



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Greetings from the Managing Committee of The Catholic Gymkhana Ltd.

I take this opportunity to wish you and your near and dear ones a healthy, happy and harmonious New Year 2021.

With the restrictions on social gatherings and get togethers we hope you had a safe and joyous Christmas season with the family.

CG brought in the Christmas spirit by streaming the Christmas Carol Nite live on our YouTube channel which was a spectacular success. The event attracted family members, friends and well-wishers of CG from various corners of the globe. A record number of 2,300 devices logged in for the live show. CG carried the spirit of Christmas to the comfort of our homes which livened the spirits in particular of the housebound. Never before has CG experienced such viewership for our live programmes with over 27,000 people viewing the event in a period of less than 24 hours after the show. A big THANK YOU to all our groups and performers who presented a grand entertainment for the audience with their scintillating performance. Kudos to our entertainment team Domnic, Evette, Everilda, Leslie and Ralph as well as our Technical team members Sanju, Ian and Aubrey duly supported by Vernon Noronha and Sarika Fernandes who established Brand CG as a global entity.

In view of the Covid-19 pandemic the 67th Annual General Meeting of The Catholic Gymkhana Ltd. lastline Term was held through video conferencing in accordance with the circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs. I wish to thank our members who joined the AGM in good numbers as a measure of support to the MC. I also wish to thank Sunil and Sanju for their key role in arranging the virtual AGM through 'AV/ OAVM' as well as Rajesh, Norbert, Evette, Vernon Noronha, Alex and Ian for coordinating the associated activities. Sunil has penned a detailed account on the AGM which appears in this newsletter and provides an insight into CG operations and achievements in the term gone by.

The year 2020 began with enthusiasm and optimism which took an unfortunate twist and turn with the spread of Covid 19 globally leading the WHO to declare a pandemic. Lockdowns enforced, caused severe disruption of life and economic activity. CG operations were shut down from March 2020. The CG premises were requisitioned by the BMC for 7 months for use as a Covid Care Centre for treatment of asymptomatic patients. It is heartening to note that approx. 650 individuals were housed and treated at CG. We approached the authorities with a representation for closure of the CCC at CG which was considered favourably and released to us on 20th December, 2020.

The Managing Committee promptly swung into action mode with disinfection and sanitisation of the premises. The Managing Committee also decided to carry out the Bar and ground floor renovation prior to reopening of CG. When the renovation work was taken up by the Architect and Contractors teams it was observed that some urgent structural repairs were required to the beams, columns and ceilings of the two facilities due to corrosion which had set in. This is being addressed under the technical expertise and advise of CG structural engineering consultant Mr. Satish Dhupelia and Arch. Rolin Mendonca. The structural repairs and renovation work which are being carried out round the clock is expected to be completed by end March 2021 when we expect to reopen all facilities for Members.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has had an adverse effect on the conduct of all sporting activities. However, in accordance with the government advisories in force we are happy to inform you that we have reopened our Badminton and Multisports facilities by adhering to the guidelines prescribed by the State government and Civil Administration.

The SOP's to be followed, Rules and Regulations and Revised Rate Charts applicable for the sporting facilities are displayed at appropriate places. Members availing of these sporting facilities are requested to strictly observe the stipulated guidelines and cooperate with the Gymkhana Administration.

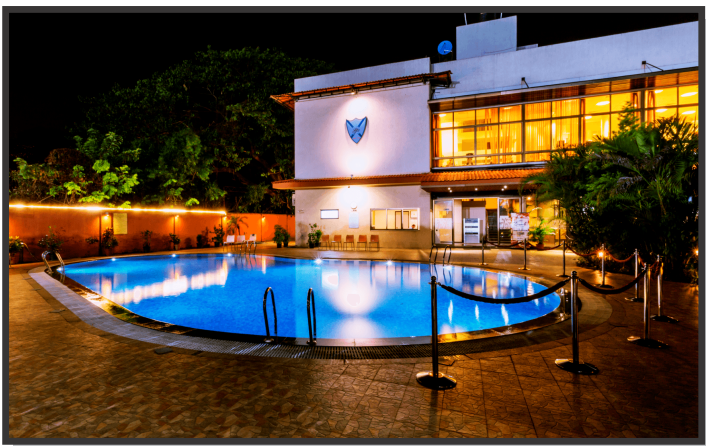
We will be advising you of the reopening of other facilities and the Gymkhana in a phased manner.

