

THE CATHOLIC GYMKHANA LTD.

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CIRCULAR FOR APRIL TO JULY 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Member,

10.4.2019

Greetings !

It is always pleasant writing about the going ons in Our Gymkhana, and trying to keep you abreast of what's happening.

Though I start with a sad piece of news.

Past President and staunch supporter of The Catholic Gymkhana, Angelo G. Pereira, passed away in Goa on 10th January, 2019. His ashes were interred in Mumbai at Haines Road cemetery. There were many of us, including Past President, Norman Da Silva and good friend Vernon Carrasco, from the Catholic Gymkhana present to pay our last respects.

Happy to inform you that all is well at your Gymkhana. Very well.

There is a tremendous amount of co-operation among Members of the Managing Committee, which allows for a lot of work and quick decision making. And I take this opportunity to thank you, Dear Members of the Managing Committee. Hey don't get me wrong, it's not as if we don't have our differences. With the likes of Steven Pinto and me sitting at the same table, there are bound to be differences of opinion and 'raised decibels'. Natural hazard. I should have included, Hon. Treasurer, Sanju Fernandes' name. But be it Sanju, Steven, or Evette, it ends well. The others are "amused" for want of a better word I'd say. But as I said 'All is well'.

Before I go further I need you to make a note of Sunday 5th May. It is Your Day....

Annual Gymkhana Day at 6.30 p.m. For the last few years Gymkhana Day has been held on the last Saturday in April. Unfortunately, due to Lok Sabha elections in Mumbai we had to change the date. Gymkhana Day is the day when we get a large gathering of Members and there is a lot of camaraderie and bonhomie. Hope this year is the same. Do make it a point to come.

We will of course, as always start with the celebration of Holy Mass, which I have no doubt will be excellently arranged by Natasha, Anne, Penny and Marcelino. After that Domnic, Evette, Karl, Norbert and others in the Entertainment and F&B Committees will take over. Sure to be an evening for Members to enjoy.

The band in attendance will be the ever popular "Enigma-Bernice May D'Lima." Whilst on the subject of the Gymkhana Day, many Members feel that we should have it mid-January, just when the festive season is coming to a close. Do write and give us your thoughts on.... office@thecatholicgymkhana.com

'Kamala Mills'. Utter those words and one breaks out into a sweat. Yes, the Kamala Mills fire got all regulatory Government bodies, BMC, Fire Departments, etc. etc. clamping down on Clubs and Gymkhanas and demanding that they comply with some strict regulations. We were naturally miffed, but with the passage of time, perhaps these demands made by the Fire Department, the BMC, and other Government agencies have made the Gymkhanas and Clubs much safer places.

Under the watchful eye of the tall and erect, both physically and of propriety, Vernon Miranda, Norbert Pereira, Karl Vaz and the diligent Members of Vernon's team, virtually all demands made were attended to. Elsewhere in this circular, Vernon has given a detailed report, I urge you to spend some time and read it. I and I dare say all in the Managing Committee in particular and Members at large, owe him debt of gratitude. Thank you Vernon.

~~Very briefly, an elaborate fire alarm system, essential for all NOCs has been installed. The 2nd floor kitchen has been redone as per BMC and CFO guidelines. The leakages into the Badminton court and Gymnasium have been attended to. These works were carried out by the ever reliable SPRC, Mr. Nirav Vazir. Of course our good friend and Eminent Structural Engineer Mr. Satish Dhupelia was always on hand to guide.~~

A structural audit revealed that a fair amount of both internal and external repairs was necessary. Once again under the guidance of Mr. Satish Dhupelia, tenders were floated and eventually the most "economical" quote was chosen, M/s.L-Con Building Solutions. Structural Engineer. Economical.. maybe, but M/s. L-Con came with good credentials. On behalf of the Managing Committee, I spoke to Mr. Dhupelia and he gave us the green signal to appoint M/s. L-Con Building Solutions.

We should consider ourselves fortunate to have an eminent Structural Engineer, introduced to the Gymkhana by then Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Marlon Rego who so readily helps us. Thank you Sir.

We at the Catholic Gymkhana are also very thankful to Mr.Rolin Mendonca, who has been instrumental in many key projects especially getting permissions for repairs, etc. and retrieving many untraceable documents. Mr. Rolin Mendonca, who is a regular at all Gymkhana functions, along with Mrs. Mendonca, has been a great asset to the Catholic Gymkhana, and am sure that the likes of Vernon Miranda, Karl Vaz, Norbert Pereira, and others, will join me in extending our thanks to him and his team. Whilst on the topic of repairs, BMC, CFO, one cannot ignore the work and diligence of Staffer, Mr Christopher Joseph. He and this is my assessment, was a big help and reliable part of Vernons plans. Thank you Christopher.

The Housie sessions looked after by Managing Committee Members Eddie Sequeira and Peter Fernandes and the Committee, are always well patronised. So what else is new, you may well ask. Nothing. But this I must highlight, these gentlemen get their accounts and present them soon after the Housie sessions. A healthy practice. Well done guys!

A word about our F&B. Actually so intrinsic are they to everything that happens at the Catholic Gymkhana, that they deserve much more than just a word. Led by, never say "can't be done" Karl, who brings his many years of administrative and interpersonal experience to the table. The F&B is always on the ball. In my opinion, and I lunch at the Catholic Gymkhana often enough, the food is very good and very reasonably priced. A meal for two, squid and Sorpotel (can't resist this combination) with accompaniments and pao costs about Rs 1,000/ after throwing in a beer and a glass of wine. Really good. Anywhere else and one would be at least double the cost down. Beef (buffalo) sandwich is something else you must try. Recommended by None other than Walter Vieira and Randolph Rodricks.

Suggest you make an afternoon leisurely lunch at the Catholic Gymkhana. Karl leads a team of Olavo Lobo (Hon. Secretary), veterans Norton Stokes, Merrill Pye, Aubrey Chatellier, helped by Louis Rodrigues, Ralph Craven and young and hardworking Kendrick Rodrigues.

