

# Catch-Up!

February 2024



## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

My Dear Fellow Members.



I hope this message finds you all in great spirits. I want to express my sincere gratitude and admiration for the incredible participation and enthusiasm shown by each of you in the various events that unfolded in January. It is normal that the President unfurls the flag on Republic Day. However, I have deviated from that protocol and since Republic Day showcases the might of our country's military and para-military strength, I thought it is fitting that a senior member from the armed forces do the honours this year. At very short notice, Wing Commander Nestor De Conceicao willingly acceded to my request to unfurl our national flag today. Wing Commander Nestor de Conceicao is a long-time life member of our Club.

The month was packed with a diverse array of activities, and your active involvement made every event a resounding success. Let's take a moment to reflect on the highlights of January. The convivial ambiance of our Bar Nights created the perfect setting for members to unwind and connect. Strategic card games like Whist and Bridge brought members together for some friendly competition and camaraderie.

The Event, A conversation with Anita & Nicole Faria was a welcome change in our retinue of events with inputs from Anita on Image & Impact and from Nicole - Miss Earth 2010, on varied subjects such as Slimming Strategies, Shaping one's Persona and Achieving Success. The engaging discussion on "The Queen of All Nations" was a literary treat, made even more special by the insightful interaction with the author Mr. Abhijeet Sengupta IAS at his book reading event. It was an evening of intellectual deliberation.

The kids sure went happy after the Gardening Workshop and they will certainly grow up to respect and protect the fast-depleting green cover around us. This was a unique event by the iKdz committee and I am sure that the kids thoroughly enjoyed it. There's another surprise coming up this month from this department – "Pets Day at CC".

The football pitch was alive with energy for the 5-A-Side Football Tournament and the success of this tournament was a testament to the sportsmanship and skill within our club. At another Youth event, the vibrant youth of our club showcased their talents, making the Youth Karaoke & DJ Nite a night to remember.

The Inter-Club Rummy Knockout Tournament was a well conducted and whopping success showcasing our members' card-playing prowess. The ever-popular Housie and Bingo in its Various Iterations brought joy and

excitement to our Sundays and I am certain that many of our members and their guests look forward to their visit to our Club whether the event is held in the Mornings or Evenings.

I'm thrilled to announce that February holds an equally exciting lineup of events before the Lenten break. Here's a glimpse of what's to come:

There will be a "Meet the Managing Committee" on 3 Feb at 7 PM. Although you are free to voice your concerns any time to the Managing Committee, this will be your chance to voice your concerns and share your ideas face to face with the MC on making our club an even better place to be. I look forward to meet many of you on 3 Feb.

An electrifying tribute to the legendary band, Queen, will be held right here at our club by the Supersonic Queen Tribute Band to be held on 9 Feb followed by the Festa Do Carnival, a joint event with Karnataka Goan Association, on 10 Feb.

Get ready for some intense snooker action with The Carlisle Bartley Snooker Tournament which will be held from Mid Feb to Early March. It will be 25 years since our very own Carlisle passed away. The Monthly Snooker Tournament held exclusively for our Members will precede this tournament.

With the cricket fever in the air, members can gear up for our own thrilling 5-A-Side Cricket Tournament to be held towards the end of the month.

Your active participation is what makes our club vibrant and dynamic. I encourage each one of you to join in, share your ideas, and make the most of these upcoming events. Thank you for being the lifeblood of our club, and here's to a February filled with excitement, camaraderie, and unforgettable moments.

See you all at the events & Warm regards



Melville D'Souza – President



## CARDS

We are delighted to share the exciting news of the Catholic Club's successful execution of the invitational Inter-Club 13-Card Rummy Tournament held on January 21st, 2024. This prestigious event, which welcomed various clubs from Bangalore, was met with resounding success and applause.

This event received commendation from participants and the esteemed managing committee and members of the Catholic Club. Participation was at an all-time high - we had 128 participants from across 12 clubs. A special note of gratitude goes to our sponsors, whose invaluable support played a crucial role in the triumph of this tournament. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Anil John Christopher, Chairman of CNK group of institutions, Mr. Austin Roach, MD of Roach Lifescapes, Mr. Joy Saldanha (Bluemist homestays - Chikmagalur), Mr. Silvian Noronha and family, Mrs. Virginia Stanton and family and Mr. Richard Ravi and family and look forward to their continued collaboration in future endeavors.

Our Vice President Mr. Jude Lobo along with former presidents Mr. Austin Roach and Mr. Peter Prem were present during the prize distribution ceremony.

