

FROM THE HONORARY SECRETARY'S DESK

This summer was hot and humid, making us all long for the refreshing touch of the monsoon. When the rains finally came, they arrived with a vengeance. Torrential downpours and strong winds transformed parts of Mangalore into what resembled a misty hill station, a rare sight in recent years. For many of us, it stirred memories of the 60s and 70s, when such weather was more familiar to our coastal city.

While the cooler climate was a welcome break, the rains disrupted our upcoming Event Venue, temporarily halting construction. However, our dedicated team has adjusted timelines and resources to ensure the venue will be ready on schedule, just in time for our 150th Year Celebrations.

On that note, a gentle reminder to all members, especially our past Honorary Secretaries. Whether you are in Mangalore, somewhere else in India, or abroad, please consider extending your Christmas holidays through Jan 25th and 26th, 2026. That's when the Club will host an all-night celebration of our remarkable 150-year journey. The evening will feature:

- The launch of a First Day Cover by India Post in honor of the Mangalore Club
- The unveiling of our stylish Coffee Table Book
- A night of world-class entertainment, headlined by the amazing A26 band, who will play into the early hours

As you may have noticed, the lead-up to this milestone has been filled with activity. From the Monsoon Queen event to Snooker, Intra-Club Badminton, and Quiz & Fizz, each gathering has brought members closer and added excitement to Club life. Looking ahead, we've planned a lively Independence Day celebration, complete with a

Treasure Hunt and a performance by Symora & Joyrus, the band that impressed us on their previous visits. Later in the year, get ready for a glamorous Bollywood Night during Diwali, which will also mark the launch of our signature wine, Morgan's 1876.

As the rains subside, we'll introduce "Back to Basics," a month-long program for our entire team focused on improving service, hospitality, and operations. Our goal is to provide the best Club experience every day.

Lastly, please note that starting August 16, our main entrance will be temporarily closed for the refurbishment of the lobby and dining areas. Members can use the roadside gate during this time. Thank you for your patience and support.



Sameer J. F. Saldanha
Honorary Secretary



THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Members,

As the monsoon sweeps across our beloved coastal city, Mangaluru looks poetic yet again! Misty mornings, dipping temperatures and the raindrops falling on our roofs in perfect symphony are pure bliss! They stir some old memories and lead us into quiet contemplation, even as they bring a refreshing pause to our hurried lives.

At the Mangalore Club, the rains have added fresh energy to our activities. June and July events drew large member turnouts, each outshining the last. The Rummy Tournament brought together seasoned players and keen spectators, making the card room a lively hub of strategy. The Monsoon Queen contest was a hit, with our ladies turning up in seasonal flair, enjoying games and music.

The Snooker room became a stage for silent intensity during the inter-club tournament,

showcasing talent and tradition. "Quiz and Fizz" thrilled our quizzers with sharp rounds and upbeat breaks, where music and dancing made judging the Happy Table a real challenge, truly one of our finest events.

Led by the dynamic Majorie Texeira, the Jubilee Celebration committee has more exciting events ahead. So join in, the best is yet to come!

As the skies continue to bless us with rain, let us soak in the season and its offerings and continue to reconnect with our MC community that continues to grow and thrive, rain or shine!

Warm regards,



C. Vathika Kamath
Editor

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Keerthan Shetty Grandson of the late M. Sanjeeva Shetty, Keerthan resides in Puttur and represents the third generation of his family's clothing retail legacy. With over five years of experience, he currently manages M. Sanjeeva Shetty Silks and Readymade, which has branches in Puttur and Mangalore. Founded by his grandfather, the business is known for quality traditional wear and has proudly served local communities for decades.



Meraj Yusuf After earning his civil engineering degree from Manipal and a management degree from Brisbane, Meraj joined the In-land Group, founded by his father Siraj Ahamed. He oversees technical and design aspects while actively involved in all company verticals. In 2012, he launched INLAND INDOORS to tap into the growing interiors sector. He and his brother Wahaj Yusuf are expanding the brand beyond Mangalore and Bengaluru.



Tejaswi Puthran A Marine Engineer officer with 20 years of experience, Tejaswi currently works at Horizon Geosciences, headquartered in the Netherlands with global branches. The company operates dynamic positioning vessels for marine surveys, ROV operations, data analytics, wind farm installations, dredging, and subsea construction. He resides in Urwastore, Mangalore, with his spouse and two children.



Dr. Gaurav B. Shetty A Plastic and Reconstructive Microvascular Surgeon, Subspecialised in Oncoplasty and Onco-Reconstruction from TATA Cancer Centre, he is practising at Plasticity Mangaluru, Karnataka. He did his schooling & Pre-University at St. Aloysius School & College. Currently residing in Mangalore, his native is Bellare, Sullia.

