



THE
SINGAPORE
ISLAND COUNTRY
CLUB



A photograph of a golf course. In the foreground, there is a large, irregularly shaped sand trap (bunker) with light-colored sand. The surrounding grass is a vibrant green. In the middle ground, there is a large, dark green tree with a thick trunk and dense foliage. The background shows more of the golf course, with rolling green hills and several other trees. The sky is not visible.

*Welcome to an oasis of greenery;
a natural sanctuary in an urban location ...
The largest and most prestigious golf club
in Singapore.*





Aerial view of Island Clubhouse, circa 1950s

MEMBERSHIP

The Club has approximately 7,800 Principal Members, with total membership strength of approximately 18,000 (inclusive of registered spouses and children). All members have to abide by the Rules, Bye-Laws and Club Policies.



Bukit Clubhouse, circa 1930s



The Island's first Clubhouse, circa 1932

History of

The Singapore Island Country Club

The Singapore Island Country Club (SICC) was formed in 1963 after the merger of the Royal Singapore Golf Club and the Royal Island Club. It has since then been one of the most prestigious country clubs in Singapore. It is mainly known for its fine golf courses which have played host to numerous tournaments.

Royal Singapore Golf Club

The Golf Club (the original name of the Royal Singapore Golf Club) was formed in 1891. Its members played the game on the race course owned by the Singapore Sporting Club located at Race Course Road, where Farrer Park is today. With business activities growing in the area, the Golf Club moved to a new home at Bukit Timah in 1924. On 12 November 1938, when King George VI became the patron of the Club, its name was changed to the Royal Singapore Golf Club.

Royal Island Club

The Race Course Golf Club (the original name of the Royal Island Club) was formed in 1924 and comprised members of the Sporting Club and those of the Royal Golf Club who did not want to join the club when it moved to Bukit Timah. Asian members of the Sporting Club could not join the Royal Golf Club as it was exclusively for the Europeans. So, they joined the Race Course Golf Club (also known as the Turf Club Golf Club, as the Sporting Club was renamed the Turf Club in 1924). In 1932, the Race Course Golf Club opened its new golf course in the MacRitchie catchment area, and the club was renamed the Island Club. Membership was opened to everyone, though the bulk of it was

made up of members of the Race Course Golf Club, which was liquidated in 1932. The clubhouse of the Island Club was officially opened on 27 August 1932. The occasion, officiated by the Duke of Gloucester, led to its renaming to the Royal Island Club.

After the war, the Royal Island Club flourished because of its cosmopolitan appeal. The Royal Golf Club, however, by hanging on to its exclusively European and colonial mentality, not only dwindled but was viewed as anachronistic amidst Singapore's attempt at her own nationhood and national identity. The Royal Golf Club approached the then-President of the Royal Island Club, Dato Loke Wan Tho, for a merger of the two clubs.

SICC is Established After the Merger

On 1 July 1963, the merger between the Royal Singapore Golf Club and the Royal Island Club took place, and the new club was named the Singapore Island Country Club (SICC). The last evening when the two clubs were to exist as separate entities witnessed two different kind of celebrations at the clubs; merriment at the club at Thomson as members of the Royal Island Club looked forward to new experiences, and gloom at the club at Bukit Timah as members of the Royal Singapore Golf Club lowered the Union Jack and bade farewell to a privileged era.

Developments

After the merger, golfers preferred the Bukit Timah and Sime Road courses that used to belong to the Royal Singapore Golf Club as they were better. Hence, the



1970 Bukit Club House

ex-Island Club's location was subsequently less used. The increase in membership brought about a need to construct a new and better course to serve their needs. In 1964, the Public Utilities Board (PUB) granted permission for the building of a new course. British golf architect, Frank Pennik of CK Cotton and Company, was given the job of constructing the 7,000 yard (6,500 m) course. It took three years and cost \$700,000. The first nine holes were opened for play in August 1968 but it was only officially opened in 1970 by then-Chief Justice Wee Chong Jin.

