

# The Catholic Club Monthly Newsletter April 2025

# From the President's Desk...

Dear Fellow Members.

he month of March was relatively silent when compared to other months, as lent was being observed in the Club. The Lenten period is coming to an end, and the club has conducted Faith programmes with Mgsr. Jayanathan leading us in worship, enlightening the members with meaningful messages for a Lent of FORGIVENSS. Followed by these Faith programmes on Fridays, the praise and worship by Fr. Sandeep (CSSR) and the adorable singing by Gerard Machado Network, Hiren and the Love Rendition and our own Catholic Club Choir conducted by Mr. Winston D'Souza were the programs members spoke about. The Way of the Cross was conducted with great devotion by Fr. George S. J of St. Xavier Nilaya.

A joint show by Catholic Club and Karnataka Goan Association 'Noon to Moon' Goan Carnival event showcased rich Goan cultural heritage, that was enjoyed by all members present.

Entertainment was on a low key with only the Sunday brunches at its best.

Being the Lenten season, Women's Day Celebration on March 9th, 2025, saw over 200 women enjoy the event held at the club. The Live girl band set the ladies feet tapping. Fashion show by Sustainable Suz was a hit as they showcased the new trend of fashion for the summer wear.

iBrowse saw the launch of Mr. Leslie Carvalho's novel 'Smoke on the Backwaters' on 15th March which was well attended. What's the Good Word has caught the fancy of our Catholic Club members, and we had a large participation in the program. Well done, Gavin!

We concluded the 23rd Carlisle Bartley Memorial Double frame snooker tournament which was well participated, and we had our own Francis Joe and Sean Davis entering the semifinals. However, Sean Davis had to settle for Runner up while Praveen Mane from MLRF club won the trophy. Thank you, Judith and the members of the family, for supporting this tournament. We miss Carlisle.

iKids saw a footfall of 20 kids for their Book Reading and storytelling 'Reyah and the Cosmic Wish' by Vinita Singh Shetty. Kuddos to the sub-committee and specially to Mrs. Anita Pelegrim and Ms Lydia for seeing this through and taking care of the children. The Managing Committee took the staff for their annual picnic to Club Cabana in Sadahalli, Bangalore North in 2 batches on the 17th and 18th of March. It was a perfect setting, and the staff enjoyed both the days. Thank you to the committee members who came on both days and were part of their celebration and unwinding.

As we enter Holy week, let us try to be more charitable and participate in the Lenten services in the church and prepare for our Risen Lord.

As we come to the end of the financial year, I thank all our vendors, sponsors, well-wishers for being part of this journey this fiscal year and supporting us. As we enter a new fiscal year, we look for more collaboration with present and new hands, enabling the Catholic Club to shine in the coming year.

As Lent is coming to an end we have planned the Easter Ball with Goa's top band True Blue in attendance. Look out for all actions in April month with the Summer Camps for Children. Don't miss the Easter Bumper Housie of Three Lakhs Price Money on 20th April 2025.

Dear Members kindly update your email id's/ mobile numbers with the club office and download the club app as most of the communication is going through electronic media.

We seek your guidance on how to rejuvenate our two rain trees which are aging and have dropped their cover. We would be happy if anyone can share information on how to get the trees back to a full cover, like it originally was.

On behalf of the Managing Committee, I wish all you

dear members and your families a Happy and Holy Easter. May the risen Lord, bless you and protect your family and give you all the good health and happiness for the year to come.

Warm Regards

Jude Rajesh Ferrao President



# **Faith**

Every Friday in the month of March was filled with various forms of Lenten Recollection. Our first Lenten Recollection was with Msgr. Jayanathan, and it was a blessed evening.

The following Friday was well attended with over 170 faithful presents, to participate in the Praise and Worship from renowned musicians. Gerard Machado Network, Hiren and the Love Rendition and our very own Catholic Club choir conducted by Mr. Winston D'Souza.

