



**AZAD SWARAJ
SPORTING CLUB**
75th Anniversary Brochure



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EDITORIAL

31 AUGUST 2019

A 75th anniversary is an extraordinary achievement for a sporting club. These are glorious years of great memories on and off the field. I've spent some time perusing through the previous anniversary brochures and was filled with nostalgia being reminded of our amazing achievements as a club.

I believe that to understand the true value of this achievement one has to understand the political climate from which it emerged. Briefly put, over 500 years of white colonial rule, people were divided and communities destroyed. This left people unemployed and in poverty.

This was not an ideal environment to cultivate a sports club nor enjoy normal sporting activity. But despite this, we came together as a community and worked towards building a club that has served many over the decades. Over 75 years, the club provided a home for hundreds of sporting individuals from our predominantly Indian community despite not having a clubhouse or dressing facilities.

The fortune of the club fluctuated between times of abundance and times when we were grasping for survival. The golden period for the club was between 1970 and 1990 when we were able to play in a non racial environment. This came to an end when the sporting bodies were forced into instant unification with the white sporting organisations. This move was made to allow them to play in an international arena again but unfortunately left us no better off. However, we made the best of a bad situation and forged on with our dedication to the sports club. During seasons 2014/15 to 2018/9 the Club collected league honors 6 times !

In 1976 when apartheid government introduced multinational sports, our club objected to the few superficial changes and stopped playing cricket that season. Initially we were suspended by Witwatersrand Cricket Union on the 17th February 1977 for questioning their decision to participate in a multinational league. Later we refused to participate as the multinational league turned out to be racist and in keeping with apartheid. Our club played a few friendly matches that season and spent much time fighting the new establishment. Our opposition and major canvassing convinced some previously non racial clubs to stop playing and we formed the Transvaal Cricket Board. Our efforts also led to the formation of the South African Cricket Board. This completely destroyed multinational cricket in the country.

Throughout the journey of this club, we have always had visionary leadership. They worked hard to create a home for our club. Our initial application for a permanent sports field was in 1982 but were denied by the old government. We later selected Progress grounds as our home for its proximity to schools and location within our community. Together we converted a brown and dusty terrain to our home ground. In 1995 with the help of Mr Madhi Kollapen and Mr Dippenaar from the city council, we laid down turf wickets, fenced the facility, erected side screens, planted trees and levelled the outfield. Today we have a beautiful cricket ground and can hopefully expand the facilities in years to come.

Throughout our history we were supported by highly efficient administrators and produced some excellent players. They were committed and talented but lacked opportunities to reach their full potential. Despite this, some pioneered and participated at regional and national levels.

In the last 25 years, Ajit Gandabhai, Thiraj Bhowan and Asit Desai have all played a major role in running and growing the club. We are indebted to them for this 75th anniversary celebration. Credit must also go to all the players and members in various capacities who assisted in keeping the Club and its activities alive.

Ajit Gandabhai currently holds the record for the longest active player in the Club.

Over this 75-year journey, our members have been loyal, committed and passionate about sports and people. Many of our members participated actively over long periods of time, this led to many long-lasting friendships that have stood the test of time.

That is not to take away from the new generation of players who over the last 25 years has given the club a new energy and hope for the future. We have much to celebrate on the playing field. During 2014/15 to 2018/19 the club achieved league honours six times.

At present we have 7 senior cricket teams. There have been some exciting victories and some heart sore losses. But win or lose, we always play the game with great sporting spirit. The latest addition of the Diamond Cricket League has brought much joy and excitement to our members. This allows all active members to participate in the tournament.

We once had a great record of developing young talent who then went on to represent sports at higher levels. Over time this declined for numerous reasons in both cricket and soccer. Hopefully we can reignite the excitement for both sports in younger players.

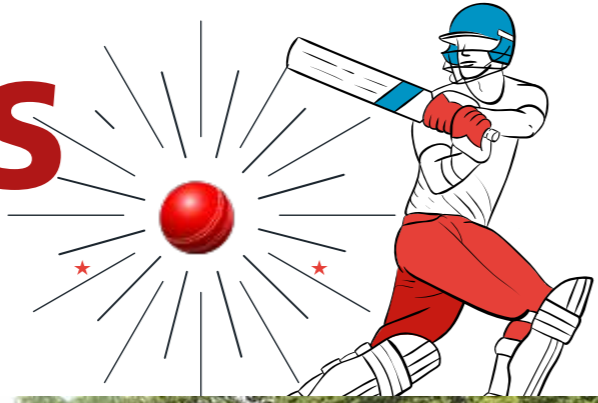
It's also important to remember the women who supported us throughout this journey. Our mothers, wives and daughters who were there by our sides during difficult times, transported children to and from games, provided food for functions and made their homes available for meetings.

It has been a pleasure to be involved with an amazing club. A place that is like a second home for many. Our common love of sports brought us all together and I will always think back fondly of Azad-Swaraj Sporting Club.

It is our fervent wish that the schools and community surrounding Progress ground make use of the facility as the doors of the Club are always open and has not failed in its duty to reach out.

What happens in the future is surely unpredictable, but today we celebrate our survival and prosperity under adverse conditions. We look forward to the future with optimism.

TEAM'S LOGS



| SEASON 2018/9-CENTRAL GAUTENG LIONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------|--------------|-----|------|------|------|---------|----------|--------------|
| CGL Sunday Five | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ajit Gandabhai | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pos | Team | Total Points | Played | Bonus Points | Won | Lost | Draw | Tied | Penalty | Run Rate | Net Run Rate |
| 1 | Azaadville Riders C C | 101 | 19 | 14 | 17 | 1 | 1 | | | 8,05 | 4,66 |
| 2 | Caxton Khosa Cricket Club | 83 | 20 | 11 | 14 | 5 | 1 | | | 6,06 | 2,3 |
| 3 | Azad Swaraj Sporting Club | 82 | 20 | 10 | 14 | 5 | 1 | | | 6,28 | 1,76 |
| 4 | Vereeniging Cricket Club | 67 | 20 | 5 | 12 | 7 | 1 | | | 5,94 | 2,16 |
| 5 | Western Warriors C C | 61 | 20 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 3 | | | 4,26 | -0,52 |
| 6 | Noodgesig CC | 56 | 20 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 2 | | | 4,74 | -1,35 |
| 7 | Orange Farm C C | 32 | 19 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 5 | | | 3,22 | -2,69 |
| 8 | Roshnee C C | 30 | 18 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 4 | | | 3,69 | -0,53 |
| 9 | Swanville C C | 26 | 19 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 5 | | | 4,16 | -1,63 |
| 10 | Diepsloot C C | 18 | 20 | | 2 | 14 | 4 | | | 2,43 | -3,87 |
| 11 | Dobsonville Cricket Club | 16 | 19 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 5 | | | 2,68 | -5,88 |

Standing left to right
 Jameel Patel, Nizam Patel, Irfan Saida, Hifzulla Patel, Usman Aswat, Brijesh Patel and Ajit Gandabhai

Standing left to right
 Maroof Memon, Master Aqqib, Damien Manilal, Ashraf Lunat

Missing-Akram Sheik, Huzaifa Patel, Moin Patel



| SEASON 2018/9-CENTRAL GAUTENG LIONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------|--------------|-----|------|------|------|-----|----------|---------|
| Raju Patel | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saturday 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pos | Team | Total Points | Played | Bonus Points | Won | Lost | Draw | Tied | Pen | Run Rate | Net R/R |
| 1 | Azaadville United C C | 57 | 18 | 5 | 12 | 4 | 2 | | | 6,9 | 1,32 |
| 2 | Azad Swaraj Sporting Club | 54 | 18 | 8 | 11 | 6 | 1 | | | 5,12 | 0,38 |
| 3 | Glenvista CC | 47 | 18 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 5 | | | 6,34 | 0,65 |
| 4 | Wanderers C C | 40 | 18 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 4 | | | 6,31 | 0,33 |
| 5 | Heidelberg C C | 36 | 18 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 12 | 6,33 | 1,45 |
| 6 | Sapranos C C | 36 | 18 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 3 | | 3 | 5,5 | -0,36 |
| 7 | Wanderers Cricket Club Ar | 34 | 18 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 1 | | 6,08 | 0,14 |
| 8 | Randburg C C | 31 | 18 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 6 | | | 4,36 | -0,67 |
| 9 | Midrand Knights | 23 | 18 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 4 | | 4 | 4,57 | -1,33 |
| 10 | Crescents Cricket Club | 23 | 18 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 5 | | | 4,72 | -1,95 |

Raju Patel Dr Miness Morar Kaushal Naik Savan Prajapati Pragnesh Patel Raju Ahir

Rahul Patel Dipu Patel Dhaval Patel Ramesh Patel



| SEASON 2018/9-CENTRAL GAUTENG LIONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------|--------------|-----|------|------|------|-----|----------|---------|
| Tejas Desai Sunday 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pos | Team | Total Points | Played | Bonus Points | Won | Lost | Draw | Tied | Pen | Run Rate | Net R/R |
| 1 | Delfos C C | 80 | 18 | 11 | 13 | 3 | 2 | | | 5,05 | 1,51 |
| 2 | Azad Swaraj Sporting Club | 78 | 18 | 12 | 12 | 3 | 3 | | | 5,69 | 2,09 |
| 3 | Eldorado Park Ottomans | 66 | 18 | 8 | 10 | 4 | 4 | | | 5,19 | 1,13 |
| 4 | Western Warriors CC | 65 | 18 | 10 | 11 | 6 | 1 | | 2 | 6,06 | 1,41 |
| 5 | G-M Old Edwardians C C | 63 | 18 | 7 | 10 | 5 | 3 | | | 4,3 | 0,02 |
| 6 | Wits Cricket Club | 43 | 18 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 4 | | | 4,08 | -0,08 |
| 7 | Soweto Pioneers CC | 32 | 18 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 6 | | | 3,89 | -1,33 |
| 8 | Midrand Knights | 31 | 18 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 3 | | | 3,86 | -1,41 |
| 9 | Riverlea C C | 27 | 18 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 4 | | | 3,53 | -1,74 |
| 10 | Medal Paints Marks Park | 16 | 18 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 2 | | | 3,24 | -2,42 |

Tejas Desai Kamlesh Patel Hardik Patel Vimal Patel
Ajay Patel Sanjay Patel

Mohit Patel Kirit Patel Shree Patel Piyush Desai Tejas Patel

Not in picture-Mayur Javer and Mohamed Patel

| SEASON 2018/9-CENTRAL GAUTENG LIONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------|--------------|-----|------|------|------|-----|----------|---------|
| Ajay Patel Saturday 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pos | Team | Total Points | Played | Bonus Points | Won | Lost | Draw | Tied | Pen | Run Rate | Net R/R |
| 1 | Glenvista CC | 53 | 16 | 7 | 11 | 4 | 1 | | | 6,83 | 1,87 |
| 2 | Randburg C C 6th | 48 | 16 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 3 | | | 5,1 | 0,21 |
| 3 | G-M Old Edwardians C C | 45 | 16 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 4 | | | 5,8 | 1,05 |
| 4 | Lenasia Cricket Club | 41 | 16 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 3 | | | 6,13 | -0,18 |
| 5 | Jeppe C C | 37 | 16 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 3 | | 4 | 4,75 | -0,13 |
| 6 | Delfos C C | 31 | 16 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 6 | | | 5,17 | -1,28 |
| 7 | Medal Paints Marks Park | 29 | 16 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 3 | | | 5,46 | -0,73 |
| 8 | Azad Swaraj Sporting Club | 19 | 16 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 3 | | 4 | 5,2 | -1,22 |
| 9 | Randfontein Cricket Club | -27 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 2 | | 36 | 3,83 | -0,73 |



...Ajay Patel Captain Saturday 1.

Tejas Desai, Hardik Patel, Ajay Patel, Mukesh Ahir, Vipul Ahir

Mohit Patel, Shree Patel, Piyush Desai, Tejas Patel, Devyish Patel

Mayur Javer and Mohamed Patel

| SEASON 2018/9-CENTRAL GAUTENG LIONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------|--------------|-----|------|------|------|-----|----------|---------|
| Raju Patel | | Saturday 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Pos | Team | Total Points | Played | Bonus Points | Won | Lost | Draw | Tied | Pen | Run Rate | Net R/R |
| 1 | Azaadville United C C | 57 | 18 | 5 | 12 | 4 | 2 | | | 6,9 | 1,32 |
| 2 | Azad Swaraj Sporting Club | 54 | 18 | 8 | 11 | 6 | 1 | | | 5,12 | 0,38 |
| 3 | Glenvista CC | 47 | 18 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 5 | | | 6,34 | 0,65 |
| 4 | Wanderers C C | 40 | 18 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 4 | | | 6,31 | 0,33 |
| 5 | Heidelberg C C | 36 | 18 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 12 | 6,33 | 1,45 |
| 6 | Sapranos C C | 36 | 18 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 3 | | 3 | 5,5 | -0,36 |
| 7 | Wanderers Cricket Club Ar | 34 | 18 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 1 | | 6,08 | 0,14 |
| 8 | Randburg C C | 31 | 18 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 6 | | | 4,36 | -0,67 |
| 9 | Midrand Knights | 23 | 18 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 4 | | 4 | 4,57 | -1,33 |
| 10 | Crescents Cricket Club | 23 | 18 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 5 | | | 4,72 | -1,95 |



Raju Patel Dr Minesh Morar Kaushal Naik Savan Prajapati Pragmesh Patel Raju Ahir

Rahul Patel Dipu Patel Dhaval Patel Ramesh Patel

| SEASON 2018/9-CENTRAL GAUTENG LIONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------|--------------|-----|------|------|------|-----|----------|---------|
| Umesh Lad | | Saturday 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| Pos | Team | Total Points | Played | Bonus Points | Won | Lost | Draw | Tied | Pen | Run Rate | Net R/R |
| 1 | Puntans C C | 66 | 18 | 10 | 13 | 3 | 2 | | | 5,84 | 1,89 |
| 2 | Azad Swaraj Sporting Club | 62 | 18 | 8 | 11 | 2 | 5 | | | 5,63 | 1,63 |
| 3 | Medal Paints Marks Park | 55 | 18 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 7 | | | 7,09 | 1,61 |
| 4 | Old Parktonians C C | 38 | 18 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 2 | | 4 | 6,11 | -0,19 |
| 5 | Midrand Knights | 34 | 18 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 4 | | | 5,88 | -0,11 |
| 6 | Old Maristonian C C | 33 | 18 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 6 | | | 5,58 | -0,54 |
| 7 | Crescents Cricket Club | 26 | 18 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 4 | | | 5,4 | -1,08 |
| 8 | Randburg C C | 24 | 18 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 7 | | | 5,64 | -1,94 |
| 9 | Freeway Zulfikaars C C | 21 | 18 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 6 | | | 4,28 | -2,76 |
| 10 | Pirates C C | 18 | 18 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 5 | | 16 | 6,18 | 0,79 |



