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D AUTHENTIC **FINE** **LINING** **AT EL COMEDOR**

By Honey Jarque Loop

Casino Español de Cebu is a second home to most of its members for different reasons. Significant events such as birthdays, weddings, reunions, proms and graduation celebrated here have etched wonderful memories in their hearts. TURN TO PAGE 13...



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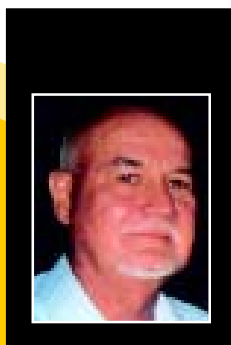
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jose "Cheling" B. Sala
President

Progress Report

The Club is now in its second quarter of the current fiscal year, and our financial results are strong – thanks to the increase patronage of the Club by our Members and their guests. We are on track to maintain a strong financial position through the end of the fiscal year. This will allow us to continue to re-invest on the Club and its facilities to meet Member's expectations.

I encourage any Member who has an interest in becoming involved in the club's various Committees to contact our General Manager or any of the Board of Directors. We welcome any suggestions regarding the amenities of the club that would be well received by the general membership, hoping this would result in even usage of the club and its facilities.

Thank you.



MANAGER'S NOTES

Ed Tongco
Gen. Manager

Dear Members,

Remembering the Special Ones

As we passed the 1st quarter, I'm glad to see that this turns out to be another fantastic year. I'm certain that our members will experience even greater growth in 2007. While all of these are definite causes for a celebration, let us also take time to remember the people who have played an important part in getting us to where we are today.

There was much excitement during the last quarter, as we celebrated Valentine's Day, & Gourmet Food & Wines Night in February. Once again, we've specially prepared a menu for these occasions and I'm quite certain that they have impressed our most discerning members.

We will be celebrating the 1st ever Thai Food Promotion, Tapas Night, Mother's Day and Father's Day. For these occasions, we have come up with extraordinary menus. What better way to show your love and appreciation than by bringing your beloved family and friends where a meal is more than a meal – it's an experience.

Just for the members, our Chef has selectively created several varieties of delightful new menus during our weekend buffet.

Remember to check out the events section where we feature past celebrations and corporate events. We take much delight in playing host and I'm looking forward to catch you, our esteemed members, here whether it's for special event, meal, or simply for a relaxing drink after a hard day at work.



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2006

HERODITO CALESA

HERODITO "TITING" CALESA is 2006 Employee of the year. He successfully defended his position during the rigid interview conducted by the Board of Directors.

He was chosen Employee of the Month of May 2006. Because of his continued Dedication and Love to his job, he was able to maintain the Honor of being a Role Model. Hence, he was declared Employee of the Year 2006.



Employee for the month of October 2006

MS. KHAREN REPONTE Account Receivable Clerk

In April 2005, Casino Español de Cebu, Inc. acquired a patient, dedicated and religiously hardworking Account Receivable Clerk. All these positive characteristics placed her in good stead and contributed to her success.

A truly deserving one, Kharen acquired the employee of the month distinction for October 2006.



Employee for the month of November 2006

PRIMO CEBALLOS

A trustworthy and reliable guy; a hardworking and dedicated worker, Primo Ceballos was November's Employee of the Month. He started working at Casino Español in October 2004, assigned at the kitchen-banquet as cook. He is one of the

conspirators who concoct delicious delicacies in all banquet functions.



Employee for the month of December 2006

BENITO LONGAKIT

Benito Longakit was December's Model Employee. He started working with us in 1972. His unquestionable loyalty with the club, his willingness to carry out his assigned task effectively, his interest & dedication help, makes him worthy to be named model

employee of the month.



Employee for the month of January 2007

MARIA VICTORIA HANAWA

Year 2007 is of great significance of Casino Español de Cebu, Inc., Finance Department, for it produces the first Employee of the Month.

