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Cover:

The oldest and best club in the city has a new executive committee to run the show for the next two years ably headed by Vasu Shroff who was re-elected Chairman of the Club for the second consecutive term. A special ceremony was held to welcome the new committee and thank the outgoing one.



Member Member



WINNER



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Shroff promises more changes in drive to give back more to members

Dear Members,

IT'S AN HONOUR to be re-nominated as Chairman of India Club for another 2 years. This is my second tenure of my second term as Chairman of our Institute. I was earlier the Chairman from 1985-1987. After three decades, what has not changed is our drive to give back to our members through improved facilities and more activities. Members must have noticed the change over the last 1 ½ years in our main complex with the introduction of the Haveli Restaurant, Coastal Bar, Main Entrance canopy coverage, MNC Corridor and the shifting of the Administration Offices to the main building.

Two more years will give me sufficient time to bring about more changes in other areas as well and to help me in this task are 8 Executive Committee members who will assist me in all areas to make our Club even better. I would like to welcome the new members in my team and thank the previous committee for all the hard work they put in.

Given the scorching summer, activities at the Club are mostly restricted to indoor events but come mid-August, we start off again with a bang with back to back events every couple of days including Janmashtami, Onam, Navratri, Karwa Chauth, Dassera and Diwali.

I look forward to your continued support and blessings – as always, your feedback is always welcome and I look forward to hearing from you...

Enjoy your summer holidays,

Vasu Shroff

Chairman, India Club

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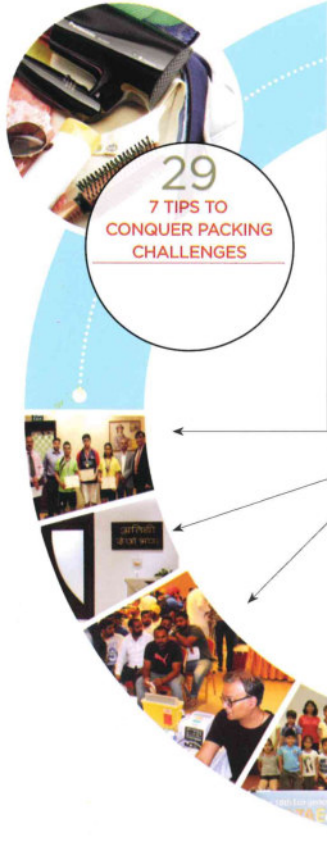
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OVER TO YOU!

Shroff's efforts lifts the Club to greater heights

Dear Trustees, THIS refers to the meeting trustees had in India Club to elect a new executive committee for the period 2017-19. The selection committee almost unanimously consented to re-elect current Chairman

Mr. Vasu Shroff for the hard work he had put into the Club during his tenure and for his ongoing commitment to the Club.

Needless to mention that Vasu Shroff is a regional icon and the Club has grown to more sublime heights under his stewardship. One of the senior most trustee even proposed that Mr. Vasu Shroff should be elected lifetime Chairman considering his tireless dedication and enormous contribution in promoting India Club and



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its activities. We truly appreciate the proposal and would request for consideration.

It was observed that some of the members proposed for better transparency and the board members should reclus from the selection committee and proposed for a constitution amendment to this effect. This is definitely a good idea and should be considered at some stage.

Also, it is equally important to mention that all the trustees and board members

are important and reputed members of society and have contributed in their own right in upholding the reputation and image of the Club. They are competent to take decision on these matters. There is complete harmony amongst the members and its board and in the best interest of the Club it would be more prudent to decide through vote than making it through an amendment which would be more cumbersome and time consuming. Though some members or trustees may have different views we should think in the best interest of the Club and brush aside our personal egos.

Thanking you and best of luck.

For India Club
Bhagwan Jethwani
Membership No. LM 8

Iftar 2017 was 'very different'

IFTAR IS the evening meal when Muslims end their daily Ramadan fast at sunset. Muslims break their fast when the call for the evening prayer is heard. Iftar is one of the religious observances of Ramadan and is often done as a community, with people gathering to break their fast together.

Organised by India Club, this was an Iftar which differed from several others that are hosted daily during the holy month of Ramadan by organizations, associations and business groups. Several of these are either lavish, an excuse of political promotion

or an exercise in building public relations, where mutual praise is showered by the host and the chief guests on each other.

This year's iftar hosted by the Club showcased love and respect among all those who attended. The entertainment factor excelled with the Sufi musicians and delicious buffet with a variety of desserts. The ambience added to the comfort and enjoyment among the people.

Those who attended were introduced the benefits fasting during this holy month with slide shows and were enlightened on aspects that one wasn't aware of. A henna session for those who love to get their hands coloured and a photo session for those family members who wanted to recreate their memories was held.

Iftar commenced with a good note by the chairman Vasu Shroff and the Indian Counsel General H.E. Vipul. We thank India Club for conducting this occasion with communal harmony as well as all the staff who supported and helped make this iftar a memorable one.

A big thanks to the honorable board of trustees without whom this event would not have been the huge success that it was.

Mr & Mrs. Siyad
Membership No. 4568

Welcome change

WE THE members of the 'Gentlemen Group' had our get together at the India Club on May 28th and we were surprised to notice the tremendous change in the bar as well as the dining area of India Club. The Bar area as well the new Haveli Restaurant can now match with any of the best restaurants in Dubai.

We are very proud of the Dubai club's chairman for bringing such remarkable improvements for the 'Gentlemen's Group'.

G.M. Bajpai
Membership No. LM 0193.

Did Tom Hanks expect to be diagnosed with Type Two Diabetes?

By Philip Cernik, Chief Marketing Officer, Friends Provident International, August 2017

Unfortunately, when ill-health strikes, it strikes indiscriminately, without regard to age, sex or social standing. Good health is something we often take for granted when we are young but, according to Cancer Research UK, if you were born after 1960, the odds are 50:50 that you will contract some form of cancer in your lifetime. Working as a professional in the life insurance industry, I find it surprising that people put off purchasing cover when faced with such odds. We are as likely to bet on an alien invasion as our own mortality, it appears.

I recently asked our medical underwriter to give me an indication of the terms that would be offered to four potential customers, each with a common illness, if they were to approach us for life insurance. I didn't reveal that these four people are in fact four global celebrities.

1. Asthma – David Beckham

It's a little known fact that David suffers with asthma. Given a healthy lifestyle and childhood onset of the disease, he may be able to secure standard premium rates. However, depending on the severity of his condition, he could even be declined, which may be a surprise to many given the routine incidence of such an illness.

2. Type Two Diabetes – Tom Hanks

Tom, by his own admission, 'blindly kept dancing through the party' and paid the price. He may well have been able to avoid the condition through adopting a healthier lifestyle, which is not lost on me living in Dubai. Our underwriter would apply a loading (increase on standard premiums) to his policy, depending on a number of factors such as level of diabetes control, weight, blood pressure, cholesterol, family history and smoker status.

3. Heart attack (myocardial infarction) – Dick Cheney

Dick would find it a fruitless task trying to obtaining life cover today. Life insurers will generally decline cover following a second heart attack, or if the first attack occurs under the age of 40. It might have been possible to grant him terms 12 months after the first attack, however, had it not occurred at the relatively young age of 37.

4. High blood pressure – Kim Kardashian

Kim suffered from pre-eclampsia during her first pregnancy. Our underwriter would assess other cardiovascular risk factors, however, such as her weight, blood pressure, cholesterol, family history and smoker status to determine a premium loading.

Although they suffer vastly different illnesses, there is one fact that unites all these celebrities: all of them could be paying standard rates for life insurance today, had they purchased a policy before they were diagnosed with their condition.

The best time to buy life cover (term insurance) is when you are young and healthy. Put off buying term insurance and you face the very real prospect of paying sky-high premiums, or not being insurable at all – perhaps at the time your family needs it most. Let's face it; it's a dead cert that we are all going to die someday. Alien invasion? Maybe, but hopefully not.