## BREAKING NEWS

I am delighted to inform you that CG has secured an affiliation with one of the TOP Clubs in the State of Goa - CLUBE TENNIS DE GASPAR DIAS at Miramar which offers residential accommodation. With many of our members having roots in Goa, this could well turn out to be one of the most patronised reciprocal tie-ups of CG.



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. Visiting members can introduce a guest accompanying the visiting member at the host club with prior permission. No entrance fees are applicable for visiting members, however guests with prior permission of the host club management shall pay guest fees, as applicable. Residential facilities should be booked and confirmed in advance. Full payment of entire stay for room reservations is payable in advance of booking. All bills of the visiting members, members guest have to be settled by cash / credit card before leaving the host club. We look forward to a mutually beneficial association between members of our two clubs promoting friendship and good will amongst our members.



I wish to thank the President Mr. Rajesh Khaunte and Mr. Manoj Caculo, Chairman Affiliation Committee and members of the Managing Committee of CLUB TENNIS DE GASPAR DIAS for the avenue created for the members of our two clubs to avail of each other's facilities when visiting the respective cities. I also wish to express my thanks to my friend Mr. Guru Kuvelkar for the support extended to me and his efforts to establish contact and promote the reciprocal arrangement.

With all good wishes,

**VERNON MIRANDA**

President



## **The Catholic Gymkhana Ltd.**

**MANAGING COMMITTEE: 2020 – 2021**

### **OFFICE BEARERS**

Vernon Miranda – President

Rajesh D'souza – Vice President

Norbert Pereira – Hon. Gen. Secretary

Sanju Fernandes – Hon. Treasurer

Evette Malgi – Asst. Secretary

### **MANAGING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Adv. Bernardo Reis

Alex D'Cruz

Dominic Godinho

Edward Sequeira

Everilda D'Mello

Ian Pereira

Peter Fernandes

### **CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

Clyde Crasto – Addl. Vice President

Karl Vaz

Steven Pinto

Sunil Lobo – Asst. Treasurer

Vernon Noronha



## GOOD NEWS

Dear Member,

### **CG Members welcome to patronise Bandra Gymkhana till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

The Catholic Gymkhana premises was requisitioned under the Epidemic Diseases Act and the Disaster Management Act by the BMC Authorities as a Covid Care Centre for treatment & recovery of asymptomatic patients. The CG premises was released and vacated by the Authorities on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020. A physical check of the premises revealed that the severe monsoons had an adverse effect on the building, whereby some structural work needed to be taken up urgently. We expect the repairs, renovation & refurbishment work to be completed by the end of March 2021. In the meanwhile, CG has reopened the Multisports and Badminton Facilities for members.

In view of the difficulties faced to offer our Members the use of our Gymkhana for the next two months, we are happy to inform our dear members that the Managing Committee of The Bandra Gymkhana (BG), Bandra, has opened their doors, on an ad hoc basis to Members of the Catholic Gymkhana (CG) with immediate effect until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

Members must appreciate it that this gesture on the part of the Managing Committee of BG is a step taken with sisterly institutional regards extending a warm WELCOME to our Members to alleviate the present situation faced at CG.

The Managing Committee of CG is thankful to the President, Trustees and Members of the Managing Committee of BG for extending this facility to CG Members. The terms of this magnanimous offer from BG permits CG Members to enter the BG premises on presentation of their ID cards without payment of guest fees. CG Members cannot introduce guests. CG Members are permitted the use of the available sports facilities on payment of the Regular Member applicable User Fees. CG Members are also permitted the use of the BG Cafeteria, Restaurant and Bar facilities as available to BG Members.

All statutory Covid protocols, rules and regulations as applicable to BG members have to be strictly observed by CG Members. BG reserves the right to expel any CG Member disturbing the peace / discipline or flouting any rules / norms of this ad hoc arrangement.

We hope our Members will take advantage of this magnanimous offer of BG Members and act as Ambassadors of Goodwill promoting friendship and camaraderie amongst the Members of our two Institutions.