Our thanks must also go out to our Caterers....Nilesh Dighe, and the man on the spot Milind Jadhav. Keep it up guys. You are too good.

The Entertainment guys led by Domnic and Evette do a commendable job weekend and week out. Be in Saturday music nights, or Karaoke, the bands they pick are among the best and the crowds they draw are great.

The Gymkhana is alive and vibrant. Walk in and you are greeted with bright lights and the sound of 'youngsters' both boys and girls, enjoying themselves playing football, cricket, etc. on the newly laid artificial turf. Happy.

Vice President Rajesh D'Souza, has made good use of the Badminton Courts. The court is well used and the training programme under International Coach Leroy D'Sa, is doing extremely well. Well done Rajesh.

Indoor games, Billiards & Snooker, Card Room and the Gymnasium continue to be popular. Gentlemen like Karl Vaz, Norbert Pereira, Alex D'Cruz, Mohan Shetty, Derek Sippy, Big Ralph, and young Kendrick. are responsible for the happy state of affairs.

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Must mention that Managing Committee Member, the very popular Karl Vaz, was runner-up in the Walter D'Souza Home Snooker tournament. It was truly and exciting five setter eventually won by favourite Carl Serrao. A very pleasant get-together was arranged by Members of the Billiards & Snooker Committee. Mr. Derek Sippy conducted the prize distribution ceremony with panache. All present enjoyed. Also, happy to inform you that we were victorious in the Triangular Snooker event, hosted by the Willingdon Catholic Gymkhana and in which Bandra Gymkhana and we participated. We, the Catholic Gymkhana were the holders of the Trophy of this event held thrice a year and hosted by each of the three Catholic Gymkhanas by turn.

We were having some issues with our "Domain provider". Diligent, hardworking and clever co-opted Managing Committee Member, Adv. Bernardo Reis, took it upon himself to "solve" the problem. This he did with as he told me some help from Managing Committee Member, Ralph Craven.

Must also thank, Managing Committee Member, Mr. Felix Fernandes, truly a man for all seasons.

I end as I started, asking you to make a note of Sunday, 5th May, 2019 at 6.30 p.m. ...Annual Gymkhana Day.... Be there.

Sd/-

DR. VICTOR F. RODRIGUES
PRESIDENT



ANGELO G. PEREIRA
(14.09.1930 TO 10.01.2019)

Angelo was a larger than life figure in the Catholic Gymkhana, the Bombay Gymkhana, the YMCA and served all these institutions with distinguished and zeal. He served the Catholic Gymkhana in particular for many years in many capacities.

Angelo, started life in Hindustan Lever where he worked for 20 years and then was Marketing Manager at Rallis India, also for 20 years. After retirement he started, along with a partner, his own business Nojak Pvt. Ltd. He closed it down after 10 years. He was self-taught on laws and was considered an expert on Company Law.

In the 70s Angelo, served as Hon. General Secretary of the Catholic Gymkhana. He was elected as President of the Catholic Gymkhana in 1990. He won against, Dr. J. Leon D'Souza, who had served as President for 21 years.

Angelo, immediately started sprucing up the Gymkhana. The toilets were redone and the floors were retiled.

It is "Thanks to Angelo" that I am in the Managing Committee of the Catholic Gymkhana, though I can assure you that's not one of the feathers in his cap.

It was Saturday and I rushed home, ready to drive to Lonavla to spend the weekend in Alex B.A. Fernandes' beautiful bungalow. "Ring Angelo", I was told by my better-half. "Will call him on Monday" I said. "Victor, he has requested that you call him, it's urgent" (different zamana...no cell phones). And besides Angelo, or AG as some of us called him, was a close family friend.

I called. "Victor", Angelo said, "I have put your name on my team for the elections of The Catholic Gymkhana" Yeah, I remember the day very well. " But, I know NOTHING about The Gym" I protested. "Don't worry, I will be there". Said Angelo, brushing away my protestations. "What the heck, no chance of me winning" I thought. "I did not know anyone either in Angelo's team or in the opposition". I later found out that one Norman Da Silva, Savy Martin, Merwyn D'Souza were the stalwarts from the "other side." But it

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was declared that they had no chance. From Angelo's team, besides Angelo, the only other familiar name was Karl Dantas. When we reached Alex's bungalow. I told those present that I was standing for elections. "Are you mad" exclaimed Dr. Cedric Moraes. "Victor, stay out of Gymkhana politics" said the sane voice of the late George Rebello. "Don't be a fool Victor" from dear friend Alex B.A. Fernandes. I made up my mind. I would tell Angelo on Monday morning that I would not stand for elections. Enjoyed the weekend. On Monday I called Angelo and told him of my decision. "You can't do this to me" said Angelo. The time for withdrawal over, he explained and that his team would be one candidate short.

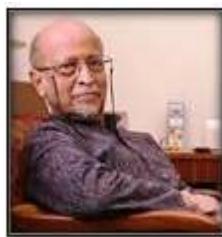
Angelo, lost to Norman. And most of Angelo's big wigs in his team lost. Ashok Ferrao, Malcolm Andrade and one Victor Rodrigues were three from Angelo's team to be

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elected to the Managing Committee. Though out of office Angelo kept a close track of the ongoing at the Catholic Gymkhana, which he considered very dear to him. Even many years later when, by now my very good friend, Norman Da Silva, stepped down as President, and extolled me to take over. Angelo knew exactly what was happening at The Gym. And he would call me and write letters protesting and pointing out the mistakes he felt we were making. This done in good faith.

Yes, Angelo was a character --- he loved entertaining and partying and would not shy away from any challenge in any field.

The untimely death of his wife Joyce affected Angelo a lot. He leaves behind his children Mark, Christine, Jean and Alan and their children.

The CG owes Angelo G. Pereira a lot. May his soul Rest In peace.



