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“Where there is righteousness in the heart,
there is beauty in the character. When
there is beauty in the character, there
is harmony in the home. When there is
harmony in the home, there is order in the
nation. When there is order in the nation,
there is peace in the world.”

A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

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MESSAGE BY PRESIDENT OF THE MESS COMMITTEE

Dear fellow officers,

Many of us still keep our school and college yearbooks and refer to them fondly when we want to remember what we did in school. Our community life as Senior Police Officers is no different. Every year is special and we have fond memories of our time together as fellow officers. As you have heard at the SPOM Annual Dinner earlier this year, MessCall, our SPOM magazine is now going to be published annually in a 'yearbook' format.

A single SPOM publication on the activities and achievements of 2016 would serve as a more creative and consolidated platform to highlight the good work of the various Sub-Committees. It also offers those who joined and left the Senior Officer Corps in 2016 a virtual time capsule capturing a significant period in their lives in this 'yearbook' so that we can keep the copies for life.

SPOM - "Our Home, Among Friends"

SPOM is a place where friends gather, it is "Our Home, Among Friends". Leveraging on this theme, this publication aims to showcase the various opportunities, gatherings and achievements where the various Sub-Committees have endeavoured to cultivate a strong sense of esprit de corps amongst the past and present Senior Officer corps, rooted in the historic and iconic SPOM building. Even with its illustrious and long history, the SPOM building, and the activities it hosts, continues to evolve so that it remains relevant to the SPF, its Senior Officers and Singapore.

2016 was an exciting and momentous year for SPOM. In the past year, we saw the formation of a new Membership Sub-Committee and introduced the new SPOM restaurant, "The Peak Bistro". These developments took place against the backdrop of our regular SPOM events and activities, all of which have contributed to making 2016 a memorable year for all of us.

Like the SPF and the Home Team, SPOM is entering a period of transformation. Just as the Force is constantly evolving to meet the changing needs of society, so too must SPOM adapt to better serve its members. We need to stay relevant, with a keen eye on current trends and the future. If you are passionate about the work done by the SPOM Committee, have ideas on how we can further develop SPOM and want to do your part to contribute, I keenly urge you to join us.

CONCLUSION

I would like to thank the Internal Communications & Publicity Sub-Committee for producing this SPOM Annual. The articles and media in the Annual would also not have been possible, if not for the various contributions from the various Sub-Committee representatives. Your contributions are deeply appreciated. SPOM has much to be proud of, due to the unceasing effort of its Committee members, and you, as our members. I wish all of us the very best for 2017 and beyond.

LAU PEET MENG

President of the Mess Committee



EDITOR'S FOREWORD



Dear fellow officers,

In a world of new media and digital platforms, it may seem counter-intuitive to produce a yearbook, all 60 pages or so of printed materials. But call me old-school. To me, a yearbook always brings comfort, and reminds me of the good times that have been shared.

This yearbook captures the unique moments of SPOM members spending time in a place we call "Our Home, Among Friends". Inside this book, you will also find information about the various Sub-Committees, whose members have worked tirelessly to serve you. You can now put a face to the name who has been sending you email broadcasts and also know who to blame for that unflattering photograph taken of you at a SPOM event.

Communication is the lifeline of any organisation. The Internal Communications & Publicity Sub-Committee is committed to ensuring that members stay up-to-date on the happenings in SPOM. Whether it is through the new SPOM app, our Facebook page, email broadcasts or publications such as this, we intend to keep everyone connected and involved.

SPOM's calendar last year was filled with a myriad of fantastic events, ranging from an excursion to Pulau Semakau in Phua Chu Kang boots to the SPOM Annual Dinner which saw members dressed to the nines. Staples like Durian Night and Beer Fest were juxtaposed with new events like SPOMlympics. This yearbook has captured these precious moments and is dedicated to all SPOM members who had made them especially memorable.

I hope this commemorative book will bring back fond memories. As we flip the pages and travel back in time, let us also look forward to another successful year ahead.

SHNG YUNN CHINN

Chairman

Internal Communications & Publicity Sub-Committee



“Public confidence in the Police force is extremely high. This is really the result of the extraordinary work that you put in day in, day out, everyone on the ground... officers sacrifice their holidays, weekends, National Day, F1, New Year countdown celebrations, just to name a few. All these times, the officers are on the ground, extra deployments, working very hard for Singaporeans and to keep Singapore safe. The courage, the skill, the determination, the dedication, it deserves the respect and gratitude from everyone, every Singaporean and so we say a big thank you to every officer.”

Mr K Shanmugam

Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law @ SPF Workplan Seminar, 2017



SUB-COMMITTEE FEATURE





AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE

Mr Sam Tee chairs the Audit Sub-Committee which comprises a diverse group of 5 other officers: Mr Ho Yenn Dar, Mr Daniel Ng Hwa Koon, Mr Tham Guo Xian, Mr Yusri Thohid, Mr Lee Thai Ching and Mr Zheng Ruilin.

The Audit Sub-Committee meets regularly to audit the income, expenditure, procurement and financial procedures of SPOM. We also audit high-value items of SPOM such as the SPOM wine inventory to ensure that they tally.

The Audit Sub-Committee works closely with the Administration and Finance Department, Inspectorate and Compliance Office and SPOM's external auditor to ensure that areas of concern or risk are flagged up and carefully scrutinized to ensure that SPOM's accounts are in compliance with the government's Instruction Manuals and Financial Procedure Act. We also recommend areas of improvement to strengthen internal control and to help SPOM achieve better management and accountability.

Auditing may not be glamorous work but it is certainly necessary and critical in ensuring that SPOM's funds are well-managed and properly accounted for. We are the Audit Sub-Committee, working quietly behind the scenes and always at SPOM's service.

MR ZHENG RUILIN
Audit Sub-Committee



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE SUB-COMMITTEE



From left to right:

Sitting Row: Minerva Lim, Kanthan Prakash, Manimaran Pushpanathan, Metta Yang

Standing Row: Koh Boon Yong, Stella Tay, Glenn Pang, Emmanuel Oh



Business Development & Infrastructure Sub-Committee (cont'd)



PRESENTATION BY THE REDEVELOPMENT TEAM

The Redevelopment Team has been working on ongoing makeovers to rejuvenate SPOM and enhance SPOM members' experience.

The makeovers include the refurbishing of the Library into a Business Centre and the Gym into a Fitness Conditioning Centre. Soon you can come to SPOM to clear work between meetings or to workout to stay fit!

The Redevelopment Team is also working to materialise a full-fledged SPOM Clubhouse:

- The full suite of facilities include chalets, pools, function rooms, restaurants, sport facilities and etc.
- There will also be a Police Museum that aims to share SPF's contributions to nation-building and to better connect members to the policing fraternity.



FOOD & BEVERAGE SUB-COMMITTEE



People often say that the F&B industry is unglamorous but this does not apply to us. This Sub-Committee is one that is the epitome of dynamism! We are a bunch of creative, committed-to-excellence and fun-loving fellows who can literally succeed in a second career in the F&B industry – not that we are leaving SPF, of course!

So, here are the members of the F&B Sub-Committee:

The Boss	– Kenny
The Manager	– Shannon
The Maitre D'	– James
The Sommelier	– Li Min
The Aspiring Sommelier	– Hui Lin
The Bartender	– Yao Min
The Service Captains	– Gilbert and Yun Jie
The Apprentices	– Kuo En and Jason

Our mission is simple – work hard to bring good food, good drinks and good fun to everyone! So we eat a lot (food-tasting) and most importantly, drink a lot of green tea to *ahem* keep slim to achieve our mission. There is simply no giving up in eating and drinking for the benefit of all. This is the strength of the F&B Sub-Committee.

At the end of the day, after all the fun and laughter, there can only be forged memories of us.

MS PHOA HUI LIN
Food & Beverage Sub-Committee



From left to right:
Top Row:
Kuo En, Yao Min, Li Min
Second Row:
Shannon, Kenny, Hui Lin
Third Row:
James, Yun Jie, Gilbert
Last Row:
Jason



HERITAGE SUB-COMMITTEE

Amidst the serenity of Mount Pleasant sits a black and white bungalow building where Senior British Police Officers deployed in Singapore used to live in. This building eventually changed from being an exclusive residence into the Senior Police Officers' Mess (SPOM) – a sight familiar to many generations of Senior Police Officers.

Ever since the completion of its construction in 1931, the location has been a prime choice for formal dining-ins where numerous dignitaries have been hosted. Distinguished guests included Presidents of Singapore and the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew. It was also the de-facto venue for elaborate dining, networking and hosting of events amongst senior-ranking officers.

With such rich heritage entwined with the history of the Singapore Police Force, the Heritage Sub-Committee is tasked to ensure that precious memories and traditions are preserved and passed on to future generations of Senior Police Officers.

The Heritage Sub-Committee, comprising of 6 officers, seeks out opportunities to promote the rich heritage of SPOM. A major milestone was achieved by the Heritage Sub-Committee in July 2014 when SPOM was marked as the 14th spot of the Balestier Heritage Trail. The Heritage Sub-Committee has also been actively involved in hosting numerous groups of visitors, including grassroots members and the National Police Cadet Corps at SPOM Heritage Tours. A virtual tour of SPOM has also been made available on SPOM's webpage.

MR TEO HONG YI
Heritage Sub-Committee



I'm OO(M) at TP, dealing with road closure permits and other operational policy issues. The road closures which my team process can vary from mega events like Standard Chartered marathons, to small neighbourhood closures for street parties.

I've been enjoying myself in the Heritage Sub-Committee because I've learnt more about the history of the building. But ultimately, it's still the friends I've made that made it really fulfilling.

MR TEO HONG YI

I am currently the Head POD of G Div, handling corporate planning and development issues of the division. Key areas of responsibility include performance, budget and event planning and management, major infrastructure development, innovation, and officer engagement, etc.

Besides the many unique and interesting projects undertaken by the Heritage Sub-Committee, my stint is particularly enjoyable because of the people whom I worked closely with – from the Chairman to fellow committee members (both old and new). They have been truly wonderful companions all these years.

MR CHEAH CHUN WAH

I am currently the 3 Ops Officer from Specialist Capabilities and Doctrines Division (SCDD) under Operations Department. It is a huge privilege for me to join the Heritage Sub-Committee and be part of a team of very experienced and knowledgeable officers who safekeep SPOM's rich heritage.

