



## Civil Service Club Corporate Milestones 1971-2022



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### 1971

Civil Service Club started out as Singapore Civil Service Recreation and Sports Council, later shorten to Singapore Civil Service Sports Council (SCSSC). The Council was formed on 25 October, and was set up by the late Minister of Finance, Mr Hon Sui Sen. The Council was instituted **to promote sports, fitness and recreational activities among public officers.**

### 1972

The Dempsey Clubhouse at Dempsey Road was officially opened in April. In the same month, the Council started to organise a variety of sports for public officers.

### 1973

Inauguration of the inter-territorial games between Singapore and Malaysia public officers. Games were held twice a year on a home and away basis.

### 1974

Inter-territorial games included women officers for the first time, a recognition of women's growing involvement in sports.



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### **1976**

The Portsdown Clubhouse was taken over by the Council in January.

The Junior Civil Service Association was absorbed as a branch of the SCSSC in April. The Association had a history dating back to 1915. It catered predominantly to the rank and file of the civil service through inter-ministry sports and games.

The inter-territorial games between Singapore and Malaysia were changed from a bi-annual series to an annual meet in which Singapore and Malaysia alternated as host.

### **1978**

Launch of SCSSC's first printed newsletter which replaced the former cyclostyled version. The newsletter was printed quarterly and contained news on events, social and sports activities.

### **1980**

Official opening of the renovated Portsdown Clubhouse, by late Minister of Finance, Mr Hon Sui Sen on 12 September. The Clubhouse was formerly part of the British military set-up on the island and served as a complex for rest and recreation for the British Army.

### **1981**

A new membership scheme was implemented to replace the voluntary contribution of membership fees. An Affiliation Scheme for sports organisations was implemented to promote co-operation among all public officers through sports and recreation.

### **1982**

The Portsdown Clubhouse was returned to the Ministry of Defence in June.

### **1983**

Construction of Tessensohn Clubhouse commenced at a cost of \$17.8 million.

### **1985**

The Social Interaction Programme (SIP) was launched in August to provide opportunities for personal interaction among single officers in the Civil Service through social activities and functions.



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### **1986**

The completed Tessensohn Clubhouse was transferred to the SCSSC in a Handing-Over Ceremony on 30 September.

### **1987**

The Social Interaction Unit (SIU) was formed to continue creating opportunities for single officers in the public sector to interact through social activities.

### **1988**

SCSSC spearheaded the public sector drive in "Sing Singapore Competition".

### **1989**

SCSSC participated in the Children's Charities Fair for the first time. It won the "Best Decorated Stall" Award.

### **1990**

The Tessensohn Clubhouse was officially opened by late President Wee Kim Wee on 9 June.

The Clubhouse together with the Children's Charities Association jointly organised the Children's Charities Christmas Fair on 8 December at the Singapore Conference Hall. The purpose was to raise funds for the six homes under the Children's Charities Association which looked after 40,000 under-privileged children.

### **1994**

The term "Inter-Ministry Games" was changed to "Public Service Inter-Organisation Games" (PSIG) to reflect the direct participation by large statutory boards in the games.

Soft Opening of the new Changi Clubhouse by former Club President Mr Lee Ek Tieng on 21 November.



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### **1996**

SCSSC participated in the launch of the Government Intranet System on 28 June by posting webpages featuring the facilities of the three clubhouses as well as the various social, sports and recreational activities.

SCSSC was renamed "**Civil Service Club**" in October.

### **1997**

CSC membership was simplified and fees were lowered on 1 January to attract more public officers to join. The Club discontinued new applications for LIFE, Retiree and Associate membership. Affiliate membership was also abolished. New membership cards were issued.

CSC implemented a new Incentive Scheme to recognise participating organisations in the PSIG Games. Under this scheme, a public officer was entitled to receive \$5 (on a one-time basis) during the calendar year for his organisation if he represented his organisation in any PSIG game. Championship points were also awarded to competing organisations and the top four would win trophies and cash prizes, presented at the Club's Annual Dinner & Dance.

The Club's Enbloc Membership Scheme was launched with Land Transport Authority being the first organisation to sign up. Under the scheme, the organisation paid only \$4 for its staff. Spouse and children also enjoyed free membership.

