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We are giving below the charges payable by members for using the our club facilities.

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Please note that taxes will be charged as applicable



GYM

Health Club (Monthly) 300

CARD ROOM

Ladies Sitting (Monthly) 100

Ladies Sitting (Per Day) 10

SPORTS

Integrated Card (Monthly) 400

SWIMMING POOL

Monthly card 200

Per Day : Member 25

Children 15

Guest Charges 50

SHUTTLE

Shuttle Court -I (Monthly) 150

Shuttle Court -II (Monthly) 150

Guests Per day 50

TENNIS

Tennis (Monthly) 200

Flood Light (Per Unit) 4

SQUASH

Monthly card 100

BILLIARDS

Member (Half an hour) 10

Guest (Half an hour) 10

GENTS CARDS SALE

Single set (36 + 14) 50

CHAMBERS

Member 886*

Guest 1410*

(Room Service 10% extra)

Check In / Check Out time 9 a.m.

*w.e.f. 1.12.2010

ID CARD

New smart card 160

Duplicate smart card 250

Affiliated club card 10

ADDRESS LIST

Addresses only 250

Addresses with phone Nos. 400

Soft copy (Both) 2,500

BANQUETS

President's Lounge 500

Waltair Lounge 800

Party Lawns 1,000

Jubilee Deck 1,500

Jubilee Deck (Parties) 3,500

Auditorium (5 Hours) 20,000

AC Dining Hall (5 Hours) 10,000

Club Grounds 10,000

Auditorium with Dining Hall 70,000

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Dr. T.V.S. Rao
Editor

Dear friends,

December has been quite an eventful month, with the inauguration of the Yoga-Meditation-TT hall, a successful family picnic, an enjoyable Christmas eve and the grand finale of the year, the ARABIAN NITE that announced the arrival of the year 2011. Kudos to the Managing Committee that organized such a rich fare for our members.

The coming months are relatively a slack season with diminishing activity in the club. This is when the creativity and talent of our members has to bloom in the form of contributions to our Waltair Times. I am happy that our member Mr. D. Dakshina Murthy has come up with a proposal to contribute a series of Telugu stories and poems of yore that carry a wealth of wisdom and fun for all genres. We can also carry articles from our members on various subjects. I once again invite contributions from our members.

Let me wish all members and their families a very happy Sankranthi and Republic Day.

Sincerely yours,
T.V.S. Rao



PROGRAMME FOR JANUARY, 2011

07.01.2011	Friday	Movie	06.30 PM
14.01.2011	Friday	Movie	06.30 PM
21.01.2011	Friday	Movie	06.30 PM
22.01.2011	Saturday	Tambola	07.30 PM
25.01.2011	Tuesday	Republic Day Eve	08.00 PM
26.01.2011	Wednesday	Republic Day flag hoisting	09.00 AM
28.01.2011	Friday	Movie	06.30 PM



MOVIES SCREENED IN DECEMBER



03.12.2010



10.12.2010



17.12.2010

FAMILY PICNIC TAMBOLA HELD ON 19.12.2010



1st Prize winner
Miss.A.Hanisha (S-699)



2nd Prize winner
Mr.A.Ajay Mangi (A-134)

ANNUAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT



Participants in the Tournament

The following members were declared winners of the Annual Bridge Tournament conducted in our Club:

- 1st: Mr. B. Kumar (K-39)
2nd: Mr. P.B. Patnaik (P-06)
3rd: Mrs. Sushma Kumar (K-39)

CHRISTMAS AND PONGAL GIFTS TO STAFF

Contributions to the Staff for X'Mas & Pongal has been increased from Rs.125/- to Rs.150/- this year. Members are requested to cooperate.

LIGHTENING SNOOKER AND BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT

Our sports committee organized Lightning and Snooker Tournament in which 40 members participated. 1st and 2nd prizes were awarded in cash. A Billiards tournament as also organized where 2 members participated. In this also two cash prizes were given away. The cash prizes were sponsored by M/S Ascon Travels, Visakhapatnam. In addition, our member Mr. Ganta Srinivas (M/S Bombay Dyeing) sponsored for pairs of dress material to all the four markers of the snooker table. The winners are as follows:

Snooker

- 1st Prize: Mr. G. Amaranath (A-122)
2nd Prize: Mr. C.V Mallikarjuna Varma (M-211)

Billiards:

- 1st Prize: Mr. Sanjiv Dhawan (S-99)
2nd Prize: Mr. Muppidi V.S.N. Kumar (K-32)