DARRYL D'MONTE
(TRUSTEE OF BANDRA GYMKHANA)

Darryl D'Monte, Trustee of the Bandra Gymkhana passed away on 16.3.2019. On behalf of THE CATHOLIC GYMKHANA, I offer my sincere and deepest condolences to the family of Darryl D' Monte, Zarine his wife, Samir his son and other Members of the family. We also offer our condolences to the Trustees, Managing Committee and Members of the Bandra Gymkhana.

Darryl D'Monte was a well-known personality, in Mumbai....Past Editor of leading newspapers like The Times of India and The Indian Express and a Diehard environmentalist, who zealously fought against unnecessary, in his opinion, change.

Our very own Mr. Roger Pereira, also a Trustee at the Bandra Gymkhana, requested me to speak on behalf of The Catholic Gymkhana and it's Members at a Memorial Gathering held for Darryl. I was very pleased to accept, more so because of my personal acquaintance with Darryl and Zarine.

Rest in Peace.

Sd/-
DR.VICTOR F. RODRIGUES
PRESIDENT

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We wish a very Happy Birthday and God's choicest blessings to all our Members celebrating their birthday in the months of April, May, June and July, 2019.

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ANNUAL GYMKHANA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, 5th May, 2019

THANKSGIVING MASS : 6.30 p.m.
MUSIC : 'Enigma-Bernice D'Lima
VENUE : The Grand Hall

Member Entry : **Members FREE if you produce your Gymkhana ID Card at the entrance.**
Guest Entry fee : **Rs.150/- per head**

As decided by the Managing Committee, this year, there will be no 'paid buffet'. Instead, Members / Guests can avail of the Special A La Carte Menu at their own cost.

Sd/-

Dr. Victor F. Rodrigues
President

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GYMKHANA DAY THANKSGIVING MASS

Members (Adults only) who are Lectors in their Churches and would like to do the Readings and Prayers of the Faithful at the Gymkhana Day Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, 5th May, 2019 at 6.30 p.m. please contact Anne de Souza Mobile no. 9930007451 at least one week before the Thanksgiving Mass and register your names.

On the day of the Mass, Lectors must be present 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the Mass and must sit in the row reserved for Lectors during the entire service.

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ATHLETICS

This year the Annual Athletic Meet - 2019 - could not be conducted on 10th February, 2019 as the University Pavilion Authorities could not confirm the same even though we had asked for the date well in advance. This was due to the fact that the University Authorities had received many bookings for their ground as the Priyadarshini Park ground at Nepeansea Road was not accepting bookings this year for their ground. Hence, even though several reminders and personal follow up were made to the University Authorities, the booking could not be confirmed for the 10th February, 2019. In lieu of the above circumstances we were unable to hold the Annual Athletic Meet - 2019 this year.

Sd/-

John Lewis
Hon. Secretary -Athletic

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BADMINTON

Coaching for both professional and our children continues to be made available to Members and their Guests. Players at beginner level will be given a partner of some caliber to level the playing field and giving all members an opportunity to participate and get a feel of a Tournament.

For more information, kindly contact Gymkhana office on 022-22813260 / 022-2281 4755.

Sd/-

Rajesh D'Souza,
Chairman - Badminton

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CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The Sylvia Athayde Music Awards

WESTERN MUSIC TALENT CONTEST

Saturday, June 29, 2019 - 5 p.m.

Location : THE GRAND HALL

This event has been organized exclusively for Members, their Spouses and Children to display their talent in Music.

Do not miss this great opportunity !!

AGE GROUPS

5 years -6+
7 years - 8+
9 years - 12+
13 years - 16+
17 years & above

(Children below 5 years are not eligible to enter this Contest.)

CATEGORIES

(A piano will be available.)

The Julie Athayde SOLO CLASSICAL INSTRUMENTAL Category

The Esmenia Athayde SOLO NON-CLASSICAL VOCAL Category

The Sylvia Athayde SOLO NON-CLASSICAL INSTRUMENTAL Category

RULES

1. **The contest is open to MEMBERS, THEIR SPOUSES AND MEMBERS' CHILDREN BELOW 22 YEARS ON THE DATE OF THE CONTEST.**

2. **TIME LIMIT**

<u>Solo Classical Instrumental</u>	5 years - 6+	4 minutes
	7 years - 8+	4 minutes
	9 years - 12+	4 minutes
	13 years - 16+	5 minutes
	17 yrs and above	6 minutes

<u>Solo Non-Classical Vocal</u>	All Age Groups	4 minutes
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<u>Solo Non-Classical Instrumental</u>	5 years - 6+	4 minutes
	7 years - 8+	4 minutes
	9 years - 12+	4 minutes
	13 years - 16+	5 minutes
	17 years and above	5 minutes

The piece rendered should not exceed the time limit specified or else marks will be deducted.

3. Each Contestant is permitted only one Accompanist who will be admitted free.

If a Contestant accompanies himself/herself he/she will not be permitted to also have another Accompanist.

4. **An Electronic Instrument may be used ONLY TO ACCOMPANY A CONTESTANT IN THE VOCAL CATEGORY.**

The Electronic Instrument accompaniment should feature **ONLY ONE INSTRUMENT** e.g. if the piano setting is used, drums/percussion or other instrument settings cannot be also used.

An Electronic Instrument cannot be used in the Instrumental Categories.

THIS IS TO GIVE ALL CONTESTANTS EQUAL OPPORTUNITY.

5. **RECORDED ACCOMPANIMENT featuring ONLY ONE INSTRUMENT** (no band/orchestra or multiple instruments) may be used **ONLY TO ACCOMPANY CONTESTANTS IN THE VOCAL CATEGORY.**

Recorded Accompaniment cannot be used in the Instrumental Categories.

THIS IS TO GIVE ALL CONTESTANTS EQUAL OPPORTUNITY.

