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VISION

Catalytic empowerment of families and sports enthusiasts for a harmonious blend of familial bonding through clubbing

MISSION

To create an environment that fosters family-oriented values and cultivates sports talent, enabling individuals to identify, nurture, and develop their potential to pursue excellence.



CONVENER LITERARY COMMITTEE

- **SYED NAZARAT ALI**
ADDL COMMISSIONER (COORD)

MEMBERS

- Mrs. Duraj Nadeem Khosa
- Ms. Khudaija Bilal
- Mr. Javed Iqbal, DG PEMRA
- Ms. Gul Zeba
- Mr. Muzammil Gondal
- Mr. Sher Ahmed Satti, Director Colleges
- Mrs. Bushra Ahmed

ELECTIONS 2024

NAME OF INCUMBENT	POSITION	SECURED VOTES
Raja Faisal Aziz Bhatti	Secretary	420
Sardar M. Kamal Khan		252
Mr. Asim Mehmood	BoG Member	369
Syed Rizwan Haider Mashadi	BoG Member	351
Syed Sijjeel Haider	BoG Member	351
Brig (R) Muhammad Aslam Khan	BoG Member	350
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OATH TAKING CEREMONY OF THE 2ND ELECTED BOG

On January 1st, 2024, a formal ceremony was held to mark the administration of the oath of office to the newly elected Board of Governors (BoG) of the Rawalpindi Gymkhana Club. The ceremony was attended by a distinguished gathering, including prominent figures from the government, business community, and the club's membership.

Raja Faisal Bhatti, the newly elected Secretary of RGC, assumed his duties alongside the newly elected BoG members: Syed Rizwan Haider Mashadi, Syed Sijjeel Haider, Brig. Aslam, Asim Malik, and Durraj Nadeem Khosa.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Liaqat Ali Chattha, Chairman RGC, outgoing BoG members, Hassan Waqar Cheema, Deputy Commissioner Rawalpindi / Vice-chairman, Nadeem A. Rauf, Ahmad Hassan Ranjha, DG PHA Rawalpindi, Syed Nazarat Ali, Additional Commissioner (Coordination) Rawalpindi, Muhammad Saif Anwar Jappa, M. Nasir Mirza, Shammim Ahmad Khan, Muhammad Hafiz Ahmad, Saqib Rafique, President of the Rawalpindi Chamber, Sohail Altaf, Group Leader of the Rawalpindi Chamber, Zahid Latif Khan, President of the Islamabad Stock Exchange, and other dignitaries.

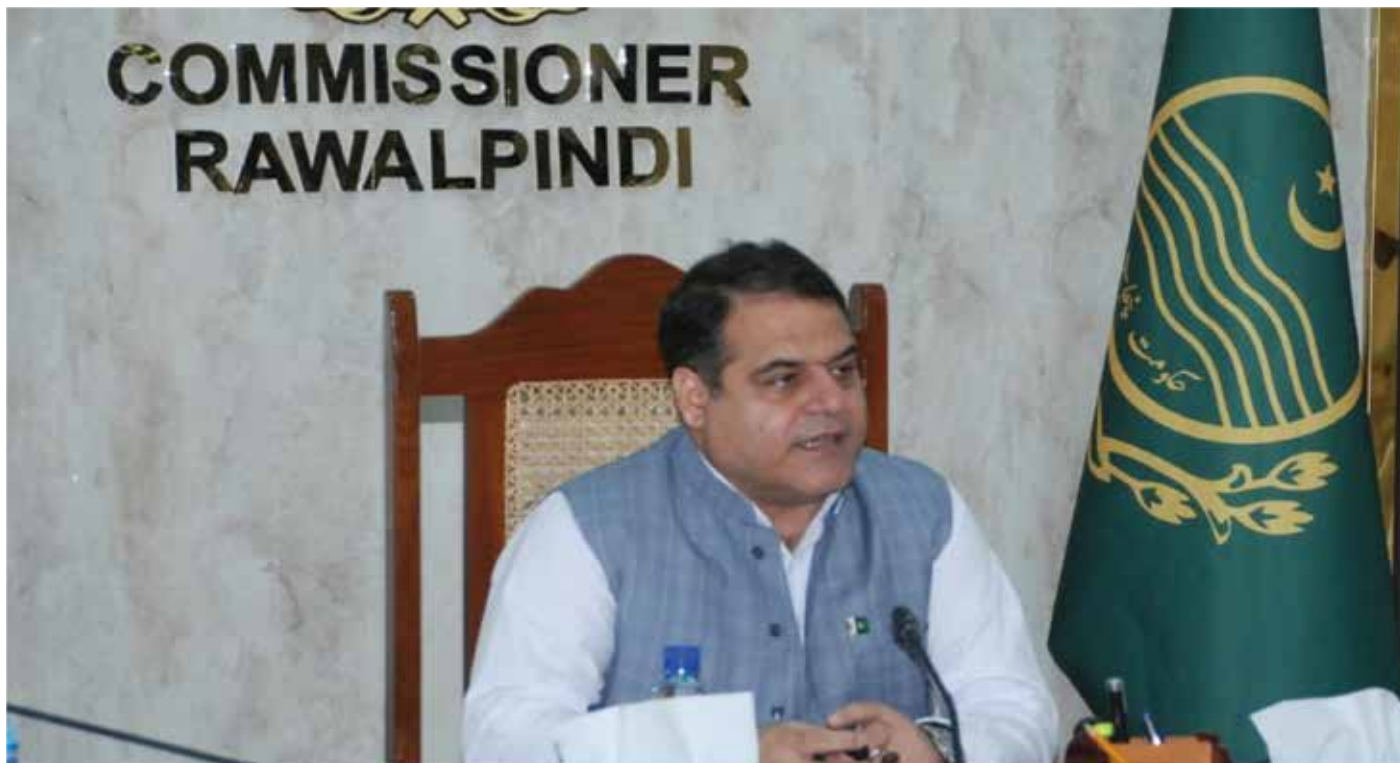


RGC TEAM



1ST BOARD MEETING IN NEW BUILDING

GLIMPSES OF BOG MEETINGS







Engr. Aamer Khattak

Commissioner Rawalpindi Division
Chairman, Rawalpindi Gymkhana Club

CHAIRMAN RGC MESSAGE 2024



RGC is delighted for providing a thriving hub to families and the wider community. Our efforts to make the club a cradle of social interaction, bliss of gregariousness and infusion of grace and mannerism.

Dear Members of the Rawalpindi Gymkhana Club!

It is with immense pride and satisfaction that RGC shares the progress achievements. Our team has worked tirelessly to uphold the highest transparency, discipline, and service standards.

RGC is successfully implementing initiatives that have enhanced the overall experience of our members. The recent inauguration of our state-of-the-art guest rooms is just one example of our commitment to providing state of the art facilities. These rooms are as meticulously maintained as five-star hotel, reflecting our dedication to excellence.

RGC has taken a firm stance against any misconduct that undermines the integrity of the club, ensuring that our members feel safe, respected, and valued. Our unwavering commitment to discipline has created a positive and productive environment for all.

RGC is delighted for providing a thriving hub to families and the wider community. Our efforts to make the club a cradle of social interaction, bliss of gregariousness and infusion of grace and mannerism.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to my team for their unwavering support and dedication. Their hard work and commitment have been instrumental in our success. Let us continue to work together to build upon our achievements and create an even brighter future for the Rawalpindi Gymkhana Club.

Engr. Aamer Khattak

Commissioner Rawalpindi Division
Chairman, Rawalpindi Gymkhana Club



Raja Faisal Aziz Bhatti
Secretary, Rawalpindi Gymkhana Club

SECRETARY RGC MESSAGE 2024

Dear Members of the Rawalpindi Gymkhana Club!

It is with immense pride that I reflect on RGC's significant achievements during my tenure. Together, we have transformed the club into a thriving hub of social activity and community engagement.

One of our most notable accomplishments has been the successful inauguration of the new main building and the RGC Guest rooms. These state-of-the-art facilities have provided RGC with a modern and functional space that meets the needs of our growing membership. The relocation of RGC's offices, restaurants, and coffee shops to the main building has streamlined operations and created a more centralized and convenient experience for our members.

RGC has also made significant strides in beautifying the club grounds through extensive horticulture work. Our efforts to create a visually appealing and inviting environment have transformed the club into a peaceful oasis within the bustling city.

Discipline has been a cornerstone of our success. RGC has implemented and maintained strict disciplinary measures, ensuring a respectful and orderly atmosphere for all members. This commitment to discipline has fostered a positive and productive environment where everyone feels valued and respected.

Under the leadership of chairman, RGC has emerged from a financial crunch and achieved financial stability. Through careful management and prudent financial decisions, we have successfully implemented measures to improve our financial position and ensure the long-term sustainability of the club.

