



Catch-Up!

January
2024



My Dear Fellow Members,

Here's wishing all of you a Very Happy New Year and all the very best to you and to your loved ones. May you all continue to be blessed.

What a December it has been! Truly a December to Remember and I hope it is has been the same for all of you. The past few weeks have been nothing short of magical, and I am keen to express my deepest appreciation for your overwhelming support and patronage of the array of events that have marked this festive season.

The Festive Season started with a very successful Rummy Knock-Out Tournament on 2 Dec followed by the "Come All Ye Faithful" Faith programme deftly handled by Fr. Vimalraj with the St. Germain's Manipuri School Choir rendering Carols and including one in Tamil. It's amazing how these children have picked up the language and are able to sing in it.

I would like to acknowledge the beauty of our CCOT Orphans' Fun Day. We had over 600 children from 11 orphanages have the time of their lives on 3 Dec at the Club. They started their day at our Club with Breakfast and after that they let loose themselves and danced their hearts out in the Ballroom. There were other unique events planned for them and you will hear more about it from the Chairperson of CCOT. The children went back satisfied with their outing at our Club and also got a take-away gift – A Backpack filled with goodies. To the many of you who helped in this event, a big Thank You. I am sure it must have touched all the emotional cords in you to see the joy and twinkle in the eyes of the Children from the 11 Orphanages.

The Ladies and some of the Gentlemen too of our Club got into action to decorate our Club and I must say that they did an absolutely stupendous job of making the club look Christmassy, Festive and very Tasteful looking. A big thank you to all of you who worked tirelessly including going shopping for the items in the gullies of Old Bangalore.

Our Elders Sugar and Spice Christmassy Evening on 7 Dec. was a heartfelt tribute to those who have paved the way before us. The Elders Sub-Committee not only laid it out Thick for the Elders but also performed to some foot tapping music and also sang carols for them. The Drink and Food was well appreciated by all the Elders. Mistletoe, our joint event with the Konkan Catholic Association, was a splendid fusion of two vibrant communities. Your enthusiasm and participation exemplified the strength that lies in unity, and I extend my gratitude to both the entities for creating an event filled with laughter, joy, and shared traditions.

The Christmas Bazaar, spanning from 10 to 15 Dec, was a bustling hub of festive cheer. Your engagement with the stalls, your support for products offered by the Members and the vibrant energy you brought made it a true celebration of community spirit. The Christmas spirit had indeed arrived. The Children's Christmas Tree event on 15 Dec was a testament to the magic of the season through the eyes of our little ones. Your involvement made it a day of innocence, laughter, and the pure joy that only children can bring.

Carols by Candlelight, our flagship event, on 16 Dec was a soul-stirring evening, and your presence turned it into a symphony of unity. The glow of the candles reflected the warmth of our community, and I thank you for making it a night to remember. It was quite novel to see and hear some in the Managing Committee sing carols to the Members.

The Booze & Brains event on 20 Dec brought wit and laughter to the forefront. It was a packed house and your keen participation and infectious enthusiasm created an atmosphere of camaraderie and intellectual revelry. Jingle & Jive, our youth event on 22 Dec was a showcase of the vibrant energy within our Club. On the 23 Dec, What's a Good Word brought us together for an evening of games and laughter. Your active participation created an atmosphere of friendly competition and shared enjoyment.

The Cake & Wine Christmas Eve Party on 24 Dec saw an overwhelming participation by Members and their guests. Your presence, coupled with the infectious energy of the band, created a night of revelry and joy. The Christmas Bumper Housie on the 25 Dec brought us all together for a day of games, laughter, and the thrill of winning. Thank you for making it a day of festive fun and excitement.

Our Yuletide Ball on the 29 Dec, was a night of elegance and celebration. Your participation added a touch of glamour, making it a truly memorable event. As we approached the New Year, our anticipation grew for the grand New Year's Eve Party. Your presence undoubtedly made it a night of jubilation, marking the end of this year and the beginning of new adventures.

As this goes to print, we had a very successful 5-A-Side Football Tournament with 10 teams. The Youth will have the Amateur Night on 27 Jan and I wish that all of you come and experience the depth of the talent that is there with the Club Youth and cheer for our Members Children showcasing their talent singularly and collectively. There's a Kids Gardening programme planned for 13 Jan and the Ladies of our Club on 14 Jan are going to be sipping coffee along with a bit of Zumba, Dance, Make-Up and yes, some shopping too. Please keep a lookout for the other regular programs of Jan 2024.

