



# **The Poona Club Limited**

## **MANAGING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

### **Remote e-voting**

from 10.00 am on Wed, 28 Oct 2020  
to 5.00 pm on Fri, 30 Oct 2020

### **Tablet voting (physical)**

from 10.00 am to 9.00 pm on Sat, 31 Oct 2020



Dear Member,

The aim of this Election Brochure is to introduce the candidates contesting Club Elections for the period 2020-22 to the voting Members.

In order to be eligible to vote, please ensure:-

- Your outstanding dues as on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2020 have been cleared.
- You have a valid Membership Card.

The CVs have been printed 'as received' from the candidates who are wholly and solely responsible for the accuracy / authenticity of the contents of their respective CV.

**THE CLUB SHALL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTENTS OF ANY CV.**

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Lt Col Ashok Sarkar (Retd)  
CEO & Secretary

**CANDIDATES FOR CLUB MANAGING COMMITTEE: 2020-22**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Position applied for</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Second</b>
1.	Mr. Rahul Dholepatil (D291)	President	Mr. Nitin R Desai (D24)	Mr. Dilip Mehta (M274)
2.	Mr. Nitin D. Desai (D169)	President	Mr. Chandu G. Borde (B174)	Mr. Munir E. Chinoy (C23)
3.	Mr. Sunil S. Handa (H45)	Vice President	Mr. Krishan Kochhar (K52)	Mr. Ramesh Sanghvi (S197)
4.	Mr. Gopaldas K. Dawara (D189)	Member of the Committee	Mr. Swastik M. Sirsikar (S380)	Mr. Balasaheb G. Hegde (H72)
5.	Mr. Shashank Y. Halbe (H66)	Member of the Committee	Mr. Chandu G. Borde (B174)	Mr. Rajesh Kasat (K273)
6.	Ar. Richard Pereira (P221)	Member of the Committee	Mr. Chandu G. Borde (B174)	Mr. Krishan Kochhar (K52)
7.	Mr. Aditya Kanitkar (K465)	Member of the Committee	Mr. G.M. Patwardhan (P40)	Mr. Prakash Bafana (B6)
8.	Mr. Abhishek V. Bokey (B488)	Member of the Committee	Mr. Nitin R Desai (D24)	Mr. D.F. Gaikwad (G137)

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Lt Col Ashok Sarkar (Retd),

CEO & Secretary

12<sup>th</sup> October, 2020



Dear Fellow member,

My term as President of our prestigious Club ends at midnight of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. I seek your blessings for being re-elected as President of the club. Many members have asked me why I wish to continue for a second term. I feel there is a need for continuity at this stage for the President, due to some unfinished projects, as my tenure has been a truncated one. **More importantly, I feel morally obliged to the membership to steer the club through these tumultuous times of the pandemic.** I will refrain from listing my achievements in the preceding two years and concentrate on my areas of concern given below. Achievements are a team work and can be seen across the spectrum of the main club, the pool complex, the Golf course and the United Services Library.

### Financial jurisprudence

Today the club is in a healthy financial position with approximately Rs 100 crores in reserves. However, with the current source of revenue being only the annual subscription, interest from investment and new members, **I intend to curtail expenses, drastically.** In addition the general body has approved Rs 20 Cr for construction of a new gymnasium and guest rooms. Another Rs 2.5 Cr was being recommended to install a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) at the Golf Course, which is essential in view of the huge water requirement at the golf course. **While both these projects are essential, I propose to move ahead only after convening an Open House with Club members, to obtain their views with regard to the proposed layout. In case members feel it is prudent, we could also delay the projects for a while till the club activities return to some semblance of normalcy.** Unfortunately, the Budget EOGM slated for 28 Mar 2020 had to be postponed due to the pandemic.

### Closure of Club Facilities

I have had numerous meetings with senior bureaucrats. No one is in a position to predict any time lines for all venues of the club to re-open. Judging by what appears in the electronic and print media, the hospitality industry is in the doldrums and likely to remain so, for some more time. This will result in major revenue losses from F&B, Party venues, Sports and guest rooms. **My efforts will continue towards meeting officials concerned to get facilities opened, keeping in mind social distancing and other Covid-19 protocols laid down by the Govt.** Thus far, my liaison with senior officials resulted in re-opening the golf course, tennis courts, jogging track and take away food parcels.

**Trees transplantation:** Some fellow members were agitated about the survival of transplanted trees. I am delighted to inform you that of the 66 trees transplanted 61 have survived completely. In addition, we planted 200 trees at the Golf Course – all have survived!

