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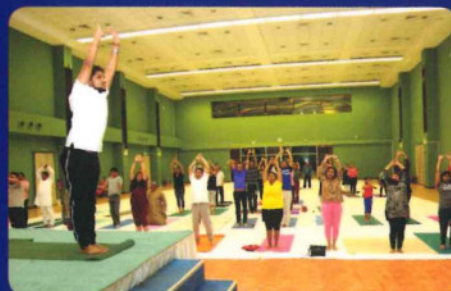
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An unconventional tour to intoxicating Switzerland, a thriller UAE Open Badminton Championship, the screening of the popular IPL and football World Cup finals, the introduction of an in-house radio channel and an illuminating talk on how to tap into India's game-changing economy were all a smash hit at the club that's always a beehive of activity.



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Football, IPL fever rages as Club offers a massive membership incentive!

Greetings Dear members,

SUMMER time is holiday time --- but I see a lot of you have taken shorter breaks and are spending more time here in Dubai...

As the temperature shot up, we at the Club added to the heat with the live telecast of the popular IPL cricket followed by the FIFA World Cup frenzy at the Ace Bar & Lounge, both of which saw huge crowds; We also saw a record number of entries to the recently concluded 41st edition of the India Club UAE Open Badminton Tournament. More details of the cover story in the inside pages.

The 16th edition of the Annual Summer Development Camp for kids and pre-teens, was received quite well - the young members of the club got an opportunity to hone their skills and learn some new ones. Also, the 16th International Tour organized by India Club in June to Switzerland turned out to be a super-hit and we have another trip coming up shortly, this time exclusively for Ladies.

We have come out with some great schemes for people wanting to become members of the India Club - apart from the 50% discount being offered for members' adult kids, this offer has now been extended to existing members' siblings who can avail this exciting offer. We also have a gift of a AED1000/- gift voucher for members' introducing new members to the Club from September till December 2018.

The end of August will also see the start of the festive season with back to back celebrations every other week right up till April 2019. Get geared for Onam, Janmashtami, Eid, Navaratri, Dassera, Diwali and many more festivities as we celebrate the best of what India offers.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Club!

Best regards,
Vasu Shroff
Hon. Chairman
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After a hard-working day, what can be more satisfying than watching films and concentrating on the amusement of the plots. On the April 30, India club provided me the opportunity of watching "102 Not out". They made a great selection when it came to choosing the movie and the theatre as the theatre was big and the seats comfortable. A large crowd showed up to watch the movie that was combination of drama, laughter and sadness.

When it comes about sports, and specially cricket, it is not just a game for many Indians but another religion followed by a majority of the Indian population. IPL has taken over the hearts of many Indian cricket supporters and has given them a reason to follow some of their favorite cricketers playing for their home state.

In the UAE, India club has provided that opportunity to watch the game on a big screen. The atmosphere was electrifying and those watching the proceedings were screaming and shouting in happiness when a positive event happened for the team they supported. To add to the cricket fever, India Club had provided a variety of food stalls for the viewers to feast on during

This prize could be yours!

We at the India Club magazine, would love to hear from you. Just about anything will do, something you would like share with us --- a suggestion, a complaint, gossip or simply pure praise! We'll be happy to put it across for you in your favourite magazine. And what's more, there's a reward for your efforts. The best letter gets a fantastic prize **Charmsday bracelet from Liali Jewellery.** So go ahead and keep writing... At the India Club OVER TO YOU mailbox. Now.

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competition at India Club was a moment of pride for me and then winning it with my most favourite brand was the exclusivity of the moment. A heartfelt thanks to Kwalty and India Club-Dubai for keeping women like me smiling and loyal always.

Pushpa Adnani
Membership No. 3509

Club behind badminton's meteoric rise

THE growing popularity of badminton in the UAE can, to a great extent, be attributed to India Club. The game has seen a phenomenal rise since the club introduced the UAE Badminton Championship a little over four decades ago. As a shuttler who loves the game, I'm thankful and indebted to the club for the care and devotion it has given to the game that is now quite the rage.

As the record shows, with every year, more and more players are taking part in the club's prestigious and cash-rich JAE Open Badminton championship. This year, like the ones before it, was also a smash hit with the club receiving 635 entries for the 33 categories. What stands out is the club ensuring that the game is open to shuttlers of all ages, be they young or old.

A huge thanks must be given to all those who got together in typical sporting spirit and gave their time in the organizing and promotion of this sport. Without their dedication and commitment, badminton here may never have reached the meteoric heights that it has. Thank you, India Club.

Amitabh Vyas
Membership No. 5701

the game. It was almost as if you were in the stadium enjoying the game.

I thank India Club for organizing such events with a such care and love and hope that they continue organizing events like this that help people alleviate stress from their daily jobs.

Parag Shah
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'Kwalty' time at cooking contest

AS a mother, it was a pleasure to participate and win the recently held cooking competition, Kwalty, as we all are aware, is a brand associated with all women who love cooking and making their families happier through their stomach.

As a mother, participating in this

Changes in timings spreads happiness

Here's news for all India Club members. All sports facilities (swimming pool, cool sports, badminton, tennis, squash, table tennis, and gymnasium) will now be open for 16 hours EVERY SATURDAY and 12 hours on FRIDAYS and PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

This is with effect from May 5, 2018.

The following are changed timings:

ALL SATURDAYS.....6.00am TO 10.00pm

FRIDAY & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS... 10.00AM to 10.00pm

Obituary



MRS. M. J. PANCHOLIA
Membership No. HLM 24W

It is with deep regret that we announce the demise of **Mrs. M. J. Pancholia** who passed away on May 27, 2018. On behalf of the Management of India Club and all the members of the club, we wish to convey our sincere condolences to the family in their bereavement. May the departed soul rest in peace.



VASHU MULANI
Membership No. LM 155

It is with deep regret that we announce the demise of **Mr. Vashu Mulani** who passed away on June 24, 2018. On behalf of the Management of India Club and all the members of the club, we wish to convey our sincere condolences to the family in their bereavement. May the departed soul rest in peace.



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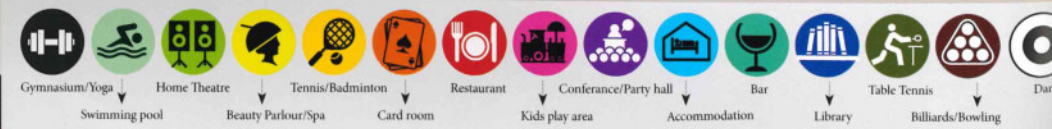


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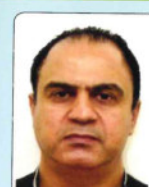


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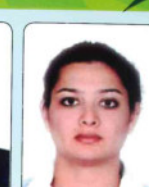


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The tour group pose for a picture with Mount Matterhorn in the background.