MR ALVIN LEE WEN PIN



Heritage Sub-Committee (cont'd)



I am currently OO(P&R) TP, in charge of planning for major security events such as NDP and F1.

I enjoy serving in the Heritage Sub-Committee as I am an historian by training. I enjoy reading, exploring, discovering new facts and artefacts of SPOM and documenting them.

MR ZHENG RUILIN



I am currently the Senior Tactics Development Officer in SCDD, Ops Dept. I work with the various Specialist Units to ensure that they are trained to operate.

I am grateful to have learnt so much about the Senior Police Officers' Mess since I joined the Sub-Committee. I was privileged to be part of the team that documented all the fascinating artefacts and the interesting histories behind them.

MR STEPHEN WONG



I am currently DCO of K9. My day job requires me to manage the unit in order to ensure that the unit is always operational and ready to respond to any activation.

I am proud to be able to contribute to the preservation of the heritage of SPOM. Most of all, I enjoy the camaraderie of my friends made by being in the Heritage Sub-Committee.

MR LEE CHEE CHIEN



Keeping SPOM's heritage alive and interesting has kept the Sub-Committee meaningfully engaged. The numerous SPOM Heritage Tours we have conducted have always been some of our proud moments and it is certainly satisfying to see the smiles and amazement expressed on the faces of our visitors. Best of all, I enjoy the camaraderie with my fellow Sub-Committee members every time we meet up in SPOM. To one and all – SPOM Heritage rocks!

MR POH LYE HIN

Chairman

Heritage Sub-Committee



INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE (ICPC)



Led by Mr Charles Shng, ICPC comprises 22 members who are further divided into four teams – Communications Team, Marketing and Publicity Team, Journalism Team, and Publications Team. ICPC works tirelessly to inform, engage, and excite members by keeping SPOM members updated on the latest happenings in SPOM, providing interactive platforms to connect with members, and encouraging participation in SPOM events.



Internal Communications & Publicity Sub-Committee (ICPC) (cont'd)



COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

The Communications Team oversees and manages the SPOM Internet, SPOM Intranet, SPOM Facebook page, and email blasts.

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY TEAM

The Marketing and Publicity Team undertakes ad-hoc projects to market SPOM and its facilities. For FY16, the Marketing and Publicity Team was involved in the marketing of The Peak Bistro at SPOM. A series of quizzes and writeups were broadcasted to promote the newly opened restaurant. Another key achievement for the Marketing and Publicity Team was to kick-start the SPOM mobile application project which allows SPOM members to receive up-to-date information on SPOM events and also to book SPOM facilities.





Internal Communications & Publicity Sub-Committee (ICPC) (cont'd)



JOURNALISM TEAM

The Journalism Team comprises a group of photojournalists and journalists who present post-event updates to all SPOM members through creative writing and visuals. The Journalism Team conducts on- and off-site coverage for major SPOM events, and contributes articles for email broadcast and annual publication. Aside from that, the Journalism Team maintains a database of photos from all SPOM events. This FY, the Journalism Team has also organised an in-house photography workshop to share on photography tips.



PUBLICATIONS TEAM

The Publications Team is responsible for producing SPOM-related publications – we are the real keyboard warriors. This yearbook you are holding in your hands is the end product of our months of hard work.



MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE



As a **"Our Home, Among Friends"**, SPOM is a place where Senior Officers, active or retired, share a common space to mingle and take part in fun and engaging activities.

MEMBERS – THE BEATING HEART OF SPOM

The members of SPOM are its beating heart and the SPOM Membership Sub-Committee aims to be the pulse that keeps SPOM going. Under the stewardship of Mr Alvin Moh, the Sub-Committee serves to meet the needs of SPOM members through membership administration, initiation of new members, as well as management of outgoing members.

Our People

Mr Alvin Moh is assisted by three teams of officers who oversee membership administration, introductory dinners for new members, and appreciation functions for National Service Inspectors. These teams are led by Mr Tan Yi Chun, Mr Edwin Tan and Mr Tan Yi Hao respectively.

MR GREGORY KANG
Membership Sub-Committee



The SPOM Membership team comprises officers both young and younger.



SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

REINFORCING COHESION WITHIN THE FRATERNITY

Every month, the Social Sub-Committee endeavours to bring the SPOM community together by organising light-hearted and fun events. Led by AC Jarrod Perreira, 1 Deputy Director, Operations Department since 2012, the Social Sub-Committee has 22 members who volunteer their time to conceptualise, plan, and execute various events that thus far, have never failed to attract overwhelming responses from SPOM members.

In the coming year, SPOM members can look forward to an exciting range of events – from the ever popular “Durian Night” in July 2017 to the “Novembeer Fest” in November 2017 under the leadership of the Sub-committee’s new Chairman, AC Devrajan Bala, Deputy Commander Traffic Police, who took over in April 2017. Besides bringing the fraternity together, we also create opportunities for members and their families to spend quality time together. The “Island Hopping” event in June 2017, the Mid-Autumn Festival in September 2017 and the SPOM Christmas Party in December 2017 are some examples of such events. Lastly, do also look out for the next SPOM Annual Dinner that will be held in May 2018.



“I chose to organise Durian Night because I like to eat durians. Since I was the organiser, I wanted to organise a good session so my fellow officers could enjoy this delicious treat as well. At the end of the night, I felt great seeing the many happy and satisfied faces.”

MR RONNIE LIM
Social Sub-Committee

“I feel that communication is important in deepening relationships. Therefore, it is necessary to create platforms and opportunities for SPOM members to interact and forge friendships. There is no better way to play a part in strengthening the camaraderie among our officers than to be in the SPOM Social Committee. We organise monthly events for officers to unwind. Come join us at our monthly events!”

MR LIM HAO JUN
Social Sub-Committee



Social Sub-Committee (cont'd)



"The SPOM Annual Dinner serves as a gesture of appreciation and gratitude for the contribution of Senior Officers, past and present. I wanted to make it memorable and enjoyable for members, their partners, and special guests. Also, I hope that members found it to be a good platform to catch up with one another outside work."

MS CLARINDA WONG
Social Sub-Committee

"The SPOM Annual Dinner is the largest social event organised by SPOM. I am motivated to see officers and guests catch up with each other, laugh, and share about their lives. It gives me great joy to see officers enjoying themselves. See you next year!"

MS MICHELLE TAY
Social Sub-Committee

We hope to continue to bring more exciting and fun filled events to all members. Should you have any feedback or suggestions, do feel free to write in to: SPF-SPOM_Social_Committee@spf.gov.sg

See you around at our upcoming events!

MONTH	CONTRIBUTORS
Aug 2017	SPOM BBQ Night
Sep 2017	Mid-Autumn Festival (for members and their families)
Oct 2017	Go-Karting
Nov 2017	Novembeer Fest
Dec 2017	SPOM X'Mas Party (for members and their families)
Jan 2018	Durian Night
Feb 2018	Wine Appreciation
Mar 2018	Ice Cream Happy Hour
May 2018	SPOM Annual Dinner

MR ELVIS CHONG
Social Sub-Committee



SPORTS SUB-COMMITTEE

"Sport is a common language. When we play together, there is a mutual respect and understanding that allows us to have conversations."

SARAH HILLYER

Founder Of Nonprofit Organisation, Sport 4 Peace



From left to right:

Sitting Row: Mr Md Ramallan, Mr Huang Ting Feng, Mr Zeya Lwin Tun, Mr Arthur Law, Mr Toh De Yong, Mr Chng Jin Kai

Standing Row: Mr Abdul Mutualib, Mr Hanizan Hamzah, Mr Alvin Chua, Mr Chen Tongyu, Mr Joseph Yoong, Mr Iszeraj Ibrahim

The Sports Sub-Committee was formed with the aim of enhancing esprit de corps amongst Senior Officers through sporting activities. The Sub-Committee is led by Mr Arthur Law and comprises of 20 members currently. The Sub-Committee members are sports enthusiasts from all walks of life, who organise sporting activities to share their passions with the SPOM community. Their common language – love for sports.



From left to right:

Mr Tan Kok Ann, Mr Choo Ee Sin, Mr Calvell Chia, Mr Arthur Law, Ms Wong Sun Leng, Ms Peh Tian Yi, Mr Richard Chung

The Sub-Committee regularly organises sports, such as cycling, soccer, running, golf and the annual SPOMlympics. The Sub-Committee is always seeking to introduce new sports to SPOM, for example, the Pilates classes conducted by a professional trainer in SPOM. This year, the Sports Sub-Committee also started organising tennis lessons conducted in SPOM's tennis courts.

For cycling, Mr Iszeraj Ibrahim, Mr Tan Kok Ann, Mr Stanley Ong and Ms Wong Sun Leng organised night cycling trips around Singapore, which provided great platforms for SPOM and JOM members to mingle and bond.

Sports Sub-Committee (cont'd)



Sub-Committee Members for Cycling:

Mr Tan Kok Ann (2nd from left), Former Chairman of the Sports Sub-Committee, Mr Gerald Lim (4th from left), Mr Iszeraj (5th from left) and Mr Stanley Ong (last from left).

Mr Chng Jin Kai, Mr Alan Lau and Mr Richard Chung garnered SPOM members' participation for running events such as Standard Chartered Marathons, ComChest Heartstrings Walks and Yellow Ribbon Prison Runs.

Golf enthusiasts can look forward to joining events such as the SPOM Golf Medal, which have been facilitated by Mr Chen Tongyu and Mr Joseph Yoong.