The club will never be the same again, and, it is time for us to ponder and think about how to adjust to this new normal. Presently, I feel that the complete opening of the club, will take some time. **I aim to put in all my efforts to see that members and their families face the least hardship in making this transition.**

I assure you, I will leave no stone unturned, to ensure that you, as a Poona Club member, come first, always and every time. My vision and mission remain the same i.e. to continue the dynamic policies of my esteemed predecessors. Rest assured that, with your help, the club will recover from the pandemic downturn sooner, rather than later.

Kindly cast your valuable vote via e-voting from **10.00 AM on Wed, 28<sup>th</sup> Oct to 5.00 pm on Fri, 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020**, or alternatively, in person on **Sat, 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2020 from 10.00 am to 9.00 pm.**

With warm regards,

Rahul Dhole Patil – **Proposed by - Past President Mr Nitin R Desai, and  
Seconded by - Mr Dilip Mehta.**



Dear Fellow Members,

Having served the club as a committee member for 10 years and Vice President for past two years in my membership of 35 years, I seek your support for the candidature for post of President of The Poona Club in the forthcoming elections.

As a Chartered Accountant by profession I have used my expertise in achieving the following for the benefit of our club.

1. Income Tax savings in the year 2017 of Rs. 7.5 cr when my colleagues reposed faith in me to represent club's appeal before the Income Tax Commissioner. This order has a recurring prospective effect of saving in tax liability an amount of Rs 1 crore for every year henceforth.
2. Successful negotiations to break the impasse with US library.
3. Service Tax demand of Rs. 88.00 lakhs on the club was granted in our favour as a result of an appeal drafted and filed by me on behalf of the club.
4. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected everyone globally and our Club is no exception. The ripple effect of the pandemic is evident in diminishing revenues from venue charges catering receipts and drastic drop in corporate memberships. All this has placed great hardship on the financial health of our Club and the happiness quotient of our members. It goes without saying that our Club has to respond pro-actively and wisely to this financial and logistic challenge.

If we decide to continue with our old plans and a "business as usual" attitude, I am afraid we may be looking at some great difficulties in the future. This situation is unprecedented and the need of the hour is to adapt our approach accordingly.

I have a few ideas that do not compromise members' convenience, lifestyle, sports & entertainment at the Club.

Instead, they are based solely on prioritizing fundamentals, focusing on key necessities whilst achieving the prime objectives of enhancing member experience and simultaneously keeping an eagle eye on our financials.

Exploring reasonably priced life membership exclusively for the Golf Course, thereby increasing our reserves and compensating for the capital expenditures incurred in construction of the new Club House at the Golf Course is one of my many proposals.

Finance however is a tool and not an end in itself. Member satisfaction in all areas of operations should always be the first priority.

5. Complete digitalization of Club operations for more member convenience, security and standardisation of collections of venue bookings. This will be done with due consideration for those who are not tech savvy, especially our dear senior citizens who have been great patrons and mentors for all of us.
6. Sports is a lifeline of our young members and evolving the standards of our fun tournaments such as PCGL, PCFL, PCPL & others should get equal priority. Competitive and open tournaments are as much important to groom our present and future generations to find a place at the State and National level tournaments and having participated at college, club & under 19 level in cricket, I do have a mature perspective towards the same.

More thoughts and ideas will follow in my next communication, a testimony to the earnest efforts I continue to apply for the progress and prosperity of our club. With this, I humbly request for your vote and support for my Candidature and once elected my team and I shall deliver to the best of our abilities.

The mark of a good leader is to be adept at managing and coordinating with any team elected by your mandate. Therefore I will be comfortable working with all and any committee members elected by you.

E- VOTING : WED 28th OCT, 10AM to FRI 30th OCT, 5 PM ,

PHYSICAL VOTING : 31st OCT 10 am to 9 pm.

Warm Regards,  
**NITIN D. DESAI**

**Proposed by : Mr. Chandu Borde, Seconded by : Mr. Munir E. Chinoy**



Dear Member,

I have had the privilege of serving you as a Managing Committee member for more than 20 years and have served as the Chairman of all the Subcommittees including holding the prestigious appointment of President & Chief Trustee of the United Services Library for 4 years. I being a member of the Club since childhood and treating the club as my second home, have developed warm and cordial relations with members of the club and the entire staff. Therefore, it is a natural transition for me, to now continue to serve you as the Vice President of our prestigious club.