Paras Patel Dhaval Patel Jignesh Ramani Devang Patel Yogan Patel Pradeep Patel

Rakesh Patel Mohit Patel Manoj Patel Heet and Rournil Patel

| SEASON 2018/9-CENTRAL GAUTENG LIONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------|--------------|-----|------|------|------|-----|----------|---------|
| Kaushal Hansari Saturday 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pos | Team | Total Points | Played | Bonus Points | Won | Lost | Draw | Tied | Pen | Run Rate | Net R/R |
| 1 | Daxina C C | 61 | 18 | 7 | 12 | 3 | 3 | | | 6,78 | 1,66 |
| 2 | Old Maristonian C C | 56 | 18 | 6 | 11 | 4 | 3 | | | 6,68 | 0,45 |
| 3 | Azad Swaraj Sporting Club | 43 | 18 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 5 | | | 5,85 | 0,34 |
| 4 | Delfos C C | 42 | 18 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 7 | | | 5,33 | 0,79 |
| 5 | Wits Lions CC | 40 | 18 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 6,79 | 1,13 |
| 6 | Crescents Cricket Club | 35 | 18 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 7 | | | 5,71 | -0,94 |
| 7 | Phoenix Warriors C C | 28 | 18 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 5 | | 4 | 7,81 | -2,74 |
| 8 | Pirates C C | 27 | 18 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 6 | | 4 | 5,98 | 0,2 |
| 9 | Noordgesig CC | 19 | 18 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 5 | | | 5,67 | -1,78 |
| 10 | MSD VUT | 16 | 18 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 5,7 | -0,2 |



Parth Patel,



Saavan Bhayani,



Vasu Patel,



Tejas Patel



Harshil Kansara (Captain)



Girish Ramani



Keyur Chauhan



Dipesh Mistry



Hemant Patel

Club Honors - CRICKET

| League Champions | Team | Captain | Team | Captain |
|------------------|------------|------------------|------------|---------------|
| Season | | | | |
| 2002/3 | Saturday 4 | Ajit Gandabhai | | |
| 2003/4 | Sunday | Chetan Patel | | |
| 2004/5 | | | | |
| 2005/6 | Sunday 1 | Chetan Patel | | |
| 2006/7 | Saturday 6 | Ajit Gandabhai | | |
| 2007/8 | NIL | | | |
| 2008/9 | | | | |
| 2009/10 | Saturday 5 | Ajit Gandabhai | | |
| 2010/11 | Saturday 8 | Bhadresh Vallabh | | |
| 2011/12 | | | | |
| 2012/13 | | | | |
| 2013/14 | Saturday 4 | Satyen Dullah | Saturday 6 | Anesh Ranchod |
| 2014/15 | Sunday 7 | Tejas Desai | | |
| 2015/16 | Sunday 6 | Tejas Desai | Saturday 3 | Mukesh Ahir |
| 2016/17 | Sunday 5 | Tejas Desai | | |
| 2017/18 | Sunday 4 | Tejas Desai | Saturday 2 | Mayur Javer |
| 2018/19 | nil | | | |



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PLAYERS ACHIEVEMENTS

| |
|-----------------------------------|
| 100 or 100+ scored |
| 100 or 100+ partnership |
| 5 or more wkts taken in a innings |

| Cricket | Player | Team | Date | Against |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Season | | | | |
| 2007/8 | Bowled Old Maristonians for 16 runs | | 2 Feb 2008 | Old Maristonians |
| | Raju Patel | | 2 Feb 2008 | Old Maristonians |
| | | 7 wickets | | |
| 2008/9 | Raju Patel | Saturday 4 | 5 wickets | 8-Nov-08 |
| | Umesh Lad | Saturday 4 | 6 wickets | 8-Nov-08 |
| 2009/10 | Devyish Patel | Saturday 5 | 100 not out | 7-Nov-11 |
| | Raju Patel | Saturday 5 | 5 wickets | 28-Nov-09 |
| | Mukesh Ahir | Saturday 5 | 5 wickets | 31-Oct-09 |
| | Devyish Patel and Sunil Desai | Saturday 5 | 124 run partnership | 20-Feb-10 |
| 2010/11 | Vipul Ahir and Sunil Desai | Saturday 4 | 101 run partnership | 5-Feb-11 |
| 2011/12 | Hemal Kana | Saturday 7 | 117 runs | |
| | Hemal Kana and Satyen Dullab | Saturday 7 | 110 run partnership | |
| 2012/13 | Jaimeen Laloo | Sunday 7 | 5 wickets | 3-Mar-13 |
| 2013/14 | Piyush Desai and Raju Patel | Saturday 4 | 62 run partnership | |
| | | | won the game and league | |
| | Mohit Patel | Sunday 3 | 109 runs in 39 balls n/out | |
| | Ajay Patel | | 149 runs | |
| | Vimal and Mohit Patel | | 150 partnership | |
| | Mohit Patel | | 1 over 34-5 6's and 1 4 | |
| 2014/15 | Ajay Patel | Sunday 5 | 235 runs | |
| | Mohit Patel | Sunday 5 | 7 wickets for 18 runs | |
| | Tejas Desai and Mohit Patel | Saturday 7 | 201 partnership | |
| | | | Tejas 85 and Mohit 135 | |
| | Master Aaqib and Akram Sheik | Sunday 9 | 108 run partnership | |
| | Diepesh Maisuria | Sunday 9 | 127 runs | |
| | Fayzan Patel | Sunday 9 | 100 runs | |
| | | Sunday 9 | 302 opening partnership | |
| 2015/16 | Piyush Desai | Saturday 3 | 83 not out | |
| | Ajay Patel | Sunday 4 | 102 runs | |
| | Ajay Patel | Sunday 4 | 149 runs | |
| | Tejas Desai and Piyush Desai | Sunday 5 | 195 run partneship | |
| | | | | |
| | Master Aaqib | Sunday 10 | 153 runs | |
| | Master Aaqib and Imraan Waqar | Sunday 10 | 207 run partnership | |
| | Master Aaqib | Sunday 10 | 129 runs | |
| | Ayaaz Sheik | Sunday 10 | 125 runs | |
| | | | | |
| | Master Aaqib | Sunday 10 | 6 wickets | |

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|----------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 2016/17 | Ajay Patel | Saturday 2 | 94 runs | | Wanderers |
| | Dipesh Patel | Saturday 3 | 6 wickets | 16 march 2017 | Glenvista |
| | K Kumar Patel | Sunday 3 | 6 wickets | | Roshnee |
| | K Kumar Patel | Sunday 3 | 5 wickets | | Sandton |
| | Pitush Desai and Mukesh Ahir | Sunday 4 | 151 run partnership | | Marks Park |
| Cricket | Player | Team | | Date | Against |
| | Fayzan Patel and Ashfan Shaik | Sunday 5 | 102 run partnership | 27-Nov-16 | Midrand |
| 2017/18 | Rahul Patel | Saturday 3 | 5 wickets | 23-Mar-18 | Crescents |
| | Ajay Patel and Hardik Patel | Saturday 2 | 131 run partnership | | KHOSA |
| | Hardik Patel | Saturday 2 | 110 runs | | KHOSA |
| | Ajay Patel | Saturday 2 | 87 runs | | Wanderers |
| | Dhavall Patel | Saturday 3 | 113 runs | 27-Oct-18 | Azaadville |
| | Tejas Desai | Sunday 3 | 129 runs | | W Warriors |
| | K Kumar Patel | Sunday 3 | 5 wickets | | Sandton |
| | | | | | |
| | Paras Patel | Sunday 5 | 120 runs in 66 balls | 21-Jul-18 | KHOSA |
| | Paras Patel and Maroef Memon | Sunday 5 | 166 run partnership Maroef n/o 34 | 21-Jul-18 | KHOSA |
| | | | | | |
| | Master Aaqib | Sunday 5 | 5 wkts | 18-Mar-18 | NWU |
| | Master Aaqib | Sunday 5 | 5 wkts | 14-Oct-17 | Midrand |
| | Master Aaqib | Sunday 5 | 5 wkts | 14-Jan-18 | Lenasia |
| 2018/19 | Dipesh Patel | Saturday 3 | 6 wickets | 16-Mar-19 | Glenvista |
| | Pitush Desai and Mukesh Ahir | Saturday 1 | 102 run partnership | | Glenvista |
| | Ajay Patel | Sunday 3 | 145 runs | | Eldorado Park |
| | Tejas Desai and Piyush Desai | Sunday 4 | 105 run partnership | | Bank |
| | | | | | |
| | Dipesh Mistry | Saturday 5 | 122 runs | 23-Feb-19 | NCC |
| | Ashraf Lunat | Saturday 5 | 125 runs | 23-Feb-19 | NCC |
| | | | | | |
| | Raju Patel | Saturday 3 | 7 wickets | | Randburg |
| | Bowled Randburg our for 11 runs | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | Ayaz Shaik | Sunday 5 | 157 runs | 30-Sep-18 | Diepsloot |
| | Akram Shaikh | Sunday 5 | 124 n/out | 28-Oct-18 | Noordgesig |
| | Moin Gantiwala | Sunday 5 | 103 runs | 11-Nov-18 | Swanewille |
| | Hifjula Patel | Sunday 5 | 179 runs | 18-Nov-18 | Western Warriors |
| | Moin Gantiwala | Sunday 5 | 6 wkts | 4-Nov-18 | Vereeninging |
| | Master Aaqib | Sunday 5 | 5 wkts | 9-Dec-18 | Orange Farm |
| | Damien Manilal and Ashraf Lunat | Sunday 5 | 106 run partnership | 4-Nov-18 | Vereeninging |
| | Moin Gantiwala and Ashraf Lunat | Sunday 5 | 118 run partnership | 11-Nov-18 | Swanewille |
| | Ajit Gandabhai and Hifjula Patel | Sunday 5 | 139 run partnership for 10th wicket | 18-Nov-18 | Western Warriors |
| | Brijesh Patel and Ashraf Lunat | Sunday 5 | 129 run partnership | 13-Jan-19 | Noordgesig |



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HISTORY OF PROGRESS GROUND



Progress-Season 2005-6



Progress.Nets in 2007



Progress nets and field in 2007

PROGRESS GROUNDS

In 1995 with the help of Mr Madhi Kollapen and Mr Dippenaar from the city council, we laid down turf wickets, fenced the facility, erected side screens, planted trees and levelled the outfield.

Unfortunately the City Council has not kept its civic duty to the tax payers to upkeep the facility and the pictures will tell the story.

Therefore the Club had to pay for the upkeep of the ground from pitch maintenance to fence repairs to equipment maintenance belonging to the City Council, sometimes sharing the cost with Gauteng Cricket Board.

Since 2012 this amounted to R54 885 on and purchased covers and boundry markers worth R16 415.

Luckily we managed to secure a sponsor and on the 26 AUG 2019 a major overhaul of the Ground begun.

Our thanks go to Rahul Patel Kirit Patel Pyush Desai and Ajay Patel for overseeing the state of the ground and working tirelessly to maintain the ground.

Our thanks also to Dermesh Channa and Yogesh Valla who have assisted us and continue to assist us in the development of Progress Ground.

LEASE

In Aug 2013 we applied to the JHB PROPERTY COMPANY to lease the ground but there was no concrete outcome.

Similar attempts were made in March 2006 but to no avail.

Currently we are looking for a yearly rental agreement.



LENASIA TECH GROUNDS

Our Club plays a lot of our matches here and the ground is now in a deplorable state and in 6 weeks time fixtures commence....

Tell somebody who cares.....



DIAMOND CRICKET LEAGUE

The Diamond Cricket League is its 2nd year of being played under the auspices of our Club and is open to only our Cub members.

The diamond companies that sponsor the tournament are Kismet Diamond, DK Diamond, Shiv Diamond and Bhavani Export who sponsor the full cricket kit, contribute to the upkeep of Progress Ground and provide meals every Sundays.

5 teams are chosen from amongst the players to ensure all the teams are evenly balanced.

Last year the competition was won by DK Diamond.

The 2019 winner was D K Diamond after passing Kismet's total of 105 all out in 19,3 overs.

Mohamed Patel of D K Diamond was the tournament's highest run scorer of 361, Shree Patel of Bhavani highest wicket taker of 21 wickets and Mohamed Patel and Mayur Javer of Shiv Diamond taking 10 catches each. The most valuable player (batting, bowling, fielding) was Mohit Patel of Shiv Diamond.

The 2019 tournament was streamed live on a app Cricheroes.

DCL AZAD CUP 2019
BY AZAD SWARAJ SPORTING CLUB
OPENING CEREMONY: 09:00AM
STARTS: 21ST APRIL 2019
ENDS: 7TH JULY 2019
TIMES
SATURDAY: 12:30PM
SUNDAY: 11:00AM
ADDRESS: PROGRESS GROUNDS,
LENASIA
ALL WELCOME!
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LOOK OUT FOR LADIES
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21 APRIL 2019-OPENING CEREMONY



Piyush Desai-Shiv Mukesh Ahir-D K Diamond Devyish Patel -Bhavani Ajay Patel-Kismet and Dhiraj Chhiba Azad



AZAD X1



AZAD X1-DCL-2019

Standing Left to right

Irfan Saida- Aziz Saida- Master Aqqib- Ashraf Lunat- Akaram Shaikh- Maroef Memon -Nizam Patel

Seated Left to Right

Usman Aswat-Jameel Patel-Ajit Gandabhai



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BHAVANI-DCL-2019

Standing :

Hemant Patel, Shree Patel, Rajesh Ahir , Rakesh Patel ,Kamlesh Patel, Divyesh Patel, Bhavya Patel

Sitting:

Keyur Chauhan,Tejas Patel,Savan Prajapati,Dhaval Patel,Bhavik Patel



DCL-Runners up Kismet

Standing: Paras Patel Dipesh Mistry Ajay Patel Sureshbhai Jignesh Ramani Haradik Patel Sanjay Patel

Sitting: Piyush Desai, Shivil Patel, Vimal Patel, Vasu Patel, Savan Bhayani, Sunil Desai



Winners DK Diamond

Parth Patel Ronak Patel Raju Patel Mohamed Patel Mukesh Ahir Tejas Desai Brijesh Patel Rahul Patel Harshil Kansara Kirit Patel Kirti Patel Dewish Ramani Depu Patel



Shiv team

Tejas Roumil Pradeep Heet Patel Umesh Lad Kaushal Naik Mohit Yogen Pragnesh Dharmesh Patel



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Mohamed Patel Highest run scorer of Tournamen



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Mohit Patel Player of Tournament



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Shree Patel Bowler of the Tournament

