



# TENNIS TRIVANDRUM

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## New Executive Committee takes over

# Change of command in TTC



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**Trivandrum:** Inheriting a six decade plus period of history, achievements, heritage and challenges for excellence, the new Executive committee of TTC, with responsibility for steering the club through 2010-11, was chosen and installed in office in June 2010.

Heading the list of the newly elected captains of Kerala capital's oldest sporting and cultural entity are such veterans of the Club and the game as Dr. V.J. Thomas (President), Sri R.S. Devadas (Vice President), Sri K.P. Vijayamohan (Hon. Secretary) and Sri T.A. Krishnamoorthy (Hon. Treasurer)

Sri G. Kishore Kumar, Sri V. Unnikrishnan, Sri Rufus Joseph, Sri R. Sridhar, Adv. K.K. Vijayan, Sri R. Somakumar and Dr. M.P. Vinoth were elected as members of the Executive Committee.



G. Kishore Kumar



V. Unnikrishnan



Rufus Joseph



R. Sridhar



Adv. K.K. Vijayan



R. Somakumar



Dr. M.P. Vinoth

### Presidential Notes

Dr. V.J. Thomas

## Promotion and development of Tennis our cherished objective

Dear Friends,

At the outset let me thank every one of you for giving me a second term to serve you as the President of this prestigious institution.

Promotion and development of tennis continue to be our most cherished objective and I remember our Founder President the late Lt. Col. Goda Varma Raja with profound gratitude and great reverence and pledge our total commitment to achieve the objectives laid down by him.

We are fortunate to have a highly qualified and reputed tennis coach Mr. Manojkumar (ITF Level 2) from Coimbatore to be our consultant to oversee and restore our tennis coaching programme. Mr. Manojkumar will be an excellent replacement for Mr. Paul Tornquist, the Canadian coach who left us in late 2009. Mr. Manojkumar will be at TTC for four days every month, and will formulate, guide and direct our tennis coaching programme and train our coaches in the most modern methodologies. I am confident that our efforts will produce tangible results in six months to one year.

As you all are aware the National Games Committee constituted by the Ministry of Sports & Youth Affairs, Government of Kerala,

selected the Trivandrum Tennis Club as the venue for conducting the game of tennis when the National Games will be held in Kerala in 2011. In connection with the event infrastructure development works are being taken up by the National Games Secretariat for providing roof to our coaching courts and building a full-fledged gymnasium, in addition to upgrading of the clay courts for the conduct of the event. We are extremely grateful to the Government of Kerala especially to the Hon. Minister of Sports and his team of officers for the special consideration and support given to the game of tennis and to TTC as genuine promoters of the game.

The Executive Committee constantly strive to improve the infrastructure and other facilities of the Club. Paucity of funds and lack of proper sponsorship are the major set backs for our tennis promotional activities. I request each one of you to look for potential sponsors for the conduct of tennis events and request the whole-hearted support and co-operation of all members in all the activities of the Club.

I wish all the members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year 2011.

*A message from the Secretary*

Dear fellow members,

It is with utmost regard, respect and obligation to my fellow members and our Club I am addressing you. Right from the first day on which I assumed charge as Hon. Secretary of this esteemed Club I have been receiving unstinted co-operation from fellow members and staff, for the betterment of all-round activities of the Club.

I know that there are lot of improvements to be done in many activities and facilities of the Club. First priority will be to tennis and secondly the total ambience décor and facilities of the Club.

My vision is to transform the Club into an user friendly one, to cater to the needs of the member.

With God's blessings, we the managing committee will do our best towards the total improvement in the activities of the Club, of course, with members wholehearted cooperation.

With best wishes,

**K. P. Vijayamohan**

Hon. Secretary

## R. Manojkumar appointed Professional Tennis Coach

Mr. R. Manojkumar has been appointed as professional tennis coach to upgrade the standard of tennis of TTC trainees. He was ranked No.1 in India in the Singles & Doubles category in 1993. He was also the coach of the Indian junior Under-14 tennis team to Colombo in 2004 for Asian Tennis Championships. He is still active in the coaching arena and imparting tennis training to upcoming talents. Tennis Club has decided to use his experience and expertise in the tennis to the benefit of TTC trainees. His vast experience in the field will definitely help tennis coaches of TTC to upgrade their standard of tennis.



## New entrants in TTC fraternity

**Life Members:** Dr.K.G.R.Nair, Shri. Bava Salim Kunhi, Shri. Murugan.S. and Shri. Narayanan Thampi

**Members:** Shri. Ashok Mathew, Shri. Sekhar Satish and Abhilash V. Mohan

**Associate Member:** Shri. K.R. Radhakrishnan Nair

**Spouse Member:** Mrs. Jaya Koshy

**Family Member:** Miss. Lekshmy.R

**Senior Associate Members:** Shri. M.M.Shahul Hameed and Shri.S.V.Nair

**New Corporate Members:** M/s.Artech Realtors (P) Ltd. and M/s. RM Education Solutions

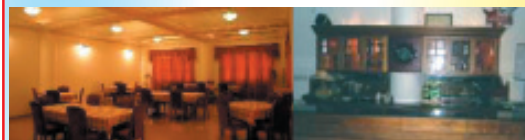
## Tennis Clinic conducted

Dubai-based Tennis Coach and Member-TTC, Sri. Anil Mathew conducted a Tennis Clinic for the Advanced Group of Trainees from August 17-20, 2010. He was assisted in the effort by the Advanced Group Coaching staff headed by Sri. Biju Mani. The Physical Trainer provided assistance in all the sessions of the Tennis Clinic. Around 20 Advanced Group Trainees attended the Clinic and took advantage of the expert guidance given.

