

# Presidential Address

Dear Members,

It has always been a matter of extreme pride to communiqué with our respected and valuable members. However, today the feeling of this pride grows manifold when it comes to sharing all the value that we as a management committee is being able to add to this Club and in the social life of its esteemed members.

I consider myself very blessed to have been elected as the President of Karachi Gymkhana, twice consecutively and double blessed to be flanked by the committee of extremely selfless and dedicated team, each time. I always had a dream about this Club and my teams had the devotion and the commitment to make this dream come true. How a dedicated and a gelled team do miracles can be well judged with an easy comparison of my first tenure of 2018 with the current two stints. Here, I shall not forget the unequivocal support that I received from all of you, the members.

I may also emphasize that its never ending and never enough. Development and progression are two continuous processes. I took the lead from where my predecessors had left, and the followers will take from where I shall leave. In last two years, the Club has gone under a massive overhaul. Lot of things have changed for better. Seeing is believing and I am sure, you all are witness to it and appreciate the work. The worn-out things have been replaced, more space has been created to accommodate our increasing number of members and grandeur has been added through architectural additions, while keeping the historical perspective of the Club intact.

At the end of my two years tenure, my only solace is that our team has made the Club what we always cherished and wanted it to be. A place to merry and socialize. The Club has been placed on the pillars, which are strong, everlasting and have the support of the majority. No mis-adventurer can undo the endeavor that has gone into this in last two years.

In the end I must add that as we always claim Karachi Gymkhana to be our second home, lets commit to take care of it as it deserves. We not only need to carry the spirit of this Club forward but also take care of its structure and material, too. The future depends on what we do today, not tomorrow.

**“TOGETHER WE CAN  
&  
TOGETHER WE SHALL”**

**AKBAR IQBAL PURI  
President**



KARACHI GYMKHANA

# NEWSLETTER

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## Main Projects

In continuation of our efforts to restore the old majestic grandeur and heritage look of the club as well as to give it a modern direction reflecting the current times, we have undertaken a major renovation effort whereby all the major halls and dining areas of the club. The new look of these halls gives the club a fresh outlook and have been much appreciated by our members and their respective guests. To restore the majestic and heritage look of the Club's façade. Aside from this the ongoing work to restore the old external structure of the club continued during the current year. These include renovation of the upstairs Terrace as well as the ground floor bakery passage and the outside passage between the Squash and Badminton Courts.

Furthermore in our effort to restore the old look of the club the new Tambola board has also been installed for the convenience and enjoyment of members. This would replace the old boards that were unfortunately demolished during the last so called renovation of the club exterior which saw the main lawn and associated areas completely destroyed and till date we are making efforts towards restoration of the same. The return of a permanent Tambola Board will go a long way towards restoring the clubs old façade and has been much appreciated by the respected members. A full size all weather SMD LED Screen has been installed in the main lawn in order to allow members to conveniently view sporting events while relaxing at their second home.





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Convener Catering & Rules

This fulfills a longstanding demand of the members as well as efficiently utilizes the available space where the old dormant Tambola Board was previously placed.

In order to improve our sports facilities the major restoration exercise of the tennis courts is now complete with state of the art high quality surfaces and all six courts will soon be fully operational. Similarly the affected squash courts were also restored during the current year allowing more members to enjoy the games that they love. The Swimming Pool Jacuzzi area has been fully renovated and is now open for use of our members.

The management of your club in order to adopt green environmentally friendly solutions and to reduce the enormous electricity bill of the club has undertaken a major effort whereby additional 250 KV plant is being installed for the benefit of the club. The installation work is well underway and is expected to be completed in the early part of 2024.

The club lodges underwent a significant refurbishment effort during the current year whereby the old carpeting was replaced and all rooms and suites were equipped with new and modern accessories for the comfort of our guests.



## Sapphire

We gracefully extend our tribute to the newly renovated SAPPHIRE, a transformation of the former K.G HALL 1, here at Karachi Gymkhana. With a warm embrace, we invite our esteemed members into a realm that gracefully encapsulates the timeless elegance and an aura of exclusive charm that are the very essence of Karachi Gymkhana's storied identity. This message carries forth a compelling invitation, beckoning to host formal and private gatherings within, where an unwavering promise lingers, that each visit shall etch indelible moments, truly unforgettable and deeply cherished, for our valued members and their distinguished guests. Through this elegant transformation, we further fortify the enduring prestige of Karachi Gymkhana. Every word spoken resonates with a deep sense of pride and a rich heritage, collectively weaving an ambiance for a singularly exceptional and indelible experience.