Best wishes,

**VERNON MIRANDA**

President



JANUARY 23, 2021

## NOTICE

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC GYMKHANA ARE PERMITTED TO USE THE BANDRA GYMKHANA FACILITIES UPTO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021 ON PRODUCING THEIR IDENTITY CARDS OF THE CATHOLIC GYMKHANA.

THE ENTRY WILL BE FREE. HOWEVER USE OF FACILITIES LIKE TENNIS, FITNESS, BILLIARDS, ETC THE MEMBERS WOULD HAVE TO PAY THE SECTIONAL GUEST FEES.

MEMBERS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SIGN IN ANY GUEST. ALL OTHER PROTOCOLS PRESENTLY IN PLACE WILL HAVE TO BE FOLLOWED.

**DR. CHERYL MISQUITTA**  
**PRESIDENT**

BY ORDER OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE

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## SPORTS AT CG

Members will be pleased to note that even though the Gymkhana cannot open up entirely due to some major repairs we have managed to give the Sports people something to Cheer.

Badminton is now open to members and activity members. Please read the attached SOPs and follow them strictly.

Also please book your slots to play, with Fabian Dennis 96192 05412 the Badminton Secretary 24 hours in advance between 11am & 5pm only.

We plan to start Table Tennis too, shortly and those interested to play or learn, call Rajesh D'souza on 9820024130.


The Multisports has started and anyone wishing to book a slot can call Rohan on 99162 46898.


### **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES BADMINTON DEPARTMENT**

Members are hereby informed that w.e.f. Friday 8th January 2021, Badminton Department has commenced its activities for bonafide members of the department, as per the notification issued in the matter.


The department will be operational in a restrictive mode as the services to be provided, will be limited, whilst following the Government guidelines and the SOP's as laid down by the Catholic Gymkhana.












Initially to start with, the badminton department will be opened for playing in the morning from 7.00 AM to 1.00 PM and in the evening from 4 PM to 10.30 PM, adhering to the following Norms.

 Members will be required to fill and sign a Consent / Undertaking Form (kept at the reception) agreeing to follow the norms of the Gymkhana and statutory body as laid down from time to time.

 Members desirous of playing Badminton, to book their time slots of 45 mins a day in advance. They are to contact Fabian Dennis, Secretary Badminton on mobile no. 9619205412 between 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

 PLEASE NOTE THAT MEMBERS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO PLAY FOR ANY ONE SLOT PER DAY.

 The Members who have booked their slot, should be present at the time chosen and before they commence play. Waiting time not more than 5 mins of the booking time.

-  Members coming to the badminton court have to ensure they sanitize their hands before and after play.
-  As per the norms of the SOP, Members are requested to leave the Badminton Department after completion of their play time.
-  Only Member with quarterly games subscription will be allowed to play. The payment for the same can be made online to the Gymkhana. Any Members utilizing any of the sporting department once, will be charged for the full quarter. The invoice for the same will be generated automatically.
-  Person above the age of 65 years, person with comorbidities, pregnant women and children below the age of 10 years are advised not to risk themselves by coming to the Gymkhana.
-  Members are requested to refrain from getting into any unnecessary arguments / disputes with the staff on duty. The staff has also been instructed to ensure that the SOP's are followed and implemented strictly. The staff have also been authorised to stop any Member from entering the Gymkhana premises or playing any game in case any instructions as per the SOP is breached by the Member.
-  Members are advised to carry adequate water, their own napkins / towels with them for self- use.
-  No service of the marker will be available for playing.
-  Members will not use the washroom for bathing as the same has been suspended as of now for all the Members.
-  Please note any violation of above norms will attract strict action which may result in suspension or as recommended by the committee.
-  **THE MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE RATES OF THE BADMINTON FACILITY.**
-  **BADMINTON ACTIVITY MEMBERS ARE NOT TO USE ANY OTHER FACILITY OF THE GYMKHANA.**



