

Sub – Committee Reports

Membership Report 2011

The Club Membership profile at the end of October 2011 was as follows:-

Total Membership – All Categories

Comprised of....

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| Ordinary members | - 2549 |
| Life Members | - 199 |
| Honorary | - 24 |
| Family Members | - 74 |
| Overseas | - 275 |
| Corporate | - 9 |
| Junior | - 104 |
| Temporary Playing Members | - 74 |

In the course of the year under review there were four (4) ballots held and 82 new members were accepted into the Club.

There were 56 resignations.

Also in the course of the year 241 non-financial members were removed from the membership list of which 89 were re-instated.

Facilities Maintenance and Upkeep Report

The past year (2010/11) has been spent addressing some repairs that were overdue because of financial constraints in the past, with the focus on putting a comprehensive preventative maintenance programme in place for the future.

- a) The cladding of the eastern side of the pavilion that caused serious damage to the structure.
- b) The installation of our second elevator in the Carib Stand which had been put on hold for again due to financial constraints but necessary to fulfil the promises made to our Corporate Box Holders.
- c) The outside wall has been restored and repainted in order to facilitate the Wall Art Project which is now under the purview of the Club.
- d) The lounge has been refurbished in such a way as to make it into a multifunctional area to maximise its use.
- e) One of the tennis courts has been refurbished to facilitate the tennis fraternity through the kind sponsorship of First Citizens Bank
- f) Plans to improve on our water supply for several stands have been finalised and are being executed in the near future well in advance of next year's cricket.
- g) General maintenance of the facilities is an ongoing process.
- h) The president's box has been outfitted with separate male and female washrooms to better facilitate hosting of guests and rentals.
- i) The Dos Santos stand has been professionally checked out by an engineering firm and was reported unfit to be used and that repairs will be almost as expensive as building a new stand. This issue will be further explained by our executive and put before our membership in order to arrive at a permanent solution for this area.

It is also noted that our facilities manager Mr. Rodney Khan has moved on to greener pastures and in the meantime Mr Richard Neives has taken over his position.

We would like to welcome him back on board as he brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience and a great personality.

Submitted by Ron Van Putten

Marketing Report

The Marketing committee was very active over the last year with many successes as the club moves forward to sustain itself with funding other than donations, sponsorships and cricket.

It has become clearer that we can no longer depend on cricket alone as a source of revenue and the club has got to attract more sporting and cultural events either promoting ourselves or jointly promoting with individuals and organisations. In the first quarter we re-introduced a carnival fete together with the promotional outfit Red Ants, this fete proved to be extremely successful and we see it growing into one of the major carnival events on the calendar.

A sporting heroes reunion brunch was also held on carnival Sunday and all the countries sporting heroes from different sports and varying generations ascended on the Oval for a great day of fun, entertainment and camaraderie, we see this event growing in the next few years to be a great PR tool as well as financially beneficial to the club. We propose to form a National Youth Foundation from this to reward promising youngsters to help with their preparation for international sporting challenges.

The first 8 A side windball tournament was organized similarly to the 8 A side football with 2 divisions under 50 and over 50, this tournament was a great success, only open to members and we expect a bumper tournament in 2012 with many more members taking part and we hope to generate the same interest as the 8A Side Football.

A Schools 5 A side soccer festival was held on July 2nd which was sponsored by the Ministry of Sports and Kenwyn Jones. This festival was supported by 64 schools boys and girls which included Tobago. In addition to raising some funds for the club the PR gained was immeasurable as the schools got the opportunity to play on the hallowed grounds of the oval and we expect this tournament in 2012 to be over-subscribed and we anticipate that it will have to be played over a weekend rather than one day.

A number of Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments were organized throughout the year which again generated much needed funds for the club. These tournaments have gained popularity among our members, family and friends and will continue into 2012.

Rugby was re-introduced to the club with two games being played this year, a Touring Scottish team came up against Stag Trinidad Northerns and the very popular Bruno Browne Cup was staged between Caribs and Stag Trinidad Northerns on the playing field.

Due to the State Of Emergency and curfew many other events such as a mega Soca Parang fete has been postponed but the committee will be looking into many more events for 2012. Plans include more rugby events, a hockey festival a 20/20 cricket tournament, a culinary evening as well as numerous cultural events.

