

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

As we complete the first quarter of 2025, it is heartening to see how vibrantly the year has begun—full of energy, connection, and celebration!

A key development on the horizon is the upcoming Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on April 12th, where we seek your approval to purchase two small land parcels. This strategic move will secure permanent access to the riverfront and the soon-to-be-developed promenade under the Smart City project. We look forward to your support in ensuring the club's long-term growth.

On the maintenance front, long-overdue refurbishments are in progress. The club's entrance panelling, damaged by termites, is being redone after comprehensive pest control treatment. Renovations of the restrooms near the Hall and Billiards Room, which were in dire need of attention, are also underway.

Recognizing the need for operational improvements, we are now focusing on purchases, enhancing vendor management, and ensuring that the staff follow the standard operating procedure for the kitchen.

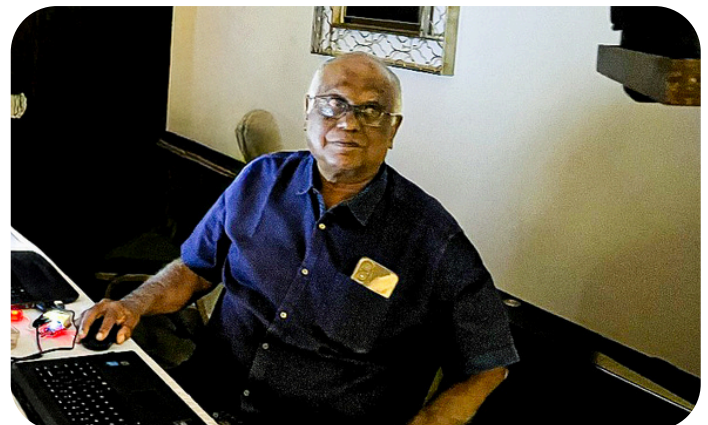
With the Building Committee handling major capital works, the Managing Committee is now able to dedicate more attention to club operations. Positive changes will soon be evident! The Jubilee Committee has kept the club buzzing with activity—housie nights continue to draw full houses, we hosted an inter-club badminton tournament, and an intra-club cricket tournament is on the way. We also kicked off the year with Down Memory Lane, a nostalgic evening of timeless English oldies, followed by a spirited Women's Day celebration on March 8th, curated by and for our women members. A heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to these memorable moments—our dedicated organizers, generous sponsors, and enthusiastic attendees.

With such a fantastic start, we look forward to many more exciting moments ahead. Your enthusiasm and support will make the rest of 2025 even more remarkable!

Warm regards,



Sameer J. F. Saldanha
Honorary Secretary



EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Members,

As the golden sun graces the sky longer each day and warm breezes carry the scent of blooming flowers, let us welcome the enchanting season of summer by indulging ourselves in the numerous activities organised by our Club. With the children finishing their annual exams, let us take some time out for exploration, relaxation, and rejuvenation and embrace a season that invites us to love nature, indulge in adventures, and create unforgettable memories.

This edition of the MC Live covers two successful events held at MC! The first one is "Down Memory Lane" which saw fantastic participation across all age groups. And the other is the "Night of Divas" held on the International Women's Day, which witnessed all our ravishing ladies dressed in their best, turning out in large numbers. It was truly a night to remember!

The Jubilee Committee has planned an array of activities month on month for its members, more on that as you read further. We have the cricket tournament and many such fun events coming up, offering us a break from routine, providing us an escape from daily pressures and rejuvenating our minds. They are sure to give us a chance to network and build relationships this summer. So, seize it, because happiness is best experienced together!

Here's to a summer filled with sunshine, adventure, and endless possibilities!
Warm regards,



Vathika Kamath
Editor

WOMEN'S DAY- A NIGHT OF GLAM, GROOVE & GIRL POWER!

Mangalore Club witnessed an electrifying evening on International Women's Day, where the ladies took center stage, and the men were, well, politely banished to The James Moss Bar! With over 300 dynamic women turning up in their glamorous best, the event was a riot of color, music, and unfiltered fun.

The celebration kicked off with spot games, orchestrated by the ever-enthusiastic MC, Rani Mathias, who ensured the energy levels never dipped. The ballroom came alive with a dazzling dance performance by the elegant Emilyenne Pais and the ever-suave Sumanth Roche, setting the tone for a night of uninhibited revelry. The musical quiz that followed had everyone belting out tunes, proving that Mangalore Club's women know their beats as well as they know their cocktails!



Meanwhile, the men, restricted from participating, huddled at The James Moss Bar, feigning disinterest while craning their necks for a glimpse of the spectacle. A few even made daring 'trips' to the washrooms, purely out of curiosity, of course!

The event's glamour quotient shot through the roof with a stunning fashion show choreographed by the stylish Preeti Nayak.

The catwalk saw women of all ages owning the ramp with flair, proving that confidence is the ultimate accessory. The dance floor then became the epicenter of all things wild and wonderful, with DJ Apeksha spinning beats that made it impossible for anyone to sit still. Hook steps, a flash mob, and a lively line dance later, the celebration reached a fever pitch!

Between endless selfies, clinking glasses, and spontaneous dance-offs, the night was nothing short of magical. Hats off to the Jubilee Committee, led by the ever-dedicated Marjourie, who orchestrated this phenomenal evening with precision and panache.