Welcome to the world.

Exploring the unexplored

RANJANI PENUMARTI who was on the 7-day trip to picture perfect Switzerland offers a snapshot of her first India Club Tour.

WAS intrigued! Unexplored Switzerland? Zermatt? Chur? Oberwald? Realp?...

Reading further, the mail from India Club-Akbar Travel read: Visit to Swiss farm! Vintage car rides! Price even includes all tips at restaurants and gratuities to guides!

I was hooked! Checked out all the unheard of places on Google Maps, sweet-talked hubby-dear, signed up and paid up, attended briefing sessions, got MY Schengen visa, said hello, on the What's App Group, to my 23 to-be co-travelers, packed my bags and reached airport excited feeling like Captain Kirk of Star Trek fame...going where no man has gone before...."Unexplored" Switzerland!

This was India Club 16th international trip



Where the rich and famous flock... St Moritz.

and this time it was the picture-perfect country and countryside of Switzerland.

The next 7 days (June 21-27) were a fun-filled tour of more than 15 train journeys which covered the scenic countryside of Switzerland from northernmost Ramsen to southernmost Zermatt, at a relaxed pace, staying at comfortable charming hotels, some gourmet dining, with glorious weather and great company.

The highlights of the trip for me were:

- My first helicopter ride over the icy glaciers and the highest peak Mt. Bernina (4048 metres) in the Eastern Alps. The Engadin mountain valley with its five iridescent blue mountain lakes was staggering. This was during our visit to the Alpine resort of St. Moritz, popular with the rich and famous.

- A ride on the historical vintage Furka Steam Engine train from Oberwald to Realp which is the highest point in the Central Alps at 2160 metres. An interesting fact is that this train is run by rail enthusiasts of all ages and is very well-maintained by them.

- The memorable five-hour journey on the famous Glacier Express from Chur to Randa. The train's huge panoramic windows gave breathtaking views of the mountains, valleys and the clear blue sky. We wine and dined on a freshly made on-board 3-course meal as we gazed out at the Alpine panorama. Our group of 24 was a sight to behold as all sportingly wore red and white, the colours of the Glacier Express.

- Getting a quick glimpse of the majestic Mount Matterhorn (4478 m) as the clouds embracing it parted briefly.

- Viewing the gushing waters of the Rhine Falls, the largest waterfall in Switzerland and Europe.

- The half a day spent on a Swiss farm near Ramsen--- a cow-cart ride with the farmer talking organic agrarian economics, a ride in a vintage car and sampling the organic farm buffalo mozzarella. For a city person like me, this was indeed a unique experience.

- Being in food heaven: Gorging on some wonderfully presented Italian gourmet meals in a family run boutique hotel in Randa; polishing off one of the best Margherita pizzas at Oberwald; hungrily finishing a delicious falafel sandwich and Thai green curry rice lunch at the friendly bistro in St. Moritz and enjoying a relaxed outdoors three-course Indian dinner, specially made for our group by the Sri Lankan chef, in Chur.

- The camaraderie in the group which bonded through, chatting, passing around the plas, chivdas and other chat-pattas, singing popular old Hindi film songs on the long train journeys and clicking group photos with the India Club banner.

A big thank you goes out to all from India Club and Akbar Travels who were involved in the creative and meticulously planned itinerary that had been customized exclusively for us.

I'm now back in Dubai and back to reality. But with lots of good memories and new acquaintances.



The five-hour journey on the famous Glacier Express from Chur to Randa was a memorable one for all.



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Laughter is the best medicine. Members and guests enjoy themselves during the laughter session to mark world laughter day conducted by Suman Suneja.

HAVE A LAUGH AND FEEL GOOD!

THERE'S a reason, and scientific proof, why laughter is the best medicine. In fact, according to an old proverb, "What soap is to the body, laughter is to the soul." It cleanses you from within. A good laugh is what everyone looks forward to, but few know the health benefits. When one has a hearty laugh, you control stress, high blood pressure and even boost your immune power.

May 13 was celebrated across the world as World Laughter Day and India Club joined in with a laughter session conducted by Mr Suman Suneja. Over 56 members and guests attended the session that saw the room echoing with laughter making the participants feel good

all over.

World Laughter Day was created in 1998 by Dr. Madan Kataria, founder of the worldwide Laughter Yoga movement, to raise awareness about laughter and its many benefits. It's also a positive manifestation for world peace and a universal language that everyone speaks without any barriers, thus uniting humanity.

The event began with a presentation about the benefits of laughter and was followed by a dance performance and full-throated laughter session. All participants were seen laughing happily and participated in the dancing, with the lively music from DJ Savio.

The event ended with a prize distribution.

CLUB MARKS INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

IF YOU are looking to increase your energy, stamina, endurance and overall health, try yoga. Exercise trends come and go but only a few, like yoga, has the staying power, which is why the United Nations declared June 21 as International Day of Yoga, after India's proposal won approval from 176 countries.

More people across the globe are finding themselves getting involved in the ancient mind-body



health, fitness and wellness exercises.

On June 20, India Club organised a group yoga session for which 45

members signed up. Pranayama Yoga Center instructors had been invited to teach and the session got



off to a start with instructions on Pranayama basic yoga.

The group immersed themselves in the energy generated by the moonlight and performed the Chandra Namaskar sequence. Members experienced a state of "Dhyana" - meditation with nada yoga, through the sounds of Tibetan bowls, gongs, mantra chanting and exercise. Sound featuring Tibetan Bowls and gongs were a good stress buster.



Members exercise at the group yoga session held at the club to mark International Yoga Day.

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TAKING THE BOREDOM OUT OF SUMMER BREAK

SCHOOL over, what next? Time can hang heavy during the torrid, hot summer days when kids cannot go outdoors to play. And playing, it has been proven, furthers a child's development. It's important to remember that the manner in which playtime is spent is nearly as important as the amount of time spent.

Rather than opting for passive entertainment like being glued to the television or playing video games, it is physical activities and new experiences that children really love and well-planned summer camps for children allows them to use their summer holidays in a more fruitful way.

Educational lessons don't end when the bell rings for summer holidays. They simply become more fun.

