



Annual Ball 2003

'Staying Alive Raffles Shootout' Ball

I was asked to serve as Ball Chairman again for the second consecutive year. With the previous year's experience and the excellent fund raising result, I thought being Ball Chairman would be a piece of cake. How wrong was I!

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拔萃小學擬轉男女校

3 月 29 日

【明報專訊】隨拔萃男書院去年轉為直資，校董會決定與拔萃小學脫離「直屬學校」關係，即 2005 年入讀拔萃小學的小一生，將不再保證有 85% 可升讀拔萃男書院。

拔萃小學為了「另謀出路」，計劃脫離後轉為男女校，若獲家長、教師及教統局同意，2005 年適齡入讀小一的女學童，將有多一間名校可選擇。...



明報



A word from the editor

Welcome to the 2nd issue of the DSOPA newsletter in electronic PDF format. Please provide us with your suggestions and submissions!



Daniel Ma (76)
Editor

Dinner Talk with Herbert Hui (75)

We were honoured by the presence of Mr. Herbert Hui (75) on 23 March 2004, who took time to share with us his personal thoughts about changes he perceived to Hong Kong throughout different stages of his career. Herbert is Deputy & Vice Chairman of Ocean Grand Holdings Ltd, one of the top five manufacturers of aluminium extrusion products in China, as well as Deputy Chairman of Ocean Grand Chemicals Holdings Ltd, a leading electroplating chemicals producer in China.

Herbert has a mission, as evidenced by his substantial contribution to public life in Hong Kong. He is passionate about corporate governance, and he wants Hong Kong to retain its competitive edge in the region by its clean and professional image. He strives to promote the growth of small and medium enterprises, as they contain the majority of businesses and employ a substantial portion of the working population locally. He strongly believes that, through the growth of such enterprises within a proper governance framework, Hong Kong has something to offer the business community over and above our neighbouring competing economies.

Matthew Chan (77)

Michael Ryan (75)

Mike, one of the few American boys studying at DBS in the seventies, left DBS after F.4 and finished his high school in Jakarta. He then went to the Arizona State University and enrolled in a program which offered a full scholarship plus eventually got him commissioned as an Army officer upon graduation. Mike is now a full Colonel and has done assignments in Kosovo, Bosnia, the Middle East, Germany and also a stint as a Tank Brigade Commander in Fort Hood, Texas, with 5,000 soldiers and hundreds of tanks under his command. Mike has been with the U.S. Army for 23 years now and still loving it!

Mike recently returned to America after spending several months in Baghdad, Iraq on a 'special' assignment. He is married and has a 12 year old boy who aspires to be a fighter pilot. In his spare time, Mike likes to inspect his neighbourhood riding on one of his Harleys.

Reprinted here is a photo of Mike relaxing by a man-made lake around one of Saddam's many palaces. Best wishes to Mike and we are proud he'll be the first DBS boy to become a General in the US Army very soon.

Tony Choi (75)

DSOPA in Shanghai!

It is time for another DBS Old Boys gathering in Shanghai. We had dinner in Shanghai on the 25th Feb. Good to see you all there!

Jerry Chang (80)





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The unexpected explosion of SARS really made a huge impact on the community and almost "did us in". Post SARS, I had to scramble to sell tables and even had to call Thailand to rally support from my mate, Chanindh Homsilpakul (Class of 71) who came with his wife and in turn prompted other mates of Class of 71 to take up a table. As usual, thanks to the support of some of our "Die Hard" old boys, we managed to put together a wonderful evening of fun and enjoyment.

Mrs. Anne Lo, the elegant, beautiful wife of Ramon Lo (Class of 64) succumbed to my relentless hounding and pleading, entertained us during dinner with her singing.

Our skit once again received good response and great review! As usual Victor Tan (Class of 80) our scriptwriter and actor pulled it off with his light hearted humour in taking the 'Mickey' out of our SAR Govt. Many thanks to Desmond Yip (Class of 82), William Hill (Class of 64), who has forgotten most of his Cantonese but well remembered as HK's first Olympian in the Tokyo Olympics in 64, Patrick Dun (Class of 80), Steven Chang (Class of 80) for their most entertaining performance.

The best and most gratifying part to report about the Annual Ball is that we raised over HK\$200,000 which is a record thus far. Again, this could not have been achieved without the generous support from our old boys and friends who purchased raffle tickets. Last but not least I wish to thank all our generous sponsors who donated wonderful prizes for the Lucky Draw

Thank you for giving me the privilege and pleasure to be your Ball Chairman.

S. A. L. Rahman (70,71,72)

Class of 93 reunion dinner

December 2003



一個二十年的夢想

光陰飛逝，快如輪轉，轉眼間已是二十年的光景。

歲月不留人，人面已全非，但那顆純真的心仍未變。

當年情，手足之情。

回想起那些快樂的日子，好像昨日的事。

今日我們重逢再聚，擁抱著你們。團結互助，再接再厲，發揮著拔萃精神，再創八四年度同學會高峰。

使命未完，前進需要勇氣。

勇於嚐試，勇於承擔，勇於前行，這才是真正的拔萃之子。

讓我們誓師起義，再度寫下歷史上光榮的一頁。

同盟心未泯，手足情永在。

Darwin Liu 廖大年 (84)





Tennis Singles Tournament

This year's tennis tournament began with eight players including Patrick Chan (Class 80), Kenny Yip (Class 81), Ronnie Cheng (Class 83), Paul Li (Class 81), Sammy Tam (Class 81), Selwyn Chan (Class 77), Mahmood Rumjahn (Class 74) and Victor Tan (Class 80).

