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MESSAGE

And just like that... another eventful year has concluded.

2023 was filled with remarkable occurrences, enthusiastic participation, and the collaborative formation of lasting memories. ECA always unfolds compelling stories, thanks to the dedication of all its members who strive to make each year more grand and impressive.

ECA Onotsavam 2023 had its own uniqueness to it. The celebrations commenced with an opening ceremony featuring a triple Thayambaka performed by Padmasree Mattanur Sankarankutty Marar, an extraordinary experience that can be described as truly unique and unparalleled.

As is customary each year, our flagship event unfolded with immense joy. The occasion featured a gracious address from our MP Shri. N. K. Premachandran, and a lively and humorous talk by Mr. Ramesh Pisharody, making it a truly noteworthy experience. The stage adorned with vibrant colours and the audience illuminated by radiant smiles, created a joyous atmosphere, filling the auditorium with delight.

The second day of Onotsavam 2023 was indeed one for the records, with a live performance by Padma Shree K. S. Chithra. Her soulful melodies, energetic tracks, and classical compositions will forever be remembered for leaving a lasting impression on everyone who got to experience her LIVE. Approximately 1500 sadhya coupons were sold and the whole event was filled pure joy and a treat to the palate.

The event's success can be attributed to the unwavering support and diligent efforts of our Joint Secretary, Mr. Naveen Alayil, our member coordinator, Mrs. Leetha Prajesh, and the entire committee standing beside me. Hats off to the coordinators of each performance and the events like Sports and Cards for bringing together the groups and presenting a beautiful show and keeping up the true Onam spirit. It was a collective vision to present to the members of ECA, a showcase of art, talent and practice of the energetic participants. It has to be noted that, we could achieve the kind of success and participation, only because of the wholehearted backing of the patron and our past presidents. The tremendous support of the security team and their arrangements helped us, safeguard and conduct our programs in an excellent professional manner.

Throughout our journey, our sponsors never left our side. Every helping hand is much appreciated. Looking forward to many more years of making more memories at ECA as this one was a remarkable one indeed!



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From the EDITOR'S DESK

Greetings and welcome to the second edition of ECA Mirror for the year 2023-24. As the Editor of this distinguished publication, I am grateful for the love and appreciations received for the previous edition and feel an overwhelming sense of gratification when I see the resonance that our magazine has found among ECA Members.



This edition is special. While it does cover updates about the several activities at ECA, sharing achievements of our ECA members, it also consists of articles on memories from yesteryears which will take some of the senior members back in time, give a perspective to the new members on the history of ECA.

On this occasion I would like to thank the ECA Executive Committee, my Tech & Outreach committee, contributors to the articles, heartfelt thanks to the sponsors of advertisements, special thanks to my co-editor Maryann, all of whom have contributed to the success of this edition of the ECA Mirror.

Finally, we wish to encourage more contributions from the ECA family to ensure continued success of readership of the ECA Mirror. Authors & reviewers are always welcome. We also welcome comments and suggestions that can improve the quality of the ECA Mirror. Please share you are suggestions to ecatechrider@gmail.com.

A lot of effort has gone into the making of this issue. We hope you enjoy reading the magazine.

Meril Jacob
Editor, ECA Mirror

And so the adventure begins...



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Welcoming all new members to ECA Family

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Let me wish all the members of ECA a very happy New Year 2024. Also a warm welcome to the Golden jubilee year of East Cultural Association.

ECA, a beacon of camaraderie and achievement, proudly marks its Golden Jubilee, celebrating 50 years of fostering community, passion, and success. This momentous occasion calls for a grand celebration, reflecting on the club's rich history and envisioning an even brighter future.

The golden jubilee celebration of ECA, promises to be a spectacular event, blending the club's rich history with the vibrant energy of its members. The year long celebration, starting with the founder's day on 27th April 2024, will be an occasion to relish 50 years of nostalgic memories and the journey of friendships, achievements, and shared experiences. We look forward to embracing the next chapter of ECA's legacy.

To ensure the success of this momentous occasion, the executive committee has decided to create a team called the **Golden jubilee Celebration Committee (GCC)** and have unanimously nominated the following dedicated members who are passionate about contributing to the success of this celebration and the club.