In closing, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for making these events more than just activities on a calendar. You have transformed them into moments of connection, joy, and shared memories that define the essence of our social club.

Thank you for your continued support, your enthusiasm, and the vibrant energy you bring to our Club. May the spirit of togetherness, generosity, and celebration stay with us not only during this festive season but throughout this year

Wishing you all a joyful and prosperous New Year!

Warm regards,

Melville D'Souza
President

FAITH

Come All Ye Faithful

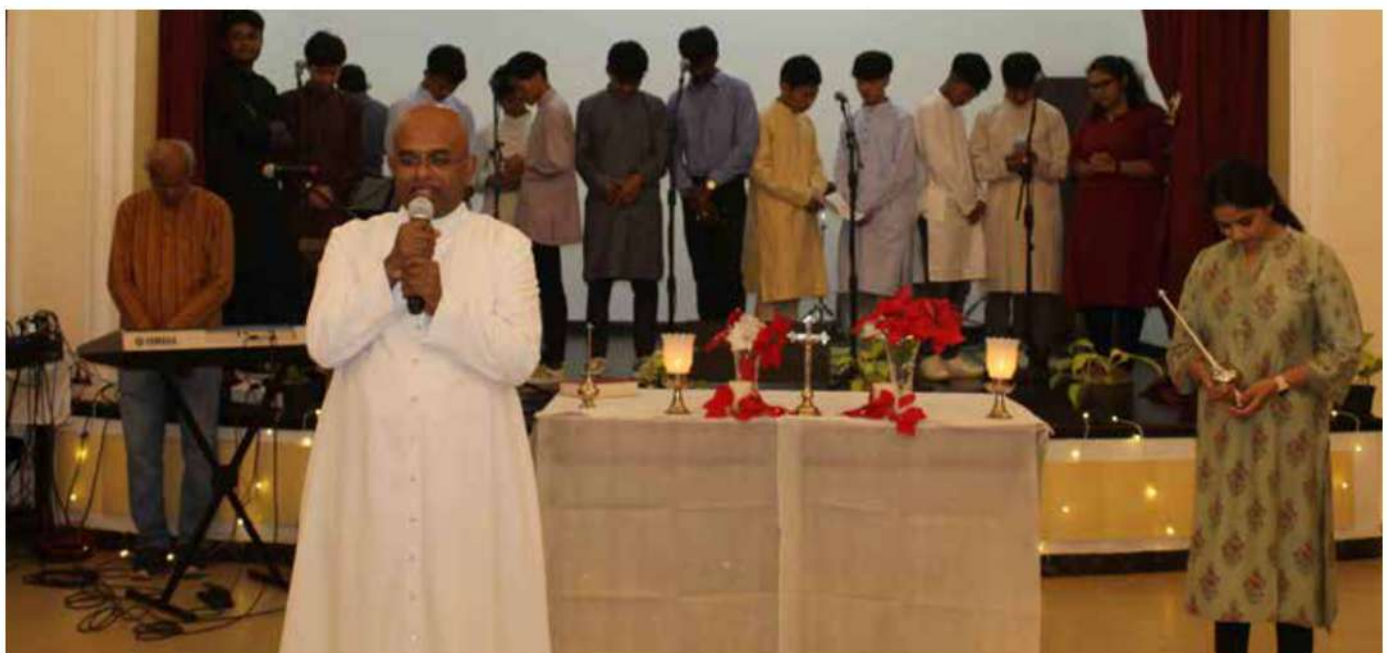
The beautiful month of December kicked off on a joyous note with Fr. Christopher Vimal Raj engaging the congregation with his wit and knowledge.

The strong young voices of the St Germain's Manipuri Youth choir filled the hall and got the people singing along to the familiar carols. An impromptu appeal to the members present, saw them willingly donating towards the welfare of the Manipuri kids. For a good cause our Catholic Club members are always known to dig deep into their pockets and this time was no different.

We have to thank our sponsors Anita Fernandes, Vinita Thambuchetty and Monica Robinson for treating all present to a slice of rich Christmas plum cake & a one-of-a-kind hanging Christmas ornament. The hearty dinner and fellowship towards the end of the program brought smiles to one and all.

The dynamic Faith Sub-Committee comprising of Vinita, Shanti, Palini, Rohini, Louella, Naomi, Tessa, Kavita together with MIC Mrs Lunita Pais D'sa once again delivered a successful year end 2023 program with upwards of 150 people attending.