India Club's kids' summer development camp has allowed children ranging from the years of 6-14 to actively learn while playing various games organised by the club depending on their ages.

This year was the 16th edition of the kids' summer development camp and



Teaching the young ones how to serve, return, drop and smash during the kids' summer development camp held at the club.

The following sports/classes for kids were lined up in Package A: Badminton/Table Tennis/Handwriting/Rubik Cube Solving/Cookery/Bowling/Peer Pressure & Art & Craft.

In Package B, the following sports/classes for kids were lined up: Swimming/Tennis/Squash/Photography/Bowling/Zumba/Peer Pressure and Art & Craft.

The packages were taken by the following coaches/trainers/professionals:

Swimming : Ram Sharan
Squash : Dinesh Mansukhani
Badminton : Shibil C. P.
Tennis : Ganesh Sundararaju
Photography : Chitra Shergill
Bowling : Jitender and Lal Singh
Peer-Pressure : Rashmi Badhwar
Art & Craft : Savi Kisani
Zumba : Shradha Surana
Table Tennis : YV. Pradeep
Handwriting : Shradha Surana
Cookery : Usha Gurmani
Rubik Cube Solving: Shradha Surana

was conducted from July 8 to August 8. The various packages designed for the children helped them learn new skills that will cater to their continual development.

There were two packages for the two age groups. Package A was prepared for Juniors in the age group of 6 years to 10 while Package B catered to the Pre-Teens in the age group of 11 years to 14.

The response, as expected, was relatively good with over 25 participants in both the categories.

At the end of the camp which supported diverse needs and ability levels, the children went home a happy bunch having learnt quite a bit in each area. For parents, it was special knowing that their children's new experiences would play a key role in shaping their adult life.



The art of keeping children engaged and honing their craft skills.

Tennis classes for young ones. Forehand or backhand... you need to give them a hand.



Kids who took up classes for table tennis



IPL AND FIFA WORLD CUP SCREENING DRAWS CROWDS

SPORTS

WHEN it comes to screening of important sporting events, you can count on watching it at India Club. Over 250 club members and guests turned up to watch the finals of the Indian Premier League (IPL) between Chennai Super Kings and Sunrisers Hyderabad at its Crystal Lounge which had been done up to suit the ambience of the game. With its well-stocked bar and snacks, it was the perfect place to watch a thriller and root for your side.

The FIFA World Cup matches too were screened at the club and was packed with members and their guests. The screenings of the matches were organized in association with Wadhwa Construction while the finals, on July 15, was organized in association with ATS. It was for members and their families only with subsidized F&B. The club, which was one of the select few places in town where families were allowed, saw over 900 in attendance.



Club members and guests watch the screening of the IPL finals at the Crystal Lounge.



It was full house for the Fifa World Cup finals with over 900 football fans turning up.

CLUB'S STUDENTS EXCEL AT KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

KARATE is the martial art that increases coordination, reflexes and athletic skills besides enhancing physical, mental and social skills.

The 14th National Karate championships organised by JKS and held on April 20 at the Al Ali Stadium, Dubai was a class action one and India Club students of martial arts who took part for the first time did exceedingly well.

The tournament opened with an assembly of the participants and the rounds of the tournament followed starting with the Katas

in which the children displayed their skills and walked home with a trophy. In the Kumate matches that followed, the students again shone and won prizes for their top performances.

The following students, all under different weight and age groups, collected their prizes during the prize distribution ceremony:

ADWAITH ARUN
3rd place in Kata
AMIT FRANCIS
3rd place in Kata

AYYAAN TAMBAWALA
3rd place in Kumate and
3rd place in Kata

DEVANSHU MISHRA
1st place in Kumate and
3rd place in Kata

SHREYAN CHANDRA
2nd place in Kumate and
3rd place in Kata

PRANAV PRASHANT
3rd place Kata
Sensei, **S.PUGAZHVENDAN** won the Black Belt 4th dan, WADO-RYU KARATE.



The prize winners in the Karate competition held at the Al Ali Stadium in Dubai.



India Club students who performed exceedingly well on their debut at the 14th National Karate Championship see with their coach Pugazh Vendan.

THRILLED PARENTS GIVE KIDS THE THUMBS UP ON COOKING SKILLS

NO KIDDING

Children learn how to make Indian street food during a cooking workshop held at the club.



THE more kids are involved with cooking, the more they will try their hands at rustling up dishes as they grow. And the more interactive and hands-on kids can be with their food, the better.

India club joined hands with KG Piee Etiquette Enhancers to hold two cookery workshops for their little members. Twenty six children signed up for the cooking classes that were held on May 26 and June 23 where they were taught to

cook three different types of yummy Indian street food that everyone loves. Only this time, the street food they were taught to cook came with a twist!

Everyone has tried the tangy "Pani Puri". But "Pani Puri with golgappas with a fruity stuffing and fruit infused "Pani" as accompaniment was an innovative twist that had the kids going with enthusiasm.

The basket "chaat" with the yummy chutneys was yet another variation that had

the little ones eager to try their hands at.

And as just dessert, the workshop drew to a close with kids making "puchkas" filled with nutty cookies and cream... and every child's favourite ice-cream!

Class over, the parents filed in to see what the children had learnt during the workshop. The huge smiles on their surprised and excited faces spoke volumes of success of the workshop.

It was truly, as the name suggests, a real 'Chaat in style'.

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Seen in the picture are: H.E. Vipul, Consul General of India, Dubai, Sunil Singh, Board of Trustee and Head of the UAE Open Badminton Tournament Organising Committee, Munmun Lamba, Marketing Manager, Friend's Provident International, Vivek Kelshiker, Sports Secretary, Sunil Pathak, Board of Directors, Mohit Sain, Regional Director, Air India - Gulf, Middle East and Africa, Pansy Lobo, Board of Directors, Bharat Chachara, General Manager, India Club, along with the winners and runners-up, and representatives of the sponsors at the closing and prize distribution ceremony of the India Club UAE Open Badminton Tournament 2018 presented by Friend's Provident International.

SOMI AND TANISHA STEAL THE THUNDER!



THE COURT IS IN SESSION...



THE COURT WAS packed with 500 spectators as they waited for the games to begin. It was a long road to reach the finals and after 25 days of players eliminating the competition, the day, May 11, 2018, finally arrived.

There was a kind of hush as the two men, Somi Ramdani and Munawar Mohammed, competing for the prestigious, cash-rich 41st India Club-Friends Provident International 2018 UAE Open Badminton Championship title, walked into the India Club court. It was a royal battle as the two talented competitors with experience, skills and many a trophy to show for it, battled it out.

