

Secretary's message

Dear Members,

It's hard to believe, but we've already crossed the halfway mark of 2025 - clearly, time flies when the Club is buzzing with energy and purpose!

A heartfelt thank you for your support and approval of the land purchase at the recent EGM. This strategic move strengthens our access to the riverfront and future-proofs the Club for years to come.

On the infrastructure front, visible changes are taking shape. The entrance to Morgan's Hall has been fully redone, and the much-needed renovation of the restrooms near the AC Hall and Billiards Room is nearing completion.

We're also enhancing your lounge experience, Rivera Lounge now boasts a brand-new music system and upgraded air-conditioning, making it an even more inviting space to unwind. Come tap your feet and shake a leg!

Up next is the refurbishment of the main Club entrance, which begins shortly. Work is also progressing in the staff quarters to provide a more comfortable and efficient environment for our team.

Food lovers, rejoice, the tandoor is fired up once again, ready to serve smoky, sizzling delights hot off the flames!

And finally, don't miss out on our upcoming events: Billiards Night and Ladies' Night promise to add even more sparkle to the monsoon.

If this is what the first half looked like, the second half better buckle up, because the best is yet to come!



Mr. Sameer J. F. Saldanha
Honorary Secretary



THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Members,

Summers at our Club are always special. However, this summer was extra special! Thanks to Marjorie's well-planned events that engaged all age groups, come rain or shine, marking the Jubilee Celebrations like never before! As the sun stretches longer into our days and Mangalore basks in the warmth of summer, this Edition of MC live presents to you the glimpses of our recent events!

We had the Inter-Club Badminton tournament at MC that drew participation from all age groups, proving that sport knows no boundaries. From seasoned players to enthusiastic amateurs, the court was alive with the sound of shuttlecocks flying and cheers echoing from all corners. More updates from Ashwin Nayak as you read further!

The Antakshari and Karaoke night was nothing short of magical, bringing out hidden Bollywood singing talent of our members. As the echoes of "zindagi milke bitayenge" still linger in the air, it was heartening to see generations come together, parents singing with children, friends forming impromptu choruses, and the dance floor turning into a mini Bollywood set by the night's end. As you

read on, Shobha Rao will ensure you relive the moment!

We also had the Cricket Match for members and their spouses where sportsmanship met sunshine, camaraderie met competition, and members came together not just to play a game, but to celebrate a shared love for the gentleman's sport. More on this by Dr. Rashmi Rasquinha!

Our Committee Members visited Grover Zampa Vineyards near Bangalore to select the special collector's edition wine, as a part of Mangalore Club's 150th year celebrations. Girish Rao tells us more about this special journey to the vineyards!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the upcoming events at MC, for they are sure to be one of a kind! As the rain nourishes the land, may we all get together to cherish our bonds as a community and grow ever stronger.

Wishing you a peaceful and pleasant rainy season.



Mrs. C. Vathika Kamath
Editor

SMASHING START TO 150TH CELEBRATIONS

Come March, as we head toward the 150-year milestone of the Mangalore Club, celebrations kicked off with a buzz of sporting energy—starting with badminton. The tournament was organized by the Sports Committee, coordinated by Ullal Ashwin Nayak. With the committee's approval, invitations were extended to all leading clubs in the city.

Members from Kanara Club, Eden Club, Cosmopolitan Club, and Officers Club graciously accepted and participated.

The Club's evergreen badminton court, a favourite among members and patrons, set the stage. League matches were held on 20th March, with the semi-finals and finals concluded on 26th March. Categories included Men's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, and Senior Doubles.

Kanara Club's Jake Texeira clinched the Mixed Doubles title, while Eden Club dominated the Men's and Senior Doubles.

Mr. Conel Lobo, Mr. Anil Gonsalves, and Mr. Conrad were instrumental in managing the draws and ensuring fair play.

Special thanks to Mr. H.R.T. Saldanha, the tournament sponsor, who also graced the prize distribution. The match days ended with hearty food, laughter, and fellowship.



Mr. Ashwin Nayak

BAT-TLE OF THE AGES AT MC

What happens when three cricket teams, 21 rusty-limbed hopefuls, two pint-sized prodigies and a couple of mic-happy mystery men collide on one sun-soaked pitch?

You get a match so entertaining, it deserves its own highlight reel and a blooper special.