Lunita Pais D'Sa MIC



YOUTH

The Jingle and Jive Event on December 22 at Catholic Club was a festive triumph, enveloping attendees in the spirit of Christmas.

The Goan band, Tidal Wave, stole the show with their captivating performance. Their dynamic beats and diverse repertoire kept the crowd engaged and dancing throughout the night. Tidal Wave's interaction with the audience created a lively atmosphere, making the event a true celebration.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Mrs. Sheila Lushington, whose meticulous decor transformed the venue into a magical winter wonderland, setting the perfect stage for the night's festivities.

Mr. Jake Texeira's spirited emceeing elevated the event, guiding the audience through a night filled with laughter and joy. His engaging presence added a lively touch, ensuring everyone felt part of the celebration.

A sincere thank you to Mr. Jeffry Crasta, our steadfast sponsor, for his continuous support. His generosity, including the delightful Maranvanthe coupons, contributed to the evening's charm and delighted the attendees.

We express gratitude to everyone who joined us in celebrating Christmas at Catholic Club. Your presence made the event memorable, and we appreciate the joy and warmth you brought to the festivities. As we reflect on the success of the Jingle and Jive Event, we eagerly anticipate curating more such vibrant and memorable experiences for the youth and members of CC in the future. Here's to continued celebrations and creating lasting memories together!



Crystal Crasta
Youth Representative

ELDERS

Sugar n Spice– December 7th 2023

The much awaited Christmas Event, Sugar n Spice, got our fun-loving Yesteryear Youngsters queuing up early to enter the venue. The club sparkled and shone in hues of silver, green and white. The men looked dapper in their formals and the women beautiful. With Fabian crooning "It's Beginning to look a lot like Christmas," the stage was set for a fabulous evening.

The packed program kicked off with two games of Housie with big prizes up for grabs.

Popular carols were sung with great gusto by various teams.

There were a number of fun spot prizes – the man who was most like Santa, the best-dressed gentleman in formals etc.

The vibrant subcommittee put up a well-loved skit 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' which was much appreciated by all.

The dinner was specially curated by our MIC Lunita Pais Dsa. There were delicious starters like Spinach Corn Mini quiche, chicken salami with fresh home-style salad. The main course was a finger-licking plate of Roast chicken, bread stuffing, Pasta Primavera, with Grilled Prawns in Lemon Butter Sauce. The dessert added just that hint of sweet touch with Date & Caramel cake with Brandy Custard Sauce.

Our Energetic Elders seemed to be having the best time of their lives with full participation in all games. The 300 plus Party loving Prime Timers rocked the dance floor and definitely out beat the youngsters half their age. As the evening drew to a close, each was gifted with a goodie bag containing a slice of plum cake, kulkals and a one-of-a-kind Christmas ornament.

This end-of-year 2023 party was the culmination in a string of wonderful events put together by the Subcommittee comprising of Vinita Thambuchetty, Shanti Peres, Louella D'souza, Kavita Rego, Tessa R, Naomi S, headed by MIC Lunita Pais D'sa.



Reported by
Shanti Peres

iKidz

The month of December saw the children of our club enjoying themselves and making merry. The children's play area was buzzing with the kids enthusiastic vibes.

The children were in for a treat with a special "Letters to Santa" mail box with curated letters to Santa. We saw a lot of enthusiastic kids penning down their wishes to Santa for being nice this year.

The hand made Santa Cabin was a treat to the eyes that found a spot near the children play area with Santa visiting it every evening during the Christmas Bazaar for the kids to make memories (a photo ops session)and receive a sweet treat from Santa himself.

The Christmas tree for the Children saw over 250 kids being entranced to a special performance of the CC I kidz choir that sang popular Christmas Carol's (mashup / medley).

A Christmas Quiz was organised and we saw the parents and children participate with many goodies to be won.

A specially planned "Magic show" was also organised for the kids that saw them beaming with joy and enthusiasm.

There was the all time favourites of Bouncing Castle, Popcorn and cotton candy that the kids patronised.

Christmas Nail Art & Christmas face painting saw the kids beaming with happiness and flaunting their tattoos and nails to one and all.

As the kids were engaging in all the pomp and special activities, Santa made his way to the arena being showered with confetti and snow spray and distributed Sweets and Candy to the little ones.