RGC has fostered a vibrant and inclusive community by organizing a variety of events and social gatherings. These activities have provided opportunities for members to connect, socialize, and enjoy the camaraderie of their peers.

In addition, RGC has successfully broken ground on a new coffee shop, further enhancing our dining and leisure options. This exciting development demonstrates our commitment to providing our members with the best possible facilities and experiences.

Alhamdulillah, RGC has gained the trust and support of our members, as evidenced by the increase in new memberships. We are grateful for the confidence placed in RGC and remain dedicated to serving our members to the best of our abilities.

To ensure that RGC remains an inclusive and welcoming environment for all, we have taken special care to accommodate the needs of our elderly and special members. The installation of wheelchair lifts and the organization of separate gatherings for female members are just a few examples of our commitment to inclusivity.

RGC's achievements are a testament to the hard work, dedication, and collaboration of our members and staff. I am honored to have been a part of this journey and look forward to continuing to serve our club in the years to come.

Raja Faisal Aziz Bhatti
Secretary, Rawalpindi Gymkhana Club

HALL OF PIONEERS



LIAQAT ALI CHATTHA
FOUNDER CHAIRMAN



HASSAN WAQAR CHEEMA
VICE CHAIRMAN



NADEEM A. RAUF
SECRETARY



SAIF ANWAR JAPPA



DR. JAMAL NASIR



SOHAIL ALTAF



AHMED HASSAN RANJHA



SYED NAZARAT ALI



SAQIB RAFIQUE



ABDUL MAJID MEER



ZAHID LATIF KHAN



BRIG. ANISA BATOOL



SHAMIM AHMED KHAN

MEET THE RGC TEAM 2024



CHAIRMAN
Engr. Aamer Khattak
Commissioner,
Rawalpindi Division



VICE-CHAIRMAN
Hassan Waqar Cheema
Deputy Commissioner,
Rawalpindi



SECRETARY
Raja Faisal Aziz Bhatti



BOG MEMBER
Saif Anwar Jappa
DG RDA
(Jan 2024 – March 2024)



BOG MEMBER
Syed Nazar Ali,
Addl. Comm (coord), Rwp
Convener literary committee,
Convener Amendments of
memorandum of association
Committee



BOG MEMBER
Ms Kinza Murtaza
DG RDA
Convener HR Committee



BOG MEMBER
Ahmad Hassan Ranjha
DG PHA, Rwp
Secretary Finance



BOG MEMBER
Syeda Rizwan Haider
Mashadi
Convener sports
committee



BOG MEMBER
Asim Mehmood Malik
Convener Food and
beverages Committee



BOG MEMBER
Syed Shijjeel Haider
Convener Finance
Committee



BOG MEMBER
Brig Aslam Khan
Member HR &
Discipline Committee



BOG MEMBER
Durraj Nadeem Khosa
Convener Art, culture
and wellbeing
Committee



BOG MEMBER
Abdul Majid Meer
Convener operation committee of
guest room, Convener develop-
ment committee



BOG MEMBER
Ms Nazia Parveen
(Jan 2024 – July 2024)



BOG MEMBER
Shams-ur-Rehman
(Jan 2024 – July 2024)

ENGR. AAMER KHATTAK TAKES THE HELM AT RAWALPINDI GYMKHANA CLUB



We are delighted to introduce our esteemed Chairman, Engr. Aamer Khattak, a man of exceptional achievement and dedication. Engr. Khattak brings a wealth of experience and a distinguished career in public service to the Rawalpindi Gymkhana Club.

Engr. Khattak's journey in public service began in 2004 when he topped the N.W.F.P. (now Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) in the CSS exam and secured a place in the prestigious District Management Group (DMG). His early career saw him serving as Assistant Commissioner in various regions of Pakistan, including Quetta (Balochistan), Dera Bugti (Balochistan), Mirpurkhas (Sindh), and Tank (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa).

Engr. Khattak's leadership skills were further honed during his tenure as PSO to then Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Mr. Pervez Khattak. He subsequently held key positions as Deputy Commissioner in Mansehra (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa). His contributions to these regions have been widely recognized and appreciated.

In addition to his administrative roles, Engr. Khattak has served as the Divisional Deputy Commissioner of Multan, where he also held the additional responsibilities of Managing Director for the Multan Development Authority and the Multan Waste Management Company (MWMC). Notably, he was promoted to Commissioner of Multan in 2022.

Engr. Khattak's commitment to public service is evident of his dedication to fostering excellence in young minds. He has served as a member of the Board of Governors of Cadet College Hasan Abdal, where he has played a vital role in shaping the future of the next generation.

Engr. Aamer Khattak, as Commissioner of Rawalpindi Division, has been instrumental in driving significant development and improvement initiatives. He has personally overseen the progress of the Rawalpindi Ring Road project, ensuring its completion

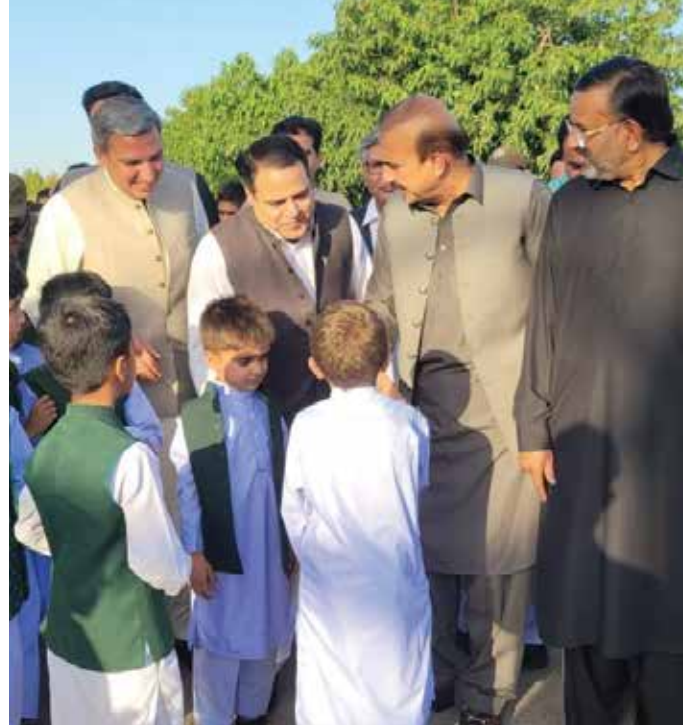
Additionally, he has spearheaded a comprehensive anti-encroachment operation across the city, demonstrating his commitment to maintaining order and public spaces.

Engr. Khattak has consistently emphasized the importance of quality and transparency in all development schemes, ensuring that public resources are utilized effectively and efficiently.

He has also urged government employees to prioritize the swift execution of welfare projects, demonstrating his dedication for improving the lives of the local community. Furthermore, Engr. Khattak has personally inspected rainwater drainage systems to ensure the city is adequately prepared for the monsoon season.

His proactive approach and commitment to public welfare have made a notable impact on the Rawalpindi region.

We are confident that Engr. Khattak's exceptional leadership, combined with his passion for community development, will propel Rawalpindi Gymkhana Club to even greater heights. We are excited to embark on this journey together under his guidance.



The Rawalpindi Gymkhana Club (RGC) has undergone a remarkable transformation in recent years, evolving from an unfinished building into a vibrant and thriving hub of social activity and community engagement. This journey of revitalization began with a determined effort to complete the construction of the main building and the accompanying guest rooms.

Upon taking office, the current Board of Governors recognized the immense potential of these unfinished structures. With a clear vision and a commitment to excellence, they embarked on a comprehensive plan to transform the building into a state-of-the-art facility that would meet the needs and expectations of RGC's members.

The completion of the main building and guest rooms has significantly enhanced the overall member experience. Members now have access to a wider range of facilities, including spacious lounges, dining areas, and recreational spaces. The guest rooms offer comfortable accommodations for visitors and out-of-town members, further solidifying RGC's position as a premier destination for social gatherings and events.



In addition to the physical transformation of the building, RGC has also focused on creating a vibrant and inclusive community. By organizing a variety of events, social gatherings, and initiatives, the club has fostered a sense of belonging and camaraderie among its members. These efforts have contributed to the club's reputation as a welcoming and enjoyable place to spend time.

RGC's journey of transformation is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the Board of Governors, staff, and members. Through their collective efforts, they have successfully transformed a building into a thriving club that serves as a valuable asset to the Rawalpindi community. As RGC continues to evolve and grow, it remains committed to providing its members with an exceptional experience and maintaining its position as a premier destination for social and recreational activities.



TRANSFORMING A BUILDING INTO A CLUB





MILESTONES

ACHIEVED IN 2024

1. FINANCIAL STABILITY

RGC has prioritized financial stability through careful management and prudent decision-making. By implementing sound financial practices and maintaining transparency, the club has ensured its long-term sustainability and ability to invest in future improvements.

2. INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

RGC has prioritized modernizing its facilities to enhance members' experience. This includes the successful inauguration of the new main building and RGC Guest Rooms, providing state-of-the-art amenities and comfortable accommodations. These improvements have not only enhanced the aesthetic appeal of the club but have also created a more functional and enjoyable ambiance for our members.

3. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

RGC has implemented and maintained strict disciplinary measures to create a respectful and orderly environment for all members. By upholding these standards, the club has fostered a positive and productive atmosphere where everyone feels safe, valued, and respected.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

RGC has fostered a vibrant and inclusive community by organizing a variety of events and social gatherings. These initiatives have provided opportunities for members to connect, socialize, and participate in various activities. The club has also implemented measures to ensure that all members feel welcome and included, regardless of their background or circumstances.

5. AFFILIATIONS

RGC has strengthened its position within the community and expanded its network through strategic affiliations. Some notable partnerships and collaborations formed in 2024 include Lahore Gymkhana and Karachi Gymkhana and many more.

FACILITIES & SERVICES



INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

SOFT OPENING AND SHIFTING TO THE NEW BUILDING:

The main building of Rawalpindi Gymkhana Club was officially inaugurated during a soft opening ceremony led by the honorable Chairman of RGC on 15th February, 2024.

Completing this impressive structure, spanning 45,000 square feet, in just six months is nothing short of a miracle. A heartfelt salute goes to Commissioner Rawalpindi, Mr. Liaquat Ali Chatha, and his entire team for their remarkable achievement.



INAUGURATION OF 'POTOHAR ENCLAVE' - RGC'S MAIN BUILDING & RGC MOSQUE

On February 2nd, 2024, Rawalpindi Gymkhana Club proudly inaugurated its new main building, 'Potohar Enclave.' Mohsin Naqvi, then Chief Minister of Punjab graced the inauguration ceremony. Distinguished guests included Liaqat Ali Chattha, then Commissioner of Rawalpindi; Hassan Waqar Cheema, Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Rawalpindi; Saqib Rafique, President of Rawalpindi Chamber; Sohail Altaf, Group Leader of Rawalpindi Chamber; and various members of RGC's Board of Governors.

Notable attendees were Raja Faisal Aziz Bhatti, Secretary of RGC along with all BOG members. Dignitaries from the Chamber and government and RGC members also attended this grand event.



RESTAURANT RENOVATION

Get ready for a fresh new look at the RGC restaurant! We're excited to announce that we're undergoing a major renovation to provide you with an even more enjoyable dining experience.

Our team is working hard to create a decent and inviting atmosphere, with updated decor, comfortable seating, and a menu featuring delicious new dishes. Stay tuned for updates on our progress and grand reopening date!



COFFEE LOUNGE





RGC GUEST ROOMS RAWAL RESIDENCIA

RGC GUEST ROOMS INAUGURATION

The RGC guest rooms were inaugurated by Chairman RGC, Amer Khattak, on July 1st, 2024. The opening of these rooms marks a new era of collaboration and sustainability for RGC. The rooms include Queens' double bed room, Deluxe Queen Double room, King Double room, and Deluxe Double rooms.

Notable attendees were Raja Faisal Aziz Bhatti, Secretary of RGC, Syed Rizwan Haider Mashadi, Syed Sijjeel Haider, Brig. Aslam, Asim Malik, Durraj Nadeem Khosa, Kinza Murtaza, Abdul Majid, Ahmed Hassan Ranjha, Syed Nazarat Ali, Additional Commissioner (Coordination) Rawalpindi, M. Nasir Mirza, Shammim Ahmad Khan, Muhammad Hafiz Ahmad, Saqib Rafique, President of Rawalpindi Chamber, Sohail Altaf, Group Leader of Rawalpindi Chambres, as well as dignitaries from the Chamber and government, and other RGC members.



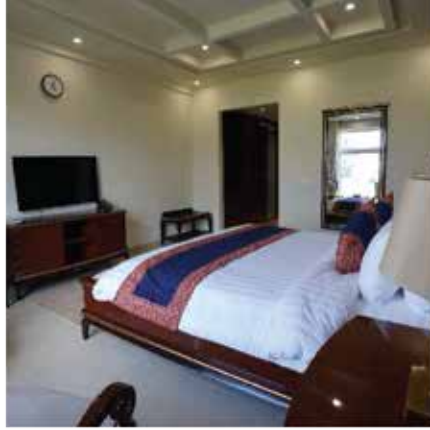
RGC CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE WITH SPECIAL OFFERS

In honor of Pakistan's Independence Day, the RGC guest room committee decided to offer complimentary breakfast and a 25% discount on all guest room bookings throughout August. This special offer provided guests with the opportunity to experience the warm hospitality and luxurious accommodations of the RGC while enjoying these exclusive benefits.

RAWAL RESIDENCIA

STANDARD KING & TWIN

Our Standard Rooms offer exceptional comfort at an economical charges. Designed for relaxation, these rooms provide all the essentials you need for a restful stay, making them the perfect choice for travelers looking for a cozy and affordable option. Enjoy a welcoming, comfortable space without compromising on quality.



DELUXE KING & TWIN

Our Deluxe Rooms provide breathtaking views of the club's beautifully maintained courts and lush greenery. You can immerse yourself in the serene, picturesque surroundings from the comfort of your room. It's the perfect treat for relaxing and enjoying a peaceful, nature-filled atmosphere.

RAWAL EXECUTIVE

Our Executive Rooms are designed with both comfort and sophistication in mind. Spacious and elegantly furnished, they provide an ideal environment for relaxation or work. With added amenities and a touch of luxury, these rooms offer an elevated experience for those seeking comfort with a refined touch, making them perfect for business and leisure travelers.



RGC

RECIPROCAL CLUBS



AFFILIATION UPDATE

RAWALPINDI GYMKHANA CLUB SIGNS MOU WITH LAHORE GYMKHANA CLUB

Rawalpindi Gymkhana Club has officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Lahore Gymkhana Club, solidifying their affiliation. This partnership marked a significant milestone in enhancing club memberships' benefits and opportunities. The announcement was made on 22nd April, 2024. Additionally, efforts were underway to establish affiliations with several other esteemed clubs, promising further expansion and networking opportunities for our members. Stay tuned for more updates on these developments.

RGC

RECIPROCAL CLUBS



**LAHORE
GYMKHANA**



**DESOM CLUB,
LAHORE**



**HYDERABAD
GYMKHANA**



**CHENAB CLUB,
FAISALABAD**



**BAHAWAL
GYMKHANA**



**SARGODHA
GYMKHANA**



**D.G. KHAN
GYMKHANA**



**GUJRAT
GYMKHANA**



**GUJRANWALA
GYMKHANA**

SPORTS FACILITIES

01. SNOOKER

02. BILLIARD

03. CHESS & CARROM

04. FOOSE BALL

05. CARDROOM

06. MULTIPURPOSE HALL

07. SQUASH COURTS

08. MAIN GYM

09. INDOOR SWIMMING POOL

10. CRICKET ARENA

11. JOGGING TRACK

12. TENNIS (GRASS AND CLAY COURTS)

13. SEPARATE LADIES' GYM
(WITH ATTACHED CHILDREN'S
LIBRARY AND PLAY AREA)14. INDOOR SWIMMING POOL
(SEPARATE POOL FOR CHILDREN)

15. STEAM & SUANA

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

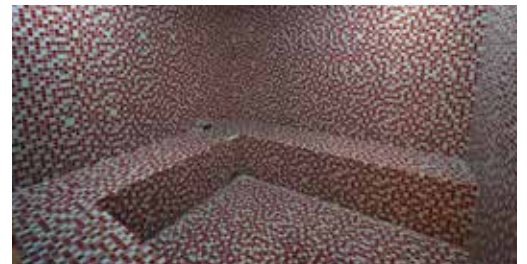
01. FUTSAL

02. TENNIS (HARD COURT)

04. LIBRARY

05. CINEMA

06. PEDAL TENNIS





SPORTS EVENTS

TENNIS UNDER THE LIGHTS AT RGC

Tennis enthusiasts, at the Rawalpindi Gymkhana, celebrated the opening of two new clay tennis courts. The courts are equipped with floodlights, allowing members to enjoy the sport even after dark.

On Saturday, January 27th, members gathered to commemorate the occasion and play their first match under the lights. The clay tennis courts remain open daily until 9 pm.



FRIENDLY CRICKET MATCH AT RAWALPINDI GYMKHANA CLUB

Held on January 20th, 2024, to encourage members to participate in more healthy and recreational activities. The event aimed at fostering camaraderie and to promote an active lifestyle among RGC members.



FRIENDLY SQUASH MATCH HOSTED BY RAWALPINDI GYMKHANA CLUB

The Sports Committee organized a friendly match between teams from Shalimar, Islamabad, and Rawalpindi Gymkhana Club on June 29th, 2024. Muhammad Saif Anwar Jappa, Director General of PHATA, graced the event as the chief guest. Raja Faisal Aziz Bhatti, Secretary RGC, and Syed Rizwan Haider Mashadi, Convener of Sports, expressed gratitude to the participants and presented shields as tokens of appreciation.



