



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

We have entered March 2021 and hope to march ahead at CG. Newspapers and news channels are projecting reports of a surge in COVID cases. Use of masks in public places, social distancing and frequent washing of hands are still the only defence presently available to keep the disease at bay. As we look forward to the vaccination drive by the government to supplement practices of good hygiene suggested by the health authorities, I hope you and your near and dear ones are in good health and cheer.

We at CG are gearing up against various roadblocks encountered to ensure that operations at CG can reopen in April 2021. The risk of the transmission of the disease outdoors is comparatively less vis a vis indoor premises fully air conditioned. The Gymkhana has compiled elaborate SOP's to ensure the safety and well-being of our members and staff. Having been cooped up indoors for a long period there is a tendency to take it easy. Let us resolve to act responsibly when CG reopens.

Members must know that FY 2020-21 has dealt severe knocks to CG arising out of the pandemic leading to closure of CG operations due to the lockdown. CG premises being requisitioned as a Covid Care Centre and the aging building demanding immediate attention to carry out additional structural repairs. All this during a period of virtual zero income, fixed operating and mounting maintenance costs. We had to dip into our corpus to fund our operating and capital expenditure. During the lockdown, we took appropriate measures based on negotiations with the Union and mutually agreed to a reduction in salary with the unionised workers and FTC employees. Measures were implemented to reduce expenditure wherever possible. We will continue to tighten our belts with measures to avoid wasteful expenditure and excesses.

Membership to the Gymkhana is open and I request members to propose individuals and families for membership of CG. The Gymkhana is undergoing extensive refurbishment at the moment and we have also added a few affiliations (see article below). That makes membership even more worthwhile. For information on membership please email office@thecatholicgymkhana.com

If any member desires to sponsor any event or activity please feel free to contact me through the CG office by addressing your communication to me. We have members who are specialists in various fields. I would be happy to enlist your support in any of our sub-committees where you feel you could contribute through your expertise and extend your support to further raise the standards at CG.

Kudos to our Entertainment Sub-Committee Domnic, Evette, Leslie, Everilda and Ralph as well as the Technical Sub-Committee Sanju, Ian and Aubrey who have put in great efforts to bring cheer to our members and everyone during the pandemic and closure period of the Gymkhana. Compliments

to Sanju for arranging a wide array of bands from Goa, the homeland of fun and music. We have a big line up of bands from Goa. For those who have missed the happenings on the Members Nite, request you to read about what you missed in the absorbing article. Do hope you will join in at our future Members Nite on CG's You Tube channel.

Three new Sub-Committees have been formed to add a wide range of activities and value to CG operations:

Projects Committee: CG now has a Projects Sub-Committee with Vernon Noronha as Chairman who brings with him vast corporate experience and Clyde Crasto who needs no introduction to look after structural issues of the building. They are doing a commendable job and are ably supported by the four office bearers.

Special Initiatives Projects: Sub-committee with CG man on the go Ian Pereira as Chairman, Roydon Gonsalves, Ian Stanton and Keith Sequeira as members. The objectives of this committee will be to attract the youth, a Ladies chapter and CG businessmen and professionals to form a CG Chamber of Commerce. Many initiatives such as Zumba, Karate, Children's fitness programmes, etc. are a few proposals to promote activity amongst the cross section of members.

Affiliations sub-committee: Having provided the initial thrust by bringing in two prestigious clubs in Bangalore and Goa with whom CG is now affiliated and with a view to enhance our affiliations with clubs in other cities of the country we have formed an affiliations subcommittee under the Chairmanship of the young and energetic Sunil Lobo in whose competent hands the drive to add to our list of affiliations will continue. The team consists of experienced business professionals Steven Pinto, Vernon Noronha and yours truly. We have an enthusiastic support team in Darrace Cabral and Charmaine Murzello.

The team has set its goals and is working on ambitious objectives. Sunil has arranged affiliations with Nani's Nook, Ooty, Westind Country Club, Manipal with the latest being YMCA. The feedback from members and affiliated clubs was that CG does not have accommodation facilities. Our MC member Sunil Lobo who is on the board of YMCA and also Treasurer arranged a tie up with Bombay YMCA for our members as well as members of our affiliated clubs besides securing a 20% preferential discount. It is heartening to note that Mr. Jason Samuels President Bombay YMCA and Mr. Paul George Gen. Secretary and CEO are members of CG. Guess we are one big happy family. Read more about our affiliations in Sunil's informative article in this newsletter.

It is said that plans are a wise man's dreams. I am confident that plans of the three new subcommittees formed with enthusiastic and inspired team members will create a new aura at CG.

2021 does not promise us to get all that we want. 2021 will make us conscious to appreciate all what we have.

With all good wishes,

VERNON MIRANDA

President

Affiliations / Tie-ups / Arrangements

It is a borderless world today, as we are all inter connected in some way or the other, The Catholic Gymkhana Ltd., (CG) under the leadership of Mr. Vernon J. Miranda aims to add value for the benefit of its Members by entering into Affiliations, tie- ups with Clubs, Associations, not only in Mumbai but across the sub-continent of India.