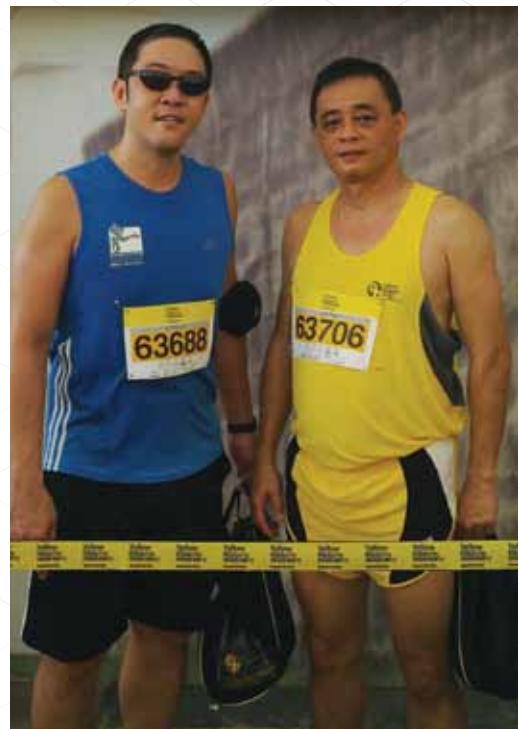
SPOMlympics was the latest annual event brought forth. Inaugurated on 6 February 2017, it aimed to bring members together at SPOM for a fun-filled day of games such as darts, laser tag and foosball, and was run by Mr Choo Ee Sin and Ms Peh Tian Yi.

Mr Calvell Chia and Ms Wong Sun Leng liaised with SPOM members and external vendors for the weekly tennis lessons held at SPOM.

Mr Hanizan Hamzah, Mr Abdul Mutualib, Mr Md Ramallan and Mr Alvin Chua coordinated tirelessly with several agencies and organisations for the Inter-Mess Soccer Tournament, which is currently in its seventh rendition. The Secretariat duties for the Sports Sub-Committee are managed by Mr Zeya Lwin Tun with the treasurers being Mr Huang Ting Feng and Mr Toh De Yong.

The Sports Sub-Committee will strive to organize more interesting and exciting sporting activities for SPOM members and their partners. Please continue to support the events and join in the fun!

MR TOH DE YONG
Sports Sub-Committee



Left: Mr Alan Lau, coordinator for Standard Chartered Marathon



“The glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand, not the kindly smile, nor the joy of companionship; it is the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when you discover that someone else believes in you and is willing to trust you with a friendship.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson



ARTICLES





SPOM'S LONGEST-SERVING PRESIDENT OF THE MESS COMMITTEE – MR T RAJA KUMAR

It is no wonder that the Senior Police Officers' Mess (SPOM) has played the role of a gathering place and acted as the foundation of esprit de corps for many Senior Officers of the Singapore Police Force. What is wonderful to note is that SPOM has been run efficiently by the SPOM Committee led by the President of the Mess Committee, otherwise known as the PMC.

Through the years, the SPOM Committee has been led only by the ablest and finest officers, some of whom had become Commissioners or Deputy Commissioners of Police in the course of their SPF careers. This distinguished cadre of officers included the late Mr Cheam Kim Seang, the late Mr Goh Yong Hong and Mr Khoo Boon Hui, who was Commissioner of Police as well as the President of Interpol from 2008 to 2012.

The PMC leads the various SPOM Sub-Committees and helms the direction for this special police institution.

Recently, the SPOM Heritage Sub-Committee had the privilege to interview our longest serving PMC Mr T Raja Kumar, who served from January 2003 to December 2014.

The last post Mr T Raja Kumar held in SPF was DC (Policy). He is currently the Deputy Secretary (International) of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Chief Executive of Home Team Academy. Here are some insights from him with regard to his tenure as PMC.



DUTIES OF THE PMC

(extracted from the SPOM constitution)

- (i) Be responsible to the Commissioner of Police for the efficient running of the Mess in all aspects. He shall also be responsible for ensuring that newly-joined Officers fulfil their social obligations and that the conduct of the Officers using the Mess is in accordance with the standard expected from the Senior Officers of the Force
- (ii) Preside at all Mess Committee Meetings
- (iii) Sign all cheques
- (iv) Have a casting vote
- (v) Ensure that all Mess subscriptions and Mess bills are paid promptly by members and liaise with Commanding Officers and Officer-in-Charge of Divisions and Units in this respect.

SPOM's Longest-serving President of the Mess Committee – Mr T Raja Kumar (cont'd)



1) DURING YOUR TERM AS PMC, WHAT ARE THE TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS YOU HAVE ACHIEVED FOR SPOM?

During my term as PMC, the key areas that we achieved good progress on were:

- a. Supported by able Committee members, we started organising a slew of activities to attract members to start patronising SPOM again. These included more social activities, from durian parties, to barbecue nights, wine tasting and beer tasting nights. The SPOM Committee also combined forces with the SSPOA to co-organise onboarding evenings for the C-course officers, aimed at welcoming them to SPOM. Other activities which we initiated included the Horizon Lecture series, which saw luminaries such as former President S.R. Nathan.
- b. We aimed to present a strong case to URA for the conservation of the SPOM building and surroundings. We thus commissioned a coffee table book on SPOM, got SPOM marked as the 14th spot of the Balestier Heritage Trail, and invited URA to view SPOM for its representatives to be briefed on its rich history. We developed a concept plan for SPOM's redevelopment, with the assistance of some reservists who were architects, aimed at demonstrating to URA that we were serious and committed to securing SPOM's conservation. I am pleased that this laid the groundwork for SPOM to be favourably considered for conservation.

- c. We also started the progressive renovation of SPOM to enliven the building. New facilities were added, such as the lift to enable those who were less mobile to attend events on the second floor. A second fine dining room was added to the ground floor which allows more members to enjoy private dining.
- d. Another highlight was increasing the frequency of Dining-ins; using it as a means to reach out to our strategic partners, such as the Commissioners and Chiefs of Police from neighbouring countries, local luminaries such as the Chief Justice, Attorney General, and even the outgoing Chief of Defence Forces. This successful strategy earned the SPF much goodwill and gave us the platform to showcase our rich history, heritage and strong camaraderie – hallmarks of a strong uniformed institution.
- e. Finally, we developed strong SPOM Committees. I was blessed to have excellent officers serving in the Committees, and thoroughly enjoyed working with them to serve the SPOM fraternity.

2) WHICH DINING-IN OCCASION WAS THE MOST MEMORABLE TO YOU?

The most memorable Dining-in was that for our founding father, Mr Lee Kuan Yew in November 2011.

It was not without some trepidation that we invited Mr Lee to honour us with his presence. We knew that the event had to go off perfectly – SPF's reputation was at stake and we did not want to let our organisation down. We planned for the event meticulously and had contingency plans that were tested and re-tested. Even with all the precautions taken, in the minutes preceding Mr Lee's arrival at SPOM, we had an electricity trip. Many attendees were worried, even anxious. But the organising team remained cool. We had our contingency plans in place and we knew that we could recover the situation. And so we did. Within a minute or so, the electricity supply was restored. But shockingly, the electricity tripped a second time. We got it back up again, identified the cause and dealt with it. The event went on without a hitch thereafter and it was very pleasing to see Mr Lee enjoying the evening.

We also invited Mr Lee's former security officers and the senior Security Branch officers to be our special guests at the Dining-in, and it was clear that Mr Lee and the officers relished the reunion.

Highly relieved at the end of the function that all had gone smoothly, I was delighted that we had been bold and invited Mr Lee. I was also proud of my SPOM Management Committee who worked so well as a team to deliver.



SPOM's Longest-serving President of the Mess Committee – Mr T Raja Kumar (cont'd)

3) IN YOUR VIEW, WHY IS SPOM AN IMPORTANT INSTITUTION FOR SENIOR OFFICERS?

Given how the Senior Officer (SO) population had grown so rapidly in recent years, SPOM needed to weigh in to help gel and bond the SO community and build strong esprit de corps. The PMC needed to be passionate about moving things forward, and driving more activities to make SPOM more relevant to officers.

I also saw SPOM as an important bridge between the retired officers and serving officers. As my father had given more than 30 years of his life to the Force during very challenging times in the 50s, 60s and 70s, I could understand how important it was for them to remain connected with the Force they loved and shed blood, sweat and tears for. I thus made it a priority to keep the links strong with our retired officers. It is my hope that subsequent generations of SPOM leaders continue to reach out to our retirees and make them feel welcome and valued for all they have done for their nation.

4) WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO SERVE FOR SUCH A LONG TIME AS SPOM PMC?

To some it might be seen as a task. To me, it was an honour serving the Senior Officer corps of the SPF as PMC. When my predecessor, Mr Lim Soo Gee asked me if I was prepared to serve as the next PMC after him, I immediately and unhesitatingly said 'yes'. I saw the role as an opportunity to make a positive difference to my fellow Senior Officers, and sought to serve with pride and passion. There was much to be done.

SPOM is indeed gratified to have had Mr T Raja Kumar as SPOM PMC from January 2003 to December 2014. His personal touch had ensured that SPOM remained true to its roots of esprit de corps. There was no doubt that he has exceeded way beyond the basic roles and duties expected of a PMC. In the words of our current PMC, Mr Lau Peet Meng, who said during the 2015 SPOM Annual Dinner, "SPOM has indeed undergone a transformation under Mr Raja Kumar's watch."

MR TEO HONG YI
Heritage Sub-Committee



AN INTERVIEW WITH SPOM'S LAST MESS BOY



Our SPOM Journalist met with SPOM's last Mess Boy during his reservist cycle in February 2017 to catch up and find out more about his life, then and now.

Q: PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELF.

A: I am Nguan Jia Bao and I am 22 years old this year. I served my National Service as SPOM's Mess Boy from December 2014 to June 2016.

Q: WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW THAT YOU HAVE ORD-ED?

A: I am now working full-time in the F&B industry as a manager in a restaurant that serves Western food and American craft beer.

Q: WHAT IS A TYPICAL DAY IN THE LIFE OF A MESS BOY LIKE?

A: I was pretty shocked when I heard about being deployed in SPOM as I did not expect such a post to exist. I was apprehensive at first as I had no idea what the post was like, what I would be doing there, and who my superior was. I assist the Mess Manager in the day to day operations of SPOM.

Q: HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT BEING THE LAST MESS BOY IN SPOM?

A: My NS experience was definitely different from the others. My supervisor, the Mess Manager, was kind and helpful and he was always ready to give me advice on how to go about my daily duties. It was a really 'homely' experience.

Q: WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE INCIDENT IN THE MESS?

A: There was a blackout during a thunderstorm. Without lights, we had to call the contractor to rectify the matter as there were some members using a meeting room. Fortunately, while the contractor was working on the electricity, the members were patient and waited for the power to resume.

Q: WHAT WAS YOUR GREATEST TAKE AWAY FROM SPOM?

A: Definitely the people I worked with. Though I have completed NS, I am still in contact with the Mess' staff and we still meet for lunch.