PATRON - GCC



Mr. TONY VINCENT

CHAIRMAN - GCC



Mr. SUDHY VARGHESE

CONVENOR - GCC



Mr. SANJAI GANGADHARAN



ECA Executive committee welcoming the Golden Jubilee Celebration Team

President - Thilakan V. P. M



Those were the golden years of ECA (East Cultural Association). From its inception in 1973 and after, for about 25 years, a set of young men from the east of Bangalore wanted to start a cultural center to showcase our rich Indian culture and thought of starting a cultural association led by Mr. C. K Thomas. They met weekly at the famous Thomas cafe and restaurant in Fraser town.

In 1973, is when Mr. Shivshankar made his appearance. He came from Chennai where he had been active in a few cultural centers. And thus the seeds were sown for the birth of ECA. In 1974 after its birth and naming ceremony, East Cultural Association came into being, and grew to its present status. Until the building committee was formed these hardworking and determined people worked out of Modern English School in Frazer Town in the evenings, and were busy going around collecting Rs. 100/- as membership fees. Thus after collecting a few thousands they went to Mr. J Alexander who headed the Housing Board as the then, Cooperation Chairman. It was with his help our executive committee was able to secure land in the heart of today's posh Indiranagar. They then decided to start a souvenir committee and get advertisements and soon collected a good amount to buy the plot.

In 1979, a foundation stone was laid and construction started in earnest, with the ever effervescent enthusiasm of all the committee members. Those were entertaining years for us wives also. We would look forward to the meetings, which were the conducted in a members' house. We ladies would vie with each other in showing off our culinary skills. Children would also accompany us to these meetings and began a camaraderie among themselves. We ladies would plan our dressing, hairstyle etc., for each month's programs in Ravindra Kalakshetra or Town Hall, which were the venue in those days. Thus we and our children were able to watch all the great artists perform live. As there was no mobile, computers or colour televisions. In those days, we had tried to form a ladies wing but many had to leave on transfer or due to other factors.

Before the office was ready, during Mr. V Shivashankars tenure as secretary, his residence in Frazer Town was our registered office. Those days I was the peon for their office. Besides cooking some delicacies for their high tea, I had to manage the minutes book, bank papers and their stationary. I was happy to do so, as I was able to contribute a little. As the saying goes...

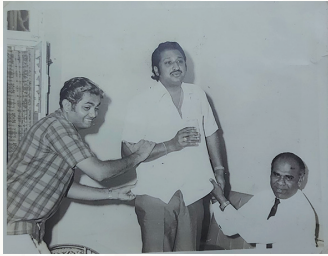


Early ECA gatherings

drops make an ocean. Those were humble and simple contributions from us ladies. There were no computers or smart phones for communication. It was the black & white era .Yet we were all very happy with what we had, and what we could do.

In August 1980, the multipurpose hall was

inaugurated and office room was also started. Within a span of 10 years our eager founder members got the hall ready for programs. Onam was celebrated with pomp and glory where members of our families participated with enthusiasm and vigour. That tradition is still going on today, with more vigour, I am happy to say, in



our cultural activities are conducted there. Billiards, badminton, cards, big dining rooms, upstairs and downstairs, have all become a reality. Onasadya was started along with various stalls on the two day mega event. And ECA still keeps getting more & more members.

1981 the new members wanted ECA to become a club and thus the club started functioning in 1983, as the premises were expanded to form a kitchen, a badminton court etc.

Later by 90's the economy of our country opened up and Bangalore became the hub of IT companies and there was no dearth of funds. Finances started pouring in with the younger higher educated youth and their friends becoming members. Today, ECA has over 1000 members and smiling as their coffers fill up. The older people are relegated to the background. With no regrets, we are happy for the young jet setting crowd and look on indulgently at our grand sons and daughters who are continuing with their elders hard work. Kudos to East Cultural Association

By the 25th year, the silver jubilee hall upstairs was completed with the tireless dedication of the new young crowd, and with inputs and advice from the seniors. By June 29th the new auditorium was built and all club facilities were ready. Now all

These are some of my nostalgic memories of ECA. The ECA mirror came out first in 1976 and though there were many hiccups in its publication, I'm happy it's coming along again regularly.



Veterans of ECA in front of old building

I pay my reverence to all the bygone seniors who are the pillars of ECA and, kudos to all the younger persons of these past 49 years who have made East Cultural Association what it is today.