FIZZ & QUIZ – A NIGHT OF BUZZ, BRAINS, AND BIG CHEERS!

The Fizz & Quiz event was an exciting display of wit and energy, with 20 teams competing in a very close atmosphere. The competition was intense, with the top teams separated by only a few points, making every question tense. The host, Jason Rego, was outstanding. He kept the energy high and the crowd engaged while encouraging teams to showcase their excitement through noise and dance.

The quiz featured a lively mix of challenges. Participants cracked dingbats, identified Halloween costume themes, and examined a historic photo of Obama and his team during the Osama bin Laden capture. Questions included “How many people were in the picture?” and “How many wore ties?” Other rounds tested our knowledge of company logos and kids’ cartoon soundtracks, providing a fun and varied experience.



The event concluded with the prize distribution, graciously managed by Abhinav and Aditi Bansal, the event sponsors, who rewarded the winning teams. Rahasya and Team took home ₹5,000, while Jordan and team, the runners-up, received ₹2,500. Jason received great support from his charming wife, Roxanne, and Marjorie Texeira, the enthusiastic event organizer, who carefully tracked scores and managed the final count for a smooth and fair competition. As a participant, I didn’t win a prize, but the excitement of competing and the lively atmosphere made it unforgettable. Fizz & Quiz was a wonderful mix of intellect, entertainment, and friendship, leaving us all eager for the next event!



CA Rudolph Rodrigues



INTO THE HEART OF THE HILLS: KADUR CLUB

When our Honorary Secretary, Mr. Sameer Saldanha, suggested holding the next Managing Committee meeting of Mangalore Club at one of our affiliated clubs, everyone was excited. His choice, the Kadur Club in Chikmagalur, proved to be an excellent decision.

Established in a bygone era, like many of our finest affiliated clubs in India, Kadur Club continues to uphold the traditions, legacy, and charm of that time. With fewer than 175 members, mainly planters from Hassan and Chikmagalur, it serves as both a social hub and a convenient stopover. Members of the Club often park their vehicles here before continuing to outstation destinations, returning later to rest, refresh, and resume their

journey back to their plantations. This thoughtful facility has stood the test of time and remains a valued tradition.

Our group received a warm welcome from Mr. Mohan Alvares, Mr. Sunil Rasquinha, and, Mr. Vivek Punya Moorthy, who graciously hosted a delightful dinner for us. The Kadur Club Managing Committee also generously let us use their historic Board Room for our meeting.

The club itself feels like a living museum of colonial charm. With its teakwood staircase, antique furniture, and a collection of rare hunting trophies—like mounted Indian bison heads and preserved tiger skins from a time when those species were not endangered. *-contd...4*

However, tradition and comfort go hand in hand here. The recently updated guest rooms provide modern privacy and style, making Kadur Club a perfect weekend getaway for any member looking for peace away from the city.

One of the highlights of our visit was a fascinating coffee tasting session at Sunshine Superfoods Pvt. Ltd., where Mr. Nakul Jayaram, Director, walked us through the entire journey of coffee roasting, from bean selection to brew, sharing its intricacies and artistry in detail.

To complete our visit, our schedule included a hearty meal at a local Donne Biryani spot, thoughtfully arranged by our ever-insightful Club Secretary, Sameer Saldanha.

The experience was so enjoyable that there is already talk of the next committee meeting being held in Ooty, with a stop at the Coonoor Club. The journey of clubs and friendship continues!



Isaac Vas



A SUNDAY OF STRATEGY: BRIDGE TOURNAMENT AT MC

On a grey and rainy Sunday morning, while the skies poured outside, 18 sharp minds gathered indoors at Mangalore Club to engage in the quietly intense and elegant battle of Contract Bridge. With bidding boxes ready and cards shuffled, the room buzzed with focus and friendly rivalry.

As part of the 150th-year celebrations, the Club provided warm hospitality. They offered mid-play refreshments and snacks along with a hearty lunch after the match, ensuring players were well taken care of between hands.

After several hard-fought boards and carefully judged contracts, the top honours went to the strong pair of Archie Sequeira and Ian Albuquerque, who played with great synergy and skill to secure first place. Derrick Rego and Melville Pinto took the runner-up position, showcasing consistent play and smart defensive moves. In third place were Tony Mathias and Subraya Hegde, who impressed with their tactical bidding and calmness at the table.

The event was not just about expert moves and scores; it was also filled with light-hearted banter, strategic discussions, and a healthy dose of camaraderie that makes bridge more than just a game. Two newcomers joined the field this time. While the play was competitive, the community spirit shone through. Many seasoned players offered insights and encouragement after the game, highlighting the welcoming bridge culture at Mangalore Club.

