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The Alumni Office at Aitchison College develops, promotes and manages programmes for our alumni to keep them connected with the College. The office also coordinates with ACOBA and different College departments to generate maximum alumni engagement and support. Alumni are encouraged to contribute for the betterment of their alma mater.

ALUMNUS IN FOCUS

Asim Ijaz Khawaja



Mr. Asim Khawaja graduated from Aitchison College in 1990. He currently serves as Sumitomo-FASID Professor of International Finance and Development at Harvard Kennedy School and is the Director of Center for International Development (CID) at Harvard University. At Aitchison, he was one of the most prominent students, being not only the Alamgir House Secretary 1988, Secretary Co-curricular Society 1989, also held responsible positions such as College Prefect, President English Literary & Debating Society, President College Dramatics Club, Best Reciter and Best Debater in 1990. Additionally he was a multiple award holder: M. Tajuddin Gold Medal, Churchill Medal, Dane Bhima Gold Medal and Sami Gold Medal in 1988, and in 1990 was awarded a Full College Blazer for Academics & Co-curricular. During the same year, he was also a member of the College Football team, part of the Cross

Country team and a member of House Hockey team. After leaving Aitchison College, he received a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Mathematics with Computer Science from MIT in 1995 and completed his PhD in Economics at Harvard University in 2001. In his free time, he enjoys reading.

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CAMBRIDGE ASSESSMENT RESULTS

This year, Aitchison College resumed its place at the forefront of schools in Pakistan Cambridge O, AS and A Levels results. This success marks two consecutive years of outstanding achievements by our students of 2018 and 2019. We feel immense pride with offers of full scholarships to Harvard and Stanford, as well as success at Cambridge and other top ranked universities of the world. A full listing is available on our Instagram and Facebook Page.



Murtaza Hassan
Stanford University



Kazim Raza
University of Cambridge



Noshir Ali Khan
Harvard University

Noshir Ali Khan was the only applicant in Pakistan admitted to Harvard in early admissions. Syed Murtaza Hassan was another early admission to his dream college Stanford. Both young men demonstrated an exemplary work ethic in the admissions process and were fully engaged in school life.

Kazim Raza graduated from Aitchison in June 2019 and is currently enrolled in his first year at the University of Cambridge, reading BA Land Economy at Homerton College. He chose Land Economy because it is one of the most diverse courses at Cambridge and encompasses various nuances of Economics, Law, Development and Policy. "My journey of applying to Cambridge taught me that if you are genuinely interested in what you want to study and have done your research around it, it will really reflect in your application and considerably improve your chances. There is a wealth of resources available to you in Aitchison, as well as through the alumni who will be more than willing to help."

Overall, the results show a very pleasing trend towards excellence that the Principal, Mr. Thomson, attributes to improved teaching, sound discipline, much improved boarding results, support from the old boy Adjunct Faculty, and expert university guidance from within the College. He also paid tribute to the Headmistress, Ms. Amina Kamran, who has led the Senior School, he said, 'superbly!' Our Vice Principal, Dr. Andrew Treharne, has added strength to our assessment of predicted grades and student counseling. This year our students achieved 18% A*, 34% A, 79% A* - B.



GUEST SPEAKER SESSION WITH MR. DANIYAL SAUD



Old Aitchisonian Mr. Daniyal Saud visited the College on Monday 30th September, 2019 for a motivational session with H2 boys. Daniyal Saud is a doctoral student in Higher Education Policy at Vanderbilt University, Peabody College of Education and Human Development. His career spans a decade, with positions in Graduate Enrollment Management at various colleges and universities in the U.S. He holds degrees in Biochemistry and International Studies from Hawaii Pacific University, after which he completed a fellowship and earned a Master of Education in Higher Education from Merrimack College. Daniyal also runs his own consulting firm as a consultant for medical and graduate professional schools.

He cherishes his school days. During his talk, he shared some of his personal experiences that helped motivate him at different stages of his life, and largely emphasized the fact that Aitchisonians should try to create an impact of their own on society for the better. He highlighted that good leaders affect social change and spirit progress for the marginalized members of society.