### Oasis

In the midst of a revitalizing transformation, we are thrilled to introduce "OASIS" a splendid reinvention of KG Hall 2, nestled at the heart of Karachi Gymkhana. This inviting ambiance provides our esteemed members with a delightful space to come together with friends and family, relishing delightful lunches, indulging in sumptuous dinners, and celebrating special occasions. We sets the stage for an extraordinary experience, offering a captivating backdrop that beckons our members to explore the multitude of possibilities this remarkable space presents. In return, we promise that each visit shall etch indelible memories moments that are truly unforgettable.



### Palm Court

After the meticulous completion of each essential stage, we are thrilled to reveal the exquisitely transformed Palm Court, an exclusive sanctuary for our esteemed members. Here, you can now host your formal guests in an ambiance of tranquil sophistication, all while savoring our freshly crafted delights, hailing from both continental and Japanese culinary traditions. Indulge in the art of sushi, maki, nigiri, and sashimi, ensuring that each visit becomes an unforgettable and truly memorable experience."

### Jasmine

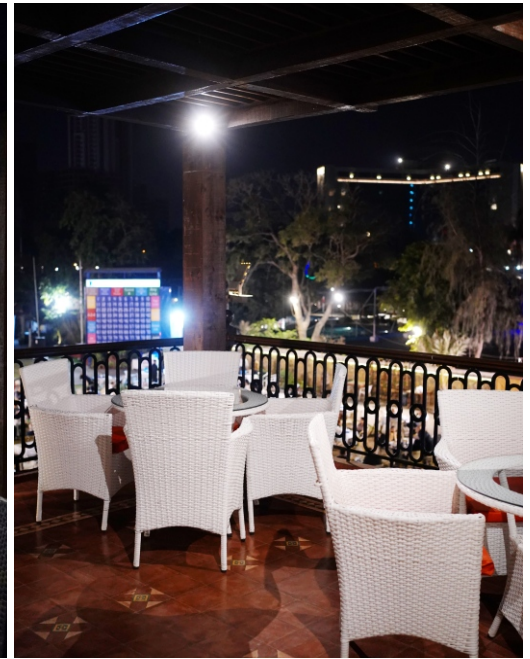
We are delighted to unveil to you 'JASMINE' previously known as upstairs dining hall, underwent a significant transformation. Adorned with a captivating contrast of yellow hues and textured wooden tiles, this hall now embodies the essence of happiness and friendship. Yellow, the predominant color scheme chosen for its association with spreading joy and exuding warmth, aligns perfectly. Just as yellow flowers brighten someone's day and elevate the ambiance with their cheery disposition, the color scheme aims to uplift spirits and infuse positive energy into the hall. This endeavor, while demanding, culminated in a space that not only boasts aesthetic beauty but also seeks to create an atmosphere where every member is welcomed into a realm of happiness and camaraderie.





## The Terrace

With great pleasure, we introduce 'THE TERRACE' a meticulously transformed area designed exclusively for our esteemed members to host their discerning guests. Once known as the Sizzler, this space has been thoroughly redesigned, now offering an exceptional open-air seating perfect for private gatherings. It stands as proof of our unwavering commitment to create an environment where lively moments unfold effortlessly for our members. Whether it's a joyful birthday celebration, a tranquil high tea, or a dinner gathering among cherished friends, this space is a canvas for creating lasting memories. What truly sets this space apart is its renewed ambiance, radiating a vibrant energy that harmonizes seamlessly with the spirit of Karachi. Prepare to be captivated by the panoramic view, providing a tantalizing glimpse into the vibrant heart of our beloved city. All while enjoying the refreshing air, serene ambiance, picturesque views, and exclusive comforts.



## Shalimar

We proudly unveil the exquisitely transformed 'SHALIMAR' formerly known as our main dining hall a space that echoes our rich heritage and sophistication. This renovation venture was more than aesthetic; it was about cultivating an environment that nurtures connections, camaraderie, and a profound sense of belonging among our cherished members. It stands as a testament to our collective drive to elevate the Gymkhana experience.