Bar Report

The bar committee understands the many challenges expressed by various members of the club over the past year. Everyone is well aware of the concerns that exist currently but things take time and it is no point we rush and make changes, then we regret certain decisions and spend more time correcting the perceived wrongs that may never have needed change.

Specific areas covered this year by the bar committee were as followed and action taken:

1. Poor customer service and unfriendly bar attendants.

ACTION:

There was staff training held over a specific period. Training addressed the way they approached and spoke to members. This in our view has improved tremendously.

2. Lack of specific training in bar techniques, skills etc.

ACTION:

The bar staff was trained in the art of mixing cocktails which has been introduced to the club and has proved to be a valuable asset to the bar drinks list.

3. Unsuitable furniture

ACTION

This has been sourced and placed in the respective areas.

4. Absence of proper storage area for stock supplies.

ACTION: An area has been built for the proper storage of stock supplies.

5. Absence of proper lunch area for bar staff

ACTION: This has been identified and an area has been approved for the bar staff.

6. Attractive uniforms for the bar staff and the implementation of rules and procedures.

ACTION: New uniforms were agreed for the staff and they all look smart and certainly well attired and uniformed.

7. A special cocktail evening was organized and there was to be an implementation of a Friday afternoon happy hour as well as a cheese and wine evening.

ACTION: The happy hour and the Cheese and Wine evening was put on hold due to the State of Emergency however as soon as the 8A Side ends the cheese and wine evening as well as the happy hour will be introduced on Fridays.

The bar committee recognizes that there is a lot of work still to be done which we hope to achieve in the coming year. Some of this is as follows:

1. Improve the lighting in the pavilion area.
2. Continue to train staff in mixing of drinks and improved customer service.
3. Improve the ambience in the bar area.
4. Improve the atmosphere of the entire pavilion area.
5. Review the role of the bar personnel
6. Review the equipment needed for better service.
7. Appropriate music for the area.
8. Inappropriate layout of the bar and placement of product and equipment.

The bar committee ask for your patience, understanding and support in the coming year as we try to improve all aspects of the bar and pavilion area for the comfort of our members.

Football Report

QPCC Football had a busy and eventful year in 2011 to date. There were several goings on in various sectors of the football fraternity with varying levels of success. The following sections of football are included in this report. North Zone, QPFC, Youth Academy and 8-a-side.

There were also several club firsts including a failed attempt to enter the pro league, a youth tour to Barbados, a box holders tournament and a new 8 a side website and wholesale bar.

North Zone

Following last year's demotion from Super league, QPCC's 1st team competed in the Zonal League in 2011. The team is coached by third year coach Dexter Gill and is assisted by Christian Uhre and Anthony Selby.

Dexter is a former National player and long time QPCC standout, having captained the Parkites for many seasons. He represented the club during the initial semi professional league in 1996/1997 until the league folded and continued to represent QPCC at various levels for over 15 years.

Christian Uhre and Anthony Selby are both European nationals who have made Trinidad their home. They have both represented the club at North Zone level for the last two seasons and have added great value through their experience and structured background.

At the start of November, the team sits on top of Group A. The two top teams of Group A and B compete in a Big 4 competition with the winner representing the North Zone in the Champions of Champions. None of the knockout competitions have begun as yet and most are scheduled to begin in November.

The 2011 goal for the North Zone team is to win promotion to the super league and continue to build our base for QPCC participation in the highest level possible in Trinidad. The team is well balanced with a mixture of youth and experience as most of the super league participants last year have stayed on with the team and some of the U-17 players have been promoted to play with the first team. The team has also acquired a few players that haven't proven themselves at US collegiate and national levels and this current core should be good enough to compete at the Super League without the need for a mass influx of players as in year's past which will help this current crop in promotion should the opportunity arise. The team looks set for a Zonal playoff and hopefully a place in the Champions of Champions.

QPFC

QPFC was launched in August 2011 at a Breakfast media function hosted at Jaffa. The logo and proposed merger with Superstar rangers was presented to the public by Club president Bruce Aanensen. The event was well covered in newspapers and TV stations. QPFC folded soon after due to lack of funding. Management has stated that QPFC remains active and looks to 2012 for a re-launch.

