

The RIO Club Sponsors the Java St Andrews Ball 2019



The RIO Club was proud to sponsor the Java St Andrews Ball on 30th November 2019.

Firstly, last year 2018/9 was a very special year for me as a sponsor of this venue as I was also the Acting Chieftain of the Java St Andrew Society (JSAS). It was also a very special year for JSAS too being that it was the 100th anniversary year for the society. I was fortunate to have Roger Finnie as my Deputy that year which helped enormously with Roger being an avid Scot like myself.

I was delighted when Roger took over as the new Chieftain in April 2019 and I must say that at this year's Ball he did the sponsors proud! This sell-out event was a testament to both Roger and his deputy Andrew Abram, whose team held what can only be described as a very well organized event. The evening importantly was well hosted, and went without a hitch, a credit to the JSAS committee which included RIO members Sarah and John Brown who stayed on from last year helping tremendously by bringing continuity.

Since the RIO Club has what can be described as a large Scottish membership base, it is with a sense of pride that The RIO Club been a sponsor of the Java St. Andrew Society since 1995.

It goes without saying that RIO's sponsorship of this venue for 25 years has been of mutual benefit to JSAS and RIO.

I can reiterate as the founder of the RIO Club, and being born in Scotland, it was easy for me to agree to support JSAS being an avid Scot myself. I was first invited to the St. Andrew's Ball in 1995 and that same year was asked to become sponsor by the then Chieftain, I promptly accepted and the rest is history.

Looking back, it's incredible to see that RIO has supported and been part of so many of the Society's gatherings, from Whiskey Tastings to ceremonial extravaganzas such as the annual JSAS Charity Ball and Burns Supper.

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