I thank every single member of these three groups. The third Friday in March was dedicated to a devoutful Way of the Cross.

Each Friday is being celebrated in a special way. The last of which will be on the 11th of April - "Journeying Together: Cultivating Communion and Companionship in Our Relationship within the

family". Fr. Chris Vimalraj will reflect on relationships as the basis for Communion and Companionship within family - according to God's plan.

We will also have our member Elena Smith contribute to the evening, to take us through Praise and Worship. We will have a family of four - Brian and Karen Carvalho with their children Lauren and Stefan, a blessed family that sings together.

I look forward to seeing as many of you with your families.

I thank our President, Office Bearers and my fellow committee members for their constant support.

Faithfully Yours,

Coreen D'Souza Fareed MIC - Faith



# **iBrowse**

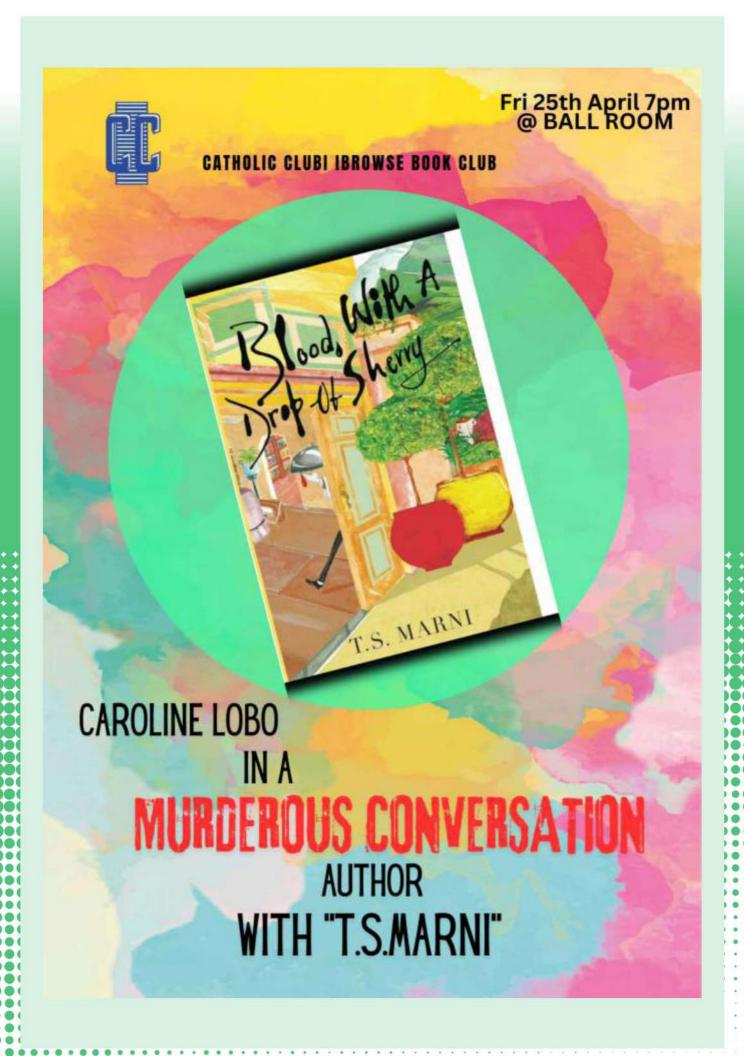
The official launch of Leslie Carvalho's "Smoke on the Backwaters" was held at our Club to a houseful audience of over 75 people. This time we had not 1 but 2 moderators - Nandita and Kenneth Gonsalves, who kept everybody engrossed with their interesting questions on the Book.

Excerpts were also read out by Cherish Carvalho and Mercy Hoover.