The Crest

SICC's crest, comprising a lion and a sea eagle surrounded by a belt, was designed by a British sculptor, C. d'O. Pilkington Jackson. It is a combination of key elements of the Island's and the Royal's crests.

Today, the Club has four 18-hole courses at two sites, called Island and Bukit, only a short drive apart and located in the central part of Singapore. The 6,482-yard old course (Island Course) and the 6,991-yard New Course of the Island location each winds along the Peirce Reservoir with stunning water views. The untamed feel is enhanced by the lack of visible link-side housing and the club's decision to eliminate signage from the tee boxes, and monkeys playing in the trees along the fairways.

At the Club's Bukit location are two courses with hilly layouts: the 6,276-yard Bukit Course, a major tournament site that rarely allows visitors, and the 6,538-yard Sime Course.

Besides golf, the club also provides other recreational activities, including tennis, squash, swimming, bowling as well as bridge, dance classes and a multitude of workshops.

Source: Tan, Gabriel. (2001). Singapore Island Country Club. Singapore

With Reference To: Reutens, L. (1993). The Eagle and the Lion: A history of the Singapore Island Country Club. Singapore: The Club.



1951 Club A Frame

GOLF COURSES

Singapore golf is synonymous with SICC. With spectacular fairways that wind along the Lower Peirce and MacRitchie reservoirs, accompanied by the stunning water views and breath-taking backdrops, the private rolling greens of SICC are the island's pièce de résistance.

With three beautiful and challenging 18-hole championship golf courses, and putting and chipping greens carved out of natural terrain, golfing at SICC is a unique experience.

Be enthralled by the unsurpassed natural beauty and tranquil surroundings of the golf courses.



Bukit Course *(top)*

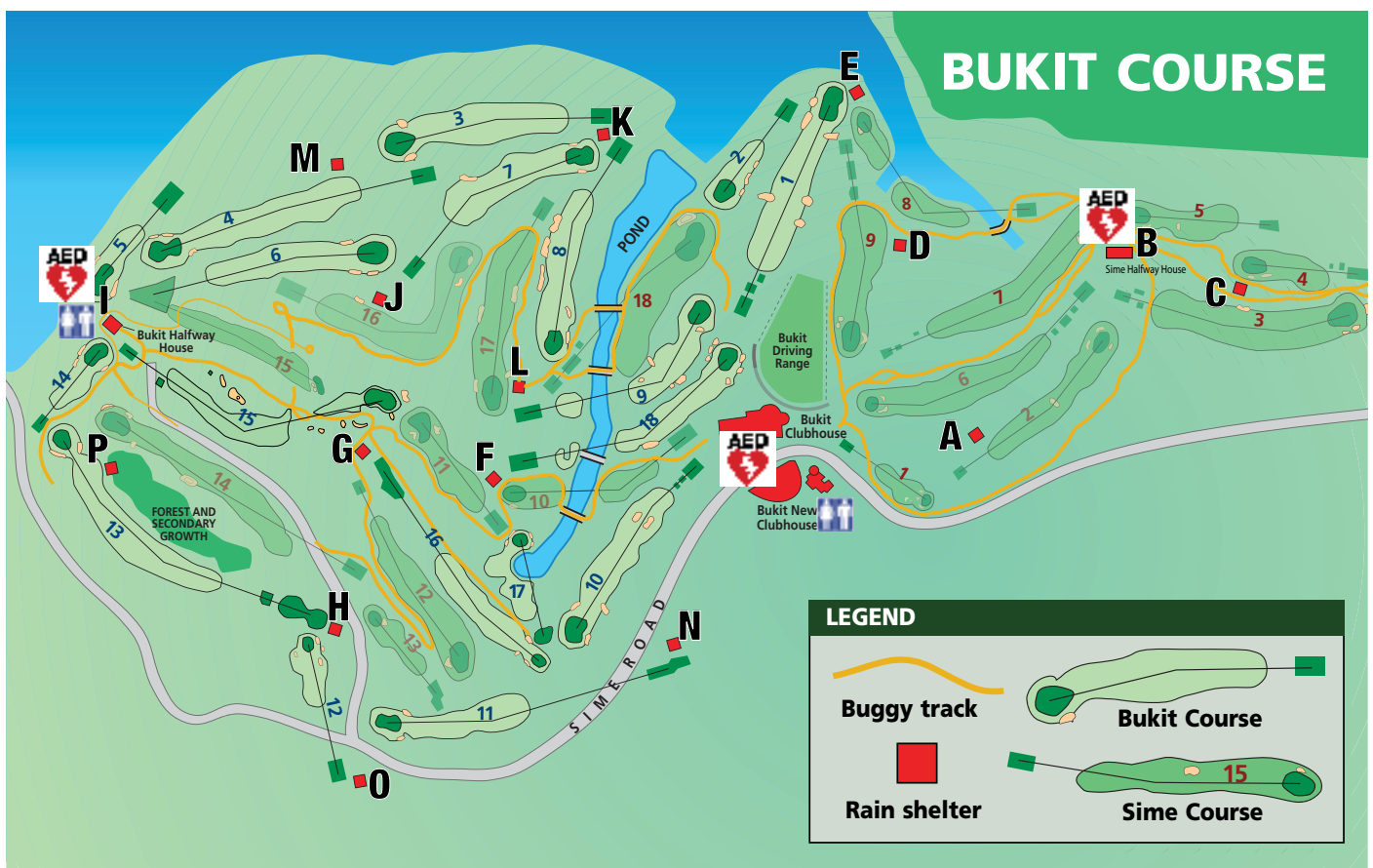
SICC's 18-hole championship Bukit Course has hosted many international events including the 1969 World Cup, the 1993 Johnnie Walker Classic, Rolex Masters, the 2008 Putra Cup and the 2008 Lexus Cup, just to name a few. Golfer Nick Faldo called it a "beautiful course", and rightfully so, as Bukit Course borders the sprawling MacRitchie Reservoir, and boasts more than 3,000 fully-grown trees of at least 10 varieties.