An Account Payables Clerk, Marivic Hanawa is the culprit of this lucky year of Finance Department. She works with us since January of 2001. She used professionalism, dedication and punctuality to grab this prestigious honor.

Thai Foodfest at La Terraza

By Liv Campo

Casino Español de Cebu, Inc. successfully launched and finished off its three-day Thai Food Promotion, which kicked off April 27 until on the 29th.



Jose Luis Alba, Jose Sala, Anthony Ballreich, Manuel Sainz and Edgardo Tongco.

The event was in cooperation with Krua Thai that practically hauled its kitchen complete with its own Thai chefs to the Club's La Terraza so its members and guests could experience authentic Thai cuisine right at the club's midst.

The Club's General Manager Edgardo Tongco said on their first night there was an increase of diners to at least 30 percent, a good indication that the promotion dubbed as "Thai Chef's for a Thai Food Promotion" was well accepted by its members. Tongco explained that that was actually what they wanted in the first place: to give satisfaction to them so they don't get tired of the usual food served at the club.

Normally, La Terraza's (the place's only restaurant by the pool) menu includes 40 percent Spanish-style



cooking and 60 percent European. However, they have to come up with a "different cuisine once in a while" not only for their members to see some change around but also to "increase patronage," said Tongco.

Tongco explained that this was the first time that Casino had tied up with Krua Thai, and because they believed that this resto, being the "best in town," they had no qualms in letting them in to serve its members, of mostly whom have a very discriminating taste.

But with the first day it turnout that members trying Krua Thai dishes meticulous setup beside the pool, Tongco said, they may try it again in the near future. Each diner was only charged with P328, which already gave him a chance to pick whatever he liked in the buffet table.

Meanwhile, Krua Thai's Proprietor and General Manager Anthony Ballreich, who was also there during the opening, said he was glad that Casino Español had invited them to the event as it was also a chance for



Christina Saladag (standing) with Alexander Ho and family.

them to promote Thai food to its members.

And although Krua Thai is known for its "five-star service" and "best quality and authentic Thai food" in the country, its food is "reasonably priced," which is why even those who belong in class C can try and taste their food without paying much, explained Ballreich.

The club's Thai Food Promotions opening was also attended by club officials Jose Sala, Manuel Sainz, Jr., and Jose Luis Alba.



Standing: Rico Gandionco, Ed Tongco and Anthony Ballreich. Seated: Jose Sala, Amiel Triffon and Jose Luis Alba



CE staff participated during the event.





Gov. Gwen Garcia (5th from left) and Vice Gov. Greg Sanchez (4th from left) with the visitors from Austria, Croatia, Slovenia and Slovakia

DINNER TO WELCOME DIPLOMATS

By Flor S. Yncino

Governor Gwendolyn F. Garcia, on behalf of the Province of Cebu and with Vice Gov. Greg Sanchez, hosted a dinner reception for the Philippine Honorary Consuls General and Honorary Consuls from Austria, Croatia, Slovenia and Slovakia at the Casino Español de Cebu.



From left: US Consular Agent John Domingo, Mila Espina and Honorary Consul of Sweden Jose "Cheling" Sala

Philippine Ambassador to Austria Linglingay Lacanlale headed the guests, together with: Second Secretary and Consul Josel F. Ignacio; Honorary Consul Thomas Wagner and wife Alexandra of Salzburg; Professor Waltraud Steinbock of St. Pollen and lower Austria (she is also a publisher in her city) with her son Erik; Honorary Consul of Slovenia Joze

Kastelic and wife Olga; Dr. Christian Traweger of Tyrol and Yoralborg; Dr. Pavol Konstiak, nominee for Honorary Consul General of Slovakia and Dr. Andreas Altman.