Youth Academy

QPCC had a very successful year in terms of Youth Football at the club. The club coached over 120 kids in six teams.

There were three teams – U-13, U-15 and U-17 representing QPCC in the Youth Super League Division and they performed well initially, but being only our third year, we had several kids who were participating in organized football for the first time. Although the teams did not win many games, the kids and parents really enjoyed the opportunity.

In addition, during the season, QPCC formed a partnership to represent MaPau in the youth pro league and several of these players and teams performed well and achieved great results against the more established programs such as Jabloteh and W Connection. The feedback received from the parents was extremely positive.

The Club also arranged a very successful tour to Barbados. Two teams participated in the Barbados Youth Cup and the U-15 reached the quarter finals and the U-13 the semi-finals and Parkite Andrew Abraham was awarded Best Striker and MVP. The club received several letters of positive feedback regarding the tour from parents who thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Despite the strides made by the QPCC academy since inception three years ago, management decided to have QPFC run the academy despite the absence of a Pro League entity. This was followed by resignations of Alan Cabral and David O'Brien from the football committee. In the immediate future QPCC does not have an academy or any youth program, however if promotion to the super league is successful, a youth program is a requirement and this will have to be addressed.

A very successful 2 week summer camp was hosted by QPFC in July. There were some 40 kids in attendance and the parent feedback was very positive. They were impressed with the level of drills and activities provided for the kids.

8-A-Side

2011 hosted the largest 8-a-side tournament in the history of the Club. This year's edition surpassed all previous marks for participation, attendance and revenue. This year's event is expected to raise approximately \$150,000 dollars not including the significant Bar sales.

There were three tournament hosted this year – Youth, Corporate and Members.

The youth tournament is in its third year and was well supported by sponsors – Ministry of Sport and NLCB, Beacon, Blue Waters and Pizza Boys. There were three age groups – U-11, U-14 and U-16 and had over 130 players. The event was also well attended by parents and friends who gave positive feedback. The event was started with a press conference and the Honourable Minister of Sport, Anil Roberts kicked off the opening game.

The corporate tournament was hosted for the first time and was open to QPCC box holders only. There were 16 teams and the event was well attended. The tournament ran for three nights during the week prior to the members tournament. The event was won by Carib who defeated Media 21 in a penalty shootout after the final ended in a draw. We expect this tournament to grow significantly this year as it was well received by those in attendance and we expect additional box holders to participate next year. The tournament provides additional value for the box holders and encourages participation in QPCC events.

The members tournament continue to improve and grow. There were 39 teams and all results can be seen on the attached power point file. The tournament has become a feature event on the Trinidad social calendar and we continue to look for avenues for added value to member and the club.

This year the committee incorporated a tournament website into QPCC's site to provide tournament information and the response was overwhelming. During the tournament the website received over 20,000 hits.

This year also had another first - The wholesale bar. Members were able to leave coolers and orders for collection on game day. The bar was well handled by Richard Neives, Gerry, Perez and Co. This feature also received lots of positive feedback and brought additional revenue to the tournament.

The table below provides some stats regarding this year's tournament.

| Division | Teams | Registered Players | Games Played | Goals Scored |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Youth | 10 | 136 | 36 | 112 |
| Corporate | 17 | 255 | 47 | 62 |
| Over 55 | 6 | 83 | 39 | 70 |
| 46 to 55 | 10 | 122 | 68 | 70 |
| 36 to 45 | 11 | 125 | 83 | 133 |
| Under 35 | 11 | 131 | 83 | 174 |
| Total | 65 | 852 | 356 | 621 |

Website Hits > 20,000

2011 has been a successful year to date with the hope of additional success for the North Zone team for the rest of the season.

Hockey Report

Our year commenced with the Carib Magnolias Indoor Tournament in November 2010, in which we participated in three categories, viz., Open, Vets and U21. The results would show that we placed second in the Open, first in the Vets and third in the U21. On to the Ventures Invitational Indoor, and here we placed third in the open and second in the Vets. There was no youth tournament.