LEADERSHIP CAMP FOR STUDENTS LEADERS

The Annual Leadership Camp commenced on 21st August, 2019. It was conducted in Barry Block, where newly appointed prefects, sports captains and academic council members gathered for the three day camp. The aim of this program was to guide students on how best to perform in their respective roles and to give them an opportunity to learn as part a team. The camp featured interactive sessions with distinguished old Aitchisonians including: Dr. Ali Ahsan Chaudhri, Mr. Azam Jamil, Mr. Omer Saeed, Mr. Wasim Ahmed, Abeer Mustafa (Head Boy 2010-11) and Mr. Asim Khawaja.

The boys were assigned topics ranging from community engagement to respect and resilience, and prepared presentations for the final day. Group discussions with the Headmistress, Ms. Amina Kamran and the Deputy Headmaster, Dr. Muhammad Kamran, helped the prefect body identify a plan of action for the year to come. Afterwards, the boys enjoyed time on the football field, playing out a night-time futsal tournament and a swimming session that offered relief from the unrelenting heat. A concluding visit to the Archive Centre brought a rich history to this learning experience.



Wasim Ahmad

1989 Graduate, Best Leaving Boy of Godley House and a former Squash Captain of Aitchison College, Mr. Wasim Ahmad, currently works at the senior management level in a leading public sector company operating under the Petroleum Ministry. He studied Mechanical Engineering from UET followed by MBA from LUMS graduating with his name on the Dean's Honor List at both institutes respectively. Mr. Ahmed spoke about the qualities of leadership, value of traditions and emphasized the importance of leaders taking responsibility. His words instilled a sound understanding of leadership and teamwork.



Omer Saeed



Omar Saeed studied at Aitchison College from 1974 to 1987, where he was captain of the College Tennis team and a member of the College Squash team during the Centenary games in 1986. He graduated from Brown University in the top 10 percent of his class and completed his MBA from Harvard Business School in 1998. During this time, he ran the Boston and New York Marathons. Omar has been the CEO of the Service Group since 2011. He has established multiple companies, including Ovex Technologies, Premier BPO and Servaid Pharmacies. In his free time, Omar enjoys playing and watching all kinds of sports. During the Leadership Camp, Omar focused on the different strategies of leading a group and the characteristics of a good leader, such as compassion and empathy. The discussions ended with a question and answer session and team tasks that gave the students a memorable practical experience.

motivation, trust, relationships and how to spend time productively. He emphasized setting goals and proving one's ability by working to one's strengths. He culminated his discourse with a take home message: "Come into a relationship by covering each other's weaknesses and working on strengths to evolve trust among two groups."

Abeer Mustafa



Mr. Abeer Mustafa graduated in 2011 and is a former Head Boy and President ACMUN. He is double blazer holder and Rivaz Gold Medalist, who now is a lawyer and mental health advocate. He held an interactive session on 'Conflict Resolution' drawing upon personal experiences from his days at the College, and inviting the participants to do the same. The session focused on engaging with concepts such as assertiveness, agreeableness, empathy, efficacious goal-setting and effective communication. Abeer's goal for the session was to provide students with a framework they could not only make use of but could contextualize.

international and national forums. Some of the institutions Mr. Azam has taught and trained at include Nestle, HBL, AKUH, Pakistan Cables, Mobil, Aga Khan National Council, Pakistan Air Force, Greenwich University, Colorado Mountain College, Denver University and British American Tobacco. At Aitchison's Leadership Camp 2019 he enlightened the students with an insight on partnerships, willingness to learn, personality, communication and negotiation to lead a successful life. His more than 43 years of experience in various skills reflected in his inspiring lecture.

Asim Ijaz Khawaja



Mr. Asim emphasized developing organizational structures within teams, incorporating ideas from every team member, developing a comfortable interactive environment and the importance of disagreement in leadership roles. He ended the discussion with a question and answer session, leaving the students with a better understanding of the concept of synergism.