It all began with great enthusiasm and questionable warm-ups. While some arrived ready to run, others looked like they were prepped for a ramp walk, flaunting leggings under shorts with confidence only seen in high fashion!

The day was a delightful mess. One heroic player mistook the bat for the ball and sent it skyward in a majestic arc, momentarily confusing birds, teammates, and physics. Meanwhile, two 11-year-olds played like undercover IPL scouts, darting across the field, showing up the adults, and casually rewriting the definition of “junior league domination.”

The adults? They brought sweaty hands, rusty limbs, and the kind of athleticism that’s a rarity. But what they lacked in agility, they made up for in heart, and highly debatable appeals.

Hovering over it all was the commentary, delivered by few mystery men whose mic game was sharper

than most backfoot punches. They kept the crowd in stitches while the players kept looking for theirs. No one really kept score. Some say one team won, others insist it was a tie, but most agree the real winner was laughter, with pulled hamstrings a close second.

It was a day of cricket, chaos, camaraderie, and comic relief, the kind only Mangalore Club can deliver.

Here’s to more such matches, where every bat swing writes a memory, every blooper becomes a legacy and the only thing more twisted than the innings... were the ankles !



Dr. Rashmi Rasquinha



CHOOSING THE CLUB'S COMMEMORATIVE VINTAGE A VISIT TO GROVER ZAMPA VINEYARDS

As part of Mangalore Club's 150th year celebrations, the Managing Committee has envisioned a special collector's edition wine, a Red that not only commemorates the sesquicentennial milestone, but also resonates with the refined palate of our members. While the label design and winery were carefully chosen, one crucial element remained: selecting the perfect wine.

To this end, Grover Zampa Vineyards, nestled in the Nandi Hills near Bangalore, extended an invitation to the Club's wine enthusiasts to visit their estate, experience their winemaking philosophy first hand, and participate in an exclusive tasting session.

On 2nd May, a delegation comprising Sameer Saldanha, Isaac Vas, Peter and Paul Mascarenhas, Keith Pais, Prakash Prabhu and this writer made their way to the vineyard to immerse themselves in the art of viticulture and oenology.

The journey began in the vineyards, where rows of vines stretched under the early summer sun. The group was given an insightful walk-through of the terroir, grape varietals, and the meticulous pruning and harvesting practices followed to ensure consistency in flavour and aroma. The team then proceeded to the winery, where the entire vinification process, from crushing and fermentation to barrel aging and bottling, was explained in detail. The use of French oak barrels, stainless steel tanks, and temperature-controlled cellars revealed the science and soul behind each bottle.

What followed was the highlight of the day: a guided wine tasting. In a serene setting overlooking the vineyards, an array of blends was presented, each with its own story, structure, and character. With cheese, crackers, and palate cleansers thoughtfully laid out, the team took time to swirl, sniff, and sip, discussing the bouquet, mouth feel, acidity, and finish of each vintage.

It is indeed one of nature's marvels that wine can so gracefully capture the essence of its environment, earthy notes, floral aromas, even hints of tobacco and spice, bottled into an experience that lingers beyond the glass.

After lively deliberations with the Grover team and internal discussions amongst our tasters, a distinctive blend was chosen, elegant yet approachable, structured yet smooth. A wine that we are confident will be savoured by members not only for its taste but also for the significance it carries.

A heartfelt word of thanks is extended to the Grover Zampa team, Saritha Kumari Mishra (Head, Winemaking), Ramesh Babu K (Zonal Manager), Anurag Chakrabarti (Assistant Manager – Hospitality), and Vinod K P (Zonal Manager – Key Accounts) who went out of their way to graciously host the Mangalore Club delegation and ensure a truly memorable and immersive experience.



Mr. Girish V. Rao



MELODIES, MEMORIES & MASTI !

As part of Mangalore Club's 150th year celebrations, an evening steeped in nostalgia and notations took centre stage on Saturday, 26th April at the Morgan AC Hall. The Bollywood Antakshari and Karaoke Nite, sponsored by the ever enthusiastic Lata Kini, turned out to be a blockbuster tribute to the timeless magic of Hindi film music.

The venue was cleverly arranged in-the-round, with a central screen and performance zone encircled by four vibrant team bays. Vathika Pai, in her inimitable style, deftly divided participants into four groups named Sa, Re, Ga, and Ma, each led by spirited captains: Deepali Nayak, Neeta Kamath, Dr. Vishwas Pai, and Mona Shahri, respectively.