With an evening this spectacular, one thing is certain, Mangalore Club's Women's Day celebration is here to stay, and next year promises to be even bigger, bolder, and better!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

06th Apr 2025	Housie	04th May 2025	Housie
13th Apr 2025	Members' Cricket Match	10th May 2025	Musical Evening
20th Apr 2025	Easter Bumper Housie	17th May 2025	Housie
26th Apr 2025	Bollywood Anthakshari & Karaoke Nite		

Cheers to the women who rocked the night and to the men who, well, tried to sneak a peek!



Preeti Mallya



THE GREAT GIN VANISHING ACT AT MANGALORE CLUB

From time immemorial (or at least since the Club started serving it), Blue Riband Gin was the lone ranger in our bar, standing firm like a relic from another era. It was the go-to choice for the few gin lovers at Mangalore Club, though perhaps its reputation as a “ladies’ drink” deterred some of our more macho members.

But then, something interesting happened, gin became the trend in India! Suddenly, it wasn’t just a relic from British officers warding off malaria with tonic water, it became cool. India, as legend has it, was the birthplace of gin-and-tonic, and the country has now embraced this history with open arms and well-mixed cocktails.

A flood of new brands entered the market, Stranger & Sons, Hapusa, Greater Than, Samsara, Jaisalmer, Bombay Sapphire, Tanqueray, each promising botanicals so exotic, you’d think they were handpicked by some yogi meditating in the Himalayas. Gradually, the younger crowd, especially women, started shifting their preference from beer to gin. But here’s where things get strange, literally.

At first, I found solace in Stranger & Sons, a lovely, aromatic gin that made for a great G&T. But before I could say “cheers” too many times, it vanished from the bar shelf. The bar manager, Shivaram, and our ever-smiling barman, Ashwath, started nudging me toward Greater Than, a gin that promised to be, well, greater. But soon, it too performed the great disappearing act! Stranger & Sons became stranger than ever, and Greater Than turned out to be less than reliable.

Then, the smooth-talking Ashwath unveiled Jaisalmer Gin, whispering about its royal legacy, making me feel like a king, sipping the elixir of the Maharajas. But I had a nagging suspicion, how long before Jaisalmer follows the fate of its predecessors and fades into oblivion?

Determined to get to the bottom of this gin mystery, I did some digging. Turns out, two big liquor retailers in the city swoop in like thirsty falcons, grabbing every premium gin bottle, the moment they land at KSBCL. And what are we left with? Good old Blue Riband.

Ah yes, the very gin we started with, the one we tried to leave behind, has been waiting for us all along, like an ex who knows we have no other options. The cycle has come full circle, taking gin lovers and tippers right back to where we started.



Isaac Vas



DOWN MEMORY LANE

The Morgan Room hall of Mangalore Club was brimming with the young, not-so-young and very young members and guests on the 22nd of February 2025.

Gerard Dsouza -a aficionado of music of yesteryears, had compiled a humongous list of the golden oldies along with the videos of music's greats performing with their bands at shows around the world. Listening to the music and watching the maestros come alive on screen, made everyone present waltz, jive, twist and groove to the familiar beats.

A Boy band comprising of Francis Fernandes, Jake Texiera, Neil Rego and Danielle Fernandes provided an interlude with live music. Members' children Serena Saldanha and Ian D'Silva enthralled the audience with soulful renditions of songs of the previous century.

The event was sponsored by Vincent Cutinha, Proprietor of Ideal Chickens.

Down Memory Lane' was a perfect opportunity to escape from the pressures of daily life and let our hair down with carefree and gay abandon(if just for one evening).

For the two hundred odd members and guests present it was an evening of taking groovy steps down memory lane when music evoked so many feelings of nostalgia, connecting all to the happy times in their past, while being rooted in the present.



Matharani Mathias

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Dr. Karanth is also Adjunct Faculty at Duke University. She has a Ph.D. from Duke (2008), a M.E.Sc. from Yale (2003), with B.S. and B.A. degrees from the University of Florida (2001). She has also completed executive education courses at Harvard, Oxford and Stanford. As a scientist, her research in India and Asia, spanning 27 years, encompasses many issues in the human dimensions of wildlife conservation. Dr. Karanth's conservation and research work has been featured in three award-winning BBC series: The Hunt, Big Cats and Dynasties, and in documentaries by CBC and PBS.



Dr Tanvi Pinto did her MBBS from Father Muller Medical College, and her MD in Preventive & Social Medicine from GSMC & KEM Hospital in Mumbai. Going forward, she plans to work on community based projects. She enjoys baking and outdoor activities like trekking and swimming. She is a passionate admirer of different cultures and heritage, and enjoys travelling.



Dr Sandhya is a Ph.D in Psychological Counselling, with an international private practice based in Bangalore. She also is an active researcher who teaches, trains, does supervision in the subject. Sandhya is an avid birder and photographer, loves to cook, is creative and does embroidery for recreation.



Andrea graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Commerce from St. Joseph's College of Commerce. Currently, she works in the Operations team at Questrade, an online stock brokerage, where she focuses on internal controls and project management. She enjoys cooking, swimming, and travelling.



Dr. Kavya is a Consultant Obgyn , Infertility Specialist and Cosmetic Gynec Specialist Sonologist, practising as consultant in Mulund West. She loves swimming, spreading positivity and encourages in young girls to elderly ladies self love, happiness and self confidence and does her best to influence people to tackle any illness with a positive approach.

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