SWIMMING GALA 2024

The RGC Swimming Gala 2024, organized by the sports committee, was a successful event held on September 15th. The competition featured categories for both male and female participants, ranging from young children to adults. Over 50 swimmers participated. The concluding ceremony was attended by a large number of RGC members, BOG members, and swimming committee members. Convener of sports, Syed Rizwan Haider Mashadi, extended special thanks to the organizing team, including trainers, staff, and RGC members Prof. Azam Yousuf, Raza Isphani, and particularly Durraj Nadeem Khosa, for their contributions, in organizing the women's events. The RGC Committee also announced that the management is working to make the swimming pool functional even during the wintertime.



ANNUAL SPORTS GALA 2024

The Annual Sports Gala 2024 kicked off on September 30, organized by the Sports Committee. This exciting event featured competitions in badminton, table tennis, and squash, with a strong turnout across categories for men, women, and veterans. Participants showed great enthusiasm, contributing to a memorable event that celebrated athletic skill and community spirit.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

MEHFIL-E-MILAD AND LECTURE ON BLESSINGS AND VIRTUES OF RAMADAN

Esteemed members and their families (ladies only) joined to commence the new year with prosperity at the MEHFIL-E-MILAD and a lecture on the Blessings and Virtues of Ramadan, on 1st February (Thursday). This special gathering held significance as it marked the unveiling of a new building, symbolizing growth and prosperity for our esteemed community. The event was organized by the Committee of Art, Culture, and Wellbeing and included the participation of students and professional female naat khuwans. Additionally, there was a lecture on the Blessings and Virtues of Ramadan.



SOFT OPENING OF RAWALPINDI GYMKHANA MOSQUE





INITIATION OF JUMMA PRAYER AT RAWALPINDI GYMKHANA CLUB

On February 2nd, 2024, Rawalpindi Gymkhana Club marked a significant milestone by initiating Jumma prayers at its mosque. This new tradition brought together dignitaries from business and government sectors, as well as RGC staff and members, who gathered for the inaugural Jumma prayer. The event was a testament to the club's commitment to develop a sense of community and spiritual well-being among its members.



GRAND TAMBOLA NIGHT & BUFFET DINNER

On February 10th, 2024, a grand tombola event was held at the rooftop of Rawalpindi Gymkhana Club. Many members attended this family-friendly event, which was organized by RGC and featured a buffet dinner. Special prizes for children were generously sponsored by Sultan's, adding extra excitement and joy for the younger participants.





SPRING FESTIVAL (24TH FEBRUARY - 9TH MARCH)

Rawalpindi Gymkhana Club celebrated spring with a vibrant festival from February 24th to March 9th, featuring a variety of exciting events. The festivities included sports tournaments, a funfair, tambola, and a musical night. The sports activities, which included table tennis, cricket, and squash & lawn tennis, brought a lively atmosphere to RGC. Prizes and certificates were distributed to participants, adding to the spirit of competition and celebration. Convenor of Sports, Syed Rizwan Haider Mashadi, worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the event.

The funfair extended over two days, featuring rides, artist performances, and over 50 stalls showcasing food, handmade crafts, jewelry, bags, artworks, and various other attractions. The event was overseen by Durraj Nadeem Khosa, convener of the Arts, Culture, and Wellbeing Committee, ensuring its successful execution.

BADMINTON



CRICKET



The cricket arena is being developed into a multipurpose space.

TENNIS



TABLE TENNIS



SPRING FESTIVAL (24TH FEBRUARY - 9TH MARCH) FUN FAIR





RGC MAG 2024

THE GHAZAL NIGHT

It was a joint initiative between RGC and Sultan's, along with the ghazal night, which proved to be highly successful, offering delightful evenings for all participants. The event was managed by Soni Martin, CEO of Wonder World, ensuring a memorable experience for everyone involved.



FAREWELL TO EX-DG RDA SAIF ANWAR JAPPA

Rawalpindi Gymkhana Club bid a fond farewell to Saif Anwar Jappa, the former DG of RDA, who has been appointed as DG Housing Punjab. A heartfelt farewell party was organized on March, 11th, in his honor, where past and present members of the Board of Governors gathered to pay tribute to his remarkable contributions.

As Secretary of RGC, it was acknowledged that Saif Anwar Jappa's tenure alongside Liaquat Ali Chattha has left an indelible mark on the club's legacy. His steadfast support and leadership were instrumental in advancing RGC's goals and initiatives.

"Saif Anwar Jappa has been not only a dedicated officer but also a beloved mentor and elder brother to many of us," expressed the Secretary of RGC. "We have learned immensely from his wisdom and guidance, and his departure leaves a void that will be deeply felt."

"Building Gymkhana for Rawalpindi was an unfinished task which has now, Alhumdulillah, been materialized with the cooperation and support of all members, particularly the 1st and 2nd BoG," stated Saif Anwar Jappa. He acknowledged the monumental effort put forth by Abbas Khan Sahib, Shujja Sahib, Karamat Sahib, and Saleem Raza, praising their dedication to ensuring quality without compromise.

"As a public servant, I felt a responsibility to work for the community, and I am grateful for the support I received," he added. Saif Anwar Jappa urged the current BoG members to maintain the same level of commitment to ongoing development projects, emphasizing that the goal is within reach with continued dedication.

The RGC community expressed its heartfelt gratitude for Saif Anwar Jappa's service and wished him the very best in his future endeavors.



IFTAR BUFFET

RGC members were able to enjoy iftar buffets. The buffet menu and food quality were highly appreciated by the members. The RGC Restaurant continues to strive towards creating a better environment for its members. Asim Malik, the Convenor of Food and Beverages, dedicated extensive efforts to ensure a delightful dining experience throughout Ramadan.



MEHNDI STALL ON CHAND RAAT AND EID PRAYER

A Mehndi stall was set up on Chand Raat to delight our members, offering minimal charges and garnering great success, on 9th of April. The following day, Eid prayers were performed in the RGC mosque, marking a spiritual conclusion to the festive celebrations.



GRAND TAMBOLA & BUFFET DINNER (11TH MAY, 2024)

The RGC once again elevated the tambola game experience. Numerous members participated in this family-friendly event, orchestrated by the RGC and complemented by a buffet dinner. Special prizes for children were graciously sponsored by Sultan's, enhancing the excitement and delight for the younger attendees.



MOTHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS (12TH MAY, 2024)

The Arts, Culture, and Wellbeing Committee organized an open discussion focused on mothers. Hosted by convener Durraj Nadeem Khosa, the event featured insightful discussions by esteemed members who shared their experiences and emotions related to motherhood and parenting. Children contributed artworks reflecting the theme of the event, and candies and certificates were distributed to participants. The event culminated with a cake-cutting ceremony, marking a memorable conclusion.



THE GRAND GALA NIGHT

On 17th May 2024, the gala night showcased performances by renowned artists Sahir Ali Bagga, Bakhtawar Qayyum, and Shan Khan. The event featured cultural performances managed by Wonder World. Secretary RGC extended gratitude to sponsors, including Ms. Kinza Murtaza (DG RDA), Mr. Soni Martin (CEO, Wonder World), and RGC members for their contributions in making the event a success.





VISIT TO RGA OFFICE



The Board of Governors (BOG) of the Rawalpindi Gymkhana Club, led by Raja Faisal Aziz Bhatti, visited the Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) to express their appreciation to Ms. Kinza Murtaza, the Director General of RDA, for her instrumental role in securing RDA's sponsorship for the recent gala night at RGC. During the meeting, the BOG members, including Syed Rizwan Haider Mashadi, Asim Mehmood Malik, Brig. Aslam Khan, and Durraj Nadeem Khosa, discussed matters pertaining to human resources and development initiatives within the club, exploring potential collaborations with RDA in these areas.



LAW AWARENESS SESSION IN COLLABORATION WITH AL-WILAYAT ORGANIZATION (31ST MAY, 2024)

The Alwilayat organization arranged an awareness session focusing on the rights of women, children, and transgender individuals. The event included speakers from law enforcement departments.



SCREENWRITING WORKSHOP BY SAJI GUL

RGC organized a two-day workshop on 'Screenwriting' featuring Saji Gul, a distinguished screenwriter and Creative Head at Green Entertainment. Known for producing hit dramas like "Mrs & Mr Shamim," "O Rangreza," and "Badshah Begum," Saji Gul imparted valuable insights into screenwriting to the participants. The workshop was highly successful, enhancing the attendees' understanding of screenwriting techniques.



EID UL AZHA CELEBRATION

On the occasion of Eid Ul Adha were set up on Chand Raat, offering our members a delightful experience. Students of Fatima Jinnah women University participated in the event. The following day, Eid prayers were conducted at the RGC mosque, marking a spiritual conclusion to the festive celebrations.



