

# Catch-Up! MAY 2024



PRESIDEN'T NOTE

My Dear Fellow-Members,
As always, it's my pleasure to share
with you the highlights of our recent
events and upcoming adventures.

Throughout April, our club continued to buzz with excitement as we hosted our regular events. From the strategic Card Games of Rummy, Whist and Bridge to the thrill of Housie, What's A Good Word and the convivial atmosphere of Friday Bar Nights, there was never a dull moment at our Club. These gatherings provided the perfect opportunity for members to unwind, socialize, and make cherished memories together.

The culinary highlights of the month was our Mediterranean & Arabic Food Festival, where we embarked on a gastronomic journey through the vibrant flavours of the Mediterranean and the Middle East. From tantalizing mezze platters to mouthwatering Kebabs, our taste buds were treated to a symphony of exotic spices and ingredients.

Without a doubt, the highlight of April was the launch of our much-anticipated iKidz Summer Camp. Designed to provide children with a fun and enriching experience during the school break, our summer camp had a plethora of exciting activities, Educational Workshops, and Indoor Adventures. From arts and crafts to Dance, there was something for every young participant to enjoy. We're thrilled to see our iKidz program continue to grow and inspire the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and dreamers.

As we look ahead to the coming months, let's continue to cherish the bonds of friendship and camaraderie that make our social club truly special. Whether it's through games, food festivals, or community initiatives, let's seize every opportunity to come together, celebrate diversity, and create lasting memories.

As we go to Print, this month, May 2024, the Managing Committee Members celebrated May Day with the Club Staff on 1 May 2024. It was a fun-filled day for the Staff to look their best along with their spouse and children. Recognition and Rewards were bestowed on the staff that excelled in their tasks as well as for some, for their long-term meritorious service.

The Bootleg BeeGees from the UK enthralled the Members and their Guests with nostalgic music of Barry, Robin, and Maurice Gibb. Members and their Guests enjoyed the evening performing Dances from the Movie, Saturday Night Fever.

Rummy, Whist, Bridge and What's the Good Word will continue to keep our Members intellectually engaged. Housie will favour the lucky and will keep the Members with their ears glued to the Caller. Friday Bar Nites will continue to grow the camaraderie among our Members and keep their spirits high at the start of every weekend.

Thank you to each and every one of you for your unwavering support, enthusiasm, and dedication in making Catholic Club a vibrant hub of activity and connection.

Wishing you all a month filled with joy, laughter, and countless unforgettable moments.



#### iKids

The summer camp for this year was held from 15th April to 21st April at the Ballroom of the Club, as we kept the hot and humid weather in mind for the littles ones to be in a comfortable environment.

The age group of the kids ranged from 3 to 12 and we had a bunch of young, enthusiastic and playful children enjoy these days with us.

The children had various activities like Art & Craft, Baking cookies, self defense, badminton, squash and other sporting activities, making their own tie & dye T-shirts from environmentally friendly colours, pottery sessions, singing and dancing sessions, fashion grooming and choreography, mimicry and dramatics.

The kids also got to take home handmade bookmarks, alphabet plaques, reusable straws and cups, flower art, cookies with icing, handmade T-shirts, customised handmade pots.

The final day concluded with a movie the kids enjoyed over popcorn and performances they put up for their parents to enjoy and also a fun splash in the pool to cool off from the heat. The day ended with the distribution of the certificates of participation.

The kids were treated to yummy snacks like vol u vents, chocolate biscuits, customised palette cookies, quiches, mini pizzas, wafers, brownies and ice cream.

The kids not only made friends but also loads of wonderful memories of an unforgettable camp, so much so that many parents were requesting for an extension of the camp.

All in all a wonderful 7 days for our little ones.









