

## History of PWD-BCA Club

ON 11 May 1934, a group of PWD employees playing in a cricket team called the “Non-Descript” formed the **PWD Sports Club**. The Sports Club was located at Kolam Ayer, and the clubhouse then was a thatched-roof building. Games, essentially cricket and football, were played in a field at Upper Serangoon.

In 1946, the balance of the Club bank account was \$424.28, which was considered a good sum of money at that time.

The activities of the Sports Club were disrupted during the Japanese Occupation of Singapore, and it was not until 3 November 1947 that the Club was revived.

The Club was formally registered in 1948. An interim committee with Mr. W G Steward as President was formed to administer the affair of the Club until the Management Committee was formed after the First Annual General Meeting held on 14 January 1949. One of the first tasks of the Management Committee was to apply the Registrar of Societies for re-exemption from the Societies Ordinance. The application was approved on 3 February 1949 and its name “PWD Sports Club” was entered into the Register of Exempted Societies.

During the BMA period and the early 1950s, the Club’s playing field at Upper Serangoon was occupied by the Army and it had to use the fields of various schools for its activities. Meetings were held in offices at the then PWD Building at High Street, now occupied by the Attorney-General’s Chambers.

In 1956, the Club moved to its location at Stadium Road.



The facilities at that time consisted of a clubhouse, a football field, two tennis courts and a badminton hall. The original clubhouse occupied an area where the lounge and Jackpot & Video Games rooms were. In later years, the Pavilion was added, followed by the Billiards Room and lastly the kitchenette. However, in 1970, the Club had to give up its ample field and two tennis courts to make way for the construction of the National Stadium Complex.

On 6 April 1957, at the occasion of the Sixth Annual General Meeting, it was unanimously decided to change the name of the Sports Club, and called it **Public Works Department Club**. The new name was approved by the Registrar of Societies on 6 May 1957.

Public Works Department Club was formally registered under the Societies Ordinance on 9 August 1961.

On 1 April 1999, the consultancy and estate management arms of Public Works Department were corporatized to form the new PWD Corporation Pte Ltd. The Building Control Division was merged with the Construction Industry Development Board to form the Building and Construction Authority. With these changes, the PWD Club was re-named as the **PWD-BCA Club**.

| <b>CLUB PRESIDENTS SINCE 1948</b> |                     |      |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------|---------|
| 1                                 | Mr E G Gardiner     | 1948 | 1951    |
| 2                                 | Mr R E Pitt         | 1951 | 1952    |
| 3                                 | Mr A Wear           | 1952 | 1955    |
| 4                                 | Mr R G Lles         | 1955 | 1958    |
| 5                                 | Mr J A Mcleod       | 1958 | 1959    |
| 6                                 | Mr Ng Wah Hing      | 1959 | 1963    |
| 7                                 | Mr K Y D Gin        | 1963 | 1966    |
| 8                                 | Mr Hiew Siew Nam    | 1966 | 1974    |
| 9                                 | Mr Yap Neng Chew    | 1974 | 1985    |
| 10                                | Dr Tan Swan Beng    | 1985 | 1998    |
| 11                                | Mr Chua Koon Hoe    | 1998 | 1999    |
| 12                                | Mr Tan Siong Leng   | 1999 | 2002    |
| 13                                | Mr Chionh Chye Khye | 2002 | 2006    |
| 14                                | Dr John Keung       | 2006 | 2017    |
| 15                                | Mr Hugh Lim         | 2017 | 2020    |
| 16                                | Mr Kelvin Wong      | 2020 | Present |