RGC SPORTS AND ARTS SUMMER CAMP

The sports committee and committee of art, culture, and wellbeing successfully organized a five-week summer camp that combined sports and art activities. The sports camp offered a variety of options, including swimming, squash, tennis, and badminton, while the arts camp focused on painting, drawing, and paper upcycling. It included almost 70 plus participants. The camp culminated in an art exhibition showcasing the participants' creative work, followed by an award ceremony where certificates were presented to all participants.

ART CAMP

DRAWING FOR CHILDREN WITH KHURRAM SHAHBAZ



PAPER UP CYCLING BY ZRAR HAIDER BABARY

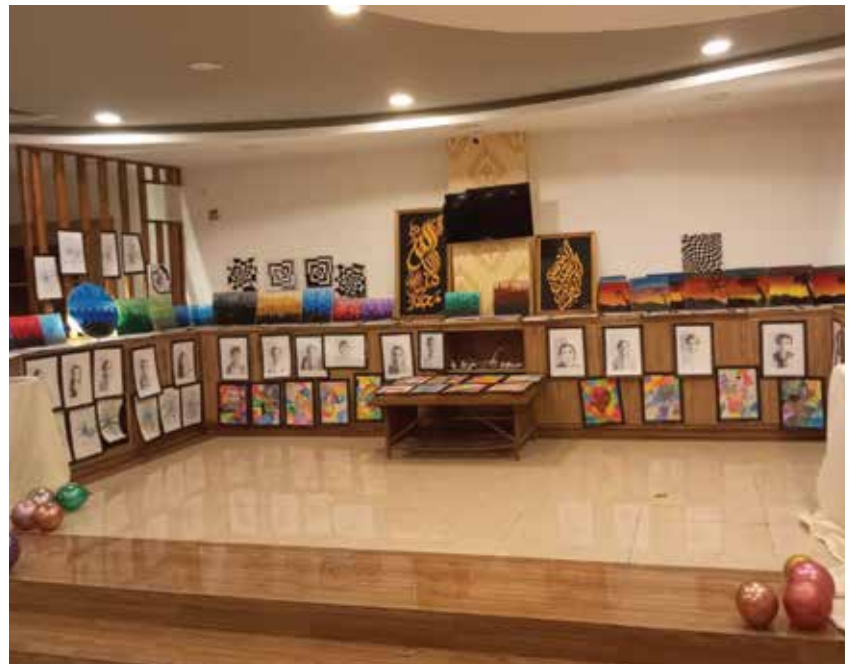


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EXHIBITION





SPORTS CAMP

BADMINTON



SWIMMING



CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTING CEREMONY



SQUASH



MEHFIL E MILAD FOR LADIES

The RGC art, culture, and wellbeing committee hosted a successful Mehfil-e-Milad on September 22, 2024, to celebrate Rabi ul Awwal. Over 80 ladies and children attended the event, with nearly 20 participants, including children, reciting beautiful Naats. Convener Durraj Nadeem Khosa expressed gratitude to the club members who volunteered their time and efforts to organize the event, particularly Misba Saif and Khadija Danial. Pioneer BOG member Brig. Aneesa also graced the occasion with her presence and commended the children for their outstanding performances.



MEET AND GREET WITH CHEF GULZAR



SPECIAL PERFORMANCE OF KAMRAN MEHDI



SHALIMAR CLUB VISIT



TAMBOLA NIGHT (28 NOV 2024)





DISCIPLINARY INITIATIVES

01

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

The management has been enforcing dress code policies since the beginning of their tenure. Recently, a comprehensive document approved by the Board of Governors has been issued and displayed within the RGC premises.



02

RECORD KEEPING, OUTSTANDING DUES, AND DEFAULTERS

The management at Rawalpindi Gymkhana Club has diligently addressed issues related to record maintenance, outstanding dues, and the defaulter list. Despite the challenges, significant progress has been made in recovering overdue payments, ensuring the financial health of our esteemed club.



03

RFID CARDS

To enhance security and facilitate members, RFID cards have been introduced. The designing, printing, and issuing process took some time initially, but efforts have been made to streamline the card issuance process for future efficiency.



04

INSTALLATION OF CREDIT CARD MACHINE

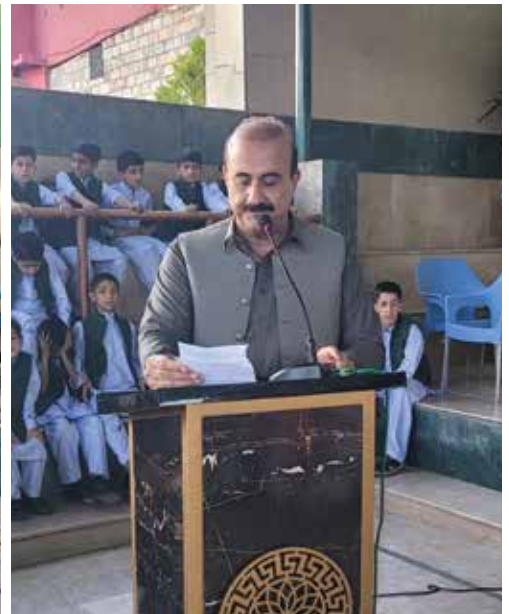
Starting February 22nd, a credit card machine was installed in the dining hall to facilitate smoother transactions for members. This addition aims to enhance convenience and improve the overall dining experience at Rawalpindi Gymkhana Club.

CHARITY INITIATIVES

The RGC initiated a charity drive to support the Pakistan Sweet Home, inspired by an application from club members. In line with the club's objective outlined in Section 3(iv) of its memorandum of association, the management decided to collect a compulsory amount of Rs. 180 from willing members to contribute to this noble cause.

SWEET HOME VISIT

RGC BoG & esteemed members visited Sweet Home formally on 17th May, 2024 to deliver a donated amount and engage with the orphaned children. Chairman RGC, Aamer Khattak, expressed deep appreciation for the children and participated in a friendly match with them during the visit. He presented the donations collected from RGC members to Zamurd Khan, extending heartfelt wishes for the children's future endeavors. Chairman RGC also expressed interest in exploring future collaborations with Sweet Home to further support their commendable initiatives.





IFTAR DINNER FOR SWEET HOME CHILDREN AND FRIENDLY MATCH

An iftar dinner was hosted for the children of Sweet Home, accompanied by a friendly match, on April 1st, 2024. Members were invited to join the dinner alongside orphaned children and contribute to this meaningful event.

Distinguished guests included Chairman RGC, Aamer Khattak; Hassan Waqar Cheema, Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Rawalpindi; Saqib Rafique, President of Rawalpindi Chamber; Sohail Altaf, Group Leader of Rawalpindi Chamber; and various members of RGC's Board of Governors.

Notable attendees were Faisal Aziz Bhatti, Secretary of RGC; Syed Rizwan Haider Mashadi, Syed Sijjeel Haider, Brig. Aslam, Asim Malik, and Durraj Nadeem Khosa; Syed Nazarat Ali, Additional Commissioner (Coordination) Rawalpindi; Muhammad Saif Anwar Jappa; M. Nasir Mirza; Shammim Ahmad Khan; Muhammad Hafiz Ahmad; Saqib Rafique, President of Rawalpindi Chamber; Sohail Altaf, Group Leader of Rawalpindi Chamber; Zahid Latif Khan, President of Islamabad Stock Exchange; as well as dignitaries from the Chamber and government, and other RGC members.

The occasion provided an opportunity for members to engage with the community, share moments of joy, and extend their support through donations.





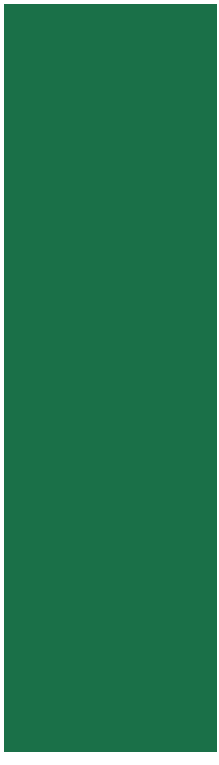
WORK IN PROGRESS

RGC COFFEE SHOP EXPANSION

The RGC is thrilled to announce the start of construction on a brand-new coffee shop. This expansion will provide members with a more spacious and comfortable environment to relax, socialize, and enjoy their favorite beverages and snacks.

Stay tuned for updates on the progress of this exciting project and the grand opening date. We can't wait to welcome you to the new coffee shop!





WEEBEN'S
CORNER



FEW THOUGHTS...

If I say that even during the rush of Hajj 2024, Rawalpindi Gymkhana was fondly remembered by at least one pilgrim, it may come as a surprise to many. And with this element of surprise begins my personal story.....