It was a classic final, the kind every lover of the game hopes for and Somi and Munawar did not disappoint. But in the end, it was Indonesian Somi Ramdani who proved to be the better of the two, winning the title in two straight sets, 21-14 and 21-08. It was Somi's first win in the men's singles final, having arrived in the UAE

just a year ago.

For Indian Munawar Mohammed, the Kerala state men's singles winner for three consecutive years - 2015-16-17 --- it just wasn't his day despite the stiff fight he put up.

If the men's final had spectators on the edge of their seat, so did the ladies single match. It was an all-Indian affair in which the Dubai based teen Tanisha Crasto smashed her way to victory beating her Dubai-based opponent 21-10, 21-11. It was Tanish's second

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consecutive win and her third title at the competition this year as she went on to win the doubles and under-19 title too!

Cash prizes worth over AED60,000 was given away during the tournament, making it the richest in the region. Such is its draw that this year the club received 635 entries for the 33 categories, four more than last year.

H. E. Vipul, Consul General of India, Dubai, Sunil Singh (Board of Trustee and Head of the UAE Open Badminton Tournament Organising Committee), Munmun Lamba (Marketing Manager, Friends Provident International), Vivek Kelshiker (Sports Secretary), Sunil Pathak (Board of Directors), Mohit Sain (Regional Director, Air India Gulf, ME & Africa) and Ms. Pansy Lobo (Board of Directors) who graced the finals ceremony also gave away the prizes and trophies during the award ceremony.

Here some highlights of the tournament which started way back in 1978. This year saw an average of 30 matches played every day for 25 days since it was inaugurated on April 17.

ON TOP OF THE WORLD...



While there was something for everyone, the men's singles, ladies' singles and the men's doubles winners went home with Air India tickets. On April 27, a record 84 matches were played and attracted a daily crowd of 300 which included club members, players and guests.

Putting together the tournament was no easy task but thanks to meticulous organization of the badminton Tournament Committee that comprised Sunil Singh, Wales Thomas, Suresh Menon and Girish Chand, it was a seamless

one. Overseeing the tournament were 45 officials. Besides the cash prizes, the winners and runners-up also received Carrera sunglasses, vouchers from Super Vision and discount vouchers from Li-Ning.

As part of the club's CSR activities, friendly matches were played by special needs children from the SVF Development Centre and the Dubai Autism Centre. Blue collar workers from Liang O'Rourke Middle East (Holdings) LLC and Emrill LLC also participated in the tournament.

THE WINNING WAYS OF SOMI AND MUNAWAR

INDONESIAN Somi Ramdani has been playing for several years and has been a consistent winner ever since he entered Indonesia's junior badminton circuit. He was the No 2 at the all-Indonesia school level, a semi-finalist in the Kejurnas Tournament, won the quarter finals in the junior international challenge tourney in 2016 and was ranked fourth in Indonesia's under-19 boy's singles in 2016.

Somi was also the semi-finalist in the men's singles and doubles Indian Social Centre Abu Dhabi Tournament this year and the winner of the Men's doubles in

the Kerala Open Badminton Invitation Tournament that was held this year.

His opponent, Indian Munawar Ramdani, is also a veteran of the game and holds the distinction of having won the Kerala state men's singles title in 2015,16 and 2017 and the South Zone men's singles title in 2016. Munawar is no stranger to the India Club UAE Open Badminton Tournament. He was the runner-up in the 39th edition and the doubles winner in the 38th edition held in 2015. He was also a semi-finalist in the men's doubles at the India Social Centre Abu Dhabi Tournament this year.



Somi Ramdani, Winner of the Men Singles, with H.E. Vipul, Consul General of India, Dubai, Vivek Kelshiker and Sunil Pathak, Board of Trustee and Head of the UAE Open Badminton Tournament Organizing Committee.

THE TEEN SENSATION

SHE'S all of 15 and yet Tanisha, a club member and student of Indian High School, demands respect on the court. She is a natural when it comes to badminton. Her singles win this year is her second consecutive title and her third mixed doubles with partner Ketan Chahal. To cap it all, this talented teen is also this year's winner in the under-19 girl's category.

The youngest gold medalist in the Bahrain Challenge in 2016, (women's doubles) and the Junior Champion at the GCC Bahrain Open 2016 for girls under 15 years/ 17 years/and 19 years, Tanisha has several other wins under

her belt with a bright future ahead. She has been a consistent winner at several tournaments held in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, be it singles, doubles or mixed doubles.

Her long list of wins, year on year, shows promise of a very bright future for this young sensation who sets the court on fire every time she plays. She definitely has all the makings of becoming not just an Indian national champ but an international one.

Vasant Kumar Rajendran, winner of the boys' singles, under 18, receives his trophy from Sunil Pathak.



Dream run... Winner Tanisha Crasto receives her trophy.





SPORTS

The Mix Doubles Winners.

The men's doubles winners.

Winners in the Juniors category

The mix-doubles finalists.

THE OTHER WINNERS

Men's Doubles:
Winners: Somi Ramdani/Imam Adi Kusuma
Runners-Up: Ketan Chahal/Jaffer Ebrahim
 21-8, 21-13
Semi Finalists 1: Munawar Mohammed/Muanis Mohammed
Semi Finalists 2: Dea Ali Rangga/Akbar Basri
 Ketan Chahal and Jaffer Ebrahim had won the men's doubles title last year

Ladies Doubles:
Winners: Princess Ferlyn Castro Arenas/Jenalynd Dimaculangan
Runners-Up: Meeta Bhandari/Preeti Arun Kumar
 21-11, 21-19

Mixed Doubles:
Winners: Ketan Chahal/Tanisha Crasto
Runner-Up: Somi Ramdani/Ana Rose Espinosa
 21-19, 21-16
Semi Finalists 1: Munawar Mohammed/Haritha Harinarayanan
Semi Finalists 2: Mohammed Muanis/Agna Anto

Girls Singles - U/9 Years
Winner: Vaidhahi Kalidasan
Runner-Up: Tanerika Gurav
 21-7, 21-6

Boys Singles - U/9 Years
Winner: Riyan Malhan
Runner-Up: Nithin Prakash Ramasamy
 21-14, 21-6

Girls Singles - U/11 Years
Winner: Danica Ferrao
Runner-Up: Sakshi Prakash Kurbhelgi
 12-21, 21-14, 21-12