## CONSENT FORM FOR MEMBERS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email ID: \_\_\_\_\_

- I have read and understood the SOP of The Catholic Gymkhana Ltd. issued guidelines and shall follow the same for using Gymkhana facilities at my own risk.
- If I am an asymptomatic carrier or an undiagnosed patient of COVID-19, I suspect it may endanger other Members and staff at the Gymkhana. It is my responsibility to take appropriate precautions and to follow the protocols prescribed by Catholic Gymkhana and BMC.
- In case I get infected with COVID-19 on or after my visit to The Catholic Gymkhana Ltd., I will inform The Catholic Gymkhana Ltd. Authorities at the earliest, so that the appropriate tracking of the player / staff present on the day of my visit can be done.
- I confirm that at present, I am not having any of the flowing symptoms as listed below:
  - Fever
  - Shortness of breath
  - Dry cough
  - Loss of taste and smell
  - Runny nose
  - Sore throat
  - Or any other symptom
- I understand that the Government recommends social distancing of at least 6 to 10 feet with other members.
- I CONFIRM that the information as provided by me in this form is truthful and accurate.
- I knowingly and willingly consent to visit The Catholic Gymkhana during COVID-19 pandemic. If I hide my facts and relevant details and because of my knowing and unknowing behaviour or action, the members / staff / anyone at the Gymkhana get infected, I may be held responsible for appropriate action as per law.

I agree, that in any event I will not hold The Catholic Gymkhana Ltd. / their staff / Committee Members, responsible in any manner whatsoever for any health issue that I may get infected or contract, in any manner whatsoever.

Nobert Pereira  
Hon. Gen. Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's sign \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

## VICTORIES IN SPORT

We are proud to announce that our Members continue to shine in the field of sports.

Racketlon is a new sport that involves playing 21 points each of Table Tennis, Badminton, Squash and last Tennis. The points of both players are totalled and the one having the most points wins. The winner normally has to play four to five rounds of this gruelling sequence to win the title. Racketlon challenges your fitness, endurance and skill.

Members will be thrilled to note that in the first open tournament of this format held in Mumbai at the Wellington Catholic Gymkhana our Member Ashutosh Pednekar won singles title.

He then paired with Rajesh D'souza also our Member to win the doubles trophy as well.



## MEMBERS NITE

(September 2020)

Live streamed on the CG Facebook page on Saturday, Premiered on the CG YouTube Channel on Sunday



### A26

A26 is a Musically empowered Band that motivates them to be the number one dance band in the country.

The Elegant Ensemble of seven have earned a reputation for their exceptional musicianship in India as well as abroad, with Lester Rodrigues, the Founder and Lead Vocalist and Guitarist, Chrystal Farrell, the Lead Singer, Joe Pereira, the drummer, Alfin Fernandes at the keyboard, Marwino D Costo played bass guitar and flute, Grayston Vaz, Lead Guitarist and Agnelo Mascarenhas at the keyboard.

A26 broke the all-time record at their Live Performance on CG Facebook with a handsome approx. 1300 devices logged in to the show.

With their irresistible music A26 performed non-stop for 1 hour and 30 minutes and we thank Ian Stanton, our Member for making it possible.



### Giselle & Brendon

The Young Duo -- GISELLE & BRENDON accompanied by VAIBHAV on Percussion, for the Members Nite on Saturday, 19th September '20 on CG Facebook Live.

The multi-faceted singers dabbled in various genres of music, like Jazz, Pop, RnB and Country, and Giselle with her canorous voice was a Super Hit.

The Explosive Energy of Giselle & Brendon set the stage ablaze with a blend of their vocal range.



### The Jukebox Quartet

The Jukebox Quartet connected with the Goan Diaspora by reviving Traditional Goan Folklore Music in India and around the Globe.

The Husband - Wife Duo Andre (on keyboard and vocal) Tanya (vocals) and their children Nicole (vocals) and Noah (Guitar) known as Jukebox set the stage ablaze with a wide range of bespoke live music from Goa, on CG Facebook Live on Saturday 26th September '20.



## MEMBERS NITE

(October 2020 till January 2021)

Live streamed exclusively on the CG YouTube channel on Saturday



### Marcia & Marc

The Phenomenal Husband & Wife Singing Duo - Marc & Marcia also referred as M&M were accompanied by high quality backing tracks for CG on Saturday, 3rd October '20 on YouTube Live.

The Versatile couple dabbled in all kind of western music - Jazz to Rock, Disco to Pop, Reggae to Country. The flow of musical current seemed effortless and carved a niche for themselves. Their children Isaiah, Samuel and Daniel aka Unity was the added surprise to the show. The talented kids mesmerised the viewers with their melodious voices and showmanship. The show lasted 2 hours and 10 minutes.