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Obituary

We regret to announce the sad and sudden demise of Dinesh Jangla. On behalf of the management of India Club and all its members, we convey our sincere condolences to the family in their bereavement. May his soul rest in peace.



DINESH JANGLA
Membership No 211
Mr Dinesh Jangla left for his heavenly abode on July 13, 2017.

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Over a period of time, Jaipur Club moved on to encompass all recreational activities such as tennis, bridge, billiards, etc.

Today the Club boasts of 28 rooms and suites, a family lounge, bar & restaurant, a gymnasium, swimming pool, kids play area, cricket, squash courts, badminton courts, lawn tennis courts, rooms for darts, bridge, billiards and pool and table tennis rooms.



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COVER STORY

THE MAN FOR ALL REASONS



VASU SHROFF was born in Manjhandon December 14, 1940 and did his basic schooling in Devlali till he moved to Mumbai in 1960 where he did his intermediate in Commerce. In April 1961, he relocated to Dubai to assist and partner with his two brothers to operate Regal Traders, which specialized in the textile business.

Shroff is the Chairman of Regal Group Holdings ---a conglomerate of Regal Traders, Regal Technologies, Regal International, Regal Group Investments and AYT International. A trustee of India Club, he served as 1st Chairman from 1984-1987 and is currently serving his second term as Chairman. This is his second stint

Shroff, who pioneered the Textile Merchants Association (TEXMAS), Dubai, is also one of the trustees of The Indian High School, Dubai.

The process to procure the Hindu cremation ground in Dubai was also initiated by Shroff and he continues to serve on the board of the New Sonapur Hindu Cremation Ground. It was he who took the initiative to set up of the Sindh Ceremonial Center (SCC). Shroff, who was the Vice-President of the Indian Association, Dubai for 4 years, was also the President of Lions Club, Dubai from 1980-84. For the lifetime of work done by him, he has been recognized and felicitated with a string of awards at regular intervals. Shroff was also conferred the Pravasi Bhartiya Samman, the highest honour given to NRIs by the Government of India for the year 2017.



India Club installs new high-profile Executive Committee to lead club for the next two years

H. E. Vipul, Consul General of India, presenting a token of appreciation to the Chairman Vasu Shroff.

HIGHLY RESPECTED BUSINESSMAN

PISHU CHAINANI is a well-known and highly respected figure in Dubai's business community. It was in 1996 that Pishu Chainani, established the Swiss Watch Group FZE - A Brand Management and Distribution organization for watches in UAE and since 2012, Swiss Watch Group has become the Middle East and Africa sales and logistics hub of Interluxury Group (ILG) and was done in partnership with L capital (the private equity arm of the LVMH Group).

Pishu is also the Executive Committee Member of the Board of ILG SA, Luxembourg and is on the board of trustees of the Indian High School, Dubai and India Club, Dubai.



COVER STORY

VASU SHROFF'S LEADERSHIP

A NEW EXECUTIVE Committee for 2017-2019 is now in place at one of the oldest clubs in the city. India club was established in 1964 and is one of the best clubs in the Middle East with a base of 7500 plus elite members and Vasu Shroff, who stands out for his track record in club management, strategic acumen and a very strong record of delivering value to India Club was unanimously elected again as its Chairman and Pishu Chainani as the Vice-Chairman.

TRACK RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENTS

SIDDHARTH BALACHANDRAN is the Managing Director of the Bumga Group. An engineering graduate, Siddharth has track record of achievements. He started out as the Strategic Accounts Manager at Dun & Bradstreet Information Services in 1999 but moved to Dubai in 1991 to take over as Managing Director of the Bumga Group. He went on to establish Buimerc Core Investments Pvt. Ltd, India.

He holds a number of executive positions including- Executive Chairman & CEO of Buimerc Corporation, Executive Chairman of Buimerc Core Investment Pvt Ltd, Director of SB Global Educational Resources Pvt Ltd, Director Vishram Hotels and Tourism Pvt Ltd and Director Sreevaas Roofing Pvt Ltd.

A Trustee of India Club he had previously served as its chairman in 2010. He is also the Chief Patron Trustee of the Indian Social & Cultural Centre, Abu Dhabi. Siddharth is known for his philanthropy and is the patron of well-known institutions including the Al Jalila Foundation, Smart Life, Dubai Autism Centre, Abu Dhabi Malayalee Samajam, Abu Dhabi Center for Special Needs, and Al Noor Training Centre.



LEADERSHIP AND ENTERPRISE

SUNIL SINGH, chairman of Tea Traders of Middle East, was at the forefront for the import of Indian tea and foodgrains and bringing foreign investments into India through partnership with local business groups.

He is the ex-Chairman and trustee of India Club and under his leadership the Club won the prestigious Dubai Quality Appreciation Programme Award in 2008, where he was honored by H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of UAE and Ruler of Dubai.

Sunil Singh has been nominated as Governor for Round Square, representing The Indian High School, Dubai on a global platform and is the school's chairman. Tea Traders of Middle East, established by his father Umrao Singh in 1955, was the first company to pay custom duty on tea imports in 1955. A little-known fact is that the first Indian mission in Dubai, the Indian Trade mission, began from their house in Dubai in 1967 and was headed by Narain Singh Rawat.

Sunil was one of the first alumni of IHS and joined the IHS committee in 1995 serving as its Jt. Treasurer, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-Chairman and has been its Hon. Chairman since April 2016.

He has served as the Director of Sports, India Club, and has organized many sport tours at the international level. He's also credited with bringing badminton to an international level in UAE.



TECH SAVVY SPORTS ENTHUSIAST

VIVEK KELSHIKER is a Bio Medical Engineer from Mumbai University who, after working in India's medical industry for five years, worked as a Global Specialist in Germany for a couple of years before moving to UAE. He's currently with Agfa Healthcare as its Medical IT Solutions Designing Manager for Growing Markets. As a Solutions Architect, he is adept at designing and implements effective technical business solutions with

advanced levels of technical knowledge combined with sound business vision and project management skills. His family too are members of

India club and have participated in most of the club's sports events. Vivek has been a member of India Club Cricket team from 2008 and captained the winning team in 2016 and 2017.

"In my new role and as a sport enthusiast I would like to share my passion towards all the sports in India Club by managing events and enhancing facilities to ensure members' interest and participation in the club's sporting events," says Vivek



WINS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

The other new executive committee board includes, Sunil Singh (Treasurer), Harish Pawani (Joint Treasurer), Siddharth Balachandran (Committee member), Sunil Pathak (Cultural Events Secretary), Vivek Kelshekar (Sports Secretary), Sudeep Gupta (Joint Sports Secretary) and Ms. Pansy Lobo (Secretary in charge of facilities).

BUSINESSMAN WITH A BIG HEART

HARISH PAWANI heads the Purshottam Kanji Group of Companies in UAE and Oman dealing in bullion and foreign exchange. Harish is a member of the Comex division of CME Group since 1989, SIMEX, Singapore since 1984, Gold & Jewellery Group, Dubai. An Associate Member of LBMA, Member of the Advisory group of DMCC for precious metals and a Managing Committee

Member of FERG (Foreign Exchange Remittance Group), Dubai. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering, Polytechnic Institute of New York, NYC, USA and is on the Permanent Board of Trustees of The Indian High School, Dubai, the Purshottam Kanji Kanya Chhatralaya, Mandvi, Kutch, India - a charitable trust for education of underprivileged girls funded by the Pawani family and the Purshottam Kanji Charitable trust, Mumbai, India - a charitable trust funded by the Pawani family.



A VISIONARY AND STRATEGIST

SUNIL PATHAK is the founder and chairman of his group of companies spanning various sectors. In his current role, Pathak is responsible for the group's overall vision, strategy and investment priorities. Pathak has established a portfolio of companies committed to creating a better lifestyle. His presence is felt in interior design and fit-out, property development, scaffolding and real estate across the Middle East

and the Indian subcontinent. An avid debater, Pathak has been a life member of India Club since 1982. As its Entertainment Director from 1999-2008 he planned and hosted several musical and cultural events including the Spring Banquet/May Queen Ball, Baisakhi Nights and the Navratri Diwali celebrations.

