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## **AZAD CRICKET CLUB**

ANNUAL REPORT

PRESENTED TO THE

48TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD ON : SATURDAY 31 AUGUST 1991

VENUE : RAMAKRISHNA HALL .EXT 1

TIME : 03.00 PM.



## AZAD CRICKET CLUB

ESTABLISHED 1943

PRESIDENT: AJIT GANDABHAI SECRETARY: ARVIND ROWJEE TREASURER: MASHESH UKA

P O. BOX 10365 LENASIA 1820 22 AUGUST 1991

Attention; All club members.

Notice is hereby given for the 48th Annual General Meeting of the Club. The meeting will be held on Saturday 31 Aguast 1991 at the Ramakrishna Hall, Ext 1, Lenasia. 1820.

The meeting will commence at 3.00pm sharp.

#### AGENDA

- V 1) To read and confirm minutes of the last Annual General and any Special General Meeting held in the interim.
- 12) Matters arising. • 3) President adress.
- 14)
- To read and confirm the Secretarys report.

  To read and confirm the income and expenditure and balance (5) sheet of the club for the previous year, audited.
- 46) To read and cofirm records clerks report.
- 27) To read and cofirm managers report. (8) To read and cofirm captains report.
- 19) To consider any proposed additions, alterations or amendments to the costitution, rules, regulations or by-laws of the Club of which due notice has been given.
- To elect officials in accordance with Clause "10" of the V10) constitution.
  - \*11) To elect auditors.
- 12) To determine seasonal fees.
- V13) To determine nominal fees. To determine joining fees. 114)
- To receive new applications for membership. 115)
- 16) To deal with correspondence. 17) To transact general business.

Yours in sports

#### TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MR AMRIT BHANA

The Club mourns the loss of one of our prominent members, Mr. A Bhana, this year.

He made his mark as the Captain of the Club in 1953/4 and two seasons later became the Chairman. After a break from Chairmanship for a brief period, he served the Club as it Chairman from 1965 up to 1977, a period of 13 consecutive seasons.

His presence at Wits Cricket Union as a Club delegate was rewarded by his election as Vice-President, Treasurer and H.L. Vice President of the Union over his 18 years of association with Wits. He also excelled in serving in numerous sub-committees of the Unions. Therefore one cannot fail to see to agree why he was regarded as a pillar of the Wits Union.

The following article speaks for itself when trying to quantify his contribution to society as a whole:



# THE QUARTER CENTURY

- AMRIT BHANA (Chairman)





A quarter century has elapsed since the founding of the Aad Cricket Club, and it is indeed a singular honour to me to be its Chairman at the time of this anniversary. Twenty-five years is a long life-span in the history of a club, and to have survived this long redounds to the credit of the personnel who have been its administrators and players. It redounds to the credit of young men who have from time to time taken on official responsibility and have put their shoulders to the wheels of its activities to keep them going.

A cricket club is but a small entity in our modern-day civilisation, but its functions in our community and in the wider society have an important stabilising effect on the indivdual as well as on the different groups within society. All too often it is the club which affords the individuals the

vehicle to express and attain their aspirations so ne cessary in a gregarious society.

Outside of the family, the club is a rare entity where the "family spirit" prevails very strongly. It is a place where individuals of conflicting character-types and personalities come together. To my mind, a club is a "humanising" agent in society.

It is my fervent hope that the Azad Cricket Club has, through these twenty-five years fulfilled

It is my fervent hope that the Azad Cricket Club has, through these twenty-five years fulfilled these functions in our society. Many men have passed through its portals, of these many have already gone beyond this life, and there are those who have reached a sedentary age. Speaking to some of our veterans and pioneers has been for me a very ennobling experience. I desired to be a part of their lives, to have been with them in those early eventful days.

We have within our fold today players who are much younger than the club itself, and it is

We have within our fold today players who are much younger than the club itself, and it is my fervent wish that these young men will one day, twenty-five years hence, afford some of us the privilege of being their veterans then.

Much has happened in the history of the Azad Cricket Club, the most noteworthy being its promotion from the "B" Division to the "A" Division in the year 1963/64. I am proud to say that we have retained our position to the present day.

We have today a band of enthusiastic young men, and I am thankful to them for their support and assistance in all that we have undertaken especially in the celebration of this, our SILVER JUBILEE.