## Silver Stone Diner

This hall, once shrouded in a lifeless ambiance, has experienced a remarkable rebirth, and we take great pride in introducing our cherished members to the SILVERSTONE DINER. This marks a revitalizing transformation of our CASUAL DINING HALL, where members can now relish daily breakfasts, partake in leisurely casual lunches, and delight in sumptuous dinners. The hall has been reinvigorated, its spirit rekindled, now radiating a vibrant and inviting atmosphere for the dining pleasure of our valued members.



# Library & Literary Endeavors

The Karachi Gymkhana Library stands as a distinguished haven for literary enthusiasts, surpassing other clubs in the city with its unparalleled collection. Committed to enhancing the experience for our members, the library consistently expands its vast assortment of books, introducing new literary gems each year. It serves as a tranquil retreat, allowing members to immerse themselves in the world of literature, with access to major newspapers for staying abreast of current affairs and global developments.

In our pursuit to meet the expectations of our esteemed members, the Library & Literary Sub-Committee orchestrates a series of events throughout the year. This year, under the adept leadership of its Convener and the dedicated staff, the committee exceeded expectations with a lineup of remarkable events. Noteworthy occasions included a Tribute to the late Mr. Zia Mohiuddin Sb. followed by a musical homage to Faiz Ahmed Faiz Sb. The Mehfil e Mushaira and Mehfil e Milad were met with enthusiasm, and the Library and Literary Staff received praise for their meticulous arrangements. A heartwarming performance by Special Children marked a commitment to inclusivity, with the hope to continue hosting such events in the future.

In addition to literary sittings featuring prominent figures such as Ms. Sabooha Khan, Dr. Faz Mahmood, and Ms. Noor ul Huda Shah, the committee organized engaging sessions with Senator Javed Jabbar and hosted book launches by Dr. Talat Ayesha Wizarat and Mr. Asghar Khan. Special events dug into topics like the 2024 federal Budget and a session with the CPLC on Protection from Fraud.

This year, the committee also took innovative strides by arranging a Cooking Competition for our talented members and a Math Lab for Children titled "The Magic of Hands-On Maths." Collaborative efforts with the National Hospital and Essa Lab resulted in medical camps, while an awareness session on Breast cancer furthered the well-being of our members. The commitment to diverse and enriching experiences remains at the core of Karachi Gymkhana's Library and Literary Endeavors, promising a vibrant future filled with intellectual and cultural pursuits.





# Entertainment

This year the Entertainment Sub-Committee under the leadership of its Convener delivered countless Musical Nights with renowned artists who performed every alternate weekend, which brought back the glory of this Club. To add another feather to our cap the Chand Raat Festival was organized and for the first time endless giveaways were given to the members with free Henna "Mehndi" being applied to each and every lady member present on the occasion. This event was attended by a large number of members breaking all previous records.

Furthermore to celebrate the 76th Anniversary of our independence the Independence Day Celebration was organized by Karachi Gymkhana which included flag raising ceremony and a record number of members attending were



all served delicious snacks and a cake in order to celebrate this most auspicious occasion. In addition the 147th Birth Anniversary of the esteemed founder of our nation Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah was celebrated with full vigor

and enthusiasm and a sical performance enthused with patriotic songs was arranged for our members. Alongside these the traditional Christmas celebrations were carried out with a full sized Christmas tree and Santa Claus distributed gifts to the delight of our young members. It is worth mentioning Live Cricket Screening was telecasted in KG numerous times with free giveaways and application of face painting for kids. It is worth mentioning that for this purpose a top of the line full size all weather SMD screen has been installed. The members enthusiastically attended these events and greatly appreciated the same for which Karachi Gymkhana Entertainment & Cultural Sub-Committee is grateful.

The well-attended event witnessed a mesmerized audience, completely engrossed in the profound melodies. This Qawwali night etched itself as an unforgettable chapter in the club's history, marking a harmonious blend of cultural heritage and musical brilliance. The organizers, by paying full justice to Ameer Khusro's legacy, rightfully deserve commendation for orchestrating such a memorable and spiritually enriching experience.





## Catering

Catering as always has remained an area of focus and the Convener Catering along with his sub committee and staff has strived to provide an enjoyable environment for the members where they may enjoy excellent food in a comfortable and homely environment. As members continue to flock back to the club in record numbers the catering staff has worked hard to meet new challenges serving a large number of ever increasing people and attempting to provide the utmost satisfaction.