He is passionate about entertainment and the media and has studied direction and editing. His philanthropy includes the patronage of St. Mary's orphanage in Uttar Pradesh and supports the culture and arts scene in Dubai and India.



A SEASONED BUSINESSMAN

SUDEEP GUPTA is a seasoned techno-commercial businessman with experience in international trade, sales and marketing. An engineering graduate, he's involved in trading of chemicals, minerals, metals, commodities and engineering products. Self-employed since his arrival in UAE in 1997 he's the owner of Nano Energy, Dubai, and N.T.E. International FZC, Ajman Free Zone.

A member of Agra Club Ltd (Gymkhana Agra) since 2006, Sudeep is an excellent sportsman having won

medals at the annual swimming meet (Jr.) for the District in 1984-85. As a club member, he was the 2008 table tennis runner-up in the men's doubles and runner-up in the inter-state badminton tourney in 2007, 2010 and 2015. He's organized the 2008 Hasya Kavi Samelan with the club's support. He was appointed the Gulf Representative by the Badminton Association of India in 2011 to promote Indian talent in the Gulf.



THE FAMILIAR FACE AROUND THE CLUB!

PANSY LOBO is well known to all Club members. She is everything rolled into one: A dedicated mother, a loving wife and a social worker. If she is not lending a helping hand to staff and members she can be found at the Club's gym keeping fit.

Pansy has been a resident of Dubai for the last 28 years but before she came to the city she was an active social worker in Mumbai. She continues that spirit of social work at the Club during the CSR events and has played a stellar role in starting the St. Mary's Church Summer Camp, serving in various capacities including supervisor, co-ordinator and teacher.

She's previously been on the India Club Board of Directors and has been responsible for having organized a number of events including the popular Food Mela, KarvaChauth, Ladies Coffee Evening and kid events to name a few.

Pansy is always proud to be associated with India Club and is the cultural epicenter of Indian values.



FUN ACTIVITIES KEEP KIDS ENGAGED DURING RAMADAN

THE importance of sports cannot be denied and so for the first time India Club introduced three sport activities during June, the holy month of Ramadan.

It was called "Ramadan Special Sports" and three sporting activities, namely, table tennis (singles) for boys under the age of 18, bowling for boys and girls between the ages of 10-12 and a 6-a-side cricket for those between the ages of 10-14. The tournaments in each category saw a battle of skills and the winners and runners-up in each were given prizes by Vivek Kelshiker, the club's Sports Secretary, and Sudeep Gupta, Joint Sports Secretary.



The club's budding cricketers.



The young table tennis players in action.



The bowling champs with their certificates. Seen here with Vivek Kelshiker, the club's Sports Secretary, and Sudeep Gupta, Joint Sports Secretary, Bharat Chachara and Simon Varella.

SPORTS

The following were the winners in each category

TABLE TENNIS

(Held on June 15):
Boys singles
Winner:
Gururaj Patil
Runner-up:
Aditya Singh

BOWLING

(Held on June 24)
Boys (10-12 years)
Winner:
Arya Bhatia
Runner-up:
Praneel Bhatia
Girls (10-12 years)
Winner:
Anushka Kelshikar
Runner-up:
Tanika Sequeira

6-A-SIDE INDOOR CRICKET

(10-14 years.
Held on June 17)
Winner: ChotaBheem
Kushaan Sainani
(Captain)
Vaibhav Phulwani
Zidane Dhamodiwalla
Sathvik Pal
Archit Lakhani
Aaryan Bhavnani
Runner-up: India
Aditya Gokhale
(Captain)
Aaryan Sainani
Satvik Vashisht
Gaurav Bhavnani
Ajinkya Gokhale
Mihir Arunkumar

60 MINUTES WITH ROBIN SINGH

IT WAS a pleasant and welcome surprise when India Club organised "An Hour with Robin Singh" for India Club members on July 1 from 7-8 pm.

The session with the former Indian Test cricketer was a smash hit. Robin not only spoke on the scope of becoming a professional cricketer in the UAE, the facilities available and, more importantly, what his training sessions would offer but also fielded questions from those who attended the session.

The genial cricketer is all set to opening his cricket training centre in the city from September 17. The centre will offer those with a passion for the game professional training as well as participation in cricket tournaments that will help them hone their skills in all departments of the game.

Robin's talk was followed by a net session where he explained the various techniques. He was felicitated by Vivek Kelshiker, Sports Secretary prior to starting the session.



Robin Singh is welcomed by Vivek Kelshiker. Also seen is Bharat Chachara.



Robin Singh teaches the kids batting techniques during a net session at the club.



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ADMAJA SHOWS HIS CLASS AND A TEENAGER CREATES HISTORY

Scintillating performances by young players at tournament started by India Club 40 years ago draws huge crowds and prize money of AED 60,000



Seen in the picture are: H.E. Vipul (The Consul General of India, Dubai), H.E. Arzaf A. Firman (Consul General of Indonesia, Dubai), Jenny Arzaf, Vasu Shroff (Chairman, India Club), Sunil Singh (Board of Trustee & Head of UAE Open Badminton Tournament Organising Committee), Ketan Rele (Joint Sports Secretary), Sunil Pathak (Entertainment Secretary), Katta Prasad (Henna Speedy Representative), Saket Saran (Air India Country Manager, Dubai & Northern Emirates) and Mahesh Verma (Product Head, Lutfi Group, Manufacturers of Nobel TV), Bharat Chachara (General Manager, India Club), Wales Thomas, Suresh Menon and Girish Chand (members of the India Club UAE open badminton tournament committee) along with the winners/runners-up, representatives of the sponsors at the closing and prize distribution ceremony of the 40th edition of India Club UAE Open Badminton Tournament 2017 presented by Henna Speedy.

THE OLDEST badminton tournament in Dubai hosted annually by India Club has grown from strength to strength over the last 40 years. The sport has now taken deep roots and spread far and wide drawing the best talent from around the UAE and the globe.

This year saw teenager Tanisha Crasto, a 14-year-old Dubai, student creating history when she beat Negin Amiripour from Iran in straight sets to become the youngest ever to win the women's title.

In the men's event, Indonesia Imam Adi Kusuma Admaja who is based in Dubai, scored a hat-trick in the men's singles title beating his countryman DEA Ado Rangga in the finals played at India Club.

Mr. Suresh Menon and Mr. Girish Chand (UAE Open Badminton Tournament Organizing Committee Members). The India Club-Henna Speedy UAE Open Badminton Tournament 2017 got off to a splendid start on April 25 after the oldest tournament was inaugurated by Mr. Vasu Shroff (Chairman of India Club), Mr. Sunil Singh (BOT, India Club and Head of the UAE Open Badminton Tournament Organising Committee), Mr. Gazi Al Madani (Chairman, Badminton Committee for UAE and Sport/Tourism Manager, Dubai Sports Council) and Mr. Manoj Sharma (Managing Partner, Dubai National Advertising LLC).

Also present at the inauguration ceremony were other VIPs, dignitaries, India Club members, guests, players and representatives of the sponsors. In all 632 participated in the Boys, Girls, Men's, Ladies, Veterans and Super categories that was divided into 28 categories.

The finals, which drew a crowd of 500, the prize distribution and the closing ceremony was held May 19. Present at the finals and the

prize distribution ceremony were H.E. Vipul, Consul General of India, Dubai, H.E. Arzaf A. Firman, Consul General of Indonesia, Dubai, Ms. Jenny Arzaf, Mr. Vasu Shroff, (Chairman, India Club), Mr. Sunil Singh (Board of Trustee and Head of the UAE Open Badminton Tournament Organising Committee), Mr. Katta Prasad (Henna Speedy Representative), Mr. Ketan Rele (Joint Sports Secretary), Sunil Pathak

FINAL RESULTS

Men's Singles
Winner: Imam Adi Kusuma Admaja (Indonesian, based in Dubai)
Runner Up: Dea Adi Rangga (Indonesian, based in Dubai)
Scores: 13-21, 22-20, 21-05
This was the third consecutive win for Imam Adi Kusuma Admaja in the Men's singles.
Semi Finalist 1: Ketan Chahal
Semi Finalist 2: Adnan Ehsan Ebrahim
Ladies Singles
Winner: Tanisha Crasto (Dubai based)
Runner-Up: Negin Amiripour (Iran based)
Scores: 21-9, 21-19

(Entertainment Secretary), Mr. Saket Saran (Air India Country Manager, Dubai and Northern Emirates) and Mr. Mahesh Verma, Product Head, Lutfi Group, Manufacturers of Nobel TV.