Under the dynamic leadership of Member In Charge of Cards, Mr Anup Saldanha, the event was successfully managed by the organising committee comprising of Mr. Vincent Paul, Mr. Ashok Bikampady, Mr. Christopher Hoover, Mr. Nikhil Tiwari and Mr. Joachim Serrao.

A big shout out to Melville D'Souza (our president) Abhishek George (our secretary), Vani (our executive secretary) and all our support staff for helping make the event a phenomenal success.

As we celebrate this triumph, we are excited about the prospect of hosting more such successful events in the future. The Inter-Club 13-Card Rummy Tournament marks the beginning of a series of engaging gatherings that the Catholic Club is poised to organize, reflecting our confidence in sustained success.

Anup Saldanha  
MIC



## GAMES

The popularity of this event is evident from the large turnout of teams. This month we even had a Committee team.

There were many unique rounds this time including a humming round and a written round, all of which kept the participants guessing. Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you to the organisers Rebecca, Sean and Rosalind.

The Next What's The Good Word will be on Friday 16th February.

Gavin Cordeiro  
MIC





## iKids

"Don't tell children about gardening, show them." This is exactly how we kick started this year with a gardening workshop for the kids.

The gardening workshop was conducted by the best in the business "The Indo -American" team. We had the children show up in large numbers.

The children were taught about different types of soils, seeds and watering techniques. They learnt many basic and advanced ways and means of gardening at home.

The first experience had the kids get their hands into soil, add seeds and water the plants. The second experience had the kids mix two types of soils and then go on to plant sample plant cuttings.

The children were treated to delicious snacks and each child was presented with a 'Great Gardener certificate'. The children were gifted with a special potted plant to take home and nurture.

Joeita Pelegrim  
MIC



## HR

With the busy season of December and Christmas taking up everyone's time, the staff were tasked to keep up the momentum and their morale, throughout this peak season and cope with the requirements.

Needless to say, they all did just that and went beyond the call of duty on many occasions, to ensure that the members and guests who visited the club had an enjoyable time.

As the decorations were taken down and the activities of the club returned to near normal again, we are now getting back to our regular HR activities.

As part of the continuous training programs planned for the staff, a very important topic of "POSH" training was carried out for the staff in two batches covering about 80 personnel from across all the departments.

The training sessions were conducted by none other than our own member Caroline Lobo on the 9th of January from 1000 hrs to 1230 hrs. The training was conducted in two batches – the first one in Hindi and the second one in Kannada. This was done to ensure that the staff actually understood the concepts and participated in the program.

We have one more batch to complete in English, to cover all the staff, including the Security and House-keeping staff from our vendors.

It was heartening to see the enthusiasm with which they answered questions and expressed themselves. Kudos to Caroline for her time and effort on this training.

We are now at the crucial time of the year, when the appraisal cycle commences and we will be conducting this in two phases – the first one will be with the HOD's and their staff on a one-to-one basis. The second phase will then move on to the concerned MiC's sitting along with HOD's and their staff to finalise the appraisals which will then be put up through the HR & Finance for final approval.

Our search continues for a suitable HR Manager and HR Assistant to fill the void in this department and we hope to close this out soon.

The employee "Reward and Recognition" system continues in the background and once again, we request you all to take time out to recognize the staff who do a good job, so that they can be recognised and rewarded.

I would like to wish you all A Very Happy & Prosperous New Year!!

Mark Lushington  
MiC HR





## HOUSIE

Welcome to Two Thousand Twenty Four 2024 – The Year of the Dragon!

We concluded 2023 with a Big Bang in December, the “jewel in our crown” being our Christmas Super Duper Bumper Housie, which we conducted on Christmas evening with an attendance of 254 people! The evening started in the true tradition and spirit of Christmas with the serving of Cake & Wine to all the participants.

In addition to the Prize Money, we had our main Sponsors for the evening “Ikaksh” Lab Grown Diamonds, who gave us two Diamonds that were given away as prizes - one for the Lucky Draw which was held specifically for this purpose and the lucky winner was picked by our President Melville D’Souza, and the second one went to the winner of the last House.

In addition to these diamonds, “Ikaksh,” also sponsored 300 Goody Bags filled with Christmas goodies, that were distributed to every single participant and 8 Hampers that went out to the winners of the Houses. Thank you, Girish Ramanathan!

Our other Sponsors for the evening were Percy Soans, who provided us with pressure cookers and cookware for the 8 houses, Amy Lowe, who supported us with some fancy table lights and one other sponsor who prefers to remain ‘anonymous’, who presented us with 8 beautifully embroidered shawls.

