

THE MALAYSIA SINGAPORE & BRUNEI CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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EVENTS TO WATCH.....

Annual Summer Picnic— July 06, 2019
Mid-Summer Night—Sept 14, 2019
Annual General Meeting—Sept 28, 2019
Christmas Party—Dec 07 2019
New Year's Eve Dinner—Dec 31, 2019

(Above dates are subject to change)

Refer to Page 3 for Monthly Clubhouse Activities.



Catch The Wind— Photo taken by Sharon Liew , on June 16, 2019, at Gary Point in Steveston, BC, where the annual event of at least 100 colourful kites of various shapes and sizes flew in a dramatic show of 'Catch The Wind'.

Message from the President....

Dear Members,

Well, we are in the months of summer now and hope all of you are enjoying the good weather when we get it. So far, it has been good.

I look forward to our annual barbeque in South Arm Park. As usual, registration is required by sending us an email. Last year, we ordered 100 lbs of marinated boneless chicken meat to barbeque based on the number of people. There is also Char Kuey Teow by our member Lee Kim. Please register so that we have enough again for everyone. If you want to help out, please register with me or with any of the directors.

Lastly, we need your support again for our next function which is the Midsummer Night Dinner and Dance at the Floata Seafood Restaurant in Chinatown. Tickets are now available from any of the Directors.

Meantime, enjoy the spring months and see you again soon.

Sincerely,

Stanley Low, President (2018-2019)



Midsummer Night Dinner and Dance

This year, Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Social Night are combined into one event and the celebration will take place at Floata Restaurant in Vancouver Chinatown. The DynaMix band will provide live music for dancing. Program has not been set yet but stay tuned!!!



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Fisherman Wharf, Steveston, BC

Photo by: Richard Liew



Food for Thought: Being Exclusive!
...by Richard Liew, MSBCA Past President

Are we still proud of being a Malaysian, Singaporean and Bruneian living in Canada? My point of view is we are all Canadians. The Malaysia Singapore and Brunei Cultural Association (MSBCA) formed since 1976 is meant to include all three countries and somehow we remain segregated when come to identifying ourselves. We have planted our roots here in Canada and yet we can't co-exist together as Canadians under one umbrella, that is 'MSBCA'. I have never felt being 'exclusive' as an original Malaysian, although born in Brunei. I am a Canadian. I proudly travel with my Canadian passport. We share the same culture in many ways. I served MSBCA as a member. MSBCA is one club for all and yet we can't seem to integrate as one into a more unique organization. I make no qualms getting us all into one umbrella and leave our differences behind. Enjoy the moment and perhaps 'changing of the guard' could be in order for MSBCA to include all, Canadians alike, who are interested in unity.

From Richard's desk...

Hello Members,
Time for another edition of the Link and I am still looking for input from members for materials to publish.



Moving forward again, I am sharing my experience on the next page about driving the hybrid car after a year. I am not knocking anyone who drives a 100% electric car and I am sure your experience could somewhat be different from mine.

For members who attend the Annual General Meeting of the club, there is a standing item about purchasing a new clubhouse. The hunt is now on. The Board is reviewing the preliminary details of the new clubhouse, funding and its location.

I always have this vision and dream about MABC and VSC coming together with MSBCA under one umbrella. Read 'Food For Thought', my personal opinion.

The AGM is on September 28, 2019. If you have interest in becoming a Director, then you should attend the AGM. This is the best time to voice your opinions to change course if you think it is best for MSBCA. There are five openings. Detail is on Page 4.

Till then and all the best!
Richard Liew, Newsletter-in-Charge

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Annual Summer Picnic

Come and join us on July 6th for our Annual Summer Picnic at the South Arm Park in Richmond. It is located at 8880 Williams Road (intersection of Williams Road and Garden City Road). It starts at 12 noon and we recommend that you get there at 11.30 am.

There will be Char Kway Teow and Barbeque Chicken. It is FREE for members and you are required to register prior and sign in when you arrive. You will be given coupons to pick up the various food. A bottle of water comes complementary of the club. Non-members will be \$15.00 each. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the food!!



ASEAN GOLF TOURNAMENT

This year, the tournament will be chaired by the **Malaysia Consulate**. Please write or call one of the Directors for more information.

Chair: Malaysia Consulate
Golf Course: University Golf Course
Date: August 9th, 2019, Friday
Format: Shot Gun Start
Entry Fee: \$180.00
Time: 1.00 pm tee off



Please inform us by email at
 msbcahq@gmail.com
 if you are moving or have moved or
 have changed your email address.
 Also, inform us if you like your email
 address removed from our list.

IMPORTANT: There are members not receiving notices about events, etc. Either their email addresses are out of date or they do not have a computer altogether. Therefore it would be the member's responsibility to notify us as to how we can best communicate with them. Take a minute to send us a note or call any of the directors. Thank you.

NEW MEMBERS:

MSBCA welcome the following new members:

Family:

Phuong Hue Tran/Chung Binh Phuong
 Philip Chiu/Rosanna Tsui
 Yen Nguyen/Quang Luu
 Steven/Amy Dang



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Functions & Activities. (Effective Jan 01, 2019)

The following functions and activities are on at the clubhouse:

Ballroom Lessons for members only—Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced. Every Sunday 3 to 6 pm. Please call Director Fanny Chua to register or for more information. \$10.00 per person.

Clubhouse Rental Rates (Effective Jan. 01, 2019)

Members —\$20 per hour

Definition: Private use by members for family parties and gatherings; not to be rented for second party use. Renter must be present for that period of time.