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

It gives me great pleasure to submit my report, to this, the 48 AGM of the Club and hope that the issues raised by me will contribute towards the further development of the club.

The past season has been a difficult one to manage as situations/events moved so fast and furious that in the end one felt like a pawn in a game.

At a CAT meeting to discuss whether to talk to SACU or not, our club motivated against the talks by giving, amongst other reasons, that the oppressed majority must have the vote, educational systems must be organised to allow school sport to flourish and that when a political solution is reached, it will mean one cricket body and an automatic return to international cricket. Not a single delegate ventured to utter a word in defence of why the talks should take place. But when the vote was taken, we did not even receive a seconder.

But worse followed. At a meeting of TLCB held on the 1st August 1991, former CAT teams arrived promptly by 7:30 p.m., but the same teams would either arrive late at CAT meetings or not at all, or if they attended, they would want to leave before the meeting ended. Slave mentality indeed.

It may be history, but is worth mentioning anyway.

The club's decision to play in the "unified" league was a painful one to take. Even my personal plea to the CAT executive/steering committee failed to convince them that the timing was incorrect. It is indeed a question of swallowing one's dignity as we are not going to play as equals, i.e. not having the vote or any say in the land of our birth. Worst of all, the non-racial sports fraternity is divided at a time when unity is vital. SACOS has held it's ground under tremendous odds.

The TCB is not a new unified body because according to its Annual Report "By a Special Resolution of the TCC adopted on 29 May 1991 the name of the association was changed to TCB." Our club did write to CAT advising that CAT should rather disband and its clubs affiliate directly to TCC instead of pretending that CAT and TCC are to disband to form a new unified controlling body.

Furthermore, we did bring to CAT's notice that democracy/accountability is at a premium in terms of the 'new' constitution as TCB will be run on business lines/structures. We were proven correct! At a TLCB meeting held on 1 August 1991 the TLCB executive replied that funds for the floating trophies are at the discretion of the TCB executive!

As far as UCBSA is concerned, they will only participate in international sport with the blessing of the majority of the people of SA. How this blessing is going to be received is unclear. Will a census be taken, or will a group of organisations take that decision, will a group of individuals take that decision or will the creation of a non-racial democratic SA be the blessing.

Namibia says that the UN sports boycott against SA was still in force (Business Day 23/8/1991) but internally cricket has been excluded from the moratorium against international participation as a reward for becoming non-racial.

Gentlemen, the thousands of rands spent for and during the launch of the UCBSA could have been put to far better use. I certainly have useful alternatives.

Our senior team is taking shape and with players like M.Naran, D.Vassanjee, J.Ambaram, E.Gardee, A.Desai and P.Madhoo who began to find their form during the latter part of the season, our future looks heartening. Unfortunately the same cannot be said of the U14 and U16 teams who struggled at times to make a team but plodded along. Nevertheless, the U14 team won the Under 14 knockout competition. The U12 team did very well and our investment in junior cricket augurs well for the future.

Our Club has affiliated one team in the second reserve league and it is my utmost desire that we will be able to appoint a manager for this team. If the under 19 Saturday league becomes a reality it will take care of our under and over 16 players.

A meeting was convened on the 23 August 1991 in Lenasia by the development committee of the TCB to discuss structures for junior cricket for the Lenasia\Ennerdale\E. Park area. It became apparent that because this aspect had received low priority during the unification process hastily convened stop gap measures are in the offing to rescue junior league cricket.

The club, who donated a trophy towards the Dr.A.Asvat six-a-side tournament, won the loser's finals. It was a fitting tribute as a dark cloud hangs over it's continuation.

The club held it's annual sports day and it's bursary fund continues to operate.

The Club's 50th anniversary is around the corner and I hope that unique and novel ideas will surface so as to mark the celebration in style

My congratulations to all the players who were awarded prizes\
trophies at our successful presentation of trophies function held
in April 1991 and a special congratulations to Mr.Shabier
Vinmalli who represented TVL U16 at the SACB U16 Tournament in
December 1990.

I wish to place on record my sincere thanks to my fellow officials/players for their total co-operation in making my task as president enjoyable and more especially, to uphold the Club's proud history of democracy, accountibility and sportsmanship.

#### AZAD CRICKET CLUB

#### SECRETARIAL REPORT - SEASON 1990/91

PRESENTED AT THE 48TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE RAMAKRISHNA HALL, LENASIA ON THE 31ST AUGUST 1991.

