

Mercantile Badminton Association

(Affiliated to the Sri Lanka Badminton Association)

19th December 1994



ANNUAL REPORT - 1994

On behalf of the General Committee, it gives me great pleasure to inform the membership of another successful year for the Mercantile Badminton Association.

(A) Tournaments:-

The Novices Championships was held in April and the Inter-Firm in November which were sponsored once again by Ms. Kiwi Lanka (Pvt) Ltd and Ms. Coats Tootal Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, respectively. I wish to place on record our appreciation and thanks to these two sponsors for their contribution and support to make these tournaments a success.

All Tournaments were conducted at the St. Thomas College Indoor Stadium - Mt. Lavinia. Although this venue is a little out of the way for participants to get to, the facilities are the best available at present to conduct tournaments.

The Open Championship which was scheduled in our calendar for August could not be held due to the General Elections and the conditions that prevailed in the country after same.

The untiring efforts of our Tournament Secretary - Rohan Dissanayake ably assisted by our Secretary - Eva Kodituwakku under the guidance of Vice President - Ajith Wijesinghe in conducting these tournament successfully needs special mention.

Please refer to separate report by the Hony Tournament Secretary for details regarding each tournament.

(B) Finances :

The audited statement of Accounts for the financial year 1993/94 is available to the membership.

I am pleased to report that the finances of MBA showed a marked improvement through sponsorships, prompt follow-up on payments as subscriptions/entry fees and prudent management of funds to end the year on a healthy financial status.

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Jayantha Kudahetty (ICTC Trading)

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HONY. TREASURER:

Sarath Kumarasinghe (Ceylon Trading)

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Rohan Dissanayake (Air Lanka)

ASSOCIATION SECRETARY:

Rohan Dissanayake (Air Lanka)

COMMITTEE:

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Vice President: Eraj M Wijesinghe
Secretary: Ms Eva Kodituwakku

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Vice President: Rohan Dissanayake

Honorary Secretary: Ms Eva Kodituwakku
Honorary Assistant Secretary: Nirajan Abayakoon
Honorary Assistant Treasurer: A S Herath

Association Secretary: Rohan Dissanayake
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In my year end report last year, I indicated that we had placed Rs.150,000/- in fixed deposits at the Sampath Bank. I am pleased to record that we have now Rs.300,000/- in fixed deposits in addition to a Saving Account with the Sampath Bank. Our Current Account remains with the Standard Chartered Bank.

All such deposit certificates and upto date income and expenditure statements for each tournament held this year are available with the Hony Treasurer for inspection.

The contribution made in this regard by our Hony Treasurer - Sarath Kumarasinghe, particularly in maintaining Accounts upto date and the expert advice given by Vice President - Palitha Kannangara in the investment of funds needs special mention and be placed on record.

Please also refer to the separate report by our Hony Treasurer for details regarding our finances for the year 1994.

(C) General:-

- (1) Meetings: Your committee met once a month. Each meeting was hosted by a member-firm in the committee and we thank them once again for their hospitality.

Attendance of committee members at some meetings and during tournaments were poor. It is impertitive that those representative of firms elected to serve on the committee gives their much needed encouragement and support to the office bearers by their active participation in order to carry out the affairs of the Association successfully for the benefit of the General Membership.

- (2) Girders : The 13 'H' iron girders are still lying in the vehicle yard of Central Finance Co Ltd. Your committee has still not been successful in disposing of them yet due to their condition and not being a popular size used at present. Very recently Central Finance kindly agreed to place them on an Auction conducted by Shockmen & Samarawickrama for some of their vehicles at their yard. It was decided by your committee to at least recover Rs.75,000/- although the cost for all was Rs.85,000/-.

No proper bids were received as those present at this auction were not our target customers. Our Vice President - Wijitha Perera who has been entrusted with this task is in touch with Central Finance and prospective buyers.

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HONY. TREASURER:

Sarath Kumarasinghe (Ceylon Trading)

VICE PATRONS:

Dr. I.A. Ismail (United Tractor & Equipment)
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We place on record and extend our appreciation to Ms. Central Finance Co Ltd for their ready co-operation and support not only for keeping these items in safe custody for so long, but also assisting us in every possible manner to dispose of them.

In conclusion, as I relinquish my term as President, I thank the Patron, Vice Patrons, Office Bearers and the General Committee of the MBA, officials of the SLBA and our member firms & sponsors for their co-operation and support for the MBA to successfully conclude its efforts during the year.

I have no doubt the same support would be extended to my successor and the new committee taking over.

Please accept our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a bright New Year.


Jayantha Kudahetty
President

PATRON:

H.K. Dissanayake (Chairman, Nawaloka Group)

PRESIDENT:

Jayantha Kudahetty (CFC Trading)

HONY. SECRETARY:

Ms. Leni Perera (Colombo Stock Exchange)

HONY. TREASURER:

Sarath Kumarasinghe (Ceylon Trading)

VICE PATRONS:

Dr. A. A. H. de Silva (Central)
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Major J. W. de Silva (Nawaloka Group)
Mr. M. B. de Silva (Tractor & Equipment)

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