Joeita Pelegrim MIC

#### **HEALTH CLUB**

The summer months are here and boy, is it HOT. We are working hard in providing a few nuanced coolers to make it more pleasant for all of us to work out - and ensure our health and wellness, despite the climes. The twice weekly morning Zumba classes with Anup and the same on the evening schedule with Dakshi continue - with absolute gusto and intense camaraderie. Pilates is on once a week with Dakshi, and so is Yoga with Ennette. If you haven't started yet, get going - our Club is always at the forefront of promoting Health and Wellness. All details, timings are on the Notice Board. Or get in touch with the Member In Charge. The monthly, and it only happens at CC, ROMP - the run/walk with our members and their guests - happens every third Sunday of the month. For the month of April it was at Cubbon Park - and was well attended, all age groups included. See pictures attached. We look forward to more such participation in all of the health and wellness activities that we curate, nurture and execute - so unique to CC.



Maya Bashyam MIC

#### **GAMES**

#### CRICKET

The Annual Catholic Club Cricket League seems to have generated even more enthusiasm at the Club than the IPL.

The Auction of the players saw 4 evenly matched teams and on the day, it went down to the last 2 games to decide the finalists. A great Final had Royal Sticker's prevailing over Blazing Fireballs. Suraj Frank was adjudged the player of the Tournament.

A big thank you to our sponsors and all who helped make the tournament a grand success.





#### WHAT'S THE GOOD WORD

Yet another full house!!

The rounds were set by the previous winners and included one's relevant to the times (a What's The Good Word round on elections) and the season (a Pictionary round on flowers) as well as an innovative written quiz.

Congratulations to the winners and see you all again on the 17th of May when the 'Young' will be organising the event.



Gavin Cordeiro MIC

#### **LADIES**

A Ladies Sangria Morning to beat the heat with some delicious sangria and a light lunch and with the theme was white. A large gathering of around 110 ladies, participated with abandon. A lovely morning that kicked off with a game of housie and generous prize money. Thereafter, games galore for which participants were randomly chosen, based on tickets dropped into a common pool. Pepsi out of a bottle with a nipple, Bindi art enhancing the beauty of every lady, the CC version of a House of Cards, thread a needle and sew buttons, feeding bananas while blindfolded (no animals were harmed), and it was all bookended with a word game.

It was heartening to see Ladies of all age groups participate and enjoy their morning. A big shout to my fellow Sub Committee - Mafs, Lou, Veena and my fellow MC Gavin Cordeiro for seamlessly conducting the games.











Maya Bhasyam MIC-Ladies



## AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

MasterClass

## David Baldacci

Teaches Mystery and Thriller Writing

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AUTHOR OF THE MONTH- DAVID BALDACCI -DAVID BALDACCI HAS BEEN WRITING SINCE CHILDHOOD, WHEN HIS MOTHER GAVE HIM A LINED NOTEBOOK IN WHICH TO WRITE DOWN HIS STORIES. (MUCH LATER, WHEN DAVID THANKED HER FOR BEING THE SPARK THAT IGNITED HIS WRITING CAREER, SHE REVEALED THAT SHE'D GIVEN HIM THE NOTEBOOK TO KEEP HIM QUIET, "BECAUSE EVERY MOM NEEDS A BREAK NOW AND THEN.")

DAVID PUBLISHED HIS FIRST NOVEL, ABSOLUTE POWER, IN 1996. THE FEATURE FILM ADAPTATION FOLLOWED, WITH CLINT EASTWOOD AS ITS DIRECTOR AND STAR. IN TOTAL, DAVID HAS PUBLISHED 49 NOVELS FOR ADULTS; ALL HAVE BEEN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLERS, AND SEVERAL HAVE BEEN ADAPTED FOR FILM AND TELEVISION. HIS NOVELS ARE PUBLISHED IN OVER 45 LANGUAGES AND IN MORE THAN 80 COUNTRIES, WITH 150 MILLION COPIES SOLD WORLDWIDE. DAVID HAS ALSO PUBLISHED SEVEN NOVELS FOR YOUNG READERS.