Boys Singles - U/11 Years



From left to right: Bharat Chachara, Mohit Sain and Sunil Pathak

Winner: Rishab Kalidasan
Runner-Up: Noel Cheria
 21-8, 21-11

Girls Singles - U/13 Years
Winner: Tanika Sequeira
Runner-Up: Rinitha Rajith
 21-16, 15-21, 21-13

Boys Singles - U/13 Years
Winner: Dev Vishnu
Runner-Up: Hiraan Rasi
 21-17, 21-15

Girls Singles - U/15 Years
Winner: Tanika Sequeira
Runner-Up: Rinitha Rajith
 23-21, 17-21, 23-21

Boys Singles - U/15 Years
Winner: Shourya Mukund Joshi
Runner-Up: Nabhan Najeeb
 21-11, 22-17

Girls Doubles - U/15 Years
Winner: Arunima K. Biju / Thanseeha Charivupur Biju
Runner-Up: Sanika Gurav / Tanika Sequeira
 17-21, 21-14, 21-19

Boys Doubles - U/15 Years
Winner: Bharath Latheesh/ Nabhan Najeeb
Runner-Up: Sujan Sai/John Kenji Perez
 21-15, 21-1

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 16-21, 23-21, 21-19

Masters Mix Doubles (40 Years & Above)
Winners: Budi Haryadi/Agna Anto
Runners-Up: James Varghese/ Meeta Bhandari
 21-7, 21-12

Veterans Singles (45 Years & Above)
Winner: Jai Singh
Runner-Up: Elia Pelipus Marian
 17-21, 21-12, 21-15

Veterans Doubles (45 Years & Above)
Winners: Jaseel P. Ismail/George Thomas
Runners-Up: Yudi Haryadi/Elia Pelipus Marian
 19-21, 21-15, 21-7

Veterans Mix Doubles (45 Years & Above)
Winners: James Varghese/Agna Anto
Runners-Up: Jaseel P. Ismail/ Amritha Kuttikrishnan
 21-17, 21-13

Veterans Doubles (Men Above 50 Years)
Winners: Shafi Ul Mulk/George Thomas
Runners-Up: Mukesh Kumar/ Harjit Singh
 21-14, 21-17

Super Veterans Doubles (Men Above 55 Years)
Winners: Arun Dhand/Harjit Singh
Runners-Up: Abdul Salam A. A./ Lalmony Shankaran Kunju
 21-15, 21-16

Super Senior Veterans Doubles (Men Above 60 Years)
Winners: Abdul Latheef/Lalmony Shankaran Kunju
Runners-Up: Arun Dhand/Upkar Singh
 21-16, 21-12

Girls Singles - U/17 Years

Winner: Nida Najeeb
Runner-Up: Irene Elsa Alexander
 21-11, 21-14

Boys Singles - U/17 Years

Winner: Shourya Joshi
Runner-Up: Raza Ali Adil
 21-16, 21-10

Boys Doubles - U/17 Years

Winner: Abhishek Dinesh/Omar Sherif Madhathil
Runner-Up: Shourya Mukund Joshi/Aakash Ravi Kumar
 22-20, 21-19

Girls Singles - U/19 Years

Winner: Tanisha Crasto
Runner-Up: Irene Elsa Alexander
 21-6, 21-3

Boys Singles - U/19 Years

Winner: Vasanthkumar Rajendran
Runner-Up: Omar Sherif Madhathil
 21-12, 21-15

Masters Singles (40 Years & Above)

Winner: Aneesh K. A.
Runner-Up: Jai Singh
 21-13, 21-16

Masters Doubles (40 Years & Above)

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Winners all...

The men's singles finalists.

The winner receives his prize from Sunil Singh. Also seen is H.E. Vipul.

CLUB INTRODUCES 8-BALL BILLIARD



Right on cue.... The winners and runners-up with their prizes are seen with Vivek Kelshiker and Mohammed Faraj.



The contestants with Vivek Kelshiker.

IF YOU happen to walk into a pool hall and see people playing pool, the chances are high that they are playing the 8-ball. It's a traditional game that's been around for over a century, but it is was for the first time that India Club introduced the game in its renovated billiards room.

Even though game was only

making its debut, the club decided on making it into a tournament in which both novices and "experts" could take part. And many did when the tourney was held on June 8 and 9.

The following are the winner and runners-up. Prizes were presented to them by Vivek Kelshiker, Sports Secretary, and Mohammed Faraj.

The winners....

- First : ROSHAN D'SOUZA (5302)
- Second : SANJEEV JAIN (2818)
- Third : NAVIN NIHLANI (5587)



Sports Secretary Vivek Kelshiker and Simon Varella see with the winners and runners-up of the 6-a-side cricket tournament held by the club.



The proud winners and runners-up show their medals.

24 BOYS BATTLE IT OUT IN SIX-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

THE ever popular 6-a-side indoor cricket tournament for boys has always been a good draw with the young cricketing enthusiasts eager to participate and show their skills in the short but tough form of the game.

This year it was held on June 21 and 24 club youngsters of the club took part in the tournament that saw the youngsters displaying their talent as they vied for the honours.

Prizes for both the winners and the runners-up were given by Vivek Kelshiker, the club's Sports Secretary.

winners

(Team A)

1. Aaryan Chibber
2. Aaryan Bhavnani
3. Archit Lakhani
4. Yash Hirani
5. Rishab Bhatia
6. Pranav Gurbakani
7. Aaryan Gadoya
8. Aarjun Gadoya

RUNNERS- UP (Team B)

1. Aaryan Furtaab
2. Gaurav Bhavnani
3. Mohhik Karani
4. Bhavik Gandhi
5. Abhishek Pai
6. Ishaan Keswani
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Kids warm-up before the start of the dance classes.



Kids at the Bollywood dance workshop are taught the harmony of movement.



We did it! Little ones who took up Bollywood dance classes proudly show the victory sign.

DANCE LITTLE LADY, DANCE!

It was time to twist and shout and the Bollywood dance workshop was a hit for the little ones who took part

WHEN it comes to rolling out innovative workshops, India Club is right up there! For 24 days (from April 11 to May 4) the club held a very successful Bollywood dance workshop for children in the age group of 4-6, in association with Mad About Dance run by Ms Mahima Mehta

Bollywood workshop are now the trend and have even entered the HR agenda in many corporate offices in India and abroad as part of a warm-up

exercise before getting down to work. The kids' shyness soon watered away once the classes began. The brave children were eager to put on their dancing shoes once the Bollywood music was cranked up and the coaching began. It was a visual treat watching the little ones go through the paces during the one-hour sessions held every two days of the week on Mondays and Wednesdays. The sessions were not just about getting the steps right. That would come with practice. It was broken

down into three parts starting with the warm-up (that included stretching exercises) to moving to the right beat followed by a choreographed dancing where they were taught to dance as one to the rhythm of the Bollywood song. It was wonderful, pure fun and engaging for the "Mad About Dance" children who took part.