Our next event will be on 25th April 2025, when Caroline Lobo quizzes T S Marni on her murder mystery "Blood with a drop of Sherry"

Gavin Cordeiro MIC





## **Ikidzone**

# A Magical Afternoon of Storytelling at IKIDZONE!

On 16th March 2025, IKIDZONE hosted a delightful Book Reading & Storytelling Session with acclaimed author Vinita Singh Shetty. The event brought young readers into the enchanting world of 'Reyah and the Cosmic Wish,' filling the afternoon with wonder and imagination.

The children were captivated as Vinita Singh Shetty read excerpts from her book, taking them on an extraordinary journey alongside Reyah, a young girl whose bansuri (flute) sets off an adventure touching the sun and moon. The storytelling session was interactive, encouraging kids to share their thoughts, ask questions, and dive deeper into the themes of hope, kindness, and dreams.

Vinita, a former journalist with The Times of India, Bangalore Mirror, and DNA, shared insights about her writing journey, inspiring children to embrace the power of storytelling.

The event was a resounding success, leaving the little readers with a newfound love for books and storytelling. Thank you to all the families who joined us for this magical experience! Stay tuned for more exciting events at IKIDZONE.

Jeffry Crasta MIC - Children & Ikidz

















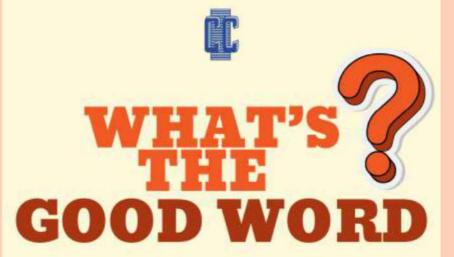
# What's The Good No. 10 Per State of the Good

New organisers and tweaked rounds kept the participants on their toes till the end. Thanks to the organisers and congratulations to the Winners. We meet next on 11th April 2025.

Gavin Cordeiro MIC







Are you ready for the fun filled evening? Join us for Quiz Night! Gather your team and put your knowledge to the test with our entertaining and challenging rounds.

WITH TEAMS OF THREE

Friday, 11th April 2025 @ 7pm Registration Starts At 6.30 pm

**ENTRY FREE** 



# **Billiards**

The XXII Carlisle Bartley Memorial Handicap Double Frame Prize Money Tournament was a well contested event with many matches going down to the wire. The Final itself was decided on the Black Ball!

Thanks to the Bartley family for their continued support and especially to Judy Bartley for flying down all the way from Sydney.

Congratulations to the winners.