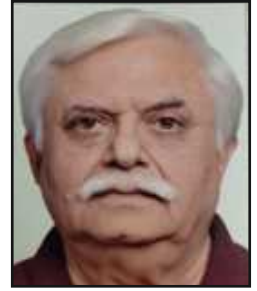
I will seek the advice of Past Presidents and my fellow members to help me in my endeavours to manage the club overcome these difficult and trying times due to the Covid-19 pandemic. **This, I hope to achieve by effective and efficient management with prudent spending, complete transparency and member friendly policies.**

I will always be accessible to you as and when required. My candidature for Vice Presidentship has been proposed by Mr Kishan Kochhar and seconded by Mr Ramesh Sanghvi.

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Warm regards,

Sunil Handa  
Membership # H45



**Gopaldas Dawara M.No. D 189**

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Dear Members,

**Greetings:** I express my deep gratitude for electing me and giving me an opportunity to contribute to our club, The Poona Club Ltd. as a committee member for the year 2018/20.

**As President of Royal Connaught Boat Club Pune for 8 years** from 2009 to 2017, I could use my experience to work as Hon. Treasurer of our club and as Chairman Staffing Committee.

During my tenure I have successfully concluded the **wage agreement with the Poona Club Employees Union** in January 2020, with a judicious mix of increment, employees' health care as well as savings to the club. There are no fresh additions in numbers.

I have been a **Sub-committee member of Finance, Ballot, Purchase, Entertainment, Law and catering.**

I have attended meetings of all other subcommittees as well, to understand their functioning. During the short stint that I was **Secretary Bar for two months**, I have put in measures to control the stocks so that they are within the average limits while introducing the **stocks reporting system.**

I worked out the **catering Home delivery service system**, which was later not implemented but has come in handy for take away parcel services during these times.

I have also been instrumental in proposing the salary structure during this pandemic.

As a member of the Finance subcommittee and Hon. Treasurer I have **suggested means to increase the returns on our investments, which have been approved and are being implemented.** I therefore humbly solicit your valuable vote and support in my favour to elect me for the year 2020/22. In these testing times, **I wish you and your family safe indoors, good health and immunity** so we can sport, meet, entertain and dine as we would before this pandemic began. **This too shall pass.**

With Warm regards  
Gopal Dawara





Name: Shashank Yeshwant Halbe

Membership No: H 66, Badminton Member since 1978, Permanent Member since 1993.

Date of Birth: November 26, 1963

Educational Qualifications: B.Com, University of Pune followed by DMM from IMDR, Pune.

Occupation: Owner of SharadaTyres, dealing in automotive tyres, batteries and auto service.

Family Background: Father, late Yeshwant Halbe was a State Level Cricketer and retired from Philips India. Mother, late Sindhu Halbe was a school teacher, and went on to retire as the Vice Principal of Dastur Girls' School. She was also well known in the field of Athletics. I am married to Jyoti who is a teacher with The Dastur Primary School and we are blessed with a son, Neel who is currently pursuing his BBA.

Committee Member 2018-2020: As Chairman of Sports, successfully conducted the Racquet League and the Poona Club Premier League as its Chairman. Got a sponsorship contract with sports manufacturing giant, YONEX. There are similar contracts in the pipeline for squash and tennis.

As Catering Chairman for the last 1 year, I tried to streamline service related issues. As a member of the Entertainment Committee, I was instrumental in re-starting the 'Diwali Pahaat' after several years to promote Indian Classical Music in the last 2 years and the Marathi Food Festival, both of which were greatly appreciated by the Members. I am also a member of the Staffing, Sponsorship, House and Ballot Committees.

As a Badminton Player & later Administrator: I played National Level Badminton from 1978 to 1995, winning several trophies and laurels. I was on the Executive Council of Maharashtra Badminton Association (2014-2018) and I am currently an executive council member of the Poona District Badminton Association and also a selector.

Other Pursuits: Was on the Managing Committee of another prestigious club in Pune, The PYC Hindu Gymkhana for 9 years (2009-2018) and handled the portfolios of Badminton, Billiards and Ballot.

Our Club has played an important role in shaping my career as a Badminton player. It would be my privilege to be able to give back in some form or the other to the Club for all that it has done for me. I have a dream to see our Club as a place that provides facilities and opportunities not only to future sports stars but also as a vibrant place where Club level players can indulge in the sport of their choice and pursue their passion for their sport. The sports facilities at our Club can in fact be turned into a money spinner too, something that I can say with conviction, given the way I managed to do so during my stint at PYC in the 9 years that I was on their Committee.



Dear Members,

As you are aware, our club has been in a lock down since the end of March to date. Baring a few activities, such as the Jogging track, the Tennis courts and Golf course reopening with SOP's in place as per Government guidelines.

Since the over whelming support in electing me (with the highest number of votes ever) I have served our club diligently and wholeheartedly for the past two years.

