



Konkani Association of California

Panchadik

Summer 2011

President's Corner

Namaskaru,

We want to begin by thanking all of you in the KAOCA community for the support you have provided for the various KAOCA events this year. Time flies and we are already into the fall after a wonderful spring and summer.

Towards the end of the spring, we had a very successful sports day event. To go with the "culture" theme that the committee has adopted this year we combined this event with an all new Konkani food extravaganza. Later in the summer we had a wonderful picnic built around a tropical theme. Members of the community really enjoyed both these events and displayed their talent in indoor and outdoor sports. We have many great chefs in KAOCA and we got a glimpse of their culinary skills in the food extravaganza. We have detailed reports on the events in this edition along with a listing of winners in various categories.

We are striving hard to make this another memorable year for the KAOCA community. If you have any feedback or suggestions regarding the events please mail them to kaoca@kaoca.org

Warm Regards
Rekha and Mohan

Event Summaries

Sports Day and Konkani Food Extravaganza

KAOCA organized its annual sports day on June 4th, 2011 at the Warm Springs Community Center in Fremont, California. A Konkani Food extravaganza was also organized with this event to celebrate Konkani culture and food. The event was organized to start late afternoon and go all the way into the evening. There was a very good turnout.



A variety of indoor sports were organized for the Sports Day including Table Tennis, Carrom, Chess, Cards, and Wii Games in different categories for men, women, boys and girls. KAOCA has enormous talent as was evident from the intense energy seen from the players in all the games. Not to be left out, little kids had their own games and activities.

Appetizers from the Konkani Food extravaganza including Chana Upkari and Powa Chutney were served as snacks during the game recess time. Overall, it was a wonderful experience. The games continued and the finals of all the games were very interesting. The concluding game of the sports day was an electrifying men's table tennis final with the crowd cheering for every point!



The Karoke event in the evening drew a variety of singers – there were melodious classical bhajans, catchy bollywood songs and many rocking western numbers sung by adults and kids. With some members dancing on the floor to the live songs, it was a great evening of relaxation and fun to many.

Then came the grand item of the evening – a fabulous dinner featuring many mouthwatering dishes prepared by KAOCA chefs showcasing their culinary skills as part of the Konkani Food extravaganza. Dinner items included Kulitha Koddal, Batata Song, Daali Ambat, Ambe Sasam, Karathe Kosambari, Batata Gojju, Jhalke Ambat, Kunkda Randhai, Kichadi and Dudhpak. Attendees relished the food and also voted for the best dishes in different categories.

The program closed with an exciting round of bingo. Winners of the games and the Food extravaganza are listed later in this issue.

Summer Picnic

The annual KAOCA summer picnic was held on August 20th, 2011 at the Santa Clara Central Park. It was a fun-filled all-day event with a tropical / Hawaiian theme. As suggested, many members of the community truly came in a variety of tropical attire or Hawaiian dress that most felt they were on vacation!



The morning started with a great game of cricket in the baseball fields of the park between Karnataka and the Rest-of-India teams. The teams were well balanced and it all came to a nail-biting finish as Karnataka edged its opponent by one run. No wonder many members of the KAOCA community continue to follow cricket with great fervor. Little kids enjoyed the jumper and popcorn while the rest of the attendees were feasting on snacks, panak and jiving to the beats of calypso music.

Lunch featured a variety of barbecued items prepared on site including chicken, paneer, corn on the cob, and crunchy vegetables along with other savory curries. To cool off from the hot sun, there was tropical fruit salad accompanied with mango and chocolate ice-cream. To celebrate Konkani food, "cantaloupe harshale" was prepared as a special dessert for the afternoon.



Lunch was followed by a variety of activities. The first one was a Hula dance show and class featuring a specially invited Hawaiian guest. Many members who had come in Hawaiian attire enjoyed watching and participating in the dance show. This was followed by various outdoor sports races. As always, the three-legged races were fun to participate and watch. Many adults also enjoyed the volleyball game while boys and girls enjoyed their own little game of soccer. Kids enjoyed some face painting activities as well.

Everyone returning tired from the afternoon activities were treated to some refreshing charumbure chutney, sweet melon slices and traditional tea.



As is customary, the last event of the day was bingo that was enjoyed by one and all. Winners of the games are listed later in this issue. The picnic was not only well attended with over 220 people, but it was gratifying to watch 4 generations of Konkani [1st, 2nd (grown up children), 3rd (grandchildren) and the 0th (parent generation)] enjoy the music, food and activities in the wonderful shade of the Central Park.