From the Cebu end were our very own prominent consular officials, headed by Consul General of Austria in Cebu Arcadio "Dodong" Alegrado, Honorary Consul of Sweden Jose "Cheling" Sala; Honorary Consul of Spain Jaime Picornell; Honorary Consul



From left: DOT Region 7 Director Dawnie Roa, PB Members Juan Bolo and Teresita Celis

of Belgium Enrique Benedicto; Honorary Consul of Turkey Tina Benedicto; US Consular Agent John Domingo; Honorary Consul of Portugal Samuel Chioson; Honorary Consul of the Republic of Slovakia Antonio Chiu, and Honorary Consul of Japan Shigekaja Hokunosa.

Dinner over, our fave host Sam Costanilla introduced Cebuano songbirds Windie Prado and Zenith Rivera, who for us, were two discoveries. Dances were presented quickly and quite impressively by the members (kids all) of the Mandaue City School for the Arts Dance Troupe who also performed during the ASEAN Summit's formal dinner with Lea Salonga. As the program ended, Sam calmly announced that the director of the presentation was no less than the incomparable Junjet Primor.

Brief speeches were delivered by Gov. Gwen Garcia and Vice Gov. Greg Sanchez, and on behalf of the visiting Honorary Consuls, Second Secretary Josel Ignacio said his piece thanking the Governor and the Cebuanos for the warm hospitality accorded them.



Consul General of Austria Arcadio Alegrado and Prof. Waltraud Steinbock of St. Pollem, Austria



Honorary Consul of Turkey Tina Benedicto (right) with friends of Gov. Gwen (from left) Honey Loop, Elvira Luym, Marissa Fernan and Teresin Mendezona



Gov. Gwen Garcia (2nd from right) with Philippine Ambassador to Austria Linglingay Lacanlale (2nd from left), Honorary Consul of Salzburg Thomas Wagner (right), and CCCI president Francis Monera (left)

THE WEDDING OF *Gershwin and Candice*

By Jaime Picornell



The Redemptorist Fathers' Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help was the scene for the elegant afternoon wedding of Candice Gayle To and Gershwin Raph Alvarez. She is the daughter of Nilo and Erlinda To; he is the son of Edwin and Lucrecia "Baby" (nee Gillamac) Alvarez.

Solemnity pervaded as the cortege went down the aisle, bounded by flowers. When Candice entered to march up to the altar a show of fragrant rose petals flowed down from the choir loft. Fr. Joselito Tajanlangit was main celebrant at the nuptial Mass, and surpassed himself with a lengthy homily. Fr. Randy Figuracion was co-celebrant.

The reception that followed was at 6p.m. at Salon de España of the Casino Español. It had been beautifully transformed into a lush trellised vineyard by

Gershwin and Candice with their entourage. The three flower girls on the foreground are Jules Go, Janine So and Erika Ty. The pages are Joshua Chiong, Alan Gillamac and Bradwin Paul Alvarez. At left on first row are bridesmaids Veronica To and Judy Flor Gillamac, while behind them are matron of honor Sharla Salgado and maid of honor Erika Ty. First row at right are groomsmen Clark Gillamac and Christian Ramos. Behind them, best men Rodwin Luke and Darwin James Alvarez.

Marilou Reyes who had also done the church décor.

Several food stations were laid out at the Madrid, Bilbao and Barcelona salons for the buffet dinner. In the ballroom, everyone admired the masterpiece of a bridal cake confectioned by Marissa Rodriguez Unchuan. The evening was made lively with toasts and speeches by the father of the bride, the bridegroom's mother, and his grandmother Doña Flora Gillamac. **(Reprinted from Cebu Daily News – March 23, 2007)**