A LIFELONG VIRGINIAN, DAVID RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY AND HIS LAW DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW. AFTER WHICH HE PRACTICED LAW IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

IN ADDITION TO BEING A PROLIFIC WRITER, DAVID IS A DEVOTED PHILANTHROPIST, AND HIS GREATEST EFFORTS ARE DEDICATED TO HIS FAMILY'S WISH YOU WELL FOUNDATION, ESTABLISHED BY DAVID AND HIS WIFE, MICHELLE, THE WISH YOU WELL FOUNDATION SUPPORTS FAMILY AND ADULT LITERACY PROGRAMS IN THE UNITED STATES. IN 2008 THE FOUNDATION PARTNERED WITH FEEDING AMERICA TO LAUNCH FEEDING BODY & MIND, A PROGRAM TO ADDRESS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN LITERACY, POVERTY AND HUNGER. THROUGH FEEDING BODY & MIND, MORE THAN 1 MILLION NEW AND GENTLY USED BOOKS HAVE BEEN COLLECTED AND DISTRIBUTED THROUGH FOOD BANKS TO FAMILIES IN NEED.





you can treat yourself to cookies coffee and cakes while you soak in the books of the Author of the Month.

SEAN KING AND MICHELLE MAXWELL SERIES: SPLIT SECOND (2003) HOUR GAME (2004) SIMPLE GENIUS (2007) FIRST FAMILY (2009) THE SIXTH MAN (2011) KING AND MAXWELL (2013) THE CAMEL CLUB SERIES THE CAMEL CLUB (2005) THE COLLECTORS (2006) STONE COLD (2007) DIVINE JUSTICE (2008) HELL'S CORNER (2010) A SHAW AND KATIE JAMES SERIES THE WHOLE TRUTH (2008) DELINER US FROM EVIL (2010) JOHN PULLER SERIES ZERO DAY (2011) THE FORGOTTEN (2012) THE ESCAPE (2014) NO MAN'S LAND (2016) JOHN PULLER GUESTS IN THE ATLEE PINE THRILLER BAYLIGHT (2020) WILL ROBIE SERIES THE INNOCENT (2012) THE HIT (2013) THE TARGET (2014) THE GUILTY (2015) END GAME (2017) AMOS DECKER SERIES MEMORY MAN (2015) THE LAST MILE (2016)

THE FIX (2017)
THE FALLEN (2018)
REDEMPTION (2019)
WALK THE WIRE (2020)
LONG SHADOWS (2022)

CROSSOVER)

LONG ROAD TO MERCY (2018) A MINUTE TO MICHIGHT (2019) DAYLIGHT (2020, JOHN PULLER

ALOYSBUS ARCHER SERIES ONE 0000 DEED (2019) A GAMBLING MAN (2021) DREAM TOWN (2022) TRAVIS DEVINE SERIES THE 6:20 MAN (20222) THE EDGE (2023) MICKEY GIBSON SERIES SIMPLY LIES (2023) STAND-ALONE NOVELS ABSOLUTE POWER (1996) TOTAL CONTROL (1997) THE WINNER (1998) THE SIMPLE TRUTH (1998) SAVING FAITH (1999) WISH YOU WELL (2001) LAST MAN STANDING (2001) THE CHRISTMAS TRAIN (2003) TRUE BLUE (2009) ONE SUMMER (2011) A CALAMITY OF SOULS (2024) SHORT STORIES AND NOVELLAS WAITING FOR SANTA (SHORT STORY) (2002) NO TIME LEFT (SHORT STORY) (2012) **BUILLSEYE ISHORT STORY)** WILL ROBIE / CAMEL CLUB (2014) THE MICHTY JOHNS ALSO KNOWN AS THE FINAL PLAY (NOVELLA) (2021)

MERCY (2021)(12)

#### **PRIME TIMERS**

PRIME TIMERS PRESENTS - Easter - Eggscapade held on the 10th of April.