CRICKET- 40TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS AND KIT



40th Anniversary cricket shirt 1983



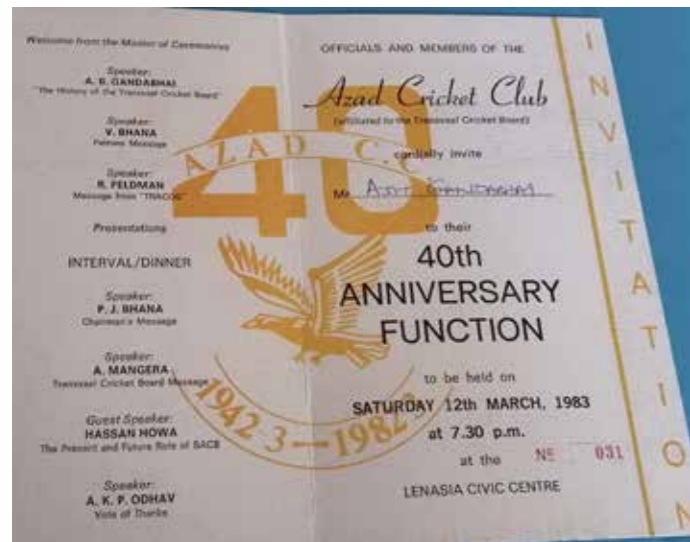
40th Anniversary-Tog Bag



Cricket-40th Anniversary T-Shirt

Cricket-40th Anniversary Invitation

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1999 Diwali Ball Tumbler

CRICKET- 45TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS AND KIT



45th Anniversary cricket top-1987

CRICKET- 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS AND KIT



50th Anniversary-Tie



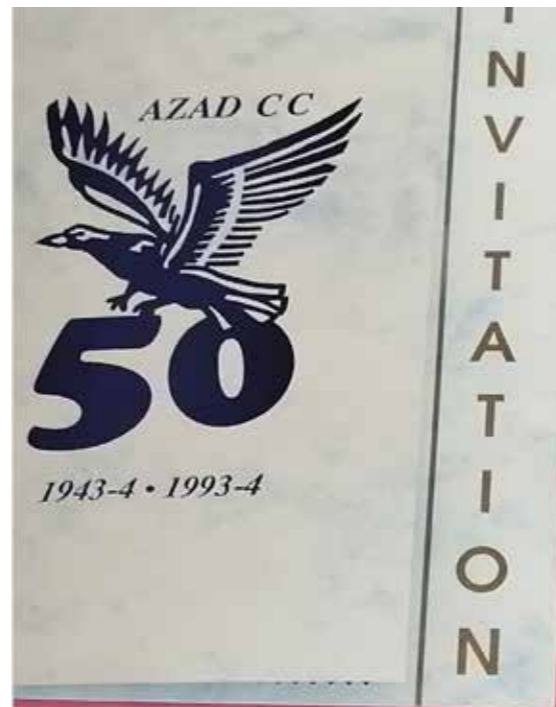
Cricket-50th Anniversary Plaque



50th Anniversary cricket tie



Cricket-50th Anniversary T-Shir



CRICKET- 60TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS AND KIT



60th Anniversary-Clock

60th Anniversary-Jacket



60th Anniversary.Dance time- Petronella Gopal, Amrith Nathoo Chandrikant Parshotum Thiraj Bhowan Ravindra Lala and Krijay Govender



60th Anniversary Flag

60th Anniversary.Press article.Late Justice Mohamed Jajbhai and late non racial sport Freedom Figher Reginald Feldman



CRICKET- 70TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS AND KIT



70th Anniversary cricket shirt



70th Anniversary-Batting cap



Cricket-2007 Fielding Cap



70th Anniversary-cricket shirts

CRICKET- 75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS AND KIT



75th Anniversary Cricket shirt

LOGOS



FROM LENASIA TO AUSTRALIA

April 2019-Prof Rasik Gopal and Himesh Bhatt at the GABA, Melbourne

It's the morning of day 4 of the Grand Final. After a long season, it all comes down to this, 5 more wickets to end the opposition's second innings. I run in with the second new ball in hand, the batsman inside edging onto his stumps, bowled him! The very next ball I bowl a classic out swinger, the batsman edging it to the slip cordon. Next up is the Hat-trick ball, but alas, it's not meant to be. I pick up one more wicket in the next over, and my fellow opening bowler wraps up the innings. Our batsmen chase down the remaining 90 runs without any fuss, we have just won the Grand Final! As I sat on the pitch celebrating the win with the boys, I smiled and reminisced of the days we sat under the trees at the Progress grounds after a win, having a beer and laughing and celebrating with team mates. The location changed, but the feeling was the same!

I was born in the late 80's, and grew up in an era without cell phones, iPads and Netflix. We grew up playing soccer and cricket in the streets or in backyards, with a few broken windows along the way! It was a great childhood.

My love for cricket began at an early age when South Africa was re-admitted into the international arena. When I was in primary school, a friend of mine noticed that I was a really quick bowler and introduced me to Azad Cricket Club. As juniors, we toured Soweto where we played Bakers Mini Cricket, met some Proteas players and collected autographs.

Losing my dad when I was only 13 years old was challenging for my family and I. I found it difficult to express myself and became a reserved boy. However, all of that changed when I walked onto the cricket field. I loved being on the field and having the new ball in my hand. I got what they call "White line fever."

I played all the age groups for the club from Under 9 through to Under 15 and later in the senior teams. I was fortunate enough to have great leaders from the club who taught me about humility, and losing with grace. A special mention has to go to Prof Rasik Gopal and Satheesh Nathoo, former coaches of mine who taught me so much and certainly molded me into the man I am today. I captained the Under 15 team and learnt about responsibility, taking ownership and managing a team.

At the age of 16, senior cricket came calling. Our team of youngsters entered into a SA7 league, where Roshan Bhana offered his experience to guide us along the way. Captaining a team was a challenge as results didn't often go our way. Roshan taught us all that it was Ok to lose, as long as you gave 110% on the field. We always had fun, encouraged each other and looked forward to the next game. During this time I learnt to control the ball. I lost pace but could swing the ball, a skill that not many my age had. Roshan Bhana and Chetan Patel recognised this skill, and drafted me into the Senior Sunday team. At the age of 17, I played on Saturdays for the SA7 team, and on Sundays for the SU2 team. It was an amazing experience to learn from the seniors about the game and about life in general.

The SU2 team was a close-knit group of players. We took off the covers at sunrise, rolled and marked the pitch, laid out the boundary markers and provided lunch for the opposition. We just wanted to play, and win! Senior guys like Jayesh Bhana, Roshan Bhana, Chetan Patel and Jeshal Patel were true role-models, always leading from the front and never shirking responsibility.

I played in this senior team for a few years. We had one of the best bowling line-ups in the league which saw us being promoted to SU1 in 2005. It was a great time for the club which I remember fondly.

At 22 I focused my attention to my studies and corporate life. I completed my CA exams, got married and relocated to Australia. Coming to Australia was an eye-opener for this Lenz-boy. The Australian community took pride in keeping the streets, parks and city spotless. Stark contrast to what the townships and cities of South Africa looks like.

After 6 long years, I returned to play for a team mainly of Indian origin players. We played a few friendlies, and entered into a 50 over competition in a social league. During this season I regained my form and love for the game. I then joined a bigger club to play more serious cricket. I started off in 6th grade playing alongside many talented youngsters. All the teams in the Club would train together under floodlights. This was 5 star facilities. The nets had Astro-turf all along up until the end of the bowlers run up, a far cry from the dustbowl of the progress nets (I was known as the dust-maker when I landed in my bowling stride at the progress nets)! All



of the games were always well supported by parents, families, friends and other club members.

In my second season with the present club, I played for the 5th grade team. We played in a league competition over 2 consecutive Saturdays. We had a very experienced team, winning the league phase and thereby qualifying for the Grand Final which was a 4 day game played over 2 weekends. It's the closest that I will ever get to playing in a test match.

Azad Swaraj can be proud to withstand so many difficulties and still be strong at 75 years. I owe so much to the club, and I am extremely proud to have played under the Azad logo for almost 15 years. The club and the Progress Grounds has the potential to be just like the club and grounds that I play on here in Australia. This can only happen with the continued support and passion of its members, the youth and their parents. Believe in the club, support each other and put in the hard work to keep the club going for another 75 years – because Cricket is a beautiful game, and the youth need to experience it!

Himesh Bhatt



Cricket-Harish Bhowan and Harish Dayal with Prof Rasik Gopal in the background taking the field at Newland field-Season 19778



Cricket-Gunvant Goolab and Arun Mistry-1978 Newlands field -home of non racial cricket interprovincial cricket venue.No cricket exists there now

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BY IQBAL GAFFOOR

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As a start only a senior team is registered. This may trigger other teams under their banner to get started again.

Azad Swaraj once boasted several senior and junior teams but due to the lack of continuity within the organisation the teams just fell away.

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Club, a soccer day was



organized on June 29, 2003, when all its past and present members were invited to participate. It turned out to be a fun-filled day with matches being played one after the other.

A function was held at the Lenasia South Civic Centre on June 6, 2004 where members were honoured.

This event enabled members who have not

met or seen each other for years to renew links and at the same time it provided a platform to re-energise the club and increase its playing membership.

It seems that these two events played a significant role in re-introducing senior competitive soccer and a team was affiliated to the LSA after an absence of several years.

Credit must be given to all the players and

officials involved in facilitating the formation of the "new" soccer team.

On April 8 a braai was held to meet the players, garner supporters and unveil the new soccer kit. The event was a success and was attended by more than 60 people.

Although losing 1-2 to Bellevue on the same night in a pre-season knock out competition the team scored an impressive 3-1 victory over Botafago the following day.

The season may be young but the form shown by the team augurs well for the rest of the season. As the team played without a few key players who were either ill, carrying injuries or not being available, the rest of the members gave an excellent of things to come.

Azad Swaraj is hopeful that this step will go a long way in increasing the number of their soccer teams.

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Azad Swaraj Sporting celebrates the end of another successful season

AZAD Swaraj Sporting Club held their annual awards function in June at the Lenasia Bowling Club.

The function began with bowls matches played amongst the cricket and soccer players, the officials, members as well as the invited guests. Players from the Lenasia Bowling Club were on hand to explain the rules as well as demonstrate the techniques involved in playing Bowls.

All those present enjoyed the game thoroughly and many, especially the younger players, showed a tremendous amount of interest in the game. The presentation of trophies was held thereafter hosted by Jeetesh Ravjee.

The President of the club, Ajit Gandabhai, welcomed all those present and began by stating that the awards function is the measure of the Club's success on the sport's field with cricket holding their own but the soccer

struggling due to the absence of a coach, which must be filled before the start of this season.

From an overall perspective he mentioned that the aims and aspirations of the Club should be to grow by having more teams and playing at a higher level.

He concluded by heartily congratulating the trophy winners, saying, "enjoy it as u deserve it".

A donation was made to the Lenasia Bowling Club which was in appreciation for the use of its premises both for the Awards functions as well as for the club's meetings.

President of the Lenasia Bowling Club, Dr Natvar Bhowan, thankfully accepted the donation and stated that he was happy with the large turnout and player's enjoying themselves and therefore emphasized that bowling club's doors were always open for new members to join or for interested parties to attend and play on

weekends. Club treasurer, Thiraj Bhowan, also thanked Navin Lakha and Bhupendra Nana for their continued assistance and services in assisting him with the club's auditing and income tax returns respectively.

The evening ended with a raffle draw and a braai. *Herewith some awardees in the various categories.*



Player's Player of the year: Ajay Bhowan



Most Improved Player: Anesh Ranchod



Mukesh Patel: Player's Player award



Player's Player award: Chetan Patel



Umesh Lad: Best Fielder of the year



Best Bowler Award: Ramesh Patel



Shailish Ravjee delivered a brief overview



Jayesh Bhana: Captain's Player of the year



Best batsman Award: Bipin Gopal



Best Bowler Award: Pravesh Madoo

AZAD FAIRED EXCELLENTLY IN DEEP SOUTH FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

By Iqbal Gaffoor
Sports Editor

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Rodger Dhawakieram and Shailesh Ravjee, with four and two goals each, respectively, were the men who took Azad to the final.

With the DSLFA league in progress, Azad have four of their 10 games and lost the rest.

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This was evident from the two narrow losses to current league leaders Florentina FC (5-4) and Ajax FC (1-0). In both matches late goals turned the outcome of the match.

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performance seems to be on the up after winning two matches, a 2-1 victory over Lenz Spurs in a local derby and thrashing Integrity Stars 9-2, with Dhawakieram and Ravjee grabbing hat-tricks.

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Ravjee is happy with the team's performances thus far considering that

the team has been without a coach since the start of the season.

"For some reason our search of a coach has been fruitless," he said.

Solomon is new Azad Swaraj coach... And fair well in new Deep South Football league with some wins

BRINTON Solomon has been appointed coach of the Azad Swaraj Sporting soccer team. He took up his post on 13 January after coming highly recommended having recently won league as well as knockout trophies with Arsenal U17 in the Wits League.

He had previous stints with All Nations FC and Ajax Eldos in the Super League.

"It is a challenge for me to move to Azad Swaraj from the bottom half of the league log to the top half and turn them into a well knit unit," said Solomon.

Ajit Gandabhai, the club's president, welcomed the new coach, promising all the cooperation he needs.

Injured captain Shailesh Ravjee saw this opportunity as the first step towards turning the club's fortunes. "We played without a coach for the entire 2007 season and his presence can only add value."

Meanwhile, Azad Swaraj Sporting is hosting a fundraiser in the form of a film show on 7 February to raise funds to cover the cost of the new coach.

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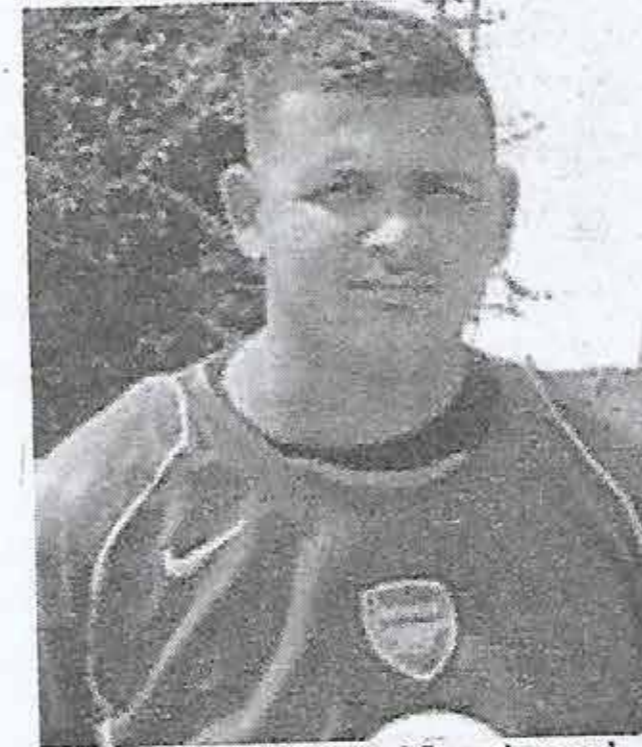
Swaraj Sporting has registered another team to play in the Gauteng Cricket Board's Sunday League, but the state of the fields leave much to be desired said the club.

Uneven outfields, minimum pitch maintenance, uneven run-ups, poor state of the nets, the council only marking the fields/pitches once in the season, no decent ablution and dressing room facilities and poor lighting for soccer training continues to be the order of the day, said Azad Swaraj.

February 2008

SPC

New soccer coach set to take Azad's Swaraj to new highs



Soloman is set to turn Azad Swaraj around

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knit unit" said Brinton on his appointment. Ajit Gandabhai, Club president, welcomed Brinton and promised him all the co-operation he needs. Injured captain Shailesh Ravjee saw this as a first step towards turning the fortunes of the Club.

The Club is also hosting fund raising film on the 7th Feb for purchase of new covers as well as remuneration for the soccer coach which in total is expected to cost R20 000

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"We have plans to expand our soccer teams and this is but the first step towards that aim," said stand-in captain, Roger Dhawakieram.

The second round of fixtures as well as a knock-out competition of the Deep South FA is expected to start shortly.

Soccer update

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SPORT INDICATOR

Azad Swaraj do well in both soccer and cricket, club to celebrate 65th anniversary

BOTH Azad Swaraj soccer and cricket teams have been performing well and there are good indications that all the teams will finish high up in their respective divisions.

In cricket the SU1 team, lead by Jayesh Bhana, won four and lost one during their last five fixtures. The most notable victory was completing a home and away victory over second placed Jeppe.