Dr. Ahsan Ali Chaudhri



Dr. Ahsan Ali Chaudhri is an Academic Director of Alpha Education Institute in New Zealand. He completed his BBIT degree from Curtin University, Australia followed by MBA, Master of Business and Masters in Educational leadership from Auckland University of Technology in New Zealand. Dr Ahsan also holds a 'Doctor of Business Administration' from Southern Cross University, Australia. On the second day of the Leadership Camp, Dr. Ahsan held a powerful discussion on

Azam Jamil



On 23rd August 2019, we were joined by Mr. Azam Jamil, the Dean of the Hashoo School of Hospitality Management. During his career Mr. Azam has formulated and driven large teams. This unique skill of multi-disciplinary team management, has transformed him into one of the leading speakers on Leadership, Teamwork and Motivation for over two and a half decades at



AITCHISON REVIVES TREKKING

*'Never measure the height
of a mountain until you
reach the top'*

On 6th July 2019, the Aitchison Sports Campset off on a delightful trip to Naran, Hunza and Khunjerab Pass (16,000 ft above sea level). The group consisted of 11 students along with 2 teachers. The trek signals Aitchison's return to one of its past great activities. Mr. Shahid Mahmood Aslam, a highly experienced trekker, led the party.

The group traveled to Baltit in the Hunza valley, near the town of Karimabad, in the Gilgit-Baltistan region of northern Pakistan. They visited the ancient Altit Fort and Eagle Nest Hotel situated in the village of Duiker, which is perched on a 2850-metre-high ridge above Altit village in Hunza valley. They sighted popular picnic spots of Lulusar Lake, Babusar Top and Attabadlake. A thrilling experience for the group was the struggle to hang on and not to look down on Hussaini hanging rope bridge (650 ft). It was about a 10-minute easy walk through a muddy path from the road to get to the bridge.

Trekking went from Naltar valley to Ishkoman valley which was a 60 km 4-day walk right into the heart of mountains. Protected from the harsh winter storms, the group traversed through the valley on lush green slopes, beautiful summer pastures and mountainous terrain. They crossed over the snow-covered mountains and several other local hills, which was a trek of 14 hours in the snow. They were fascinated by the striking views at an altitude of 15,000 ft. One of the boys shared his experience beautifully by saying: 'When we trekked from Naltar to Ishkoman Valley, it felt right to say that every step was worth it. I believe everybody should view such amazing scenic beauty once in their lifetime.'

This achievement by the student group stands as a great accomplishment in the face of challenging terrain. Along the way, the boys had time to explore the flora and fauna of the area, experiencing the beautiful scenery walking through unspoiled wilderness. Mr. Thomson praised the boys' efforts on their safe return.

The College acknowledged these students for their achievements with certificates at the General Assembly.



ALUMNI REUNION AND COLLEGE TOUR 1961-1975 OPENING OF ACOBA FIRING RANGE

Aitchison College welcomed back batches 1961-1975 on Saturday 26th October, 2019. The reunion began in the tranquility of the Principal's garden with guests speakers including Syed Fakkhar Imam, Minister of Kashmir Affairs, and Mr. Shahjahan Ayub, President of ACOBA. Syed Fakkhar Imam gave an impassioned and informative speech on Kashmir. Prince Malik Atta was also kind enough to be our third chief guest. Over one-hundred people attended this event. Our Junior School choir sang the College Song, and the Head Boy, Sadiq Soofi, was an excellent master of ceremonies. Afterwards, most of the old boys enjoyed a walk to the new ACOBA Firing Range. The Principal gave a speech warmly welcoming all the guests and paid special thanks to the ACOBA Committee for funding the project. Mr. Shahjahan Ayub, President of ACOBA with the help of the Principal, Mr. Javed Zaman (Director Sports ACOBA) and Mr. Hur Gardezi (Joint Secretary ACOBA) then unveiled the plaque. Many guests enjoyed shooting at the new range under expert guidance. Old boys returned to the Principal's residence for a well-earned afternoon tea.



PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION ON THE RE-OPENING OF THE JAFAR PAVILION AND OPENING OF THE NEW MEMORIAL GROUND.

'Today marks a new era for the playing of hockey at Aitchison College. It is also the continuation of our commitment to restoring and preserving iconic buildings gifted by generous donors and those whose foresight has made Aitchison College the most beautiful and recognizable school in Pakistan.

When the Jafar Pavilion was first conceived, Mr. Barry reported on Jan 31, 1939: "The Jafar Memorial Fund has already collected 7,400 rupees for the building of a pavilion." At the time, these funds were additionally earmarked for six tennis courts and more playing fields. It was envisioned that a Staff Club might find space within this new facility – and so it did for many years. When eventually Mr. Barry and His Highness the Nawab of Bahawalpur opened the Jafar Pavilion and the Memorial Ground on March 3, 1942, it was the finest hockey venue in the country, and remained so for many years. Old boys have long since extolled the virtues of the billiard-like grass surface that produced so many home-grown champions. Indeed, we can think of three Aitchisonian Olympians of the eighties, as we do the Jamali Family, whose name is synonymous with hockey, having produced eight captains and after whom the College's main Hockey trophy is named. On Staff, we boast former Olympians such as Mohammad Nasir Khan and Mohammad Saqlain, the latter our very own Director of Hockey.