Vocal Category Contestants using Recorded Accompaniment should bring their Recorded Accompaniment **only on a CD or Pen Drive and should meet the Sound System Operator at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2019.**

6. Contest within a particular Age Group will be held on condition there are at least 2 entries in that Age Group. If there is only one entry in an Age Group, Contest will not be held in that Age Group, but the sole Contestant will be allowed to perform and will be given a Participation Prize and Certificate.

7. Contestants in all Age Groups should report at the Reporting Time specified.

8. Contestants must be present when their Age Group is announced. If during the Contest, an Age Group is announced and only one Contestant is present, the Contest in that Age Group will be cancelled, the sole Contestant will be allowed to perform and will be given a Participation Prize and Certificate. Contest in this

Age Group will not be held even if another Contestant in this Age Group should turn up later on in the evening.

9. Failure to show up on stage when a Contestant's number is announced will result in the disqualification of that Contestant.

10. Contestants must not announce their names on stage.

11. Contestants who are prompted while performing on stage during the Contest will be disqualified.

12. Contestants are permitted to use mikes if they so desire. Contestants will not be penalized i.e. marks will not be deducted, for use of mikes.

ENTRY FORMS

1) **FORMS**

An Entry Form has been enclosed. Photocopies of this Entry Form can also be made and submitted to the Gymkhana Office duly filled in. Entry Forms are also available in the Gymkhana office during Office hours.

Please retain a copy of the Rules and Entry Form instructions for your reference.

The Contestant's details must be filled in only on an Entry Form and not on sheets of paper. Please fill in a separate Entry Form for each Contestant. All the Categories a Contestant wishes to participate in should be indicated on one Entry Form. Please ensure that the Categories the Contestant is participating in are clearly indicated.

2) **TITLE OF PIECE AND NAME OF COMPOSER**

The following information must be filled in on the Entry Form or the Entry Form will be disqualified.

Solo Classical Instrumental	:	Title of piece (compulsory)
		Name of Composer (compulsory)
Solo Non-Classical Vocal	:	Title of Song (compulsory)
Solo Non-Classical Instrumental	:	Title of piece (compulsory)

For the Non-Classical Vocal and Non-Classical Instrumental Categories the name of the Composer can be submitted if available but is not compulsory.
(If the Composer is anonymous please write 'Anonymous'.)

3) **ALTERATIONS / ADDITIONS TO THE ENTRY FORM.**

Once an Entry Form has been submitted any alterations / additions to this Entry Form will have to be made personally by the Member. Please do not ask the Office Staff / another Member / anyone else to do this.

No alterations or additions will be permitted after 7 p.m. on Monday, June 24, 2019.

4) **SIGNATURE**

The Entry Form must be signed only by the Member under whose Membership Number the Contestant is eligible to enter the contest. A Member/Member's Spouse can only sign his/her own Entry Form, each other's Entry Forms and the Entry Forms of their own children below 22 years on the date of the Contest.

5) **SUBMISSION OF ENTRY FORMS**

Completed Entry Forms must be submitted ONLY IN THE GYMKHANA OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS i.e. 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. Please obtain a Receipt.

Please do not post, e-mail or phone in your Entry.

Please do not leave your Entry Forms at the Reception Counter.

6) **LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF ENTRIES : Monday, June 24, 2019 – 7 p.m.**

Late entries for whatever reason will not be accepted.

REPORTING TIME

REPORTING TIME for Contestants on Saturday, June 29 2019 - 4.30 p.m.

Please bring your Entry Form Receipt on Saturday, June 29, 2019

Please proceed directly to the reporting desk.

Vocal Category Contestants using Recorded Accompaniment should bring their Recorded Accompaniment **only on a CD or Pen Drive and should meet the Sound System Operator at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2019.**

The Contest will be held Category wise i.e. Contest will be held in all Age Groups within a particular Category before moving on to the next Category. So Contestants in all Age Groups must report at 4.30 p.m. When a Category is announced Contestants in all Age Groups within that Category must sit in the 'Contestants' section of the Hall before the Contest in that Category begins.

ACCOMPANIST

Kevin D'Souza (Mobile No.9820000684) has kindly volunteered to accompany those Contestants who need an Accompanist. Please contact him directly.

Sd/-

Natasha Collaco

Hon. Secretary- Cultural Activities

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THE SYLVIA ATHAYDE MUSIC AWARDS - WESTERN MUSIC TALENT CONTEST

ENTRY FORM

Last date for receipt of Entries : Monday, June 24, 2019 7 p.m.

Please read the Entry Form instructions carefully before filling in the Entry Form.

Please RE-CHECK the Entry Form after you fill it to ensure you have filled in all the details correctly.

Contestant's Name : _____

Date of birth : _____ **Age (as on June 29, 2019) :** _____ years _____ months

Please mark a (✓) against your Age Group and Category (ies).

- AGE GROUPS**
- 5 years – 6+
 - 7 years – 8+
 - 9 years – 12+
 - 13 years – 16+
 - 17 years & above

(Children below 5 years are not eligible to enter this Contest.)

CATEGORIES (If the composer is Anonymous please write 'Anonymous')

The Julie Athayde SOLO CLASSICAL INSTRUMENTAL Category

Title of Piece (compulsory) _____

Name of Composer (compulsory) : _____

The Esmenia Athayde SOLO NON-CLASSICAL VOCAL Category

Title of Piece (compulsory) _____

Name of Composer (if available) : _____

The Sylvia Athayde SOLO NON-CLASSICAL INSTRUMENTAL Category

Title of Piece (compulsory) _____

Name of Composer (if available) : _____

Member's Name _____ Membership No. _____

Address : _____

_____ PIN _____

Tel. No. : Residence _____ Office _____ Mobile _____

Receipt No. _____ Member's signature _____ for The Catholic Gymkhana Ltd.

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The Catholic Gymkhana Ltd.
THE SYLVIA ATHAYDE MUSIC AWARDS - WESTERN MUSIC TALENT CONTEST -
Saturday, June 29, 2019 - 5 p.m.

