





### PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION AND SINGAPORE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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# AN ALL-INCLUSIVE TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION AT BRADDEL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY HUB, THE FORMER SERANGOON BUS INTERCHANGE

The **Passion Table Tennis** event this year is a <u>more inclusive event involving 40 community teams including teams from the Table Tennis Association for the Disabled</u>, and it took place on Sunday, 23 November 2014 right in the heartlands of Braddel Heights Community Hub, formerly the Serangoon Bus Interchange. Mr Seah Kian Peng, Deputy Speaker of Parliament and Advisor to Marine Parade GRC Grassroots Organisations said "Braddell Heights grassroots organisations and leaders are honoured and delighted to host the Passion Table Tennis event here. I am a big advocate of sports as a form of strengthening community bonds and this event provides a great platform for residents to come together to watch and play in this friendly competition and at the same time, forge new and renew friendships".

- 2. The People's Association (PA) and Singapore Table Tennis Association (STTA) has collaborated since 2011 to form table tennis sports communities, <u>targeting to form 87 Passion Table Tennis Clubs</u>, <u>one in each constituency by 2015</u>. The Clubs bring like-minded residents together to hone their table tennis skills as well as build friendships, and have grown to 69 this year, up from 50 last year, each led by resident peer leaders.
- 3. This event also gave disadvantaged players a family-like feeling and a sense of belonging within the table tennis community by including three teams from the Table Tennis Association for the Disabled.
- 4. Ms Ellen Lee Geck Hoon, PBM, President of STTA attended the event together with four members of the national team: Feng Tian Wei, Isabelle Li, Chen Feng and Clarence Chew. Ms Lee shared "Table Tennis is a popular sport in Singapore that brings people of different background together. I am so touched to see our fellow disabled players playing alongside the able-bodied players and it goes to show how inclusive the sport can be, and I hope this will inspire more Singaporeans to learn and play table tennis as a sport."
- 5. Braddell Heights Community Sports Club (CSC) organised this year's event, which is an annual high point event supported by the PA and STTA. The team competition event was played to a single 7-point game, and on a rotational basis to allow the teams to play with more opponents. Winners are determined by the number of points they score in each rotation instead of the number of wins to encourage the teams to give their best until the final round.

## **About Singapore Table Tennis Association**

The <u>Singapore Table Tennis</u> mission is to develop world class table tennis players by identifying, nurturing and motivating aspiring table-tennis talents to become the best that they could be. The STTA is also committed to promoting table tennis vigorously by building a significant number of table tennis players to help make a vibrant sporting Singapore. More information at <a href="https://www.stta.org.sg">www.stta.org.sg</a>.

#### **About People's Association**

The <u>People's Association</u> (PA) was established on 1 July 1960 to promote racial harmony and social cohesion in Singapore. Our mission is to build and bridge communities in achieving one people, one Singapore.

PA offers a wide range of <u>programmes</u> to cater to Singaporeans from all walks of life - connecting people to people, and people and government. We do this through our network of 1,800 <u>grassroots organisations</u> (GROs), over 100 Community Clubs, five Community Development Councils, the National Youth Council, National Community Leadership Institute, Outward Bound Singapore and Water-Venture. More information at <u>www.pa.gov.sg</u> and OurCommunity.sg.

#### **About the Community Sports Clubs**

The Community Sports Clubs (CSCs) are part of the People's Association network of grassroots organisations.

There are 87 constituencies in Singapore and there is a CSC in each constituency. The 87 CSCs are managed by volunteers who work with the PA to organise sports activities for the residents to promote social cohesion, racial harmony and community bonding.

#### **Glossary of Chinese Terms**

ENGLISH	CHINESE
People's Association (PA)	人民协会
Singapore Table Tennis Association	新加坡乒乓总会
Community Sports Club (CSC)	社区体育俱乐部
Grassroots Organisations (GROs)	基层组织
Grassroots Adviser	基层组织顾问

#### List of Community Sports Clubs with PAssion Table Tennis Clubs

- 1. Admiralty Community Sports Club
- 2. Ang Mo Kio-Hougang Community Sports Club
- 3. Ayer Rajah Community Sports Club
- 4. Bedok Community Sports Club
- 5. Bedok Reservoir-Punggol Community Sports Club
- 6. Bishan East Community Sports Club
- 7. Bishan North Community Sports Club
- 8. Boon Lay Community Sports Club
- 9. Braddell Heights Community Sports Club
- Bukit Batok East Community Sports Club
- 11. Bukit Gombak Community Sports Club
- 12. Bukit Panjang Community Sports Club
- 13. Bukit Timah Community Sports Club
- 14. Buona Vista Community Sports Club
- Canberra Community Sports Club
- 16. Cheng San-Seletar Community Sports Club
- 17. Chong Pang Community Sports Club
- 18. Chua Chu Kang Community Sports Club
- 19. Fengshan Community Sports Club
- 20. Geylang Serai Community Sports Club
- 21. Hong Kah North Community Sports Club
- 22. Hougang Community Sports Club
- 23. Jalan Besar Community Sports Club
- 24. Jalan Kayu Community Sports Club
- 25. Kampong Chai Chee Community Sports Club
- Kampong Glam Community Sports Club
- 27. Keat Hong Community Sports Club
- 28. Kembangan-Chai Chee Community Sports Club
- 29. Kolam Ayer Community Sports Club
- 30. Kreta Ayer-Kim Seng Community Sports Club
- 31. MacPherson Community Sports Club
- 32. Marsiling Community Sports Club
- 33. Mountbatten Community Sports Club

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