



Karachi Gymkhana Newsletter

January to March

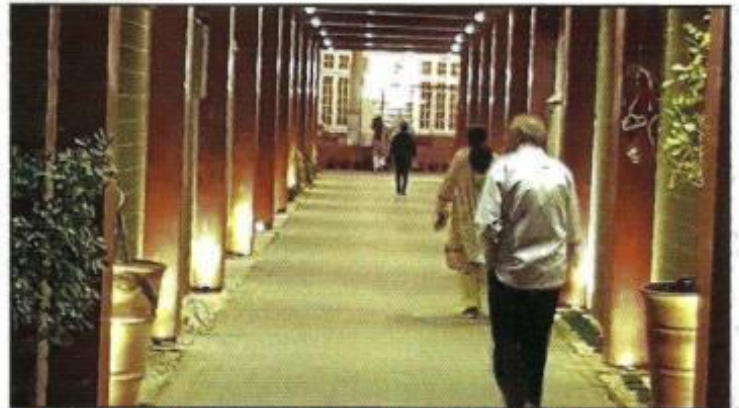


SAM'S SNACK BAR

Sam's Snack Bar has opened its arms to members. The ambience along with its scrumptious new menu is the most wanted hang-out for members. Soft, sophisticated décor coupled with Wi-Fi facility has added luster to it. Whether you want a quick soup, a hearty meal or some snacky burgers or want to satisfy your taste buds with delectable deserts, Sam's Snack Bar is the place! Come around and give us your comments if you have yet not been there. Every day is a new menu.

IS IT CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES?

When this picture of the "Ally" went viral on social media, we got comments such as "Is this Champs-Élysées". From a gloomy "Galli", it now gives a new fresh look serving a pathway from the main club building and leading to the lush green cricket field. Though un-noticed, this Ally is being used by almost 90% of club's daily users. So, why walk through a dim galli! It gives a bright new connection and once the creepers would cover its top, it would add to its beauty.



BEAUTY BLOSSOMS IN SPRING

Nothing can satisfy your eyes and soul more than a good garden and beautiful flowers. We had the place, resources and everything that one requires but remained neglected for decades. Truly, it's a reflection of your inner self. The President and the convener of garden brought out their inner selves and transformed it in the shape of the front garden alongside the driveway. Credit also goes to our head Mali Sajawal and his team for capitalizing the pat on their back that they got from the present management. After 22 years, Gymkhana was given an award in the garden competition held this year. Due to paucity of time, we competed in the category of small garden and entered our front garden only. Insha'Allah, next year the complete garden of Karachi Gymkhana would be in competition.





CATERING NEWS

It has been a herculean task to reform this segment of the club. A lot has been done but we feel that we have only achieved 30% of our goals. The weekly fine dining has been greatly applauded by members. The new convener Mr. Asim Rizwani along with his team headed by Ms. Shamira Mapara has left no stone unturned to continue from where Mr. Ali Chinoy had left last year. Constantly new dishes are being introduced. Now you can enjoy a freshly baked Pizza from our own brick oven to an array of salads to Beef Lasagne to Chicken Khousey and many more dishes such as Roast Beef Sandwich with Wasabi Oyster Sauce to culminate with deserts such as Crepes with Vanilla Ice cream and our most wanted Apple Crumble with Vanilla Ice Cream for members with a sweet tooth. Keep visiting the club to continue experiencing our new dishes.

SOME DELIGHTFUL PICS OF GARDEN



Pizza



Arugula Salad with Seasonal Fruits, Caramelized Walnuts and Feta



Strawberries & Cream Delight



Beef Lasagne



Roast Beef Sandwich with Wasabi Oyster Sauce



Crepe Suzette with Vanilla Ice Cream

TILE PAINTING

Karachi Gymkhana over the years has always promoted young and hidden talents. In pursuit of this endeavor, a tile painting competition was held to search the hidden talent amongst our children and to recognize their capabilities and skill. It was a largely attended competition by over 200 children. In recognition of their efforts, the tiles painted by these young artists have now been placed in the children's play area. Browse these tiles on your next visit to the club.





HEPATITIS B & C

Dr. Lubna Kamani and Dr. Sajjad Jamil gave an awareness talk on Hepatitis B & C on 9th February 2017. The talk highlighted on the prevalence, causes, clinical symptoms, effects, ways of prevention of these killer diseases and were surprised to learn that these diseases are also contagious. The talk was followed by a very interactive question/answer session. Members greatly appreciated the efforts of the committee for organizing such a session on a very important subject. On conclusion a lucky draw was held which was followed by high tea.