Cash prizes worth over AED 60,000/- were given away during the tournament making it the richest tournament in the region. The ladies' singles and men's singles winners got Air India tickets along with 32 inches TV sets from Nobel TV. The men's doubles winners also got Air India tickets.

The Badminton Tournament Committee comprised of Sunil Singh, Wales Thomas, Suresh Menon & Girish Chand. A team of 47 Officials were also set up for the tournament.

The tournament which started in 1978 has succeeded in developing local talent a love for the game.

As a part of CSR activities, friendly matches were also played by the special needs children from SNF Development Center and blue-collar workers from Liang O'Rourke Middle East (Holdings) LLC, Transguardand Jotun Paints LLC.

Man with the golden touch: Adi Kusuma Admaja

- Silver Medalist, in the Junior MCB Open 2009
- Runner Up in Asia Junior Sport Tokyo Japan
- 2nd Runner Up Junior Jakarta open Sirnas 2014
- Champions Citra Raya open 2014
- Ranked No.10 in the Junior Indonesian national team 2014
- Ranked No 12 in Indonesia's under-19
- Works as badminton coach with Prime Star Sports Academy in Rashidiya.
- Indonesian Juniors Runner-up in 2015.
- Winner of Abu Dhabi Open 2015.
- India Club UAE Open Badminton Tournament Winner in 2015 & 2016.
- Indian Social Center Abu Dhabi (Men's Singles & Men's Doubles Champion in 2017).

Winning ways: Dea Adi Rangga

- Dea has more than 6 years coaching experience training junior national team players of Indonesia and the Philippines.
- An accomplished player. Counts the 2014 FDG Cup (Philippines) and 2013 PBSI East Jakarta (Indonesia) Men's Singles titles among his trophies.
- Most recently, Dea won the Men's Singles Championship at the ISC-APEX UAE Open Tournament 2015 in Abu Dhabi and was a semi-finalist in the International Elite Series of the same tournament defeating Murad Ali (Pakistan's #1), Ali Shah Hosseini (Iran's #2) and Mohammed Munnawer (UAE's #1) along the way eventually losing to world number 82 Mohammed Fikree of Indonesia.

- Joined the coaching staff at Professional Sports Academy LLC, Dubai in November 2014.
- Finalist in the Men's singles at the Indian Social Center Abu Dhabi 2017.
- Runner-up at the Men's singles and Men's doubles at the India Club UAE Open Badminton Tournament 2015.
- Men's Doubles six times champion, UAE.

Creating history at 14! Tanisha Crasto

- Age - 14 years.
- India Club member and student of the Indian High School, Dubai.
- Youngest Gold Medalist in Bahrain Challenge 2016 (Women's Doubles).
- Junior Champion - GCC Bahrain Open 2016 (girls under 15 years/under 17 years).
- Silver Medalist in CBSE Nationals 2016 (girls under 15 years).
- Gold Medalist in CBSE Nationals 2014 (girls under 15 years).
- Winner at Indian Social Center Abu Dhabi UAE Ranking Tournament 2017 (girls under 15 years/under 17 years/under 19 years).
- Prime Star Sports Academy Gold Championship UAE Ranking Tournament 2017 (girls under 15 years/under 17 years/under 19 years).
- Winner at the UAE Women's Day Championship 2017.
- Winner at the 39th India Club UAE Open Badminton Tournament 2017 (girls under 14 years / under 16 years/mix doubles).
- Winner at the 40th Edition of India Club UAE Open Badminton Tournament 2017 (girls under 15 years/ women's singles/mix doubles).

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Seen in the picture is Imam Adi Kusuma Admaja (Winner of the Men Singles). Also seen are H.E. Vipul (The Consul General of India, Dubai), H.E. Arzaf A. Firman (Consul General of Indonesia, Dubai), Jenny Arzaf, Vasu Shroff (Chairman, India Club), Sunil Singh (Board of Trustee & Head of UAE Open Badminton Tournament Organising Committee), Ketan Rele (Joint Sports Secretary), Sunil Pathak (Entertainment Secretary), Katta Prasad (Henna Speedy Representative), Saket Saran (Air India Country Manager, Dubai & Northern Emirates) and Mahesh Verma (Product Head, Lutfi Group, Manufacturers of Nobel TV) and Bharat Chachara (General Manager, India Club).



Juniors players with their hard-earned prizes pose for the camera.



The mix doubles players in action.



Vasu Shroff and the Club's Executive committee welcome H.E. Vipul, Consul General of India.



The oldest tournament was inaugurated by Vasu Shroff, Sunil Singh, Gazi Al Madani, Manoj Sharma. Also present were VIPs guests and the Club's committee members.

MEN'S DOUBLES:

Winners: Ketan Chahal / Jaffer Ebrahim
 Runners-Up: Akbar Basri/Dea Adi Rangga
 Scores: 21-12, 17-21, 21-15
 Semi Finalists 1: Alfaz Kalam/Imam Adi Kusuma Admaja
 Semi Finalists 2: Rajesh C. K./Rohit Haridas

An excellent showing: Ketan Chahal

- Bronze Medalist in Senior Nationals in India (2016/2017).
- Silver Medalist National Games in India (2015/2016).
- Four times winner of Mix Doubles at the India Club UAE Open Badminton Tournament in Dubai (2014/ 2015/2016/2017).

A touch of class: Jaffer Ebrahim

- Bahrain International Series 2014 doubles runner-up.
- 2 - Bahrain International Series 2009 champions in mix doubles.
- 3 - Arab Champion 2010 in singles.
- 4 - Dammam Open 2016 Champion in men's doubles.
- 5 - Represented Bahrain internationally at Asia Games and various international tournaments around the world.



Tanisha Crasto, the teenager who created history when she beat Negin Amiripour from Iran in straight sets to become the youngest ever to win the women's singles title, receives her prize from Sunil Singh.

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OTHER RESULTS

Ladies Doubles:
Winners: Febriani Endar Kusumawati/ Dilisuci DesuariSela
Runners-Up: Simona Pilgaard/ Sindia Pilgaard
Scores: 21-11, 21-11
Mixed Doubles:
Winners: Ketan Chahal/ Tanisha Crasto
Runners-Up: Dea Adi Rangga/ FebrianiEndarKusumawati
Scores: 21-18, 24-26, 21-18
Semi Finalists 1: Sachin Seth/ Dhanya Bonny
Semi Finalists 2: Francis David Colquhoun/ Carolyn Maria Colquhoun
Girls Singles – U/9 Years
Winner: SaachiMiland Joshi
Runners-Up: Taralakshmi Karthikkeyan
Scores: 21-12, 14-21, 21-15
Boys Singles – U/9 Years
Winner: RiyanMalhan
Runners-Up: Noel Cherian Jacob
Scores: 21-11, 14-21, 21-14
Girls Singles – U/11 Years
Winner: RishithaRajith
Runners-Up: Danica Ferrao
Scores: 21-14, 21-17
Boys Singles – U/11 Years
Winner: Bharath Latheesh
Runners-Up: Aman Sengupta
Scores: 21-16, 21-17
Girls Singles – U/13 Years
Winner: Tanika Sequeira
Runners-Up: Nidhi Desai
Scores: 21-19, 21-18
Boys Singles – U/13 Years
Winner: Dev Vishnu
Runners-Up: Stefan Binu
Scores: 21-4, 22-20
Girls Singles – U/15 Years
Winner: Tanisha Crasto
Runners-Up: Simona Pilgaard
Scores: 21-16, 21-7
Boys Singles – U/15 Years
Winner: Shourya Mukund Joshi
Runners-Up: Stefan Binu
Scores: 21-4, 22-6
Girls Singles – U/17 Years
Winner: SindiaPilgaard
Runners-Up: Nida Najeeb
Scores: 21-12, 21-8
Boys Singles – U/17 Years
Winner: KedarBhinde
Runners-Up: Vasanthakumar Rajendran
Scores: 21-15, 14-21, 21-11
Boys Doubles – U/17 Years
Winner: Abhishek Dinesh/Vasanth