By Shobha Sivashankar

PS: The article is the views and perspective of the author

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

CLUB PROGRAMS, DRAMA & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Thushagni, a dynamic theatrical production set against a century-old backdrop, took center stage at the halls of ECA on December 17th.

Following a warm welcome address by the chairman, Binesh, the event was officially inaugurated by the President of ECA.



The captivating play unfolded a mystical and fantastical world that left both the drama enthusiasts of ECA and the guests spellbound. It presented the chilling tale of Amboori Neelandan, the enigmatic toxicologist of Theyyadimukku. The combination of suspense, compelling storytelling, and awe-inspiring performances are sure to leave

a lasting impression on the minds of the audience for an extended period.



ECA celebrated India's 75th Republic Day on January 26, 2024, where the gathering was welcomed by the chairman. This was soon followed by unfurling of the national flag, followed by national anthem and address by club

president. The ECA Sangeetham team members enthralled everyone with soul-stirring patriotic songs in Malayalam and Hindi. To add to the festivities, a delectable breakfast spread was served to all the members.



The previous solar water system was irreparably damaged, prompting the installation of a new solar water heater system to provide hot water for the guest rooms.

Thorough cleaning of all toilets completed and routine maintenance tasks are been performed.

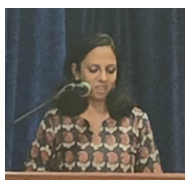
Chairman - Binesh M

LIBRARY & BOOK CLUB

The Book Club's January event saw an engrossing interaction with Harini Nagendra, accomplished scientist and author of the murder mysteries, "The Bangalore Detective Club" and "Murder Under a Red Moon". Both books are set in the Bengaluru of the 1920's and feature the young lady detective Kaveri. Harini began by speaking about her journey as a writer and how she manages to switch between her scientific writing and fiction, and went on to give us insights into how her characters were conceived and the plots evolved, and explain how

she went about researching the city's history to lend authenticity to her narrative. The audience had several incisive questions to put to the author, as well, which made for very interesting discussion. We now eagerly look forward to the next such author interaction. Stay tuned!

Chairman - Pillai R. K. N.



CARDS & STHREE



Regular Monthly Rummy Tournaments were conducted in cards room. Members have also celebrated key festivals.

Chairman - Sanjai Gangadharan

GUEST ROOMS, BANQUETS, CLUB DEVELOPMENT & CLUB AFFILIATIONS

There have been initiatives to increase the revenue earnings from ECA's guest rooms and banquets which have paid off. The department has started to see an increase in revenue on a comparative basis. The replacement of the Solar Water Heater system was done in time before the winter so as to enable continuous supply of hot

water to the guest rooms. Minor renovations are being undertaken to the banquet infrastructure as well.

Club Affiliations : We have added one new club "Meridian Club, Kundapura" into our club affiliation portfolio. This now increases are total tally of affiliations to ninety seven.

Chairman - Krishnan Unni

CATERING

The term kicked off with a festive Independence Day breakfast, setting a celebratory tone. Additionally, a well-received Onam Sadhya was organized on Thiruvonam day.

The club recently underwent a change in caterers; our new Caterer "Indian Coffee House" has proven to be a positive shift. The introduction of the new caterer has led to a noticeable improvement in service quality, enhancing the overall catering experience for our members and guests.

The new caterer has been instrumental in enhancing the quality of our club's events organized by various committees through variety, effective quality and service.

Since the introduction of the new caterer, we are excited to announce that breakfast is now available every day of the week. This expanded offering provides members and guests with the convenience of enjoying a morning meal, enhancing the overall dining experience at the club.

The new caterer successfully catered multiple banquet events, receiving widespread appreciation for the high-quality catering services provided. The positive feedback reflects the caterers dedication to delivering exceptional culinary experiences for our members and guests. We will be introducing a delightful array of new dishes soon.

The Catering Committee continuously works on enhancing the dining experience and bringing new dishes for ECA Members.

Join us for delicious breakfast, lunch, and dinner, as we strive to create memorable dining moments.

Chairman - Venu Ravindran



COMMUNITY SERVICE, HOUSIE & NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

ECA welcomed 2024 with an amazing "New Year's Eve" celebrations. The splendour and grandeur keeps increasing year after year and our 2024 Celebrations were no exception. This was evident by the participation of our Members and their Guests. The band "RETRONOME" made the evening a memorable and foot tapping event, leaving DJ Praveen a short window to put up his Show. The drinks were flowing from the start of the

evening with the complimentary welcome drink and finger licking food. Prizes were given to Vidya Avinash, Rohin, Ronson & Vimal Vijayan for the Best Dressed Category. Overall the event was well celebrated with live TV relaying of our New Year Celebrations on TV 9 and 3 other TV channels too. This was a joint event by Beverages committee & us.



