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Dear Member,

We hope you and your family members are keeping well.

With life slowly starting to get back to somewhat normal in the winter months, the third wave of pandemic struck in the year end, forcing us to cancel the New Year Eve celebrations. Apart from the monetary loss to the Club, members and guests were deprived of a good show and the opportunity to bring in the New Year together. There are times when we have to take a tough call for the benefit of everyone. We are happy that we could host the Christmas Eve, Christmas Lunch and the Senior's Nite – all of which were very successful. Inspite of the difficult times, it is heartening to see the GC members, Club Office and Staff putting in so much effort to ensure the Club runs smoothly.

We were also given the hosting rights for three Ranji Trophy matches involving top teams like Delhi, Mumbai, Maharashtra and a quarter final game. I do not think that such high profile Ranji matches have been allocated to our Club before. While we were looking forward to these, came the announcement of Ranji Trophy postponement by BCCI. We sincerely hope that some matches will be held at our Club once the new schedule is announced. Some disruption has taken place due to unseasonal rain and we look forward to an unhindered season.

Cricket Season, however, has commenced and a lot of work has been done on the ground. Our league team made good progress by winning all the three CAB one day matches and qualifying for the Knock out stage before CAB put all domestic matches on hold. The Cricket section office bearers have done a tremendous job so far and I wish them well for the season.

The Club Season started with the traditional match between the President's XI and the Vice president's XI. Weekend matches are on and some matches are being played under lights. Ground lighting has been enhanced by addition of some new lights and thus improving the facility. The popular T10 Cricket Tournament is starting this Saturday, 22nd January and members will be able to experience the thrill of this tournament. KKR is the main sponsor – we hope for some exciting and closely fought matches. We would like to thank the owners for their contribution for the cause of the Club. Plans are also on to host the Tennis Inter Club tournament in February 2022. Our Club had won the Inter Club Darts Competition which was hosted by us in December, 2021. Many congratulations to the team.



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With the prevailing good weather, once again the footfall has started to increase which had taken a dip with the latest pandemic situation. Good turnouts were seen during the daytime on weekends. It is heartening to see members and families soaking in the winter sun, having their favourite drink and enjoying a leisurely lunch, while watching cricket.

We have plans of renovating the Pool Pub and the Sit out area in the near future, to make it more attractive for members and their guests. Work should be starting soon on these.

We are also planning to restart our weekly musical evenings and Bar Nights.

We are looking forward to the Club's 230th birthday celebrations on 23rd February. We plan to have an enjoyable evening and will let you know the details soon. Your participation is solicited.

A vaccination camp is being arranged for the Booster dose to Seniors and the first dose to the 15-17 age group. Details pertaining to this has already been circulated.

Let us all hope for a better tomorrow. Stay safe and please mask up while going out.

Here's wishing good health and happiness to you and your loved ones.

With warm regards

Deepankar Nandi