TTC expresses its gratitude to Sri. Anil Mathew for his generous support in the service of the game and its followers.

## Procedure for Proper Guest Registration

There have been several instances of our hon'ble members registering their guests for entertaining purpose, by merely writing down in the register as 'Guest'. Kindly note that it is necessary to furnish the name of every guest in the register kept at the



reception desk. It is important that the club keep track of all guests. We would like to remind all members to follow the guest registration procedure as required in the relevant clause in the club byelaws, reproduced belows:

*"The member who introduces the Guest should invariably enter the name of the guest in the Register kept for that purpose and sign it before entertaining the guest. The guests are expected to be in the Club only along with their member hosts."*

Strict compliance in the matter is requested.

## Tennis Training: Coaches and Fees

As you are aware, TTC coaches have been conducting Special Tennis Training sessions in the club courts every day between 8 AM and 3 PM and 7 PM and 9 PM. With immediate effect, the fees payable per hour to the coaches will be as follows: The hourly fees for coach Biju Mani for a single trainee will be Rs. 400, 2 to 4 trainees will be Rs. 300 each and for 5 trainees and above, it will be Rs. 200 each.

For training under coaches Shyam Babu and Sivakumar M.R., the fees will be Rs. 300 for single trainee, Rs. 200 each for 2-4 trainees and Rs. 150 each for 5 trainees and above.

Please Note:

- Members and children of members are entitled to a 50% discount on the Club's share.
- Rs.50 will have to be paid extra per hour by the trainee directly to the Feeder / Ball boy engaged.
- The amount will be paid in the Office in advance.
- No refund will be made after the start of play.
- This facility is available only for the trainees enrolled with Club's coaching scheme.
- Club will not be responsible for the quality of coaching / hitting / ball feeding.
- The Club reserves the right to reject the request of any trainee or parent without any reason.
- Court lighting charges as applicable will also have to be met by the trainees.

## Announcing the clash of the veterans' of the game!

# All Kerala Tennis Veterans' Meet for November 20 and 21

**Trivandrum:** In keeping with its tradition of honouring the contributions of the generations past and holding them up as role models for the emerging generation, TTC will conduct The Kerala Tennis Veterans' Meet 2010 on the sprawling lawns of the club in the Kerala capital during November 20 & 21, 2010.

Various committees constituted for the successful conduct of the prestigious event include the Tournament Committee with Dr. V.J. Thomas (President-TTC) as Chairman and Sri P.V. Timothy, (Chairman, Veterans' Tournament Committee-KTA), Sri K.K. Ramachandran (Convenor, Veterans' Tour Committee-KTA), Sri Jacob Kallivayalil (President-KTA), Dr. Joy Anto (Secretary-KTA) and Sri S. Murugan, (President-TDTA) as members .

Finance Committee for the event consists of Sri R.S. Devadas (Hon. Vice President-TTC), Sri T.A. Krishnamoorthy (Hon. Treasurer-TTC), Sri R. Sridhar (Member, Exe. Committee), Sri R. Somakumar, (Member, Exe. Committee) and Sri K.K. Vijayan (Member, Exe. Committee).

The organising committee has Dr. M.P. Vinoth as Chairman and Sri S.R. Rajeev, Sri K.K. Pillai, Sri T.A. Andrews, Sri Biju K. Thomas, Sri V. Unnikrishnan, Sri Rufus Joseph, Sri G. Kishorekumar and Sri S. Sriram as members.

Sri K.P. Vijayamohan, Hon. Secretary-TTC is the Tournament Director.

The various contests in the Tournament are divided into age categories such as 35 plus, 45 plus, 55 plus and 65 plus.

### In the news

#### John Mathai, Pastoral Council Secretary Major Archdiocese of Trivandrum



Former Chief Secretary of Kerala and an active member of TTC, Sri John Mathai IAS (Rtd.) has been elected as the Secretary of the Pastoral Council of the Major Archdiocese of Trivandrum. The council is a high level advisory body of the faithful belonging to the Malankara Catholic Community of Kerala.

#### James K. Joseph, Santhigiri Administrator

Sri. James K. Joseph IA&AS (Rtd.), former Accountant General of Kerala and an active member of TTC has taken over as the Administrator of the Santhigiri Ashram, a Hindu religious order based in Trivandrum.