At Azad's home grounds (Progress) Jeppe were bowled out for 162 and Azad passed the score with Jayesh Bhana scoring a patient 70, ably assisted by Roshan Naran with 37 runs.

The newly purchased covers

certainly played its part as there was a heavy downpour during the match.

Statists wise Rushil Naran scored 57 against Wits and took 5 wickets against Old Eds. Dhansuk Laloo scored a splendid 76 against Wanderers and captured 3 wickets together with Chetan Patel's four.

The SA6 team remains unbeaten in their last four games topping the log. Captain Ajit Gandabhai was jubilant particularly in their match against Old Maristonians played at Sacred Heart College on early in February.

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But on the 9 February Raju Patel and Ramesh Patel each took hatricks to destroy Delfos this time at Progress.

The SU5 team have played 5 matches so far winning three, losing and drawing one each. Hemal Kana has been the most consistent batter averaging 35 runs.

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But in their last two league games they left the opposition shell shocked. Ably led by Jateen Bhana the team beat Revival 2-1 and followed up with a victory over Ajax 1-0.

Goal scorers in the first match were Roger Dhawkieram and Craig Thring and Roger again in the second match via the penalty spot.

Coach Brinton said that the team has been working extremely hard in training over the last

few weeks and the level of dedication and commitment shown by players has improved tremendously but he will need to focus on his players to convert opportunities into goals.

Meanwhile club secretary, Roshan Naran, said that events are being planned to celebrate the Azad's 65th anniversary. "It is no mean feat for a club not only to survive 65 years, but also to provide sporting activities.

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SOCCER

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GENERAL

Treasurer Thiraj Bhowan was satisfied with the fund raising film show held on the 7 Feb 2008.

"All the tickets were sold, attendance at the show was highly satisfactory and the raffle prizes donated by R C Naik's Travel and Global Music added to the evening" he confirmed.

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SOCCKER- 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS AND KIT



50th Anniversary Soccer cap-1995



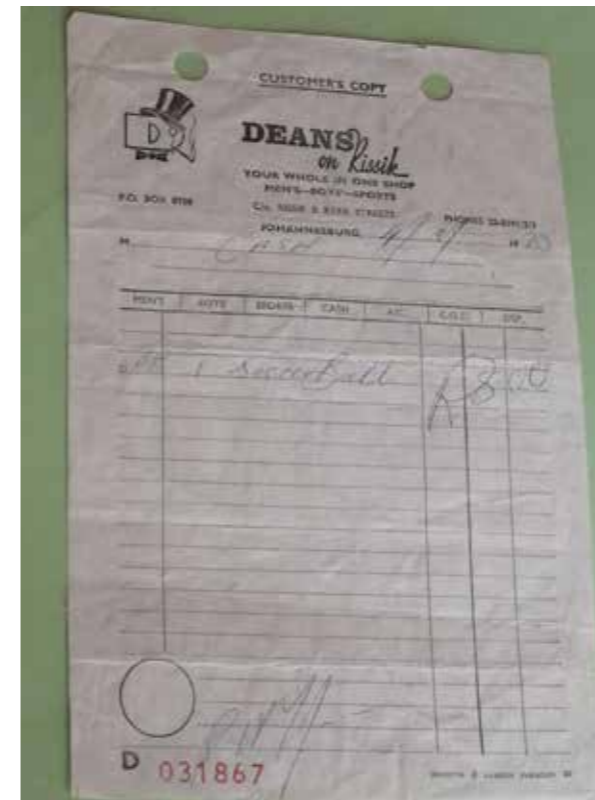
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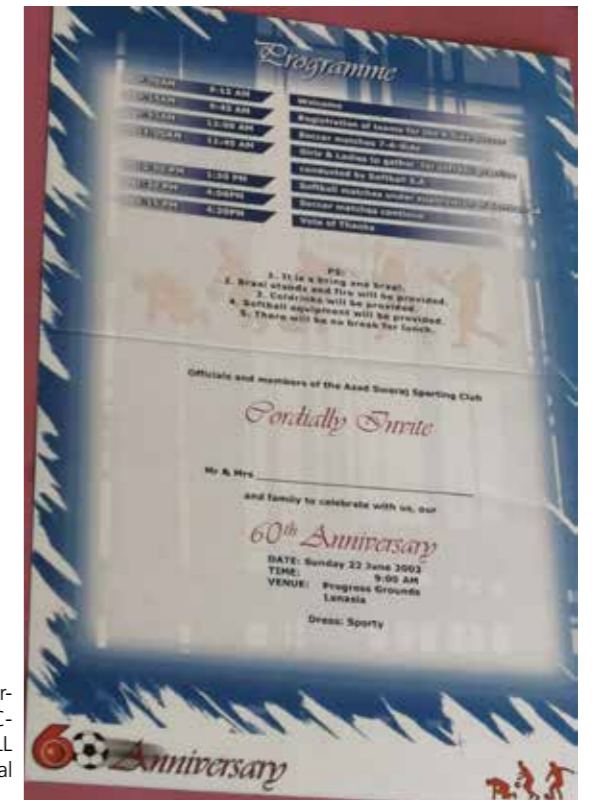
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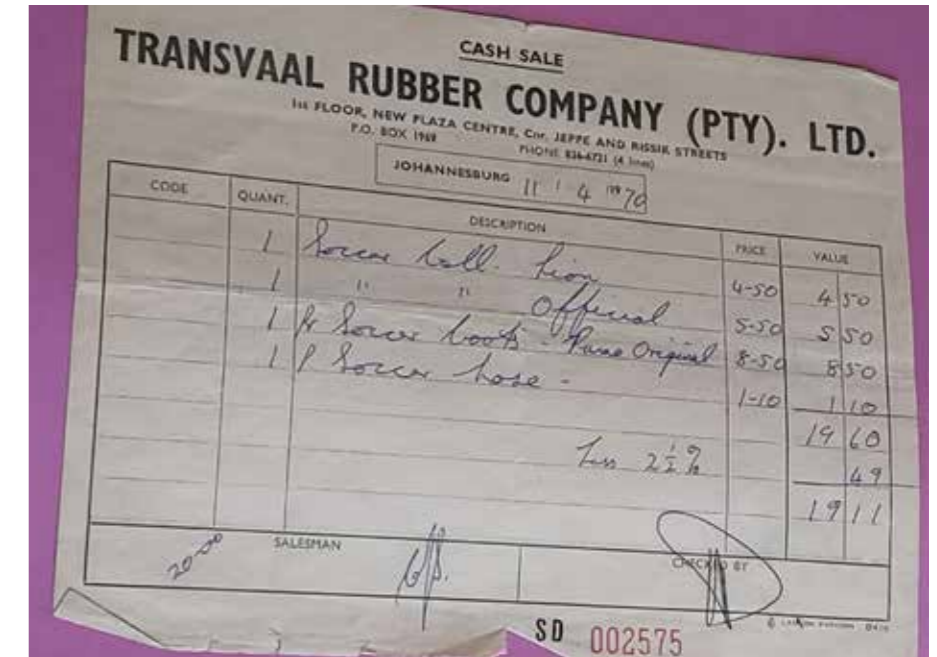


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Soccer-60th anniversary commemorative item



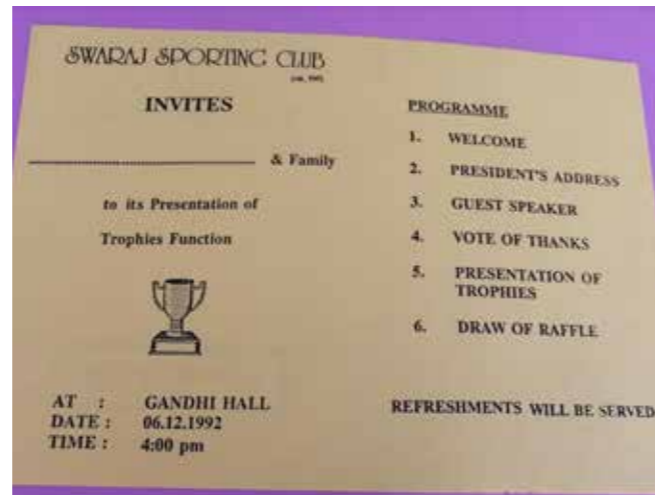
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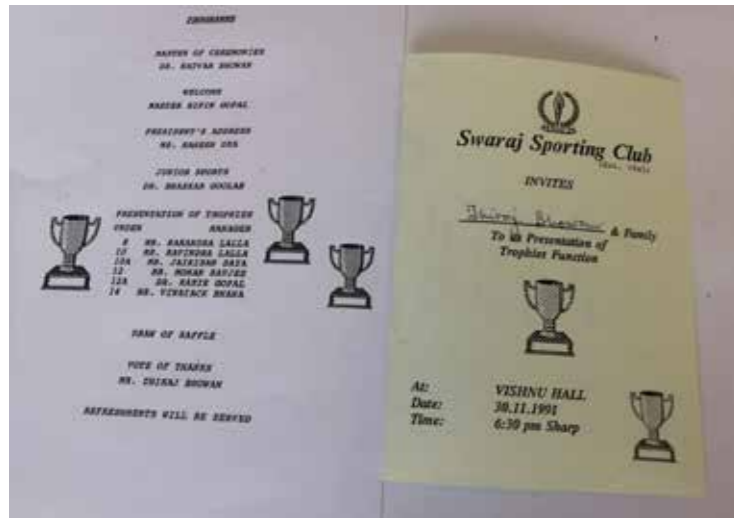
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Soccer-Invite to Presentation of Trophy Function 1992



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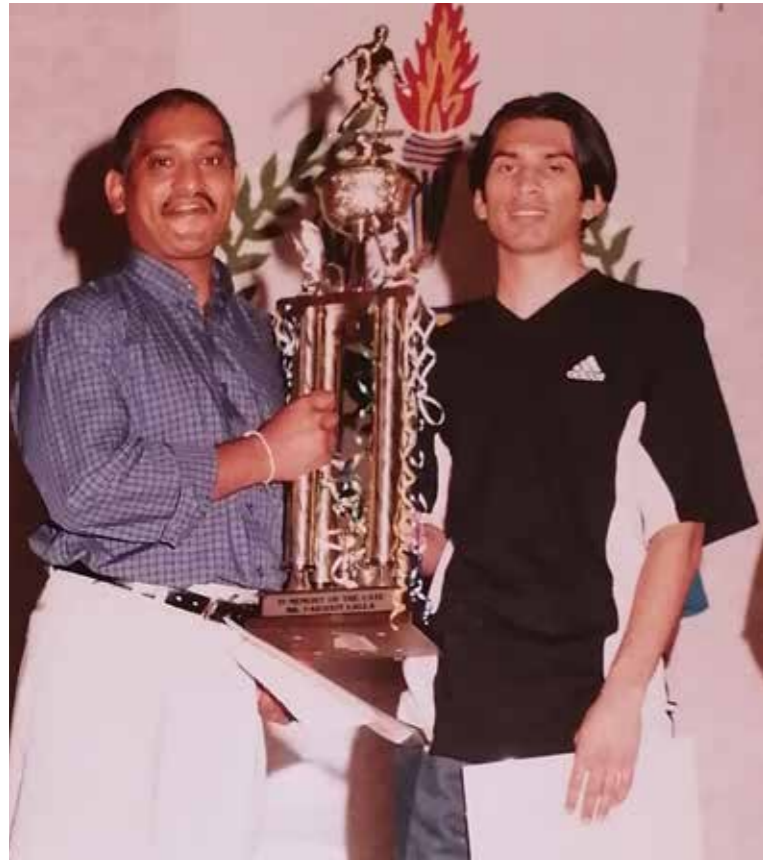
BY IQBAL GAFFOOR

AFTER an absence of a number of years from the soccer scene Azad Swaraj are back with a bang in the Lenasia Soccer Association. As a start only a senior team is registered. This may trigger other teams under their banner to get started again.

Azad Swaraj once boasted several senior and junior teams but due to the lack of continuity within the organisation the teams just fell away. To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Club, a soccer day was organized on June 29, 2003, when all its past and present members were invited to participate. It turned out to be a fun-filled day with matches being played one after the other.

A function was held at the Lenasia South Civic Centre on June 6, 2004 where members were honoured. This event enabled members who have not met or seen each other for years to renew links and at the same time it provided a platform to re-energise the club and increase its playing membership. It seems that these two events played a significant role in re-introducing senior competitive soccer and a team was affiliated to the LSA after an absence of several years. Credit must be given to all the players and officials involved in facilitating the formation of the "new" soccer team. On April 8 a braai was held to meet the players, garner supporters and unveil the new soccer kit. The event was a success and was attended by more than 60 people. Although losing 1-2 to Bellevue on the same night in a pre-season knock out competition the team scored an impressive 3-1 victory over Botafago the following day. The season may be young but the form shown by the team augurs well for the rest of the season. As the team played without a few key players who were either ill, carrying injuries or not being available, the rest of the members gave an excellent of things to come. Azad Swaraj is hopeful that this step will go a long way in increasing the number of their soccer teams.

SOCCER



Yogesh Naran presenting soccer award trophy to Shailesh Ravjee.



Our junior soccer team in green in action at the Lenasia Stadium in 1987.



StandingShyam Daya ,unknown, Oupa Motaung ,Sepiwe, unknown , Derrick
Sitting... Tembiso, Peter Modibedi, Sam, Jade Mnuai



Soccer Season 2001

Standing - Sunil, Shyam Daya, Unknown, Tebogo Mohloki, Deenana Parbhoo, Jayant Daya, Prof Thakor Parbhoo

Sitting - Yogesh Naran, unknown, Shaneel Nathoo, Wesley Makoonga, Temba Twala

SOCCER LEAGUE LOGS AND STATS

Soccer Team - CAPTAIN (JATEEN BHANA), VICE CAPTAIN (RODGER DHWAKIERAM) - COACH (BRINTON SOLOMON)

| POS | TEAM | P | W | D | L | F | A | DIFF | PTS |
|-----|--------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|------|-----|
| 1 | BARCELONA | 22 | 16 | 4 | 2 | 42 | 19 | 23 | 52 |
| 2 | FT STARS | 22 | 14 | 5 | 3 | 53 | 25 | 28 | 47 |
| 3 | FLORENTINA | 22 | 12 | 7 | 3 | 51 | 29 | 22 | 43 |
| 4 | REVIVAL | 22 | 13 | 4 | 5 | 49 | 27 | 22 | 43 |
| 5 | DISTROYERS | 22 | 9 | 4 | 9 | 35 | 31 | 4 | 31 |
| 6 | LENZ SPURS | 22 | 10 | 1 | 11 | 30 | 29 | 1 | 31 |
| 7 | FC FRIENDS | 22 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 33 | 34 | -1 | 29 |
| 8 | AJAX | 22 | 8 | 3 | 11 | 35 | 26 | 9 | 27 |
| 9 | <u>AZAD SWARAJ</u> | 22 | 8 | 3 | 11 | 43 | 44 | -1 | 27 |
| 10 | CARLISLE | 22 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 30 | 40 | -10 | 21 |
| 11 | LEKKER OUENS | 22 | 3 | 2 | 17 | 17 | 52 | -35 | 11 |
| 12 | INTEGRITY | 22 | 2 | 1 | 19 | 15 | 73 | -58 | 7 |

TOTAL LEAGUE AND TOURNAMENT

| TOTAL GAMES | | | HIGHEST GOAL SCORER | |
|-------------|----|---------|---------------------|----|
| Played | 36 | 100.00% | Rodger | 17 |
| Won | 12 | 33.33% | Sailesh | 10 |
| Lost | 17 | 47.22% | Valkover | 8 |
| Drew | 5 | 13.89% | Zaheer | 4 |
| No Result | 2 | 5.56% | Craig | 3 |
| | | | Anoop | 3 |
| | | | Faez | 2 |
| | | | Himal | 2 |
| | | | Flodwin | 2 |
| | | | Jakes | 1 |
| | | | Jyanti | 1 |
| | | | Naresh | 1 |
| | | | Menil | 1 |
| | | | Giggs | 1 |
| | | | Trevor | 1 |
| | | | Kallie | 1 |
| | | | Ovngoal | 1 |
| | | | | 59 |

Let's give our children a better future

BUSHELL-1988

The Johannesburg City Council were advertising free bus "Shells" to deserving organizations for whatever purpose it deemed fit.