Q: WHAT ARE YOUR FAVOURITE MEMORIES OF SPOM?

A: I remember flipping through the check-in book and seeing many ministers and other Guest-of-Honours' signatures and pictures in there.

Q: WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR NS DEPLOYMENT IN THE MESS HAS TAUGHT YOU?

A: Working in the Mess was quite similar to working in the real world and I think I have learnt to be resilient and resourceful in overcoming problems that I may face.

Q: DO YOU FEEL THAT WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNT IN NS AS A MESS BOY HAS CONTRIBUTED TO YOUR CURRENT WORK? IF YES, HOW?

A: Definitely. I worked in the F&B industry as a waiter prior to NS; post-NS, with the experience gained, I am now working as a Manager in a restaurant.

Q: IF YOU COULD SAY SOMETHING THE SPOM MEMBERS, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

A: Thank you for the memories. And to the Mess' staff, work was tough but it was always fun and happy with you guys around!

MR GERALD TAY

Internal Communications & Publicity Sub-Committee





TEAM PEAK BISTRO

In September 2016, The Peak Bistro officially opened at SPOM, after a gruelling year long search by the Food & Beverage (F&B) Sub-Committee for a restaurant operator. Looking for a place with good food, short queues, free parking and friendly and familiar faces? Look no further than The Peak Bistro at SPOM!

Dr Jimi Tan, the owner of the Swatow Group of restaurants, is no stranger to the tastes of Police officers. Based on his extensive experience in the F&B industry, he crafted The Peak Bistro's unique menu just for our members. All of The Peak Bistro's chefs are specialists in their own culinary fields.

Must-try dishes include the Nonya Fish Head Curry, Tahu Telor and Teapot Seafood Soup. The Peak Bistro also recently launched its Saturday Dim Sum brunch, featuring freshly hand-made favourites from the Swatow restaurants.

The team at The Peak Bistro is continually innovating to add new dishes to satisfy our varied palates. We can all look forward to more delicious and interesting spreads in time to come.

MS PHOA HUI LIN
F&B Sub-Committee



The team at The Peak Bistro



CHRISTMAS, THE SEASON OF GREAT JOY



Our inaugural SPOM-JOM Christmas Family Party held on 17 December 2016 was a magical one filled with laughter and surprises. A magician awed both young and old with his magic tricks that left many astounded. Accompanying the repertoire of magic shows was a balloon sculpting session and not forgetting the long-awaited visit from Santa Claus, who happily greeted the children with an array of gifts. The Christmas festivities lightened the mood of the Ante Hall as the sixty-five participants enjoyed themselves throughout the entire evening.

All the children who attended the Christmas party were each given a personalised gift, based on their age and gender.

"I loved the food, magic show and best of all, the Xmas present from Santa!"

MR LOH ZHENG KAI
10 years old

The Spirit of Giving

This Christmas, our officers' children not only received presents, but were also taught the importance of the spirit of giving. These young participants played "Santa" as they donated two trolleys of gifts to the charity, "Food from the Heart". SPOM and JOM members visited its headquarters to deliver the presents and shared the Christmas festivities and joy with the underprivileged. Our very own Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operations) and President of the Mess Committee (PMC), Mr Lau Peet Meng, had an enjoyable time at the event with his daughter as well.

MR TANG RU LONG
Internal Communications & Publicity Sub-Committee

"The ability to contribute to charity is the most honorable character that everyone should have in them."

MS NURULSYAHIDAH DEWI ZAINAL
Police Coast Guard



DOUBLE THE IMPACT, DOUBLE THE FUN @ SPOM GAMES & BBQ NIGHT

Missed out on the fun last year? The excitement at our annual BBQ event in SPOM was doubled this year on 30 September 2016 with darts and foosball competitions. The participants were honoured by the presence of the Commissioner of Police (CP) Mr Hoong Wee Teck, as the event's Guest-of-Honour.

Brightened with party flags, the Ante Hall was transformed into a games room that echoed with cheers and laughter of the game participants. The darts and foosball competitions



involved a total of 64 participants across different divisions and departments. After several rounds of fierce competition, the winners for the darts competition were Mr Tan Yi Chun (Bedok Division) and Mr Rane Chua (Operations Department). The winners for the foosball competition were Mr Tay Yuanqi (Operations Department) and Mr Raphael Wun (Jurong Division).

The BBQ event was staged at the garden next to the main building. A sumptuous spread of 21 items included a salad bar, satay, Japanese yakitori, BBQ stingray, Turkish chicken kebab and roasted lamb. Vegetarian fried rice and desserts were also laid out for members to savour. The aroma and garden decorations, coupled with a music performance by the Singapore Police Force (SPF) Band created a perfect setting for social gatherings with friends and colleagues.



"I attended this event with my friends and I really enjoyed the food and catch-ups with my peers from other units. This year's event is better compared to last year's as there were games."

MR KEK CHIN KEN
(Police Licensing & Regulatory Department)

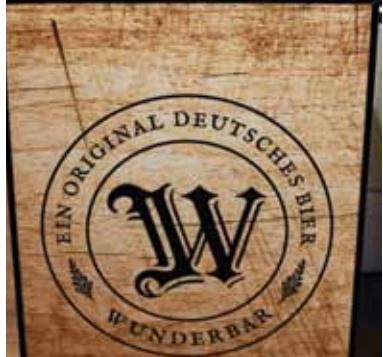
Congratulations to the winners!



Kudos to the organising team for making the event a successful one. We look forward to more fun and surprises next year!

MS POH HONG TING
Internal Communications & Publicity Sub-Committee

A BAVARIAN NOVEMBEER FESTIVAL



SPOM celebrated its very own Volkfest (peoples' festival) on 22 November 2016. This year, our members were treated with a taste of Germany, following the success of a Japanese theme last year.

Wunderbar's four exquisite brews were served ice-cold from the tap by Ms Lam Li Min from Bukit Merah West NPC (Clementi Division), who could be overheard quipping with a slight German accent, "Weiß (white) or Dunkel (dark) for you?" She was sportingly attired for the occasion in a traditional German dress called the Dirndl. The Dirndl (stemming from Dirndlgewand, which means "maid's dress") originated as the uniform of Austrian servants in the 19th century. It gradually evolved into its current form and status, and crept into German culture in the early 20th century. In the 21st century, German fashion designers focused the spotlight on Dirndl and it has since become a popular party outfit during Oktoberfest.

Accompanying the golden sparkle of beer were the silver platters of German Beef Rouladen and Potato Au Gratin, amongst a buffet spread of delicacies befitting the theme of the festival.



Anyone proceeding for seconds would also unknowingly stumble upon tables of foosball and beer pong lined up in the Ante Hall. Joy and laughter filled the entire hall with each ping pong ball that bounced off the edges of the cups.

SPOM members gathered and savoured the rich heritage of Bavarian pride to their hearts' content, in the spirit of the German saying, "It takes beer to make thirst worthwhile".

MR LIM TSE WEI

Internal Communications & Publicity Sub-Committee

"The food was a delight, and the beer... there's nothing like German craft wheat beer. Rich and malty. Reminiscence of my trip to Germany when I was an undergrad."

MR CHIN YONG FENG



SPOM NATURE WALK @ PULAU SEMAKAU – UP CLOSE WITH MARINE LIFE!



In a rare opportunity to get up-close with and learn about wildlife in their natural habitats, SPOM members and their families toured the intertidal area of Pulau Semakau during the school holidays, on 13 December 2016.

Family Bonding and Learning Opportunity

Live coral reefs, starfishes, sea cucumbers and octopuses – the intertidal walk was an astonishing journey for all participants. Parents and their children walked hand in hand in search of wildlife that was rarely found on mainland Singapore. The outdoor learning experience exposed the participants to the diverse marine life and highlighted the importance of conservation.

Nature-related Activities on Pulau Semakau

Pulau Semakau is one of the few remaining places in Singapore where coral reefs could still be found. These reefs could be spotted along the intertidal area of the island, along with other marine life such as sea grass, octopuses, sea slugs, starfishes, clams and crabs. Guided intertidal nature walks on Pulau Semakau are currently organised and conducted by the National Environment Agency and the Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research.

The island was also inhabited by other flora and fauna such as the Great-billed Heron, Chinese Egret, and plants that could no longer be found on our mainland. Some other activities on the island include bird-watching, star-gazing and sport-fishing. These activities are carried out by interest groups such as the Nature Society (Singapore), The Astronomical Society of Singapore and the Sport Fishing Association (Singapore) respectively.

The Island's Duo Identity

While the western part of the island was primarily made up of nature, the eastern part was occupied by the Semakau Landfill – Singapore's first off-shore landfill which started operations in 1999. Presently, all of Singapore's wastes are incinerated and the ashes, shipped to the landfill for burial. The landfill's maximum capacity is expected to meet Singapore's waste disposal needs till 2035.

MS POH HONG TING
Internal Communications & Publicity Sub-Committee

"My family was fascinated by the up close experience with the marine life. Through this trip, we have also learnt that marine life are in fact very fragile; their habitats can easily be jeopardised by sea pollution."

MR LANCE ONG
Security Command

DURIAN NIGHT @ SPOM



Craving for Durians in January?

Did you know, other than the peak durian season that falls between June to August, there is also a second durian season between December to February annually. Not letting go of any opportunity to satiate our members' palates, SPOM held a 'Durian Night' on 20 January 2017, where a variety of good quality durians were enjoyed over an evening of fun and laughter.

The event was graced by a special Guest-of-Honour, our very own Minister of Home Affairs, Mr K. Shanmugam and his wife, Dr. Seetha Shanmugam, who interacted and shared stories with the 180 event participants.



"I have been attending SPOM's Durian Night every year and the event just keeps getting better. This particular Durian Night was exceptionally cosy and relaxed. To top things up, we had the Minister of Home Affairs as our Guest-of-Honour."