That pilgrim of course was myself whose memorable Hajj experience can never be complete without a special mention of the walking- track at Rawalpindi Gymkhana. From various pre- departure Hajj briefings, I gathered one single most important lesson: I needed to walk at least five kilometers a day to be able to endure the spiritual and rigorous journey that is also a test of one's physical endurance.

And so began my daily walk at Gymkhana. With my hectic routine at office, regular walk had never figured high on my list of priorities. So, initially completing even two rounds of this around 550 meters track and that too at snail's pace appeared quite a feat! But then gradually as I walked daily along this lovely winding track, I not only built more stamina, I also couldn't help admiring the vision and the hard work it must have taken to transform Gymkhana from a rather shabby looking structure to a vibrant community center.

I started my daily walk in March 2024 along with my colleague at office and as we walked, we could see tennis courts on the left, and the under-construction rooms at the right. Then as we took a left turn, we walked a long distance and we would comment on the growing plants on our right adjacent to the boundary wall between Gymkhana and some residential area. Then in the middle of the path stood this lovely well, and we would for a second stop by to peep into the well before taking a rather sharp descent. Before taking another left turn, we could see the inside of the gym through its long glass windows. I have never been to the gym! I find all the machines quite daunting but someday I hope to use this facility also the way I have used this walking

track. By this time, we were half way through the track. The latter half involved walking past the backside of the indoor Badminton Court and the cricket arena. Many a times, I had to be careful while walking past the cricket arena lest a ball should hit me through the nets! But it was all so much fun!

The story of my walks can never be complete without a mention of the coffee shop. After the walk, the duration of which increased with every passing day, we would stop by the coffee shop, and sip fresh lime, not much concerned with the calories intake it involved.

By the time I left for Hajj on May, 24, 2024, I was walking eight kilometers daily! And that did help me immensely through my Hajj journey. I am thankful to Rawalpindi Gymkhana for that. After I returned from my forty-two days' Hajj journey, tired and much occupied with office work I couldn't visit Gymkhana for quite some time. But yesterday as I went to Gymkhana, I looked at the walking track and my thoughts just went back to my Hajj days, walking miles and miles, braving the hot weather, and, yes, I was prepared for the walk.... The feeling was so profound! And then I could also see so much more progress. The rooms have become operational, and that there are plans for a library, cinema, spa and much more.

I would conclude by congratulating the management and the community of Rawalpindi Gymkhana for transforming this place from a mere building to an idea and an aspiration aimed at building a robust vibrant and happy community. So where is a will there is a way!

Shabana Mumtaz

Membership number 945

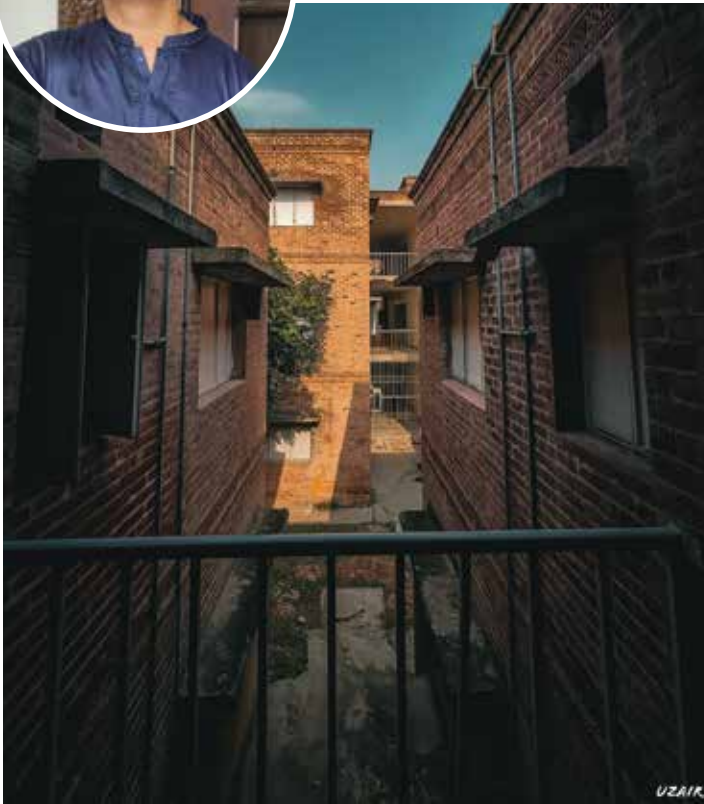
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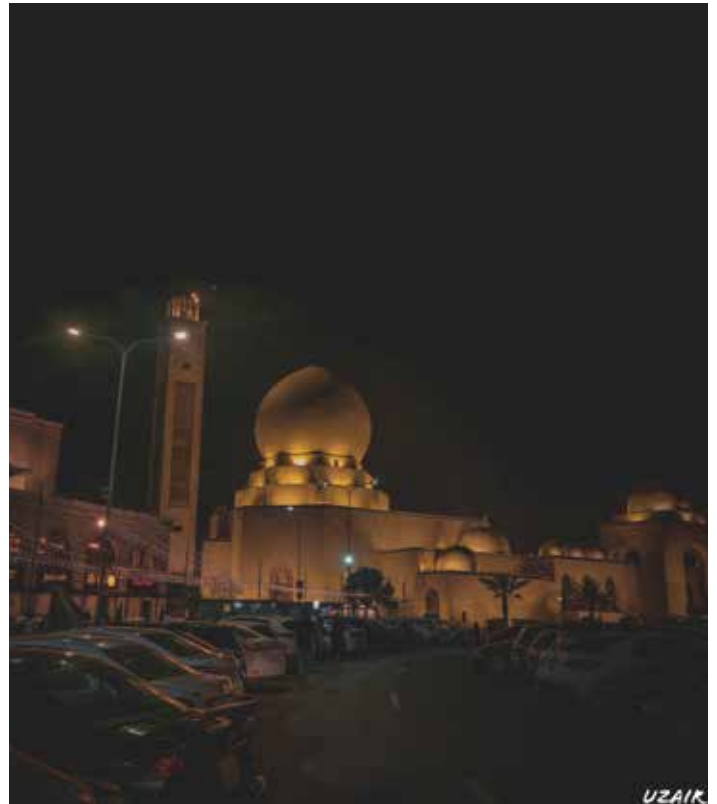




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"An artist's career always begins tomorrow" – James Whistler



Stepping into sacred serenity here.

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GRAM FLOUR CHAPPATI

INGREDIENTS

Whole meal flour	1 cup
Gram flour	3 cups
Green coriander leaves	1 bunch (chopped)
Green chilies	6(chopped)
White cumin	½ tsp
Onion	1 (chopped as for omelet)
Salt	To Taste
Desi ghee or butter	¾ cup

Combine whole meal flour and gram flour. Mix all the spices, onion, salt, green chilies coriander leaves and knead with water to stiff dough. Then make small balls and roll out 5 to 6 inches in diameter and cook on a hot griddle (tava) for a minute and then cook other side. Repeat the process once again. When done, remove from griddle and spread Desi ghee or butter on both sides and serve with raita, vegetables or chutney.



SARSON KA SAAG

INGREDIENTS

Mustard greens	1 kg
Red chillies	6 (whole)
Onion	1 (small size, cut into 4 pieces)
Garlic cloves	6
Ginger	1 small piece
Green chilies	4
Gram flour/cornmeal	½ cup
Desi ghee/ butter/oil	1 cup
Salt	as per taste



1. Chop mustard greens finely and wash thoroughly.
2. In a heavy based pan boil the greens (without any water) with all spices.
3. When all its natural water has evaporated, remove from heat. Slightly cool it and then grind to a smooth paste.
4. Heat oil and add the paste. Stir for a few minutes and gradually add gram flour or cornmeal and cook for 5 minutes.
5. Before serving, garnish with melted butter and garlic.

DES BY

MRS BRIG DANIYAL SAEED
MEMBERSHIP NO. 923

PRINCE'S DELIGHT

INGREDIENTS

Fresh strawberry	2
Pineapple juice	4 tbsp
Banana	½
Lemon juice	2 tbsp
Sugar	2 tbsp
Cream	2 tbsp
Ice	10 cubes

1. Blend pineapple, strawberry, banana and sugar for 30 seconds, add cream, lemon juice and ice blend for further 30 seconds.
2. Pour into glass and garnish with strawberry, mint leaf and pineapple.



LUNCHEON SALAD

INGREDIENTS

Roast beef, cooked	250 g
Red or green peppers	2
Tomatoes	2
Medium onion	1
Clove garlic	1
Oil	3 tbsp
Vinegar	2 tbsp
Sprigs parsley	Few
Lettuce leaves	3
Salt and pepper	To taste



1. Roughly dice beef, red peppers, tomatoes, onion and mix all together in a bowl.
2. Crush garlic with a little salt, add oil, vinegar, pepper and mix well.
3. Pour over salad and leave to marinate for 30 minutes.
4. Sprinkle with chopped parsley.
5. Arrange salad on a serving dish lined with lettuce leaves. Serve with white or brown bread and butter Garlic.