Elders event was centered on the theme Easter, Eggscapade. Our enthusiastic Prime Timers arrived way before time and were welcomed with a chilled glass of Virgin Mojito. The ambience, the décor, the centre piece of the massive Easter egg and beautiful Easter baskets on each table added to the feeling of Easter. The beautiful Shanthi Peres, who compered the event, welcomed the Prime Timers and kept them active throughout. The evening was filled with lots of activities starting with 2 games of housie, the line dance for the songs 'Lets Twist Again', 'Stand By Me' and 'Achy Breaky Heart', which warmed up the Prime Timers to hit the dance floor. Easter themed Four Corners saw the Prime Timers hopping, quacking, chirping and oinking at their selected corners. Interesting riddles, coupled with attractive spot prizes some.of which were sponsored by Lamara simply added to the fun quotient of the evening.

The icing on the cake was the presence of our ever encouraging President and his short & sweet message of relax, enjoy and have fun. The music by Neville and Mark was not only soulful but so engrossing that the Prime Timers found it difficult to call it a day. Last but not the least the dinner from Sanaas Restaurant had an authentic mangalorean touch to it with Sannas, Chicken Curry, Pork Vindaloo, Ghee rice accompanied with the tasty desert of Vanilla Ice cream, Chocolate sauce n Nuts.

Hats off to our super energetic MIC Lunita, for conceptualizing such a memorable evening for the Prime Timers.





Lunita Pais MiC

#### **FAITH**

On April 6th, the Catholic Club Faith committee along with the Managing committee and members gathered to celebrate the Easter program titled "Hallelujah, We Are the Easter People." It was truly an uplifting and inspiring evening, filled with a heartfelt message, beautiful music, and a deep sense of spiritual renewal.

Fr. Juvy Andrade graced us with his wisdom as he shared a poignant message about the essence of Easter faith. He reminded us not to fall into the trap of being "ECG Christians" – those who only engage with their faith during Easter, Christmas, and Good Friday. Instead, Fr. Juvy urged us to embrace our identity as Easter people every day of the year. Drawing upon the teachings of St. Augustine, he emphasized that our faith calls us to live out the resurrection in our daily lives, embodying the hope and joy that Easter brings.

The praise and worship session, led by the talented St. Teresa's choir under the guidance of Mr. Rodney, added a profound sense of holiness to the evening. Their harmonious voices lifted our spirits as they sang with passion and devotion, creating an atmosphere of reverence and praise. Each song carried a message of faith, hope, and gratitude enhancing the spiritual experience for everyone present, to connect with the deeper meaning of Easter. As the evening drew to a close, we were invited to join in singing the action song, "The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock." This lively and engaging song served as a reminder of the importance of building our lives on the solid foundation of faith, rooted in Christ.

With our hearts full with Faith, Hope & Gratitude it was time to end the evening with scrumptious biriyani and cupcakes sponsored by Just Bakes. Lunita and Team ensured we were spiritually and bodily nourished.

As we reflect on the blessings of our Easter faith program, let us carry forward the message of renewal and hope into our daily lives. May we strive to live as true Easter people, spreading the light of Christ wherever we go.

#### Tessa Thomas Ramapuram



#### HOUSIE

Actions speak louder than words.

This has been amply demonstrated by our members and guests, who keep on turning up in large numbers to support our every event.

The mega event that we concluded the month of March with was our Easter Super Duper Bumper Housie that we had on Easter Sunday evening. And what an event it was. 142 Members and 90 Guests streamed into the quadrangle as early as 4.30 pm to secure their prime places for the event. We too did our part in making the evening a memorable one by augmenting the generous prize money with a huge array of gifts courtesy our sponsors and a nifty little snack box in keeping with the Easter theme. For every House, the prize money was accompanied with a gift to go with it. 32 gifts were distributed to the winners of the houses and a "Special Gift", to the winner of the first house in the 8th round!!!

About our Sponsors - where would we be without them and their generosity? A special mention must be made of Gemini Abraham, Vyjayanti Kanekal, Sunshine White, Girish Ramanathan, Neil Rodrigues and our very own Jeffrey Crasta who not only supported us for this mega event, but continue to do so across all our events. Grateful thanks and a Big Shout Out to all of you.

Following the Easter Bumper, we had our "Members Only" Housie on the 7th of April and had a strong attendance of 116 members who had a good evening of Housie and a tasty dinner served up by SDC. Well done Avinash and team.