MEMBERS ADMITTED IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2010

S.NO.	MEMBER'S NAME	CATEGORY	M.NO.	D.O.J
1	MR.CH.SHYAM SUNDER,	LIFE	S-861	20.12.2010
2	MR.SAGI VENKATA RAMANA RAJU,	LIFE	R-597	06.12.2010
3	MR.Y.VASUDEVA RAO,	LIFE	V-290	01.12.2010
4	MR.B.THATHAYYA NAIDU	LIFE	N-175	26.11.2010
5	MR.SAMUEL NAGADESI,	LIFE	S-865	24.12.2010
6	MR.RAJESH KUMAR JAIN,	LIFE	R-600	25.12.2010
7	MRS.K.VINUTA,	REGULAR MC	V-291	08.12.2010
8	MRS.G.ARUNA,	REGULAR MC	A-269	03.12.2010
9	MRS.A.AKHILA,	REGULAR MC	A-270	11.12.2010
10	MRS.K.PADMA PRIYA,	REGULAR MC	P-271	01.12.2010
11	MR.S.VENKAT RAMESH,	REGULAR MC	V-292	03.01.2011
12	MRS.B.SAROJ,	REGULAR MC	S-866	23.12.2010
13	MR.I.RAKESH,	REGULAR MC	R-598	03.01.2011
14	DR.CH.VENKATADRI,	REGULAR MC	V-293	03.01.2011
15	MISS.RITHIKA KANCHARLA	REGULAR MC	R-482	30.12.2010
16	MR.K.BALA KRISHNA,IDAS,	SERVICE	B-130	07.12.2010
17	MR.TH.LUCAS PETER,	SERVICE	L-050	02.12.2010
18	MR.CHANDRU RAMA LAKSHMANAN	CORPORATE	E-014	13.12.2010
19	MR.K.V.K.SUBBA RAJU,	CORPORATE	E-015	13.12.2010
20	MR.N.SHYAM NARAYAN RAO,	CORPORATE	S-862	16.11.2010
21	MISS.S.SURYA SONAL,	ASSOCIATE	S-863	01.12.2010
22	MR.V.RUTHVIK	ASSOCIATE	R-599	09.12.2010
23	MR.SIDDHARTH HIRAWAT	ASSOCIATE	S-864	18.12.2010
24	MISS.NATALINE ANN JOSEPH,	ASSOCIATE	N-177	30.12.2010
25	MR.K.ANIRUDH VARMA,	ASSOCIATE	A-271	29.12.2010
26	MR.G.NISCHAL,	ASSOCIATE	N-178	28.12.2010
27	MISS.NITYASHNA N OZA,	ASSOCIATE	N-179	04.01.2011
28	MISS.K.NANDITHA,	ASSOCIATE	N-180	30.12.2010



Welcome to
Waltair Club

DONATION OF BOOKS TO OUR LIBRARY

We are thankful for the following donations of books to our Library

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| 1. | Mr.V.Chakravarthy | C-066 | 47 Books |
| 2. | Mr.A.Satish Kumar | S-586 | 73 Books |
| 3. | Capt.G.V.Rama Rao | R-288 | 8 Books |
| 4. | Mr.Vinod Mansukhani | V-030 | 98 Books |
| 5. | Capt.M.Sriram | S-164 | 4 Books |
| 6. | Mr.V.C.Bothra | B-067 | 72 Books |

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

We express our heartfelt condolences on the sad demise of the following members of our Club:



Sri.C.N.V.D.Sastry
(M.No.S-557)



Sri.Ch.V.Joga Rao
(M.No.J-25)



Sri.S.Krishna Rao
(M.No.K-15)

CLUB'S ACHIEVERS



Mr.S.V.Abhishek (A-251) was the Mens Doubles finalist in the All India Mens Ranking Tournament held at Pune recently.

Mr. Sailesh Bolisetty (S-853), our young member achieved the unique distinction of lifting the Polo Cup title in the first ever



Volkswagen Polo car race conducted in India. It was a six-round race with the last leg conducted in Chennai.. He also gets an offer to visit Germany to participate in Seirocco Cup starting in April 2011.