MEHFIL-E-MILAD

Karachi Gymkhana Library & Literary Committee began the year with celebrations of Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi on 20th January 2017. Renowned Naat Khawans participated which was presided by Allama Kaukab Noorani Okarvi, who elucidated the audience on the seerat of our Holy Prophet (SAW). It was a very well attended event along the serene surroundings of the club swimming pool. A scrumptious dinner followed after the soulful rendition of beautiful Naats.



ACCOUNTS

Some of the major highlights on the financial side is detailed hereunder:-

EVENTS

- ✓ Ebrahim Merchant Memorial National Tennis Championship was held from 20th to 26th February 2017.
- ✓ Free Badminton Coaching Camp has started from 15th March 2017.
- ✓ Valentine Ball was held on 18th February, 2017.
- ✓ Swimming Open Gala and talent hunt is planned for April 2017.
- ✓ Daily Breakfast from 8 am to 11 am on week days and 8 am to Noon on weekends.
- ✓ Sunday Brunch from Noon to 3 pm on every Sunday-Reservation is recommended.
- ✓ Fine Dining every Friday-Reservations is recommended.
- ✓ Free entertainment programs for members are held every month.

- The club reserves now stand at Rs. 200 Million. It has increased by Rs.20 Million since the last reported figure by the President in his letter dated 2nd Feb,2017 to the members.
- We are today saving around Rs.1.50 Million per month in electricity bills due to strict control and vigilance on its use.
- Cumulative loss has been reduced by almost 50%.
- An amount of Rs. 20 Million has been recovered from struck-off members.
- Pilot IT project has been completed in this quarter and the new order taking system has been introduced by taking the orders on Tablets/ iPad.It has already started in the Sam's Snack Bar and will gradually be introduced in all areas.
- CCTV cameras has been installed at various locations to improve the security, vigilance and control of theft.



MEET YOUR MANAGING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (SERIES)

How's that! Nothing goes through his gloves. An ever vigilant Vice President is taking care of the Tender & Purchase Department. Prior to this, he has served the club for four terms in various capacities such as the convener for Entertainment and Sports. The pride of Pakistan and one of the best wicket keeper batsman Pakistan has ever seen. Started his cricketing career in 1982 against Sri Lanka, being the 91st Pakistani to get the test cap and finally handed down his gloves at the conclusion of the West Indies series in 1990. Served Pakistan cricket for nine long years. He still holds the world record of most stumping's in a single ODI innings. His most memorable innings was against West Indies in 1987 which helped Pakistan qualify for the quarter finals. Like Zaheer Abbas, Edgbaston ground in the UK was the venue of his best innings of 91 not out. In his career, he has to his credit over 1700 runs in test and ODI's with over 200 dismissals behind the stumps. Nicknamed "Tiger" and "The Man of Crisis" by none other than Imran Khan is surely shouldering the responsibility with President Fawad Malik to take the club out of the crisis.



Mr. Salim Yusuf
Vice President



Mr. Asim Adil Shah
Honorary Treasurer

A young entrant to Gymkhana affairs. With an "Eagles Eye" is watching the financial affairs of the club as its Hon. Treasurer. Only his 2nd stint in the Managing Committee, he has held important portfolios in the club. Last year, he served as Hon. Secretary for nearly six months with impeccable distinction apart from being the convener for Garden, which portfolio he still holds and the results are in front of each member! An award winning garden. He is also heading the Automation department. A young, educated and successful businessman brings with him experience of being an IT Man, Carpet Exporter and running call centers. He awaits a very bright future in the affairs of Karachi Gymkhana.

HONORING OUR ELDERERS

Mr. Jamsheed R. Rahim is the 2nd oldest surviving member of Karachi Gymkhana who was elected as a member on 24th June 1949. We had the honor of speaking to him and his wife Mrs. Iran Rahim who very kindly accepted our invitation and visited the club. Both Mr. & Mrs. Rahim are graduates from the Cambridge University, UK. Born in Srinagar and later migrated to Pakistan in the 40's with his family. He entered the Cambridge University in 1946 as an Indian and graduated in Economics as a Pakistani in 1949. The same year he started his career with ICI in Karachi. Mr. Rahim is the contemporary of noble laureate Dr. Abdus Salam. In 1957 he tied the knot with Ms. Iran Ispahani, which blissfully continues after 60 years. An ardent sportsman in his hey days, which was the main reason for Karachi Gymkhana being his first choice for membership as it offered and still continues to offer the best sporting facilities amongst all other clubs. Even today, his hobby includes reading. The lovely young couple were delighted to see the club after many years and were particularly impressed with its prize winning front garden but both of them were disappointed at the "Monstrous Structure" (Lodge's Building) which according to them has spoilt the beautiful elevation of the club. Mr. Rahim at 92 still looked sparkling. We wish both Mr. & Mrs. Rahim good health and best wishes.



Mr. & Mrs. Jamsheed R. Rahim
Oldest Surviving Members