This is our national game and we must resurrect it. I feel there is no better place than Aitchison to take on this momentous task. Just as we recently celebrated the selection of an Aitchison boy in the U 16 National Pakistan Cricket Team, so we will celebrate, in the not too distant future, the same in hockey. However, we must also educate our boys properly and inculcate the right values of sportsmanship; those same values espoused and practised by Syed Muhammad Jafar at the pinnacle of sporting competition. Winner of two gold medals in the 1932 and 1936 Olympics, Jafar was more than a fine sportsman. As Mr. Barry remarked: "There can be few who have passed through our doors that have shown greater promise of fulfillment.....we shall strive to enrich our lives with the spirit that will always be associated with his name."

Our revival could not be achieved on grass. Change had to come. It is here thanks to many people. In making this very large investment, we are investing in the promise of youth; not only to raise the best players at Aitchison College but, equally, inspire boys and girls from all over Pakistan who will share this unmatched facility. I can imagine Messrs. Barry and Jafar nodding in agreement. In this spirit, may the new Memorial Ground and renovated Jafar Pavilion serve generations of players to come, as proudly and as successfully as it has so ably done since 1942.'





ALUMNI COLLEGE TOUR Classes: 1976-1980



Submissions:

If you would like to submit an obituary, please send it by email to alumni@aitchison.edu.pk You may also send in a print copy to: Alumni Office, Aitchison College, Shahrah-e-Quaid-e-Azam, Lahore 54000 Pakistan

What's New with You?

We invite you to share with us your achievements or any upcoming alumni events to be included in the next issue of the 'Old Boys' Bulletin'.

OBITUARY

MR. ASHIQ HUSSAIN QURESHI PASSES AWAY



The old boy and founder of Pakistan Veterans Cricket Association passed away on Thursday the 31st of October 2019.

The late Ashiq Hussain Qureshi joined Aitchison College in 1955. He was the eldest son of former Governor of Punjab, Nawab Sadiq Hussain Qureshi. The late Qureshi served in the Armoured Corps Regiment Probyn's Horse and the Foreign Service as a diplomat in Paris and London. As Honorary Consul of France in Lahore, he was awarded the highest French Honour, Ordre National du Mérite.

Ashiq was an avid sportsman and philanthropist, who worked tirelessly to bring about a positive change for youth through sports.

As a young boy, he won 100 and 200 metre races several times on a national level and played in the National under 19 cricket team. He became Chairman P & T Gymkhana and later played a vital role in the development of Lahore city cricket. For the last two decades, he managed and organised veterans' cricket in the country and took it international. He initiated veterans' cricket to help former cricketers financially and to keep them physically fit. The organization is also committed to the development and upbringing of young cricketers at the grassroots level. He also supported development of sports and cricket grounds and infrastructure in remote and rural areas, as well as

cities, and developed a culture of indigenous sports patronage.

He was not just a good cricket player but also a philanthropist. One of the founding members of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, Shaukat Khanum Hospital, Imran Khan Foundation and Namal College. On the sorrowful event of his death, the Prime Minister said that Ashiq Qureshi was the first to stand by him when he had decided to build Shaukat Khanum Memorial Trust Hospital.

'Your enthusiasm and positive approach to life was our encouragement. Dear friend, when we opened the new Jafar Memorial Ground, it was as you envisaged, but minus the joy of seeing your face and listening to your prophetic words. It was you who led the way and you who filled us with the resolve to take on all challenges regardless of obstacles. Now, we pray for your everlasting peace, great servant of youth, Aitchison College and your nation.' ~ Michael Thomson

ARCHIVES UPDATE – CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

As part of the new archives' extension at Aitchison College, we are planning to feature a 'Teachers' Wall' to remember and honour our incredible teachers. We request all Old Boys to help us take this forward.