In line with the above objective, the Managing Committee recently set up an Affiliations Committee to address this requirement for its Members.

Currently, CG has an Affiliation with four clubs across India and a tie up with two institutions / clubs within Mumbai for its Members. Some were existing affiliations / tie-up but most of these arrangements have been entered into recently, and there are quite a few which are work-in-progress.

Affiliations to the four clubs are listed below:

Nani's Nook, Ooty

<https://www.nanisnook.club/>

+ 91 98866 72582



The club is about 5 kms from Charing Cross, the center of Ooty and 11 kms from the town of Coonoor. The club is about 260 km from Bangalore via Masinagudi and about 80 km from Coimbatore. It is the only Nilgiris private club resort with a 360 degrees mountain setting and provides accommodation for its members and guest. Please do visit the website and avail the various facilities when visiting Ooty.

Westind Country Club

<https://www.wccmanipal.club/>

+ 91 95358 29980



This club is located in Manipal, around 50 kms from Mangalore Airport. This is a city which provides education across various streams like Medical, Engineering etc. Thus, this city caters to students not only from India, but also from across the globe. The club provides accommodation to its members as well as club facilities.

Catholic Club Bangalore, Bengaluru

<https://www.catholicclub.com/>

+ 91 80490 23333



The Catholic Club is situated in the heart of Bengaluru on a sprawling property of over an acre. It is flanked by Brigade Road on one side and Museum Road on the other. Having started in 1951 with 75 families it has now grown to a strength of 2500 families & promote social, recreational and sporting activities. One should take advantage of not only the facilities but also its accommodation which is very attractive given it is in the heart of the city.

The Clube Tennis de Gaspar Dias, Miramar, Goa

<https://clubegaspardias.com>

+91 83224 62220/21, +91 83224 63491/92



The Clube Tennis de Gaspar Dias is situated in a prime location on Goa's most attractive Miramar Beach. The Club boasts an impressive Club House where members can play a variety of indoor games including Cards, Table Tennis, Billiards, Snooker as well as enjoying facilities for outdoor sports. The club offers its members & affiliates, hospitality with high standards of luxury, through 18 well furnished, air-conditioned residential Double-Bed Rooms.

Besides the Affiliations, CG has tie-ups as details listed below:

Willingdon Catholic Gymkhana (WCG), Mumbai

<http://wcgym.in/>

+ 91 93721 42783



CG and WCG has entered into a tie up on a yearly basis for the benefit of the members of both the Gymkhanas. Please connect with the office for further details on various facilities offered. This tie up has been well appreciated by our Members.

YMCA Bombay, International House, Mumbai

<https://www.ymcabombay.org/international-house>

+ 91 22 2307 0601 / 02 / 03



International House, located at Mumbai Central continues to provide service in terms of safe and wholesome accommodation. It is well patronized by people from within the country and from other parts of the world.

CG Members would have preferred accommodation facilities for its relatives and friends visiting Mumbai. Keeping this in mind, CG has entered into a tie up with Bombay YMCA, International House, Mumbai Central which would provide accommodation with a preferential 20% discount along with free breakfast, dinner and Wi-Fi. This is subject to availability. Bombay YMCA is also providing this facility to our affiliated club members. This facility by Bombay YMCA is with effect from 1st April 2021.

As may be noted, there has been a lot of action and many more expected. We thank our MC Members and their connects. The Affiliation committee includes our own President Vernon Miranda, Steven Pinto, Vernon Noronha, Darrace Cabral, Charmaine Murzello (Secretary) and Sunil Lobo (Chairman). We will appreciate Members having contacts with clubs located in other cities to help in facilitating reciprocal membership for CG.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Nani's Nook, Ooty

CG Members and their immediate dependent family members will be able to access and use all the facilities at the club without restriction. No fee will be charged for entry to the club's premises. However, they will have to pay the charges for all facilities used. Maximum 30 days in a financial year & 7 days in one calendar month. Maximum two guests permitted subject to availability and on payment of the guest fee.

Accommodation is available subject to booking in advance and payment of the charges.

Westind Country Club, Manipal

Entry fee of Rs. 20 per CG member (no charge if you have booked accommodation). Some of the facilities are chargeable and will have to be settled immediately.

Accommodation is available but requires to be booked in advance and paid in full.

Catholic Club Bangalore, Bengaluru

The Agreement of Affiliation on a reciprocal basis allows the use of club facilities to members of both clubs during a visit to the city by bonafide visiting members of the affiliated club, their spouse and children below the age of 18 years accompanied by either parent on payment of the days fee of the host club and provides the status of guests. Visiting members will be permitted to use the facilities as per the rules and regulations of the host club without having to be signed in by a member of the host club.

Visiting members and family should be in possession of a valid membership identity card of the parent club when visiting the club. Visiting members are not entitled to sign guests. Visiting members can avail the facilities of CC for a maximum of 6 times in a month and 35 times in a year.

No credit facility is available to visiting members and all payments are to be settled by cash or credit card. Room bookings will be accepted on a written request through the parent club, along with advance payment as per policy of the host club.

Rules and dress code for members of the host club will apply. The facility is not extended to members residing in the host city club.