Kumar Rajendran
Runners-Up: Shourya Mukund Joshi/ Aakash Ravi Kumar
Scores: 23-21, 21-16
Girls Singles – U/19 Years
Winner: Nida Najeeb
Runners-Up: Tvisha Shah
Scores: 21-10, 21-17
Boys Singles – U/19 Years
Winner: KedarBhinde
Runners-Up: Abdulla Shaheer
Scores: 21-18, 19-21, 21-19
Boy Doubles – Under 19 Years
Winners: Abdulla Shaheer/Rohan Jyotish
Runners-Up: Omar Sherif/Myron Verano
Scores: 21-15, 12-21, 21-18
Masters Singles (40 Years & Above)
Winner: Waqas Ahmed
Runners-Up: Xavier Raphael
Scores: 21-11, 21-12
Masters Doubles (40 Years & Above)
Winners: Shrikant Bakshi/Navdeep Singh
Runners-Up: Waqas Ahmed/ Mohammad Shoaib Butt
Scores: 20-22, 21-18, 21-13
Masters Mix Doubles (40 Years & Above)
Winners: James Varghese/ Elsie De Villiers
Runners-Up: Mohammad Shoaib Butt/ Sarah Carag
Scores: 21-11, 21-13
Veterans Singles (45 Years & Above)
Winner: Nitin Gandhi
Runners-Up: FahyaniRianto
Scores: 21-19, 21-15, 5-6 (Fahyani retired hurt)

Veterans Doubles (45 Years & Above)
Winners: Shrikant Bakshi/Navdeep Singh
Runners-Up: FahyaniRianto/Alamsyah-Syah
FahyaniRianto injured
Veterans Mix Doubles (45 Years & Above)
Winners: James Varghese/Fabriani-EndarKusumawati
Runners-Up: Dinesh Nair/DilisuciDesuariSela
Scores: 21-15, 21-9
Veterans Doubles (Men Above 50 Years)
Winners: ShafiuMulik/George Thomas
Runners-Up: Abdul Latheef/Prabhkar Menon
Scores: 21-19, 18-21, 21-14
Super Veterans Doubles (Men Above 55 Years)
Winners: Abdul Latheef/ Abdul Salam A. A.
Runners-Up: Sunil Singh/ Kamaludheen C. P.
Scores: 21-13, 21-19

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250 GUESTS WATCH CRICKET FINALS ON CLUB'S GIANT SCREEN

IT WAS, in many ways, the showdown that thousands of cricket enthusiast were waiting for: the finals of the ICC Cricket Champions Trophy finals between fierce rivals India and Pakistan.

Millions of cricket fans across the world were glued to their TV sets and so were the 250 guests and members who had been invited by India Club to watch the clash of the titans on the giant TV screen that had been installed at the club's Ashok complex.

Since the finals took place during the holy month of Ramadan, the club had set up food counters that were opened after iftar.



The Crystal lounge at the India Club was jam packed with cricket enthusiasts who turned up to watch the ICC Cricket Champions Trophy finals.

IPL FINALS WITH YES BANK

INDIA CLUB tied up with Yes Bank for the screening of the IPL finals between Mumbai Indians and Rising Pune Supergiants on May 21.

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RENOVATION is easier said than done. There are number of aspects that need to be carefully looked into before any project is undertaken.

When it comes to office space, the first question that needs to be answered is does the existing space accommodate the needs of today's employees? Does a more modern look and aesthetic appeal bring about better productivity? In the case of India Club's offices, the answer was a clear yes.

Today, the renovated office of the club with its cool, clean entrance, refreshing finishes, up-to-date technology, soothing paint colours and privacy has been a hit with its staff. It has boosted morale and productivity is bound to soar.

Beyond improving the image of the club, any renovation is a wise investment in the long-term future of the club.



Entrance to the club's new office space.



The renovated office space has boosted morale and makes working a pleasure.

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The inviting renovated squash court



The renovated squash court at India Club is a big draw.

WHY RENOVATE a squash court? For many reasons, with safety being the most important. After a few years of playing on any court, the running, the hitting and the smashing takes its toll on the floor and the walls and the court will show signs of ball abrasion and streaks of the racket. The once-white walls turn dirty and the once anti-slip floor will show signs of wear and tear and will have to be retreated.

The club's renovated squash court that draws a number of players is now as good as "spanking new" and is bound to draw even more players to the game that is a test of body and mind. A game that demands excellent racket control, timing and hand-eye coordination.

The renovated squash court is now cleaner and brighter with the lighting making the visibility of the ball much clearer.



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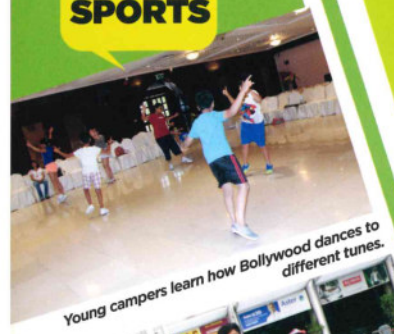
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Young campers learn how Bollywood dances to different tunes.

THEMED CAMPS KEEP 37 KIDS LEARNING IN SUMMER

Camp fostered important skills and delivered fun that kids crave for during the hot days of summer

COME THE torrid hot summer months and it is time for summer camps to keep the young ones occupied, active and learning throughout the summer. And kids probably want to have fun... And fun is what the children had at the 15th edition of the Kids Summer Development Camp, organized by India Club from July 1 to July 31. Parents have found that summer camps foster important skills while delivering the fun that kids crave. There were two packages for two age groups on offer at the camp for kids. Package A was for those children between the ages of 6-10 years and package B was designed for those between the ages of 11-14 years. Given the chance to beat the heat and an opportunity to learn new skills and



Campers who took up basketball classes smile for the camera with their instructor.



Future cricket champions pose after a game.



Kids learn to swim at the club's summer camp.

perhaps fall in love with the games and classes on offer, over 37 children joined the camp in both age groups. For the little ones that fell into Package A, a number of games had been lined up including badminton, football, cricket, table tennis, cooling mocktails, Bollywood style dance moves, Karate and Kho Kho. For those with an inclination to speak well, classes in public speaking were organized. For the more grown up children, Package B offered classes in swimming, basketball, tennis, squash, 7 tiles, Bollywood dances and handball. And just in case none of these appealed, the Club included photography classes for those camera happy kids and for those who hungered for some lessons in cooking, regular classes were held. Research and parental information has shown that kids learn and retain information when they enjoy the lessons being taught. Needless to say, it was a full month of fun and games for the 37 campers who loved every day they spent at the camp.



Participants who took table tennis classes pose with their instructor.

THE DIFFERENT CLASSES WERE TAKEN BY THE FOLLOWING COACHES/TRAINERS/PROFESSIONALS:

- Swimming : Ram Sharan
- Cricket : Khaja Faruiddin
- Squash : Dinesh Mansukhani
- Badminton : Shibill C.P.
- Basketball : Bhavesh Bisht
- Tennis : Ganesh Sundararaju
- Photography : Venith Torres
- Cooling : Jodh Vir/Thakkar Dass
- Mocktails : Bhavesh Bisht
- Khokho : Bhavesh Bisht
- 7 Tiles : Amritha Abhishek
- Bollywood dance : Gobind B. Chettri
- Cooking : Amritha Abhishek
- Football/Handball: Keith D'Souza
- Public Speaking: Seetha Sargam



The smiles of the young campers say it all.



Karate classes in progress at the Club's summer camp for kids.