MENTAL HEALTH AND SPORTS

BY AYESHA AHMED
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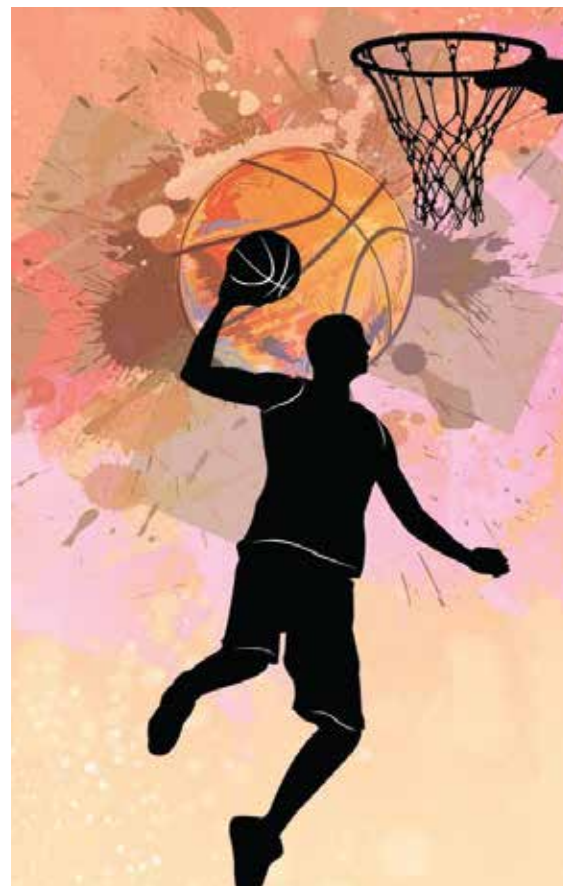
Mental health is crucial to our overall well-being, and its connection to sports is undeniable. "A healthy body keeps a healthy mind" is a phrase that captures this perfectly. The relationship between sports and your mental health is important to understand. Yes, keeping your body healthy through the gym or any physical activity is necessary, but sports are not just about keeping your mind fit. They also teach you valuable life lessons—like resilience, teamwork, discipline, and most importantly, managing success and failure. These experiences contribute to mental toughness, problem-solving abilities, and the art of managing your emotions.

Moreover, studies have proven that sports can significantly improve mental health by releasing the chemicals your brain needs to function better. Sports help you physically and mentally function more effectively, and they're a great way to manage stress.

In addition to this, it is a great way to make friends, talk with another while keeping yourself healthy. Doing any sport you like with someone else or your friend could boost your willingness to do that specific sport.

Did you know? They help you boost your height. For example, swimming, basketball, tennis, badminton, and netball—all of these sports help you grow your height because of the stretching your arms have to do, especially if you compete.

Hence, there's really no reason not to engage in sports. Yes, it might be tough to manage at first, but the benefits—both mental and physical—are worth the effort.





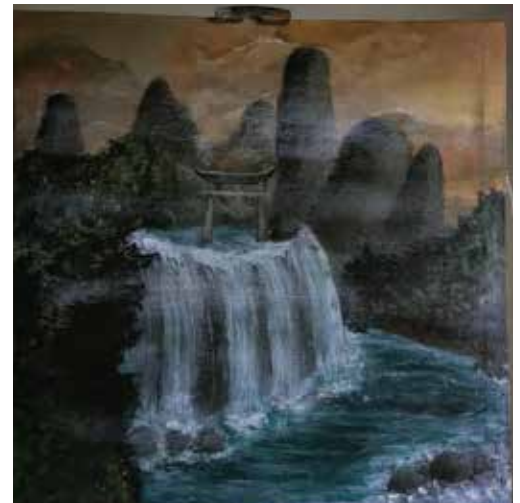
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'REFLECTIONS OF AL-AQSA'

This piece of art has a rich palette of colors that depict a dramatic sky, with swirling hues of purple, pink, and orange to evoke a sense of awe and spirituality. The golden dome, a focal point of the piece, stands resplendent, contrasting beautifully with the intricate patterns of the structure's walls. Below, the reflection in the water adds depth and symmetry to the composition, suggesting tranquility and reverence. This artwork not only showcases the architectural splendor of the Dome of the Rock but also conveys a profound sense of peace and reverence.



MYSTIC FALLS

A tranquil landscape painting featuring a waterfall cascading into a serene river, surrounded by misty mountains. The scene is highlighted by a traditional torii gate, evoking a sense of calm and spiritual harmony.





MY FAIREST

BY AMMUN REHMAN
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Your glory, your glory, your glory
In every tale and every story
Every dream and every thought
Every time a star is sought
Each day when daisies bloom
Let it bring our kingdom's doom
Though nothing can do so, nothing at all
You fairest, I fairest, we fairest of them all
Fear not, don't cower nor flee
Silver dishes bring pure ecstasy
Spill blood, think not twice
Enemies surrender, they pay the price
Forgiveness is given, not bought or sold
Pity outweighs their hearts of gold
Arrogance they spill from goblets ablaze
Laughter echoes as they spare no gaze
Their crowns so crooked, they dare not fall
But their cities will burn, they shall, they shall
So dare with me, as you dared before
As we show them power, and settle the score

LIFE

BY ZAINAB ASAD KHAN
MEMBERSHIP NO.

Every event ever gone
Every day that starts with dawn

One thought from every brain
Thanklessness, always a complaint

Gone as an audience for a cricket match
Comments given, a pathetic catch

Smelly meat, the food is disgusting
Every person starts with insulting

The dress is dull, its too long
You're an idiot, you'll always do wrong

The song is high pitched, not good at all
The person singing is ugly and tall

Why is there math, why is there history?
No one answers, it'll remain a mystery

Going insane on a child's fail
Getting beaten, you must write in detail



AI CHANGING THE WORLD

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Despite its widespread lack of familiarity, AI is a technology that is transforming every walk of life. It is a wide-ranging tool that enables people to rethink how we integrate information, analyze data, and use the resulting insights to improve decision making. AI's ability to analyze massive amounts of data and convert its findings into convenient visual formats can also accelerate the decision-making process. Company leaders don't have to spend time parsing through the data themselves, instead using instant insights to make informed decisions. Business automation has naturally led to fears over job losses. In fact, employees believe almost one-third of their tasks could be performed by AI. Although AI has made gains in the workplace, it's had an unequal impact on different industries and professions. For example, manual jobs like secretaries are at risk of being automated, but the demand for other jobs like machine learning specialists and information security analysts has risen.

WHAT INDUSTRIES WILL AI IMPACT THE MOST?

There's virtually no major industry that modern AI hasn't already affected. Here are a few of the industries undergoing the greatest changes as a result of AI.

AI IN MANUFACTURING

Manufacturing has been benefiting from AI for years. With AI-enabled robotic arms and other manufacturing bots dating back to the 1960s and 1970s, the industry has adapted well to the powers of AI.

AI IN HEALTHCARE

It may seem unlikely, but AI healthcare is already changing the way humans interact with medical providers. Thanks to its big data analysis capabilities, AI helps identify diseases more quickly and accurately, speed up and streamline drug discovery and even monitor patients through virtual nursing assistants.

AI IN FINANCE

Banks, insurers and financial institutions leverage AI for a range of applications like detecting fraud, conducting audits and evaluating customers for loans. Traders have also used machine learning's ability to assess millions of data points at once, so they can quickly gauge risk and make smart investing decisions.

AI IN EDUCATION

AI in education will change the way humans of all ages learn. AI's use of machine learning, natural language processing and facial recognition help digitize textbooks, detect plagiarism and gauge the emotions of students to help determine who's struggling or bored.

AI IN MEDIA

Journalism is harnessing AI too, and will continue to benefit from it. One example can be seen in The Associated Press' use of Automated Insights, which produces thousands of earnings reports stories per year.

AI IN CUSTOMER SERVICE

Most people dread getting a robocall, but AI in customer service can provide the industry with data-driven tools that bring meaningful insights to both the customer and the provider.

AI IN TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is one industry that is certainly teed up to be drastically changed by AI. Self-driving cars and AI travel planners are just a couple of facets of how we get from point A to point B that will be influenced by AI.

RISKS AND DANGERS OF AI

Despite reshaping numerous industries in positive ways, AI still has flaws that leave room for concern. Here are a few potential risks of artificial intelligence.

JOB LOSSES

Between 2023 and 2028, 44 percent of workers' skills will be disrupted. Not all workers will be affected equally — women are more likely than men to be exposed to AI in their jobs. Combine this with the fact that there is a gaping AI skills gap between men and women, and women seem much more susceptible to losing their jobs.

HUMAN BIASES

The reputation of AI has been tainted with a habit of reflecting the biases of the people who train the algorithmic models. For example, facial recognition technology has been known to favor lighter-skinned individuals, discriminating against people of color with darker complexions.