Inauguration of New Yoga, Meditation and Table Tennis Facility



SPECIAL OFFER FOR OUR MEMBERS

Royal Goan Beach Club operates high quality resort projects in Goa, Jaipur and Kovalam. In order to market their project they are offering a special promotional programme to members of Waltair Club, which includes Free Accommodation at any of their Resorts and Associate Resorts in Goa, Jaipur and Kovalam (Kerala). Any member, his spouse and children (maximum of 4 persons) can stay at their luxurious resorts in a one-bed room suite for 7 nights/8 days. No accommodation charges to pay other than booking/administration fee of Rs. 6,000 for one bed room. The family thus saves Rs.35,000 on rack rent. The family is required to attend an audiovisual presentation "The Royal Story" of 90 minutes on their development and products in Goa and worldwide.

For further particulars members may contact the Club Manager.

Happy Republic Day



26 Jan 2011

Please attend the Republic Day Eve Celebrations on the 25th and Flag Hoisting at the club at 9 a.m. on the 26th followed by complementary Breakfast



Club Family Picnic

A memorable family Picnic was organized at Sunray Village, Savaravalli on 19th December 2010. More than 500 members and children attended and enjoyed the Tambola, Games, Live band and singers. Our member Mr. I.A. Varma (Rajababu), the owner of Sunray Village made superb arrangements and prizes more sponsored by MRF Pit Stop. Members found the snacks and food outstanding and congratulated the catering chairman for his efforts. The day started with Breakfast at the club after Yoga Room Inauguration.





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It was high decibel excitement from the word "go" as the New Year Eve party got underway at Waltair Club. The ambience of the ground was transformed into an exotic locale from the mystical Arabian Night replete with colorful gazebos, chandeliers, dreamy mashaals, morrocon tents, and colorful mirror balls and hangings all around the golden side walls. The guests were received by beautiful Arabian ladies dressed in shimmering costumes and were served fresh dates and dry fruits on entry. Four Bedouin warriors dressed in festive colors ushered them to their seats as two camels and a couple of stud horses lazily greeted all with their magnificent presence. Soft Arabian music caressed the senses to add to the magic of the entry.

The stage, which was totally dedicated to the theme with a central mosque entry and side minarets burst into color and sound as Page 3 personality and Ms. India finalist MC Shona made her dramatic entry to greet everyone and gear them up for the high energy fun to come. The first welcome dance was thematic and performed by the famous dance team CHALLENGERS –students of the Shiamak Davar Dance theatre. Closely behind was a thrilling dedication number 'JAI HO' dedicated to the greatest achievement of the last year...a salutation to A.R Rehman. This was performed by bollywood cine actress LEENA and her team SIZZLERS. For the Tollywood guests none other than versatile and rocking "Voice of Andhra" cine playback singer MALATHY performed both old and new hits ranging from "Siri Malli Poova" to her own "Aa Ante Amalapuram" backed by glamorous dancers from Bhubaneswar.

The piece de resistance of the event was the mind blowing acrobatic show by the INTERNATIONAL team of the SAFARI CATS who were specially flown in from Tanzania and Kenya to be a part of the festivities. The performers had the audience open jawed as they nimbly gyrated to African hits and jumped and skipped and juggled their bodies in different ways with skipping ropes, fire balls, drums, balancing pipes, etc. Truly...an exhilarating International act of very high quality had the audience in grip and the thunderous applause when the 45 minute show ended spoke volumes. This act threw the entire party into a higher echelon and the entry of STAR SINGER from BOLLYWOOD ANGELA ALMEIDA at this juncture brought all the dancers from different parts of the ground onto the large dance floors. Angela belted out Hollywood hit "Hot Hot Hot" as the party got hotter and



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she went on to sizzle with her tantalizing repertoire of songs from Bollywood and Hollywood specially and carefully selected for Vizag. She was ably backed by a Glamorous team of dancers from Bollywood and a truly wonderful visual treat was presented in sound and light. The magnificent props added to the eye candy. It was wonderful to see the dance floor packed from 10.00 p.m. itself as the guests screamed for more peppy numbers.

Item dancer Pooja and Actress Leena thrilled with some sizzling dancers and Dj Gangu took over the console as planned by 11.15 p.m. From there on it was just thumping music and screaming dancers as guests set the floor on fire. Dancers of different age groups and sizes threw away all inhibition and got ready to have fun till the golden hour.