MR HAMZAH MOHD HUSSEIN
Airport Police Division



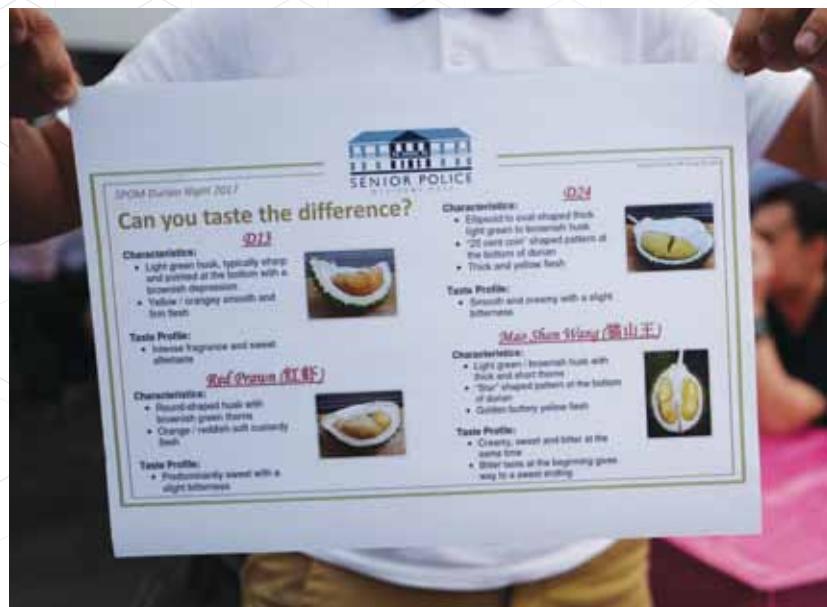


Durian Night @ SPOM (cont'd)

It Just Keeps Getting Better!

A total of 440 kilograms of D13, D24, Red Prawn and Mao Shan Wang durians were served at the session, filling the event space with their unique sweet scent. In order to ensure that participants get a taste of the different varieties, thoughtful arrangements were conceptualised by the organising committee to ensure each table had a good mix of durians. To further enhance the tasting session and allow participants to fully appreciate the King of Fruits, factsheets highlighting the characteristics and taste profiles of each variety were placed at every table.

The bi-annual Durian Night just keeps getting better and it really makes us wonder how else the organisers would surprise us for the future durian seasons. Till the next time!



Eat and learn at the same time! Catalogues were provided at each table to share the characteristics and taste profiles of the different durian varieties.



"This is my first Durian Night at SPOM and I appreciate that each table was given a variety of durians. The durian catalogue is really helpful as it guides us in differentiating the different types of durian served."

MS ANGELINE GOH
Technology Crime Investigation Branch
(Criminal Investigation Department)

"This is the best Durian Night that I have attended so far. The Mao Shan Wang was fantastic!"

MR ALVIN MOH
(Planning & Organisation Department)

MS POH HONG TING
Internal Communications & Publicity Sub-Committee

SPOM ANNUAL DINNER



350 guests dressed for the event and gave life to the 'Broadway' theme at the much anticipated SPOM Annual Dinner on 31 March 2017. Held at the Grand Copthorne Hotel, the theme for this year was apt because Broadway, which has no room for error during a live musical, is very similar to policing in that we live and breathe professionalism in our duties to ensure that the show goes on come what may.

The event commenced with the corporate video produced by the Internal Communications & Publicity Sub-Committee (ICPC) which featured SPOM as "Our Home, Among Friends".



The video showcased SPOM members as drivers of capability development within SPF in the past years, and even gave a glimpse into what members can expect to see in SPOM in the years to come.

During the event, guests were treated to not only a spectacular eight-course dinner, but also to a myriad of performances as well. Corporate entertainer, Ferris Yao, Singapore's renowned Mentalist, demonstrated his jaw dropping telepathic powers. After inviting a few audiences up on stage for several rounds of jesting, the Mentalist read out names that the participants were asked to think of but kept silent about. He then ended



off his performance with a nonchalant shuffling of the Rubik's Cube behind his back that resulted in a different colour on each of the cube's six sides! Not forgetting, the live music that is ever so quintessential of Broadway – SPOM's very own members unveiled their talents hidden behind the guise of their uniforms and livened up the stage with a series of song and dance items. The SPF Band's amazing repertoire serenaded everyone through the night while gastronomical delights were being served.

Closing the curtains on the SPOM Annual Dinner 2017 was a total sum of \$27,641 raised for Life Community Services Society (LCSS). The funds were raised by donations pledged by SPOM members as well as proceeds from the sales of SPOM wine. LCSS is supported by the Community Chest (SPF's adopted charity) and has served over 1,000 beneficiaries through their Student Care, Friends of Children, Friends of Youth and Mighty Kids, Families & Community programmes since its establishment in 1996.

"The mind reader was unbelievable. We should hire him to be an investigator!"

MR CHIA HONG KAI
(Airport Division)

"The food was really good. The performances amazing. I almost thought we had invited Nicole Kidman when I heard 'Come What May'! Truly, a wonderful Broadway experience."

MR HANIZAN HAMZAH
(Police Intelligence Department)

"A very well organised event! The food and the ambience were nice. I enjoyed the singing performances by SPF officers, and really appreciate the complimentary SPOM wine for every table."

MS GRACE CHONG
(Planning & Organisation Department)



MR LIM TSE WEI
Internal Communications & Publicity Sub-Committee



ADRENALINE-PUMPING FUN @ SPOMLYMPICS!

The inaugural SPOMlympics 2017 held on 6 February 2017 has attracted eighty SPOM members to participate and compete for glory in the games of laser tag, foosball and darts. With the series of game competitions held, participants relished the thrilling experience of an evening of adrenaline rush alongside their peers!



The Quest to be the Best

In teams of four, participants took to the SPOM tennis courts with their laser tag weapons and transformed the venue into an exciting battlefield – with a single aim to gain victory by securing a symbolic red flag. The laser tag quest was not only physically challenging, it also demanded quick reflexes, strong teamwork and comprehensive strategies to outdo each other.

At the Ante Hall and Foyer, the event was further hyped up by competitions of precision and finesse – foosball and darts.

Gathered around the foosball table, the participating teams fought for glory by scoring goals with skills and strategies.

At the darts station, the players battled with focus and precision. Cheers of the supporters rang through SPOM as the darts made contact with the dartboard to garner excellent scores.

Crowning our Champions

After rounds of intense competition, the champion teams of the respective games were announced and the prizes were proudly presented by the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operations) and President of Mess Committee (PMC), Mr Lau Peet Meng. The top prizes went to Mr Sean Ho, Mr Suhaimi, Mr Matthias, and Mr Tan Jia Ming who proved their worth by not only being the best team of sharp shooters in laser tag, but also by bagging the overall winner's prize at the SPOMlympics!

MS JOANNAH SHANE BTE MOHD SHAHARUDDIN
Internal Communications & Publicity Sub-Committee



"The event allowed officers to interact and engage in friendly competition after a day of hard work."

MS TEO WAN LING
Investigation Branch
(Tanglin Division)

"It was nice to see everyone coming together and having so much fun!"

MS WONG SUN LENG
Intellectual Property Rights Branch
(Criminal Investigation Department)

"I had so much fun during the laser tag segment. I can't wait for the next SPOMlympics!"

MR JINGHUI
Investigation Branch
(Central Division)

STANDARD CHARTERED MARATHON SINGAPORE 2016



SPOM took part in the Standard Chartered Marathon Singapore (SCMS) 2016 Distance Challenge on 4 December 2016 with a team of 106 runners. Our team collectively ran a total of 2,684.115 kilometres that morning and achieved third placing in the Non-Corporate category of the Distance Challenge. This has been our best performance thus far since we began participating in the Distance Challenge in 2010.

Kudos to all SPOM members who woke up in the wee hours of a humid morning, put on their running attire, dragged their sleep-deprived bodies to Orchard/City Hall, squeezed with thousands of other sweaty bodies in the starting pen, wondered why they signed up and doubted whether they

could make it to the finish. Yet, they started the race, and pressed on despite their bodies' persistent protests, until finally passing the sweet finish line at City Hall.

Each and every one of you, with your arduous preparation and training regime, contributed to our best performance yet (see list of finishers at the end of the article).

The Sports Sub-Committee looks forward to your continued support in the next Distance Challenge on 3 December 2017. Till then, keep on running!

MR CHNG JIN KAI
Sports Sub-Committee





Standard Chartered Marathon Singapore 2016

Full Marathon (42.195 km)	Half Marathon (21.1 km)	10 km		
Joe Chan Brian Ong Choy Chan Hoe Lawrence Eng Stanley Seah Chng Jin Kai Loke Kok Beng Sam Chua Tang Meng Huat Chai Ming Ling Qistina Chua Sze Chiang Jonathan Doris Lin Huang Shuhua Ho Kok Keong Krishna Bahadur Saru Junette Lan Mohamad Nafis Bin Ahmad Dali Morgan Lim	Ong Shin Hoong Tan Huang Yee Tan Lee Teck Tan Shu Li Bhogat Narayan Limbu Paras Rai Bhumiraj Limbu Ninlekh Chua Kok Choon Alvin Gulam Rasul Bin Mohamed Yusoff Hit Raj Limbu Jimmy Foo Tze Jui Loh Yu Long Justin Nabin Rai Neo Chin Loong Ou Shaotong Regina Chai Samantha Wong Sia Kian Zhong	Lau Peet Meng Tan Chye Hee K Puvenesveran Lim Sok Yong Seek Conniea Tan Chi Koon Adrian Sim Lee Huan Ting Ng Chiew Shea Joseph Roslee Bin Khalid Sergius Wat Ang Chun Hiang Ang Jeffrey Brenda Ong Bi Hui Chia Choon Chye Melvin Daniel Toh Xian Hui Ernest Quah Wei Siong Goh Qiu Bin Keh Yun Jie Lim Cheow Hee	Lim Poh Chin Christo Lok Hai San Ng Chok Chun Ng See Zhong Peter Ho Kok Fei Sabrina Wong Sam Lee Yue Rui Sheng Ram Prasad Gurung Cheng Wai Lan Chew Sook Yeng Chua Qi Long Jasper Joyce Chan Ann Ni Khong Wai Chow Mohd Yazid Abdullah Teo Wan Ling Teoh Ee Jia Terry Koh Vimala Raj S/O Pathmanathan	Florence Chua Goh Lam Kiong Edwin Tan Cheng Siong John Chan Ah Joon Ong Ying Lan Marcey Teo Yee Lay Qu Wang Jze Chia Wei Kok Kenny Desmond Ong Gho Boon Eik Jasmine Quek Lee Cheng Wah Weng Lilong Joey Tham Liao Chengyu Leo Lin Yuehong Lin Boyuan Malcolm Cheong Michelle Tay Ng Ling Lee Quek Chun Yong Raphael Wun Soen Nam Suraya Kasman Tan Boon Hwa Tan Yew Soon Wong Yao Min Arman Mohd Ali Koay Lean Seong Seah Sing Hua Siti Haira Batra

SPOM-JOM NIGHT RIDE 2016 – CYCLING ENTHUSIASTS UNITE!



