



OBA Calling

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OBA Event Calendar – June to September 2022

Date	Event
July 1	OBA War Memorial Service
July 16-17	OBA CONNECT – Chikmagalur 2022
August 1 to 6	OBA Buzz
To be announced (Sept 2, 3, 4)	OBA Weekend: Blue & White, Back to School, OBA Day



From the President's Desk

Dear Josephites,

Thank you ALL for your generosity in this peri-pandemic era. The OBA coffers have been enriched by approx Rs 75 lakhs to date over the last 3 quarters. Fund raising for various initiatives is an ongoing effort and all donations large and small are precious and most appreciated.

This quarter, we intend to improve on our social media presence. Please find the links for our official Instagram, LinkedIn, Facebook & Twitter posted on the last page (Connect with the OBA, Page 17) and do save the number of our secretary's phone +91 98809 17152. Our website (in its new avatar) is due to be launched soon.

Huge thanks to all the managing committee members serving with me during 2021-22 for their untiring hard work and unstinting support & to all of you out there who support your OBA. We hope you continue to extend that support for the remainder of our term this year & beyond.

Fide et Labore.

Dr Praveen Rodrigues, Class of 1985
President, OBA MC 2021-2022

Recent OBA events

Feb 28	OBA JOSEXCEL 5.0 2021 & SJBHS Prize Day
March 17	OBA JOSEXCEL 6.0 2022 & Welcome to OBA
March 19	Feast of St Joseph and OBA Boarders' 5-a-Side Inter-Batch Rink Hockey Tournament 5.0
April 9-10	OBA Connect – Delhi 2022
April 23	OBA Prestige Golf Tournament 6.0
May 14-15	OBA Connect – Kerala 2022

OBA JOSEXCEL 5.0 (2021) & SJBHS Prize Day

The **JOSEXCEL** Awards (Josephite Excellence in Sports) were instituted by the OBA to recognize Josephites for having represented the Senior State or India teams in any sporting discipline and to deserving Std 10 students. The fifth edition of JOSEXCEL was held on Feb 28, 2022 to honour the Batch of 2021 since they did not receive the prizes last year on account of the COVID-19 pandemic. Two separate JOSEXCEL Award ceremonies (for 2021 and 2022) were conducted this year to make up for the backlog.

The **Annual SJBHS Prize Day** is a momentous occasion felicitating our academic achievers. Warmest congratulations and best wishes to our students in the years to come. Concurrently, several awards instituted by the OBA were given away to the Batch of 2021.

In the **JOSEXCEL 5.0 2021** ceremony, fifty five students received lapel pins, certificates and School T-shirts with their names embossed. Due to the social distancing regulations prevailing, the event was attended only by Std 10 and Std 12 students.

OBA MC member Gavin Cordeiro (1974 ICSE) compered the JOSEXCEL ceremony and formally welcomed the batch of 2021 to the OBA community.



The **Udit Dhanuka Memorial Trophies** were given away by the OBA to five deserving recipients, three of whom were present in person, selected by Mr Shivprakash & Mr Mehboob from among those who represented the School & State at Junior and Senior levels with distinction in cricket.

Each award constitutes a cheque of Rs 20,000 that can be encashed for sports goods at Rakhra Sports: Rs 5,000 of which was sponsored by Rakhra Sports and Rs 15,000 by a batchmate of the late Udit Dhanuka who wishes to remain anonymous. Udit was a cricketer par excellence and an exciting opening bat for school who sadly passed away in his prime while he was a budding entrepreneur.

OBA JOSEXCEL 6.0 (2022) & Welcome to OBA

The OBA combined the **JOSEXCEL 6.0 2022** Awards to honour past and current sportspersons of the batch of 2022 valedictorians and the annual **Welcome to OBA** event on March 17, 2022. A total of 476 students from Std 10 and Std 12 attended the event.

Swim coach Mr Naresh HC (1978-2009) was honoured and felicitated for his years of dedicated service.

OB sportsmen Shivram Warrior (1973 ICSE), Pradeep Rajkumar (1966 ICSE), Robin Corner (1971 ISC) and David Dsouza (1981 ICSE) were inducted onto the **JOSEXCEL “Wall of Fame”**.

Shivram and Pradeep attended in person and handed out awards to all the fifty four school student recipients of the JOSEXCEL Awards for a number of sporting disciplines. Robin Corner sent an acceptance video that was screened.