A few minutes prior to the zero hour MC Shona invited the honorary President Mr. Anand Dutt and his entire team to stage. It was an eye full to watch the committee light sky lanterns which were specially flown down from Bangkok and as the sky started getting illuminated with the 50 dreamy lanterns the countdown began. There was just one loud sound as all the dancers on the floor joined in with Dr. Meenakshi Anantram as they counted down to the zero hour. Dj Gangu played the "Final Countdown" as lights went off as an exciting firework show started and a "HAPPY NEW YEAR" board lit up the skies. It was a lovely chaotic moment filled with friends hugging each other and wishing the world all the happiness that only the magic of that moment can bring.

It was a wonderful gesture on the part of President Anand Dutt to call all Past Presidents of the club to join him on stage to cut the cake as he gave his New Year Greetings to one and all. Without much ado, the revellery of the party caught up as the DJ pumped up the decibels and the dance floor burst into life again. A great time was had by one and all and the non-stop, back to back sequence of events on the stage coupled with absolutely mind blowing sound and specially sequenced lights from Real Audio, Hyderabad added to the professional presentation. Event Managers Razzmatazz Entertainment Networks deserve kudos for their impeccable planning and presentation. The club will remember this night for years to come!!





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 FATHER AND DAUGHTER
 ROCKERS ON THE FLOOR
 SPORTING DANCER

 BEST DANCERS
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 ROMANTIC COUPLE OF THE EVENT
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 BALD AND BEAUTIFUL MAN
 LOVELY DANCER
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Christmas Eve Celebrations



The Xmas Eve Celebrations organized by the ladies committee brought in a lot of laughter and cheer with more than 170 children participating while Christmas carols filled the air. Each child was given a free gift and a tattoo. Camel rides, sugar candy and balloons were all available for their enjoyment.

The fancy dress competition attracted a large number of children aged from 1yr to 14yrs and the winners were given Fila school bags and provogue watches sponsored by "Mitchellin - The Pit Stop".

The talent show was a platform for many a budding artiste in singing and dancing, winning the coveted prizes. Three generations in a family participated in 'one minute' to win in a contest which was a riot of coordination and speed. It was fun watching these families perform with zest.

Santa drove in with jingle bells ringing and children scampered for their gifts. The nite lasted long with snacks and dinner were sponsored and served by the Club. The event was managed by the Ladies Committee & Entertainment Committee. We would like to thank Mr.Bala Satsih for donning the role of Santa.





ముత్యాల సరాలు

మన Waltair Club సభ్యులందరికీ, వారి కుటుంబాలకి, మిత్రులకి, శ్రేయోభిలాషులకి నూతన సంవత్సర శుభాకాంక్షలు. 2011 మీ అందరికీ ఆయురారోగ్యైశ్వర్యాలని ఇవ్వాలని మనసారా కోరుకుంటూ, మీ ముందుకు ఒక వినూత్న ప్రయోగంతో వస్తున్నాను. ఇది మీకు నచ్చుతుందని, మీరు హర్షిస్తారని తలుస్తూ, మీకు నచ్చినా, నచ్చకపోయినా నిర్మోహమాటంగా తెలియపర్చమని విజ్ఞప్తి.

సాహితీ సమరాంగణ సార్వభౌముడిగా పేరొందిన శ్రీ కృష్ణదేవరాయల చేత దేశభాషలందు తెలుగు లెస్స అని కీర్తించబడిన భాష, సంస్కృతి, సాంప్రదాయం మనది. కాలానుగతంగా తెలుగుభాష నేటికి పూర్తిగా మరుగవక పోయినా, UNESCOE వారు నిర్వహించిన సమీక్షలో బయటపడిన నిజం ఏమిటంటే రాబోయే 50 సంవత్సరాలలో ప్రపంచ దేశాలలో పలు ఇతర భాషలతో బాటు, తెలుగు కూడా పూర్తిగా కనుమరుగవుతుందని. కన్నతల్లి ఎంత గొప్పదో, మాతృభాష కూడా అంతే. అంతరించి పోతున్న తెలుగును కాపాడుకోలేకపోతే, కనిపించిన తల్లిని మరిచిపోయినట్లే. అందుకే తెలుగు సాహిత్యంలోని అన్వర రత్నాలని, అణి ముత్యాలని ఏర్పి, కూర్చి మీ ముందుకు తీసుకు రావాలన్న అభిలాషతో తిరిగి మీ ముందుకు వచ్చే ప్రయత్నం చేస్తున్నాను. ముందుగా మీ కుటుంబంలో అందరికీ ఎంతో ఉపయోగంగా వుండి ఆనందాన్ని, ఆహ్లాదాన్ని పంచి, అదే సమయంలో నీతిమంతంగాను, ప్రబోధాత్మకంగాను ఉండే పంచతంత్రంలోని చిన్న కథలను మీ ముందుంచుతున్నాను. ప్రత్యేకంగా చిన్నారుల మనసులకు హత్తుకుని, కలకాలం జ్ఞాపకం ఉండిపోయేలా చాలా సులభ శైలిలో వ్రాస్తున్న నీతి కథలివి. దాదాపుగా 50 సంవత్సరాల క్రితం చందమామలో కొన్ని కథలు చదివిన గుర్తు మీలో ఎవరికైనా వస్తే, మీరు నిజంగా ధన్యులే. తెలుగు భాష ప్రేమికులే.