Event Photographs and Videos

Photographs and Videos of the KAOCA events this year are available on the KAOCA web site under the “Memories” section. If you missed an event or wish to bring back memories this would be a great section to visit.

Prize Winners

Food Extravaganza

| Category | Winner |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Appetizer | Tanuja Rao (Powa Chutney) |
| Main Dish | Sneha Sowda (Ambe Sasam) |
| Side Dish | Akshatha Acharya (Karathe Kosambari) |
| Non Veg Dish | Sanjana Shenoy (Kunkda Randhai) |
| Dessert | Aruna Acharya (Dudhpak) |

Sports Day

| Category | Winner | Runner Up |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Table Tennis | | |
| Mens | Shrinivasa Kini | Manohar Kamath |
| Womens | Deepa Rao | Chitra Shanbhag |
| Youth (Boys) | Gautam Prabhu | Arjuna Shenoy |
| Carrom | | |
| Mens | Shivanand Kamath | Ganapathi Bhat |
| Womens | Shilpa Shenoy | Deepa Rao |
| Chess | | |
| Mens | Ramachandra Shenoy | Gautam Sowda |
| Womens | Deepa Rao | |
| Youth (Boys) | Aditya Prabhu | Shray Kudva |
| Wii | | |
| Youth (Boys) | Aditya Prabhu | Rahul Shenoy |
| Youth (Girls) | Anusha Sowda | Divya Rao |

Summer Picnic

| Category | Winner | Runner Up |
|----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 3 Legged Race | | |
| Boys (10 and under) | Shray Kudva & Nihal Prabhu | Amol Bhat & Vishal Shenoy |
| Girls (10 and under) | Divya Rao & Sonali Chellappa | Shreya Kamath & Sunaina Nayak |
| Boys (over 10) | Aditya Prabhu & Anirudh Pai | Rishaan Kenkre & Ankit Padwekar |
| Girls (over 10) | Aisha Pai & Maya Pai | Nivya Kamath & Raksha Shenoy |
| Adults | Gopi & Anjana Kudva | Raghu & Sahana Pai |
| Running Race | | |
| Boys (10 and under) | Nikhil Prabhu | Shray Kudva |
| Girls (10 and under) | Tanvi Kamath | Divya Rao |

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all the participants for making the events lively! Prizes will be awarded at the Diwali function.

Upcoming Events

Food Sort Volunteering Event

As part of the “charity” theme the committee had adopted this year, KAOCA has teamed up with the Second Harvest Food Bank to participate in a Food Sort volunteering event on Saturday October 8th at their San Jose Distribution Center. This is a great way to give back to the community we live in. You can register to volunteer on the KAOCA web site.

Dandiya Event

As requested by the community, we are bringing back KAOCA’s own Dandiya event that was a great success last year. This will be held at the Centreville Junior High School in Fremont on Saturday October 15th. You and your non KAOCA friends can register for this event online on the KAOCA web site.

Annual Diwali Function

The annual KAOCA Diwali Function is planned for Saturday November 12th at the Jain Center of Northern California in Milpitas. Registration details for the event will be published on the KAOCA web site soon.

Hoon Khabbar

Wedding

Maya, daughter of Shobha & Sundar Kamath of San Jose CA, and Ashish, son of Meena & Vipin Kapadia of Concorde CA, were married on September 4 2011 at Cornerstone Gardens in Sonoma CA. The marriage ceremony was performed in an open air mandap, following traditional Vedic rituals, by Pandit Shashidhar Somayaji of Sanatan Dharma Kendra, Sunnyvale CA. The newly married couple will make their home in Pleasant Hill CA.

Thank You from Konkani Charitable Fund (KCF)

On behalf of the Konkani Charitable fund I want to thank all the donors for their donation to various Konkani charities. As directed by the donors following checks were mailed:

- Chetana - for children with disabilities - \$ 275
- Anandashram - for senior citizens housing/ maintenance - \$ 487
- SGS Sabha, Chennai - for maintenance of senior housing - \$220
- Srivali Trust - for children's education - \$100

Please note the entire amount collected was distributed with *no overhead costs*. If you want more details about KCF or want to donate money, which is tax deductible, please contact me or visit us on the web at <http://www.konkanicf.org/>.

Ramesh Kamath, Chair of KCF

Request from Panchadik Editors

KAOCA encourages everyone in the community to actively contribute and share poems, articles, news about achievements etc. so we can all enjoy and appreciate the enormous talent we have in our community. You can also share announcements, humor, recipes, health tips and anything else that would be an interesting read for the KAOCA community. Please mail your contributions to panchadik@kaoca.org