We invite you to contribute articles, memorabilia and photographs for teachers who have made a special mark on your life. The teachers should have served the College for a period of at least 15 years.

For submission of articles/photographs or to arrange a meeting, please email us on either of the following email addresses:

alumniofficer@aitchison.edu.pk

hr@aitchison.edu.pk

Please call on 111-363-063 (Ext. 427 / 281) if you have any queries.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

2020

PRE 1960 LEAVERS' LUNCH

The College is organizing a special lunch for its most senior alumni on Saturday, 8th February, 2020. We encourage you to take this great opportunity to revive your precious memories and meet up with old friends.

Further details including registration process will be shared closer to the event and will be available on the college website www.aitchison.edu.pk

And the Alumni office Facebook page www.facebook.com/aitchisonalumni

March

2020

FOUNDERS' DAY 2020

This year, the Founders' Day events will be held from 4th - 8th March, 2020. The Academic Prize Distribution will be held on 7th March, while the Main Founders' Day (Sports) will be held on 8th March, 2020.

The reopening of the Old Building is due to take place during Founders' Day, details will be announced shortly.

Process for getting invites:

Old Boys planning to attend the Main Founders' Day may fill out the registration form at <https://forms.gle/p9etFQ2wZnZYsGL77>

The Alumni Office will dispatch invitation cards to registered alumni.

Contact:

Email: alumniofficer@aitchison.edu.pk

Tel: 111-363-063 Ext. 427

Year

2020

ALUMNI COLLEGE TOURS

Old Boys are welcome to visit the College on specific dates for an organised tour of the College campus. These tours a great opportunity to revive precious memories and relive the Aitchison camaraderie. Old Boys are also welcome to bring their spouses or children for the tour.

Further details including registration process will be shared closer to the event and will be available on the College Website www.aitchison.edu.pk

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Classes	Months
1981-1990	14-12-2019
1991-2000	11-01-2020
2001-2010	21-03-2020
2011-2019	18-04-2020

MAKING A GIFT

The Old Building Fund

Our donation drive has raised 68.4 million rupees and we thank all those who have given back to their school. Donations are still welcome and needed. We require a further 11.6 million to complete the project, and maintain a small working fund for any future maintenance needs. The anticipated total cost of the project is now estimated to be 80 million rupees. This ambitious and time-consuming project to return the Old Building to its former glory is, therefore, nearing completion. The end result will ensure that it stands strong and tall for another century. Designs for classrooms and other educational facilities are almost complete. All of H2 will enjoy completing their school life in this iconic place.

The reopening of the Old Building is planned for March Founders' Day. This will be one of the most significant event in our history and will coincide with an evening of ACOBA festivity. Confirmation of the reopening ceremony date will be announced soon. Donors who have given 5 lac and more will have their names inscribed on a new copper plaque at the entrance to the Hall.

Old Building Donors

We would like to thank the following donors for their kind contributions to the Old Building Fund.

- Syed Babar Ali
- Mr. Nauman Ahmed Khan
- Mr. Abdul Razak Dawood
- Syed Aslam Mehdi
- Mr. Osman Khalid Waheed
- Mr. Yousaf Abdullah
- Mr. Shahzad Husain
- Syed Mohammad Mohsin
- Mr. Bilal Rashid
- Mr. Atif Aslam Bajwa
- Mr. Yawar Shah
- Mr. Zulfiqar Monnoo
- Mr. Tariq Sayeed Saigol
- Mr. Luqman Ali Afzal
- Mr. Salman Akhtar
- Syed Shehryar Ali
- Syed Shahid Ali
- Asfandiyar Qureshi
- Mr. Adnan Ahmad Khan
- Mr. Khalid Yacob
- Syed Muhammad Hussain
- Syed Muhammad Kamal
- Syed Zahir Hassan Bokhari
- Mr. Hasan Abdullah
- Mrs. Sitwat Mohsin
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- Mr. Shafqat Ilahi Piracha
- Mr. Adnan Asad
- Mr. Kabir Omar
- Mr. Aitzaz Ahsan
- Mr. Iftikhar H. Shirazi
- Syed Maratib Ali
- Raja Jawad Akram
- Shehzad Ajmal
- Ali Akbar
- M. Ali Naumani
- Plus, donors who have chosen to remain anonymous

Our Goal
Rs. 80M

Rs. 68.4M



Student Bursaries

Financial constraints should not become a hurdle in the completion of a boy's education at Aitchison College. To this end, we wish to establish a Bursary Fund to help students in need. Bursaries are extremely important for extending the life-changing experience of an Aitchison education to boys (including new enrolments) from diverse and often remote backgrounds. By contributing to our Bursary Fund, you are helping some of the brightest young minds in the country. A bursary can be arranged individually or among a group of old boy donors. The Principal notes that "bursaries will be applied to help boys from outside the Punjab and who come from areas either remote or poor. Aitchison has a role to play here."