The criteria was that a suitable proposal had to be submitted to the City Council before a bus "Shell" would be allocated.

Azad Cricket Club's proposal was drafted. We envisaged that the bus "Shell" will be converted into a suitable dressing room and club house and will be permanently situated at the Progress Grounds.

We were the first at the City Council's depot in Johannesburg and were allowed to choose the best "Shell".

The bus "Shell" was towed to the Lenasia Cricket Stadium and parked off.

Unfortunately, the Azad Cricket Club members did not utilize the "Shell" and it was vandalized. It deteriorated to such an extent that it was later scrapped.

Chandrakant Bhika



Atish Lalla - MY JOURNEY

I joined the Azad Swaraj Cricket club at the tender age of six and began playing cricket and soccer through the club's development program. I immediately fell in love with sport and wanted to play at every possible opportunity. I took a liking more towards cricket and my skills as a player improved over time. I gradually evolved into a specialist off spin bowler and left-hand batsman.

At the age of nine and in Standard two (Grade Four) I was selected to play for Park Primary School. I later captained the team in the last two years of primary school.

At the same time, I was selected to represent Lenasia and played on until matric. In the season of 1993-1994 I played in the Geoff Treadwell week and was selected for the Development Eleven. This was a team selected with the best players from the southern districts of Johannesburg to play in the Ken Viljoen Week. It was at this tournament that I reached the highlight of my cricketing career; I was selected to represent Transvaal (Gauteng) B in a provincial tournament held in Port Elizabeth.

Cricket took a back seat as I was completing my degree. I played socially with the hope that I would return to playing competitive cricket after my studies were completed. This had materialized and I was in the process of cementing my place in the Lenasia Premier league squad. It all seemed to be coming together and then in an instant my life changed forever.

On 24 September 2004 I was involved in a serious motor vehicle accident, I broke my neck and sustained a spinal-cord injury resulting in my body being confined to a wheelchair. I spent 10 days stabilizing in ICU and was subsequently transferred to a rehabilitation centre where I spent a further four months recovering and learning how to live with a paralysed body.

The injury had effectively left me with 15% bodily function. This meant that I would not have any feeling or movement from the collarbone to the feet. I would have no stomach or back muscles to support the body and would need to relearn how to balance. I would have no control over bodily functions and the ability to use my fingers would be something of the past. Clearly, life as I knew it would never be the same and recovery was going to be a very long journey.

This new path had me in fear and anxiety, I

was angry at life. I was in pain, suffering and frustrated. I wanted to give up, I wanted to die, this is not the life I had planned. Recovery was painful and slow. The inability to feel and control the body seemed physically impossible to recover from. The pain in this body was excruciating and has never quite left even till today.

I had to unlearn life as I knew it and relearn almost everything. The journey began with the simplest and most basic tasks like brushing my teeth. As I progressed, I began attempting more 'complex' tasks like taking a shower and getting dressed again. I had to find new ways to do general tasks like getting in and out of the car. I had to give extra attention when planning simple trips, like going to the movies so that the necessary accommodations could be made.

It's not all doom and gloom though; I was fortunate enough to realize early in the process that if anything was going to change then I was going to have to change first. This shift in mental attitude created all the difference. Mentally I became a Rolling Stone and that certainly assisted in the healing process. Every day presented an opportunity for me to make a little bit more progress to becoming more independent. I refused to give up or give in to any limitations placed upon me by anything or anyone. Paralysis had brought about a new dimension of thinking and Being. I was no longer a victim of my thoughts and I was free from negative emotions. I focused more on Being and the journey has brought me much growth and enlightenment.

My perception of life had changed completely, and I saw the world from a different lens. The abstractions of life were more interesting because I was more involved with life; the timelessness of a sunset, the beauty of a flower or the grace of a bird in flight all felt at one with me. It has been a remarkable transformation for me, a paradox; my experience of life in a paralysed body is more connected to reality than it ever was when abled. Paralysis has brought possibility to this life for me, it has committed suicide for the ego. I am in a wheelchair, yet I am free.

All that I have achieved to date is only because of the relentless, tireless and unwavering love and support I receive from my family and fiancée. Most people don't realise that their lives had become paralysed too. Their lives stopped and they sacrificed so much so that mine could continue. This



continues every day and I don't ever take it for granted. I'm eternally grateful and blessed to have them walk with strength by my side.

So, what's the message? I guess what I am really trying to say is, there is no limitation to the human spirit. Shift out of your head to your heart. Be grateful for everything, be aware of what it means to be alive, be teachable to new learnings, have an open mind and learn to empathise with others. Feel the freedom to make mistakes and to try again. Live a conscious life, a life of love and compassion. Be kind to yourself and don't take life so seriously. Smile and CHOOSE to be happy. Live your best life now for it's all that you have. Let go, forgive and see how Grace will reign on you.

Thank you to Azad Swaraj Club on providing me with many rich memories and Congratulations on reaching 75 years!

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved. Helen Keller

STILL MARCHING ON

They arrived from India and when they made their way to Azad SSC they not only made it their home of cricket but also enthusiastically assisted the Club in all matters-from transport to Progress ground upkeep.

They have been playing for the Club since 2001.

A.Divyesh Pate - opening batsman/
wicket keeper-Nickname Devo



Made his debut for Azad SSC in 2005
after landing in SA in 2000

Married to Bhamini in 2006 with
children Krina and Darsh Divyesh
scored a 100 not out against Marks
Park on 7 NOV 2011

B.Piyush Desai - Batsman and
useful bowler



Season 2015/16 scored 83 runs not
out against Azaadville.

C.Mukesh Ahir - All rounder-Nickname Mooks

His most memorable 5 wicket haul was against Marlboro on
the 31 Oct 2009.



Season 2009/10.Award handed over by Thiraj Bhowan

D.Raju Patel - Opening left hand pace bowler-Nickname-
Lefthand Raju

Best performance to date was a 7 wicket haul against
Randburg in 2018.



Season 2009/10.Award handed over by Thiraj Bhowan

E.Ramesh Patel - Spin bowler and big hitter - Nickname-
Rambo

Came to SA in 1996 and began playing for Azad in 1997.
Married Urmila in 2001 and has a daughter Riya.

Best bowling performance was 5 wicket haul in 2019



Season 2009/10.Award handed over by P J Bhana

F.Umesh Lad - Opening bowler and useful lower order batsman
Landed in JHB in 1999 and married Deepika Ramjee in 2012.
Took 6 wickets against Hilson Park in 8 Nov 2008



Season 2009/10.Award handed over by Mahesh Ooka

Most of them were part of the team that bowled out Old Maristonian
for 16 in 15 overs on 2 February 2008 !



Ramesh Patel Dhansukh Laloo Divyesh Patel Tarun Bhakta Raju Patel
Ajit Gandabhai Umesh Lad Mukesh Ahir



SA4.LEAGUE.WINNERS.2013.14

Raju Patel Divyesh Patel Ramesh Patel Dr Minesh Morar Satyan Dullabh Sunil Desai Asit Desai sitting Shailen Dullabh Umesh Lad Vipul Ahir Piyush Desai



SA6.LEAGUE.CHAMPS.2013.4.

Anesh Ranchod,Amish Sukdoe,Vinesh Doelab,Jatin Kassen,Ben Abrahams,Rudy Daine,Santosh Lalloo,Shamik Purbhoo,Jaimeen Lalloo,Bijan Naik,Shane Thompson,Yagnesh



Saturday 4-Season 2015/6

Standing back row-left to right

Vipul Ahir, Rajiv Patel, Rahul Patel, Kaushal Desai

Middle row-left to right

Ramesh Patel, Dharmesh Patel ,Rajesh Ahir , Ajay Patel

Front row-Left to right

Umesh Lad, Pramod Patel , Kirit Patel , Jitu Patel , Savan Prajapati

| Azad Swaraj Sporting | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Season 2011/12 | Saturday 7 |
| Name | Surname |
| 1 Edwin | Joseph |
| 2 Abhishek | Rama |
| 3 Jared | Chait |
| 4 Rushiel | Patel |
| 5 Hemal | Kana |
| 6 Rajiev | Sunderjee |
| 7 Chirag | Govan |
| 8 Sameer | Ranchod |
| 9 Viral | Patel |
| 10 Shohal | Nataha |
| 11 Deraney | Rajagopal |
| 12 Kiran | Jivan |
| 13 Vivek | Padia |
| 14 Rajiv | Desai |
| 15 Avinash | Rama |

| Azad Swaraj Sporting | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Season 2011/2 | Saturday 6 |
| Name | Surname |
| 1 Satyen | Dullabh |
| 2 Devchand | Amil |
| 3 Vallabh | Bhadresh |
| 4 Shailen | Dullabh |
| 5 Santosh | Laloo |
| 6 Vinesh | Doeleb |
| 7 Kiran | Laloo |
| 8 Anesh | Ranchod |
| 9 Shane | Thomsom |
| 10 Rudy | Diane |
| 11 Ben | Abrahams |
| 12 Jateen | Vallabh |

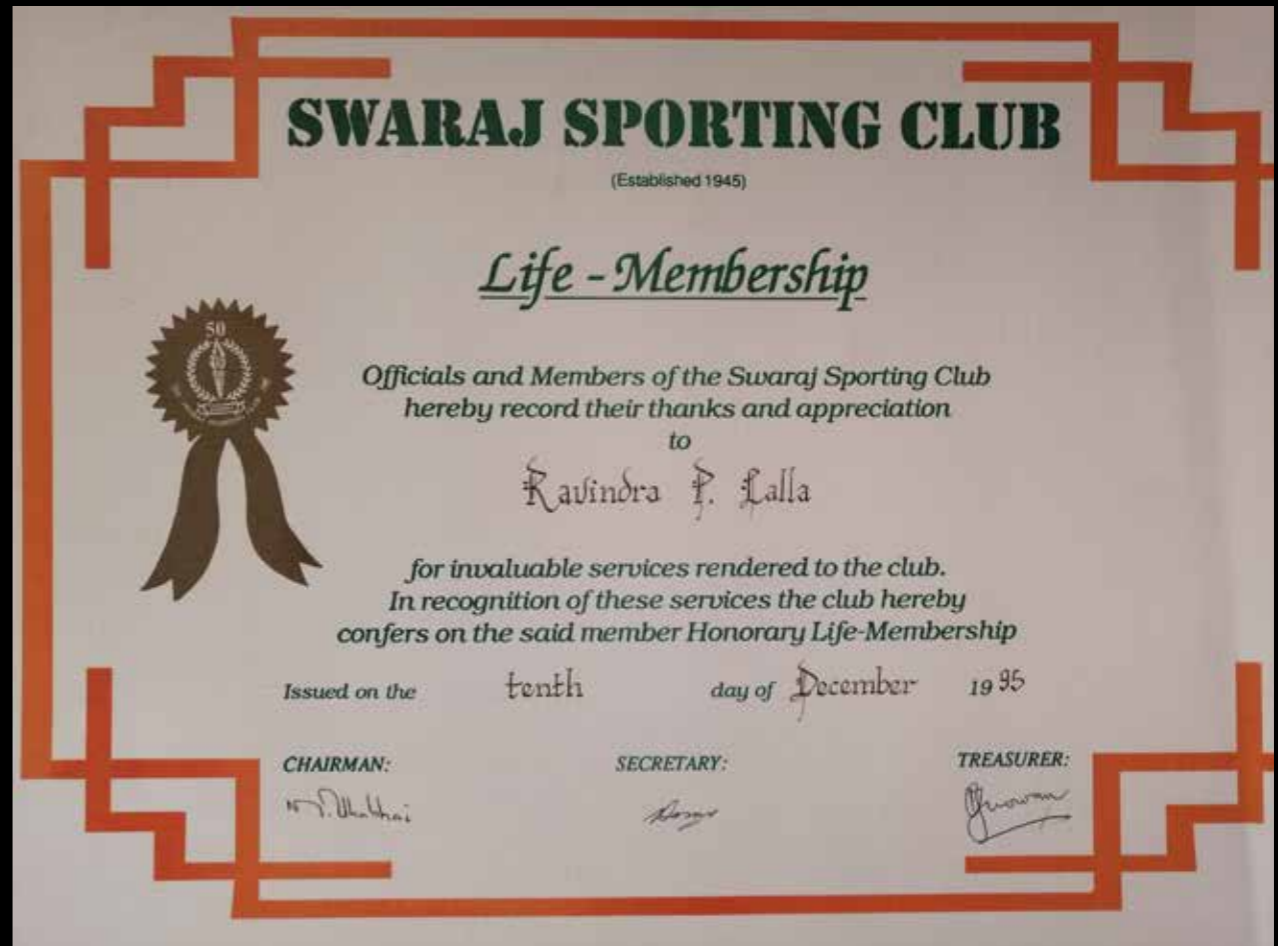
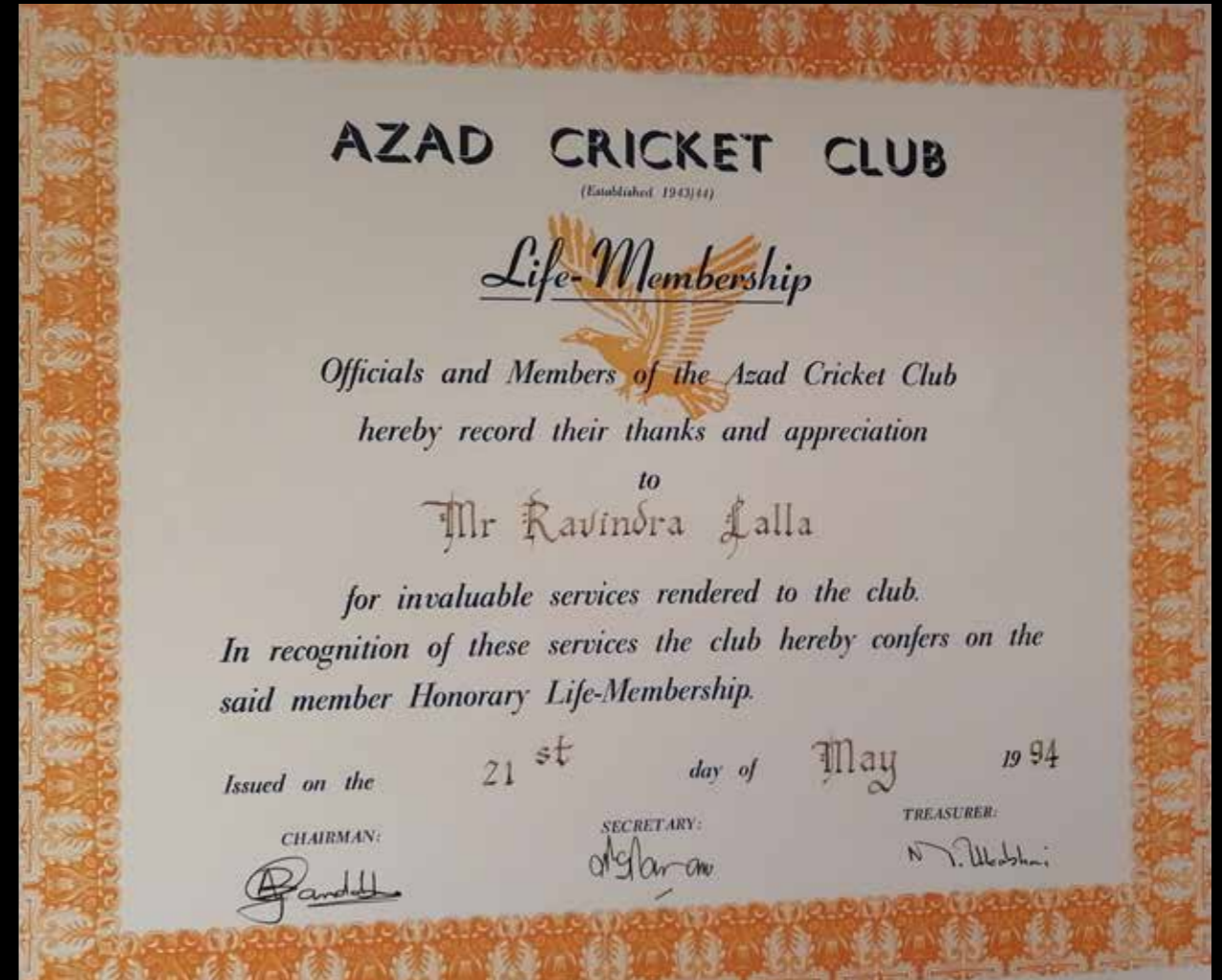


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FEATURES

The first female cricketer to play league cricket was Meenal Morar

She played in the Club's Sunday Seven team during seasons 2012/3 and 2013/4.