మానవ జీవితం సాఫీగా సాగిపోవడానికి కావలసిన విచక్షణ, నీతి నియమాలను చక్కగా మలచబడి మనకందించబడిన పంచతంత్రం చిన్నారులకే కాదు, పెద్దలకు కూడా చదవదగిన నీతి సుధ. ఈ కథలు ఎప్పుడు చదివినా సరికొత్తగానే వుంటాయి. అందుకే రాబోయే కొన్ని నెలల పాటు మీకోసం అమృతాన్ని అందించే నీతి చంద్రికలో చిన్ని కథలతో పాటు ఒక చక్కని శ్లోకం, మరొకటి చిక్కటి పద్యం ఆస్వాదించండి. ఆనందించండి.

పంచతంత్ర కథ

పాటలీపుత్రాన్ని సుదర్శనుడనే మహారాజుగారు జనరంజకంగా పరిపాలిస్తున్నారు. ప్రజలందరూ సుఖ సంతోషాలతోను, ఆయురారోగ్యాలతోనూ హాయిగా జీవిస్తున్నారు. ఒకనాడు రాజసభ జరుగుతుండగా ఒక పండితుడు వచ్చి, రాజదర్శనం చేసుకొని, ఒక పద్యం చదివాడు. దాని అర్థం ఏమిటంటే, అన్ని ధనములలోనూ విద్యాధనము చాలా గొప్పదని, విద్యను దొంగిలించలేరని, అది లేకపోయినవాడు జ్ఞానం లేని మూర్ఖునితోనూ, లోకాన్ని చూడలేని గుడ్డివాని తోనూ సమానమని. అందుచేత విద్యలేకపోతే వయసు, సంపద, పదవి, హోదా ఏమున్నా అవన్నీ నిరుపయోగమని.

ఈ పద్యం యొక్క అర్థాన్ని గ్రహించిన సుదర్శన మహారాజుకి, తన కొడుకులు జ్ఞాపకం వచ్చారు. సదా విందు వినోదాలతో కాలాన్ని వృధా చేస్తూ, విద్యని పూర్తిగా అలక్ష్యం చేస్తూ, ఎందుకూ పనికిరానివారిగా తయారవుతున్న రాకుమారులు గుడ్డివారు గానో, మూర్ఖులుగానో బ్రతకకూడదని, మంత్రులతో చర్చించి నీతిశాస్త్ర విశారదుడైన విష్ణుశర్మ అనే పండితుని పిలిపించి, తన కుమారులకు విద్యాబుద్ధులు చెప్పవలసిందిగా ప్రార్థించాడు. పాండిత్య ప్రకాండుడైన విష్ణుశర్మ రాకుమారులిద్దరినీ తన గురుకులానికి తీసుకుపోయి వారికి పంచతంత్ర కథలలోని నీతిని బోధించి చక్కని జ్ఞానవంతులుగా తీర్చిదిద్దాడు. వచ్చే నెల నుండి క్రమం తప్పకుండా యీ శీర్షక చదవండి. మీ చిన్నారుల చేత చదివించండి.

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Quiz of the Month

This quiz is largely based on events in 2010. Please spell the names correctly. The first all-correct reply received will get a prize.

1. Who is the 38th Chief Justice of India?
2. Who designed the new symbol of Indian Rupee?
3. Who is the Chief Election Commissioner of India?
4. Who was the Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission that took an active part in the 1974 Pokhran nuclear explosion?
5. What is the name given to the country's first sea plane service?
6. Who was the first woman elected as President of Costa Rica?
7. Who won the Best Director award in the 82nd Academy Awards?
8. Who is the Deputy Prime Minister of UK?
9. Who is the youngest person to conquer Mount Everest?
10. Who is the Prime Minister of Australia?
11. Who was crowned Miss Universe in 2010?
12. Who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2010?
13. To which country was Dilma Rousseff elected as President?
14. Who is the founder of Facebook?
15. Who is the founder of WikiLeaks?
16. Who is the first wicket keeper to reach the mark of 500 dismissals in test cricket?
17. Who is the world's highest capped test cricketer?
18. Who is the first player to score a double hundred in an ODI cricket match?
19. Who is he husband of Dr. Geetha Reddy, Minister in Andhra Pradesh Government?
20. Where were the Asian Games held in 2010?