### Mehmood Curmally

MEHMOOD CURMALLY – CG Nite, A Tribute to Elvis Presley, on Saturday 10th October '20, spanned across genres from Rock n' Roll to Blues to Country to Gospel.

Mehmood says: “It’s like a calling. I love the man so much. If I can give audiences just one little glimpse of the power of Elvis on stage, that would make me the happiest.” That’s it – Mehmood's non-stop performance possessed a Weapons-Grade Charisma and it was Elvis all along and surely one could feel and sense Elvis voice reverberating “THANK YA THANK YA VERY MUCH”.



### Ian & Debbie Concessio

Ian & Debbie Concessio, belong to a Musical Family of the renowned musician Late Maurice Concessio.

The Husband and Wife Duo are great vocalists and proficient in all genres of music from Pop to Light Jazz, Country, Konkani, Portuguese, etc.

Ian mesmerised the audience with his guitar and trombone while Debbie with her golden voice enthralled all.



## MEMBERS NITE



### Delhi Indie Project

Delhi Indie Project – The Trail Blazers’, the Dhamka Band from our Capital.

Ashish Chauhan and Jasmine Kaur backed by Vijay Kashyap captured beautiful moments with their singing and Bohemian Rhapsody.

The Euphony of Sweet Melody was sensational and in keeping with the persona, while Sufi music aptly reverberated.



### 2 Girlz & A Guitar

ANGEL's Nite with 2 GIRLZ & A GUITAR featuring Kimberly Lisa Van'Drine lit up the stage on Saturday 31st October 2020. The most popular Band dressed like Angels sang in heavenly voices.

They put so much soul into their music which connects people.

Everyone had a Blast with 2 Girlz & A Guitar and Kimberly, a Brand within herself made it memorable.

They were unstoppable and crafted a handful of classics. Kimberly the Rising Star, an Inspiration, made it memorable.



### Willie & Brynhild

Willie and Brynhild were amazing and spectacular and rocked Saturday, 7th November 2020, with their Amazing Performance Singing and enthralled the viewers. A Treat to watch the DUO as energies soared high.

They kept the audience glued to the screen with their Phenomenal Performance was incredibly and contagiously energetic.

## MEMBERS NITE



### Wayne & Evita

It was Diwali Dhamaka and Children's Day Special with Wayne & Evita on Saturday 14th November.

The Awesome Duo ensured that they catered to all ages, especially singing all time favourites for Children.

The brilliant performance of Wayne & Evita takes on a new persona with each song.



### Sixth Sense

SIXTH SENSE featuring Darren Das & Giselle on Vocals performed Live on Saturday, 21st November '20, with Wilburn – Lead Guitarist; Arthur – Keyboard; Crosby – Bass Guitarist and Sylvester on Drums. They did a Record Performance and evening turned to mid-night, above and beyond.

Darren Das and His Band is Exceptional. Spectacular performance by Darren Das and Giselle, an evening to remember.

Prominent Musicians - Sixth Sense were mind boggling and blew the night away.



### Index

INDEX – Manoj & Metilda from Chennai put up and excellent performance on Saturday, 28th November 2020. It was foot tapping music all evening.

Manoj and Metilda gained an impressive reputation for being exceptionally talented.

## MEMBERS NITE



### Charles Vaz & His Stars

As the saying goes it was Time of your Life on Saturday 5th December 2020, with Charles and his Stars.

Charles' Guitar sings with his galaxy of Stars starring Sherise D'souza, Dimple Alvares, Leroy 'Engelbert' Colaco – vocals & guitarist and Sarita Mesquita Vaz the Konkani Nightingale. It was once more all night long.

Each and every member of the band has a passion for the music they love and that comes across with every song they sang.

The band is exceptionally talented and experts in engaging the audience with their great performance and fun.



### Doctor J Collective

Doctor J Collective created moments with the audience on Saturday, 19th December 2020.

Doctor Jarvis – Lead Vocals & Guitarist and his Talented Collective – Alastair – the Bongo Man, Kelly - Vocals & Russel – Bass Guitarist rocked the show with their excellent playlist.