Chariman - Manu Varghese

BEVERAGES



Beverages committee presented the live screening of all the world cup cricket matches in the lounge and presented the finals on large LED

screen in the auditorium along with attractive offers.

During the festive month of December the bar was decorated in resplendent colours and month long attractive offers on the beverages were available. The bar also saw a live show by Sabrina and Shruthi on Dec 16th.

New year celebration : Beverages committee collaborated with the New year celebration committee and presented the ECA New Year



Celebration. Best dressed individuals were given presents. 200+ members and guests enjoyed the performance and the evening.

Beverages committee presented the Freedom jam on 21st jan which had various music bands like LUCID DREAMS, GRATEHEADS, ABHI, FUNGI playing in the ECA auditorium. Freedom Jam is an event which was popular in the 90s and ECA is proud to be associated with them for their revival plan post Covid.

Chairman - Jayaraj Menon

SPORTS & HEALTH CLUB

As the curtains close on another exhilarating ECA Badminton League – Season 10. We reflect on the triumphs, challenges, and camaraderie that defined this journey on the court. From the first serve to the final match point, each moment was infused with passion, determination, and the relentless pursuit of excellence.

The league unfolded with great anticipation and excitement as the 6 teams converged on the courts to showcase their skills and sportsmanship. With a diverse mix of experienced veterans and rising talents, the competition was fierce, pushing each team to their very limits.

Key Highlights:

Intense Rivalries: From the onset, intense rivalries fuelled the competitive spirit, igniting thrilling showdowns and nail-biting matches that kept spectators on the edge of their seats.

Team Unity: Despite the individual nature of the sport, our league emphasized teamwork and

unity, fostering strong bonds and a supportive environment where every player felt valued and empowered.

Upsets and Comebacks: The season was not without its share of surprises, as underdog teams defied the odds with remarkable upsets and awe-inspiring comebacks, proving that determination and resilience can conquer any obstacle.

Celebrating Diversity: Our league celebrated diversity and inclusivity, welcoming players of all backgrounds and skill levels to participate and contribute to the vibrant tapestry of badminton culture.

Amidst the fierce competition and spirited battles, The ECA Lions emerged triumphant capturing the hearts of fans and etching their name in the annals of ECA badminton history. With grit, determination, and unwavering dedication, they overcame every challenge and obstacle that stood in their path, culminating in a season

filled with unforgettable memories and cherished victories. ECA Titans were runners & in 3rd place was ECA Warriors for this season of EBL.

As we bid farewell to another remarkable ECA Badminton League, we carry with us the lessons learned, the friendships forged, and the indelible memories that will last a lifetime. Ninety seven players took part in EBL - Season 10.

Chairman - Dr. Suresh Kempaiah

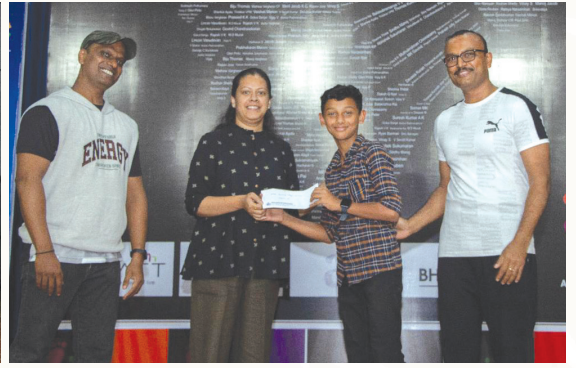


Winners - ECA Lions





2ND PLACE - ECA TITANS



3RD PLACE - ECA WARRIORS



Enchanting Finale: 25th November 2023

ECA Children's Day Closing Ceremony Captivates Heart.

The curtain falls on a joyous and memorable Children's Day celebration, leaving behind a trail of laughter, camaraderie, and pure, unbridled joy. The closing ceremony, held with great enthusiasm and love, marked the culmination of a series of events that aimed to create everlasting memories for the little ones. As the sun dipped below the horizon, the closing ceremony unfolded, weaving together moments of reflection, appreciation, and sheer delight.