The most exciting part of the Children's Christmas tree finally arrived with Santa's distribution of the gifts.

The children went home with customised snack boxes of all Christmas treats.

All in all was a memorable and fun Christmas season for the Children that saw them make some great memories to cherish.



Joeita Pelegrim
MIC

GAMES

What's the good Word!

The Christmas Edition saw a full house of participants as well as sizeable audience who enjoyed the varied rounds of WTGW, Dumb Charades, Pictionary, Taboo and the Finale (Guess the word, identify the Carol in which it appears and the sing O verse!)

And everything has something to do with Christmas!
Congratulations to the winners!



Gavin Cordeiro
MIC

HUMAN RESOURCES

Reward & Recognition Program

After many months of deliberation about the introduction of the 'Reward & Recognition' program, we were finally able to get it off the ground. Although we had announced it to be held on the 7th December at the Seniors Citizens evening, due to circumstances beyond our control, it had to be postponed.

But we certainly made up for the delay when we ran the program, at an even more exciting event of the club, which was the 'Carols by Candlelight' courtesy our MiC Events, Tushar Fernandes.

Prior to the actual event, we ran a dress rehearsal, in order to familiarize the staff with the process, since they had never been exposed to such a program before. And what a reaction we had from all of those who had been nominated!! Needless to say, they were absolutely thrilled to learn that they would be up on stage, in the presence of a large audience, where they would be recognized for their good work and long service and rewarded in front of the members, guests, Committee Members and more importantly their own colleagues, who could draw inspiration from their achievements and also hope to emulate them in the years to come.

On the day of the event, all our staff came dressed in their uniform, smartly turned out and grinning from ear to ear, in anticipation of the excitement coming up later in the evening. In order to make the audience aware of why the personnel were being awarded, a brief citation about each individual was prepared and read out, before the Stars, Pins, Certificates, Plaques and Cash Awards were distributed to them. And boy, did that have an impact!

An individual photograph of each one was taken receiving their award and after the function a group photograph was taken and followed by light refreshments to finish off the evening. A precedent has been set, which we aim to continue at various events in the club, to keep our staff firing on all cylinders.

We once again exhort all our members and guests to spend some time to appreciate the services of our staff, by recommending them for their good work or service. Don't forget that, besides the long service awards, we also have a category of "Employee of the Quarter," where you can recommend any of our staff for their good work and have them recognised and rewarded.

Please do take the time to acknowledge our staff. Think of the long hours they spend in providing all of us service throughout the year and particularly during the Season, without respite, while all of us indulge in merry making from the 1st of December till the 31st December, non-stop, day and night, until the clock strikes twelve on New Years night and into the New Year.

Once the festivities are over and we get back to our normal routine in January, we will continue with our other HR activities of training, job rotation and commence the staff appraisals in the next phase of our program.

I take this opportunity to wish you and your families "A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year".



Mark Lushington
MiC HR.



Cake & Wine



New Year





Mistletoe

Carols by Candlelight



HOUSIE

HO!HO!HO!HO! Tis the Season to be Jolly.

And what a way to start the season. Coming into December on the back of a hugely successful Diwali Super Duper Bumper Housie we are proud of the fact that we had another record attendance of 240 plus people.

As if the prize money of 2 lakhs was not enough, we gave out Diwali Sweet boxes as part of the booklet charges, gift pouches stacked with Housie paraphernalia, for the entire audience of 240 who attended, generously donated by our ever supportive, Vyjayanti Kanekal. This was ably supported by Neil Rodrigues of the Konkan Restaurant with two vouchers and Jeffrey Crasta, who always comes up with the goods and produced 8 Vouchers for Marawante at very short notice. We are thankful for their continued support.

Adding value to the occasion was the fact that, we had our President sitting at our Housie Head Table, attired in an Ethnic outfit, which was the dress code for the Sub Committee in attendance on the day, in keeping with the spirit of the occasion and to crown it all, he even played a round of Bingo.! Kudos to you Melville and thanks for your support.

Our first three weeks into the Christmas Season saw a great turnout at all the Mini Bumpers held on the 3rd December, with 119 people in attendance; the Bingo on the 10th December had 129 people in attendance and on the 17th we had 134 people in attendance - all proof of the popularity and high participation levels at all our events.

As we go to print, we are eagerly anticipating our Super Duper Christmas Bumper on the 25th evening which has been a traditional event across the years in the Club. We have some exciting prizes in the form of two 'Ikaksh' Diamonds as prizes to be won, in addition to the cash prizes, as well as some other great prizes to be given away. Needless to say, we are looking forward to a record attendance and hope to break the 300 barrier with some luck!