MR.PRESIDENT, OFFICIALS OF AZAD CRICKET CLUB AND FELLOW CRICKETERS, HEREBY SUBMIT THE SECRETARIAL REPORT FOR SEASON 1990/91.

FIRSTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE CLUB FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE AND IN PARTICULAR, MR. AJIT GANDABHAI FOR HIS GUIDANCE THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.

#### CRICKET ASSOCIATION OF TRANSVAAL/TRANSVAAL CRICKET BOARD.

IN 1976 THE CLUB WAS SUSPENDED BY TRANSVAAL CRICKET FEDERATION FOR REFUSING TO PLAY "NORMAL CRICKET". THE CLUB EMBARKED UPON A CAMPAIGN TO EXPOSE NORMAL CRICKET FOR WHAT IT WAS AND HOW IT CONTRAVENED THE SACOS PRINCIPALS AND BELIEFS. THIS LED TO THE FORMATION OF THE TRANSVAAL CRICKET BOARD IN 1977, IN WHICH OUR CLUB TOOK AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY.

IN 1988 THE CLUB EXPOSED THE CORRUPTION OF MANGERA AND SOME OF HIS EXECUTIVES WHICH LED TO THE LIQUIDATION OF THE TRANSVAAL CRICKET BOARD, HERE AGAIN THE CLUB TOOK AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE FORMATION OF THE CRICKET ASSOCIATION OF TRANSVAAL.

IN 1990 THE EMERGENCE OF THE NATIONAL SPORTS CONGRESS PUT UNCERTAINTY WITHIN THE CRICKET ASSOCIATION OF TRANSVAAL AS MANY CLUBS HAVE OPTED TO MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF NSC. EVEN THROUGH THE NSC IS A RADICAL POLITICAL ORGANISATION OUR CLUB TOOK A STAND IN QUESTIONING THE MANNER, ITS STRUCTURE AND OPERATION IN WHICH IT WAS FORMED.

THE ABOVE EVENTS CLEARLY SHOWS THAT THE CLUB ZEALOUSLY UPHELD THE PRINCIPALS OF SACOS.

THE PAST SEASON HAS HOWEVER BEEN ONE OF UNCERTAINTY BOTH IN THE POLITICAL AND SPORTS ARENA. THE "SO CALLED" RAPID CHANGES TOWARDS THE NEW SOUTH AFRICA HAS NOT ONLY DISTILLUSIONED THE RADICAL ORGANISATION, BUT THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL.

ALTHOUGH THE CLUB HAS DECIDED TO PLAY (WITH RESERVATION) IN THIS SO CALLED NEW UNIFIED TRANSVAAL CRICKET BOARD, THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARISES:-

- A) Has our role changed and do we operate as an ordinary Cricket club.
- B) How do we monitor the development program?
- C) How do we go about democratising the Transvaal Cricket Board and the Union Cricket Board of South Africa.
- / LEAVE THIS QUESTIONS OPEN TO THE COUNCIL.

#### SENIOR CRICKET

ONLY ONE SENIOR TEAM WAS AFFILIATED WITH THE CRICKET ASSOCIATION OF TRANSVAAL. ALTHOUGH THE SENIOR TEAM HAD THE POTENTIAL, THE RESULTS WERE UNSATISFACTORY. IT WILL BE NOTED FROM THE RECORD CLERK'S STATISTICS THAT THE SIDE IS CARRIED BY FEW INDIVIDUALS.

ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL LEAGUE POSITIONS WERE PUBLISHED, THIS CAN NOT BE A TRUE REFLECTION OF THE POSITIONS AS WE KNOW FOR CERTAIN THAT MANY CLUBS FAILED TO FULFILL FIXTURES AND RETURN COMPLETED MATCH CARDS.

THE ENLIGHTENING ASPECT OF SENIOR CRICKET WAS THE WINNING OF THE LOSERS FINAL OF THE DR.ASVAT MEMORIAL SIX-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT.

THIS PROVES MY ABOVE STATEMENT THAT THE PLAYERS HAVE THE POTENTIAL AND WITH A LITTLE BIT OF EFFORT AND INSPIRATION CAN PRODUCE MUCH BETTER RESULTS IN LEAGUE FIXTURES.