ENTRY FORM RECEIPT
(Details to be filled in by the Contestant.)

Contestant's Name : _____ Membership No. : _____

Receipt No. _____ for The Catholic Gymkhana Ltd.

(Please bring this Receipt on Saturday, June 29, 2019)

Reporting Time for Contestants using Recorded Accompaniment : 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2019.

Reporting Time for other Contestants : 4.30 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2019.

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BILLIARDS & SNOOKER

"SNOOKER HOME TOURNAMENT"

The Handicap Home Snooker Tournament for the Walter D'Souza Trophy was held in the months of January-February, 2019. Total 29 Members took part in this tournament which was a resounding success. All the matches were organized and run smoothly by the Billiards & Snooker Committee without any glitches. The finals were played between Karl Vaz and Carl Serrao. It was a keenly fought final. It was a close final which was eventually won by Carl Serrao (score 3-2) who was also the last years Finalist.

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TRIANGULAR SERIES

This Triangular Snooker Event which is held between the Three Catholic Gymkhanas viz. Bandra Gymkhana (BG), Wellington Catholic Gymkhana (WCG) and the Catholic Gymkhana (CG) was hosted by the Wellington Catholic Gymkhana in the month of March, 2019. We are proud to mention that CG once again reigned supreme to claim the series over Bandra Gymkhana (score 2-1), whereas WCG finished third in the Event.

There are plans in the pipeline to hold the Pro Am Snooker tournament IPL style where we have team owners who buy their respective teams and have the right to choose their team players by a process of auction of every Member who register their names to participate in this tournament. This will be the second edition of this tournament which was started last year by the initiative of our Chairman, Mr. Derek Sippy.

The Inter-Club Billiards League will also be in progress in the month of May-June. We will be sending one team and request Members to come to cheer our team during their Home Games.

Sd/-
Alex D'Cruz / Mohan Shetty
Jt. Hon. Secretaries, B & S

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CRICKET

The Gymkhana Cricket team would be participating in the Dr H.D Kanga Knockout tournament which is being organized by the Mumbai Cricket Association during April and May 2019.

Sd/-
Neil D'Souza
Chairman - Cricket

HOUSIE

(MINI BUMPER HOUSIE - on Sundays from 7.15 p.m. onwards)

APRIL 2019
7th, 14th & 28th

JUNE 2019
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

AUGUST 2019
4th, 11th, 18th & 25th

EASTER BUMPER HOUSIE ON SUNDAY, 21ST APRIL, 2019 AT 7 P.M.

MAY 2019
12th, 19th & 26th

JULY 2019
7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

SEPTEMBER 2019
1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

- * Please carry your Identity Card.
- * Kindly check the notice board for any change in the programme.

Sd/-
Peter Fernandes
Chairman, Housie

PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR)

PR simply put means to manage ones reputation and also enhance it's positive image amongst it's various public.

We at Committee PR and communication, captained by Ralph Craven and vice captained by Randolph Rodricks (Hon Secretary) along with our diverse and dynamic Committee members Sylvester Chaves, Gavin D'Souza, Shailesh Divecha, Sarika Fernandes and Kartik Zaveri, who deliberately manage the spread of information amongst the members.

We constantly seek to persuade people that Catholic Gymkhana is one of the oldest and prestigious Clubs to be associated with and enjoys it's various Sporting, Entertainment, F&B service and Cultural activities. Having an exemplary heritage of 100 plus glorious years, The Catholic Gymkhana continues to be the preferred destination rather than a

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mere option. In keeping up with it's legacy the PR team continuously promotes the heritage through various online and offline media.

Team PR has strengthened Catholic Gymkhana's virtual presence by revamping it's website and making it more user friendly and interactive. You've gotta visit our website www.catholicgymkhana.com & our FB page to be updated on our upcoming events.

If you miss it, you'll miss it!

Sd/-
Ralph Craven
Chairman - PR

FOOD & BEVERAGES

The temperatures are soaring and IMD has predicted a 'Hot Summer' ahead, so Team F&B along with Culinary Foods have introduced 'SUMMER COOLERS'.

SUMMER COOLERS

CHAAS.....	30/-
LASSI.....	45/-
WATERMELON FRESH JUICE.....	70/-
KIWI COOLER.....	100/-
ROSE & MINT SUMMER COOLER.....	100/-

JAL JEERA.....	30/-
KOKAM SHARBAT.....	40/-
VIRGIN MOJITO.....	75/-
MANGO PANNA.....	65/-
PEACH & APRICOT.....	100/-

(5% taxes as applicable)

We have also introduced for our Members a full Breakfast Menu, thanks to the valuable inputs of our Vice President, Rajesh D'Souza (a regular Badminton player in the Morning session), our regular Members and their Guests who were looking for some healthy breakfast options after their sporting activities (Badminton & Gymnasium). Now that the long awaited Breakfast menu is here. We are looking for your continuous support to make it a success.

MORNING BREAKFAST

(8.00 A.M. TO 10.30 A.M.)

Tea / Coffee.....	20/- 25/-
Fresh Lime Water/Soda.....	20/- 30/-
Soft Drinks.....	25/-
Juices.....	45/-
Bread Butter.....	20/-
Bread Jam Butter.....	30/-
Veg. Sandwich.....	30/-
Cheese Sandwich.....	35/-
Omelette Sandwich.....	50/-
Ham & Cheese Sandwich.....	60/-
(Toasting Rs.5/- additional)	
Chicken / Pork Sausages Fry.....	90/- 85/-
Egg Burji / Sunny Side.....	40/- 35/-
Masala Omelette.....	40/-
Akuri on Toast.....	55/-
Mutton Kheema with Pav (Saturday & Sunday).....	120/-

COMBO BREAKFAST..... 230/-

(Juice 150ml. Egg to order. Bacon 2 strips. Frankfurter Chicken/Pork 2 pcs. French Fries. Bread/Toast Butter. Baked Beans. Tea/Coffee)

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VEGETARIAN

Vada Sambar (Thursday).....	70/-
Idli Sambar (Friday).....	65/-
Aloo Paratha (2 pcs) (Saturday).....	120/-
Puri Bhaji (Sunday).....	85/-

(5% taxes as applicable)

The activities at the Gymkhana have been on a low key this Lenten season, but will pick up with a bang come Easter. So, we have planned a very "Special Menu" exclusively for Easter Sunday, with the likes of Pork Chops, Roast Stuffed Chicken, Bacon wrapped Chicken, Chicken A - La - Kiev, Spaghetti Meat Balls, Beef Croquettes and more....