The Clube Tennis de Gaspar Dias, Miramar, Goa

The salient features of the reciprocal arrangement allow a CG visiting member including spouse and dependent children holding valid identity cards to visit the host club 4 times in a month or 30 days in a calendar year along with the authorisation of the parent club to avail facilities of the host club. No entrance fees are applicable for visiting members.

A CG member is not permitted to introduce guests. However, guests may be permitted with the discretion and prior permission of the host club management and shall pay guest fees applicable.

All bills of the visiting member, guest have to be settled by cash / credit card before leaving the host club.

Residential facilities are available and should be booked and confirmed in advance. Full payment of entire stay for room reservations is payable in advance, on booking.

TIE-UPS

Willingdon Catholic Gymkhana, Mumbai

A member of CG will be allowed to enter WCG without any guest fee or sign in or any fee on production of the ID card and such a Member can also come with the Spouse, dependent children and a maximum of two guests, in which case, the Guests will come in at the same rate as a Normal Guest.

The Gymkhana restaurant/s facilities / Terrace restaurant can be availed of by CG Members, all days of the week, during the day and evening.

For weekly Fellowship Nites, there will be no charge when DJs are playing. When there is a band, a 50% discount of the Guest fee will be given.

For booking of the Banquet Halls / Terraces, tennis Court, the same will be charged to CG Members as the charges levied to WCG Members.

For Social functions, including Christmas/New Year dances, a 25% discount of the Guest fee will be given.

Sporting facilities: All Sporting facilities can be availed at a discount of 25% of the regular guest fee charged. However, depending on the capacity at the time of Application, these facilities will be kept open for CG Members.

Card Room / Bridge: This facility can be availed at a discount of 25% of the daily Guest charge or a CG Member can also avail of a discounted Monthly Fee and become a Member of the Card Room for a stipulated time.

Admission of a Member will be at the discretion of the Host Gymkhana.

Bombay YMCA, International House, Mumbai

Accommodation with a preferential 20% discount along with free breakfast, dinner and Wi-Fi. This is subject to availability. Bombay YMCA is providing this facility to members of CG & our affiliated club members.

Sunil Lobo

Chairman – Affiliations Committee

Disclaimer: The Terms are subject to change at any time. If you intend patronising any of the above, it would be prudent to call them and check if the facility you intend using is available to you and also whether guests are permitted or not.

MEMBERS NITE

Live streamed exclusively on the CG YouTube channel on Saturday at 9pm



The Gomes Family

6th February 2021, was a Memorable Evening with The Gomes Family.

It was extremely gratifying to watch Roney (keyboard & vocals) an Accomplished Musician, his Wife – Mylene (vocals) and Son – Myron (guitar & vocals) perform. Their Playlist was Excellent and it was music to the ears.



Jude Al

Valentine Day & Carnival Celebrations on 13th February 2021, was a Blast with King of Entertainment – JUDE AL. It was an outburst of the soul with Jude Al singing Romantic Songs and kindling the Fire of Love, bringing in Valentine's Day.

With a soft blend Jude Al moved on to paint Pictures of the Carnival - food for the soul and Imaginations created Reality.



Beat Route Jam

Beat Route Jam (BRJ) featuring Steve Jr., Vocals, Edgar Warren (Lead Guitar), Anson Fernandes (Keyboard), Dafflon Fernandes (Drums), Peterson Gomes (Bass) and Elaine Pinto (Vocals) brought Goa to Mumbai on Saturday, 20th February 2021.

BRJ is a band of like-minded young musicians with a deep passion for music. With their Unique Style and unbeatable energy, they surely aspire to be one of the Best Bands in Goa.

MEMBERS NITE



Valentinos

The Valentinos. a DUO Band with Edgar Desouza, Keyboard & Vocals and Elvis Desouza, Guitar & Vocals Rocked Saturday Nite on 27th February 2021. They made it Eventful and Memorable. It was FANTABULOUS. They Hit All with their Excellent Performance and one could hear oneself scream - We Want More.



UZO

YIPEEEEEEE UZO!!!

The 6 piece Band UZO - Lavina Soares (Vocals), Axel DeSouza (Vocals & Guitarist), Reuben Rebelo (Bass Guitarist), Elton Fernandes (Drums), Joshua Fernandes (Keyboard) & Austin Fernandes (Lead Guitarist & Vocals) gave an outstanding performance on Saturday, 6th March 2021.

UZO's Repertoire included a wide range of popular songs and tunes.

One saw a Great Connect between the Performers, who set the stage ablaze.

Lavina and Axel stormed the audience with their Energetic Performance and Dance and soared with great tone and high notes, VIVA GOA, VIVA UZO.

All our previous shows are archived on the Catholic Gymkhana's YouTube channel in case you have missed any of the shows or would like to watch them again

youtube.com/TheCatholicGymkhanaLtd

Please Subscribe to our YouTube channel (it's free)



The Catholic Gymkhana Ltd.

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MEMBERS NITE

FOR MEMBERS & EVERYONE

Performing Live from Goa



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Saturday 13th March, 2021

21:00 IST

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**Please bear with us while
we refurbish your Gymkhana.**

**We look forward to seeing you
soon.**

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