A PERFECT WINDOW TO LEARN NEW SKILLS

THE India Club summer camp that was held from July 1-31 was aimed at kids aged 6 to 14 years. The camp used fun games to enhance social as well as physical and mental skills. Rather than sitting at home and beating the heat in front of a TV, a blend of activities, both outdoor and indoor, provided the perfect window for kids to learn new skills and sports. The camp was a safe place for children to unleash their creativity with activities such as badminton, football, table tennis, swimming, tennis, basketball, squash, Bollywood dance, public speaking, karate, photography, cooling mocktails, cooking, 7 tiles, handball and Kho-Kho. The division into two distinct age groups ensured complete participation of kids who were otherwise shy or quiet and the kids did have a blast with the variety of different activities.



Tiny tots are given lessons in badminton.



Participants in the tennis camp learn how the game is played.



Children learn the how to shoot pictures the right way.

Hundreds turn up for blood donation camp



Hundreds turn up to donate blood and help save lives.



Donors at the voluntary blood donation camp organized by India Club.

THE perfect way to get blood is by organizing blood donation camps and India Club can take pride in the fact that they have been doing this frequently and thus helping save lives. During the holy month of Ramadan, the club organized two donations camps on June 8 in association with the Dubai Health Authority (DHA). The camps were held between 8pm and midnight. The response to the camps, which were open to both club members and residents, was overwhelming with over 156 voluntary donors turning up to offer their blood.



India Club members and volunteers who gave their time to help distribute food to workers.



Bringing a smile of the faces of blue collar workers during a food distribution drive organized by the club. Seen are Bharat Chachara, Simon Varella, Siddharth Vyas and other volunteers.

THOUSANDS OF WORKERS RECEIVE FOOD PACKAGES

DURING the charitable holy month of Ramadan, India Club members and their children grouped together on June 2 to feed the blue-collar workers and the Khansaheb Camp in Jebel Ali, in Dubai.

The concept of giving to the community is something the club has believed in and a team of 20 volunteers helped distribute the packed food to the workers at the camp. The club joined hands with other social clubs and associations to cater to the over 2,000 workers residing in the camp.

The biryani food packets along with gravy and dates, besides fruits, juices, water and other essential items that were presented by other clubs and associations, was distributed to the workers who work and sweat in the heat bringing a smile on their faces and making a difference to their lives.



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How to cope with midlife transformation

AS A person grows older, anxiety could set in and there are thoughts and feelings of extreme anxiety about physical symptoms such as pain or fatigue that interfere with their daily life. But one can cope and beat these midlife symptoms with a help.

India Club, in association with Prime Healthcare Group, held a talk by Dr. Vibha Sharma, a gynaecology specialist for its lady members on May 13 and 30 members attended the interactive talk.

Dr. Vibha Sharma spoke on the physical and somatic health challenges faced by the women in their 40s and 50s, due to hormonal disturbances. Remedial measures were suggested for a smooth transition from perimenopause to menopause and the importance of regular gynae check-ups during this phase.

A free health check-up was given to all the members of the club and the illuminating talk by Dr. Vibha was followed by a raffle draw with the lucky winners receiving vouchers that entitled them for a complete health check package.

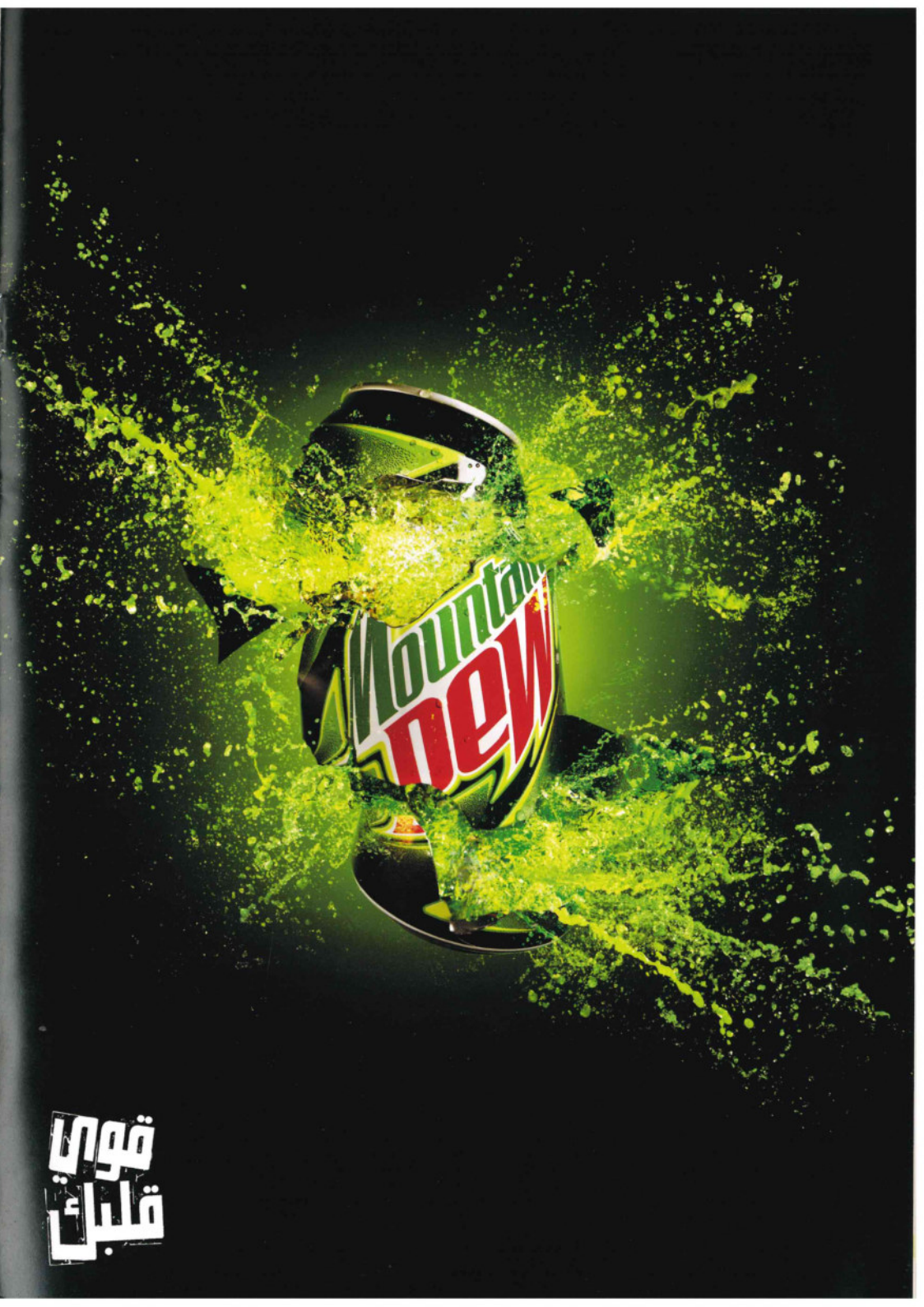
The evening ended with a round of house.



Dr. Vibha Sharma, a gynaecology specialist, addresses the Club's members on how to cope with midlife transformation.



A section of the ladies of the Club who attended the lecture by Dr. Vibha Sharma.



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GO GREEN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

NO KIDDING



Youngsters who participated in the "Living Green" talk presented by club member Aaditya Singh who is the Regional Ambassador and member of the TunzaEco-generation Forum.



Aaditya Singh delivers his talk on the importance of adopting a green lifestyle.

Student club member urges youngsters of the club to adopt a green lifestyle during an interactive talk

INDIA CLUB has always believed in helping people live a greener and environmentally friendly life and it was in keeping with this belief and its commitment towards promoting environmental conservation, the club organized a presentation on "Living Green" for young members of the club as part on its summer camp.

The presentation was given by the club's member Aaditya Singh who is the Regional Ambassador and member of the TunzaEco-generation Forum, an international environmental forum that's a CSR initiative of Samsung Engineering in collaboration with UNEP. It is an online platform that aims at raising awareness about eco conservation among children and youth.