EASTER BUMPER HOUSIE

(GROUND FLOOR ONLY)

Veg/Chicken Sandwich.....	30/- 65/-
Batata Wada/Onion Bhajiya/Samosa.....	30/- 30/- 25/-
French Fries.....	75/-
Potato wedges Peri Peri Sauce.....	125/-
Chicken Lollypop.....	150/-
Chicken Cocktail Sausages (6 pcs).....	100/-

EASTER SPECIAL

(PALMS & GROUND FLOOR ONLY)

Tongue Roast.....	200/-
Pork Chilly Dry.....	190/-
Beef Chilly Dry.....	205/-
Pork Sorpotel with Pav.....	190/-
Veg. Fried Rice.....	150/-
Chicken Fried Rice.....	185/-
Chicken Chilly Gravy.....	190/-

LIVE TANDOOR

(PALMS & GROUND FLOOR ONLY)

Paneer Tikka.....	160/-
Chicken Kalamiri Kebab.....	190/-
Chicken Malai Kebab.....	190/-
Chicken Tikka.....	190/-

LIVE TAWA

(PALMS & GROUND FLOOR ONLY)

Mutton Kheema with Pav.....	260/-
Bheja with Pav.....	200/-
Gurda with Pav.....	200/-
Kaleji with Pav.....	200/-
Mix Tawa.....	260/-

LIVE PASTA

(PALMS & GROUND FLOOR ONLY)

Veg. Pasta.....	210/-
Non-Veg. Pasta.....	235/-
Butter Garlic Prawns.....	330/-
Butter Garlic Squid.....	210/-

(Above prices are inclusive of Taxes)

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EASTER SUNDAY SPECIAL

(PALMS ONLY)

Pork Chop (4 pcs/2 pcs).....	300/- 165/-
Roast stuffed Chicken (Full/Half).....	660/- 330/-
Bacon wrapped Chicken (6 pcs).....	225/-
Chicken A-La-Kiev.....	275/-
Spaghetti Meatballs with Garlic Bread (6 pcs).....	280/-
Beef Croquettes (6 pcs).....	150/-

(5% taxes as applicable)

The Annual Gymkhana Day on Sunday, 5th May, 2019, promises to be a huge occasion. The ever energetic F&B Team along with Nilesh Dighe & Milind Jadhav from M/s. Culinary Food & Beverages Pvt. Ltd. are planning an exclusive menu for this occasion. The menu for this will soon be finalised. We assure all Members and their families a fabulous and most entertaining evening.

So come along and enjoy the activities planned at CG.

Sd/-

Olavo Lobo

Hon. Secretary – F&B

GYMNASIUM & STEAM BATH

The Gymnasium, has a bright new look giving the Members the ambience for a good workout. We have appointment a professional trainer too. We look forward to our Members / children above 16 years to working out in the new look Gymnasium.

The Timings & Charges for using the Gymnasium are follows:

OPENING AND CLOSING TIMINGS OF GYMNASIUM :

Daily – 07:00 am to 10:00 am (Morning – Unisex)

Daily – 04:00 pm to 09:00 pm (Evening – Unisex)

GYMNASIUM CHARGES

MEMBER ONLY

Daily - Rs.50/-

Monthly - Rs.500/-

Quarterly - Rs.1,375/-

Half yearly - Rs.2,250/-

Yearly -Rs.3,500/-

MEMBERS & SPOUSE

Monthly - Rs.750/-

Yearly - Rs.5,625/-

MEMBER & FAMILY

Monthly - Rs.875/-

Yearly - Rs.6,875/-

GUEST

Daily : Rs.80/- per head per session

Sd/-

**Sarita Stokes, Hon. Secretary
Gymnasium & Health Club**

HOUSE & STAFF

Various initiatives were implemented at our Gymkhana. The Cigna TTK Group Medical Insurance scheme for Members and their families was launched. This scheme will benefit Members who availed the opportunity to enhance their existing sum insured to safeguard themselves in the event of an illness requiring hospitalization with rising medical costs as well as coverage of pre-existing ailments without being subject to a pre-admission health check-up. On hearing of the benefit offered by your Gymkhana to its Members one of the Gymkhanas in line with us at Marine Drive also decided to follow in our footsteps. CG is happy to be a Leader.

The safety and security of our Members has always been a prime concern to us. We have installed and commissioned a new firefighting system at CG conforming to fire protection and firefighting requirements prescribed by the Mumbai Fire Brigade Department. The Gymkhana has received the final NOC from the Fire Department for

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compliance with the norms. Training programmes have been conducted for orientation of the staff and workers to operate the system installed in the unfortunate event of an untoward incident. Regular servicing and maintenance of the newly installed system will be carried out and we hope that with ever alert Members and CG staff we have no occasion to operate the system at CG.

It is heartening to inform you that our Gymkhana has received the NOC from the Collector of Mumbai for internal change of user plans and internal alterations to the Building. We have also received the approval from the Chief Architect, Public Works Department, Government of Maharashtra, for the building and facilities in the Gymkhana premises. The final process for approval of the change in user plans from the Buildings and Approvals Department of the BMC is in process and we expect to receive their approval in due course. The Gymkhana has applied to the Health Department for a Eating House and Trade license for the Gym Diner, Kitchen and AC Hall on the second floor. We expect to receive these permissions in the near future when we will be in a position to resume full-fledged facilities for the convenience of our Members.