The venue was transformed into a magical wonderland, adorned with colourful decorations and twinkling lights. The air was filled with the sweet melodies of children's laughter, echoing the spirit of innocence and cheerfulness that had permeated throughout the celebration. The stage, a focal point of anticipation, stood ready to host the grand finale.

The ceremony commenced in presence of our Chief Guest Dr. Alok Srivastava – Outstanding Scientist, Associate Director U. R. Rao Satellite Centre – ISRO and Guest of Honour – Dr. Ishappa Bandi – Acamedecian at Manipal Academy of Higher Education Bangalore Campus, ECA Office bearers, Member parents and Children.

Our Chief Guest acknowledged the talents and achievements displayed by the young participants during the preceding days. Children who excelled in various contests, be it art, music, or sports, were recognized and applauded, reinforcing the idea that every child is special and capable of extraordinary feats.

This year "Team AVENGERS" were adjudged as the overall house champions – Congratulations to the House Coordinator Mrs. Reshma Unni and the captain Master Allan David Louis.

He leads the ECA Child Office Bearers as the

Child President 2023-24. Miss Jeevitha Sachin becomes the child Vice President, Miss Arya Rahul Menon becomes the child General Secretary, Miss Samaira Unni the child Joint Secretary and Miss Sahishnutha Rohinkumar as the 5-8 Child Representative. A big Congratulations to the ECA Child Leaders and Champions of 2023-24!!!

In a touching gesture, the Fine Arts Committee Chairman Mr. Sharad Chandra Mani took a moment to express his gratitude to the parents whose dedication and encouragement to the children to participate, their unwavering support made the Children's Day celebration a resounding success.

A round of applause echoed through the venue, underscoring the collaborative effort that went into creating an unforgettable experience for the little ones. The House Coordinators – Mrs. Reshma Unni – AVENGERS, Mrs. Priyanka Murali – SPARTANS, Mrs. Vidya Sachin – NINJAS and Mrs. Vidya Bai – GLADIATORS were the true inspiration for the children to participate and compete.

The Chief Coordinator Mrs. Seegla Louis and the team of 25 Marshals relentless support made this event a grand success.

Cultural Extravaganza: Theme the "Unsung Heroes". The heart of the closing ceremony was a mesmerizing cultural extravaganza, featuring vibrant dance performances, soul-stirring music, and theatrical presentations by ECA children from different age groups showcased their talents, transporting the audience into a world of imagination and creativity. The stage became a canvas where the tiny tots showcased and acknowledged the "Unsung Heroes of our daily life", a heartwarming ECA Children's music band tapped the note "Mera India" and an energetic dance tribute to the hero's from all fields of our great Country "India".

As the performances reached their crescendo, our dignitary and Chief Guest Dr. Alok Srivastava





– Scientist ISRO took the stage and transported us to the Universe and shared the insights of the “Making of Chandrayan and its Successful Launch on Lunar Surface” . He encouraged the children to think beyond.

His words resonated with warmth and encouragement, emphasizing the importance of nurturing the dreams and aspirations of the young minds. The message was clear: every child is a beacon of hope and potential, and it is the collective responsibility of society to foster their growth and well-being.

The Children’s Day closing ceremony experienced a vibrant and energy filled evening with children enjoying their engagement on the final act with

the Magician/Ventriloquist Mr. Nihal Ranjan Achar. We all were so involved in fine tricks and his Conversational Monkey Buddy Sandy.

The conclusion to the 30 days of festivities that not only celebrated the joy of childhood but also served as a reminder of the responsibilities we bear in shaping a better future for the younger generation.

As the lights dimmed and the echoes of laughter faded away, the enchanting memories of the closing ceremony lingered in the hearts of all who attended, leaving an indelible mark on the canvas of childhood.

Chairman - Sharad Chandramani

BILLIARDS & SNOOKER



The Members’ Monthly Tournament has been going on in full swing. This event has been drawing lot of players into the ECA Billiards room. The November edition had a record number of

participants and was won by Sasha Sammbi!. In December, to celebrate the festive season, we had a Christmas Edition of the Members Monthly Tournament for which players were dressed in the Christmas colours and was won by the Chairman itself - Francis Joe (Frankie)

The New year’s first Members Monthly Tournament was completed successfully and we had a new winner yet again - Mr. Vatsalya. He is a new member in ECA who has joined the club primarily for Cue Sports activities. We are sure he is going to win more awards

A great achievement by our very own member Sasha Sammbi who has been the face of ECA



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are very lucky to be playing with him in the ECA Billiards Room!. We want to wish him good luck for his future endeavors.