In the 16 sessions that here held over the 24 days, two routines of the ever-popular Bollywood dances were taught.

It was, indeed, a Bolly good show!

HOW TO HARNESS THE POWER OF THE SUBCONSCIOUS MIND



Dr. Jeetendra Adhia (left) addresses the gathering on the power of the subconscious mind and ways to harness it and converts dreams into reality.

WHAT is the subconscious mind and what effect can it have on you? According to wikihow, "the subconscious mind is the part of our brain where many of our unconscious ("autopilot") decisions and impressions are made. Psychologists recognize the subconscious mind as a source of creativity, intuitive thoughts and feelings, inspiration, and spiritual awakening."

It can be an amazing friend if you can master it. It is all-powerful and with practice, you can drive it in the direction you want and covert your dreams into reality. Mind trainer and life coach Dr Jeetendra Adhia was invited by the club on June 3, to give a talk on how to harness the power of the subconscious mind. The illuminating lecture, rendered in a simplified way, was well received by over 125 members who attended the talk.

AN ENLIGHTENING TALK ON HOW TO COPE WITH GRIEF

GRIEVING is a normal and natural response to loss and grief is the intense emotional suffering caused by a loss. Everyone goes through this and there are no exceptions. But how do you cope with the grief and loss? During the Mental Wealth talk series held at the club on June 24, 18 club members who attended the session were all ears as Shailaja Menon, an American trained counseling psychologist with over 20 years of clinical experience, discussed what is grief and how to cope with it. Shailaja, who is a licensed Counseling Psychologist, Psychiatry and Therapy Center, Dubai Health Care City, explained the types of grief, the various stages of grief that one goes through, and discussed some scenarios and strategies that would help cope with the loss.

Healing is an art. It takes time. It takes practice and, importantly, it takes love.



Members who attended the talk on coping with grief by counseling psychologist Shailaja Menon.



WHAT IS COOKING?

RAMADAN COOKING CONTEST INSPIRES CULINARY INNOVATIONS

Are you being served.... Club members, participants and the judges group together after the Ramadan Cooking Contest that was held at the club.

And the winners are

- INDIAN CUISINE**
First: Pushpa Adnani. Dish: Tiranga Kofta
Second: Swati Rajamani. Dish: Paneer Tiranga
Third: Varsha Jeshrani. Dish: Veggie Donuts
- BIRYANI**
First: Swati Rajamani. Dish: Kathal Biryani
Second: Kavita Manshani. Dish: Palak Paneer Biryani
Third: Rimpu Shah. Dish: Vegetable Biryani.

COOKING contests is one sure way of getting you out of a cooking rut. Contests, like the Ramadan Cookery Contest for ladies, held on May 19 by India Club in association with Kvality, offered the perfect opportunity for the 19 participants to think beyond the ordinary and experiment with different flavours.

Often, when seasons turn, you crave for new foods, and the competition, which was attended by 45 club members, helped breathe new life into the meal line up with sacrificing on nutrition or flavor.

The contest was divided into two categories. One was Indian vegetarian cuisine and the other was the eternal crowd

pleaser: Vegetable Biryani.

The two judges, Ms. Usha Mohan who holds regular cookery workshops, and Ms Delna Prakashan, a food blogger were at hand to watch the contestants culinary skills and taste the mouth-watering, flavor-packed dishes they came up with. The food cooked tickled many a palate of those present, including the judges, who finally had to pick three winners from each category.

Prior to the announcement of the winners, Mrs Rashmi Badhwar, life and spiritual coach, gave an enlightening talk on "Energy Field: How our energy affects everything we do, including cooking." In order to change our life, "we need to

change our thoughts" says Rashmi who explained to all gathered that who we are is directly dependent on how we think, what we eat and the energy we hold.

The successful event ended with a round of housie.

Kvality, the main sponsors of the competition, gave away the prizes to the winners in both categories and as an added bonus, gave some of their popular products to all the ladies who had registered and attended the event.



Here come the judges... Ms Usha Mohan and Ms Delna Prakashan taste the dishes made by participants to decide on the winners.



A warm welcome.... Pansy Lobo welcomes the judges with a bouquet of flowers.



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INVESTMENT CLIMATE JUST RIGHT AS INDIA UNLEASHES ITS ECONOMIC POTENTIAL

MNC NETWORKING

INDIA is well on its way to creating a game-changing economy. As it celebrates its 71 years of independence this month, all indications point to an acceleration in economic growth in the current and next fiscal year says the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its latest forecast.

This only means that India's position as the world's fastest growing economy will be further consolidated and increase the gap with China, which is projected to slow down.

The investment climate in the country, which has overtaken France to become the world's sixth-largest economy could not be better. But how and where does one invest? To answer this, India Club, in association with Standard Chartered organized a talk for its MNC members on "Unleashing India's economic potential for Becoming an economic superpower" on May 12.

The key speakers at the MNC luncheon were two stalwarts from the banking industry: Zarin Daruwala,



A member of the audience raises a question during the talk "Unleashing India's economic potential for Becoming an economic superpower", held at the club.



Zarin Daruwala and Shyamal Saxena enlighten the audience on India's accelerating economic growth and its investment potential.

CEO, Standard Chartered Bank, India and Shyamal Saxena, Head Retail Bank, Standard Chartered Bank, India. Over 250 members gathered to listen to the speakers explain about the right investment opportunities in India and how to go about it.

And why is the time ripe for such investments? The reason is clear. According to

the IMF, India's economy is forecast to grow 7.4% in the current year from 6.7% in fiscal year 2018 and this growth rate will accelerate further in the fiscal year 2020 to 7.8% as structural reforms raise potential output.

And making the climate investment even more attractive comes the news that India's country's GDP growth

is very likely to cross 8% in the next two years, according to the country's Commerce Minister Suresh Prabhu who said recently "that the government has been taking a number of steps, including formulation of a new industrial policy, to "double the economy's size to \$ 5 trillion in the next 7-8 years."