Anchoring the musical ship was the evening's Master Conductor, Bharat Ramani, who orchestrated a symphony of laughter and lyricism with seven cleverly crafted rounds: the classic Antakshari, the evocative Theme Round, the imaginative Situation Round, the animated Dumb Charades, the melodic Dhun Round, the expressive Chehre Pe Chehra, and the rapid-fire Q&A Round. Keeping the scores tight and the tempo tighter yours sincerely ensured the competition stayed harmonious yet competitive.

As team members belted out evergreen hits and hummed familiar tunes, the excitement reached a crescendo. The points kept oscillating like a lively playback track, until a dramatic final round twist saw Team Sa clinch the sweet taste of victory (quite literally, with a prize of chocolates!). A special word of appreciation was extended to Mr. Bharat Ramani for his energetic stewardship of the event, and to Mr. Kunal Katyayan, whose deft handling of the technical setup, particularly the customised video compilations, ensured everything ran pitch-perfect.

Post a light dinner break, the mic was open and the mood was soaring. What followed was an impromptu mehfil of karaoke, a joyful chorus of solos, duets, and group renditions from members across ages. From timeless ballads to peppy chartbusters, voices filled the room as hearts and hands clapped along.



Mrs. Shobha Girish Rao



UPCOMING EVENTS AT MC

- 15th June Housie-Housie
- 16th June Inter Club Snooker Tournament
- 28th June Monsoon Queen Contest
- 6th July Housie-Housie
- 12th July Quiz and Fizz followed by "Reminiscing"
(Songs of Yester years)

LANDLOCKED TO RIVER ROCKED!

For years, Mangalore Club stood tantalizingly close to the Nethravathi River like a child with its nose pressed to the candy shop window. So near, yet so frustratingly far. But no more! With the Club finally acquiring that sneaky sliver of land, we've officially unlocked our riverfront dreams.

And what dreams they are! Imagine **Professor Lionel Aranha** attempting kayaking (and blaming the paddle for going in circles), and our **Editor Vathika Kamath** hauling in a fish the size of a palm, and enthusiastic children setting up "crab traps" with the seriousness of military ops. There's talk of romantic moonlight walks along the riverside too, ideal for the younger generation, or those who still think they are.

With a marina and a riverside promenade in the works by Mangalore Smart City Limited, possibilities expand faster than our dessert tables. Think: sunset fishing, lazy paddleboard sessions, riverside jazz nights, or "Crab Catch & Curry" Sundays. Soon, we might swap valet parking for boat docking, and dry bar for a floating one.

The tide has turned, dear members. The river awaits, and this time, we're not just watching like kids over the neighbour's swimming pool, we're wading in with style, splash, and just the right amount of sunscreen.



Mr. Isaac Vas



Calling All Members – Help Us Preserve Our Club's History!

We are currently gathering old photographs of our club to celebrate and document the club's history of 150 years. If you have any pictures from past events, meetings, activities, or memorable moments at the club, no matter how old, we would love to include them in our archives and upcoming initiatives.

So, Dig into your personal albums or digital collections and send scanned copies of the photos to the club either by email to **manager.mangaloreclub@gmail.com**, WhatsApp to **+91 92432 11297** or drop the physical photos at the club (we'll scan and return them safely) by the 30th of June, 2025. Also, include any details you remember of the photographs like names, dates, or event descriptions.

Let's honour the past together, your memories are a part of our story!

Help Us Make a Greener Move!

Over the past year, the Mangalore Club has used nearly 10,000 plastic containers to deliver food parcels to our members. While these served convenience, they've also added significantly to plastic waste. To shift towards environmentally friendly alternatives, we invite you to suggest practical, sustainable alternatives to plastic food containers that can be used for parceling food at the Club.

Please send in your suggestions by **June 10th, 2025**, either by email to **manager.mangaloreclub@gmail.com**, WhatsApp to **+91 92432 11297**, or drop them off at the Club office. **The 3 best practical ideas stand a chance to win attractive prizes!**

Let's work together to make Mangalore Club a model for thoughtful, sustainable living.

If you have a comment or story to tell please write to us at: manager.mangaloreclub@gmail.com or WhatsApp us on 9886485785

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