In the past 5 months due to the lockdown we have been unable to do much for the club; except General maintenance, cleaning the premises and organizing the necessary electrical discrepancies. During the past two years we were able to carry out the following developments for our club:

- a. Redesigning and renovation of Children's park with separate toilets / washrooms for girls and boys ( These were common previously)
- b. Renovation of the swimming pool reception area. The kitchen, store, and pantry were relocated. The reception area is now larger and more spacious  
We created a separate service entry / exit so that venue management for programs held at the pool would not disturb the members enjoying the pool facilities.
- c. The main structure also underwent intensive repairs along with a facelift.
- d. The yoga shed roof was strengthened structurally, the flooring was changed Mosquito netting added to windows. This enhanced the interior aesthetics of the area and functioning of the yoga space.
- e. Rain water drain lines were totally revamped with additional chambers and the laying of new pipe lines to ensure no flooding of the premises occurred during excessive rainfall.
- f. At the health club a new calisthenics set up was installed with safety flooring along with equipment for outdoor functional training.

A boundary wall was built around the health club premises which will now prevent rainwater from flooding the open space of the health club.

Several power saving measures were carried out as well.

There are several infrastructural activities which require attention and as a practicing Architect, I will be able to contribute my expertise into these projects. Hence, I request your support in electing me, once again, as a Committee Member, thus enabling me to serve our club better.

Thanking you,

Ar. Richard Pereira  
Membership no.: P-221  
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Dear Member,

I take this opportunity to offer my candidature for the post of Managing Committee member at the Poona Club. I have served as a member on the Managing Committee from 2014 -2018 and have contributed to various Sub committees including Sports, House, and Systems amongst others.

I am a Golf Professional, and have achieved the highest certifications for coaches in the country. I am involved with the Indian Golf Union (IGU) to conduct various programs for the teaching staff of the IGU to train coaches across the country.

I have been a sportsman all my life and have been fortunate to have used the various facilities that our club offered in my formative years and continue to do so regularly. This enables me to participate at national level events in cricket and tennis and amateur and professional events in Golf.

I come from a sporting family, my father Hemant Kanitkar (also formerly a Vice President of the Poona Club) and my brother Hrishikesh, have represented the country in cricket and my wife Radhika has been a multiple time national champion and represented the country in Tennis.

In these difficult times, focus must be given to safe resumption of sports activities at the club for members and their children which is a very big part of building up health and immunity for the future.

I request you to cast your valuable vote in my favour via e-voting **from 10.00 am on Wed, 28<sup>th</sup> Oct to 5 pm on Fri, 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020 or alternatively in person on Sat, 31st Oct 2020** at the Poona Club.

Given the opportunity, I assure you I will put in the time and effort needed for our esteemed club.

Yours sincerely,

Aditya Kanitkar



## **ABHISHEK BOKEY - B488**

Greetings to all the club members. Please allow me to introduce myself.

I am Abhishek Bokey, son of IPS officer (Rtd.) Mr. Vikram Bokey and Mrs. Vibha Bokey who is involved in various social services and associated with social organisations like SOFOSH. I am a Post-Graduate in International Business and Management from Sheffield Hallam University, UK. I have an MBA (HR) from Savitribai Phule Pune University and am currently pursuing my Ph.D. in Human Resources. I am the Founder President of Akemi Group of Institutes. I am also a Senate Member of Savitribai Phule Pune University.

I am a second-generation club member since 2010. My father is a member since 1990. I have been using the club facilities since early childhood. I am a cricket and swimming enthusiast and have represented Maharashtra State for swimming and have played cricket at club and college level.

### **“Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out”**

I am actively involved in social-service and I hope to be able help our club with my youthful enthusiasm, passion and the experience I have gained in HR, Sports and Social Service.

I hope to be able to improve the coaching facilities in all the available sports activities at the club and try and augment the existing services with a few more. My objective will be to help polish the skills of young sports enthusiasts and motivate them to play and compete at district, state, national and international level.

I would like to consider introducing a gaming zone for younger kids which will encourage the parents to come to the club with their younger ones and enjoy the other club facilities with their children being busy at the gaming zone.

With a background in HR, I can contribute towards improvement of the services in the club with appropriate recruitment and training policies.

I bring not just youthful enthusiasm and fresh ideas to the table, but I also have adequate exposure and experience in public relations and social service. I can give sufficient time and dedication to help drive our Club to greater glory and emerge successfully from these trying pandemic times.

I hope to achieve all this and more with your support and blessings

With warm regards.

Abhishek Bokey  
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