Undoubtedly, one of the finest performances. The Band was great and terrific.

Awesome, Just Awesome!



### Jaffery & The Rockstars

Jaffery & The Rockstars rocked the Christmas Special Event on Saturday 26th December 2020. Jaffery – Lead Vocals & Guitarist; Sherise – Vocals; Julius – Vocals & Keyboard enhanced the Christmas Celebrations. The music influenced by cultural background and personal taste.



## MEMBERS NITE



### Charles Vaz & His Stars (Part 2)

New Year – The Good Year 2021 on Saturday 2nd January with Charles Vaz – Lead Vocals & Guitarist and Stars hand-picked from his Galaxy—Tricia June Rego, Joan Crasto, Adarbad Master and Lesten Vaz, set the stage ablaze for Good Times.

The performance by Charles Vaz and His Stars (Part 2) was amazing and appraised as Classic.

Their reputation grew alongside their popularity.



### Mike Kerr & Friends

MIKE KERR – Vocals & Lead Guitarist AND FRIENDS (ELTON – Keyboard & vocals & KATE) Saturday 9th January 2021.

Mike Kerr & Friends put up an excellent performance with Elton - keyboard & vocals and Kate on Saturday 9th January 2021.

Mike Kerr the Lead Guitarist and Vocals rocked the show with his killer tenor voice and three-octave vocal range rendering the best of rock, pop, country, retros and jazz.



### Stephanie & Desiree

It was Magical Moments with Stephanie & Desiree on Saturday 16th January 2021. The Duo Diva's won hearts singing all time favourites giving wings to the mind and flight to imagination.

The Duo looked and sounded great with a wide variety of songs and quality backing tracks. They rocked the show as energies soared.



## MEMBERS NITE



### Silver Linings

Saturday 23rd January 2021 saw Silver Linings from Goa perform with Tammy - Lead Vocals, Roy - Keyboard & Vocals, Gavin - Guitarist and Bambino on Saxophone. Silver Linings were a treat to watch.

Roy D'sa is a multi-instrumentalist known for his melodious voice and the undeniably Talented Tammy, a song writer too, mesmerised the audience with her fabulous voice.

Their music was food to the soul and its own reward.



### Fahrenheit

30th January 2021 with Band Fahrenheit, the Pop Rock Band with classic influences added their own flavor to timeless Melodies with Andrea-Jo and Kieran Athaide.

The enthralling keyboard and powerhouse vocals – rock, jazz and the blues covers have a mind of their own with a wild twist, with a repertoire of over 2,000 tracks.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/TheCatholicGymkhanaLtd>

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

## CHRISTMAS CAROL NITE

on YouTube. Hosted Live by Jude Al with Premiered videos by the Choirs

Jesus our Lord and Saviour, born in a Manger, is remembered and celebrated in Carols.

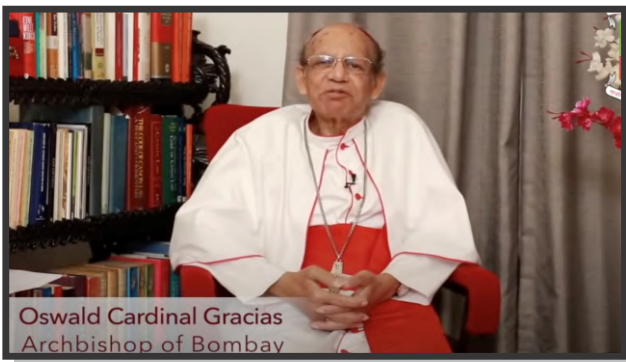
CG held the tradition of Angelic Chorus 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth Peace and Good will towards men.'

The Spirit of Christmas filled the air with Angelic Singing on Saturday 12th December 2020, 8pm onwards, on CG's YouTube Channel.

We were honoured to receive a special Christmas message from his Eminence, Oswald Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay.

We were proud to relay the Christmas Carols presented by the following Choirs and Soloists, who presented new compositions and all time Favourite Christmas Carols.

Many thanks to Jude Al who hosted the show Live and deftly switched from Live hosting and singing, to premiering the videos.