Type of grass: Zoysia Greens (tee boxes), Cow (fairways), Serangoon (greens)

Bukit Location



Bukit Course, 18th hole





Sime Course *(top)*

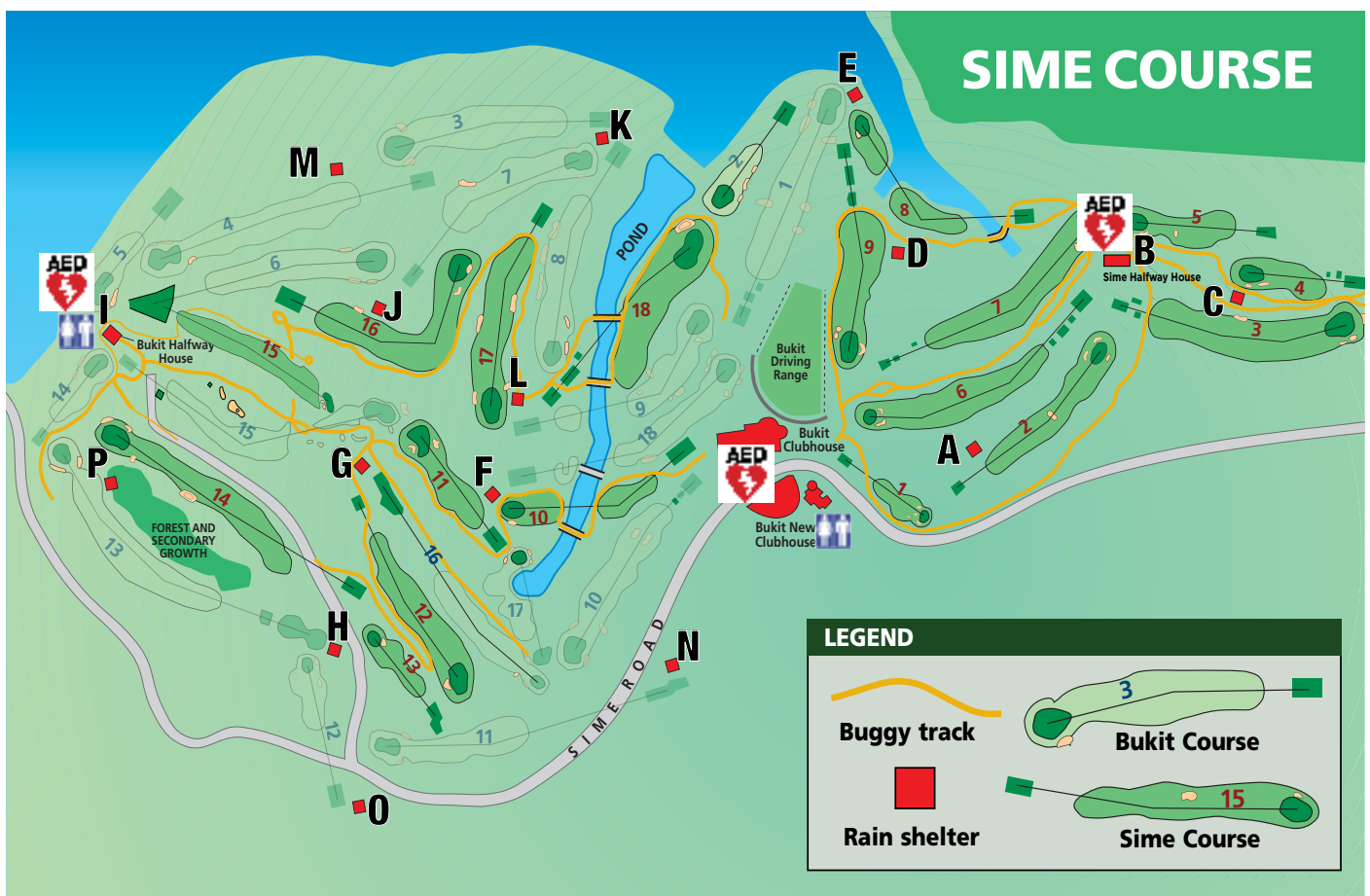
Sime Course offers a scenic and serene view of the MacRitchie Reservoir. It was once described as being akin to an English park, “thoughtfully planted with casuarinas, tembusu and other selected trees”. Sime Course's first nine play away from the Bukit Clubhouse down to Lornie Road, while its second nine weave in between the fairways of Bukit Course. There are some challenges though – at Hole 8, there is a double water crossing that requires an accurate drive onto a lakeside promontory, while the second nine features a number of blind uphill drives and banking dog-legs.

Type of grass: Zoysia Greens (tee boxes), Cow (fairways), Bermuda (greens)

Bukit Location



Sime Course, 8th hole





Bukit Driving Range

Bukit Driving Range *(above)*

The Bukit Driving Range, located at the Bukit Main Clubhouse, is surrounded by lush mature trees and consists of 60 bays, out of which 30 are covered from the elements. Grass tees are available for golfers to practise on real turf on selected days.

It is also equipped with virtual bunkers and landing greens. An excellent drainage system helps to prevent plugged balls and the range from being flooded on rainy days.



Island Driving Range

Island Driving Range *(above)*

This club facility consists of a two-tiered range with a total of 66 bays. Grass tees are available for golfers to practise on real turf on selected days.

There is also a Pro Shop nearby, if you are in need of supplies before you start practising.

SPORTS & RECREATION

Aside from golf, SICC also offers a wide range of leisure and recreational activities, suitable for all age groups. With extensive sports and recreational facilities, members are spoilt for choice in satisfying their sporting and exercising needs.



The Covered Tennis Courts at Bukit

Tennis & Squash (above)

The Tennis & Squash Complex has three singles and one jumbo doubles sheltered Squash courts, and two outdoor and three sheltered Tennis courts.