Not just your regular bi-annual SPOM cycling event – the inaugural SPOM-JOM Night Ride 2016 was a notable event co-organised by SPOM and JOM to promote healthy lifestyle and to strengthen the camaraderie among SPOM and JOM cycling enthusiasts across SPF.

On 23 September 2016, ninety-five SPOM and JOM members took off from JOM for a 30 kilometre ride. They were joined by the Chairman of the Sports Sub-Committee, Mr Arthur Law. The cycling journey took them through Whampoa, Kallang Park, Marina Promenade, Gardens by the Bay, Marina Bay Sands and East Coast Park.

Participants enjoyed the night breeze and scenic views as they pedalled through HDB heartland estates and the Central Business District. The rest point at the Marina Bay Sands' Event Plaza offered participants an opportunity to interact in a stress-free environment, with a gorgeous city view as the backdrop.

With the success of this event, we look forward to the next Night Ride with our peers from JOM!

"We passed plenty of green paths as we made our way to the Marina Barrage. Views of the Singapore Flyer, the Marina Bay Sands and the conservatories of Gardens by the Bay were simply marvellous."

MR ISZERAJ BIN IBRAHIM
(Clementi Division)

MS POH HONG TING
Internal Communications & Publicity Sub-Committee



SPOM-JOM NIGHT RIDE 2017 – A ROUNDABOUT TRIP BY THE SEA

After the overwhelming success of its inaugural event in 2016, the SPOM-JOM Night Ride was held for a second time on 17 February 2017. Eighty-four SPOM and JOM members set off on a 31.6-kilometre ride from East Coast Park to Changi Beach and back. United by their common love for cycling, these enthusiasts set their work aside and gathered on a lovely Friday evening to catch up. While many brought their own bicycles and gears along, others rented from nearby rental kiosks. What resulted was a beautiful line-up of different shapes, sizes and colours.

Cyclists rode at their own comfort and pace, constantly keeping themselves hydrated along the way. Whenever fatigue crept up and their legs began to tire, the warmth of the evening would conjure a rejuvenating gush of land breeze to press them forth.

Those who expected to partake in an evening of toil were pleasantly surprised when they arrived at the midway rest point. The pungent yet ever-so-familiar aroma of durians beckoned to all. It was truly a sweet gesture by the organisers to supply such a treat to the participants. Refuelled by the hearty feast, the cyclists kicked into gear and rode on for the second leg of their route.

The look of satisfaction was reflected on everyone's sweaty face when the entire group crossed the finishing line. It was by no means an easy feat, but all in all, everyone agreed that it was truly a night of tremendous fun.

"It was a great evening. The feeling was different as I have just retired. Should have more of such events!"

MR RICHARD GOH
(Tanglin Division)

"A good opportunity to work out amid our busy schedules and make new friends. Kudos to the organising committee for putting up a good show."

MR BEN KOH
(Tanglin Division)

"A total different cycling experience from my routine CPU patrol on a bicycle. Though my butt hurts after the ride, I totally enjoyed the breeze and calmness of the sea. I look forward to the next cycling trip!"

MR KENARD BOH
(Tanglin Division)

"I didn't expect to see durians for a night cycling event! When I finished eating I was quite worried that I wouldn't be able to complete the rest of the journey. I really enjoyed myself and it was a good chance to catch up with colleagues over a relaxing exercise."

MR CHOONG JOO KEE
(Bedok Division)

MR LIM TSE WEI
Internal Communications & Publicity Sub-Committee



THE 12TH SPOM MEDAL 2017 @ SELETAR COUNTRY CLUB



The 12th SPOM Golf Medal was proudly co-hosted by the SPOM Sports Sub-Committee and Police Golfing Society at Seletar Country Club on 24 March 2017.

The event attracted 34 SPOM members competing in an 18-hole course, injected with thrilling game formats – Double Peoria Play and Nearest-to-Pin.

A Game of Thrill and Unpredictability!

Non-golfers may not be aware that different formats of golf exist. The 36-point system allows golfers to accrue points based on the following:

- A double bogey or worse is worth 0 points;
- A bogey is worth 1 point;
- Pars and everything better than par (birdie, eagle) are worth 2 points each.

For the **Double Peoria**, 12 'blind' holes are randomly selected by the Country Club and points are assigned to these 'blind' holes; these points are not made known to the players. Upon completion of the game, the points will be revealed and totalled – Any player with a decent score will stand a chance to win the tournament!

Nearest-to-Pin is usually played as a novelty contest. To win the game, the golfer's ball will have to stop closest to the flagstick.



"I always enjoyed SPOM Medal games for the way it is organised and the competition format. Players who played reasonably well from the usual System 36 formats are all in the mix to win, but the eventual winners do need some extra bit of luck. The better players have better chances but nothing is for sure. Winning 2 prizes in the same game is Double Happiness!"

MR LEE SU PENG
(Commander TRANSCOM)



"The nearest to pin came just after a disastrous hole where I sort of 'gave up' and relaxed my swing. So the saying goes, swing the club and not hit the ball."

MS WINNIE FOO
(TRACOM)

The Golf Medal Winners!

After rounds of intense competition, here are our winners!

'Double Peoria':

- 1st place Mr Lee Su Peng from TRANSCOM with 33 points
- 2nd place Mr Xavier Lek from CNB with 34 points
- 3rd place Mr Ng Khai Song from CNB with 35 points

Nearest-to-Pin:

- Mr Chin Yong Feng from NGSD
- Ms Winnie Foo from TRACOM
- Mr Lee Su Peng from TRANSCOM

MR TANG RU LONG
Internal Communications & Publicity Sub-Committee



GONG-XI CUP 2017 @ RAFFLES COUNTRY CLUB

There is something else that 138 officers from the Home Team, Certis CISCO, AETOS and SATS have in common other than their uniforms, and that is their love for the game of golf! On 7 February 2017, golf enthusiasts gathered during Lunar New Year to celebrate the festive season via the Gong-xi Cup 2017, with the Commissioner of Police (CP), Mr Hoong Wee Teck as the event's Guest-of-Honour.

From new golfers to those with more experience than Tiger Woods himself, the battle for the Cup was not just a competition, but also an event that fosters friendship and mentorship.

A Game for All

Amongst the golfers, an SPF retiree officer, Mr Richard Goh shared that he decided to take part in the event out of his interest for golf and his passion to share his experience and insights with younger officers.



"The Gong-xi Cup is a great event as it accords SPF officers (past and present) to meet and reminisce over the experiences they once shared in a relaxing environment. I fully enjoyed the game and am looking forward to the next one!"

MR RICHARD GOH
SPF Retiree

"There is nothing like a beautiful day out on the golf course with no phones, green grass and fresh air. The company of great golfing buddies and nurturing mentors helped to numb the pain of losing countless golf balls! Certainly a memorable experience worth remembering!"

MR CHIN YONG FENG
(Next Generation Systems Directorate)



"Gong-xi" to the Winners!

After rounds of intense competition, our winners are as follows:

- 1st place Mr Wee Zong Rui from MPD with 41 points
- 2nd place Mr Woo Jun Hon from TP with 41 points
- 3rd place Mr Aaron Teo from TRACOM with 35 points

MR TANG RU LONG
Internal Communications & Publicity Sub-Committee

WHERE "A" ≠ AUTOMATIC



Before the digital age exploded into being and selfies/wefies took over our newsfeeds, photography has played a vital role in visual communications. With the growing significance social media has over our lives, three members of SPOM's Photojournalism Team organised a Basic Photography course to impart key tips that will make their course participants' future Instagram posts look on fleek!

Course participants were taught the key elements and technical aspects to photography, and the golden principles to capturing great images.

For those who were unable to attend the course held on 24 February 2017 at SPOM, fear not, for some of the key terminologies and tips are outlined below.

In photographic terms, "A" stands for Aperture-priority – a mode which you decide the aperture size and let your camera do the rest of the magic for you.

Aperture Priority ("A" or "AV")

Choose your desired aperture (to determine the depth of field aka blur background) and let the camera decide the rest of the settings.

Shutter Priority ("S" or "TV")

Choose your desired shutter speed (to freeze or slow down motion) and let the camera decide the rest of the settings.

Manual ("M")

Explore the potential settings by going fully manual. If the "Rule-of-Thirds" did not make sense to anyone before the course, it now does to the participants! Artistic angles for composing good looking images were also shared amidst a delightful food platter catered from The Peak Bistro. For those who did not want to be bogged down by technical matters, a segment was also specially conceptualised to share about using mobile phones to capture great photos.

Golden Principles

- Know your camera
- Hold your camera still
- 2-second rule
- Cover different angles
- Tell a story

Composition

Rule of Thirds

Split the image into 9 quadrants and either place your subjects at the intersection points or within a "third" of the image.

Lines

Use lead-in lines to lead the viewers' eyes into the frame.

Perspectives

Go high, or low, and explore the world from a different angle.



"I was mesmerized by the photographs and hope to get similar effects!"

MS AZLINDA AZIZ
(Ang Mo Kio Division)

"The instructor made technical aspects easy to understand and I hope that more sessions can be arranged."

MR JEFFREY NG
(CAD)

"I've learnt a lot! The passion and knowledge of the instructors was commendable."

MR TAN HONG HAN
(P&O)

MR GERALD TAY & MS VICKI WONG
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THE PULSE OF SPOM

Newly appointed Senior Officers and National Service Inspectors (NSIs) of the Singapore Police Force (SPF) or Senior Officers of the Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB) may often wonder what the Senior Police Officers' Mess (SPOM) is and why a monthly fee is deducted from his or her payroll for a Mess which they knew little about. Similar questions about their memberships have been raised by new members (both Honorary and Associate) who chose to join this exclusive institution. This is where the Membership Sub-Committee steps in.