To all of you, members, guests, sponsors, my subcommittee, staff of the Catholic Club and the caterers who have looked after us and made our events so successful during these past six months, my sincere thanks and I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you and your families "A Very Happy Christmas and A Bright and Prosperous New Year".

God Bless you all and have a Great Christmas Season.



CARDS

As we ushered in the last month of the year with the joy, hope, peace and love of the season. The cards room has seen so much more cheer with the unparalleled participation of our dear members. Life is a game of cards, they say and in the cards room we play it quite well!

Here's sneak peak into what we've been upto:

1. Christmas Rummy Tournaments

We had an overwhelming response with 55 participants on December 2nd and 42 participants on December 10th for the Christmas bumpers. Winners of the final round were awarded with a cash prize of 1L+ overall. The tournaments closed with a socializing meal and cocktails – well appreciated by the participants.

We would like to thank our members Sudeep, Gandhi Lal and Anup Saldanha for sponsoring the cash prizes. Thanks to Jeffrey Crasta for sponsoring the food vouchers for spot prizes. A special thanks to Dinesh for providing shot eats during the tournaments.

A huge shout out to our sub-committee members – Vincent Paul and Ashok Baikampady for their unwavering support to the card room activities on an ongoing basis.

Thanks to Das for a job well done, month on month.

2. Christmas Whist Bumper

The Yuletide season whist bumper on December 4th saw good attendance of members and guests aged in their 30s to 80s. The continued support of the Catholic Club committee, especially for activities involving senior (older) members enabled generous prizes and a yummy dinner catered by SDC.

Whist is a simple and interesting game which has the bonus of meeting a fine range of people. The Catholic Club will arrange free coaching in whist to those interested in the game at 5 pm on Mondays. Message 9686000522 to book your coaching.

Thanks to Naveen Fernandes for conducting Whist every week – we continue to see an increase in footfall under his able leadership.

3. Christmas Bridge Bumper

A fun and well attended Annual Christmas Bridge Tournament was held on the December 19th for our members, conducted by our super director Satyan. The tournament saw good participation. We had refreshments followed by sumptuous dinner and cocktails.

Thanks to the Catholic Club for the contribution of Rs 5000/- towards the prizes.

Winners:

- 1st prize - Ajith Saldanha and Tilak Thomas
- 2nd prize - Robert Sima and Suresh Kumar
- 3rd prize - Hermie Mathias and Manoj Kumar

4. KSBA Bridge tournament

This year we decided to add an additional Bridge Tournament which was much appreciated by all Bridge players from the Catholic Club and the KSBA. We used a new dealing machine sponsored by the KSBA which produced some interesting deals. This was an all-day team event and the top spots were well fought for, it was indeed a close finish.

Winners:

- 1st prize - Kalyan Mohan, Sujatha, Sanjay Sondhi, Suburanshu, Gurudev & Ranjith
- 2nd prize - Nagraj, Ashok, Mukesh, Rajesh
- 3rd prize - MD Rao, Pai, Sharmaji & Shekar
- 4th prize - Mini Naidoo, Priya, Kaushik and Soumalya

We also conducted Bridge leaning sessions for our members in co-ordination with KSBA. We saw very good participation and had been well appreciated by our members.

A special thanks to Hermie Mathais for co-ordinating with Catholic Club and KSBA and keeping Bridge alive.

Do contact Hermie Mathais on 9880195654 for Bridge inspiration.



Upcoming Events

For the very first time, CC will be conducting a Rummy Tournament on 21st Jan, 2024 which would be open to other clubs on invitation. Attractive Prizes to be won! Please contact Anup Saldanha (9845521106) / Christopher Hoover (8310104060) for further details.