Banking stalwarts, club members and guests welcome the key speakers Zarin Daruwala and Shyamal Saxena at the MNC luncheon talk on investment climate in India.

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102 NOT OUT
A FILM BY UMESH SHUKLA

WHAT has age got to do with fun? Nothing, if you feel young-at-heart.

What happens when a young-at-heart 102 years-old tries to educate his crochety, morose, melancholic 75 years-old son life's lessons? Probably one India's funniest film though the title is a misnomer and has nothing to do with cricket.

The veteran actors' comic timing and boundless energy does make the film an enjoyable watch though the plot may have been stretched at times.

India Club's MNC members came out in full force to watch "102 Not Out" on May 6. The film is essentially based on a father-son relationship with a role reversal where the aging father is more concerned about his son. Over 380 members watched the movie that was screened for them.

While the film does remind viewers how awful it is to grow old, it also sends out the message that age is just a number and one needs to live for the moment.

102 and going strong.... Over 380 MNC members turned up to watch the film "102 Not Out" starring Amitabh Bachchan and Rishi Kapoor.



CLUB HOSTS GRAND IFTAR DINNER

TO CELEBRATE the holy month of Ramadan, India Club hosted its annual Iftar dinner on June 2 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 Juices, Al Kabeer and Kwality. Diners then moved on for a relaxed evening listening to the traditional Oudh music with ladies making a beeline for the henna stall.



Vasu Shroff addresses the gathering before the start of the Iftar dinner which was attended by H.E. Vipul, Consul General of India (Right).



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EACH pint of blood donated can help the needy and save up to three lives. India Club has been at the forefront in organizing or supporting blood donation drive. This year, on May 31, it gave its full support to this noble initiative of the CDA by organizing a blood donation camp which saw over 200 donors turning up for this noble cause. The handling of blood donation was carefully carried out under the supervision from Dubai Health Authority (DHA).



Hundreds turned up to donate blood at a camp organized by the club.



All for a noble cause...



A time for giving... Club members help with handing out an Iftar meal to labourers.



Children joined as volunteers to help with the distribution of the Iftar meal.

Iftar meal warms heart of workers in a labour camp

RAMADAN is a time for giving and India Club, under the guidance of the Community Development Authority (CDA), organized and distributed an Iftar meal for 1,000 labourers at the Khansaheb Labour camp on May 18. The programme was named "Yestahloon - Well Deserved". The meal consisted of a briyani packet, dates, water, juice, fruits and snacks.



India Club members with Community Development Authority (CDA) officials after the distribution of an Iftar meal for 1000 labourers.



DEBUNKING MYTHS ABOUT GROUP TRAVEL

Group travel provides an opportunity to meet people who enjoy similar activities, and the curated offerings of a travel club relieve the stress of planning every aspect of a trip.

Consider a new way to see the world: The benefits of group travel

MANY people long to see another part of the world but are reluctant to travel on their own or take on the stress of planning a vacation. Researching destinations, transportation, accommodations and activities can be a lot of work. Expedia research has shown that leisure travelers visit an average of 38 websites to get information and compare prices before finalizing their plans. If this sounds especially daunting, you're not alone! We reached out to travel industry expert Jim Menge for his insights into overcoming the challenges of solo travel. Menge has visited more than 100 countries and firmly believes in the benefits of making lasting memories with the people you get to know on a trip. Menge is also the President of Rovia(TM), an industry-leading travel and lifestyle service provider headquartered in Plano, Texas. "Travel is the ultimate expression of freedom," says Menge. "The freedom to leave home, to roam the earth, to see the world through the eyes of those you meet along the way and to share your world with them."

To attain that freedom, Menge recommends joining a travel club that offers pre-planned group vacation packages. Group travel provides an

opportunity to meet people who enjoy similar activities, and the curated offerings of a travel club relieve the stress of planning every aspect of a trip on your own. Not only do you have an easier way to book your next trip, you also get to create long-lasting memories with a new group of friends. So, why don't more people take advantage of group travel? Here are a few myths debunked:

Myth No. 1: I'll be lonely

While a few in your group may already know each other, plenty of others will arrive solo, looking to meet new people. Unfamiliar settings have a way of bringing strangers together. In fact, a story in The Atlantic magazine revealed that people who share experiences are happier than those who experience things alone. Between sightseeing and sampling foreign delicacies, friendships flourish naturally between group members.

Myth No. 2: I'll have to do everything en masse

While there's typically an itinerary outlined for the entire group to follow, you're free to explore with a smaller group or on your own. One of the best ways to form new friendships is to connect over shared interests. If you

and a few others want to see the same play or museum exhibit, go together!

Myth No. 3: It's too expensive. Traveling with a group can actually help you save money. As part of a group, you can share food and transportation, and purchase reduced admission to popular attractions and activities. According to timeshareadvocates.org, vacation clubs present a good option for group travel because they offer value-packed trips at discounted rates to their members. One example is Dream Trips, an award-winning travel and leisure club where members enjoy professionally curated travel opportunities and valuable deals at select restaurants, hotels, excursions and entertainment venues all over the world. Still unsure? "It is an amazing privilege to be able to travel the world freely, to be able to see different countries and experience new cultures," says Menge. "When we meet and speak to those around us, it will only serve to enhance our journey. Go ahead and talk to your fellow travelers... Talk to strangers. I promise it will make you feel more connected and more present while you travel." What are you waiting for? Put yourself out there. Find the club that best fits your lifestyle and book your next getaway today. - BPT



STAR PERFORMANCES

IT WAS a proud day indeed for the two Bi-Monthly Star Employees at India Club for the month of April-May 2018. Vadakke P. Said Ali, Housekeeping Supervisor and Lal Singh, Sports Attendant, were selected for their star performance during these two months.

The star performers seen here with Bharat Chachara and Simon Varella.

LET'S PARTY!

EVERY year India Club hosts an annual staff party in appreciation of the hard work that the staff have put in. This year's employees' appreciation party was held on June 10 at the club and it was a fun-filled one with everyone, young and not-so-old, bonding and having the time of their lives. There were even surprise gifts and rewards thrown in.



The winners seen with Bharat Chachara and Joel Prajwal Moras.

A JOB WELL DONE

RECOGNITION and appreciation not only motivates employees but also makes them happy. At India Club, this has been a part of its culture and every second month the best workers are picked and rewarded for their hard work and commitment. The Bi-Monthly Star Employee award for June-July 2018 was awarded to Sunil Kumar, Sports Attendant, and Dalip Chand, Steward.