**OSWALD CARDINAL GRACIAS,  
ARCHBISHOP OF BOMBAY**



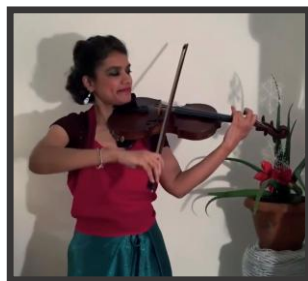
**JUDE AL  
HOST**



**THE SASSY SONGBIRDS**



**THE SUNBERN DUO**



**DIELLE BRAGANZA**



## CHRISTMAS CAROL NITE



**CONCHORDS**



**THE CHOIR OF THE CHURCH AT POWAI**



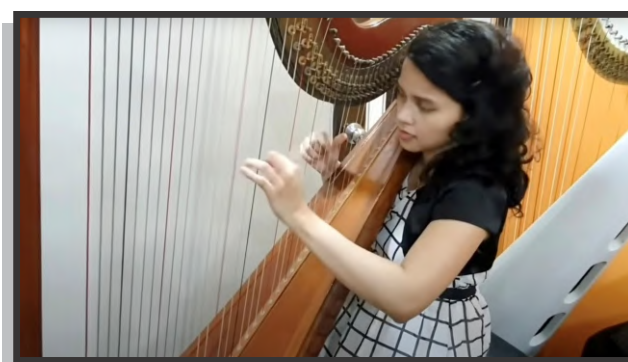
**SILVINA**



**JOYFUL CHORUS**



**THE VICTORY CHORUS LINE**



**HARP INDIA**

CG creates Memories: <https://youtu.be/FQdIZHKD-7o>

## **AGM REPORT by Sunil Lobo**

### **Virtual 67th Annual General Meeting of The Catholic Gymkhana Limited**

It was a first in CG history, that we had our 67th AGM on a virtual basis. Owing to Covid-19, physical AGM was not possible, coupled with the fact that CG premises was unavailable. For those who may be unaware, CG had provided its premises to BMC for quarantine purposes.

Given that CG is a limited company under the Companies Act, the Managing Committee decided to have a Virtual AGM on 17th Dec 2020. We had to follow all the guidelines as per the Companies Act. We, then shortlisted a few service providers who could facilitate the AGM and finalized National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL, a government entity).

A specific task force was set up for conducting this Virtual AGM led by our President – Mr. Vernon Miranda and his dedicated team. Vernon also involved his friends in the Corporate Sector to ensure that we adhered as per the regulations.

Further, we needed to have a venue to broadcast the live proceedings. Thus, we discussed various venues and finally shortlisted a WeWork building at Bandra Kurla Complex. Thanks to our Managing Committee Member – Mr. Vernon Noronha, this facility was arranged free of cost. Thank you Vernon.

The task force soon realized that the AGM which would be virtual would need CG members to be tech savvy. The team first needed to understand how to handle the activities online, which would also include a strong Wi-Fi connection. We set up a small team who would connect with our members and explain to them how to log in for the meeting, e-vote for the resolutions and use the chat box for any queries. The critical thing was that we needed a quorum, else the AGM would need to be postponed. Evette Malgi and Alex D’cruz ensured that we got a quorum. A task well done indeed !!



#### **Office Bearers:**

**Evette Malgi, Norbert Pereira, Rajesh D’Souza, Vernon Miranda, Sanju Fernandes, Sunil Lobo**



We also had a helpline which had some of our CG Managing Committee member's children involved who went out of the way to assist us. Thank you Nikita (Alex D'cruz's daughter) and Vivek (Vernon Noronha's son) for the support.

We had also a couple of recce done, where we had some members physically present as well as some online. This helped us in fine tuning any technical issues.

The Virtual AGM required technical support and was ably supported by Ian Pereira and Vernon Noronha.

As this was going to be a virtual AGM, we needed to inform members of the same. Besides putting up a notice and agenda items on CG website, NSDL website, newspaper publications and emails to members, we also sent notices by courier to members who didn't have email ids. This was possible thanks to our Hon Gen Secretary, Norbert Pereira who along with his team undertook the logistics task at St. Teresa School with no cost. (Our Nobby is well connected). Thank you Fr. Anthony Fernandes for providing us the space.

The Virtual AGM started with the necessary quorum, beginning with a Welcome Speech by the President – Mr Vernon Miranda, who informed the CG members, the names of Managing Committee members that were present on the podium and the extended team that were supporting the Virtual AGM.