For this purpose the menu was redone and several new food items were introduced for the members enjoyment and their valuable feedback was sought for the same. Indeed on members request many events that were meant to be a special occasion became regular occurrences such as The Korean Hot Pot which is now a weekly event, bi weekly Japanese Buffet Dinner along with the Japanese Sushi and other cuisine which is now being served daily in the club.

During the current year the catering sub committee strived to arrange various events order to provide a unique experience to the members for their pleasure and enjoyment. These include special Chinese Buffet Dinner, Nihari festival serving Karachi's famous famous Idrees Nihari, Burns Road Food Night, Desi Food Night, Bohra Food Night and two separate Sea Food Nights. Additionally a successful Eid Milan and Independence Day events were organized where the club served over 1,000 members with delicious breakfast and cake celebrating the Pakistan's independence. With the new revamped halls including the renovated Sapphire, Oasis, Palm Court, Shalimar, Jasmine and Silverstone Diner the catering department intends to focus on further enhancing the members dining experience and making their meals at the second home more and more memorable.



7:30 PM Onwards

## HOTPOT EVERY THURSDAY

**BROTH**  
CLEAR HOTPOT  
MILD HOTPOT  
HOTPOT

**NOODLES**  
CHINESE NOODLES  
INSTANT NOODLES

**DIPPING SAUCE**  
CHILLI OIL  
PEANUT BUTTER SAUCE  
SZECHUAN HOT SAUCE  
THAI SPICY SAUCE

**PROTEIN**  
BEEF  
CHICKEN  
SHRIMPS  
CRAB STICKS  
CHICKEN SAUSAGES

**STARTERS**  
GARLIC CUCUMBER  
FRIED CRISPY PEANUTS

**DUMPLINGS**  
BEEF DUMPLINGS  
CHICKEN DUMPLINGS

**VEGETABLES**  
MASHROOMS  
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BEAN SPROUTS  
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## Quiz Rama

Quiz Rama is an ever green activity of Karachi Gymkhana. As always Quiz Rama Shows is a very popular and entertaining activity of the club. Every Monday, members and their families get together and enjoy the exciting evenings of Weekly Show. Apart from this, attractive gifts are offered to the members.

Our energetic and hardworking Convener and his enthusiastic Sub-Committee Members have devoted significant efforts in organizing these events. Through their hard work they have reinvigorated the Quiz Rama and attendance has tremendously risen to highest ever levels with a record number of card sales being achieved.

Two guest shows have been arranged on members demand which have been greatly appreciated by all. Which include the Independence Day Guest show on August 21, 2023 and another show on October 09, 2023 and November 13, 2023.





## Sports Activities

A number of sporting events were arranged by the various sports committees during the current year for our members where they could test their skills and strengths as well as to enjoy the games that they love. A number of activities were arranged by the Cricket Sub-Committee.

The 36th Karachi Gymkhana Ramazan cricket festival was arranged. Karachi Gymkhana is proud of this flagship event which is the oldest Ramzan tournament in the country and has long been an annual staple and a source of pride for our club. Additionally the first ever Karachi Gymkhana Premier league was arranged only for members and various teams of our members competed for this prestigious prize.

Given its enormous success the club management aims to now make this an annual feature. Also for the first time the Karachi Gymkhana Junior Premier League was arranged for our aspiring young cricketers giving them an opportunity to showcase their talent. A free summer camp was also arranged for our aspiring young cricketers.

The Table Tennis Sub Committee remained active during the year arranging a number of events. These included actively participating in the inter club tournament the final of which was hosted by Karachi Gymkhana. Additionally Boys Under 16 league and training camp were arranged during the summer as well as the Annual Table Tennis Championship along with the Men's League and Davis Cup Tournaments were arranged during the year. The Badminton Sub-Committee maintained its enthusiasm arranging the Tin and Bottle Tournament, Annual Badminton Championship and an inter club event with Beach View Club during the year.

The Billiards Sub-Committee remained active during the year organizing several tournaments including the handicap Doubles Snooker Tournament, Gymkhana Open Snooker Tournament, the KG Independence Day Snooker Tournament and Inter Club Tournament. The Bridge-sub-committee successfully organized the 46th Karachi Gold Cup Bridge Tournament which has become a well regarded annual feature amongst bridge enthusiasts with national legends who have represented their country at the international stage regularly participating in this event.

The Swimming Pool Sub-Committee successfully organized the KG Annual Swimming Championship as well as hosting several city wide level events during the year. Coaching classes for basketball were regularly initiated this year while Gymnastics has successfully been introduced for our young members.