By the end of the first round, Kenny, Ronnie, Mahmood and Victor were left in the semi's to compete for a place in the final. The semi-final match between Mahmood and Ronnie was highlighted by steady playing and smart shot making by both until Mahmood claimed victory by an 8-2 score. The other semi-final match between Kenny and Victor was a close match which featured Kenny's hard-hitting and Victor's 'never-say-die' tennis. Down 4-7, Victor mounted a comeback and earned a place in the final against Mahmood.

The final was played as best of three sets with Victor earning a key break in the eighth game and holding on to take the first set by 6-3. In the second set down 2-5, Victor forced back his way to 6-all and a tie-break which ended at 7-3 giving him the final score of 2 sets to love and a repeat championship.

Everyone brought out their A-game on Sunday. It was competitive tennis with high quality playing and many exciting points. Special thanks to Anil, Class of 92 who played as a warm-up partner for the others. Mother nature kept her eyes on us throughout the tournament and held off the rain until minutes after the championship point was over.

Victor Tan (80)

Tennis Doubles Tournament

This year's tournament was fortunate enough to have taken off even though some teams had to pull out due to injury and cancellation. Nonetheless, it featured a strong field including past champions, the Leung Brothers - Leung Sze Wai and Leung Sze Kwan, and first time partnership of Mahmood and ex-HK Davis Cup player Christopher Lai whose semi-final match became the highlight of the tournament.

Mahmood and Chris proved to be too much fire-power against the Leungs and eventually went on to win the championship against Selwyn Chan and Victor Tan with a very convincing victory.

Victor Tan (80)

Jonathan LEE Chun-him

Jonathan Lee (62) passed away on 25th December 2003 in Vancouver.

Jonathan was survived by his wife, daughter, son-in-law and a five-month old grandson. At the expressed wish of Jonathan, DBS old boys in Vancouver attended the funeral service, wearing the DBS school tie. Jonathan was laid to rest wearing his DBS school tie.



Philip Yu (62)

Mr. William John FISHER

Mr. Fisher was an old boy and a former teacher of DBS. He was Head Prefect in 1958-59 and rejoined DBS as an English teacher in 1978. After his retirement in 1996, he returned to DBS to teach English briefly in 2001.

He passed away on 24th December 2003.



Mr. MAK Chi Shing

Mr. Mak joined DBS as a geography teacher in 1980. He was promoted to become Deputy Headmaster in 1987 and had since been responsible for the toil of school administration.

He was also a duty master of the boarding school as well as master-in-charge of the DBS swimming team and DBS Photographic Society. He was quiet, hard working, caring and had fully dedicated himself to DBS throughout his 23 years of service.

Despite his ill health in recent years, he still worked late at school regularly in order to finish the administration tasks.

He died of liver cancer on 27th December 2003.





Reunion 6th Kowloon Scout Group DBS

The scouts from early 70's to late 90's had a re-union recently on Mar. 31, 2004. Attending was then Scout Master Mr. Henry Ho (aka Holland Bean).

Sportsman Dinner

Many of you represented DBS in Interschool sporting events when you were at DBS. Many of you still attend the Interschool Athletics and Swimming Finals to cheer and support our school teams.

This year, **Mr. C.K. Yung** (teacher of volleyball fame at DBS) initiated a Sportsman Dinner for the current boys to celebrate their achievements and perhaps forget about the disappointment of losing over the past year.

Over 30 DSOBA boys attended.

Chapman TO Man-chak

in DBS uniform at the recent Hong Kong Film Awards.



Gada Asvaraksh (75)

Many of you would remember Gada (Featherstone) as the stylish hurdler in B grade in the 70's amongst many of his other talents in music and sports (swimming, cricket, badminton...), not to mention his popularity with girls from DGS, MCS, KGV, and the list goes on and ... Gada was a fine representative of DBS in many sports and had won many medals in various inter-school competitions.

Gada lives in Boston now and is a senior executive with the Hilton Hotel Group where he's been working with for over ten years. Gada & son below.

Tony Choi (75)



PK TAO

Dr Louis Tao Ping-kee was our physics teacher I think just before 1970. He stayed in DBS for quite a number of years before joining HKU where he had a very distinguished career in the Faculty of Education, working alongside Dr. P Morris.

PK contracted colon cancer about 4 years back. He had a good operation then but unfortunately the thing keep coming back. He retired from HKU, I think last year. His condition turned ugly by the end of last year and I was informed by his family this morning that he passed away 2 days ago on 21st March 2004.



Luk Wing Hay (70)

Herbert MAK Kiang Chuen

Herbert Mak (62) passed away 8th January 2004 at Hong Kong Queen Mary Hospital after a long illness.

Herbert was survived by his wife and daughters Rose and Daisy.

Philip Yu (62)

The DSOBA AGM is scheduled at 6pm May 11, 2004 at the Chinese Club. Do show up and support the DSOBA!

Steve Chan Yiu-Fai (75)

Recently elected as District Councilor of Wanchai district - Jardines Lookout.

Rudy Chan (79)

chinadotcom corporation, a leading integrated enterprise software and mobile applications company in China, announced 30th Jan 04 the appointment of Mr. Rudy Chan as Chief Executive Officer of chinadotcom Mobile Interactive ("CDC Mobile").

Hardworking Internet and website team includes: Daniel Ma (76), Raymond Chu (75) Kenneth Lo (96) and Victor Kwok ('91).

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