#### Thomas Jacob on SIB Board

Sri K. Thomas Jacob, a member of TTC, has been elected as a Director on the Board of the South Indian Bank Ltd.

### Kerala Bridge Association conducts Bridge Tournament

#### Standard wins team event; Coimbatore Blues Runners up

Standard (Thiruvananthapuram), the Bridge team comprising M/s George Mohan, S. Rajeev, Varghese Jacob and P. Ramachandran Nair, won the N. Keleswaran Memorial Trophy for



the Team Event in the tournament conducted by the Kerala Bridge Association Open Championship at the Trivandrum Tennis Club during 30-31, October, 2010.

Standard beat Coimbatore Blues in the finals to win the trophy.

In the pairs event, M/s Afshar Majeed of Cochin and Sreekrishnan of Chennai were the winners. M/s S.R.C. Sekhar and T.R. Krishnan, from Coimbatore were the first Runners Up while M/s Varghese Jacob and S. Rajeev of Trivandrum came out the second Runners Up.

Earlier, the event was inaugurated by Mr. S. Padmakumar IAS (Rtd.), former Chief Secretary of Kerala.



### Onam comes to TTC



The festival of Onam was celebrated in the Club with a sumptuous Onasadya partaken of by the members, families and guests.

### In Memorium



Former TTC coach and dedicated tennis enthusiast, V. Krishnan passed away on September 26, 2010. He was 88 and is survived by son, Udayakumar and daughter, Chandralekha. TTC News conveys the heartfelt condolences of the entire TTC Team over the sad demise of our former coach.

## TTC to host National Games Tennis

The Indian Olympic Association, the premier sports organizing body of the nation, has allotted the National Games to Kerala and, in turn the Kerala government has identified our Club as a venue for Tennis Nationals. Our Club had the same opportunity during 1987 National Games. The Games secretariat has earmarked funds for the renovation and upgradation of our existing tennis facilities. An MOU will soon be signed between the secretariat and TTC.



## Residential Rooms renovated

The only ground floor room available with our Club has been renovated and refurbished in difference to the wishes of members who prefer the ground floor room. Room no. 5 has also been renovated.

## Wireless Internet provided

In order to make our residential rooms more user friendly a new initiative has been taken by providing wireless internet connection. Router and access points are installed at various locations but modalities for its usage are to be formulated. At present it is operational in the office and Committee room.

### News Bits

#### Works carried out recently in the Club premises

Our permit room has been better equipped with a brand new digital flat screen Television with an exclusive option to view sports channels. The old TV monitor in the lounge was replaced with another Digital Flat Screen Television which enables more pleasant viewing experience. The existing one in the lounge was shifted to the family dining hall.

#### Intending/Proposed works for the betterment of the activities of the Club

- ◆ Construct a walk-way surrounding to Court Nos 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 with adequate lights to enable night walking also.
- ◆ To modernize the upstairs dining hall and to put up air conditioners therein if funds permit.

#### Proposed schemes for long-term benefit and good of the Club

- ◆ To take up at Government level or at any other appropriate level the issue of the levy imposed on the Club by State Government as a lease rent and to open up ways for settling the land issue in favour of the Club.
- ◆ To bring up and enforce a scheme on long term basis for improving the quality and quantity of tennis coaching.

#### Schemes proposed for the current Club year

- ◆ To release the tennis activity Calendar for the year 2010-2011 including conduct of Tournaments such as AITA Championships series and Talent Series
- ◆ To work up for the conduct of International Women Tennis
- ◆ To negotiate with AITA for absolving the Club from the fine imposed by AITA in 2009
- ◆ To organize and publish Calendar of other games like Billiards, Snooker & Table Tennis
- ◆ To publish Calendar of Member Tennis Tournaments.

### Wedding Bells

#### Alan George weds Cheryl Susan



Alan George Sam, son of Mr. Sam George, (Associate Member) married Cheryl Susan Thomas, on July 26, 2010

#### Joemon weds Nimiya

Joemon, son of Mr. Joseph Cherian, (Associate Member) married Nimiya, on April 10, 2010

#### Neelu weds Nithin

Neelu, daughter of Sri D. Santhikumar, (Associate Member) was married to Nithin, on May 15, 2010

#### Bena weds Jogy

Bena, daughter of Sri Marshal Joseph, (Associate Member) was married to Jogy, on June 19, 2010

#### Pramod weds Ashna



Promod S., staff-TTC married Ashna on August 27, 2010

#### Binukumar weds Ajitha



K. Binukumar, staff-TTC married Ajitha on August 22, 2010

#### Jijimon weds Neethu

Jijimon, staff-TTC married Neethu on March 8, 2010



M.S. Srinivasan



Mathew Koshy



N.R.K. Nair

## TTC Members M.S. Srinivasan, Mathew Koshy, N.R.K. Nair pass away

We are saddened by the recent demise of Hon'ble TTC Members, M.S. Srinivasan, Mathew Koshy and N.R.K. Nair. TTC News places on record its high appreciation of the contributions made by the late members and convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.