#### JUNIOR CRICKET

THREE JUNIOR TEAMS UNDER 12, 14 AND 16 WERE AFFILIATED. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE STRIVED TO GET MORE INVOLVEMENT FROM THE PARENTS OF OUR JUNIOR PLAYERS WE HAVE TODAY NOT YET OBTAINED THEIR FULL SUPPORT.

ONLY A FEW INDIVIDUAL APPEAR TO BE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR JUNIORS. ONCE AGAIN THIS JOB IS LEFT UPON DR.R.GOPAL, DR.N.BHOWAN AND A HANDFUL OF OTHERS WHO, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE DONE AN ADMIRABLE JOB.

#### AZAD ANNUAL FUNCTION.

A SUCCESSFULL ANNUAL PRESENTATION FUNCTION WAS HELD ON THE

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE AWARDED TROPHIES: -

SENIOR TEAM:PLAYER'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR : HARISH UKA

MOST RUNS SCORED : HARISH UKA

HIGHEST WICKETS TAKEN : PRAMOD J.BHANA

UNDER 12 TEAM : BEST PLAYER : BIPIN GOPAL

Most Promising: JEETHEN CHANA

UNDER 14 TEAM : BEST PLAYER : ZIAAD HAMIP BEST PLAYER : PARESH VALLA

#### THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL PRESENTATION WAS ALSO MADE

ADMINISTRATION OF THE YEAR : AJIT GANDABHAI ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR : SHABIER VANMALI

#### AZAD SPORTS DAY

THE 7TH ANNUAL SPORTS DAY WAS HELD ON THE 16TH SEP/1990 AT THE NIRVANA HIGH SCHOOL. ONCE AGAIN THE ORGANISING COMMITEE ENSURED A SUCCESSFUL DAY FOR BOTH PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS, A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE WIVES AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHOSE EFFORTS HAVE MADE MANY OFTHIS ACTIVITIES A SUCCESS.

#### AZAD CRICKET CLUB BUSARY COMMITTEE.

THE BURSARY COMMITTE CONSISTING OF C.BHIKA, J.RAVJEE, DR.B.GOOLAB AND DR.M.RANCHOD, HAS CONTINUED ITS GOOD WORK. / SURE THE REPORT SUBMITTED BY C.BHIKA ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTE WILL ENLIGHTEN US FURTHER OF THE PROGRESS.

#### CONCLUSION: -

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE PRESIDENT AND CLUB OFFICIAL FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CLUB. I ALSO URGE ALL THOSE HERE TO TAKE UP POSITIONS AT ELECTIONS AND NOT TO LEAVE IT TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO ALREADY HAVE THEIR HANDS FULL.

BEST WISHES FOR THE FORTHCOMING SEASON.

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#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* MAN OF THE MATCH \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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28/10/90	ISMET	E MIA
04/11/90	KINROS	P J BHANA
18/11/90	CRESCENTS	E MIA
02/12/90	RIVERLEA	D VASANJEE

DATE	VERSUS	NAME
28/12/90	PORCHEFSTROOM	H UKA
06/01/91	TASMANIANS	H NAGIN
13/01/91	ISMET	H UKA
20/01/91	GLADIATORS	P J BHANA
27/01/91	LENASIA SPURS	J AMBARAM
03/02/91	BARBADOS	D VASANJEE

Junior Cricket 1990 - 1991 \ Report compiled by Dr R. Gopal

Junior cricket under the auspices of Cricket Association of the Transvaal (CAT) deteriorated in keeping with the rapid decline of CAT.

Junior cricket was organized under the age divisions, ie. under 12, under 14 and under 16. Each division had a league and a knockout competition.

Our club affiliated a team in each division. Under 12 division had a total of 10 fixtures. Under 14 division played half that number of fixtures. Of these many were walkovers. Four players from the under 12 team played regularly in the under 14 team. The under 16 team participated in the local under 16 week tournament and thereafter failed to honour their fixtures.

The under 12 team performed well, although they did not win any honours. Their approach and dedication was excellent Bipin Gopal and Temim Mil received Transvaal colours. Jayesh Bhana, Atish Lala and Ajay Lala were the other players who performed well. Jitan Chana was the most improved player.