The Sports Master Plan

The Board of Governors has approved the Sporting Master Plan and formed a committee for the purpose of implementing one of the largest projects since our foundation. The project will bring about massive change in the quality of our sporting facilities. Naming rights will be considered. You may fund any of the following Sports Projects at the College:

- Hockey Pitch - Completed
- New Tennis Centre
- Diving Pool at Senior Swimming and modernized pool with electronic touch pads and results board
- Multi-Purpose Gymnasium
- Rifle Range - Completed

Bequests

A bequest can provide support for strengthening the College into the future. To continue our legacy and to build the base for future achievements, we look to our alumni community for support. By naming Aitchison as the beneficiary of a portion of your estate, or of particular assets in your estate, you will be making a consequential contribution to the future of the College. A bequest left to Aitchison College can be either named or made anonymously. It can be made in a variety of ways to reflect a person's particular wishes. Bequests in support of Aitchison College should be left ideally for use at the College's own discretion, for these will help the College meet its most pressing needs. Bequests will not be applied to running costs, salaries or other operating expenses, but in support of specific areas of the College's operation such as libraries, bursaries, building projects or other areas of specific interest.

Donors Recognition



Donation for Aitchison Junior National Grass Court Tennis Championship 2019

This is the second year that Unifoam has sponsored Junior Tennis Championship at the College. We truly appreciate Mr. Faraz Khalid Shaikh CEO of United Foam Industries for supporting the 'Aitchison Junior National Grass Court Tennis Championship 2019'. We thank our Old Boys for their generous contributions and giving back to the alma mater.



Donation for Aitchison U15/U17 National Squash Championship November 25-30

Principal Michael Thomson enjoys chatting with old boy Mr. Ahmed Mahmood (ACOBA) about squash. Mr. Thomson thanked Mr. Ahmed Mahmood for supporting the College's focus on producing fine players and also helping to promote the game in Pakistan. Mr. Thomson appreciated Mr. Ahmed Mahmood for his sponsorship of this tournament. Aitchison's famous coach Gogi Alauddin, former Pakistan and British Open champion, will be instrumental in managing the competition with the Punjab Squash Association.



How to Donate

Online Donation: Our online payment system is now operational which makes donations a simple procedure through the College website. If you would like to make a donation online, please visit <https://aitchison.edu.pk/d-one.php>

Cheque/Bank Draft: Please send your bank drafts or cheques (Payee: Principal Aitchison College) to the: Bursar, Aitchison College, Shahrah-e-Quaid-e-Azam, Lahore – 54000.

Bank Transfer: You can also make a donation through bank transfer. Please email us for details.

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ACOPA UPDATES

HONOURABLE GOVERNOR OF PUNJAB WELCOMES ACOPA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ACOPA President and Central Executive Committee Members visited the Governor's House Lahore to meet with the Honourable Governor of Punjab. Mr. Shahjahan Ayub (President ACOPA) congratulated Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar on assuming the office of Governor of the Punjab on behalf of ACOPA Central Executive Committee and praised his support for Aitchison College Lahore. The Honourable Governor praised ACOPA for its efforts for the betterment of the school through encouraging old boys to give back to their alma mater.



ACOPA COMMITTEE MEMBERS VS. AITCHISON STAFF CRICKET MATCH

ACOPA kicked off the grandest and most challenging ACOPA Sports Calendar ever with a wonderful cricket match between ACOPA Executive Committee and Aitchison Staff at the Main Cricket Ground on Sunday, 16-December, 2018. Mr. Michael Thomson (Principal) and Mr. Jonathan Wright led the Aitchison Staff cricket team. Ammar Azam from ACOPA hit some brilliant strokes remaining unbeaten on 152 and a team total of 226 for 5 wickets in 30 overs. In reply, Head Coach M. Riaz led scored a fighting 68 but a wonderful spell by Mohammad Ahmad (who bagged 5 wickets) turned the tide in ACOPA's favour resulting in a 34 run victory. Mr. Shahjahan Ayub (President ACOPA), Mr. Usman Haq (Vice-President ACOPA) and Mr. Javed Zaman Khan (Director Sports ACOPA) and families of old boys and Aitchison Staff made this a memorable occasion.



