

## Karachi Gymkhana NewsLetter

**February 2018 to Jan 2019**

### Letter from President Akbar Iqbal Puri

Respected Members,

In fact I wanted to write a letter to the members of Karachi Gymkhana to thank them for electing me as the President of Karachi Gymkhana, much earlier. However, unusual circumstances made it impossible for me to even attend to routine work. Unprecedented noncooperation and resistance that I faced during previous months was the result of some bad politics. I, therefore, didn't have enough time to perform or work as I had planned. As I approach the end of my term, I feel duty bound to take Honourable Members of this prestigious Club into confidence. Publication of Club News Letter provides an opportunity to directly communicate with you and to share whatever little I could achieve despite most unfavorable conditions.

I shall not go into details of what happened during last 10/11 months and will not name names but will emphasize that most elected members of the Managing Committee were misled by people with vested interests.



Personal likes and dislikes and policy of vendetta have harmed the Club immensely.

When I took over as President, atmosphere in the Club was tense and members, especially seniors, felt uncomfortable while visiting the Club. It was no more second home for them.

Soon things started to change and tension gave way to more relaxed atmosphere. This is my humble contribution.

I wanted to undertake many development projects in various fields but could not get necessary approval of the Managing Committee which took directives from self-imposed leaders who want to run the Club as if the Club belongs to a certain group. Some details of work done in various fields are reported elsewhere in this News Letter.

I shall make my final submissions in my report to the General Body. Till then I wish every one of you all the very best and thank you for the support, guidance and encouragement.

Your's truly  
Akbar Iqbal Puri





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## Members of Managing Committee for the year 2018



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President



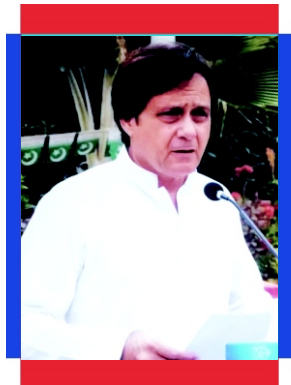
**Ms. Ambreen Saqib Tapal**  
Vice President



**Mr. Salim Parekh**  
Hon. Treasurer



**Mr. Saleem Yousuf**  
Conv. Library Committee



**Mr. Akhtar Munir**  
Convener Sports I



**Mr. Ather Ali Khan**  
Convener Sports II Vigilance &  
Rules and By-laws Committee



**Mr. Tehseen Feroz**  
Convener  
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**Mr. Jan Muhammad Dadabhoy**  
Convener Lodges & Co-Convener  
Building & Technical Committee



**Mr. Toufiq Cochinala**  
Convener Swimming Pool  
Committee



**Mrs. Sarwat Sultan Chandio**  
Convener Quiz Rama Committee  
& Co-Convener Library Committee

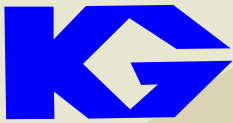


**Mr. Aun Ali Saleem**  
Convener Catering &  
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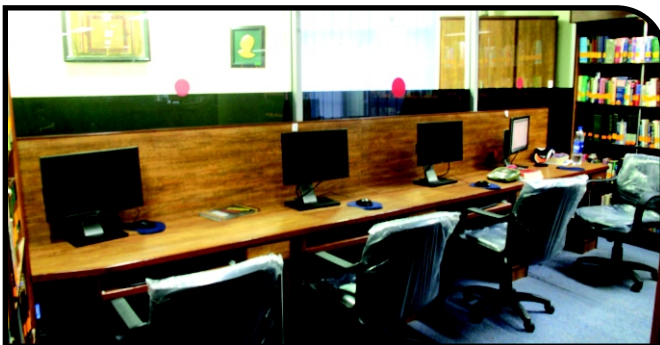
## Library Activities

The year 2018 was another year of very active showcasing of the KG library. This year, apart from the traditional functions of the Library & Literacy Committee, a number of features of special interest and comfort marked the conclusion of the yearly activity-portfolio.