The under 14 team won the knockout competition against Crescents Cricket Club. Their performance in the league was equally impressive. Paresh Valla and Ziad Hamid performed excellently with the bat and ball. Roshan Bhana, Gitesh Bhana, Vinay Lala, Deeptash Patel and Monal Bhimbhai were the other committed players. Roshan Bhana was selected for the Transvaal Primary Schools and participated in their national tournament held in Port Elizabeth.

The under 16 team lacked discipline and commitment. Thgey performed badly and even had a problem making eleven players. They stopped playing after the local under 16 week tournament. Shabier Vanmali was selected for the Transvaal team that partook in the SACB under 16 National Tournament.

#### Coaching

Regular Sunday morning coaching was conducted by Rasik Gopal, Natvar Bhowan and Vinaik Bhana. Mr Naran Ranchod also assisted. Coaching took place at the Progress tennis courts area. Attendence was in excess of twenty five juniors. Great improvment was noticed in the players' progress.

#### General Comments

- 1. Junior players must pledge serious commitment to the game of cricket. This requires discipline, dedication and total encouragement from the parents.
- 2. We must foster junior cricket at all costs. It is the insurance of the club's future and our commitment to the community.
- 3. Future of junior cricket in the 'new' set up is still unclear. There is much talk and little concrete arrangements.

#### AZAD CRICKET CLUB - 31ST AUGUST 1991

#### CAPTAIN'S REPORT 1990/1991 SEASON

It is with great pleasure that I submit this report for the season 1990/1991 as Captain of the Azad's 1st Side.

I would like to take this opportunity of praising all the players for their sportsmanship and team spirit on and off the field of play. This simplified my task as Captain. During the forthcoming seasons I trust that we can maintain the same team spirit and so pursue our cricket successfully.

Special thanks must go to my Vice Captains, S. Rowjee and E. Mia, and to my Selectors for co-ordinating so closely with me during the season, as well as to the players for their cooperation in making travelling arrangements easier. I would like to congratulate Mr P.J. Bhana for taking the most wickets for the season. A special congratulation to the players for winning the Losers Final of the Dr. Asvat Memorial Six-A-Side tournament. Praise also to those players who put so much effort in with the bat and ball.

In conclusion I would like to say that our performance was not up to expectation, this being largely due to players not giving their best performance and that the selection of the side varied weekly because of players not committing themselves to playing cricket. I must therefore request that players try to take the game more seriously by getting fit and giving their best effort once they are selected to play.

Thanking you.

Yours in sport,

H. DYAL

### AZAD CRICKET CLUB BURSARY FUND REPORT SEASON 1990/1991

Presented to the 48th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at the RAMAKRISHNA BOARDROOM, LENASIA on the 31 August 1991.

It is with great honour and pleasure that I submit this report of the Bursary Fund on behalf of the Bursary Fund Committee.

The Azad Cricket Club Bursary Fund was established in 1987 with the approval of the membership of the Azad Cricket Club to assist members in dire financial need to further their education in the academic or sporting field.

At present, the Bursary Committee comprises of 4 members, viz, Dr.B.Goolab, Dr.M.Ranchod, Mr.J. Ravjee and myself.

Since inception, the Bursary Fund has aided four members in their academic studies.

In 1987, a bursary to the value of R1 200 was awarded to MINESH MORAR who is presently studying medicine at the University of the Witwatersrand.

In 1988, no bursaries were awarded. At this stage it was debated to open the bursary to students outside the club. After assessing that the bursary fund was not on a very sound financial footing, and that the possibility of improving our financial situation immediately was not forthcoming, the members opted to restrict the bursary to the members of Azad Cricket Club and its immediate associates.

In 1989, two bursaries were awarded. One to the value of R800 to **NILESH MITHA** who is no longer a member of the Azad Cricket Club. Nilesh has redeemed part of his bursary (R300) and will repay the outstanding R500 as soon as he is able to, and the other to the tune of R1 200 to **MAYUR MAGANLAL** who is studying towards his town planning degree at the University of the Witwatersrand.

In 1990, **DHIRMENDRA VASSANJIE** was awarded a bursary to the value of R1 200. He is presently studying pharmacy at the Witwatersrand Technicon. This year **DHIRMENDRA VASSANJIE** was awarded a bursary to the value of R1 500.

To date, the Bursary Fund awarded bursaries to the value of R6 100.

Finally, I wish to appeal to all members to support the Bursary Fund financially.

#### C.K. BHIKA (TREASURER)

(For the Bursary Committee)

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