- Keeron DSilva



MONSOON QUEEN CELEBRATIONS: A JOYFUL EVENING FOR LADIES!

As part of the 150th year celebrations, the heavy monsoon rains became an excuse for around 140 lady members and guests to gather on 28th June 2025 for the Monsoon Queen event, sponsored by Sharmila D'Silva.

It was a pleasure to conduct the super energetic ice breaker Object game. The MC of the evening Vathika kamath also kept the audience engrossed with her other group games like Rain Songs game, Numbers game or Quiz game.

Emilyn and her team gave two enthusiastic dance performances complete with raincoats and umbrellas with dangling men!

The highlight of the evening was the Monsoon Queens show, that was compered by the talented Ramona Mathais with contestants in highly creative raingear outfits. The winner Rashmi D'Souza, the

runners up Carol Pais and Louella Rego and all other participants like Anne Goveas, Preethi Nayak and Sanchia too received a thunderous applause.

The DJ then took over, as the crowds danced to a mix of Bollywood and Western music till the end of yet another memorable night. A big thanks to the team effort of the Ladies Committee headed by Marjorie Texaria, for putting up another memorable event for Mangalore Club.



Shobha Girish Rao



HIGH STAKES AND HIGHER SPIRITS, RUMMY KNOCKOUT AT MC

On May 11th, 2025, the cards hit the table as the Mangalore Club Knockout Rummy Tournament began. Sponsored by Mr. Satish Pai, the event focused on playing your hand well. It featured strict rules, significant prize money totalling ₹30,000, and some unexpected perks, like a bottle of wine for every female participant. (Why just for the ladies? We're still unsure, but no one complained!)

With a strong spirit of equality and the Ladies Lib movement alive and thriving, everyone agreed to play together, without separate tables for women. The tournament took place in the lively Morgan Hall, filled with excitement as 23 players, including 9 enthusiastic spouses, competed in rounds of classic knockout rummy.

As the final cards were played and points counted, the winners were announced:

1st Place: Anita Lobo – calm under pressure and sharp with her discards

2nd Place: Alwyn Rebello – steady play and a touch of flair took him far

Consolation prizes went to the ever-gracious Joan

Goveas and the witty Dr. Henric Lobo, proving once again that in rummy, luck truly favors the bold and patient.



Special thanks to Mangalore Club,

our supportive Committee Members, the enthusiastic Mrs. Marjorie Texeira, and especially all the participants who joined with good humour, game spirit, and a desire to win or at least bluff like champions.

The Rummy Knockout was more than just a card game; it was an afternoon filled with laughter, banter, strategy, and social fun. We can't wait to deal the next hand!



Mala fernandes

INTER-CLUB SNOOKER TOURNAMENT AT MANGALORE CLUB: A GRAND CUE-OFF FOR THE 150TH YEAR

As part of the 150th-year celebrations for Mangalore Club, the snooker table came alive again on June 16, 2025, with an exciting Inter-Club Snooker Tournament. After a quiet period, the table was back in top form, with covers off, lights on, and the heating system working perfectly. This was all thanks to the careful efforts of our organizing team.

Nine players from five prestigious clubs - Kanara Club, Eden Club, Cosmopolitan Club, MRPL Club, and Mangalore Club -chalked their cues and stepped up to the table, ready to pot, break, and compete in good sporting spirit.

The tournament began on a warm note with coffee and snacks served on the opening evening. The matches were tightly contested, with several frames going down to the final black.

The finals became a true nail-biter. Lohith Bangera of MRPL Club showed great composure in a thrilling frame to become the Champion, narrowly defeating Nazeer from Cosmopolitan Club, who took home the Runner-Up title. Lohith also won the prize for the Highest Break with an impressive 18-point run, showcasing his precision and control.

The event was made possible by the generous support of a well-wisher, who sponsored ₹10,000 as prize money, bringing extra excitement to the competition.

The night ended with a lovely dinner hosted by Mangalore Club for all participants and guests. Prizes were awarded by Hon.Secretary Mr. Sam Saldanha, who congratulated all players for their great sportsmanship.

Special thanks go to all participating clubs, our dedicated Committee Members, and a big shout-out to Harsha, our Club staff member, who served as the marker throughout the tournament with quiet efficiency and accuracy.

The Inter-Club Snooker Tournament was not just a test of skill; it was also a fine celebration of friendship and cue sports, a fitting tribute to Mangalore Club's rich legacy.

- Anil D'Souza

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MC

6th Aug	Intra Snooker Tournament
15th Aug	Independence Day / Treasure Hunt
23rd Aug	Bar Night
6th Sep	Youth Music
7th Sep	Housie - Housie



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