Our next encounter was the National Indoor which is usually the first indoor tournament, but was postponed to mid January this year. Again, we placed third in the open and second in the vets. In place of an under 21 tournament there was a school's tournament. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in winning any of the usual Indoor tournaments, this time around, as we found it very difficult to have our best players available all the time. The reason being that many of the games were played on working days starting from 10.00 am, and this has been inconvenient for some of our players.

In the Outdoor competition, all our teams started quite well, and at the end of the first round, we were second at the Championship level, and unbeaten and leading in the Trinity and Veterans Divisions. However, injury to some of our key players affected our performance at the top level, and we finished fourth. We also under performed in the second round of the vets league, but were so far ahead, that we won the tournament. Our Trinity team, comprising mainly our youths and a presence of 3/4 senior and vets players, won all their games, including two playoffs to win the overall tournament.

In August, we travelled to Barbados, to participate in the annual Banks International Hockey Festival. No team from Trinidad & Tobago had ever won the Open division, whilst one team won the Veterans division in the inaugural tournament in 1985. Both of our teams reached the finals, only to be beaten in different circumstances.

Unfortunately we were exposed to a playing field which was quite uneven, with some areas thick with grass, and we suffered several injuries causing five players to be referred for therapy and other treatment. Having to play fifteen games over five days (six, including one rest day), exacerbated the situation, and our vets in particular, were reduced to a bare eleven.

At the open level, we gave an excellent account of ourselves, playing through the prelims unbeaten, winning three games and drawing one. In the process, we were matched against Club Dominion who won the tournament last year, and five times in the last eight years. We mauled them 5-0. On to the Semis and we easily went past TTDF 6-3 to move into the finals against a team called All Stars. The playing field was none other than the Kensington Oval, and it was very disappointing, and we can boast that our playing field is far superior, as the ground was quite bumpy and not conducive to constructive dribbling, and a little dangerous to hard hitting which the Bajans resorted to. Unfortunately we lost 2-3, to a team that saw luck run in their favour, as we struck the goal uprights three times in the last ten minutes. Defeated but not at all disgraced, in fact we so impressed the Barbadian hockey fraternity that we had a large following supporting us. With regard to our performance, I wish to thank the Ground Committee for allowing us to practise on our playing field, for the three weeks prior to leaving for Barbados. These sessions proved very valuable and we were at our peak during the tournament.

This was a very successful tour in all ways, as we also joined with the Barbados Maple ladies team to participate in the mixed tournament which, provided valuable exposure to our younger players.

Since our return home we participated in a UWI organized 5 a side one day Indoor Tournament at Chinese Club where we were victorious, playing unbeaten in all our games. We consider this also to be good preparation for the National Indoor tournament which begins in November.

Winston Govia
Member, Hockey Committee

Squash Report

The 2010 squash Committee was re-appointed in 2011, comprising Roger Galt, Anton Gopaulsingh, Dean Lee Lum, David Scott and Brian Jackson, with assistance from foreign-based Parkite (and squash professional) Ryan Abraham. The mandate of the committee was established as:

‘To offer a secure and efficient Squash facility for the club’s members, to facilitate member events and activities, to produce top players for the Inter-Club league for QPCC success, to produce players to represent the Nation at the highest level in this sporting discipline and to develop the ‘next generation’ of squash members’.

To this end, a number of tournaments, junior developmental events and camaraderie building events were planned for the calendar 2011 year. QPCC has always been known as a cricket club, but over the years squash has become one of the fastest growing sports at the club at both the recreational and national level. We have continued to boast the majority of the top 10 ranked players in the country for the last decade, contributing significantly to the regional junior, senior and veteran successes of our national teams.

The following are the major undertakings completed as at October 2011:

- **QPCC May 'World Class' squash event**
In the last of week of May 2011, QPCC hosted World Junior Champion Amanda Sobhy, for a week of exhibition matches and squash clinics with our juniors. The primary goal of the event was to provide an inspiration for the upcoming youth and to assist with the development of squash amongst our club juniors. At 17 years old, Amanda is the first U.S. player to win a World Championship and the youngest ever female to win 4 WISPA titles. She was ranked as high as #17 in the world and is currently attending Harvard University. She fulfilled all expectations of a role model for our juniors as a world champion who has managed to balance her education and sport. The event was a resounding success, with the squash courts being packed to capacity (and overflowing) every night. Sponsorship from the event generated a modest profit. It is the intention of the squash committee to pursue a similar developmental event on an annual basis.
- **QPCC Juniors shine in Caribbean squash 2011**
At the Junior Caribbean Squash Championships which was hosted in Guyana in July 2011, Kale Wilson won the Boys Under 19 competition and Charlotte Knaggs won the Girls Under 17. Both Kale and Charlotte are not only junior members of QPCC, but are also both 'graduates' of the junior training program run by our Brian Jackson every Tuesday and Thursday at the QPCC squash courts.
- **2011 National Squash League wins**
The 2011 National Squash league, which is run by the T&T Squash Association (TTSA), was held during the second quarter of 2011. This year, there were only two divisions, both of which were very competitive, and comprised thirteen teams from the various Clubs in the country, including QPCC, Pointe-a-Pierre, Cascadia and Forest Reserve. QPCC won the B division and placed second in the A division.
- **Squash – Members Individual Tournament**
The annual members' individual tournament is currently in progress.

Submitted by Anton Gopaulsingh

Indoor Report

As customary, the Indoor season kicked off with the Annual Peter Waithe memorial All Fours Tournament. A total of twelve (12) pairs participated in this year's tournament. Before action got under way, players were treated to a sumptuous "Oil Down" prepared by resident chefs, Kirk Mc Ivor and Michael Dowden.

The winners of the 2011 edition of the tournament were the pairing of Michael Dowden and Ed Espinal who defeated Tom Garcia and Randall "Swami" Galt in the final. Third place went to Dr. Nigel Camacho and Sheldon Cockburn.

The second tournament for the year was the annual JJ Rodriguez Rummy Tournament. For the first time since the untimely passing of Peter Waithe in January 2005, an indoor tournament took place without the presence of the committee's long standing and loyal chairman, Mr. Georgie Wilcox. Georgie resigned in May 2011 after many years of service both as assistant to the late Peter Waite and then chairman.

A total of twenty eight (28) members turned out for the day's proceedings and after thirty five games of competitive rummy, the tournament was won by Richard Commissiong with Henry "Foxy" Govia and Kwesi Bekoe placing second and third respectively.

The third event carded for the year is the APR Associates sponsored Team Bullseye Tournament which takes place on November 20th was only introduced last year and was very successful from all reports.

The remaining members of the last indoor committee would like to humbly apologise to the entire indoor fraternity for their inability to put on more scheduled events.

After the resignation of Mr. Wilcox, no one has since been appointed by Management to lead this committee and hopefully after the AGM some kind of structure can be put in place for the continuity of this very arm of the club's culture.

Gym Report

This year has been a year of restructuring of our gym procedures and goals, our main focus was on appraising and expanding our cardio equipment which at this point in time is fully operational with the addition of two brand new elliptical machines. Earlier issues with our maintenance supplier seems to have been put to bed, our ongoing concerns are the frequent leaks stemming from inferior plumbing in the building. Together with Rodney Khan and Richard Nieves, we have embarked on replacing all inferior connections. We are also undertaking repairs on the a/c lines in the ceiling and the changing of the effected ceiling tiles.

Our committee is organizing a Christmas lime based on our original concept were the members themselves take a active part in the organizing and cooking, this function will be a “bring a cooler” event with several sides of pig roasted by members as well as BBQ chicken for those who do not care for pork. Larry Govia will be our DJ and fun prizes will be handed out to some outstanding gym members, the cost is 60 dollars per head, several items inclusive of the the pigs have already been donated by members. We hope we can count on the continuous support from our members to make this function a success.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all gym committee members for their time and effort that they give to the club.

Submitted by - Ron van Putten (Chairman - Gym Committee)

Tennis Report

Management is pleased to report that we were able to secure the much needed sponsorship to cover the cost to rehabilitate one of the Club’s two tennis courts. This is expected to be completed and opened for play by the end of November. Efforts will continue to secure the funding required to rehabilitate the second court as it is recognized that the optimal number of courts required to promote the sport within the Club is two.

It is also recognized that the reopening of the tennis court(s) will impact the number of parking spaces available for members and efforts to address this significant issue will therefore continue as we seek a long term solution.