All in all, we had a wonderful evening with lots of gifts from our “Santa Sponsors.” Thank you all for your kind support.

As we enter the new year, we are buoyed by our success of the past six months and look forward to finishing the term with aplomb.

Thanks go out to all our participants, both Members and Guests, who keep turning up in large numbers to make our events a success. Our thanks to all those who extend their support to us through sponsorships in one form or another and of course to the staff of the Housie Department and the Club who help us with all the arrangements and kept the show going through the busiest period of the year without flinching.

Thanks to my subcommittee for their help in organising and running the games! Here’s to another six successful months!!

Let me end this article by wishing all of you “A Very Happy and Prosperous New Year” and we look forward to seeing you all at our events.

Mark Lushington  
MiC Housie



## HEALTH CLUB

Welcome to the New Year. I look forward to more members signing up for the gym. We shall be continuing with all of our usual classes - Zumba on Mondays and Thursdays, Yoga on Tuesdays and Fridays and an intense session of Pilates on Wednesdays. Do contact the staff in the gym for more details.

In February we are planning a trek to a nearby Forest area on the 18th, the third Sunday, instead of the usual ROMP.

Cheers to a fitter and healthier 2024!

After the lull of the Diwali and the Christmas season, we started the New Year with a bang.

Maya Bashyam  
MIC



## iBrowse

The iBrowse event for the month of January took place on 19th January 2024 in the Ballroom.

The audience was welcomed to a very inviting ambience, fresh flowers and light adorned the tables and created a scenic appeal. The distinguished and intellectual audience were treated to insights and facts of politics and history of our nation.

The author, Mr Abhijeet Sengupta, an IAS officer, shared numerous details and events that shaped our nation's politics from his book "The Queen of all Nations".

The author and moderator kept the audience engaged with passages from the book and the Q&A saw some very interesting questions being answered.

The event was all in all one filled with history, politics, opinions and thought provoking questions.

Joeita Pelegrim  
MIC



## Ladies

A Ladies Morning with a twist.

The event started with a Zumba session by Anup who conducts Zumba classes Monday and Thursday mornings at the club. It was heartwarming to see so many ladies, both young and old, twist and sway to the catchy Spanish music. A short talk on nutrition, followed by games, and a makeup demo. We also had a flea market with a host of different stalls. The morning ended with a delicious lunch of mutton biryani and was washed down with a mug of beer. Thank you, ladies, for the great turnout.

Do look out for the next event in March.

Maya Bashyam  
MIC





CATHOLIC CLUB PRESENTS



RE-LIVE

# THE FREDDIE MERCURY EXPERIENCE

**FRIDAY  
9TH FEB  
@ SPM**



# SUPERSONIC QUEEN

**INDIA TOUR | FEB 2024**

## ENTRY

MEMBERS - 200

DEPENDENT & SENIOR DEPENDENT - 100

GUEST - 499

GUEST CHILD 5 TO 12YRS - 200

MEMBER & GUEST CHILD BELOW 5YRS FREE

TABLE - 200

Rights of Admission Reserved,  
Standard Club Rules Apply





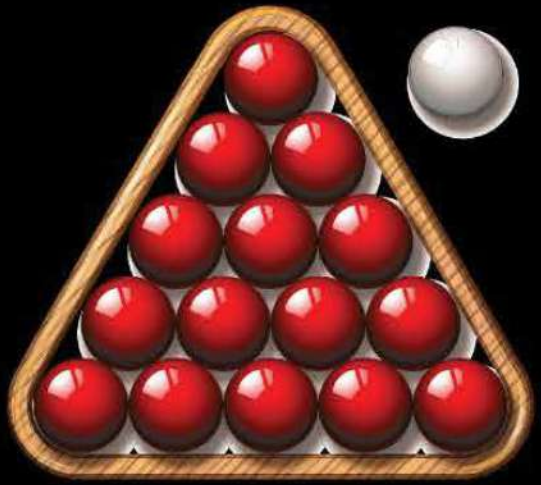
CATHOLIC CLUB

# MEMBERS

## MONTHLY HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

ON SUNDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY 2024  
STARTING @ 12:00 NOON

Winner  
Rs. 3,000/-  
Runner Up  
Rs. 2,000/-



Registrations  
are Open !!!