Ram's Column

IN MEMORY OF PAUL THE OCTOPUS

After the Soccer World Cup 2010 in June the Government of India buys the oracle Octopus Paul for a huge amount.

Paul the octopus is brought under high security on a special aircraft to Delhi. It is received by the VVIPs. Any way Paul could not care less because he is hungry and tired of people watching him. Paul is a shy creature. Anyway I forgot to tell you why Paul is brought to India. To be used by the Finance Ministry to predict inflation. Our guys have been doing it for the last two years and they could not arrive at a figure. So much for Howard and Wharton graduates in the ministry.

Many Ministers don't like the English name Paul. MPs and MLAs want to have an Indian name -- Paul can be called Munna -- No No, Munna is a soft name. I don't agree. So finally Paul became Varun though all were not happy.

Varun, the octopus became the champion of predicting the inflation rates for India. All went on well for a week till the caretaker decided to go on leave and Varun was not fed. When the box to predict the inflation numbers was lowered the octopus swam wildly in the tank (obviously displeased), went to the prediction box and with its strong tentacles threw it up and out of the tank.

It is a bad omen said the caretaker. May be it needs a mate, said the Officer.

No. Send it back to Germany. May be better off without the inflation figures.

So Paul goes back to Germany.

P.S.

Unfortunately Paul died of stress, strain and old age. One more octopus is getting trained to predict things. Our Government may acquire it to predict corruption. "Tell me Paul II, who will be corrupt?"

May be we can trust a marine creature like Paul II. Can we do the same with ____ ???

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Contrary to popular belief, the Bowring Institute was founded by B.L Rice CIE, Director of Public Instruction, Mysore and author of the Mysore Gazette and other works on Mysore State. Rice was the founder president. It is hard to believe that it was started originally as a Literary and Academic Institute. Like the Mythic Society, there was a time when it looked it too. A reading room, library and a series of lectures were planned with a membership subscription of one rupee per month. Some how the club got stamped as an Anglo Indian Club during the war years. There were May Queen Balls with young girls wearing pastel dresses and flowers in their hair. Olive Dozey, a stately octogenarian and one of the oldest members of the Institute, remembers attending "wonderful dances" where the women had little cards with slim pencils attached to note down the names of the men who had asked them for particular dances... Now the pendulum has swung all the way out to what is perhaps the biggest assemblage of card players of any club. The hallmark of the past time is there is hardly any conversation. Outside however it is a busy hive of parties and hard tipplers. As a remnant of its origins as a Literary Institute the Club has one of the most imposing Reading Rooms and Library.

Today the club has the first ISO 9001-2000 recognition and boasts of a membership of 4355 The institute has a total of 60 guest rooms, catering to various categories and class. The luxurious Presidential Suites are 6 in number followed by twelve cottages for families. There are 34 air-conditioned rooms and 8 non-air-conditioned rooms with reasonably priced tariff. The guest rooms are the biggest attraction and the average occupancy rate at the Bowring Institute stands at 98% almost throughout the year.

For the sports lovers and fitness freaks, the club provides five tennis courts, which have been patronized by 'greats' such as Roy Emerson, Bobby Howe, Ramanathan Krishnan to name a few. The club runs a tennis academy for young lovers of the game. The wooden floored Badminton Courts have also been a great attraction with the majority of members queuing up to get a game. The Institute provides four billiard tables and boasts of some of the national figures such as Arivind Savur being on of its regular members. The latest name doing the rounds of the billiards and snooker circuit is the club's own product, Pankaj Advani, who learnt his skills under the watchful eyes of the Maestro Savur at the Green Baize-Billiards Room of the club. It has a lovely swimming pool that draws in a large number of swimming enthusiasts. The club also has a well-equipped Health Club & Gym.

Today the Institute may be something else from what the founders intended it to be...the literacy and scientific pursuits have been replaced by amusements but the Bowring Institute still has the best of what it has inherited..!



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