Norbert mentioned to the members how to go about doing the e-voting of the resolutions, queries to be communicated via the chat box, etc.

Vernon Miranda then put the points on the agenda for e-voting and informed the members about the working of the Gymkhana and other related issues connected with the operations of the Gymkhana.

**The key initiatives achieved during the term 2019-2020 were as follows:**

- ❖ CG obtains the Completion Certificate from the BMC. We now have a detailed “BMC APPROVED COMPLETION PLAN” for the entire premises.
- ❖ All internal and external structural issues addressed thereby ensuring that the Gymkhana is structurally safe.
- ❖ CG complied with the Chief Fire Officers recommendations with the installation of fire safety equipment to ensure CG is fire compliant.
- ❖ Internal Complaints Committee( ICC) under POSH Act, 2013 constituted to redress complaints regarding sexual harassment.
- ❖ Christmas season at CG celebrated with traditional revelry and great cheer!
- ❖ “FULL HOUSE” gatherings on the lawns for Diwali and New Year Bumper Housie.

- ❖ Members Nite is the “TALK OF THE TOWN” in SOBO.
- ❖ CG offers members the Doc-on-Line facility for medical consultation with an expert panel of doctors during lockdown. Several members take advantage and enroll for the scheme.
- ❖ CG secures its very own YouTube channel. A first amongst several clubs and gymkhanas.
- ❖ CG stays connected with members and everyone during the lockdown through Virtual Members Nite spreading cheer through music to one and all.
- ❖ CG presented a variety of performers every Saturday night with some record-breaking audiences, which takes the CG brand global.
- ❖ As a Covid-19 Care Centre is set up at CG by the BMC and government authorities, CG contributed its share to the citizens and city of Mumbai to alleviate the suffering of affected families during the pandemic. It was heartening to note that some family members of a CG member were housed at the CG facility for treatment and recovery.
- ❖ Effective communication network with members established through E-Newsletters, Circulars, Announcements, What's App messages.
- ❖ CG secured an affiliation with the prestigious Catholic Club Bangalore.
- ❖ The Christmas Carol Nite streamed live this year on YouTube was a spectacular success. It firmly established Brand CG as a global entity with viewers from US, Canada, UK, Switzerland, Germany, Brazil, Portugal, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Barbados and several Gulf countries with a record log ins of 2,300 for the live show and over 27,000 people in a period of less than 24 hours after the show.
- ❖ In its 108 glorious and historical years, CG and the world has faced one of the most critical periods. The MC has steered CG through the rough weather with great dignity.
- ❖ Wait there is more.....Some BREAKING NEWS.

CG secured an affiliation with one of the best clubs in the State of Goa - Clube Tennis de Gaspar Dias at Miramar beach which offers residential accommodation. With many of our members having roots in Goa, this could well turn out to be the most patronised reciprocal tie ups of CG.

The financials were presented by Hon Treasurer – Sanju. The queries of members which form an important part of our AGM, were ably explained and clarified by Vernon Miranda and Sanju.

The President then declared the names of the members who have been elected unopposed to the Managing Committee 2020-2021 term. He further informed the members of the e-voting results for the various agenda items which were passed.

The AGM ended with a vote of thanks given by our President to all members who attended the video conference.

Many messages were received from members appreciating & complimenting the conduct of the AGM. Members were also appreciative of the Managing Committee for steering CG in this difficult scenario due to the global pandemic.



**Office Bearers with the Back-up team:  
Ian Pereira, Nikita D'Cruz, Vivek Noronha, Vernon Noronha, Alex D'Cruz**

## COMMUNICATION

Henceforth in an effort to Go Green, we intend communicating solely by Email and WhatsApp. There will not be any hard copies printed unless it is a special issue.

If your relatives and friends have not been receiving regular communications from us, they have probably not updated their email and mobile number in our records. They can help us by sending the updated info with their membership number to [office@thecatholicgymkhana.com](mailto:office@thecatholicgymkhana.com)

Our WhatsApp is Admin only and allows only for one-way communication from the Gymkhana to its members. Request that those who have left their group to kindly send a request to the same email id, to be added again,

Help us to improve communication with you.



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

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

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