Entertainment Report

2011 was a very quiet year for the Entertainment Committee. After a few poorly attended events, the Entertainment Committee has decided to change its approach for 2012. Over the next two months we shall be seeking feedback from members of the club as to what they would like to see being put forward by the Entertainment Committee for members in 2012.

The Indoor Committee continues to put together quality events for the membership, mainly in the form of cards, billiards and table tennis. In 2011 we saw the stepping down of the stalwart chairman of the Indoor Committee, Georgie Wilcox. Georgie has done yeoman’s service for the club over the last decade, and the club is indebted to him for his dedication and would like to formally thank him for his magnanimous efforts. Richard Commissiong, who worked closely with Georgie for a number of years, is the new Chairman of the Indoor Committee, and I am certain he can turn to Georgie for advice and support. With the introduction of the dart board in the members Lounge, I am confident we will see a few tournaments in 2012.

There is no denying that three sporting events hosted by the club provide much entertainment for the membership .This being, the first annual windball tournament (a huge inaugural success), the cricket Festival hosted by Bryan Davis and the Cricket Committee. Lastly, and by far the most successful, the eight-a-side football tournament that has turned into the biggest family event for members of QPCC. One is certainly heartened by the numbers children that attend the Friday evening games at the club. The future of the club looks secure based on this event alone.

The advent of the Marketing Committee under the chairmanship of Colin Murray has created some new ideas in terms of Entertainment for the members of the club, as well reformulating some old ideas initially put forward by the Entertainment Committee. I am confident in 2012 the 2 committees will work hand in hand to put forward a numbers of initiatives to make better use of this facility to provide excellent options of entertainment for the members of QPCC. The mandate of the Marketing Committee is to utilize the facility to generate much needed revenue for the club, whereas the mandate of the Entertainment Committee is to utilize the facility to provide entertainment for the membership. There will be some overlap achieving these objectives and as a result it is necessary these two committees work closely together.

A few infrastructural improvements in the members pavilion, namely, the introduction of the deck in front of the members' bar , the remodelling of the members lounge, and the continued improvements of the bar facility, QPCC provides a safe, modern alternative for its members to use to come and relax and enjoy with their friends and family. We hope with your feedback , we, the Entertainment Committee can put together a number of dinner / dances, concerts, small theme parties, happy hours as well as the popular karaoke, catering to your requests and desires. Please remember in order for this to work we will need your feedback and support.

The Treasurer often comes down hard on us for putting together mostly quality events that end up in the red, due to poor patronage from the membership; we hope to change this in 2012.

Submitted By - Dr Nigel Camacho (Chairman – Entertainment Committee)

Museum Report

Report on activities in the Oval Cricket Heritage Museum for the year 2011.

The general rate of visitors to the Museum has been somewhat limited during the year.

With the Minister of Education placing temporary “limit” on school children’s extra circular activities, this caused slow down in visits by the various schools especially in the Port- of Spain area.

What we were able to achieve, was to showcase the museum and Trophy area to several V.I.P's who came from the U.K., Australia and other West Indies islands, as well as Touring Teams from Cornwall (U.K.) and New South Wales (Australia), who all expressed their great impression with both the quality and quantity of historic exhibits contained in the Museum area.

Also visiting was world rated junior female squash player Ms. Amanda Sobhy and her family.

The Archives room is still a work in progress and now has a reduced but comfortable space in the upper area of the east buildings. After several months without proper air conditioning the area now needs painting completed and the purchase of a dehumidifier and two or three storage racks.

Tours are now to be booked and paid for in advance and we would prefer to cater for groups of say eight (8) or more persons.

We have commenced limited marketing of the museum by the way of the TTARP News Letter which is circulated to over 20,000 TTARP members as well the 2012 T&T INNS and OUTS Visitors Guide. Also in the works is a short video clip showing the various historic milestones of the evolution of Queen's Park Trinidad and West Indies from the year 1891.

As 2012 is being celebrated as the 50th Anniversary of Trinidad and Tobago's Independence (1962), we are working with the National Trust Museum to try to mount large picture displays of all the club's photographs which are still kept in storage due to space constraints. These photographs of Brian Lara Memorabilia have been kept in boxes and are looking forward to seeing the light of day.

Steve Almondoz (Curator – QPCC Museum)