Chairman - Francis Joe

ECA SANGEETHAM & SAHITYAVEDI

It was heartening to note that ECA Sangeetham get-together held on 24th November saw quite a few child singers coming on the stage entertaining the audience without any stage fear and singing with full confidence and style.

'MADHUVASANTHAM', a musical tribute to commemorate the 90th Birthday of veteran Malayalam actor & director, Padma Shree Madhu was held on January 13th in ECA Auditorium, when hit songs from his films of 60s and 70s were rendered in live orchestra to the enthralled audience. It was also great to see Padma Shree Madhu addressing ECA members through a video recording.

The committee plans to organize regular get-togethers for Sangeetham.

ECA Sahityavedi committee is planning a Members drama to be staged in the middle of March and a literary session in April.

Chairman - Vishwanathan O.







MAVERICKS



IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE
CHACKO K M



Wishing you a very happy birthday in heaven.

You will always be remembered for your kindness, warmth, and laughter. You continue to inspire us each day.

May your soul rest in peace forever.

remembering you forever
Wife & Children

The Tech and Outreach committee for this year continues to implement fresh innovative ideas to ensure member's interaction with the club is smooth. Fresh initiatives aimed at enhancing communication and interaction among our club members and the CLUB continue. Some of the exciting new developments are:

Message Board: Building upon the resounding success of our first WhatsApp group, we're thrilled to announce the creation of a second group. This expansion ensures that even more members can stay connected, receive information, engage & participate with our club's activities. It's a testament to the growing sense of community within our club.

Digital Display: Our digital displays now offer a unique opportunity for brands to showcase their marketing activities. This innovative platform provides exposure to businesses seeking to connect with our vibrant and engaged audience. Brands can now leverage our displays to promote their products and services, fostering a mutually beneficial partnership. This medium has been appreciated by members and hence the committee is looking to expand the same to other hotspots at ECA as well.

Mirror: The first edition of the ECA Mirror which was released by end November 2023 was highly appreciated with the colourful pictures, the coverage of ECA Programs, the interesting articles etc. We hope to continue the same for the next edition too.

Point of Sale machines: The POS machine at the auditorium has been rectified and reinitiated the usage of Mobile POS Application for Restaurant Staff. This is a bid to shorten the time taken from order to serve and also to further enhance the dining experience at our club. This user-friendly app streamlines the order-taking process, allowing staff to efficiently serve our members from any location within the club. Based on the success, the committee will evaluate purchase of

additional mobile POS usage by restaurant and bar staff.

Instagram Page (eca.club): Our Instagram page continues to engage with member and children from our club. It's the go-to platform for our younger members and those seeking visual inspiration. Through this medium ECA is also able to collaborate with other associations/entities/bands for performances at our venue. This strategic partnership enables us to tap into the fan base of these artists and clubs, creating a synergy that benefits all parties involved. It's a testament to our commitment to offering diverse and captivating experiences to our members.

Upgrading IT Infrastructure: The evaluation of computer hardware infrastructure required is now complete and upgrades will begin soon. The committee is also performing analysis to upgrade the CCTV coverage and necessary upgrades to meet the regulatory guidelines.

Improvements in Club Software: The committee is continuously evaluating, correcting and implementing changes to enhance member interaction including receiving SMS for transactions, business rules to accounting software etc. As part of our ongoing commitment to innovation, we're in the process moving some of our club's processes to be handled via software. This initiative aims to boost efficiency, convenience, and accessibility for our members.

In conclusion, our Tech and Outreach committee remains steadfast in its mission to leverage technology and creative partnerships to elevate our club's infrastructure and engagement. We are excited about the prospects that these new initiatives bring and look forward to further enhancing the experience for our valued members. Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to evolve and innovate.

Chairman - Meril Jacob

ARTICLE : ECA BADMINTON NOSTALGIA



1975 – The year I started playing Badminton in ECA! As a guest and by pure chance. I was visiting my in-law's house in Defence Colony and met A. N. K .Menon and when he learnt I play badminton, I was taken by him to ECA Main hall early next morning.