Gavin Cordeiro MIC

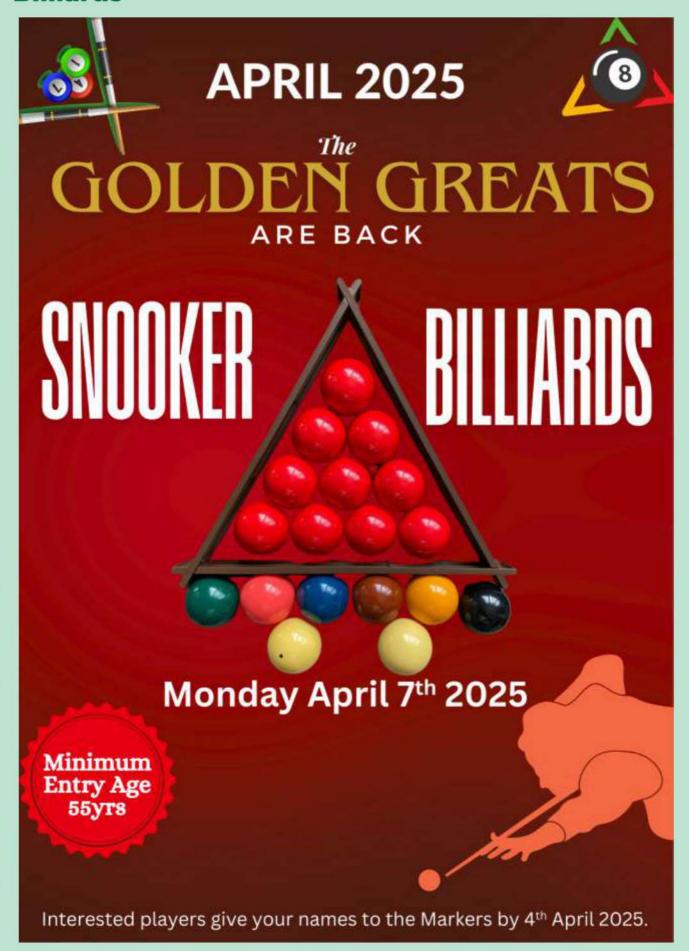








**Billiards** 



## **Entertainment**

#### Dear Members.

As we journey through the solemn season of Lent, our entertainment activities have been appropriately measured this month. However, we were delighted to begin March with a truly spectacular event that brought our community together in celebration.

On March 2nd, Catholic Club collaborated with the Karnataka Goan Association (KGA) to host the lively Goan Carnival. This "noon to moon" event showcased Goa's rich cultural heritage, offering members a day of festive activities prior to the commencement of the Lenten season. With nearly 2000 attendees, the Club maintained a lively and dynamic atmosphere throughout the celebration.

The musical entertainment was nothing short of exceptional. A26 delivered an outstanding performance, captivating the crowd with their energetic repertoire that had everyone on their feet. DJ Callie complemented the day's festivities with an impressive set that maintained the carnival atmosphere throughout the event.

The success of this celebration would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of several individuals. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to The Presidents of both CC and KGA - Mr. Jude Rajesh

Ferrao and Mr. Valerian Fernandes respectively for their tireless work in helping organize this event. I also wish to acknowledge the valuable contributions of my sub-committee members, whose commitment ensured the carnival's smooth execution.

As we approach the joyous Easter season, we have several exciting events planned for April.

Join us for our annual Easter celebration with music, dancing, and festive cheer at the EASTER BALL featuring TRUE BLUE from Goa from 8.30 pm onwards on 19th April 2025.

Our Special Brunch event in April is scheduled for Sunday, the 27th. We are pleased to announce that a surprise live band performance will be featured for our members and their families.

Our weekly favourites continue after Easter with Friday Bar Nights, Saturday Showers, and Sunday Brunches.

We look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events as we celebrate the Easter season together.