### Uplift of Ambience:

Comfort and user-facilitation were at the peak of focus of KG management this year. Amongst others, following features were added to the existing infrastructure:-

The Main Library has been re-laid to make available more space for its users, particularly the students. Installation of two floor-standing Air conditioners and 20 work stations in the Reference Section was warmly welcomed by all the users. The Main Library is now equipped with Four computer systems. In addition, the Main and Junior Library has also been computerized with latest software compatible with Library Management.



### Add Up of Fresh Books:

We maintained our tradition of procuring the latest books of common interest immediately on their arrival in the local market so that our Members may benefit from an updated collection. This year we replenished the library book-stock with fresh on-the-shelf variety and added the following New Books in our Library.

English Books	131
Urdu Books	34
Books for Junior Library	389
<b>Total New Books</b>	<b>554</b>

### Events of Member's Interests:

The Library Managing Committee was more flamboyant this year and kept the KG members deeply ingrained in its one-after-the-other trail of events. It organized, patronized and celebrated each event with a great fervor and zeal. In all, more than nineteen [19] events were organized and successfully held in the limited time. The great enthusiasm of participants and attendees was testified by the large number of attendance of the KG members in all these events.



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## Activities of Quiz Rama

The yearly activities of Quiz Rama committee have proved to be a major success and have won all round appreciation from all the Gymkhana Members due to the untiring efforts of our enthusiastic convener Mrs. Sarwat Chandio and her dedicated sub-committee Members, for the major success of the entire weekly, Monthly and Grand Bumper Quiz Rama shows

The success of the shows is largely attributed to the sponsor contributions and in particular to our committee Members Kishwar Mirza for getting large sum of Cash from her sponsors since last 3 years. The staffs have equally contributed their share alongwith the support of our kitchen committee towards the success of the show.

The shows are self-financed even after paying the taxes and leaving a reasonable surplus for the Gymkhana income accounts.



## Up gradation of Sports Area

- ✓ Relaying work of Jogging Track.
- ✓ UPS purchased for Treadmills of Physical Rooms (Gents & Ladies Room).
- ✓ 04 nos. of Exercise machines purchased for Weight Control Room.
- ✓ Relaying work of all six Tennis Courts Floors is in under progress.
- ✓ Sanding and grinding work of all Squash Courts Floor.
- ✓ Changing of lights of all Squash Courts.
- ✓ Fixing of new underwater lights at Main Swimming Pool.
- ✓ New heater purchased for learners & Baby Pool.
- ✓ 04 nos. Bed Rest purchased for Swimming Pool area.
- ✓ Renovation work of Swimming Pool Gents Dressing Room is in under progress.
- ✓ Renovation of Bridge Room-I & III is in under progress.







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## Lodges improvements

### Wooden Canopy

We are delighted to introduce the wooden canopy. It's been created especially for lodge's entrance in limited space for relaxing and enjoying your evenings in garden canopy. This dedicated service is for our valued guest that they can sit outside and be protected against the sun or rain. Additionally, they could consume tea, coffee and snacks.

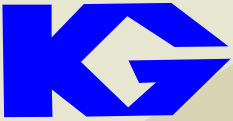
### Vendi Machine

A vendi machine is installed in Lodges. This is also one of the unique idea that we have introduced in Lodges for our valued guests only.



Jan Muhammad Dadabhoy

Mr. Jan M. Dadabhoy is honored as the first convener for Members Lodges. He has been one of the main proponent and a true stand out of this Managing Committee. He has a great understanding of managing and running the organization with a great appreciation of what it takes to truly make Members Lodges on a successful path and furnish a remarkable profit throughout the year. He is such a dedicated convener who elect for the betterment of this prestigious club. He accepted the challenging convenership of Member's Lodges with open hearted and take it to the highest level of success in a year by facing so many difficulties.



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### Multiple Mobile Kiosk

Mobile Kiosk is a good complimentary product to our valued guest and their visitors. In this there are multi mobile chargers available and is located in Lodges lobby.