DEEPFAKES AND MISINFORMATION

The spread of deepfakes threatens to blur the lines between fiction and reality, leading the general public to question what's real and what isn't. And if people are unable to identify deepfakes, the impact of misinformation could be dangerous to individuals and entire countries alike.

DATA PRIVACY

Training AI models on public data increases the chances of data security breaches that could expose consumers' personal information. Companies contribute to these risks by adding their own data as well.

RAWALPINDI GYMKHANA CLUB A TREASURE TROVE OF UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS

NOOR HAIDER

MEMBERSHIP NO. 981

This piece of art has a rich palette of colors that depict a dramatic sky, with swirling hues of purple, pink, and blue. As a proud member of the esteemed RGC, I've had the privilege of experiencing some unforgettable moments since joining in October 2023. Little did I know that my membership would unlock a world of entertainment, excitement, and cherished memories.

One such evening that still resonates in my heart was when the talented Hadiqa Kiani graced our club with her mesmerizing presence. Her soul-stirring performance, featuring an array of iconic songs, left my family and me spellbound. We were enthralled by her stunning vocals and energetic stage presence.

But the excitement didn't stop there! I actively participated in various activities post-concert, making the most of the electrifying atmosphere.

Another unforgettable experience at RGC was when the dynamic Sahir Ali Bagga took the stage. His power-packed performance had my friends and me singing along to every tune. We savored every moment of the concert, and the evening culminated with a delightful BBQ and paan feast.

These exceptional experiences have made my RGC membership truly worthwhile. I look forward to many more memorable nights, filled with music, laughter, and camaraderie.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

Unbeatable entertainment options, exclusive access to renowned artists, and a chance to create lifelong memories.

JOIN THE RGC FAMILY:

Don't miss out on unforgettable experiences like mine. Become a member today and unlock a world of excitement!



راوت قلعہ: میری آنکھوں سے



پچھلے ہفتے، میں نے آخسرکار راوت قلعہ دیکھنے کا ارادہ کر لیا، جو جی ٹی روڈ پر راولپنڈی کے متریب واقع ہے۔ کئی بار اس قلعے کے پاس سے گزر چکا ہوتا، مگر کبھی رُک کر اسے دیکھنے کا موقع نہیں ملا۔ لیکن اس بار میں نے فیصلہ کیا کہ کیوں نہ اس خاموش گواہ کو اپنی آنکھوں سے دیکھوں اور خود اس کی کہانی سنوں۔

جب میں قلعے کے مرکزی دروازے سے اندر داخل ہوا، پہلا احساس بہت عجیب تھا۔ سکون، خاموشی، اور تجسس کا ملا جلا تاثر۔ سامنے بکھرے کھنڈرات، سبزے سے ڈھکی زمین، اور پتھریلی دیواریں مجھے ماضی کی دنیا میں لے گئیں۔

قلعے کی وسیع ویران صحن میں چلتے ہوئے میری سوچیں ماضی کی گلیوں میں بھٹکنے لگیں۔ یہاں کبھی سپاہی متعدی سے گشت کیا کرتے ہوں گے، قلعے کے ماسٹر اپنی منزل کی تیاری کر رہے ہوں گے، اور ملین زندگی کی رونق سے بھرپور لمحے گزار رہے ہوں گے۔ اب سب کچھ ختم ہو چکا ہے، لیکن اس خالی جگہ کی خاموشی میں بھی ایک پراسرار کشش ہے جو آپ کو رک کر سوچنے پر مجبور کرتی ہے کہ یہ مقام کبھی کتنا زندگی سے بھرا ہوا ہوگا۔

آگے بڑھتے ہوئے میں تین گنبد والی مسجد کے متریب پہنچا۔ مسجد کی محراب دار چھت، بلند و بالا گنبد اور نفیس سنگ تراشی کے کام نے میرے قدم وہیں روک دیے۔ میں نے مسجد کی چھت کو بغور دیکھا، اس کے نقش و نگار میں ایک سادگی اور وقار چھپا ہوا تھا، جو اس وقت کے معماروں کی مہارت



جب میں قلعے کے وسط میں پہنچا، تو سامنے وہ مقام تھا جہاں گکھڑ قبیلے کے سردار سلطان سارنگ کی قبر موجود ہے۔ سلطان سارنگ حنان، شیر شاہ سوری کی افواج کے خلاف لڑتے ہوئے حنان متربان کی تھی۔ یہ وہی در و دیوار ہیں، جنہوں نے شاید سینکڑوں سال پہلے جنگ کی گھن گرج سنی ہوگی، شیر شاہ سوری کی یلغار دیکھی ہوگی، اور گکھڑ قبیلے کی مسزاحت کی گواہی دی ہوگی۔

قلعے کی مجموعی حالت دیکھ کر دل میں ایک عجیب سا افسوس بھی ہوا۔ دیواریں گر چکی ہیں، جگہ جگہ دراڑیں پڑ چکی ہیں، اور وقت کی سختیوں نے اس کی شان و شوکت کو کچھ ماند کر دیا ہے۔ مگر پھر بھی، ان کھنڈرات میں ایک خاموش کہانی چھپی ہے، جو ہر آنے والے کو اپنی طرف متوجہ کرتی ہے۔ میں نے سوچا، آخسر ہم اپنے ورثے کی حفاظت کیوں نہیں کر پاتے؟ یہ جگہ تو ہمارے ماضی کی یادگار ہے، ہماری شناخت ہے۔ اگرچہ اس کی موجودہ حالت افسوسناک ہے، لیکن اس کی تاریخی اہمیت آج بھی برقرار ہے۔

یہ قلعہ صرف ایک قدیم عمارت نہیں، بلکہ تاریخ کے صفحات میں ایک زندہ باب ہے، جو آج بھی ہمیں ماضی کی ایک جھلک دکھانے کی صلاحیت رکھتا ہے۔ اگر آپ کبھی راولپنڈی کے متریب سے گزریں، تو راوت قلعہ ضرور دیکھیں۔ شاید آپ بھی ان دیواروں کے بیچ چھپے راز سن پائیں، جو صدیوں سے اپنے سننے والے کے منتظر ہیں۔

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تیری فصائیں پر یقیں، روشن ترے دیار ہوں۔
تیرے پہر امید کے لمحوں سے استوار ہوں۔

تیری ہر اک روش رہے، ترفیوں کی نامہ بر
تمام خواب حقیقتوں کے کل سے ہمکنار ہوں۔

تیرے یہ در کھلے رہیں، آئین نو کے واسطے
تیرے اصول سوچتے ذہنوں کو سازگار ہوں۔

تیری نظر ثفتنتوں کے رنگ کو سوا کرے
تیرے ہنر رواج کی اصل کے دستکار ہوں۔

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تیرے ہر اک سفیر کے، کوشش پہ انحصار ہوں۔

تا ابد زیرِ آسمان روشن رہے تیرا نشان
فصل بہار کے امیں تیرے یہ سبزہ زار ہوں۔

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میرے حال پر ہو تیری نظر، مجھے کوئی بھی نہ ملال ہو
تیرے حال سے رہوں باخبر، جو بھی لمحہ لمحہ تیرا حال ہو
تیرے پاس رہ کر سمجھ سکوں، اور سمجھ نہ آئے تمام عمر
میری ذندگی کی کتاب میں، کوئی ایسا مشکل سوال ہو
تیرے راگ میں میری راگنی، میرے ساز میں تیرا سوز ہو
تو سراپا رقص الوجود ہو، میری روح میں تیرا دھمال ہو
غم زندگی، غم آرزو، غم عاشقی، غم جستجو
نہ چھپا سکوں، نہ دکھا سکوں، کوئی ایسا مجھ میں کمال ہو
تیری آہٹیں میں سنا کروں، میری دھڑکنیں تو گنت کرے
نہ فنا کی کوئی بات ہو، نہ محبتوں کا زوال ہو
تیری روشنی کا جمال ہو، میری رات کو جو احبال ہو
میری صبح بھی ہو تیرے سنگ، تیرے ساتھ میرا وصال ہو

نہ ایسے کبھی تازیانے لگے ہیں
کہ جیسے تمھارے بہانے لگے ہیں
ابھی میرے پاؤں رکھو سلامت
کہ ساتھی سبھی ڈمگانے لگے ہیں
میرا اک نشیمن حبلانے کی خاطر
وہ سب کے گھروں کو حبلانے لگے ہیں
زمینی خداؤں کو جا کر یہ کہہ دو
کہ پہلے بھی کتنے ٹھکانے لگے ہیں
نہ چھیرو وہ قصے وہ یادیں وہ باتیں
جنہیں بھلانے میں زمانے لگے ہیں
اس دور میں بھی وفاتوں کی باتیں
سجیل آپ ہم کو دیوانے لگے ہیں



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