We are also in the process of applying for a Licence to serve liquor on the second floor premises to provide an opportunity for our Members to enjoy a relaxing evening with family and friends over cocktails along with a fine dining experience offered by our In-house Caterer at The Gym Diner. A group consisting of F&B Chairman, Karl Vaz, Hon. Gen. Secretary, Norbert Pereira, Norton Stokes and yours truly are actively pursuing the issue of obtaining a Liquor Licence for a second facility at CG.

The H&S Sub-Committee felt the need to extend support to our very Senior Citizen Members by placing a wheel chair at their service when they visit CG. Our ever charismatic President, Dr. Victor F. Rodrigues was prompt to support the idea and get a sponsor for the wheel chair which is now available at the Reception office. Thank you Victor. Should the demand for usage of the wheel chair increase we would be happy to place an additional wheel chair for the comfort of our Senior Citizen Members.

On behalf of the Managing Committee, I wish to express a special thank you to our Architect, Mr. Rolin Mendonca and his team for the efforts put in to obtain the various approvals from the regulatory authorities. Christopher Joseph from the CG office also needs a special mention for all the coordination and follow-up with the concerned authorities and the project team. I would also like to thank the Members from our H&S Sub-Committee Sarita, Evette, Norbert and Karl for their support and cooperation extended in this journey of regularization at CG as well as their efforts to bring about further improvements for the benefit of Members.

Sd/-

Vernon Miranda
Chairman – House & Staff

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SPORTING ACTIVITIES

The Sporting Activities Sub-Committee is pleased to inform Members that it has decided to resume and conduct the Annual Rink Football Tournament at the newly laid artificial turf. The tournament is scheduled to be held from Tuesday, 7th May to Thursday, 9th May and Monday, 13th May to Thursday, 16th May, 2019 from 5 p.m. onwards.

Competitions will be conducted in three categories; Men Open (late Darryl Crasto Memorial Trophy), Veteran Men (late Neville D'Souza Trophy) and Women (late Dereyk De Souza Memorial Trophy).

The matches will be played in the evenings from 5 p.m. onwards under floodlights. Members who are interested in forming a team and participating in the tournament are welcome and should contact the office for more details. Individual Members who wish to play in the tournament may represent the Catholic Gymkhana team and they are requested to submit their names along with the Membership number and contact details with the Gymkhana office.

The tournament promises to throw up loads of thrills and exciting matches so Members please take time out from your busy schedule and come along with family and friends to soak in all the excitement and witness all the Sporting action.

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The Gymkhana teams will be participating in the MDFA First Division Football League and MHAL First Division Hockey League which is scheduled to commence later this year.

Members or their children who are interested in representing the Catholic Gymkhana Football or Hockey teams are requested to register their names with the Gymkhana Office staff.

Sd/-

Loyola Lobo
Hon. Secretary – Sporting Activities

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TABLE TENNIS

Two top of the line tables and expert coaching from famous Coaches to go with it. Members and their Guests are requested to take this opportunity to learn and play the sport. Professional Table Tennis Coaching is now available at very nominal rates for beginners and for advance level above 8 years between 4.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. TABLE TENNIS in the Party Hall on the 2nd floor. **Join NOW.** Limited numbers will be admitted.

For more information, kindly contact Gymkhana office on 022-22813260 / 022-2281 4755.

RATES FOR TABLE TENNIS COACHING

5 days a week for one hour coaching and practice	Rs.5,000/-
4 days a week for one hour coaching and practice	Rs.4,500/-
3 days a week for one hour coaching and practice	Rs.4,000/-
2 days a week for one hour coaching and practice	Rs.3,000/-

Gymkhana Members get a priority and 10% Special Discount

Sd/-

Rajesh D'Souza
Chairman – Table Tennis

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IN MEMORIAM

The Managing Committee records with deep regret the sad demise of the following members. We pray for the following departed souls and extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

FERDINAND G. DOULTON.....	L/310
CYRIL SEQUEIRA.....	L/187
ANGELO G.PEREIRA.....	L/297
GERALD J.CARVALHO.....	L/372
MANUEL FERRAO.....	L/1077
ALLAN THORLEY.....	L/1079
DR.HENRY CHEN.....	L/1395
JULIET SEN.....	L/1970
HOTCHAND TEJUJA.....	AL/38

GYMKHANA TIMINGS FOR MEMBERS & THEIR GUESTS

a) **Sunday to Thursday 12.30 a.m.-Lights off**

Last order for food 11.30 p.m.
Last order for drinks 11.45 p.m.

b) **Friday, Saturday and Public Holidays**

1.00 a.m. (Lights off)

Last order for food 11.30 p.m.
Last order for drinks 12.15 a.m.

MEMBERS VIOLATING THESE TIMINGS WILL BE LIABLE TO STRICT DISCIPLINARY ACTION INCLUDING A FINE OR SUSPENSION AS MAY BE DECIDED BY THE MANAGING COMMITTEE.

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PLEASE NOTE.....

