use of function rooms, their guests may use carpark facilities after 6 pm in the same manner of members. GC will endeavour to provide appropriate services in response to members' needs.

Albert Wong
President
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2024 年 8 月會長報告

- 地租續約之最新進展** 在 8 月初，會長跟文化體育及旅遊局一位監察本會地租執行/續約的官員通電話，據知：(a) 該局正就獲批私人遊樂場地契約的會所之續約地租金額作粗略評算，一旦確定地租金額後，會立即告知有關的會所；(b) 在會所的私人遊樂場地契約到期前約 18 個月(於本會而言，即 2025 年中)，地政總署會開展續約程序，包括諮詢相關的政府部門，以及通知有關會所其新約的條款和地租金額。
- 選舉改革之建議** 在近日的一項會員意見普查中，理事會擬了解會員對以下選舉改革建議的意向：(a) 將常務理事、理事會成員、體育/社交部組召集人和其成員及稽核委員會成員的任期由一年改為兩年；(b) 設定最長任職年期，會員不得在理事會、稽核委員會、小組委員會連續擔任同一職位超逾 6 年，擔任部組召集人亦然。同時，會員擔任上述個別理事會或委員會職位之累計年期每個會不得超逾 8 年；(c) 在本會選舉及全體會員大會投票中採用特別授權投票表格，其內羅列候選人姓名或投票選項。以上改革建議旨在使本會的選舉運作能與政府及非官方組織的良好機構管治實踐看齊，並可節省每年一度選舉所耗用的龐大資源。敬請會員填答普查問卷交回本會，以便理事會掌握輿情，從而擇定進途，包括召開特別會員大會去審議及表決建議的選舉改革。
- 適時進行各項屋宇裝備工程** 本會的樓房中，世紀大樓樓齡已達 19 年，會所大樓 21 年，體育大樓 20 年。由於樓齡高，許多屋宇裝備系統 (例如冷氣、消防設備、食水供應及排水管道、供電及煤氣、乘客升降機、電訊設施、無線網路等) 均呈老化，效能降低，甚至經常損壞停運，需要進行深度的維修。如發現持續維修並不具成本效益，則須將有關係統全面更換，以更具能源效益及環保的系統取替。再者，樓房內外的許多面飾，亦見陳舊破落。以上情況亟需及時進行補救工程，至最低限度要令本會的觀瞻有所改善，而各項屋宇裝備系統亦達到令會員滿意的運作。在這方面，屋宇裝備部已編製了一份有待施工項目的明細表，所涉工程項目總計 122 項。此工程項目表將會上載到本會網址讓會員知悉。理事會盡力確保早已逾期失修的屋宇裝備能及時得到修復。本會屋宇裝備部現時只有一名兼職經理，他是一名有關的專業人士擅長草擬工程招標文件及監察工程進度。此部兩名助理經理僅持有技術員資歷，連同三名技工負責會所日常維修工作。為加快推展各項屋宇裝備修復工程，本會將招聘多一名在這範疇具良好資歷的職員。
- 會員子女轉為正式會員的新收費政策** 目前，會員子女欲轉為正式會員，須於年滿 21 歲後的 90 天內提出申請，才可獲享正常入會費減半之優惠。在 2024 年 7 月 31 的會議上，理事會議決一項關於會員子女轉為正式會員的新政策，容許會員子女在年滿 21 歲後任何時間提出申請，但設有一額外收費，就是若到達該歲數 90 天後才申請，則每逾時一個月，其入會費將要多付正常全費的 1%。

此額外收費將添加在原訂的全費減半之上。是項新政策旨在提供較大彈性讓會員子女決定何時申請轉為正式會員。

5. **本會大力支持 2024 年全民運動日** 為響應政府康樂及文化事務署倡辦的 2024 年全民運動日，此活動以親子歡樂及健體為聚焦點，邀請數間學校及社福機構共約 270 名學童和家長，於 8 月 4 日到來參加為他們而設的體育初訓及練習活動，包括草地滾球、木球、網球 (在上午舉行) 及高爾夫球、飛鏢、乒乓球、羽毛球 (在下午舉行)。參加上午活動的 120 名學童和家長，於活動後在布雷活堂共晉輕便午餐，而下午的 150 名參加者，則於活動後得到茶點招待。本會會長、常務理事及理事會成員、會所總經理及其屬員、小組委員會主席和召集人及成員、30 多名會員義工和教練一起參與此盛事。在全港 9 個協辦 2024 年全民運動日的康樂體育會所中，論接待的人數及提供的活動類目，無一能出本會之右。

6. **引進更多體育活動到本會** 據 6 月進行的會員意見普查，有些會員建議引進新的運動項目，包括匹克球在內。在網球小組委員會的協助下，本會於 8 月 11 日舉辦了匹克球體驗日，共有 70 多位會員參加。數名精英運動準會員為參加者講解匹克球的規則，並作示範表演，然後參加者各自落場試玩。基於會員對匹克球的興趣日增，理事會將採取行動引進匹克球使成為本會的常規運動項目。另外，趁著兩位香港劍擊手張家朗和江旻憻在巴黎奧運會取得突破性兩面金牌的彪炳成績，理事會認為本會可乘勢推廣劍擊運動，為其普及發展作貢獻，是以在新近的會員意見普查中，特意諮詢會員對於引進劍擊運動到本會的意向。

7. **建議將互聯網角落改建為辦公室** 本會在新成立兩個部門，即會員、社交及傳訊部和運動及設施部後，辦公用地促襟見肘，未有足夠空間容納新到任的職員。理事會在近日的會員意見普查中，諮詢會員對以下建議的意向，就將現時會所大樓地下的互聯網角落改建為辦公室，同時在靠近接待處的門廳位置擺放新梳化和報紙架。有需要使用電腦的會員，可前往閱讀室，該處有電腦可用。是項安排乃為方便會員與上述兩部門經理接洽溝通，提出問題和關注事項，以及各種改善建議。兩部門的高級經理及其屬員可即時即地為會員提供服務。

8. **提供嶄新的服務** 為了滿足會員的不時之需，接待處特備充電寶及雨傘供會員借用。另外，預訂了宴會室的會員，可安排其賓客於下午 6 時後使用本會停車場設施。理事會銳意回應會員的需求，提供適切的服務。

會長

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2024 年 8 月 20 日