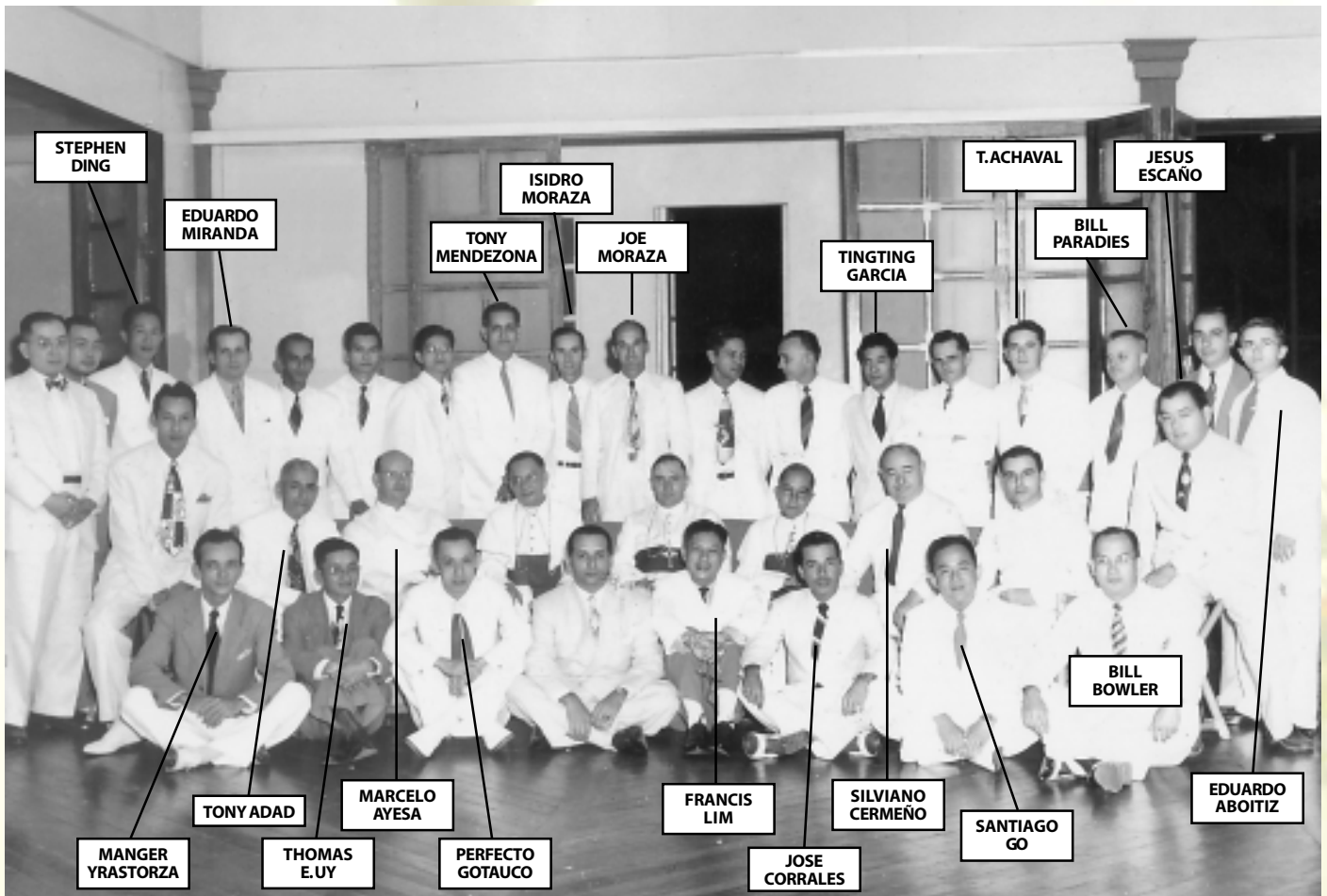


(Photo above) Gershwin and Candice with the bridegroom's family. At left, foreground, are grandparents Atty. Cecilio and Flor Gillamac. At right, foreground, are his parents Lucrecia "Baby" Gillamac Alvarez and Edwin Alvarez with their youngest son Bradwin Paul in front of them. The two dashing cavaliers at the back are his brothers, and best men, Darwin James (left) and Rodwin Luke (right) Alvarez.

(Left photo) From left to right: Doming Garcia, Joe Camaya, Romy Alejandro, Rolly Borres; standing: Edwin Alvarez.