Entry Fee : Rs. 100  
Please Enroll At The CC Billiard Room  
Last Date For Entries: 10th Feb 2024 @ 9pm

Complimentary  
BEER & BIRIYANI  
FOR PLAYERS ONLY







iKidz Welcomes You

# Pet Day For the Love of pets


PETS DAY OUT

BRING YOUR PET'S TO THE CLUB



On February 18th 2024  
@ 12.30 PM onwards

 Adopt a pet

 Pet activities




 Pet Fashion Show

 Pet Merchandise

 Pet treats

Entry  
Member Rs. 100  
Guest Rs. 200

### Note

-  Pets must be on a leash or contained at all times
-  Vaccinations must be up to date
-  Bring your pet supply of food, waterbowl & pooper scooper / poop bags





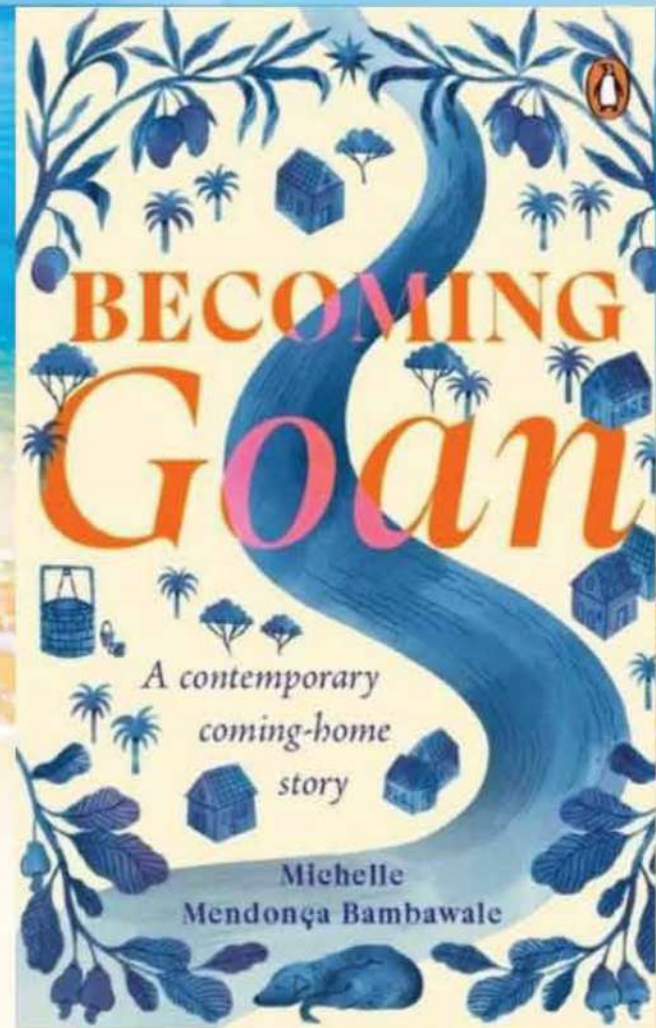


**iBrowse Book Club**  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US  
FOR A DISCUSSION WITH

**AUTHOR**  
**MICHELLE BAMBAWALE**



**On her Book**



**In Conversation with our Moderator**  
**Aiona Misquita**



**ON SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2024 @ 7PM**  
**@ BALLROOM**

**Snacks & Refreshments provided**





Catholic Club  
&  
Karnataka Goan Association  
Presents



# "Festa Do Carnival"



## TOUCH OF GOLD

10TH

FEB

### TICKETS

Member  
Members Guest  
Child Below 12 yrs  
Table with 4 chairs

ADVANCE  
Rs. 350  
Rs. 1200  
RS. 200  
Rs. 200

GATE  
RS. 350  
RS. 2400  
RS. 200

Doors Open At 5 PM

BAND FROM GOA

**[LIVE]**







# 5-A-SIDE CRICKET

## TOURNAMENT

**25TH  
FEBRUARY  
10am  
ONWARDS**

**Minimum 3  
members  
in a TEAM**

**Rs.500  
Per  
Team**



# *New Members - January*

A warm welcome to all the new  
Catholic Club members!

Approved at the Membership Interview Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2024

