



## Karachi Gymkhana NewsLetter

# November to Jan

### LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FAWAD MALIK

Respected Members,

I deem it an honor to once again address you all through this final newsletter of my tenure. I was blessed to have been elected by a majority of our members in December 2015 and then re-elected in December 2016. Since then it has been a long journey and as I prepare to end my tenure and look back at the events, I bow my head in gratitude to Almighty Allah for having given me the courage and to all the members of our prestigious club for their support during these two years. Without these blessings, it would have been impossible to achieve even a fraction of what we did.

Since I took over, this is my 7th letter to members. The objective of these letters was to periodically keep the members informed about the happenings in the club and all its areas of activity.



Interior of mens walking track bathroom



New Lobby furniture to match old restored look



We were initially faced with a very daunting task! Old members had stopped using the club Food quality had dwindled to unbearable limits. Upkeep and cleanliness was not a priority. Indiscipline was the rule of the day. No one cared about the millions of losses. Reserves of the club kept on depleting.

Regarding the CURRENT financial affairs, I would say that after spending a healthy amount in the development, restoration and refurbishment of various areas in the club, I am leaving with a reserve of over Rs. 200 Million!





Upper renovated dining hall



New look to the old terrace

Let us look back and take stock of what has been done during the last two years:

1. The Lodges were completed which are now fully operational and have already started earning handsome revenue for the club.
2. The Lobby of the club was restored to its original glory with wooden paneling and restoring its original flooring.
3. New furniture has been placed in the Lobby to blend to its new ambiance.
4. Sam's Snack Bar was completely re-done and is now a favorite hot spot of members.
5. Palm Court was converted to a Tea Room with a new look and ambiance for members to enjoy their tea along with a specially designed tea menu.
6. Both the lower and upper dinning have been renovated.
7. Gymkhana Bakery has a niche value in this city and is used by a large segment of our members. Today, the bakery too has a completely fresh appearance,
8. Men's barber salon has been fully renovated.
9. Almost all washrooms of the club (In the Lobby area, near the prayer room, in the Kg Hall-1, jogging track and the cricket pavilion) have been re-designed with a new look.
10. Cricket pavilion has been renovated.
11. An open air coffee area has been made on the upper deck - adjacent to the upper dining hall. For years this space was being wasted.
12. The rear side driveway was fully re-carpeted.
13. The ally connecting the main club with the cricket ground was revamped.
14. New grills have replaced the balisters in the lobby. These new grills have been copied from the original design from old club photographs.

I need to recognize the efforts of Mr. Tariq Hilaly, maintenance convener, who has been my right hand in accomplishing so much in record time at unbelievably low cost. Most of the restoration works were undertaken in-house to save cost.



Ambient lighting in bathroom



Ladies walking track bathroom





Great improvements have come about in the catering department. The efforts of our Catering Conveners for the last two years; Mr. Ali Rafiq Chinoy and Mr. Asim Rizwani need to be recognized.

Summary of Sports Activities that took place under conveners Sabih Wali and Jam Nafees

- Ramzan and other Cricket Tournaments
- Swimming Championships and
- Camps for children.
- Tennis Tournaments.
- Snooker Championships, one being of National level.
- Table Tennis Tournaments.
- Badminton Championships.
- Bridge Tournament
- Athletic Meets

Exquisite entertainment events that took place under convener Ather Khan:

- Valentine's Ball
- Free Musical Evenings in lawn
- Children's Mela
- Stage Play
- Tribute to Amjad Sabri
- Club Night
- May Queen
- Salsa Night
- Atif Aslam Live Musical Concert

Tambola enthusiasts in the club never miss this weekly event. As an added attraction, Six Grand Tambola events took place in the last two years.



The KG bakery gets a makeover

## IMPROVEMENT ALL OVER



Sunday fun for KG members and their families



Prize distribution for Art, Writing and Photo Competitions

## SOCIAL, LITERARY & SPORTS

Dr. Mohammad Nafees, convener library actively organized many literary events keeping in mind the interests of members, both young and old.

- Heath Awareness programs.
- Book Launching events.
- Aalami Mushairas
- Mehfil-e-Milad-e-Rasool
- Photography Exhibitions
- Seminars
- Musical programs
- Family Fun Galas
- Make-up workshops
- Programs for children
- Writing and Art Competitions
- Photography Competition





## LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FAWAD MALIK (continued)

- First and foremost, to have a clean atmosphere, we ensured cleanliness of the premises and started to work on its upkeep.
- New Chefs and a Catering Consultant were hired to improve the quality and hygiene of the food.
- New menus were added. New daily breakfast was introduced and once a month free music concerts was initiated which made members come to the club. More members started using the club and today our monthly catering sales have increased threefold.
- We were not willing to compromise on quality of food being served to members. Supplies were arranged from reputable companies such as KNN and MeatOne.
- For years, during the month of Ramadan, our catering department would incur heavy losses as the sales would drop with the fixed costs being there. So, we introduced for the first time SEHRI and on an average 350/400 Sehri's were served daily.
- About 80 staff members were fired on charges on pilferage, hygiene and incompetency to be replaced by professional staff.
- With an increase in electricity charges, the power bill was a big pinch. We completely changed the entire club's lighting to LED thereby making a saving on electricity bills to the tune of RS. 25 Lacs per month.
- Water tankers were being bought indiscriminately every month ? A million rupees a month. Purposely all water lines were clogged. We opened them and added two new wells as also a RO Plant.
- It has not only fulfilled our water needs but all food is cooked in pure water. Hygiene is important to us.
- Swimming Pool was grossly neglected. Filters were changed thereby more and more members are using the pool now. Competitive swimming by our children has re-started and Alhamdulillah, our children are once again on the Champion's list on the national circuit.
- The ambience of the club as a whole has undergone huge transformation. From the Lobby to the Dining Halls, from Rest Rooms to the Pavilion, May it be addition of Snack Bar, Tea Room, Coffee Deck to new furniture - we have given a new but old cultural and traditional look.



When I look back, I feel content and satisfied that I was able to serve the club to the best of my ability. How far I succeeded, it is for members to judge. Nevertheless, my biggest achievement during these two years is that I made new friends. It is only when you interact with a large cross section of people that you get to learn so much.

In conclusion, I thank each and every member of Karachi Gymkhana, young and old for their love, respect, guidance, co-operation and support during these years. I will always cherish this for the rest of my life.

I also take this opportunity to offer you all Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year. May 2018 bring more happiness, peace, love and joy for all.

Yours truly,  
Fawad Salim Malik





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## PROFILES OF MC MEMBERS

Mr. Athar Ali Khan n- Member of the Managing Committee and Convener of Entertainment is the man behind giving such enthralling entertainment programs. A young man of the IT Industry has his own business of IT consulting and Software Development alongside Call Center backup and support services. The credit of introducing new artists and free programs for members is has been the brain child of Mr. Khan.



Mr. Athar Ali Khan



Dr. Muhammad Nafees

Dr. Muhammad Nafees – Member of the Managing Committee and Convener of Library & Literary Committee. A Radiologist by profession. A respectable name in the fraternity of Radiologists who has also held responsible positions in the Radiology Society of Pakistan. The club's Library is one of the best libraries of the country and Dr. Nafees with his educational and literary background has done full justice to fulfill the needs of the reading elite and literary circles of the city. He has been personally responsible for organizing innovative lectures on varied subjects and held programs both for the young and old. The recently held Mehfil-e-Milad-e-Rasool was known to be the grandest and most well attended of such event ever held. A social figure of the metropolis who is also an active member of the Rotary Club of Karachi Kehkashan where is philanthropic services are noteworthy.

Mr. Sabih Wali – Member of the Managing Committee of Karachi Gymkhana and Convener of Sports is a businessman by profession having experience in Textiles, Exports of Fabrics & Garments, Imports of Heavy Earth Moving Equipment's and specialized resurfacing paints for Tennis Courts – which are used in major grand slam tournaments in USA & Australia. An avid Sportsman but has always focused his eyes on Tennis. In fact it would not be wrong to say that it's a family of International Ranking Tennis Players. He himself has represented Pakistan in International tournaments within Pakistan and in Dubai and North America. Due to his interest in the game of Tennis, both his sons followed suit. One son went onto become the



Mr. Sabih Wali

Canadian National Junior Champion as also World # 2 Junior Champion. The other son had the honor of becoming the State Champion of Florida State. Both these young men completed their higher education in USA through scholarships at top U.S Universities because of Tennis.

Sabih Wali's contribution for Sports in General and Tennis in particular at Karachi Gymkhana is immense. His main interest lies in training young children to see in them future national and international champions. It was due to his efforts that for the first time, New Professional Tennis Ball Machine (feeding 225 balls) was introduced in the club

Mr. Tehseen Feroze – Member of the Managing Committee and Convener of Swimming Pool. A scion of a very respectable business family of Karachi. He himself is a thoroughbred Karachite being born and brought up here. An entrepreneur in his own right by starting Pakistan's leady perfumery & cosmetic chain of concept stores – SCENTASATION. An ardent sportsman himself and a silent and effective philanthropist. A modest silent worker who had his fingers on the nerves of the regular swimmers and ensured that their needs are satisfied. He took keen interest in the promotion of young swimmers with the result that today the country's young swimming champions are all trained at Karachi Gymkhana.



Mr. Tehseen Feroze