ACOPA BIG BATCH CRICKET LEAGUE WINTER 2018

ACOPA organized the biggest old boys' Big Batch Cricket League to date in December 2018 with thirteen batches and over 150 old boys participating, including the current Aitchison squad. ACOPA Executive and Sports Committee are indebted to Mr. Michael Thomson (Principal), Mr. Khalid Noon (Bursar), Mr. Shahid Mahmood (Director Sports), Mr. Umar Zaman Khan (Director Sports Senior School) and Mr. Mohammad Riaz (Cricket Head Coach) for their tremendous support in making the tournament a wonderful success. Excellent cricket was witnessed in both Senior (pre 2000 batches) and Junior (post 2000 batches) tournaments.



The Final of the Seniors' League played between Batch of 1989 (AC Gold 89) and Batch of 1994/96 (Lions) at the MCG was a repeat of the last tournament. AC Gold 89 restricted the Lions to 226 for 6 wickets in 15 overs. Nisar Zaman Khan scored a brilliant 64* off 40 balls to lead AC Gold 89 to a 9 wicket win in the 13th over and was declared Man of the Match, as well as Batsman of the Tournament (Seniors), an honour he shared with Aly Zaman (Vikings 1995). Noman Nadir (AC Gold 89) was the highest wicket-taker and Best Bowler of the Tournament (Seniors) with Umer Zaman Khan (Captain) lifting the winner's trophy on behalf of AC Gold 89.



ACOPA reversed the tide again in basketball where the old boys dominated in the second half and pulled away to clinch the match 43 – 28. The Aitchison team gave a strong fight, but ultimately fell short. Illustrious seniors like Mr. Jahangir Elahi (Captain of the ACOPA team) and Mr. Arif Saeed participated in the festivities.



As always, cricket was the centre of attention in a highly charged setting at the ACOPA Cricket Ground (shifted from the MCG due to adverse weather). Aitchison Cricket Team under the guidance of Coach Riaz and Jonathan Wright did extremely well to score 241 in 40 overs in spite of the fall of some early wickets. An incredible innings of 156 not out by Abbas was a feast for all in the audience and will forever shine in the Aitchison cricketing history. In reply, ACOPA struggled and ultimately fell short by many runs. Faridooun was simply unplayable bagging 7 precious ACOPA wickets. It was 'indeed' a great day of cricket for Aitchison in front of an auspicious gathering. Aitchison Principal and staff (along with their families) and many prominent old boys including Mian Afzal Hayat, Mr. Munir Monnoo, President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer, Director Sports of ACOPA and ACOPA CEC Members graced the occasion.



Tent-Pegging lived up to its glory and brought out throngs of horsing old boy enthusiasts from all over the country back to Aitchison. Aitchison College won the individual first prize, but ACOPA dominated the team-of-four event led by Mr. Shahzad Sultan, resulting in an overall tie. The showmanship was amazing with riders donning traditional turbans as they came charging down the field. Ali Salman (Old Boy) and Dr. Andrew Treharne (Vice Principal) distributed the prizes amongst the winners at the auspicious gathering along with Mr. Shahjahan Ayub (President ACOPA).



The Aitchison Challenge Cup was tied 3 – 3. ACOPA applauds the hard and dedicated work of the Aitchison Sporting Department, Office of the Bursar, Alumni Office and the Grounds Staff. A special mention must be made of the cricket ground staff and management, as it was impressive how the Cricket Match was executed and organized during extremely adverse weather. Mr. Bhatti was superb with his camera, showing his versatility in handling the exciting sporting action. ACOPA thanks the College administration for their hospitality and arrangement of wonderful afternoon teas throughout the competitions.