Welcome to OBA is the traditional event when graduating Josephites are introduced to the OBA and formally welcomed to be a part of the global community. OB Dr Navneet Motreja (2004 ICSE) & OG Ms Disha Talreja (2014 ISC) delivered key-note addresses that were extremely well received by the students.



DISHA TALREJA Bio

Disha Talreja is a Senior Design Engineer at AMD Research and Development Centre India. Disha completed her BTech in Computer Science Engineering in 2018 from PES University.

Disha has presented research papers at both AMD internal and external conferences. She received the Best Paper Award at the AMD Global Technical Conference in 2021. Disha was the first OG to be invited back to speak at an OBA event.

DR NAVNEET MOTREJA Bio

Dr Navneet studied MBBS at MS Ramaiah Medical College, Bangalore and started Care On Call soon after, a unique doorstep healthcare provider for homes and corporates which is 8 years old and has served over 3 lakh patients and over 100 corporates during this period.

Being innovatively and frugally inclined and with a focus on efficiency and sustainability, he has shouldered the responsibility of driving his bootstrapped healthcare service to great heights. Other than being a passionate musician, Dr Navneet is an avid environmentalist and a PADI certified diver.

Feast of St Joseph and OBA Boarders' 5-a-side Inter Batch Rink Hockey Tournament 5.0

The **OBA Boarders' 5-a-side Inter-batch Rink Hockey Tournament 5.0** held on March 19, 2022 on the occasion of the **Feast of St Joseph** was a tremendous success with a large turnout, high quality of games and smooth organization.

The MC thanks donors, spectators and players. Special thanks to OB Shashi Lewis (1990 ICSE) for donating the Rink and its upkeep at short notice. The tournament ended with complimentary Red Bull being served, a sumptuous Biryani feast provided by OB Nadeem Ahmed (1971 ISC) and an impromptu sing-along.



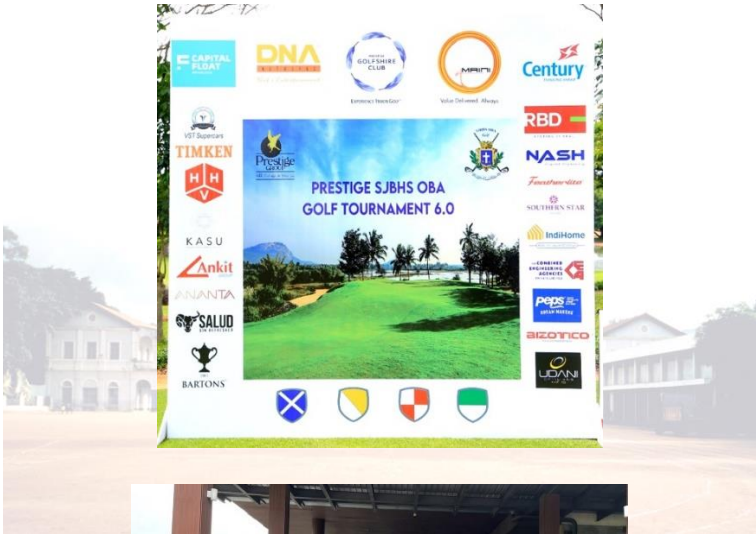
**Inaugural Boarders' Hockey Shield 1st Prize: 1992 + 1993;
2nd Prize: 1990 + 1991; Player of the Tournament: Adnan
(1992 ICSE).**

**Saleh Ahmed Trophy 1st Prize: 2016 + 2015 + 2008 + 2005;
2nd Prize: 2019; Player of the Tournament: Nishanth P
(2017 ICSE).**

A sum of **Rs 13 Lakhs** was collected by former Boarders. The bank interest (after tournament expenses) should generate one full Loyola Scholarship. The OBA thanks all Boarders for their fine gesture.

PRESTIGE SJBHS OBA GOLF TOURNAMENT 6.0

The flagship fundraising sporting event - the **Prestige SJBHS OBA Golf Tournament 6.0** – held at the 18-hole Prestige Golfshire Club did not fail to disappoint yet again.



A record number of **105 Golfers** teed off to a shotgun noon start on April 23, 2022 after a 2-year forced hiatus on account of the pandemic. Thanks to a well-oiled Golf Committee, a sum of approximately **Rs 14 lakhs** was raised for our charities.