### **1998**

CSC showed its caring side by raising \$95,300 in the Public Service Charity Walk held on 30 November for the Home Nursing Foundation.

A new facility booking system was implemented to enable members to book Club's facilities at any of its clubhouses.

To help foster even better ties among public officers, the Public Service Sports Carnival was held for the first time on 21 November.



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### **1999**

CSC was the first local club to provide members with online booking and payment for social and sports activities. The Club also launched its website.

### **2000**

Buoyed by its e-booking success, CSC next launched online booking and payment for use of the clubhouse facilities.

CSC launched its e-bulletin EyeCatcher on the Government intranet and also to interested internet subscribers.

The en bloc membership scheme was refined to allow organisations to co-pay the monthly membership fee of \$4 per member with staff.

To enable smaller organisations an equal chance of winning in the PSIG, it was re-formatted from one grouping into two divisions using staff strength as a cut-off mark.

PSIG was renamed the Public Service “Staff Team up for Active Sports and Recreation” Games or ‘STAR Games’ for short.

### **2001**

To boost sports participation by public officers, CSC implemented incentives and awards to encourage public service organisations to participate in the STAR Games.

The new Extension Wing and upgraded facilities at Tessensohn Clubhouse were launched by Mr Tan Guong Ching, former Club Vice-President on 26 June. The new facilities were built at a cost of \$13.3 million. MediaCorp Artiste Miss Fann Wong was the Celebrity Guest.

The Official Opening of the new Extension Wing and upgraded facilities at Tessensohn Clubhouse was officiated by former Head of Civil Service and Club President Mr Lim Siong Guan on 27 October.

MediaCorp artistes participated in the Celebrity Bowling Match and raised \$10,000 for the Singapore Cancer Society.



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### **2002**

CSC's biggest sporting event, the Public Service Sports Carnival, took place on 26<sup>th</sup> October at Bishan Stadium.

A&A works completed for the badminton hall at Tessensohn Clubhouse.

### **2003**

With the opening of Farrer Park MRT Station along the North East Line, Tessensohn Clubhouse was named as a landmark by Land Transport Authority due to its prominence in the area. Civil Service Club assisted the Singapore Tourism Board and Economic Development Board to quarantine foreign students, who arrived from SARS-hit countries, in their chalets.

### **2005**

CSC to stop receiving funding from PSD.

### **2006**

CSC returned its Dempsey Clubhouse to Singapore Land Authority after 34 years.

### **2007**

The new Bukit Batok Clubhouse was opened on 15 June, with late President SR Nathan officiating the opening.

### **2008**

Former Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Teo Ser Luck, officiated the opening of Climb Asia at Tessensohn Clubhouse on 14 March.

### **2009**

CSC upgraded its jackpot facilities at all 3 Clubhouses to provide a modern and cosy environment for players.



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### **2010**

Tessenshon Clubhouse celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with members who had been with the Club for the last 20 years.

CSC was the first Club to host its Annual Dinner and Dance cum New Year Countdown at the new Integrated Resort at Marina Bay Sands.

### **2011**

The Club celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

CSC introduced its tagline of “1 Membership, 3 Distinct Experiences”.

### **2012**

The Fusion magazine and Club’s Constitution were made available in e-book format. The Sports and Membership online payment were opened on 1 July.

Changi Clubhouse was closed for upgrading on 15 August.

### **2013**

Supplementary memberships were extended to Member’s parents – CSC became the first club to encourage 3 generations of family members to spend quality time in the club and bond as an extended family with no added subscription fee required.

As part of CSC’s continued efforts to make the Club the preferred choice for public officers and their families, Tessensohn and Bukit Batok Clubhouses’ facilities were upgraded. Environmentally friendly features were included, such as motion sensors and LED lighting. The look and feel of facilities and their functionality were improved. This included the Auditorium, Jackpot Rooms, Bowling Centres, Dance and Cooking studios, Reception Areas, Koi Ponds and Tree Houses.



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### **2014**

Online Facilities Booking and payment system became fully functional. CSC's mobile application and social media platforms on Facebook and Instagram were launched to provide new avenues where members and public officers could interact.