SNAPSHOTS FROM THE PAST



If you can identify these members/guests in these pictures, please give us their names so that we can post these pictures again with their identity for the next issue of Boletín Informativo.



Congratulations to the

TOP 12 HIGHEST PATRONS FOR THE YEAR 2006



Mr. Gabriel V. Leyson

Mr. Jaime Jose L. Escaño

Mr. Jose R. Gullas

Mr. Ramon Villordon Jr.

Mr. Vicente Ramon Jose Maria dela Serna

Mr. Tsukee O. Go

Mr. Jose Mari Marinda

Consul Jaime Picornell

Ms. Casilda Martinez

Mr. Roy Vincent Gopuco Jr.

Mr. Donald Ruiz

Mr. Luis Moro Jr.



Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Adad, Pepita and Jesus Moraza, Magda and Luis Romero Salas, Luisa and Maximiliano Pando, Amparin and Manolo Palacio, Delfi and Juan Achaval, Ana and Vidal Aboitiz, Sofia and Alvaro Pastor, Elena and Fernando Moraza

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

N E W M E M B E R S



Alan Simporios



Andrew Chua
Ongchanhoi



Don Edward Rosello



Eduardo Borromeo Jr



Ferdinand Causing
Fernandez



Franklyn Ong



Hung Fai "Ahoy" Wong



John Young



Jose Soberano III



Jose Iñaki Martinez



Jose Mari Martinez Jr



Katherine Chua
Ongchanhoi



Loren Yap Ong



Lorna Adolfo
Montesclaros



Luisito Ramos



Lura Abella



Maria Aurora Ceniza



Marita Palacios
Domingo



Peter Po II



Randolph Lloyd Paray



Roselyn Lao



Sergio Antonio V.
Paras Jr



Teresita Flores



Vicente Chua
Ongchanhoi Jr.



William Chua
Ongchanhoi

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AUTHENTIC FINE DINING AT EL COMEDOR

Food, the common thread that binds almost all activities, has always been a main attraction. Recently, the club has raised the culinary experience to a new level. Periodic fine dining has been introduced to add more pleasant memories and well-deserved indulgence.

Fine dining is not just about food or the wine, the ambiance or the decoration. It is about a



Casino Español president Cheling Sala and wife Susan



Rosebud Sala, Amparito Lhuillier, The Freeman food columnist Nestor Alonso and Tommy Escaño



Casino Español GM Ed Tongco and house chairman Jimmy Escaño



Rose Hennessy, Tere Rotaache, Nonoy and Miriam Tirol

president Cheling Sala and his wife Susan, Vice President Gabriel Leyson accompanied by his long time partner Tina Jordana, secretary Rico Gandionco with his proud parents Rodrigo and Julie Gandionco, treasurer Manuel Sainz, House Chairman Jimmy Escaño who brought along visiting brother Tommy and director of sports Nonoy Alba.

In animated conversation were members Choy and Rosebud Sala, Michel and Amparito Lhuillier, Alberto and Tere Rotaache, Jaime and Cecilia Picornell, Tintoy and Maricar Perdices, Nonoy and Miriam Tirol and Spanish resident Mitos Montilla.

For starters, the sit-down plated dinner consisted of crab cake with lime and ginger sauce and roasted apple. This was followed by roasted shallot and butternut squash soup with beet crisps. Then came charred chicken breast cooked to perfection. A refreshing green mango sherbet was served to cleanse the plate. The main course was tender, juicy grilled lamb chops with oregano, tomato chutney, and mushroom brochette. The excellent wines were Australian Chardonnay, Deakin Estate and Shiraz, Thirsty Lizard.

After all that delicious food, we had chocolate mousse for dessert, with coffee and pralines - those rich, yummy, addictive candy confections.

A good time was had by everyone and the fine dining experience at the Casino Español was a rounding success.