Olerato Moepi played 2 matches for our Sunday 6 team during season 2016/7 but because of his outstanding rugby ability we lost him to touch rugby which was also being played on Sundays. At that time he was a student at Roosevelt High School. In July 2018 he was picked for SA and played in his first World Cup tournament in Malaysia.

In 2005 the Club donated 15 junior soccer kits to the BOIKANYO Primary School and the Refilwe Community Project.

In 2010 Cricket SA instituted a Fact Finding Mission (FFC) into the affairs of Gauteng Cricket Board (GCB) and related matters.

In May 2010 we made oral and written representation to the Commission.

They presented their Report (Langa Report) to CSA in JULY 2010.

The most important recommendation was the Black African Clubs,

Indian and Coloured Clubs and Previously Advantaged Clubs each nominate 3 members each to the GCB Board.

We expressed our disappointment the FFM as no answers were forthcoming iro matters we raised.

As the Transitional Period implemented in accordance with the Langa Report has come to an end there are a number of views on the way forward and very complicated but in a nutshell

-Disband the current Board and have fresh elections

-It must be established whether the objectives of the Langa Report has been achieved



Cricket-1968 team

Unknown Dajeer Uka Ahmed Raja Ramesh Parsoot Lala Vinayack Jasmat Bhana Walter Muller Tazi Unknown

Sitting left to right Pramod Jasmat Bhana Dhansoor Chiba (Danny) Not known Dhiroo Chiba Baboo Suka Farouk Adam

Azad Swaraj welcomes juniors

By Iqbal Gaffoor

AZAD Swaraj Sporting Cricket Club gets juniors on board in a move that has been overdue in its structures for a long, long time. As the new season got underway a few weeks ago the club just had to get juniors into their structures as previous attempts to do so had not taken fruition. They have now affiliated another team in the Gauteng Cricket Board, Sunday 7 league. These members join three other teams who regularly feature in the GCB Saturday leagues. SA4 have already played two games, won one and lost the other. SA6 have lost both their fixtures while the SA7 only played a single game which, they won. Last season, the SA4 finished runners-up to Lenasia South.

This of the juniors coming on board was long on the cards. The newly elected President, Asit Desai, mentioned the following in his report presented to the 69th AGM of the Club on June 30th. He said: "In addition we must get our hands dirty to devote time to organise junior cricket. If we do not, our motto of 'Let us give our children a better future' will be

Left to right: Hiren Ahir, Ajit Gandabhai (C), Rushmil Rajpal, Nikhil Patel, Mekil Motiram and Sulaalman Sarang. Insert: Devish Nisha (VC) and Bhavya Patel.

confined to the dustbin. If we are not going to do it who is going to do it?

"Parents pay lots of monies to enroll their kids at coaching academies but after the session there is no playing of cricket. We must fill

that gap in true Azad fashion!"

Well true to form that commitment came to reality when they played their first fixture on the October 14 against Swaneville and won handsomely.

"This competition allows three players over the age of 18 to play and the rest of the players under the age of 18," Desai further explained.

Ajit Gandabhai, who was the skipper of one of the Saturday teams, decided to come down and assist these lads find their feet. His expertise is definitely needed and his experience tells great story for this team. He now also captain's the squad.

He says, "After each match and training session the boys look sharper and with parental support the team will continue to prosper - win or lose."

Playing league cricket and travelling away to play matches is a first time for most of them. Some of the other players that make up the lot include, amongst others, Rushmil Rajpal - attends SBSM school, played for Khosa Club for two years and best batting performance is 28 runs, bowling 3 - 23 in 6 overs - A spin bowler with class Sulaalman Sarang - Nirvana Secondary School, Grade 8 - played for Azad Swaraj Sporting where he scored 33 runs and took 3 wickets. Last season played in the junior LPL for Progress Primary and won the league - an all rounder Bhavya Patel - played for SBSM school team, took five wickets in two matches for Progress Primary School.

A superb bowler Mikhil Motiram - best batsman award in 2008 and Senior Half colours in 2011 for Greenside High - a top order batsman.

Others include Nikhil Patel, Devish Nisha (Vice captain) and Meeshan Lutchman.



Azad Swaraj teams clash in league fixture

A historic cricket match, in Azad Swaraj Sporting's 65th year of existence, took place on 24 January at the Progress Grounds. The two teams met in a Gauteng Saturday 4 league match and this was the first occasion, in either a cricket or a soccer match that two teams for this club had met in a league fixture. Inclement weather throughout the week was a cause for concern as there was a possibility that rain would hamper the much anticipated fixture.

However, the teams were greeted by slightly overcast skies, a lush outfield and a well prepared pitch in the afternoon.

Azad Swaraj 2, captained by Jayesh Bhana, won

the toss and sent Azad Swaraj, captained by Ajit Gandabhai, in to bat. Azad Swaraj was soon in trouble as they lost 2 wickets with 12 runs on the board. Sanjay Patel and Mukesh Patel then began resurrecting the innings with a 34 run partnership before Sanjay was clean bowled. Dansookh Lalloo then joined Mukesh and the two began finding the boundaries with relative ease and looked menacing. A 62 run stand was then broken by Jateen Nana who claimed both the set batsmen in a space of two overs. The balance of the team was then dismissed with the addition of another 47 runs. Jateen Nana was the pick of the bowlers with match figures of 8-0-23-4. Azad Swaraj 2 started cautiously but lost

their first wicket with the score on 21. Left arm speedster Raju Patel getting the vital breakthrough. Rushil Naran then joined Bhavesh Bhika and the two put on a steady 25 runs before Bhavesh was dismissed. Jayesh Bhana then joined Rushil Naran and began asserting pressure on the fielding team. Quick singles and determined running between the wickets saw the partnership slowly build. The score reached 91

and with only 2 wickets down Azad Swaraj 2 seemed to be cruising. Dharmesh Patel then dismissed Jayesh Bhana for 28. The introduction of speedster Raju Patel, in the next over, turned the game on its head. He removed Rushil for a well played 38 and then displayed some magnificent swing

bowling to clean bowl 3 incoming batsmen in the space of 3 overs. The pendulum had begun to swing in favour of the fielding team. However, some resolute batting by the lower order saw Azad Swaraj 2 edge to 120 for 7 at the 31 over mark. However, the allocated time limit, for bowling the required 36 overs, was up and the fielding team found themselves 5 overs short. Azad Swaraj 2 claimed the 50 penalty runs and with that the much sought after win and 4 points. Raju Patel finished with match figures of 8-1-21-5. A memorable match indeed, with both teams fighting till the end and producing some outstanding cricket that will be much talked about in future years to come.



STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT
Sanjay Patel, Raju Patel, Ajit Gandabhai (Captain), Mukesh Patel, Sunil Patel
SITTING LEFT TO RIGHT
Dhansuk Lalu, Umesh Lad, Dharmesh Patel, Ramesh Patel, Devyish Patel (Vice Captain), Piyush Vallab



SATURDAY LEAGUES

Gauteng Cricket Board INSERT LEAGUE CODE: SAB

MATCH DATE: 2 Feb 08 TIME STARTED: 1:00

TEAM BATTING FIRST
Old Marstonians

| RUNS | WICKETS |
|----------------------|---------|
| 16 | 10 |
| Runs Actually Scored | |
| Penalty Runs Scored | |
| Total Runs | |

OVERS RECEIVED: TEAM BATTING 1ST

| OVERS | TIME (Mins) |
|-------|-------------|
| 15 | - |

TEAM BATTING SECOND
AZAD SWARA'S

| RUNS | WICKETS |
|----------------------|---------|
| 17 | 1 |
| Runs Actually Scored | |
| Penalty Runs Scored | |
| Total Runs | |

OVERS RECEIVED: TEAM BATTING 2ND

| OVERS | TIME (Mins) |
|-------|-------------|
| 3.2 | - |

Type of ball used: GCB Type of ball used: GCB

INTERRUPTED MATCH: AGREED NUMBER OF OVERS: _____

DOES AVERAGE RUN-RATE APPLY? YES/NO _____

RESULT OF MATCH: AZAD SWARA'S WON

(The GSB will award points for the match according to the competition playing conditions)

Match drawn due to rain

Please sign this card as correct:

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Team 1 Tel (W): 011 4580109 Fax: _____

Team 1 Name: RAMI ROOP Signed: _____

Team 1 Tel (W): 012 687 2007 Fax: _____

Umpire 1: _____ Umpire 2: _____

Scorer 2: _____

TEAM DETAILS

TEAM NAME: AZAD SWARA'S TEAM NAME: Old Marits

Please print all names, giving both first and surname:

| Surname | First Name | Surname | First Name |
|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 1. VALABH | PIYUSH | 1. LAW | WILKIE |
| 2. PATEL | DEVANG | 2. KEENE | RIDGE |
| 3. LALY | DHANSHUK | 3. RAMIROOP | ATULET |
| 4. PATEL | RAJESH | 4. NEL | MARICIA |
| 5. 1 | HEMANSUKH | 5. DIXON | CRAIG |
| 6. MAHMOOD | PRAVESH | 6. JAMES | DARCY |
| 7. PATEL | RAJESH | 7. JAMES | TYRONE |
| 8. 1 | MUVIKESH | 8. AKOORIA | FEROZ |
| 9. 1 | SITY | 9. JACOBS | MORRIS |
| 10. 1 | RAJY | 10. MANRIM | HILL |
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Cricket

Standing from left to right

Nisharn Dullabh Bhavesh Bhika Sunil Govind Roshan Naran Ketan Dhanjee Avinash Lakhoo Rushil Naran

Sitting from left to right

Jayesh Bhana Dipan Govan Roshan Bhana Himesh Bhatt

Team – Saturday 6, Season 2009/2010



Cricket

Standing left to right

Ketan Dhanjee, Nisharn Dullabh, Bhavesh Bhika, Nilesh (Niles), Rushil Naran, Rushil, Sameer Ranchod, Sunil Govind, Devyish Patel, Unknown, AB Gandabhai, Ramesh Patel Unknown, Tarun Bhakta , Raju Patel

Seated Left to right

Avinash Lakhoo, Himesh Bhatt, Dipan Govan, Roshan Naran, Roshan Bhana, Lalu Patel, Jayesh Bhana, Mukesh Ahir , Viral Patel , Unknown, Umesh Lad



Season 2014/5

Standing-Ajit Gandabhai, Imran Bedawalla, Mikil Motiram , Faraz Aslam, Roshan Patel Akram Sheik

Sitting- Unknown ,Saad Patel, Fayzan Patel, Depish Miasuria, Chirag Miasuria



Season 2006/7 team

Kalpesh Patel, Raju Patel,Ajit Gandabhai, Mukesh Ahir ,Sunil Desai .

Sitting - Laloo Patel , Umesh Lad , Dharmesh Patel , Ramesh Patel , Divyesh Patel , Piyush Desai



**SUNDAY 6-SEASON 2016/7
AZAD SWARAJ SPORTING CLUB**

Standing L to R

Ashfan Shaik,Ajit Gandabhai,Sahil Mirza,Fayzan Patel,Tabrezz Shaik,Ayaaz Shaik,Jaimeen Lalloo

Sitting L to R

Tayyob Patel,Hassan Kagzi,Piyush Lalwani,Master Aqqib.



Jim Fouche Primary School-using masking tape to mark the crease

L-R Fayzan Patel,Ajit Gandabhai,Suban & Sakib Shaik & Sahil Mirza



Jim Fouche Primary School -sweeping the pitch

L-R Jeeshan Patel,Fayzan Patel,Chirag Maisuria and Huzaifa Mirza



Orange Farm Cricket Ground
3 April 2016



Standing left to right

Akram Shaik,Vohra Ganibhai,Master Aqqib,Ashfan Shaik,Fayzan Patel

Sitting-left to right

Sahil Mirza,Chirag Maisuria,Sakib Shaik,Huzaifa Mirza,Suban Shaik and Ajit Gandabhai



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Once again a BIG



NON RACIAL SPORTS HISTORY PROJECT

For some years now, past members of non-racial sports in the former Southern Transvaal, have attempted to initiate a history project on non-racial sports.

Acutely aware of the dire absence of such histories and concerned about the lost legacies of community-based sports and commitment to non-racialism, it was felt that such a project was both necessary and urgent.

The non-racial sports movement was of course never simply about sports. It embodied ideals and ideologies at the centre of which was a commitment to non-racialism. Communities participated in sporting events and simultaneously supported the campaigns and struggles of the non-racial movement, albeit unevenly. Today, we would suggest, commitment to non-racialism and community involvement (defined by a spirit of voluntarism) seem to have become relics of the past. Our project seeks, modestly, to contribute to their recovery.

To this end, our Club has deposited our material -in the form of articles, photographs, commemorative items -at the Wits University Historical Papers which hosts the Archives at the Willem Currey Library.

The Archive was officially launched on the 30 June 2018 which was attended by our Club members.

The website is per below-

<http://www.historicalpapers.wits.ac.za/?inventory/U/collections&c=AG3403/R/9162>.