Introductory Dinners

For most Senior Officers, their first visit to SPOM will be during the introductory dinners held during their C-Course training. These dinners are organised by the Membership Sub-Committee. They are held on a bi-monthly basis, accommodating two C-Course squads each time, and are designed to be both interesting and educational for the officer trainees.

Each event will commence with the Sub-Committee addressing the new members, followed by an introductory video on SPOM. The members will then be brought on a tour around the SPOM compound by Mr Ng Chun Khin, SPOM's Mess Manager. The tour is one of the key highlights of the event, to introduce new members to the rich history and heritage of SPOM. This will be followed by a sharing session by the Business Development and Infrastructure Sub-Committee on the upgrading plans for SPOM, whereby a beautifully crafted model of the future SPOM building will be showcased to the new members. The evening will be concluded with the actual dinner co-hosted by the Singapore Senior Police Officers Association (SSPOA) and the Membership Sub-Committee as part of the joint welcome for new Senior Officers into SSPOA and SPOM.

The Sub-Committee enjoys the strong support of both SPOM and SPF leaders such as the President of the Mess Committee (PMC), Mr Lau Peet Meng, Vice-Presidents of the Mess Committee (Vice-PMCs), Mr Loy Chye Meng and Mr Tan Hung Hooi, who would take time off their busy schedules to grace these dinners. The President and Vice-President of SSPOA, Mr Hsu Sin Yun and Ms Florence Chua respectively, would also co-host the dinners with PMC and Vice-PMC. These distinguished guests would share their experiences with the new members, amidst a casual atmosphere, while tucking into scrumptious dishes prepared by SPOM's in-house caterer, Swatow Catering. The event will end with each new member leaving with a SPOM souvenir – which in 2016, was either a classy-looking faux leather card holder or an Adidas dri-fit polo t-shirt.

Behind these joyous introductory dinners is a group of officers who plan, organise and coordinate the events to integrate new members into the large SPOM family. Led by Mr Edwin Tan, the five officers assisting him are Mr Andrew Wang, Mr Luther Kim, Mr Edison Ng, Mr Kevin Lee and Ms Gay Hui Shan.



Appreciation Event for National Service Inspectors

Not forgetting our NSIs who sacrifice two years of their lives for SPF and the Nation, the Sub-Committee organises dinners or lunches to convey appreciation to these young officers. The organising team is led by Mr Tan Yi Hao, and comprises Ms Jeslin, Mr Chua Jia Hao and Ms Jacqueline Foo. These dinners or lunches are usually held in conjunction with the pre-ORD briefings conducted by the Police National Service Department.

During the event, the entire squad, including their Course Managers and Field Instructors are invited. The Sub-Committee often obtains photos or videos from the NSIs to create a montage which will be shown during the event for officers to reminisce the good times spent training together in HTA and their time with SPF before they embark on the next phase of their journeys. PMC and Vice-PMCs would also grace these events and take the chance to interact with these young officers. They would take the opportunity to provide guidance and learn more about the NSIs' experiences whilst serving their National Service with SPF.



Membership Administration

Apart from the introductory and appreciation events, the Sub-Committee reviews current membership policies to benefit SPOM members and looks closely at how SPOM is able to engage its existing members. The Sub-Committee also works towards expanding our membership base strategically by extending our hand of friendship to SPF's key partners. These includes our retired officers, NS KAHCAHs, Ministry leaders as well as other key strategic partners through various membership schemes. The team, which consists of Mr Tan Yi Chun, Mr Gregory Kang and Mr Jason Chua, plays an integral role in SPOM's strategic outreach, with the aim of broadening our membership base, as well as strengthening and developing our existing bonds with our officers and SPF partners.

From the beginning of a Senior Officer's career to his or her retirement, the committee actively serves all of his or her membership needs. Upon retirement, the Sub-Committee also prepares a thoughtful and unique retirement gift for each retiring officer.

Experiences of the Committee Members

As the chemistry and dynamics differ between the squads and the invited LGs, the outcome of each welcome dinner can be somewhat unpredictable. "Each squad we get are like the little gifts in Kinder Surprise, bringing us joy," Mr Andrew Wang said with a laugh.

To Mr Edison Ng, this sense of satisfaction stems from the gratitude of the new members. "Some of them thanked us for introducing SPOM to them, and for giving them the opportunity to mingle with the LGs. It's heartening to be appreciated for organising these events."

Mr Kevin Lee mentioned that the hardest part about planning the events was coordinating the dates for the welcome dinners. "Every squad has their schedules planned out months ahead. The LGs have tight schedules too. Furthermore, SPOM may also be pre-booked for other events. We solve the problem by providing a list of dates for the guests in advance so that they

can select a date that suits their schedules." Mr Luther added that they were thankful that there had been no major glitches thus far, other than one occasion when SPOM was suddenly booked for another event, on the same day that the welcome dinner for two C-Course squads was supposed to be held. Fortunately, the event ended an hour earlier than expected and did not clash with the welcome dinner which had been painstakingly planned for.

Conclusion

In a myriad of ways, the Membership Sub-Committee is the first and last point of contact for SPOM members. The team strives to make every officer's experience as memorable as possible. We take pride in passing on the culture and tradition, making SPOM unique and 'Our Home, Among Friends'.



MR GREGORY KANG
Membership Sub-Committee



“We sleep safely at night because rough men stand steady to visit violence on those who would harm us.”

Sir Winston Churchill



C-SQUAD FEATURE (C1/2016 – C9/2016)





C1/2016



The very first C-squad of 2016 entered TRACOM on 25 January 2016. 17 individuals from different backgrounds banded together as they embarked on a new chapter in their lives. This was also the very last squad that their Course Manager (CM) INSP Muhammad Idil managed.





From left to right:

Row 1: Benedict, Yan Ling, Sze Li, Clarissa, Irina, Huilin, Jocelyn, Xin Ci, Yi Jing, Eillyin
Row 2: Adam, Said, Danviel, Chaps, Dehui, Ken, Johnson, Yeow Chong, Faizal, Simon, Kok Keen, Jason, Samson, Fazri, Khairul, Paul

From the very beginning, our CM and Field Instructor (FI) Encik Hassan instilled a high standard of discipline in us. We were taught that as police officers, respect needs to be earned. They cautioned us about the pitfalls of being Senior Officers, and how easy it would be for us to lose sight of what was paramount in being an officer – discipline. They guided us with high expectations and loved us in their own unique ways. Together, we adapted quickly and learned the basics of being a police officer.

On 11 April 2016, 9 Graduate Police Officers (GPOs) joined us and our squad was made complete. The GPOs not only mentored us as we were less experienced, but also provided depth to our learning by sharing with us their real-life experiences as officers.

Our resilience and strength were put to test during our leadership training. Together as a squad, we shed blood, sweat and tears. We persevered till the end and we 'left no man behind'. All 26 of us completed the leadership training and emerged stronger together.

On 13 October 2016, the graduation ceremony marked our successful completion of the Senior Officer Basic Course.

9 months flew by and we were posted out separately. The journey has not been easy being in a new environment where the learning curve is steep and we have to work independently. However, with the skills and knowledge that have been honed in us, we are ready to face new challenges each day, knowing that we will always have each other's backs.





C2/2016

237 days in the illustrious Home Team Academy – That is 237 days of exams, physical trainings and while in Nepal, never-ending uphill steps to climb. There were ups and downs, but our squad made it through as one team. For each of us, there were humbling moments when we found ourselves inadequate as a leader, but those were the very moments we learnt the most about ourselves.

When we reached the summit of the Nepalese mountain, many of us wondered how our squad made it to that moment from our humble and varied beginnings. Some of us were previously teachers, researchers, and even IT professionals,



but we left that all behind to band together as one. Considering that we came from widely diverse backgrounds, we were proud of each other for holding fast and encouraging each other throughout the journey.

Just as quickly as we had banded together to overcome our C-course, our merry band has been split up, akin to a diaspora.

We will never forget the lessons that we have learnt during those arduous moments in training. Adversity builds character; remain as men and women of resilience and upright character we shall.



On 27 June 2016, 24 rank and file officers reported to the Training Command for the commencement of their Senior Officer Basic Course. Leaving behind the comforts of their homes, they embarked on a journey to become full-fledged Senior Officers.

Truth be told, many of us had a tough time coping with the demands of physical training and adapting to the regimentation that was expected of us. But the real challenge for many of us was missing out on family time.

A significant part of our training was the Overseas Leadership Training in Nepal. We had to trek for 100 kilometres whilst completing the assigned missions within the tight time frame given. Over there, we learnt about the importance of leadership under stressful situations and harsh environments. We had an unforgettable encounter when a 5.5 magnitude earthquake occurred on one of the nights there. Through sheer determination, we completed our missions.



The strong bonds we formed throughout the course have forged great memories which we have brought to our respective postings, embarking on our subsequent endeavour as Senior Officers.





C4/2016

C4/16 is a squad that is the epitome of dynamism. We have young and aspiring protectors of Singapore, as well as learned masters of law enforcement who brought their expertise along with them. The interactions between these two groups during our C-course training sparked off what eventually turned out to be friendships to last a lifetime.



We trained hard together, played hard together and most importantly, took care of one another during tough times.



This was especially so when we went to Nepal for our Overseas Leadership Training where some of us got injured, some got unwell and everyone was physically strained. Yet we stood by each other and ensured that all made it to the end. There was no giving up on one another. This is the strength of C4/16.



There was so much to learn throughout these 17 days due to the intense exposure to a variety of leadership styles. In the absence of creature comforts such as WiFi, smart phones and social media, we got to bond and enjoy each other's company.

Regardless of our individual destinies in SPF, the forged memories of our journey together as C4/16 shall always remain.



On 18 July 2016, C5/16 was formed. 27 direct entry trainees embarked on a journey of a lifetime to be trained as officers of the SPF and CNB.



Training Command has successfully delivered its promise in transforming us from trainees to operationally ready officers. Over the course of our training, our knowledge of the law, operational proficiency and leadership qualities were tested. However, nothing was tougher for us than to be physically separated from our loved ones over the weekdays.

Despite the pain of separation from our loved ones, we stumbled upon a precious realisation: Just as it took nine months for a mother to painstakingly deliver her baby, it took



the same duration for C5/16 to birth beautiful friendships when we overcame our challenges together.