The newly developed Changi Resort opened its doors to members and public officers on 16 October. The Swimming Pool area was refurbished, while most of the Club was newly converted or entirely rebuilt. The redevelopment saw the erection of modern chalet and the villa facilities and a new 5-storey Sports Complex with Rooftop Tennis Courts, Bowling Centre and Gymnasium.

### **2015**

Changi Resort Official Re-Opening launched by former President Dr Tony Tan on 4th May.

### **2016**

The Clubhouse microsites were launched to showcase the distinctive clubhouse experiences and offerings online.

The Service Star award was conceptualised to recognise and reward staff who provided excellent service and have gone beyond the call of duty.

### **2017**

The e-membership online portal was launched, providing potential and existing members with convenient e-services such as sign-up or renewal of membership online.

The Club celebrated CSC @ Bukit Batok's 10th Anniversary.

In recognition of the Club's support towards NS Men, the Club was awarded the NS Gold Mark.

### **2018**

The Club took over the managing of Aloha Loyang and Changi chalets, becoming one of the largest operators of chalets in Singapore with 110 units.



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The Aloha chalets underwent major refurbishment to improve the quality and comfort before it was officially launched as CSC @ Loyang and CSC @ Changi II. A sea sports centre was introduced at CSC @ Loyang to create a unique resort experience for members.

Singapore's first dog friendly chalet cluster was introduced at CSC @ Loyang. The chalets had a common dog run, direct entry to the beach, and fully furnished with dog friendly amenities.

### **2019**

The Events online booking module was improved to allow members a better user experience and greater ease to book social activities and Club events.

The Club introduced free virtual membership card via the CSC mobile app and online members' portal. Members can now access their virtual membership card at any time.

The online booking system for CSC Bowling Centres was launched, allowing members to make lane reservations conveniently and in advance.

### **2020**

The Club temporarily closed the clubhouses and chalets due to Circuit Breaker measures imposed by the Government during the Covid-19 pandemic. The Club was among the first to provide an extension of 3-months membership period and a 1-month e-credits to all members.

The Club implemented free online social classes and virtual sporting events to provide activities and engagement for members and public service officers during the Circuit Breaker.

The Club is committed to ensure its clubhouses and chalets are eco-friendly. All CSC Clubhouses attained the BCA Green Mark, with CSC @ Changi I receiving the Green Mark Gold standard. CSC @ Loyang and Changi II achieved the Green Mark Platinum standard and Green Mark Gold<sup>Plus</sup> standard respectively.

### **2021**

The Club introduced its first competitive e-Sports category for the STAR Games.



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Free supplementary membership for parents-in-law was introduced, further allowing for greater family bonding for members.

All CSC Clubhouses attained the SG Clean Mark. The Club is dedicated to ensuring a safe and sanitised environment in the new normal.

During the pandemic, the Club enhanced and upgraded numerous facilities to improve members' experience. Adapting to the new normal, the Club enhanced its meeting capabilities across all clubhouses to facilitate public agencies and corporates in hosting virtual and hybrid meetings at the Auditorium and Function Rooms with the introduction of new audio-visual aids and equipment. A new multi-use function room (Jasmine Room) was newly created to meet the demand for event venues at CSC @ Bukit Batok. At CSC @ Changi I, the Front Office was relocated and merged with the chalet check-in counter to provide a one-stop reception and to serve the chalet guests more efficiently. The chalets were also progressively enhanced with improved furnishings, with some units given a makeover, such as the Black and White Fairy Point Chalets at Changi II and themed Superior and Deluxe suites at Changi I.

**The Club commemorated its 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Anniversary with online and virtual activities, and promotions to thank members for their continued support.**

### **2022**

The revitalisation of Tessensohn Clubhouse was completed, and officiated with a tree planting ceremony by Mr Chew Hock Yong, Club Vice President on 29 April. Besides modernising the facade of the clubhouse, the Club introduced more family friendly facilities such as the Eco Garden, Robotics Discovery Centre as well as the Weekend Family Fun Pool to allow more family bonding by members at Tessensohn Clubhouse.

**Going forward, the Club will continue to improve and innovate to better serve our mission of providing affordable quality facilities, activities and services to fulfil the needs of our members and public service officers as their club of choice.**