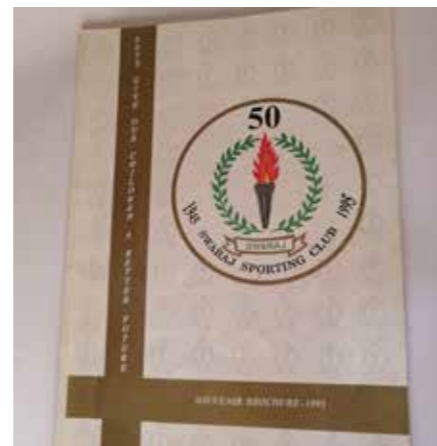
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DARTS CLUB

A big thanks to Harish Bhowan Dr Pradeep Gopal and Mahesh Uka for organizing Darts events for at least the past 15 years or more.

Players opened up their homes for these Darts events and at times were used to celebrate birthdays or entertain visiting players from out of town.

The last event was held on the 20 JULY 2019 at Harish Bhowan's residence to welcome Pravin Gopal -wicket keeper /batsman -who settled in New Zealand many years ago. At the same birthdays were also celebrated.

Many more darts will be thrown before the curtains fall.. which we do not see falling !



Players in action !!!!!



Suresh Rowjee Vinod Kanjee Chandrakant Bhika Saravan Moodley Dhiroo Chibba Pravin Gopal Kiran Parbhoo Bhupendra Keshav Harish Oka Harish Patel Arvind Rowjee Raj Naranjee Dr Pradeep Gopal Javarlal Rawjee and Thiraj Bhowan

Nitin Ambaram Suresh Rowjee Harish Oka Kiran Parbhoo Ramesh Sukha Dr Natvar Bhowan Chandrakant Bhika Dr Mohan Ranchod Arvind Rowjee Vinod Kanjee Mahesh Uka

Behind-Harish Patel Saravan Moodley Dhiroo Chhiba

Raj Naranjee Thiraj Bhowan Pravin Gopal Harish Bhowan

Dr Pradeep Gopal



Saravan Moodley Pravin Gopal and Harish Patel



Standing - Baboo Jairam ,Yogesh Naran, Rushil Naran ,Menil Jairam, Deelan Parbhoo ,Rohan Dullabh ,Kara, Atish Goolabh, Shyam Daya, Prof Thakor Parbhoo

Sitting-Nishaan Dullabh, Bhavesh Bhika,Rishaan Govind, unknown Praneel Chiba, Chiba

Azaad Cricket Club celebrated its 40th anniversary in grand style

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The Azaad Cricket Club celebrated its 40th anniversary at a function at the Lenasia Civic Centre last week.

A large number of guests attended the function, and the guest of honour was the President of the South African Cricket Board, Mr Hassan Howa.

Mr Howa spoke out against those cricketers who allied themselves with the cricket tours arranged by the S.A. Cricket Union of Mr Joe Pamensky. He said that for him, the best part of the Sri Lankan and West Indian tours was when they were seen off at the airport.

Mr Howa also congratulated the Azad Cricket Club on their 40-year existence within the non-racial code of sport.

Patron Mr Vin Bhana outlined the struggles of the Club. "The Club has a long history of struggles, and none so important than in the 1956/7 season when the Club was left with only seven playing members. But with new blood, the Club was soon back on its feet, and made some meaningful contributions to the cause of non-racial cricket.

A large number of prizes were also awarded at the function, amongst them, those for the player of the year in each of the Club's three age divisions.



Members of the Azaad Cricket Club seen here with the president of the South African Cricket Board, Mr Hassan Howa.



Azaad Cricket Club's award winners.





* All the award winners at Azad Cricket Club's function in Lenasia... Sitting (l-r): Pramod Bhatt, Deepak Chhat, Mohamed Hussain, Ajay Lala, Tariq Hamid, Atish Lala, Bipin Gopal and Vinay Lala. Standing (l-r): Harish Bhovann, Zayed Hamid, Moiner Jawa, Bipin Gopal, Yatin Vansonia, Nadim Hamid, Niaz Tizid, Muhammad Gaballa, Iftan Ekan, Yash Gervind, P... Valla and Pramod Bhatt.

Azad pays tribute to its stars

VETERAN Pramod (‘P’) Bhatt was awarded the biggest trophy of player of the year at Azad Cricket Club’s awards evening in Lenasia this month. One of the best organised clubs in the Cricket Association of the Transvaal, Azad is celebrating its 45th anniversary. Pramod Bhatt’s father was a founder of the club. Trophies were presented to juniors and seniors for their performances and dedication. While Azad has not won a major championship trophy, it has produced a number of top-class players and officials. Guest speakers were CAT’s Ebrahim Talia and The Indicator editor Ameen Akhalwaya. Mr Talia defended CAT’s record in its first season since the trauma of the splits and subsequent liquidation of the Transvaal Cricket Board. He challenged former TCB president Mr Ahmed Mangera to a public debate on the dispute surrounding ownership of the wicket covers. Mr Talia also appealed to Azad’s experienced Dr Risk ‘Pops’ Gopal to make a return to senior cricket administration. Mr Akhalwaya lauded Azad for its pioneering and committed role in nonracial sport. He urged the club to publicise its activities. The white media, he added, were traditionally hostile to Sacos and its affiliates. But the emergence of a sympathetic “alternative” press had opened the publicity door to Sacos’ affiliates. Next month, The Indicator will publish a detailed look at Azad’s history.

Azads holds Awards function 1992

THE Azad Cricket Club held its presentation of trophies function at the Lenasia Recreation Centre last month.

Club president Ajit Gandabhai said about 120 people, including parents, officials, junior and senior players, attended. Seventeen trophies were presented.

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Lenasia Primary Schools Sports Council president Mohamed Khan said: “As sport is part of their curriculum at schools, we should organise and introduce 14 codes of sports for pupils.”

“Senior sports organisations and clubs must provide and organise competitions to develop the child’s skills further.”

“Because of limited time and resources, our association cannot provide for pupils leaving primary schools who then have to compete with students in higher standards at high schools.

I suggest that clubs and senior sports associations co-operate with primary schools to bridge that gap.”

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The second team in the seventh league finished seventh out of the 12-team league.

- 1992 Awards
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SEVERAL players were honoured for outstanding achievements when the Lenasia based Azad Cricket Club held its annual presentation of trophies evening.

Azad Cricket Club's presentation evening

The club, which enters its 50th year of existence, annually honours its achievers. In his address to the more than 100 people, Azad president Ajit Gandabhai appealed to everyone to develop a culture of thinking in terms of people or persons, rather than racial categorisation. "Everyone must find political homes to make democracy work," he said.

While expressing satisfaction with the performances of the club's two senior and three junior teams he was concerned that there was no junior league structures for the hundreds of children playing informal cricket - "street" or "mini" cricket.

Gandabhai was also critical that no positive response had been forthcoming from the Johannesburg City Council and the Transvaal Cricket Board for the club's application for the use and control of the Progress Sports Grounds. As Azad will be celebrating their 50th anniversary during the 1993-1994 Season, Gandabhai appealed to members to make it a year to remember. He appealed to them to be actively involved in the arrangements of the various activities for their

anniversary. These will include brochure, cricket matches, functions and commemorative ties. The following awards were made at the function. Best Batsmen: Paresb Valla (First Team), Moshin Kotwal (Second Team), Fuzad Choonara and Ziad Khardamy (under 14), Bipin Gopal (under 13), Zabeer Patel and Minal Rawjee (under 11).

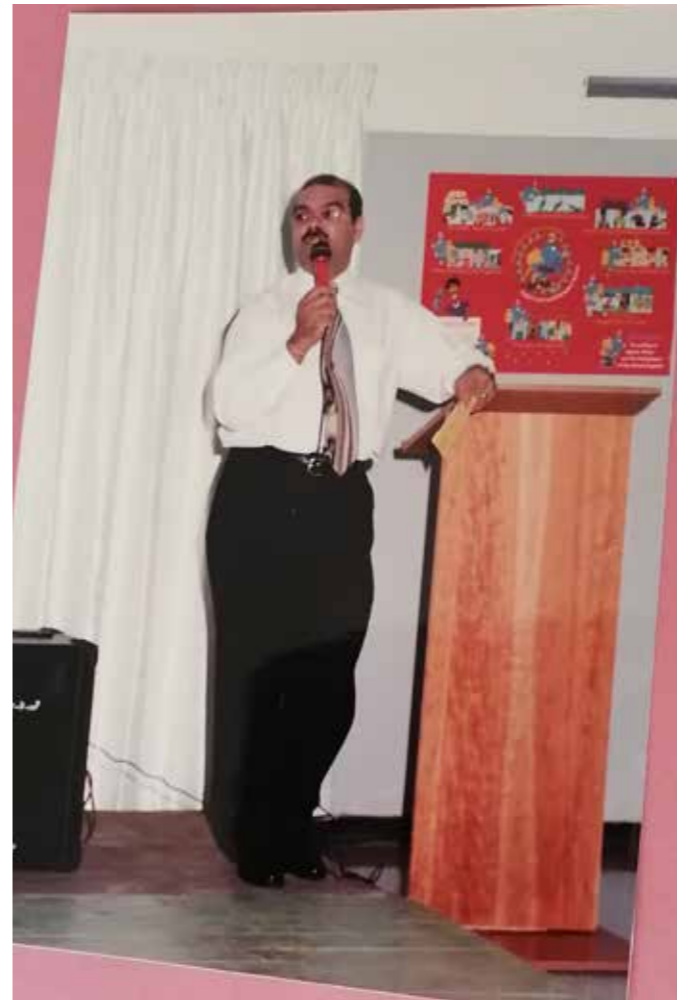
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Most Promising Player awards went to Ziad Patel (under 14), Atish Lala and Fayim Ebrahim (under 13) and Viresh Dullabhi (under 11). Special awards were given to Bipin Gopal, who was appointed captain of the Transvaal Primary Schools Team, Ajay Lalla who was also selected for the Transvaal Primary schools team, and Mitesh Naran who was selected for the Transvaal League Cricket Board team.

Azad Cricket Club's First Team, which plays in the TCB's League 5, finished third out of 12 teams and their second team finished last season seventh out of 12 team in the 7th League.



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Soccer - Paresb Govind-MC at function



Soccer - Paresb Govind.MC at presentation of trophy functions



Soccer - MC at function-Paresb Govind





Hardick Patel Mayur Javer Ajay Patel and Shree patel at GCB trophy function with 2 trophies

AZAD CRICKET CLUB
INCOME/EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

| INCOME | | R | C | EXPENDITURE | | R | C |
|----------------------------------|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|--|---------------|-----------|
| BROCHURE ADVERTS-ANNEXURE 1 | | 608 | 00 | AS PER ANNEXURE 4 | | 1009 | 42 |
| MEMBERS CONTRIBUTIONS-ANNEXURE 2 | | 1133 | 45 | TRANSFER TO SAVINGS A/C | | 749 | 83 |
| DEPOSIT REWARDS-ANNEXURE 3 | | 17 | 80 | | | | |
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CHAIRMAN: A. BHANA
 SECRETARY: V. BHANA
 TREASURER: B. RAMA
 DATE: 25TH MARCH, 1970

Cricket -25th anniversary income and expenditure



Cricket -50th anniversary function l-r late Dr Vernon Meyer, Mahesh Sooka and Ravindra Lall



Cricket -60th anniversary function-Late Mohamed Jajbhai presenting trophy to Chetan Pate In the background is Suresh Rawjee and Roshan Naran



Cricket -Deyish Patel Ajit Gandabhai and Mukesh Ahir with the 2006.7 season winners trophy at GCB trophy function



Cricket - Suresh Rawjee presenting trophy to Chetan Patel



Presentation.of.trophy.function.P J Bhana Thiraj Bhowan Dr Pravin Gopal Harish Bhowan Dr Natwar Bhowan sittin Ajit Gandabhai Satish Nathoo Mahesh Uka



Soccer-Jayant Daya receiving trophy from Mahesh Ookabhai

DIWALI BALL



Diwali Ball
to be held at:
The Hawaai Dining Room
at the *Turffontein Racing Club,*
Turf Club Street,
Turffontein, Johannesburg
on *13th November, 1999*
Time: *19h00*
Music: *Live Entertainment*
Dress: *Formal*

Main Courses: *Fresh asparagus*
Rye bread / Portuguese rolls
Chicken curry - Madras
Grilled fish
(with Tartar, lemon butter and peri-)
Fish curry - Madras
Lasagna - Vegetarian
Camelloni - Vegetarian
Black mushroom
Roast potatoes, peas and carrots
Greek salad / French salad
Bread display / Rice

Deserts: *Fruit salad and ice cream*
Ice cream cake
Cheese cake
Tea and coffee

P.S. Drinks: Cash Bar in attendance

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AZAD CRICKET CLUB
Established 1943

DIWALI DISCO
1980

OFFICIALS:
President: Dr. R. GOPAL
Secretary: Mr. P.J. BHANA
Treasurer: Mr. M.D. UKA

The club is in the forefront in the struggle for a non-racial cricket and society in SA and is a founder member of the non-racial Tvl. Cricket Board who in turn is affiliated to the non-racial SA Cricket Board led amiably by Mr. Hassan Howa who is also President of SACOS.

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MUSIC: "HENRY" THE DISCO KING
DINNER: 10 P.M.

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PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES FUNCTIONS

Hemal Kana





Presentation of trophy function. Jeetesh Rawjee and Ajit Gandabhai



Presentation of trophy function. Sameer Ranchod and Rushiel Patel



Presentation of trophy function. Rushiel Naran awarded by Dr. Natwar Bhowan



June, 1998

Azad Sporting honour their top performers

By IQBAL GAFFOOR
AZAD Sporting honoured their outstanding performers at a function last month.

The May 24 do at the Nirvana Old Age Home was addressed by the principal of Nirvana Secondary School, Mr Saloojee, who shared the podium with Ajit Gandabhai, Dr Risik Gopal and junior speaker, Kamal Govan. Club speakers spoke about the players' inconsistencies throughout the season. One day the club would tally only 100 runs while the next they would post 300-plus.

They also emphasised the need for senior players to take on greater responsibilities and to be more dedicated. The club's junior teams performed exceptionally well, especially their under 11, 13 and 15 teams. Special awards

Mr Azhar Saloojee (Principal of Nirvana High School - right) presenting Shoshil Kila with Best Player Award

Mr J Laloo (right) presenting Jatsen Nana with award for Administrator of the Year

Ajit Desai (right) presenting Kamlesh Lala with Most Improved Player trophy

Mr A Nathoo (left) presenting Best Batman Award to Manesh Naran

were made to Rohan Dulabh, Kamal Govan and Himesh Bhutt (under 11), Kishen Morar and Sushil Kila (under 13), Jayesh Lalla (under 15).

All the players were presented with certificates.

Awards were also made to seniors Manesh Naran, Arun Patel, Harshad Nagin, Bipin Gopal, Minesh Desai and Roshan Bhana.

The under 11 team received additional medal and certificates for winning the Sporting Cricket Club's inaugural junior tournament early this year. This division also showed off their two trophies - for winning the tournament and coming second in the league.

In some instances parents played vital roles but more parents were urged to get involved in their children's activities.

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Umesh Patel (coach) with Jayesh Bhana - Soccer Player of the season.

PJ Bhana presenting trophy to Jatsen Nana, Sunday Teams highest scorer.

V Bhana with Himesh Bhatt - Sunday Team Player's Player.

Dr N Bhowan and Dovyash Patel - Saturday Team highest scorer.

Paresh Govan with Shailesh Ravjee for Soccer Player's Player.

This successful awards evening was hosted last month to honour top players in the 2005 cricket and soccer presentation of trophy function in Lenasia.