The presentation introduced the children to the Forum which included a talk on Green Living. Aaditya feels that not only will this Forum be a great learning platform but will also open doors to many opportunities, for the club's young members.

Engaging the audience, through his descriptive audio-visual presentation,

Winning ways

A 13-year-old grade 9 student at Delhi Private School, Sharjah, Aaditya is a two-time winner of the prestigious 'Sheikh Hamdan Award for Distinguished Student' in 2014 and 2017 and winner of the 'Sharjah Award for Excellence in Education' in 2015. He is also a keen environmentalist and an active champion of social causes.

Aaditya effectively introduced the theme and related contemporary issues. In simple words, the interactive talk touched on various components of 'Living Green' such as 'Sustainable Agriculture', 'Green Energy', 'Green Construction', 'Green Travel' and 'Green Consumption'.

The children were also prodded to implement and adopt a green lifestyle through the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse,

Recycle), by saving energy and water, eating green and planting green. The young attendees participated enthusiastically. Aaditya encouraged all students to check the website of TunzaEco-generation Forum (<http://tunzaeco-generation.org/default.jsp>). Membership is open to children above 13 years. Younger children too can access the educational posts and resources on the website.

Just before he concluded his presentation, Aaditya handed out goody bags to all attendees with stationery gifts from TunzaEco-generation and other small gifts that he had personally arranged. He had packed these giveaways in used paper bags to emphasize the importance of reducing and reusing in our daily lives.

The youngsters left with ample food for thought, along with a clear message about the benefits of a sustainable lifestyle.

Aaditya acknowledges with gratitude, the CSR initiatives and efforts of India Club in promoting all-round development of young members of the club.

And thereby hangs a tale!

FOSTERING A love of books can set the stage for learning important reading skills. Additionally, making time to tell stories to children will expand their knowledge of the language and improve important social skills.

A story telling session was held for kids on May 13 at the club and Talekraft did an excellent job telling the tale of a young girl and her mother and their dedication to restoring their lives back to normal following a fire that burned all

their possessions in their home.

In line with the theme of the Dubai government's "Year of Giving, Talekraft artists presented this story to tingle the sensibilities of little kids. "A Chair for My Mother" by author Vera B. Williams teach readers lessons in hard work, empathy and appreciation throughout the story.

Post the rendering of this heart touching story, the kids immersed themselves in decorating a beautiful chair for their mothers as a Mother's Day gift.



Kids at the club listen to a beautiful rendition of a heart-warming story.

7 tips to conquer packing challenges

GREAT ESCAPES

Are you all at sea when it comes to packing for your summer getaway? Here are some packing trips that will make the process simple and your life a whole lot easier.



WEATHER OR NOT... Check the weather for your destination so you pack only items appropriate for the forecast. You won't need that big sunhat if rain is forecast.

WHETHER IT'S business travel, family road tripping or a romantic getaway, exploring new places is exciting. You may be counting down the days until you leave, but if there's one thing you dread, it's packing. Deciding what earns a spot in your suitcase is hard enough, let alone figuring out how you can fit it all in. Do you look with envy at savvy jet-setters who seem to navigate airports with ease while only toting a small carry-on? It's because years of travel experience has taught them some packing tricks that make the process simple. Now you can use these same strategies to pack with ease no matter how near or far you plan to travel.

moisture from the air to create moisture-rich ions that penetrate each hair shaft and enhance hair's smoothness and shine. Need more incentive? The unique Quick-Dry Nozzle is designed to dry hair faster, so you can spend less time getting ready and more time enjoying your vacation.

4 **Fold to prevent wrinkling.** To prevent wrinkles on delicate items, try wrapping them around soft, bulky items. For example, wrap a silk blouse or cotton trousers around a sweater. Avoid folding clothing any more than necessary. In fact, many people use a rolling method for packing clothes to save space and prevent wrinkles.

1 **Select double-duty clothing items.** Check the weather for your destination so you pack only items appropriate for the forecast. You won't need that big sunhat if rain is coming. Want to take it one step further? Choose items that multitask. For example, a large scarf can be a stylish accessory and also be used as a blanket on the plane or at the beach.

5 **Utilize odd-shaped items.** Shoes take up a ton of luggage space, so strive to select no more than three pairs, and wear the heaviest or bulkiest pair while traveling. Place shoes along the sides or bottom to strengthen the bag and then stash items inside to maximize space (like socks, nylons and deodorant).

2 **Pack toiletries strategically.** If possible, only bring samples and travel sizes of items to save space. Then leave them behind at the end of the trip to open up luggage space to bring home mementos. To avoid luggage spills and explosions, place toiletries in plastic bags or add plastic wrap to the tops before screwing on the cap.

6 **Eliminate makeup mayhem.** Only bring makeup essentials on a vacation and pack multi-use items such as a lipstick that can also be used as a blush. To prevent shadows and pressed powders from cracking, place a pressed cotton pad between the powder and the lid.

3 **Choose time-saving tools.** Air drying hair takes forever and hotel hair dryers are often slow and unreliable, so pack a lightweight, folding dryer like the Panasonic EH-NA27-K Nanoe Compact Hair Dryer to streamline your beauty routine. The nano technology draws

7 **Grab a few plastic bags.** One of the most versatile things you can bring on a trip is also one many people forget: resealable plastic bags. Whether you need a bag for bringing toys down to the pool, a place to put dirty clothes throughout your trip, or something to place that soggy swimsuit in before you check out of the hotel, plastic bags are your secret weapon. — BPT



STAFF HAPPENINGS

Let the celebrations begin. The cutting of the annual staff party cake.

Bharat Chachara hands over prizes to the lucky winners.

Getting ready for the ride of their life.

What a great way to party!

ORGANIZING THE annual staff party can at times be tricky when putting it together. But not at India Club where having the right kind of entertainment that will appeal to all is a piece of cake!

The primary object is to ensure the staff is engaged, relaxed and above all enjoying themselves. After all it is their day.

There were many options but the Club finally settled on a mix of sport and entertainment and rewards. The annual staff party was held on June 12. Right after the cake was cut at the club's premises, it was time for a relaxed lunch followed by a raffle draw. From 2pm to 4.30pm the staff were then caught up in playing various team games including bowling, indoor cricket, football penalty shootouts (six-a-side) table tennis, badminton and then cooling it off at the swimming pool with those who joined the party taking home prizes.

The morale was high and as evening drew close, the staff and their families headed to the popular Bollywood Park in Dubai. Energy was at an all-time high as they experienced the various rides including *Lagaan*, *Krish*, *Sholay* and *Don*. It was then time to experience the delicacies at the three different food outlets at the Park and it was just before midnight that the party was wrapped up. They had been thoroughly entertained.



A bit of table tennis and cooling it off at the club's pool.



Activating Rainmakers



A WORKSHOP on "Activating Rainmakers" by HTI International was held on June 5. Seen in the picture are Ms. Sushma Shetty and Dominic Costabir of HTI International FZE along with India Club staff.

The star performers

IT WAS a proud day indeed for the two bi-monthly star employees at India Club for the month of May-June 2017. Chandan Kumar, the senior cook in the F&B department and Vinod Kayakunnummal, the gymnasium attendant of the Administration department were picked for the star performance during these two months.



Chandan Kumar and Vinod Kayakunnummal with their certificates of appreciation. Seen here with Bharat Chachara and Simon Varella.



It's party time at the Bollywood Park for India Club staffers.



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H.E. Vipul, Consul General of India, with Chairman Vasu Shroff, Vice Chairman PishuChainani and the club's new executive committee.



Ram Buxani is presented a token of appreciation by H.E. Vipul, as Vasu Shroff and the outgoing executive committee looks on.

Vasu Shroff elected club President for second term

Diverse talents of new executive committee promise exciting times ahead for club



H.E. Vipul, Consul General of India, presents a token of appreciation to Vasu Shroff for his outstanding leadership. See here with the outgoing executive committee who were thanked for their commitment and hard work in taking the club to greater heights.