I always carried my Badminton kit where ever I travelled those days.

When the morning gang of A. N. K., Shivashankar and others saw that I played OK, I was invited to play at ECA whenever I was in town, which was three four times a year.

The Main Hall served as the badminton court and the net was tied across the hall on the window grills. Low shots only! The current ground floor court was then just an open roof with mud flooring. Later on, a court came up. We had a very competitive group - all excellent players - Thomas Kunnath, C. F. Joe, Krishnaprasad, Roshan, George Varghese, Roy & myself. Abraham Thomas, Samuel, Suri and Sasha Sambhi also used to play. The A/B team played in the evening and the older guys were the C team, who played in the morning.

The First Inter-club tournament was conducted in 1996-97 was under the leadership of Thomas Kunnath. Krishnaprasad and I were able assistants. There were 5 clubs who competed in badminton, billiards, table tennis and cricket

ECA came up as trumps in 3 of them. Sasha was the hero who won billiards and table tennis. The baddy team also won. To crown it, we had a cultural program on the final day where all the teams and their family members took part. All this was conducted on the ground floor courts and

main hall. Results were typed out and sent by fax to various newspapers. ECA sponsored this event fully.

In 2002, the auditorium courts were ready. That year as the Marketing & Sales Director of SOBHA, I sponsored the FIRST MEGA badminton Tournament "ECA SOBHA MEDIA Tourney" with all major media taking part.



Former Chief Minister Mr. Bangarappa inaugurated the event with his son Mr. Kumar Bangarappa. He also played against me and ANK. ECA's then President, PV Kurian handing over the winner's trophy to TOI, was prominently shown in the Media.

ECA's Baddy Golden ERA started with us winning in 2005. Suresh Nair was the chairman for 5 interclub tournaments including KBA, ECA and Century Club. We had 2 former international and 4 former national level players.

The rest is history. I am proud and thrilled to have played a small role in helping out with this exponential growth of badminton culture in ECA.

Long Live ECA Baddys!!

Bala Warriar, 48 years of ECA Badminton

PS: The article is the views and perspective of the author

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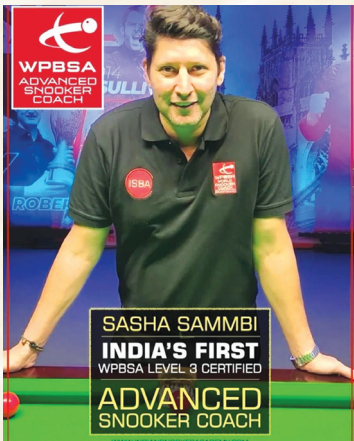
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Achievers



Mr. Sasha Sammbi (S111) is now a WPBSA Level 3 certified Advanced Snooker Coach. He is the only certified coach in India and one among the only six such coaches in the World currently.



Mr. Prabhakaran Ponnengattil (U016) recently won three bronze medals for Men's Singles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles in the Asia Senior Badminton Tournament held in Vietnam in Dec 2023.



Past President Mr. M. K. Soman (DS016) received the Prestigious Award of "Powering Kerala Conclave" from honorable finance minister of Kerala Shri K. N. Balagopal



Winner of the National Masters Games, Goa in Men's Doubles Badminton for the 70+ category



Master Tarun Peter (first from right) son of our ECA Member Mr. Peter Alen (P087) & Mrs. Sini Alen represented Karnataka in the CISE school badminton nationals held in Bangalore Sept-Oct 2023.

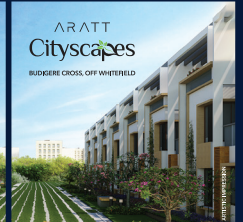


Mrs. Tessy Kuriakose, W/o Mr. T D Kuriakose (K049) Best HM of the year 2022-23, Bangalore south - on Teacher's Day celebration 2023. Awarded by MLA, Haris. She also received SEVA RATNA Award by Max Life Insurance and Kannada Puraskar Award on Rajyotsava Day.

Jyotsna daughter of ECA member Mr Srichand (S306) and Dr Hema has won 1 Gold and 2 Silver medals at the National Taekwondo Championship. she has also won 4 Gold and 1 bronze at the State Level Taekwondo Championship.

Hearty congratulations and wishing all the achievers many more Laurels in the future.

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