Anup Saldanha
MIC

A CONVERSATION WITH ICONS



NICOLE FARIA

Miss Earth 2010, Actress,
Entrepreneur (We Morph)



ANITA FARIA

Entrepreneur (We Morph)
Image & Impact consultant

Key Topics

Makeup Secrets
Slimming Strategies
Shaping your Persona
Achieving Success

Sat 6th January - 11AM to 1 PM
The Catholic Club, Ballroom



Indoor & Outdoor Games Committee
Presents



RS. 500 PER TEAM
(Maximum 2 Guest Per Team)

5-A-SIDE
FOOTBALL
TOURNAMENT

On Sunday 7th January 2024 @ 10 AM

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 9AM



iKidz Presents



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Learn how to grow microgreens and grow plants from leaf & stem cutting



Take Home a plant

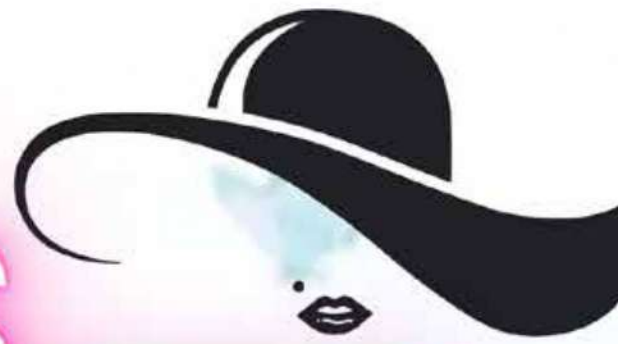
January 13, 2024 | 11:30 - 1:00pm

Registration Fee :

Member Child Rs. 200 / Guest Child Rs. 300



Ladies Committee Presents



LADIES COFFEE MORNING

Get back to being fit Coffee Morning with a bit of Zumba , dancing , make up and shopping

**Sunday
14th January
@ 11 AM**



ENTRY

**Member- Rs.350
Guests Rs. 500**

& Yummy Biryani followed by some hard foot tapping, booty swaying music.
Do not miss it for the world...

**DRESS CODE - CASUAL LOOSE CLOTHES TO
DANCE IN**



CC YOUTH COMMITTEE PRESENTS
DANCING TUNES

KARAOKE & NITE



**FRIDAY, 19TH
JANUARY
2024 @ 8PM**

ENTRY
Member-FREE
Guests Rs. 200



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A Brief View of Modern India
for Young Indians
1857 – 2020

Abhijit Sengupta



In Conversation with
Dr. Marianne De Nazareth



**ON FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY 2024 @ 7PM
@ BALLROOM**

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

*No Guest Fee for the Event

Snacks & Refreshments provided

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Card Committee
Presents

Inter Club
13 Cards
**Rummy Knockout
Tournament**

21ST JANUARY 2024

REGISTRATION STARTS 9:00AM

**Venu- Catholic Club, #22 Museum Road
Bangalore - 25**

Entry Fee Rs. 1000

WITH FELLOWSHIP

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT : 9845521106 & 8310104060



YOUTH COMMITTEE PRESENTS

AMATEUR NITE



TICKETS
DEPENDANT RS. 100/-
SENIOR DEPENDANT RS. 100/-
MEMBER RS.200
GUEST RS. 300

CC EVENTS

JANUARY 2024



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|---|--|
| 1 WHIST DRIVE 6.00PM | 2 BRIDGE 6.00 PM | 3 | 4 | 5 BAR NITE 8.00PM | 6 BOOK LAUNCH CC & KGA ANITA FARIA & NICOLE FARIA 7.00 PM | 7 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL 10.00 AM MINI BUMPER HOUSIE 7.00 PM |
| 8 WHIST DRIVE 6.00PM | 9 BRIDGE 6.00 PM | 10 | 11 | 12 BAR NITE 8.00PM | 13 IKIDZ PRESENTS - GARDENING PROGRAMME 11.00 AM MUSICAL EVENING 8.00 PM | 14 LADIES COFFEE MORNING 11.00 AM BUMPER HOUSIE 7.00 PM |
| 15 WHIST DRIVE 6.00PM | 16 BRIDGE 6.00 PM | 17 | 18 | 19 IBROWSE 7.00 PM YOUTH KARAOKE & DJ NITE 8.00 PM | 20 MUSICAL EVENING 8.00PM | 21 BRUNCH 12.30 PM 13 CARDS INTERCLUB RUMMY KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT 2024 9.00 AM BINGO HOUSIE 11.00AM |
| 22 WHIST DRIVE 6.00PM | 23 BRIDGE 6.00 PM | 24 | 25 | 26 WHATS THE GOOD WORD 7.00 PM | 27 AMATEUR NITE 8.00 PM | 28 BRUNCH 12.30PM MINI BUMPER HOUSIE 7.00 PM |
| 29 WHIST DRIVE 6.00PM | 30 BRIDGE 6.00 PM | 31 | | | | |

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

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