Our Bingo morning on the 14th April also saw a substantially large crowd of 150 people who had a great morning of Bingo, many of whom stayed back and feasted on the exotic fare served up at the Mediterranean & Arabic Food festival. All in all, a very happy day for everyone.

We in just completed our Bumper Housie of Rs 1 Lakh and here too we had a super turnout of 173 people who engaged actively in the games and won some hefty prizes and gift coupons courtesy the Konkan Restaurant. Thank you, Neil!

So there you have it. Housie is an ongoing crowd puller and engaging activity for all age groups and we're having a great time running this department.

Thanks go out to all our Members, Guests, Sponsors, staff of the club and my sub-committee for the support in helping make all our events a great success.

Till the next time, take care and keep coming for our events. Let your actions speak louder than words!!

Mark Lushington MiC Housie

#### HR

Continuing from where we left off on the training front, we had another Fire Training conducted by our Security Service provider D1 on the 15th of April. We had a large attendance of 30 people from various departments of Reception, Estate, Swimming Pool, Health Club, House Keeping and Security as well. The training was well received by all and the confidence of the personnel in dealing with 'Fire' is being reinforced.

At the backend operations, we are busy with the finalization of the Appraisals for the staff to be implemented with effect from 1st April 2024. All the HR policies and practices are being reviewed and updated and the process of job rotation continues to be incorporated across some of the departments. So if you see new faces in unfamiliar places, do not be taken aback. This is very much by design and not default. We hope to continue the exercise to build resilience and strength in the team and have personnel who are multi-skilled in the process, to be able to take on additional responsibilities when required.

To augment the existing pool of staff, enhance the delivery of service and distribute the workload, we have also hired a few additional staff in the Reception area and a personal assistant for the Secretary. Other areas are also being looked into where deemed necessary.

As we go to print, we are now preparing for the next 'Reward & Recognition' program to be held on the 1st of May. This is a day that is dedicated to all 'Labour' around the world and we too are following suit. The staff will be recognized for their work, felicitated for their good work and treated to some fun and entertainment along with their families. So in keeping with the theme of Labour Day, we couldn't think of a better opportunity to have this R&R Program as well.

We must take the time and make the effort to recognize the talent we have and develop it to the best possible levels.

Stay with us and watch our people grow.

#### Mark Lushington MiC HR





KARNATAKA STATE BILLIARD ASSOCIATION MARKERS TOURNAMENT 2024 - Suresh R. successfully represented Catholic Club and was the runnerup in Snooker & semi finalist Billiards