President, Ajit Gandabhai, raised the following issues and highlights:

- A soccer team was affiliated to the LSA after an absence of several years and at least one junior soccer team will be seen in action next year;
- The 2 cricket teams we're holding their own and with the Sunday team playing in SU1 it augurs well for the future;
- Provincially and nationally, with soccer, cricket and rugby becoming big business, amateur club sport is suffering and struggling.

How much attention is SAFAJUCB/SAFA paying to amateur club sport? Has SAFAJUCB/SAFA a presence in Lenasia and if any in what form?

This is a clear illustration that professional and amateur sport must be separated and the Dept of Sport must intervene instead of only worrying about how many players of colour are in the national/provincial team. Stuart Baxter complained that he is struggling to find quality players-one reason he can find is that the PSL teams are business driven and rather buy players from the outside of SA instead of grooming players from amateur level.

Therefore amateur Clubs unfortunately have to carry the man-

lio and responsibility of amateur sport.

Gandabhai added: "But the fact that the Club is active is a feather in our cap."

The Club donated 15 junior soccer kits to the Bolkanyo Primary School as well as the Refilwe Community Project and also allowed Eldorado Park Ottomans to use the Progress grounds without paying any monies. The Club outlayed in maintaining the ground which has amounted R15 000 to date.

He also made an appeal to one and all to support our President Mbeki's call to fight bribery and corruption as corruption is like cancer which eats away the fabric of our society otherwise SA will just be SA and not our SA.

Gandabhai mentioned the names of members in the audience involved in other sports - H Bhowan (swimming), Satish Nathoo (table tennis) Dr N Bhowan (bowls) and with tennis being launched as well sports was on the up in Lenasia.

In closing Gandabhai congratulated all the players for participating, to all those who assisted in the running of the Club and to all the trophy winners honoured.

AZAD SWARAJ SPORTING'S ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF TROPHY FUNCTION

By Iqbal Gaffoor

THE 63-year-old Azad Swaraj Sporting Club hosted its annual Presentation of Trophy function early this month at the Lenasia Bowling Club's premises. Club president Ajit Gandabhai congratulated the two cricket teams for finishing up runners-up and the one senior soccer team who coped with difficult opponents.

The Sunday cricket team was promoted from the SU2 league to the SU1 Gold league.

"In a higher league with tougher opposition, we knew that we were in for a tough season," Gandabhai said.

"We began the season on a high note with an outright victory and this gave the team the confidence needed for the rest of the season. Out of the 18 games played, we won six (three outright victories), drew eight and lost four (all drawn games because of rain).

"This put a slight damper on the season as those were vital points dropped. In the end, we managed to finish second on the log."

The "Best Batsman" award went to Bipin Gopal, who amassed 460

runs at an average of 57.50 in eight matches and nine innings.

The "Best Bowler" was spinner Jateen Nana, who captured 26 wickets at an average of 15.08, with a best of 5/1 against Lenasia Cricket Club.

Bipin Gopal also captured the "Players' Player of the Year" award.

Gandabhai said there was a toss up between Gopal and Chetan Patel, two players who deserved the award in their own rights. Both contributed tremendously in the batting and bowling departments respectively.

In the soccer section the "Most Improved Player" was Mitesh Nathoo, the "Players' Player of the Year" went to Sashin Modi and Sanjay Ramjee was adjudged the "Best Player".

The Saturday 6 cricket team finished second to Old Maristonsians for the second successive season.

Gandabhai, who captains this team, said on the four occasions they met each other Azad won one, lost one and two matches were rained out.

"The highlight of the season was the eight-wicket haul by Rajiv Patel against Randfontein when they were bowled out for 19 runs - a club record.

"The batting honours went to Piyush Vallabh (against Delfos) and Rajiv Patel (against Randburg) scoring 73 runs each," he said.

The "Best Batsman" award in this section went to Rajiv Patel, who amassed 345 runs in 14 innings - 73 against Randburg, 52 against Delfos and 56 against Randfontein, with an average of 31.36.

The "Best Bowler" was shared jointly by Rajiv Patel and Raju Patel who took 29 each.

Rajiv captured eight wickets against Randfontein and Raju took four wickets in a match twice and also

three in a match on two occasions.

For taking 13 catches, the "Best Fielder" honour went to Dhansuk Lalloo.

Menil Ravjee and Ajay Bhowan shared the "Administrator of the Year" award and a special award was made to Navin Lakha for rendering his services as the club's auditors for 15 years.

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Azad Swaraj members at the awards function

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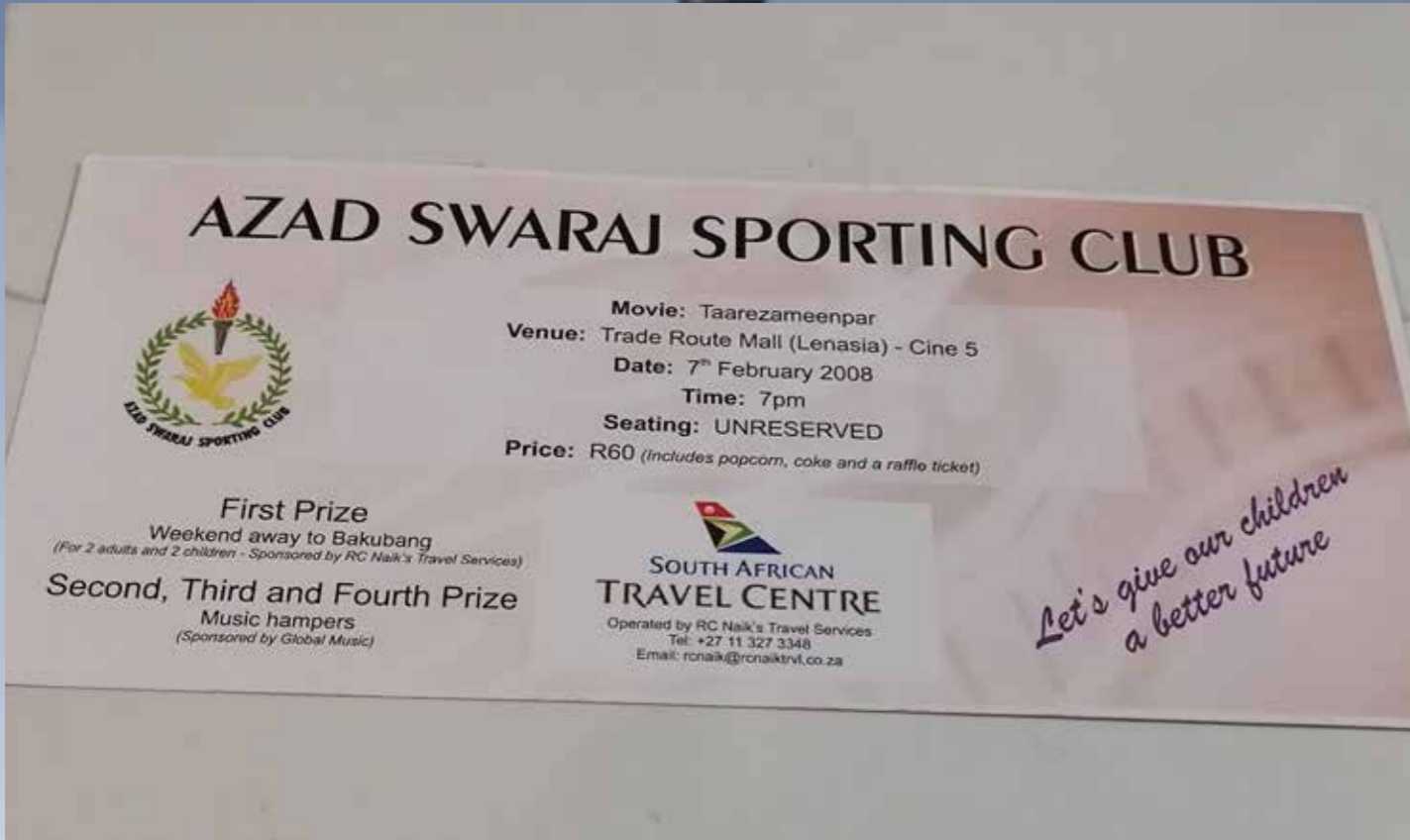
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AJIT GANDABHAI - SUPER CONTRIBUTION



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Ajit Gandabhai returned home in 1972 with a degree in accountancy, highly politized and with passion for sports. From 1975 he is actively involved in our clubs administration and playing on the field.

Throughout he has been fully supported by his family. Initially it was his parents and siblings, later by Varsha and Kavita. Getting married and becoming a father rounded off his life.

His commitment and contribution is unparalleled in our club and non-racial sports. His continued participation has made this 75th anniversary possible.

Ajit was an accountant by profession. Presently he is a volunteer teacher with the Help2Read non-government organisation. In the past he served on the executive committee of anti-apartheid South African council on Sports (SACOS) and Transvaal Council of Sports (TRACOS) (For anti apartheid - non racial).

He was instrumental in the formation of Transvaal Cricket Board, Cricket Association of Transvaal and the Transvaal Junior Cricket Board. His major contribution was in Transvaal Cricket Board as its dynamic secretary for the first 8 continuous years. From time to time, he also served in other capacities in these organizations. He was honorary auditor of non-racial Southern Transvaal Amateur Swimming Association (STASA) and a member of the Amrit Bhowan Memorial Tournament executive.

Over the years, Ajit coached and mentored many young players in non racial sports. He also helped and advised many in their personal lives. He was active in community matters. Currently he is an official and player of our club organizing the 75th anniversary and celebrations. He is also an administrative secretary of the Non-Racial Sports History Project.

The club is extremely appreciative of Ajit's life long contribution. We thank him and his family for such sterling work.

We wish him long life, good health and continued passion for life.

Prof Rasik Gopal

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THANKS and APPRECIATION

The AZAD SWARAJ SPORTING CLUB would like to take this occasion-the celebration of our 75th Anniversary - to thank each and everyone who has contributed to the success of the Club over its 75 years of existence. Includes players,supporters,friends, families sponsors and donors.

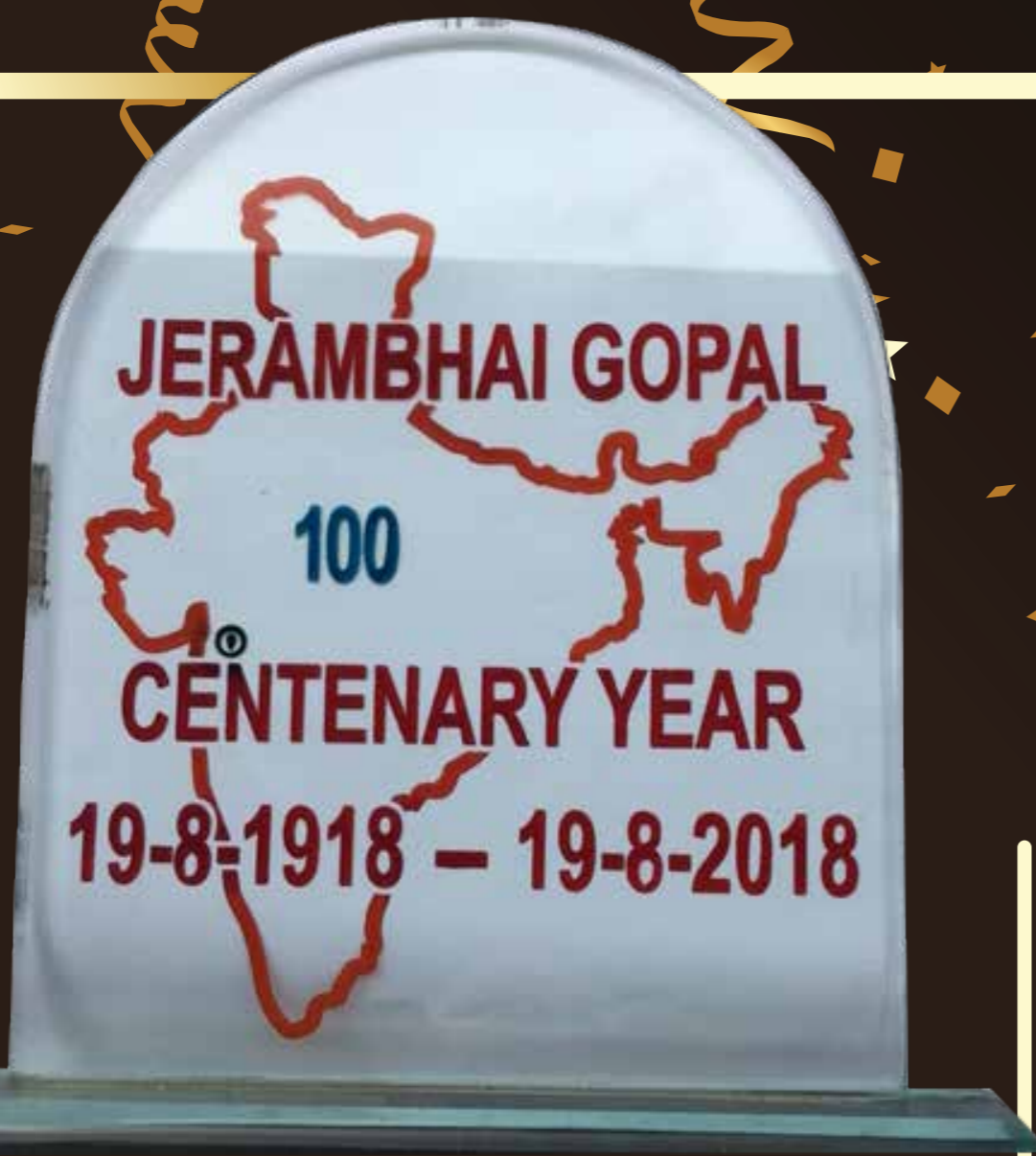
This in the spirit of what the late Prime Minister of Mozambique Mr Samora Machel said

“ THE SUCCESS OF THE REVOLUTION
DEPENDS ON THE **TINY DAILY ACTS**
OF EACH OF US. ”

i.e. the success of the CLUB depends on the TINY acts of each and every one of us.

Lest we do not forget those that have passed on who contributed tremendously towards the success of the Club.

Special thanks to the news media especially Iqbal Gafoor- Lenasia Times, Boeti Eshak- Sunday Times ,John Perlman- Weekly Mail ,Zaf Mayet-The Voice, Gabu Tugwana -New Nation, late Ameen Akhalwaya The Indicator and Rand Daily Mail and many more.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Azad Swaraj Sporting Club on it's 75th anniversary celebrations. This is a magnificent achievement. We are proud to be members of this super Club who throughout its history stood up for fairness, equality and justice.

**Sponsored by Rasik Gopal, Pravin Gopal,
Pradeep Gopal and our extended family.**



OPINIONS and APOLOGIES

The opinions expressed in this brochure are not necessarily those of AZAD SWARAJ SPORTING CLUB or of the general membership of the Club.

The Club apologises if we inadvertently omitted or understated any individuals's contribution to the Club for the past 75 years.

Putting this brochure together has been a difficult task and errors may have crept in unintentionally. For that also we apologise. Especially if we got the names wrong or wrong spelling or wrong dates or wrong seasons.

However we derived extreme pleasure documenting the rich history of the Club.

It is our intention to produce a newsletter every season to record activities of the Club season by season. So anything newsworthy not included in this brochure or the previous five ones can be featured.

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