Community —\$25 per hour, min.4hrs; \$180.00/day.

Definition: Non-business type Social Group Meetings, Church Groups, Community Groups. *Members and non-members.*

Business/Corporate—\$30.00 per hour, min. 2hrs;

Definition: Business being conducted such as for dancing lessons, seminars, marketing and sales. *Members and non-members.*
 Exception for Regular Renters (*min. three times/week*): \$25.00 per hour.

Rates are subject to change without notice.
 Audio/Visual Equipment not included.
 Capacity: 50 people seating, 90 standing.
Please contact any of the directors for rental.

MEMBERSHIP

Please make your cheque payable to:

MSBCA
Unit 238-2680 Shell Road,
Richmond, B.C.
V6X 4C9.

Please call Membership Director
 for

Membership Form or visit our website to print the form.

Annual Membership Fee (effective from date of application for 12 months):

	General	Life
Single/Seniors (60 & over) -	\$25.00	\$250.00

Family (excluding children over 18 years) -	\$30.00	\$300.00
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Corporate Rate: \$200.00 Annually

The Hybrid After A Year

After a year of driving the Plug-in Hybrid Chevy Volt, the drive has settled down to a normal routine one with one fill up of 35 litres of gasoline since then. The fear about the electric car running out of juice is no longer there after getting adapted to driving it and the daily range you make. There are days you do not even need to charge because of the minimum range of driving. Electricity for charging cost \$15.00 per month.

Unlike other electric cars like Tesla and Leaf, with a hybrid you can drive with confidence when driving a much longer range. The total range is 700 KM. You do not need to look for charging stations. I recently bought a Level 2, 240 volts, 20-amp charger and the car is fully charged in 5 hours.

Last winter, the full charge is 80 km range as compared to 110-120 km in the summer before. When driving at temperature below zero degrees C, the electrical motor gets a boost from the gasoline generator and works jointly with the battery power as heating of the interiors, the steering wheel and the seats all require additional power. Every deceleration and braking motion regenerates power back to the battery, a 5 km gain in the case of driving down the Boundary Road slope.

Aside from that, the car drives normally. The 'OnStar' from Chevrolet provides an electronic mail report monthly about my car performance and most notably the pressure of each tire. It does catch your attention.

By: Richard Liew

Thank you to our Honorary Advisor Mr. Yeo Sing Lim, OBC, for donating a new 65" Samsung television set to the clubhouse.



The club have also purchased a new touch screen karaoke machine for the clubhouse. Thank you to the donors led by President Stanley Low, the Directors, namely Michael Mok, S. K. Chin, Rosemary Lai, Fanny Chua, Danny Thong, George Yee and Albert Ng, Past Presidents Richard Liew, Miew Leng Teo/Marc Lim, and Polly Voon, members Steven Chiam, Lee Kim and Hendry Mo.

43rd Annual General Meeting

The excerpt of the By-laws regarding qualifications to be a director are as follows:

- 6.2 1) There must be ten directors.
- 2) A director has a normal term of office of two years, beginning at the adjournment of the AGM at which the director is elected, and ending at the adjournment of the AGM two years later.
- 3) Five directors must be elected at the AGM each year, so that at its adjournment:
- five directors have remaining terms of office of one year, and
- five directors have remaining terms of office of two years.
- A director may be elected to a term of one year so as to comply with this bylaw.
- 4) A director, and a candidate for election as a director, must:
- be a member,
- have a substantive personal connection with Malaysia, Singapore or Brunei, through birth, descent, or otherwise,
- be ordinarily resident in British Columbia, and
- be qualified to be a director of a company under section 124 of the Business Corporations Act.
- 5) An election must be by secret ballot, unless the members present unanimously agree that the election be by show of hands, or there is only one candidate for a position, in which case the candidate must be declared to be elected.
- (No voting by Proxy permitted.
Candidates must be present at the AGM)

Hari Raya Aidilfitri—June 06, 2019

Hari Raya literally means 'celebration day', and *Hari Raya Aidilfitri* is the day that marks the end of *Ramadan*, the Islamic holy month of dawn-to-sunset fasting. *Hari Raya Aidilfitri* is considered one of the two most important celebrations for Muslims, the other being *Hari Raya Haji* – the festival of Abraham's sacrifice.

Hari Raya is one of the biggest holidays in Malaysia, and many Muslims (and even non-Muslims) return to their family home (*balik kampung*) driving or flying home for a couple of days before the day to be with their families and loved ones.

Hari Raya Aidilfitri sees families and friends seeking forgiveness from each other, visiting ancestors' graves, saying prayers at the mosque and visiting relatives and friends to feast traditional Malay delicacies like *ketupat*, *rendang*, *satay*, *lemang* and curry. In Malaysia, children are given token sums of money from their parents or elders.

The Ramadan period has communal aspects to it with many of the basic values of the Muslim community, such as empathy for the poor, charity, worship, steadfastness and patience being expressed more during this period.

Hari Raya Aidilfitri is a joyous celebration that involves happy feasting in homes everywhere where family members greet one another with *Selamat Hari Raya*.

Hari Raya Aidilfitri

On June 22, 2019, Consul General of Malaysia Mr. Shamsul Nizam Shamsuddin and wife Mrs. Mastura Mansor hosted a party in celebration of *Hari Raya Aidilfitri* at their residence. Invited guests were all MSBCA Directors and also include Malaysian students studying in SFU and UBC. President of MABC Christine Lee was also among the guests.