From the plains of Pokhara to the peak of Poon Hill, C5/16's camaraderie was at its strongest during our overseas leadership training. The completion of the 17-day trek in Nepal, accompanied by accumulated fatigue, blisters and homesickness, could only be made successful through the sheer combined willpower of everyone.

By providing mutual support and bearing each other's burden over the duration of the course, C5/16 has become an indomitable giant that faced every challenge head on. With irreplaceable memories of our victory, we finished the race strong and together as one.



C6/2016



From left to right:

Row 1: Shazali, Simon Tan, Ho Cher Hin, Muhammad Hazri, Suhaidi, William Tan, Eric Toh, Kevin Tan

Row 2: Sidney, Kenneth Tan, Alex, Long Jieh Liang, Khaled, Charleston, Yee Seng, Andy, Junaidi

Row 3: Tommy Hong, Wei Liang, Bryan Sng, Seow Ming Huat, Larry Tay, Shi Wei, Farid, Fariz, Indra

On 3 October 2016, 25 police officers and a CNB officer commenced their C-course. These officers were Rank and File officers and hence, not new to the force.

Despite being in the force for many years, we faced unfamiliar faces all around as most of us do not know and have never worked with each other before.

None of us would have guessed that it was possible to forge such a strong sense of camaraderie by the end of our six-month course.

Being Rank and File officers, we had to unlearn and relearn everything that we thought we already knew. Classroom lessons were tough, as was physical trainings. We came from different units – some had spent their entire careers in specialist units and thus, classroom modules on the Penal Code and Criminal Penal Code were alien to some of us.

Be it physical training or classroom lessons, we have spurred each other on to ensure that everyone cleared the modules together. It was never an individual effort but rather a collective one by the whole squad that made it possible.

Focus was always on us as we were referred to as the 'big brothers' by the other squads. Our actions (and inactions) were scrutinised so we ensured that we exhibited high levels of discipline throughout the course.

Our time in HTA was an unforgettable experience. The takeaways we obtained will be deeply ingrained and duly exhibited throughout the rest of our careers.

Leadership training was the highlight of the whole course. Our mental and physical resilience were stretched to their fullest. This further strengthened the brotherhood in us.

On 13 April 2017, we graduated from the Senior Officer Basic Course and were posted to our respective units. However, our band of brothers still regularly meet up to rekindle memories of our time in HTA and to also share our personal and work experiences.

Before parting ways at our graduation dinner, we shared that C-course was a challenge that we successfully overcame together. We will continually face challenges throughout our careers and how we view these challenges defines us. Our time in HTA has moulded our characters and we, the officers from C6/16, are ready for any challenges that may lie ahead!



C7/16 is unique as we have an almost equal gender ratio. Nonetheless, we managed to find strength in our diversity. Together, we aced our exams and police competency tests, ran for TRACOM at the Annual Police Cross Country competition, conquered peaks and valleys as we trekked for days in Nepal, planned a Chinese New Year celebration for the entire Alpha Company, became ushers when the Distinguished Service Order medal was conferred on the Inspector-General of Police of Malaysia, and marched with pride as we bore the State and Home Team colours for the inaugural Home Team Parade 2017.

It was not always easy. At times, it seemed like there was almost too much to do, the numerous slopes were almost too challenging, and some tasks were almost too difficult to complete. But we slowly learned more about each other, tapped on our strengths and made up for each other's weaknesses. As a team, we conquered, had lots of fun and emerged victorious together. In the process, C7/16 evolved from being a collection of 26 disparate officers, into a united and unbreakable squad.

At the start, it seemed as if nine months was a long time. Yet in the twinkling of an eye, we have nearly come to the end of our time in TRACOM and we will 'graduate' knowing that C7/16 will always be together as one squad at heart.





C8/2016

The direct entry trainees of C8/16 entered HTA on 17 October 2016 and were joined by fourteen feisty rank and file officers on 9 January 2017 – thus completing our squad of thirty.

The weeks in HTA have passed with structure and rhythm: Water parades were followed by Physical Training (PT), class lessons and PT again. Our regular daily schedule would be punctuated with mealtimes at Mess and the odd break time. Our lessons consisted of acronyms and references that would be familiar to everyone reading this – PDT, Lifesaving, First Aid, FRT, PSOC. What mattered as much as the training was everything else that occurred in between – the laughter, the inside jokes, the sharing of experiences and the ties that truly matter.

Every squad would go through the same training curriculum, but each would go on to develop a distinct culture of its own. C8/16 is the squad that keeps it real. We are conscientious in our duties, but entirely capable of letting our hair down to enjoy each other's company.

The memories and friendships forged would definitely last for a long time to come.



C9/16 began with nine direct-entry trainees on 28 November 2016 – a mix of fresh graduates and adults with prior working experience. After ten weeks of training as a ‘ninja’ squad, we welcomed another 19 Graduate Police Officers (GPOs) who had recently completed their undergraduate studies.

Life as a Senior Officer Trainee (SOT) has been very enriching but challenging at times. The tough physical training pushed many of us to reach higher levels of fitness, which we are grateful for. We also gained a wealth of professional knowledge and skills from our training, which were not only limited to policing competencies, but areas such as legal studies, first aid and methods of instruction were also taught. The GPOs who hailed from various backgrounds and specialist fields, already had prior knowledge and experience in law enforcement. As such, they would frequently share their experiences, which made training more interesting. After all, part of being a leader is being able to impart knowledge, experience and skills to others.

Beyond developing our own competencies, our squad made time to organise a community service project. In partnership with Marine Parade NPC, we held a half-day workshop for the elderly, where they learnt tips to avoid becoming victims of scams.

We look forward to being on the ground as trained and competent officers upon graduating from TRACOM.



NEWLYWED AND NEWBORNS



Leow Rong Ze Coen
D.O.B: 7 March 2016
Son of Mr Leow Kwang Siong
& ASP Ho Sock Teng



Chew Yuhao
D.O.B: 10 November 2016
Son of Supt Chew Jingwei
& Ms Tan Shu Min



Eunice Low Zhi Shan
D.O.B: 6 December 2016
Daughter of ASP Low Jiing Haur
& DSP Michelle Foo



Maqil Aaqif Bin Abdul Mutualib
D.O.B: 11 April 2016
Son of ASP Mutualib Bin Mohamad
& Ms Nurul Atirah Binte Mahmuddin



Mia, Lim Min Er
D.O.B: 30 March 2016
Daughter of Insp Lim Kok Chye
& Ms Cheng Lin Lin, Jaclyn



Star Xinyu Rafi
D.O.B: 6 December 2016
Daughter of Supt Lam Yoke Wah



Lee Yu Ren, Ted
D.O.B: 13 January 2016
Son of Insp Lee Ming Woei
& Ms Oh Hui Fang Sherilyn



Jayne Sarah Yoong
D.O.B: 1 October 2015
Daughter of ASP Joseph Yoong
Chun Yeon & Mrs Jenny Yoong

Newlywed and Newborns (cont'd)



Ang Jing Xun Aleister
D.O.B: 18 October 2015
Son of Insp Ang Huan Chau Vincent & Ms Marylin Pan Qin Xiu



Brenda Kheong
D.O.B: 14 November 2016
Daughter of Insp Kheong Yew Ming & W/SSgt Griselda Ng



Chew Jing Xuan Laura
D.O.B: 10 October 2016
Daughter of ASP Chew Soon Chee Lawrence & Ms Seah Ee Ling Elaine



Julia Chu Zi Huai
D.O.B: 10 March 2016
Daughter of Insp Chu Yuan Ren & Ms Jasmine Tan Yi Huan

Wedding of Adley Azmeer Shah Bin Azley Shah and Insp Azhmeera Shasha Jan Bte Mohd Sabikon on 8 October 2016



Benecia Lee En Ting
D.O.B: 11 October 2016
Daughter of ASP Lee Khum Thong & Ms Lindsay Tan



SPF RETIREES 2016 – 2017

To our SPF retirees –

In the decades spent serving in the force, you have been mentors to numerous officers under your charge. You have dedicated a lifetime serving the nation and have gone through thick and thin with our brotherhood in blue. You are an inspiration to us all.

We want to thank and congratulate you on your retirement. SPOM will continue to organise events and welcome you to join us as part of the big family, always.

S/R NO.	NAMES
1	Yeo Boon Sing John (MPD, Police) 06.04.2017
2	Evelyn Yek Yin Yoke (PLD, Police) 27.08.2016
3	Ghan Bahadur Rana (GC, Police) 02.09.2016
4	Pal Bahadur Gharti (GC, Police) 25.11.2016
5	Ramesh Gurung (GC, Police) 31.12.2016
6	Amrit Prasad Gurung (GC, Police) 31.12.2016
7	Ram Chandra Basnet (GC, Police) 31.12.2016

S/R NO.	NAMES
8	Ekraj Tamang (GC, Police) 31.12.2016
9	Rudra Bahadur Limbu (GC, Police) 31.12.2016
10	Damber Dhoj Tumrok (GC, Police) 31.12.2016
11	Jimmy Loy Jit Cheng (SecCom, Police) 15.10.2016
12	Sekaran Erulandy (CID, Police) 18.11.2016
13	Zainal Abidin Bin Mohd Yusof (CID, Police) 04.05.2017
14	Lai Thong Fock (G Div, Police) 29.10.2016
15	Lim Cheng Koon (PCG, Police) 25.12.2016
16	Lim Chong Hoe (APD, Police) 17.06.2017
17	R Laurence (HTSCI, Police) 31.07.2017
18	Lim Chan Huat (IAO, Police) 13.07.2017
19	Zainal Bin Ramli (LTW, Advanced Trg Ctr, TR) 03.07.2017
20	Teo Cheow Beng (CID, Police) 03.03.2017
21	Khoo Peng Ann Raymond (MHQ) 09.11.2016
22	Ann Ho Lay Choo (SOC, Police) 22.03.2017
23	Mohd Taufik Bin Abu Bakar (TP, Police) 10.05.2017
24	Zuraiddah Binte Abdullah (ICA) 19.04.2017
25	Ng Bah Tee (PID, Police) 29.12.2016
26	Anselm Lopez (Strategic Relations, ICPD, MHQ) 25.06.2017
27	Soh Koh Tong Geoffrey (CNB) 06.04.2017
28	Loh Siang Wee (ISD) 01.07.2016