Operating Hours

7:00am to 10:00pm daily



Arcade

Arcade (left)

With more than 10 arcade machines, ranging from combat to tactical, children and teenagers can have some fun battling with their friends at the arcade, adjacent to the Island Bowling Alley.

Operating Hours

Weekdays – 12:00nn to 12:00mn

Weekends & Public Holidays – 10:00am to 12:00mn



Island Bowling Alley

Bowling (above)

The 12-lane bowling alley is equipped with cosmic lighting effects. There are bowling clinics for social and junior bowlers, as well as leagues and competitions for the more seasoned bowlers.

Operating Hours

Weekdays – 12:00nn to 12:00mn

Saturdays – 10:00am to 12:00mn

Sundays & Public Holidays – 9:00am to 12:00mn



Billiard & Pool Room *(above)*

Located within the Island Lifestyle Centre, the Billiard & Pool Room is equipped with two billiard tables and one pool table. The spacious layout and cheerful ambience make playing billiards or pool an even more enjoyable experience for all.

Opening Hours

Weekdays – 3:00pm to 11:00pm

Weekends & Public Holidays – 10:00am to 11:00pm



Children's Playroom *(above)*

Children from ages two to 10 years are welcome here! Located at the Island Lifestyle Centre, the vibrant and colourful room is sure to keep the children busy.

Opening Hours

Weekdays – 12:00nn to 12:00mn

Weekends & Public Holidays – 10:00am to 12:00mn



Island Dance Studio

Island Dance Studio *(above)*

Located at the third level (next to Island Swimming Pool), the dance studio features a full-length wall-to-wall mirror, and a resurfaced parquet dance floor, ideal for perfecting dance moves.



Island Music Room

Island Music Room *(above)*

Members can belt out their favourite tunes in the company of good friends at the Island Music Room. A wide range of the latest titles in English, Chinese and Chinese dialects are available. The room is also equipped with a state-of-the-art karaoke system and a 55-inch projection TV. With space for up to 15 persons, it is an ideal venue for hosting private sing-along parties.

Operating Hours

Weekdays – 12:00nn to 12:00mn

Weekends & Public Holidays – 10:00am to 12:00mn



Island Gym

Gymnasium (above and right)

Equipped with close to 100 machines, the Island and Bukit gymnasiums are perfect for getting a full-body workout. There are also regular gym programmes, held at the Aerobics Studio, covering a gamut of low-impact to high-impact classes. The two gymnasiums host state-of-the-art equipment which can definitely help you work up a sweat! Qualified personal trainers are on hand to dispense training advice, as well as to offer customised personal training sessions.

Bukit Gym Operating Hours

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays – 6:30am to 9:30pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays – 7:00am to 9:30pm

Weekends, eve of Public Holidays & Public Holidays – 7:00am to 9:00pm

Island Gym Operating Hours

7:00am to 9:00pm daily



Island Gym

Island Jackpot Room

Spend an entertaining afternoon at the Jackpot Room located within Island Lifestyle Centre and walk away with the major Jackpot prize! A wide range of machines will guarantee that you will not have a dull moment.

Operating Hours

9:00am to 11:00pm daily



Swimming *(above and right)*

Take a dip or swim some laps in the 10-lane 50 metres Olympic-sized pool or six-lane 25 metres pool at the Island location. There's plenty of room to run around and kids love the wading pool with a fountain. The pool gallery, which overlooks the Olympic-sized pool, is perfect for lazing away the hours with a cool drink or simply enjoying some quiet time with a good book.

Island Swimming Pool Operating Hours

7:00am to 10:00pm daily

F&B OUTLETS

Dine at our selection of restaurants and you will be spoilt for choice with culinary delights that suit every palate. Look out for our monthly and special events designed to whet your appetite.

Bukit 19th Hole (right)

Golfers can rest after a hard day's game at the alfresco Bukit 19th Hole, with a view overlooking the golf course. The open-concept bar and kitchen create a classy yet relaxed environment for members to dine and mingle. All-time favourites include Auntie Lily's Prawn Noodles and Chef Peter's *La Mian*.