## *New Senior Citizen Members*

Mrs. SALLY PUNCH

Mr. GREGORY MICHAEL LOBO

Mr. MAURICE D'SA

Mr. VAIMEL JACOB ALPHONSUS

Mrs. BENEDICTA PHILOMENA MIRANDA

Mr. JOSEPH HARRY PINTO

Mr. PATRICK JOSEPH LEWIS

## *Donor Members*

Mrs. BEENA TITUS

Mr. ANKUSH BHUTRA

Mr. PRAVEEN KHANNA

Mr. SENDIL KUMAR

Mr. VISHNUVARDHAN REDDY BURLA

## *Life Members*

Mrs. VANESSA ANN BROOKS

Mr. ARNOLD EMMANUEL LEWIS

Mr. GERAD VINOD KUMAR AROKIANATHAN

Mr. LEO THOMAS

## *Ordinary Members*

Mrs. Lexin Roseline Sequeira

Mr. Mathew Manoj Chako

## *Temporary Members*

Mr. KEERTHI SATYANARAYANA





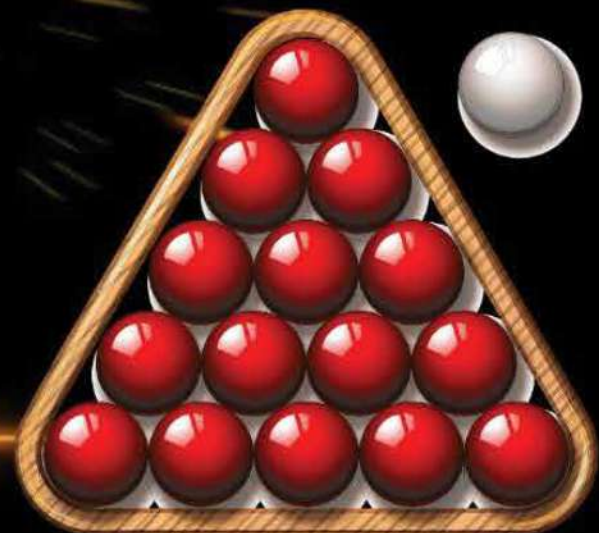
# XXII Carlisle Bartley

**Memorial Prize Money Double Frame  
Handicap Snooker Tournament 2024**



15th February to 3rd March 2024

**REGISTRATIONS  
ARE OPEN**



Please register At The CC Billiard Room



# CC EVENTS

## FEBRUARY 2024



| Monday                             | Tuesday                        | Wednesday                  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   | Sunday  |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                    |                                |                            | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b><br>BAR NITE WITH<br>TUMBLEWEED<br>8.00PM | <b>3</b><br>MEET THE MANAGING<br>COMMITTEE<br>7.00PM<br><br>MUSICAL EVENING<br>9.00 PM | <b>4</b><br>BRUNCH<br>12.30PM<br><br>MINI BUMPER HOUSIE<br>7PM  |
| <b>5</b><br>WHIST DRIVE<br>6.00 PM | <b>6</b><br>BRIDGE<br>6.00 PM  | <b>7</b>                   | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b><br>TRIBUTE TO QUEEN<br>8.00PM            | <b>10</b><br>FESTA DO CARNAVAL<br>- CC & KGA<br>5.00PM                                 | <b>11</b><br>BRUNCH- VALENTINE SPECIAL<br>WITH FABIAN WHITE 12.30PM<br>VALENTINE'S BUMPER HOUSIE<br>PRIZE MONEY FOR 1 LAKH @<br>7.00 PM<br>MEMBERS MONTHLY<br>HANDICPPED SNOOKER<br>TOURNAMENT - 12.00 NOON |
| <b>12</b><br>WHIST DRIVE<br>6.00PM | <b>13</b><br>BRIDGE<br>6.00 PM | <b>14</b><br>ASH WEDNESDAY | <b>15</b><br>CARLISLE BARTLEY<br>TOURNMANET 2024<br>5.00 PM | <b>16</b><br>WHAT'S THE GOOD<br>WORD<br>7.00 PM   | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b><br>BINGO HOUSIE - 11.00 AM<br><br>IKIDZONE PRESENTS BRING<br>YOUR PETS TO THE CLUB<br>12.30 PM<br><br>THEMED FOOD FESTIVAL<br>1.00 PM   |
| <b>19</b><br>WHIST DRIVE<br>6.00PM | <b>20</b><br>BRIDGE<br>6.00 PM | <b>21</b>                  | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b><br>FAITH<br>7.00 PM                     | <b>24</b><br>IBROWSE<br>7.00PM   | <b>25</b><br>5-A-SIDE CRICKET<br>10.00 AM<br><br>BUMPER HOUSIE - MEMBERS<br>ONLY PRIZE MONEY FOR<br>RS. 50,000 7.00 PM  |
| <b>26</b><br>WHIST DRIVE<br>6.00PM | <b>27</b><br>BRIDGE<br>6.00 PM | <b>28</b>                  | <b>29</b>   |   |  |   |

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DEPARTMENT  
EXTENTION NUMBER  
Secretary - 244  
Membership - 225  
Reception Main - 226  
Health Club - 406  
Swimming Pool - 242  
Library - 241  
IT - 229  
Card Room - 234  
Billiards - 404

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and room bookings.