Congratulations are in order of General Manager Ed Tongco, Events Manager Rudy Rubi, and to chef Dennis Quimada and pastry chef Jane Palacio, as well as to the entire kitchen brigade who went to great lengths to ensure a truly enjoyable evening.

total package where everything fits into place. Exquisite table linens, attentive but not over zealous attendants, beautiful surroundings and, let's not forget a well planned, balanced menu capped by decadent dessert, play a role in making dining truly a memorable experience.

To create the magic combination of these pleasures, Casino Español de Cebu hosted a fabulous gourmet dinner at the well-appointed El Comedor.

The evening started with cocktails at the courtyard. The waitstaff passed around canapés as guests savored sparkling wines specially selected by wine connoisseurs Dondi and Corinne Joseph.

In attendance were the newly elected board, led by

Copa Casino Español's (wide world of sports) golf tournament

By Edgar R. Chiongbian

It was one fine sunny day when approximately 170 members and guests of Casino Español went to play a round of tournament golf that was organized by the sports committee under CE director Nonoy Alba. They went scampering, whimpering and simpering on the fairways in search for a hole-in-one. Finding none, most digressed to settling for a good shot; any shot or score that was worthy of a days work at the links.

These diehard golfers knew about the good reputation of Copa de Golf so no questions were asked; just fun, fun, fun in a sport no one has mastered. Not even Tiger Woods, although pretty darn close sometimes! This was a very special occasion for Copa de Golf. Because of its past success it inspired the first edition of the Copa de Casino Español sports festival, and became its pillar and the corner stone of the event.

Overall Copa chairman Nonoy Tirol, Bunny Pages and ERC hit the ceremonial tee offs at Cebu Country Club to signal to official start of the golf tournament. The team of not letting teammates down. Flight pairings were meticulously scrutinized to keep competitive players together and keep similarly typed personalities in the same flights. This turned out to be the main ingredient to the fun of the tournament.

Everyone knew there was plenty of room in the 37 spots reserved for the winner's circle, allowing more luck than skill to take them to the top. However, at the end of the day, even with three holes on the par 3 greens, the automobile, a

motorcycle and TV sets were left behind with no owners to claim the prize.

Thunderbird team #2 of Loren Ong, Emma Bayer, Edwin Medalle and Alan Larot displaced the defending team champions of Marc Gonzalez, Blake Go, Jojo Tiongco and Marc Dy. And last year's individual champion Maxcy Borromeo humbled by the record high Copa score of 49 points by the new Golfer of the Year, Loren Ong.

The most prestigious individual award of the Copa de Casino Español was the Player of the Year award that went to Louie Moro. To win this title, Louie played in four different sports to gain extra points. Nonoy Tirol, who was leading until the last day's game of golf, played in three sports.

Finally at the awarding dinner in the Salon de España, everyone was treated to a sumptuous meal of Angus beef, major raffles, a good dance band and dancing that lasted early in the morning. Thus ended a very successful Casino Español sport festival and until we do it again next year. Hasta la vista baby!



Oliver Ko and billiard champ Nonoy Tirol. Louie Moro with poker champion Victor Yuvillos.



Badminton Champs composed of Louie Moro, Martin Montenegro, Jordan Tanco, Allen Tan, Gina Juan, Janel Dihiansan, Charles Co, and Frederick Tan.



Champion Class A



Champion Class B – Fred Quilala and Donald Ruiz

Copa de Casino Español '07 Awarding Night

The whole month of March was a sports month for Casino Español de Cebu where more or less 350 enthusiastic members and invited guests joined the annual Copa de Casino Español. This sports campaign allowed enthusiasts to show their prowess in the five Copa events: badminton, billiards, golf, tennis and poker.

Copa de Casino Español is on its 7th year, drawing more players to participate in this annual sports event. According to Edito "Nonoy" Tirol, chairman of the Copa, this campaign promotes camaraderie among members, children, dependents and guests.