### Chiller Improvement Plan

Chillers system are working under capacity. In this case, up gradation is essential to improve the efficiency for our guest's comforts. Hence the work is in progress.



### Independent Split AC in Executive Rooms

We also have a pleasure to introduce independent split AC's in Deluxe Rooms. The idea is to generate a double backup for the Chiller AC and to make it refreshingly cool during the summer time.



### Bakery Counter

We are also introducing a bakery display counter which is in high demand by a large section of Lodges guests and to increase the sale of bakery items.

### Generator

We have also been able to accomplish alternate energy system for the Lodges coupled with advance ATS system.

### Electronic Lock System

It's a delight to announce RFID Upgraded version electronic locks in progress for the convenience of our valued lodge's guests.

### Coffee Counter

Designated Coffee counter to be put up in the restaurant area of the Lodges.

### Profit

In year 2018 Lodges have had a remarkable occupancy and hence yielded substantial profits in its first year.

## Announcement

**Online billing and Payment facility started for Members.**

**Now the Members can download and Pay their KG bills directly through KG website.**

**This facility has been added for the convenience of worthy members specially for those who are out of Pakistan.**





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## News in Picture



## Work in Progress





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## PROFILES OF MC MEMBERS

Saleem Yousuf is a former Pakistani cricketer who played in 32 Tests and 86 ODIs from 1982 to 1990. His hard work, determination and passion for cricket has not only brought home many victories but has also brought home national pride: Test cap of Pakistan in 1982 against Sri Lanka and made a record of catching seven wickets as a test debutant. Besieged the title of "Tiger of Pakistan" when he went back to the crease with a broken nose in a crucial match against West Indies in Barbados. In 1990, Saleem Yousuf became the first wicketkeeper to record the most stumpings in a single ODI innings and still jointly hold the record.

He is currently the Member of the Managing Committee of Karachi Gymkhana and also holds the additional charge of Honorary Secretary. He has also been the Vice President of Karachi Gymkhana in the past, of a club which is Asia's largest club, in view of membership and sports facilities, Karachi Gymkhana, where he continues to strive in order to provide opportunities and facilities to young Pakistanis who aspire to represent the nation in various fields.



Saleem Yousuf



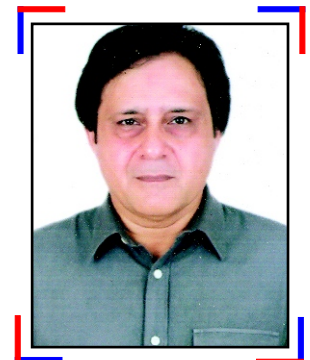
Ather Ali Khan

Member Managing Committee and Convener of Sports II sub-committee, Convener of Vigilance & Discipline Sub-committee and Convener Rules & Bye-laws Sub-committee. A young man of the IT Industry has his own Business of IT consultancy and Software Development alongside call center backup and support services. Mr. Khan's contribution for sports at Karachi Gymkhana is immense. His emphases has been to arrange tournaments & coaching of Billiards, Table Tennis, Tennis, Bridge, Rummy and Chess. To promote young children to see them in future national and international championships of various games. Being the Convener Vigilance & Discipline Mr. Khan made sure to maintain the decorum of club.

It would not be wrong to say that our second home Karachi Gymkhana is full of surprises and it has surely given many of our members an opportunity to expose their hidden talents.

A true son of a great father Mr. Munir Hussain will always be remembered by all Pakistanis as the pioneer of Urdu Cricket Commentary in Pakistan. It was his voice, which took cricket to every home in the country. He is as humble as his illustrious father. A quiet and shy person with his head on the shoulders and feet on the ground, he very ably shouldered various responsibilities of the club and executed them with a smile on his face to the satisfaction of all members young and old!

One can easily say that he was the pick of the year. Some of the senior members had an eye on this young man and persuaded him to contest the elections for the first time. With a solid family background and help of his friends and senior members, he was elected as a member of the Managing Committee for the first time and then straight away thrown at the deep end.



Akhtar Munir