The Final of the juniors was played between Batch of 2007 (Bears) and current Aitchison College team. Bears 2007 won the dual avenging their defeat in the last tournament with their captain, and Man of the Match, Haider Bokhari smashing 45* off only 19 balls! Aitchison College took home the awards for Batsman and Bowler of the Tournament (juniors) won by Hasan Nagra and Ali Imran respectively. ACOBA and Aitchison College were pleased to welcome Dr. Andrew Treharne (Vice Principal), Mr. Shahjahan Ayub (President ACOBA), Mr. Usman Haq (Vice-President ACOBA), Mr. Javed Zaman Khan (Director Sports ACOBA), Mr. Omer Qureshi (Gen. Sec. ACOBA) and ACOBA Executive Committee Members. Special thanks to Taimur Saleem Malik for being an integral part of the ACOBA Big Batch Organizing Committee. The Electronic Scoreboard a joint effort of ACOBA and the school and proudly visible in the pictures on the MCG was a tremendous hit among all players and gave the tournament a truly professional atmosphere.



AITCHISON COLLEGE VS. ACOBA : ANNUAL SPORTS FIXTURES - 2019

The Annual Sports Fixtures were, once again, a tremendous success. ACOBA salutes the support of Mr. Michael Thomson (Principal), Mr. Shahjahan Ayub (President ACOBA), Mr. Usman Haq (Vice-President ACOBA) and Mr. Javed Zaman Khan (Director Sports ACOBA) and the tireless efforts of Aitchison's Sports Department. Exciting competition was witnessed in the sporting bonanza that included Cricket, Hockey, Football, Tennis, Basketball, Squash and Tent-Pegging.

The fixtures started off with hockey and a close first half. After that, Aitchison pulled away for a 6 – 1 win. The young guns of Aitchison displayed beautiful combination of stick work and speed, outplaying ACOBA in a keen contest.



The tide reversed in Squash where the experienced ACOBA team dominated 5 – 0. Ali Hassan Habib (former Aitchison Squash Captain) from the batch of 1978 was one of the stalwarts of the ACOBA team. Kudos to the legendary Gogi Alauddin who thrilled the audience with his artistic shots in an exhibition game. Mr. Michael Thomson (Principal) was very gracious with his kind remarks on the conclusion of the matches.

Tennis was a hard-fought affair with ACOBA emerging as the winner 2 – 1. Audience witnessed some wonderful performances and pin-point accuracy in the majestic setting at the footsteps of the Old Building. Mr. Michael Thomson (Principal), a tennis enthusiast, was on hand to witness the competition.



Football was a highly competitive match with Aitchison edging ACOBA out 2 – 0. A great number of old boys and students / staff enjoyed the thriller and energy on display at the Barry field. ACOBA's Mr. Omer Qureshi gave a wonderful performance as the goal-keeper to keep ACOBA in the fight till the very end.

ACOPA ANNUAL DINNER 2019

ACOPA Annual Dinner was held in the evening of Thursday, March 2019 at the footsteps of the majestic Gore Block, Junior School. Over 450 Aitchisonians and their families participated, making it a truly memorable evening. Gore Block magically lit up the evening skies! Mr. Michael Thomson (Principal) joined the occasion along with other notable guests including Dr. Andrew Treharne (Vice Principal), Mr. Khalid Noon (Bursar), Mrs. Amina Kamran (Headmistress Senior School), Mrs. Fatima Mubeen (Headmistress Junior School), Mr. Shahid Mahmood (Director Sports), Raja Yasir Humayun (Minister Higher Education, Punjab), Syed Shaukat Hussain & Mr. Arif Saeed (Members BOG), and other prominent Aitchisonians.



Mr. Shahjahan Ayub (President ACOPA) and Mr. Omer Qureshi (Gen. Sec. ACOPA) presented a summary of the past year and highlighted ACOPA's achievements during the period. They acknowledged the tremendous support provided by the Principal and the school to old boys and ACOPA activities. The past 10 months saw a very busy ACOPA calendar including a Big Batch Cricket Tournament, the 2nd ACOPA – Aitchison Team Debating and Seven Sporting Competitions between ACOPA and Aitchison. Another milestone achieved by ACOPA was the tremendous increase in membership which crossed 2500 strong! The dinner was a most sumptuous affair and thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was followed up by a musical extravaganza by the talented and versatile Ali Zafar who gave his heart out on the stage. We thank our dear Bhatti Sb. for covering the entire event with his meticulous photography.





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