The youngest players, the young golfers. The Banilad Cebu Trade Center team is composed of Abby Olea, Jovi Manglapus, Lloyd Jefferson Go and Franz Olea.



The player of the year Louie Moro



Class C Champions



Copa de Golf Division B champion – Bad Boys 4 composed of Ernesto Siguan, Ben Li, Gina Yap and Joy Siguan.



Copa de Golf overall team champion – Thunderbird (from left) Emma Bayer, Edwin Medalle, Loren Ong and Alan Larot.



Loren Ong is the Golfer of the Year



Copa de Golf Division A champion – Chots Wood team which is composed of Jun Dayot, Roy Damole, Robert Limyutiong and Peter Po II.



Copa de Golf Division C champion – Promac team composed of Hernan Streegan, Manger Calderon, Flor Streegan and Eva Hino.

Then, the awards night came. A sumptuous dinner was served at the Salon de España where (players) members and guests converged. The SRO band provided the entertainment while they sipped their favorite wine. Casino Español President Cheling Sala, Copa chairperson Nonoy Tirol and sports director Nonoy Alba handed medals and shiny trophies to jubilant Copa champions. Louie Moro was hailed Player of the Year who participated in almost all Copa events.



Copa de Casino Committee. Standing, from left: Oliver Ko, Alex Oquias, Louie Moro, Joe Camay, Nonoy Tirol, Nonoy Alba, President Cheling Sala, Gina Juan, Bunny Pages, Edgar Chiongbian and Rico Gandionco. Kneeling from left: Jeffrey Dico and Roy Gopoco.

The year started with a bang for the tennis club with its new set of officers led by Jose Lopez Camaya. February found itself packed with activities. First was the 2-weekend Milo tournament for various age groups. The second was the 4-day visit of four American USTA coaches who gave primers to 60 coaches/trainers and 20 senior players. Both events were quarterbacked by the tireless John Pages.

The third was the 4th Edward "Boy" Du Memorial Tournament, an annual event in memory of a dear colleague, graced by Lian Du, and her

daughter Cassey. Guest club was the Maasin Lawn Tennis Club, through the efforts of Rudy Montederamos, our super-active secretary, and his wife, Nene. There were 35 contenders, many of them women.

The opening rites were emceed by Rolly Borres, our fashion player PRO. Doming Garcia, our efficient banquet coordinator, led the Pambansang Awit with Mons. Achilles Dakay doing the invocation. Donald Ruiz, our debonair vice-president, did the welcome address with Loloy delivering a response for Maasin. Nene read the oath of sportsmanship while Jeff Dico, our tournament director, announced the rules. After serving Casino Royal pizza, the games began.

CLAY COURT TIDBITS

In the spirit of friendship, results of the games will not be mentioned. In the presidential match, Joecam doubles with June San Juan. Surprisingly, the most requested opponent was Zalda Ruiz, our svelte and workaholic treasurer, who played three sets with fleet-footed Edgar. All the other girls – Daya Cuenco, Anna Cuenco, Heidi Mesina, Marichu San Juan, Myrna, Joy and Amy – played at least two sets each, even as Jimmy Escano and Fred Quilala battled two septuagenarians. Fabie Borrromeo paired with Dave, while Danny Mella, our sgt-at-arms, was a perfect storm with his forehand as he set up his partner, Jeff Dico. Kit Borrromeo, Mar Ong and Romy Alejandro, our past president, chose to sit it out on the sideline.

During the sumptuous dinner at La Terraza, made doubly special because it was Chinese New Year's eve, complete with

Peking duck, guests were regaled with Chinese dragons and dancers. Afterward, it was back to the courts until past midnight. The atmosphere turned magical with the hauntingly romantic music floating down from a party at the verandah.

The Maasin folks came looking for competition, fun and friendship and they got it, along with beautiful memories.

As its share in encouraging the youth, the club helped defray the expenses of the Siso siblings, Cebu's shining tennis stars, for their Manila trip for Asia-Pacific seeding. (JLC)



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