Operating Hours

6:30am to 10:00pm daily

Last order at 9:30pm



Bukit 19th Hole



Bukit Café

Bukit Café (above)

The air-conditioned Bukit Café, located beside the 19th Hole, is a perfect place to sit back, relax and enjoy an amazing meal. Its fusion menu reflects the greatest selection of Asian cuisine combined with Western elements. Whilst local favourites like chicken rice and *rojak* entice with their succulence, sushi lovers will be in paradise with fresh selections at the sushi counter.

Operating Hours

Weekdays – 11:00am to 10:00pm

Weekends & Public Holidays – 8:00am to 10:00pm

Last order at 9:30pm



Gourmet@Bukit (above)

This gourmet deli provides the finest products for members, offering a wide range of food choices specially prepared by our talented pastry team. Gourmet@Bukit offers gourmet specialties, wholesome deli sandwiches, delicious desserts, homemade cookies, a variety of freshly baked breads and pastries, chocolates and macarons.

Opening Hours

9:00am to 9:30pm daily

After 9:00pm, selected items are on 40 per cent discount.



OKA Japanese Restaurant (above)

For reservations, please call 6215 9363.



Bukit Bar *(above)*

Bukit Bar

Be instantly seduced and pampered in Bukit Bar's cosy setting, perfect for that relaxed social event. Chill out at the outdoor patio overlooking the 18th fairway, where you will be able to appreciate the scenery and take in the fresh air. Bukit Bar also offers a fully-stocked bar with a wide selection of wines and housepours.

Operating Hours

Sundays to Thursdays – 3:00pm to 12:00mn

Fridays, Saturdays, eve of PH & Public Holidays – 3:00pm to 1:00am



The Lookout

The Lookout *(above)*

Providing a panoramic view of the golf course, The Lookout is an ideal place for golfers who need refreshments after a round of golf, and those who would like its casual dining atmosphere. The Lookout is open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, offering a wide selection of local and regional cuisines, with Western specialties and snacks.

Operating Hours

6:30am to 10:00pm daily

Last order at 9:30pm



Island Bistro

Island Bistro *(above)*

Located at the lobby level of the Island Clubhouse, Island Bistro is an all-day casual dining concept open to members of all ages.

Operating Hours

Daily – 11:30am to 3:00pm, 6:00pm to 10:00pm

Last order at 9:30pm



Silk *(above)*

Silk is an elegant Cantonese restaurant, located at the Island Clubhouse. In a truly elegant and contemporary setting, boasting ornate chandeliers, Silk commands spectacular views from its second-floor location, and offers contemporary Cantonese cuisine and dim sum at their best, created from only the freshest ingredients. Four exquisite private rooms – Jade, Pearl, Gold and Silver – provide diners an intimate ambience for private gatherings.

Operating Hours

Weekdays – 11:30am to 2:30pm, 6:00pm to 10:00pm

Weekends & Public Holidays – 11:00am to 2:30pm, 6:00pm to 10:00pm

Last order at 9:30pm

Closed on Mondays except eve of Public Holidays & Public Holidays.



Island Bowling Alley Café *(above)*

Whether you are bowling with friends or just want a quick bite, a full-service café is the perfect place for a delectable treat. This area can accommodate up to 100 people, and is a great venue for any type of casual private party or event.

Operating Hours

Weekdays – 12:00nn to 11:00pm

Weekends & Public Holidays – 11:00am to 11:00pm

Last order of food at 8:30pm and beverages at 10:30pm



Island Swimming Pool Café *(above)*

The Island Swimming Pool Café is open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and its menu features an array of local favourites, including *Yang Chow Fried Rice*, *Seafood Mee Goreng* and the usual Western fare. For the health conscious, the café also offers freshly squeezed fruit juices to give you a detoxifying and energising boost. This outlet can accommodate up to 166 people, and is an ideal venue for a poolside barbeque or event.

Operating Hours

Mondays to Fridays – 10:00am to 9:00pm

Weekends & Public Holidays – 8:00am to 9:00pm

Last order at 8:30pm



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