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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Member,

Update on Club Sports

I am happy that it has been all about Sports in the last couple of months. This was affected in the last couple of years due to the pandemic. Sports is the lifeline of this Club and it is heartening to see that this is thriving.

The Cycle Polo section recently held two tournaments – one in memory of Late Vijai Singh, the doyen of this Sport in this Club and the second, an All India Invitation CCFC Cycle Polo tournament. There were 7 outstation teams and two from Bengal. The final was won by the Indian Air Force beating the team from Territorial Army. 7 of the 8 players who represented the country in the 2019 World Championship in Argentina and won Gold, were seen in action in this tournament. Members and enthusiasts witnessed some high powered matches with amazing speed and control. I would like to thank the sponsors and the section headed by Anirban Sen for hosting such successful tournaments and reviving this game in the Club.

Tennis section not only hosted the Inter Club Tournament successfully but also finished as runners up. In the BTA tennis league, the section performed brilliantly and narrowly losing the final against Gymkhana Club. They have just hosted the CCFC Tennis Premier League for the first time and there was a lot of enthusiasm among all the participants. I would like to thank the sponsors, team owners and of course the players. Congratulations to Vivek Bhasin, Samrat Ghosh and the tennis section for doing so well.

The Cricket Section is doing extremely well so far. They have recently hosted the Merchants Cup successfully. The pro team taking part in CAB tournaments, has been very successful. They finished runner up in the one day tournament, has finished as group toppers in the T20 format, thus qualifying for the Knock out stage. In the 2 day league also, their performance has been brilliant so far. My congratulations to Mainak Chowdhury, Aadit Osatwal and the section officials. Two teams from the Club will be leaving for Bangkok next month to take part in the RBSC 6's tournament.

The Darts section has been making us proud for sometime now. Under the able leadership of Kaushik Padhi, they have been going from strength to strength. They first won the Inter Club Tournament hosted by us and then went on to win the RCGC Inter Club, recording a 10 match winning spree. Many congratulations to the entire team.



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Hockey season has started. CCFC Gremlins are flying high in the BHA 1st Division Group B tournament, they have already qualified for the Championship play off, having finished as group leader. They have plans of hosting some tournaments in the Club. I wish Aaron Redden and the section the very best.

Although the Football season has not officially started yet, the young brigade of the Club has already won a couple of outside 5-A-Side tournaments. The latest one being at the Calcutta Parsee Club. I am sure that they will have a successful season with the Merchants Cup coming up in early May. Ladies football is also getting popular in the Club. My good wishes to Anuj Kichlu and the Office bearers.

Jamshid Nassiri is in the process of finalising the CFC team for the forthcoming Calcutta Football League (1st Div), which should start by end May.

The Swimming and Tennis Camps for the various age groups are in full swing. Practice sessions for Badminton / Table Tennis have also started in preparation for the forthcoming Saturday Club Sports Carnival.

Rugby practice is also underway – both for men and ladies. The section organised a Tag Rugby Tournament. They plan to have a Premier League apart from other tournaments. This is one sport that needs our attention. We need to get it back to its glory days. My best wishes to Rohit Jacob and Sanaya Mehta Vyas, the respective Captains.

We look forward to participating in the Saturday Club Sports Carnival in end May.

I would like to thank all the sponsors for supporting various sporting activities in the Club and to Jeet Banerjee for all his efforts.

Both Irfan Ahmed and Vivek Bhasin, in charge of Club Sports have done a tremendous job. With the heavy ground usage in the last few months, it is great to see that it held up well. I would like to thank Guneet S Grewal and his team of groundsmen for this.

In the social front, the two main events celebrated in the last couple of months were Club's 230th Birthday on 23rd February and the Bengali New Year on 14th April. Both events went well and we hope members / guests enjoyed. One must mention that the decorations for the Bengali New Year was fantastic. Thank you Sanaya. On both occasions, the Kitchen Staff excelled themselves and produced some great meals.

Ace cricketer Jhulan Goswami was inducted into the Club and given Honorary membership recently.

With best wishes and warm regards,

Deepankar Nandi