#### Michael Saldanha Member-in-Charge - Entertainment





















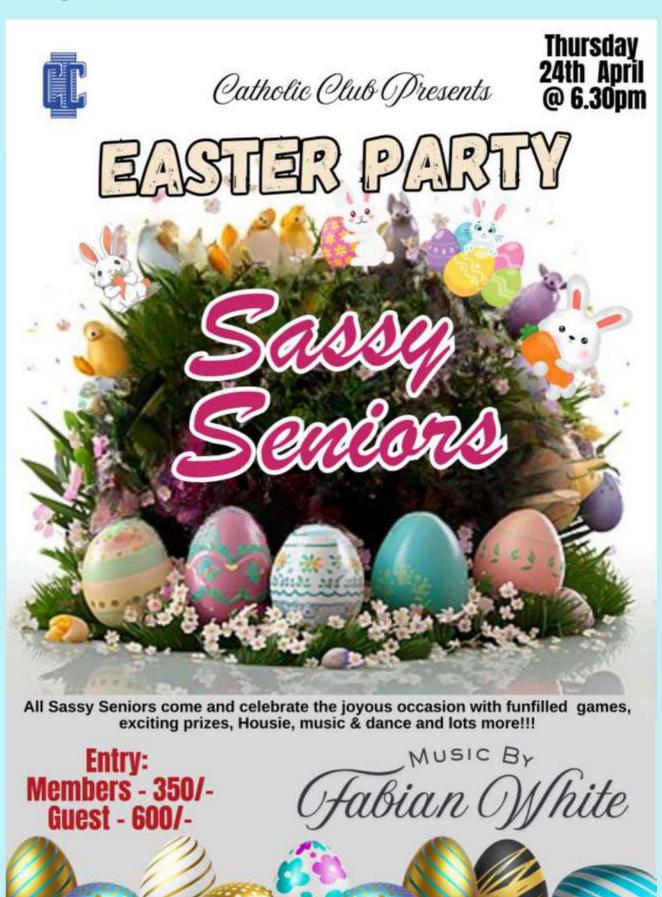








# **Sassy Seniors**



## Housie

We had 9 weeks of housie over the last 2 months, with regular 50K housie weekends, one super-duper bumper of 2 lakhs, one morning Bingo of 50K and the recently concluded Super bumper of 1 Lakh.

The response has been encouraging over the weeks, while the 2 lakhs Bumper Housie saw an attendance of more than 200 members and guests. We also had a Bingo morning this month which will be a continued practise. For the weekend of March 8th, a Women's Day special Housie program was held. A gift sponsored by Ms. Sunshine White was handed

over to every lady who purchased a Housie booklet. In addition we also had some delicious snacks served to all players present that evening.

Watch out for details of the Housie programs planned for April and look forward to see more of our members participate in Housie at our Club.

Thank you

Warren Gawde

# Cards

Rummy Action: Recap of the 1st quarter of the year.

The first 3 months of the year have been packed with thrilling rummy action! We hosted six fantastic tournaments - three 13-card and three 21-card - each bringing in a great turnout of players. The energy surely was high.

We saw a good number of players participating, keeping the excitement alive throughout every round. Whether it was the strategic plays in the 13-card games or the deeper, more intense moves in the 21-card format, the tournaments had something for everyone. And let's not forget the food—everyone hailed it as top-notch, fuelling players as they went head-to-head. We had a special Women's Day in the card room on March 8th. At the start of the tournament Mr. Patrick D'Souza, the senior most player in the card room, presented a rose to every lady player on their special day. The ladies felt pampered. The winner of the tournament was Ms. Shanthi. Kudos to all the winners and we look forward to seeing a lot more members for our future tournaments.

Warren Gawde MIC

# **New Members Approved**

1	Mr. Roland Angel Netto	New Senior Citizen
2	Mr. Joaquim Jose Desouza	New Senior Citizen
3	Mr. Philip Noronha	New Senior Citizen
4	Mr. Asit Vittal Shetty	Donor
5	Mr. Roydon Christopher Mcnerney	Life
6	Mr. Sydney Savio Rasquinha	Life
7	Mr. Akash Menon	Associate
8	Mrs. Malini Maria Narnoli	Nonresident
9	Mr. Alwyn Sequeira	Temporary
10	Mrs. Sharon Judith Lobo	Temporary
11	Mrs. Tejaswini J	Temporary
12	Mr. George John	Temporary
13	Mr. Suhas P. Vincent	Temporary







# **Sportico**

# **Chess Tournament Update**

Our monthly chess tournament was held on 22nd March 2025, with some intense battles over the board. Craig Dmello emerged as the champion, while Rohan Mascarenhas secured the runner-up position. Congratulations to both players for their stellar performances!

**Badminton Tournament** & League Qualifier

We had our monthly badminton tournament scheduled between 24th and 28th March 2025. This tournament served as the penultimate qualifier for the Badminton League to be held in May 2025. It saw a record number of 62 participants. The final qualifier will be held in April, so players still have one more chance to make their mark before the league begins.

The results are as follows:

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Runners up - Claude & Rueben Winners - Shaun & Teena

Category 4

Runners up - Mathew C & Arjun Winners - Trinity & Walston

Category 3

Runners up - Lomesh & Diana Winners - Siddharth & Antony

Category 2

Runners up - Abran & Sagai Winners - Nikhel & Aron

Category 1

Runners up - Glen & Adrian Winners - Amal & Aryan

# Cricket League Night Tournament - 12th April

Get ready for an electrifying evening of cricket! We will be hosting the Cricket League Night Tournament on 12th April 2025. It promises to be an exciting event under the lights, so gather your friends and family and come cheer for your teams!