Just desserts! Cutting of the cake at the club's annual staff party.



They came, they stayed and enjoyed the staff party hosted for them in appreciation for their hard work.

STAFF UNDERGO A SKILLS UPGRADE

IMPROVING and upgrading the skills of your staff will increase business, give better customer satisfaction and streamline the way you operate. On May 28, employees of the club's restaurant underwent an intensive training on skills upgradation. The "Skill Upgradation Programme For Employees Of Restaurants (SUPER) was conducted by Sushma Shetty of HTI International FZE. The skills upgrade was specific to the restaurant business and was part of the club's performance and development plans.



Club staff who participated the in the skills upgrade training see here with the trainer Sushma Shetty.

A MAN FOR ALL REASONS



Vardaraj Shetty... Giving back to society

SOME PEOPLE, it is said, are just born to be in the spotlight even though it was never their intention. Vardaraj Shetty, who came to Dubai when he was just 18, is without a doubt, one such individual, who has limelight thrust on him - not only for his entrepreneurial acumen but for his noble acts that touch and transform the lives of others. Vardaraj, the founder and owner of the Ramee Group of Hotels, Resorts and Apartments and India Club member, has had humble beginnings but what he has achieved in the last four decades is enough to leave anyone tongue-tied.

Consider this: Vardaraj has figured in the Forbes Middle East Magazine list of Top 100 Indian Leaders in the UAE, and Top Indian leaders in the Arab World 2014. He has also been recognized with the South India Travel Awards, West India Travel Awards and Hotelier Middle East Power 50 Awards.

This year, Vardaraj was once again in the limelight. The Dubai-based Indian is among the four NRIs to have won the top titles at the 2018 NRI of the Year Awards,

presented by Times Now, ICICI Bank and Global Indian International School, which drew more than 11,500 global nominees.

He received the news via phone about 10 days before the award ceremony. "I was just in my office in Dubai. I didn't even know I was nominated so I didn't quite believe it. I had to get my secretary to call them back to clarify the details."

Like most entrepreneurs will vouch for, it is one's life experiences that teach us the

most precious lessons. For Vardaraj, it is "remembering we are all God's children," and that we need to give back to society. And he has given back plenty through various philanthropic activities in India, especially in the field of education, something he holds very close to his heart because he sincerely believes, education is one's biggest asset - one that can never go to waste.

There is nothing that any action driven with good intent cannot fix. That is why Vardaraj firmly believes that "Education to all" is the only solution to improving the standard of living of every individual and goes all out to 'walk the talk.' He is not the arm-chair entrepreneur doing the customary philanthropy; he ensures that the mission he is on is executed with diligence under his personal watch.

Vardaraj's contribution to the community is underpinned by his achievements in the hospitality sector in the UAE. He has built a formidable legacy for himself in the industry and despite his hectic schedule, he ensures that his noble initiative of promoting education, especially among the underprivileged, is not

sidelined.

To achieve his dream, goal and personal passion, he has set up - and manages - a school and government college in his home village in Karnataka.

When he realised that his village sorely lacked buildings and other resources that students from economically disadvantaged families and communities needed, he decided to set things right and went about it with a gusto. He constructed the building, befitting the standards of a modern educational institution, and handed it over to the government. Today, over 2,000 students study at the "Kalavara M. Vardaraja Shetty First Grade College."

"We support 1,200 students and give them help with tuition fees, books, we counsel them, and talk about education and awareness. We keep on monitoring them too. It doesn't just stop at building or supporting a school. That's my passion. I can't say what made me win this award, but maybe that is a reason," Vardaraj said.

Sure enough, the young man from Kundapura, who came to the UAE some four decades back, has set a model for social entrepreneurship and in giving back to the community.

DUBAI-BASED TEEN WINS NRI OF THE YEAR AWARD

HE IS just 15 and yet this student of the Indian High School, Dubai and a member of India Club is a role model for the millennials. Besides excelling in school, he finds the time to do volunteer work with different organizations like the Community Development Authority Of Dubai (Honour Labour Initiative), India Club and Protect your Mom Asia. Meet teenager Amiteash Paul who won the prestigious NRI of the Year of the Award in the Academics category. The award recognized Paul's "efforts towards educating the community about recycling



Winning ways... Amiteash Paul

and segregation of waste and working towards building a zero-waste sustainable society by 2030, grade 11." The Grade 11 student who was born and brought up in Dubai also

played a key role "establishing colour-coded waste segregation recycling bins in labour housing clusters, factories and offices in Dubai, Sharjah and Ajman and is a Brand Ambassador of Bond Interiors LLC." Soft-spoken, highly motivated and dependable Paul is also "passionate about integrating the people of determination into mainstream society and has been volunteering with the Manzil foundation (part of the Sharjah City for Humanitarian Services), the RKM Bland Boys Academy, Narendrapur, West Bengal as well as spending time with the hearing-impaired students of Deaf School in India."

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GM'S NOTES



So long, farewell, we hate to say goodbye... Simon Varella, the well-liked and respected HR and Administration Manager, is given a fond farewell. Seen here with Bharat Chachara.



Switzerland, here we come... Club member Pathak gets behind the wheels of a vintage car in Switzerland.

A RUNNING CLUB, SALSA CLASSES AND AN IN-HOUSE RADIO CHANNEL!

Dear Members,

OF THE numerous activities held at the Club in the last quarter, two deserve to be highlighted - the unconventional International tour to Switzerland which had members journeying in steam trains, driving vintage cars, making cheese, visiting farms and having multiple gourmet experiences during their week-long stay; the other which took us by surprise was the finals of the FIFA World Cup which drew in 900 members and guests - maybe it was the combination of being the only place in town encouraging families to come in and the great discounted food and beverage deals which made it so attractive.

Summer is here, and we are in the midst of planning a lot of different activities from September - we are soon to begin Salsa classes. Also in the pipeline is a running club for India Club members. Regulars at the Club must have also heard the new India Club Radio, our new customized in-house music channel - you will now get to hear songs which you want to hear!

We are also upgrading the Utsav Hall and the Gymnasium to give both these places a totally new look!

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Change is the only constant in life and on June 25, we said goodbye to Mr. Simon Varella, the Human Resource & Administration Manager as he relocated to the United Kingdom. During his nearly 18-year tenure with the India Club family, Simon was well liked and respected by both the staff and club members. Known to be multi-talented, Club members especially remember his emceeing skills during the social events at the Club. We, at India Club wish Simon and his family the very best in the years to come.

Bharat Chachara

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