### Catholic Club presents





Member - Rs. 250

Dependent & Sr. Dependent - Rs. 125

E Guest-Rs.1000

Member & Guest Child below 5 yrs - FREE Table with 4 chairs - Rs. 200

Rights of Admission Reserved Standard Club Rules Apply





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Craig / Nicole / Alicia

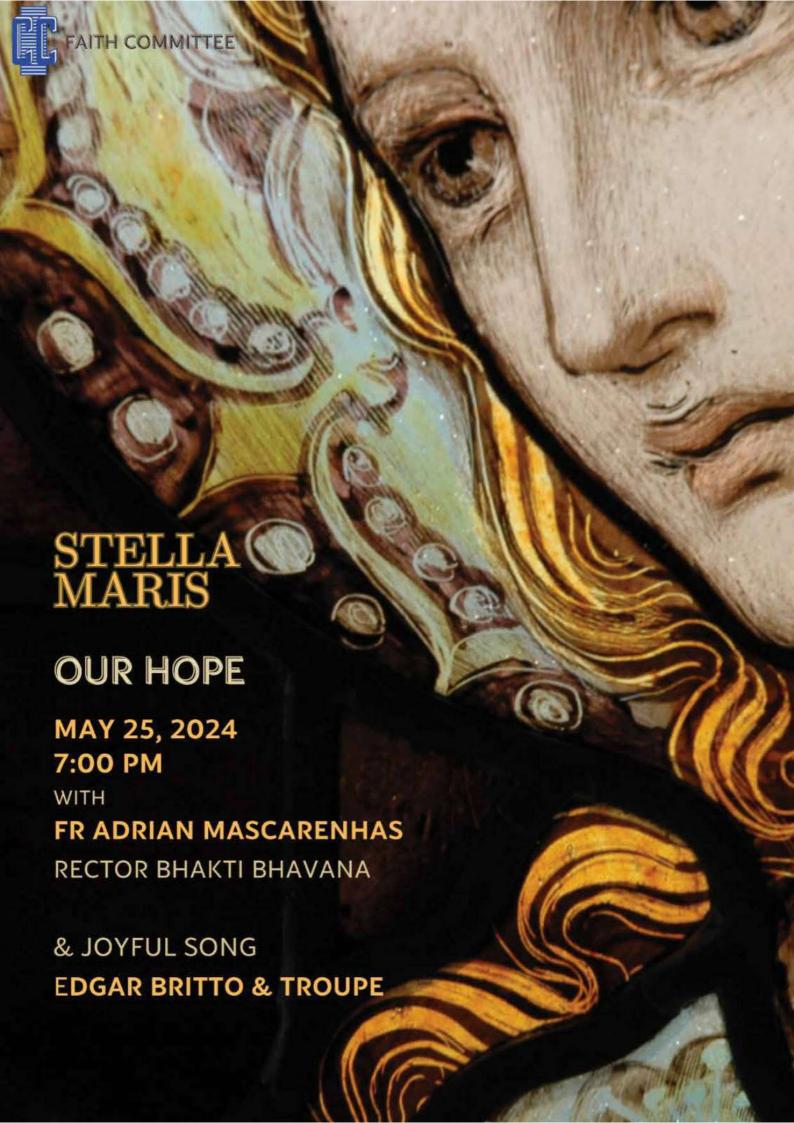


Friday, 17 May 7:00 PM



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

Registration Opens at 6.30pm







## SAVE THE DATE

## Super Duper Bumper Housie

Sunday 19th May 2024, 7PM @ Catholic Club Ticket Sales will commence at 6.15pm



Members and Guests are welcome.
Members and their dependents have to produce their smart card while buying the housie ticket booklets.



BOOKLET PRICE MEMBERS RS. 1200 GUESTS RS. 1500



## CC EVENTS



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| Monday                             | Tuesday                 | Wednesday                  | Thursday | Friday                                | Saturday                       | Sunday  |
|                                    |                         | CLUB CLOSED -<br>STAFF DAY | 2        | <b>3</b><br>BEEGEES TRIBUTE<br>8.30PM | 4<br>MUSICAL EVENING<br>8.00PM | 5<br>BRUNCH<br>12.30PM<br>MINI BUMPER HOUSIE<br>7.00PM    |
| <b>6</b><br>WHIST DRIVE<br>6.00PM  | 7<br>BRIDGE<br>6.00 PM  | 8                          | 9        | BAR NITE<br>8.00PM                    | MUSICAL EVENING<br>8.00 PM     | BRUNCH<br>12.30PM<br>BINGO HOUSIE<br>11.00AM              |
| <b>13</b><br>WHIST DRIVE<br>6.00PM | 14<br>BRIDGE<br>6.00 PM | 15                         | 16       | WHATS THE GOOD<br>WORD<br>7.00 PM     | MUSICAL EVENING<br>8.00 PM     | BRUNCH<br>12.30PM<br>BUMPER HOUSIE - 2<br>LAKH<br>7.00PM  |
| <b>20</b><br>WHIST DRIVE<br>6.00PM | BRIDGE<br>6.00 PM       | 22                         | 23       | 24                                    | 25 FAITH PROGRAMME 6.30PM      | 26 BRUNCH 12.30PM MINI BUMPER HOUSIE-MEMBERS ONL' 7.00 PM |
| <b>27</b><br>WHIST DRIVE<br>6.00PM | 28<br>BRIDGE<br>6.00 PM | 29                         | 30       | 31                                    |                                |   |

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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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Please contact for chambers and room bookings.