The auctions shall take place on the 29th of March Stay tuned for more updates, and best of luck to all our players!

#### A Special Recognition For Our Players

A few of our players did participate in the Masters National Championships held in Goa. While Lynette Nazareth, Marie Padival, Vijay Lancy, Lally, Diana and Manoj Jacob, Glen Pinto qualified for the main draw. We are thrilled to announce that Vijay Lancy, Lynette Nazareth and Marie Padival have qualified for the World Masters Badminton Championship to be held in Thailand and will proudly represent India in their respective age categories. We wish them the very best as they prepare to compete on the world stage!





























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# **Ladies**

The month of March was an exciting one for our ladies and their friends.

International Women's Day was celebrated on March 9th at our club and it was a day to remember.

Almost 200 ladies together celebrated being Women.

We had women showcasing their talents whether it was participating in the Fashion Show, being part of the Girl Band, winning prizes in the quiz about women, participating in the flea market, spot prizes and everything else that happened that day.

A big thank you to Susan Fernandes of Sustainable Suz, for being our main sponsor.

Thank you ladies, for participating in such large numbers, making all the efforts of organising this, worth it.

I would like to make a special mention to the people who supported me - our President Jude Rajesh for sponsoring prizes and for his support and presence behind the scenes. Thank you to Michael Saldanha our MIC Entertainment for giving me the sound and equipment that I needed for the girl band. MIC cafeteria Anup Saldanha for helping me with the decision with menu. Thank you to Santosh, Vani and all our staff who are always a constant support.

Last but not the least I thank my sub-committee for their support always. Roopa Saldanha, Rowan Pais, Nita D'souza, Swati Bhandary Saldanha, Juliet Rego, Ramona Patel and Abran Fareed.

We have another exciting event planned during the first week of May - MAY QUEENS - keep your eyes peeled for the poster that will be posted in April.

Until our next event. Cheers!!

Warm regards,

Coreen D'Souza Fareed





























# **PROGRAMMES FOR APRIL 2025**

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01-04-2025	TUESDAY	BRIDGE	6.00 PM
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06-04-2025		BINGO HOUSIE	7.00 PM
07.04.2025	MONDAY	WHSIT DRIVE	6.00PM
07-04-2025		THE GOLDEN GREATS SNOOKER & BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT	
08-04-2025	TUESDAY	BRIDGE	6.00PM
11-04-2025	FRIDAY	WHAT'S THE GOOD WORD	7.00PM
12-04-2025	SATURDAY	EASTER 21 CARDS RUMMY KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT	11.00 AM
12.04.2025	CHNDAY	BRUNCH	12.30PM
13-04-2025	SUNDAY	REGULAR HOUSIE	7.00 PM
14-04-2025	MONDAY	BRIDGE	6.00PM
15-04-2025	TUESDAY	WHSIT DRIVE	6.00PM
18-04-2025	FRIDAY	GOOD FRIDAY(CLUB CLOSED)	
19-04-2025	SATURDAY	EASTER PARTY WITH TRUE BLUE	8.00PM
20-04-2025	SUNDAY	EASTER BUMPER HOUSIE	7.00 PM
21-04-2025	MONDAY	WHSIT DRIVE	6.00PM
22-04-2025	TUESDAY	BRIDGE	6.00PM
24-04-2025	THURSDAY	ELDERS EVENING	6.30 PM
25 04 2025	5 FRIDAY	BAR NITE	7.00 PM
25-04-2025		IBROWSE	7.00PM
26-04-2025	SATURDAY	MUSICAL EVENING	8.00PM
27.04.2025	SUNDAY	BRUNCH	12.30PM
27-04-2025		MINI BUMPER HOUSIE MEMBERS ONLY	7.00 PM
28-04-2025	MONDAY	WHSIT DRIVE	6.00PM
29-04-2025	TUESDAY	BRIDGE	6.00PM



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