Vasu Shroff who was elected chairman for the second term thanks the new and outgoing committee members of the club.



H.E. Vipul, Consul General of India, addresses the new and outgoing executive committee of India Club at a special investiture ceremony held at the club.

IT IS an incredibly exciting time for India Club with a new chairman, vice-chairman and executive committee being elected to run the club for the next two years.

A special investiture ceremony was held at the club to welcome the new committee and thank the outgoing one for their commitment and hard work put to take the club to greater heights during their two-year term in office.

H. E. Vipul, Consul General of India, who was the chief guest at the function, addressed the new and outgoing committee members of the club that is one of the oldest and best known in Dubai. He presented Vasu Shroff with a memento of appreciation for his outstanding leadership and contribution to the club.

Few people are so integrally associated with India Club as Vasu Shroff is. Shroff, under whose chairmanship the club has seen dynamic change, was re-elected for a second consecutive term. He also spoke on the special occasion and welcomed new executive committee members and thanked the outgoing members for the continued support he has received from all and looked forward to taking the thriving club to higher standards of excellence and growth while offering even more facilities for its members.

An inspirational leader, an accomplished businessman and an outstanding citizen of India, Vasu Shroff, together with Vice Chairman PishuChainani, will work closely with the new executive committee, to provide club members an ideal mix of networking resources and activities that will broaden their horizons and generate more growth while maintaining the club's professional and ethical standards.

The new executive committee board has, Sunil Singh (Treasurer), Harish Pawani (Joint Treasurer), Siddharth Balachandran (Committee member), Sunil Pathak (Cultural Events Secretary), VivekKelshekar (Sports Secretary), Sudeep Gupta (Joint Sports Secretary) and Ms. Pansy Lobo (Secretary in charge of facilities).

Their collective experience and diverse talents of the executive committee, both in the club and as acute businessmen in their own areas of expertise, can only mean that India Club is headed for exciting times over the next two years.



Vasu Shroff welcomes chief guest H.E. Vipul, Consul General of India, Dubai to the Iftar dinner night at the club.

AN IFTAR DINNER TO REMEMBER



A guest gets a henna design on her hand done.

TO CELEBRATE the holy month of Ramadan, India Club hosted its annual Iftar dinner on June 10 for its MNC members and their spouses and all fasting members too were invited to participate. It was attended by over 200 MNC members and other invitees.

Iftar dinners take place each night of Ramadan once the sun sets and it is a special time when people gather and share in the iftar experience.

This year H.E. Vipul, The Consul General of India to Dubai, was the Chief Guest for the event.

The traditional dinner features a plethora of favourites and was rounded off with juices for all sponsored by Barakat Quality Plus. Diners then moved on for a relaxed evening listening to the traditional Oudh music with ladies making a beeline for the henna stall.



Guests enjoy the iftar dinner hosted by the club.



An oudh player entertains guests with soothing music.



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Action-packed activities help club members beat the heat this summer



IN THE MIDST of the sweltering weather, it is great to see the sports outlets packed. For those members who have chosen to stay back in town, using the Club's facilities is a great way to keep everyone in the family busy - be it at the gym, swimming pool, the summer camp, library or participating in the many activities taking place for everyone...

It was nostalgia at its best - the recently concluded 40th edition of the India Club UAE Open Badminton Tournament turned out to be the biggest in its four-decade history. The hard work put in by numerous members and staff to bring it to the level it has reached today is truly inspirational. Promoting sports has always been big on the Club's agenda and for the first time ever we had the live screening of the Women's Cricket World cup matches where India was the runner's up.

We also have newer programmes and workshops lined up for our younger members including a 16-session theatre workshop during August. The new Summer Bowling promotion has been a big hit with the members and we are extending this promotion for another month based on the feedback we've received.

Former Indian International cricketer, Robin Singh, spent an hour with cricket enthusiasts for net practice and give an insight on the academy he is planning to open in the latter part of the year.

The staff were in for a big treat as the annual party was held at the Bollywood Park. The experience was so wonderful that we have planned a trip for the Club members as well in the middle of August as part of the Independence Day celebrations...

Come and be a part of the range of activities we have lined up for you at your Club..We are all set for the upcoming festive season and hope you are too....

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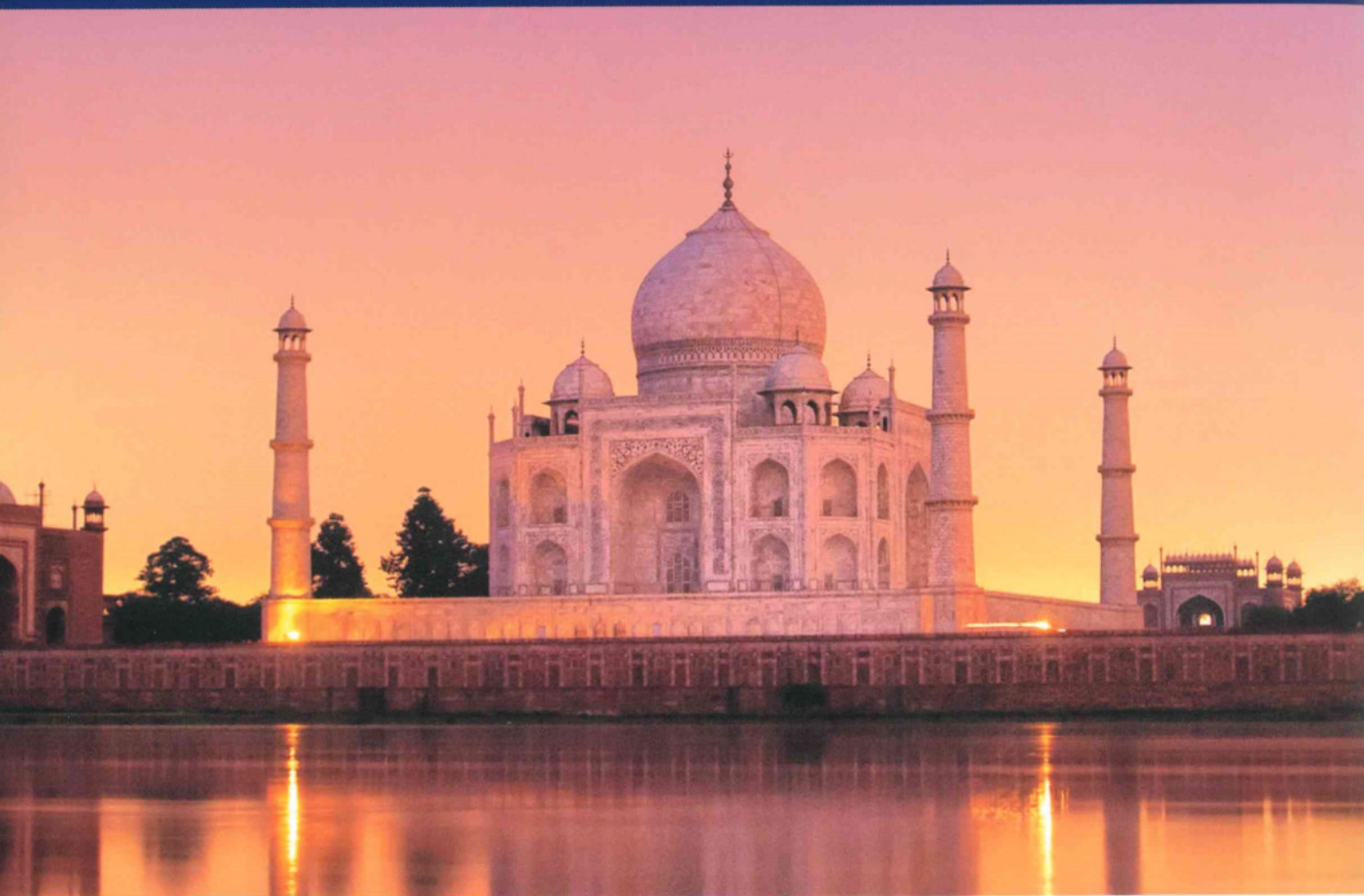


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