- 1) Annual Membership fee for Ordinary Members / Service Members and Widow Members have been increased to Rs.1,800/- with effect from 1st August, 2015. The total amount of **Rs.2,124/-** including applicable GST shall be paid for full year from 1st April, 2019 to 31st March, 2020.
Annual membership fee for Associate membership is Rs.7,080/- inclusive of applicable GST shall be paid for full year from 1st April, 2019 to 31st March, 2020 and for Associate Ordinary Members Rs.12,000/- plus applicable GST.
- 2) Those Members who have not paid their dues yet are advised to do so urgently in full along with the late fee charges of Rs.20/- per month and Re-instatement fees of Rs.2,000/- which has been increased with effect from 1st April, 2014. Please note no half yearly payment is accepted.
- 3) An Ordinary Member, who has completed 58 years of age and has been such a member continuously for a period of not less than 15 years, shall have the option to become a Life Member of the Gymkhana on making an application therefore, in writing, furnishing proof of age and paying a sum of Rs.7,000/- plus applicable GST.
- 4) All Guests entering the Gymkhana premises will have to be strictly signed in by a **'Member only'**. It is mandatory for all the Members, their spouses and children above 10 years and below 22 years of age to carry their Identity cards when entering the Gymkhana premises. Surprise checks will be carried out especially during the weekends. Any Member, their spouse and children failing to carry their Identity cards will not be allowed to enter the Gymkhana premises or else you will have to pay the Guest(s) fee applicable on that day.
- 5) All Members entering after 3.00 p.m. on days major functions are held will have to pay the admission charges for that day. Guests entering after 3.00 p.m. on all the days that functions are held will be required to pay the applicable guest entrance and other fees for these functions.
- 6) Members are requested to write their names clearly in full and also, of their guests in the Register at the Reception Counter.
- 7) Due to the Court Order, the Police have restricted the use of loudspeakers and timing of functions to 22.00 hours (10 p.m.) only. Members are therefore requested to attend the functions and/or celebrations on time.
- 8) Kindly note that damaging Gymkhana property is a serious offence. Members indulging in such anti-social behavior will be dealt with severely as per the Articles of Association of the Gymkhana. Members will be held responsible too for the misconduct of their guests.

- 9) ~~Members/Guests are requested not to put their feet on the chairs or sofas.~~
- 10) Members are requested to note that the Gymkhana's e-mail address is office@thecatholicgymkhana.com. Members are, also, requested to inform the office in writing of any changes to be made in their Member's record like change of address, additions in the family, death of member, e-mail address, contact numbers, etc.
- 11) Members / Guests are requested to use only 'NON-MARKING RUBBER SOLE OR GUM SOLE BADMINTON SHOES ON THE COURT'. LEATHER SHOES / BLACK CANVAS / TRACK SHOES / SLIPPERS AND SHOES WORN FROM OUTSIDE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.
- 12) Wearing of 2 strap Hawaii rubber slippers inside the Gymkhana premises is strictly prohibited.
- 13) Members / Guests shall be permitted to enter the **PALMS, BADMINTON** and **GYMNASIUM** in **SHORTS**, but will not be allowed to enter the **PERMIT ROOM, GYM DINER, CARD ROOM, BILLIARDS ROOM, THE GRAND HALL** or the **GROUNDS** when a Bumper Housie / Function is held.
- 14) The following are the major functions of the Gymkhana and on these days the normal Gymkhana activities will be suspended;
a) Christmas Celebrations – 25th December and b) New Year's Eve Celebrations-31st December. Members and their Guests will be required to pay the applicable entrance and other fees for these functions.

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- 15) Members are hereby reminded that Guests and Non-Members are not allowed in the Gymkhana more than **ten times in a month**. No person can be signed in as a Guest of any Member or Members **more than ten times a month** in any part or facility of the Gymkhana i.e. total number of ten times in a month as a Guest whether of one Member or of more than one Member.
- 16) **Drinking, Carrying glasses/bottles or Smoking on the dance floor** is strictly prohibited. Any person found not complying with the above will have to leave the floor and action will be taken. Members are responsible for their guests and must ensure they comply with the rules.
- 17) Bringing of food or drinks from outside into the premises of the Gymkhana is strictly prohibited.
- 18) **LIQUOR PERMIT**
- * Alcohol/Beer will be served only to Members and their Guests, above the age of 25, holding a valid liquor permit.
 - * Members and their Guests above the age of 25 who do not have a liquor permit will have to obtain a One Day permit at Rs.5/- per person from the Caterer.
 - * Permits will be issued to those above the age of 25 years. Proof of age is required.
 - * All Members and their Guests, kindly note that **all types of alcohol can be consumed only in the Permit Room/Bar on the first floor**. Further no Member/Guest under **25 years** is allowed in the Permit Room/Bar.
WARNING - Anyone found drinking outside the Permit Room/Bar will do so at their own risk and the Catholic Gymkhana will not be responsible for the same.
- 19) **PARKING POLICY**
- * Parking will be allowed on '**FIRST COME FIRST SERVE**' basis only for Members.
 - * Members vehicles with valid Parking Stickers to be allowed to park in the Parking Area.
FOR MEMBERS ONLY
 - * **CAR PASS REGISTRATION: Rs.300/- Per Pass**
 - * **VALIDITY OF THE PASS 2 Years only**
 - * Members Vehicles without valid Parking Stickers to be allowed to park only on payment of **Rs.50/-** in the Parking Area.
 - * Multi-sports Guests to be allowed parking only from Monday to Thursday on payment of Parking charges of **Rs.50/- per vehicle**, subject to availability.
 - * No Bikes of Guests to be allowed for parking inside the Gymkhana.
- 20) '**SPITTING OF PAAN**' is prohibited in the Gymkhana premises or anywhere on the grounds / walls of the Gymkhana and mainly urinals of the **Gent's toilets**.
- 21) '**SMOKING IN NON-SMOKING ZONE**' is prohibited in the Gymkhana premises and the urinals of the **Gent's toilets**.
- 22) **SMOKING OF HOOKAHS** IN THE GYMKHANA PREMISES, IS COMPLETELY BANNED.

23) ~~Members are requested not to indiscriminately propose/second candidates for membership of the Gymkhana without giving thought to the following points.~~

- a) Do I know the Candidate well enough to propose / second him/her?
- b) Am I convinced and very sure of his/her moral character.
- c) If my sister/brother/wife/son or daughter were to socialise with the candidates even in my absence would I be happy about it.
- d) Will the candidate have the ability to fit in and mix comfortably with the current members? If he/she cannot do so not only will the candidate be unhappy and uneasy but, also, the other members.

Sd/-

Norbert Pereira
Hon. Gen. Secretary

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