Golfers, some spouses and guests spent an enjoyable fellowship evening. Some winners: David D'Souza (open category), St David's House (best house), Batch of 1988 (best batch).

Jospehites at the helm of businesses have been forthcoming and have supported this event. The OBA thanks them warmly!

- Prestige Group and Prestige Golfshire - Mr Irfan Razack, Mr Rezwane Razack, Mr Noaman Razack
- DNA - Mr Venkat Vardhan
- Century Real Estate - Mr Ravi Pai, Mr Ashwin Pai
- Capital Float - Mr Gaurav Hinduja
- Maini - Mr Sandeep Kumar Maini
- HHV & Co - Mr Prashanth Sakhamuri
- Featherlite - Mr Kush Jawahar
- Ankit Fasteners - Mr Ankit Patel
- Kasu - Mr John Abraham
- Nash Industries - Mr Sanjay Wadhwa
- RBD Shelters - Mr Peron Roach
- Bartons - Mr Aashish Mehta
- Combined Engineering - Mr Nikhil Nayak
- Indi Homes - Mr Uttam Muthappa
- Peps - Mr Shankar Ram
- Banyan Tree Advisors - Mr Ravishankar
- Timken India - Mr Sanjay Koul
- Indra Hotels - Mr H B Jairaj
- Mr Vikram Bihani
- Mr Shardu Malpani
- Mr Tilak Thomas
- Mr Rajan Agarwal
- Salud Beverages - Mr Ajay Shetty
- Udani Opticians - Mr Amit Udani
- Not Just Wine and Cheese - Mr Purnesh

OBA CONNECT – DELHI 2022 and KERALA 2022

OBA CONNECT – Delhi 2020: April 9-10, 2022



- Josephites across six decades (1960 to 2019) participated, along with Fr Principal – big thank you to all.
- April 9 morning: Golf at Hindon Golf Course; Non-golfers - visit to the National War Memorial and Sundar Nursery
- April 9 evening: Chandni Chowk by Night Foodie Walk
- April 10: Lunch for 50 Josephites and family members.

OBA CONNECT – Kerala 2022: May 14-15, 2022



- OBA CONNECT – Kerala 2022, the longest running Connect, was hosted at the Coconut Lagoon Resort.
- 45 Josephites, families and Fr Principal, 120 in all, attended the Gala Dinner on May 14 evening
- Attractions included Boat tours, Bird watching, Musical evening, Water sports and sumptuous Kerala cuisine.

OBA UK Chapter registered

The OBA congratulates Akhila Jayaram (2013 ISC) and the UK Chapter for successful registration in **England and Wales!**



**CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF A
PRIVATE LIMITED COMPANY**

Company Number **14114894**

The Registrar of Companies for England and Wales, hereby certifies that

OLD JOSEPHITES ASSOCIATION UK LTD

is this day incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 as a private company, that the company is limited by guarantee, and the situation of its registered office is in England and Wales.

Given at Companies House, Cardiff, on **18th May 2022**.

The above information was communicated by electronic means and authenticated by the Registrar of Companies under section 1115 of the Companies Act 2006



Companies House



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Accident Averted – by K V Sebastian (Batch of 1956)

A daring feat executed by a cousin - T J Karimpanal (Batch of 1955) – known as Appa, had saved many lives.

Up to the 80's, the Sabarimala Temple would open only on a few occasions every year for the Ayyappans (devotees of God Ayyappan) to visit, unlike today. Most Ayyappans traveled on foot. Facilities were limited and it was dangerous to walk through the jungle infested with wild animals. Subsequently, larger numbers of Ayyappans started visiting Sabarimala Temple from all over India, traveling by cars and buses.

Sabarimala Temple is located on a mountain surrounded by thick evergreen forests of the Western Ghats. On January 7, 1987, Appa was driving downhill to his home at Kanjirapally, from his estate at Murinjapuzha in the hills. Being a fast driver, he caught up with a bus going downhill, and to his horror he heard loud cries and shouts from the overcrowded bus. He realized that the brakes of the bus had failed and the bus was gathering speed and might end its journey in a deep gorge, which might kill all passengers. What can be done in a situation like this? Appa could hear

the prayers of the devotees calling Ayyappan to save them. Risking his own life, Appa decided to attempt saving the people in the bus. He brought his jeep right in front of the bus and very tactfully adjusted his speed to match that of the bus and allowed the bus to come in contact with the jeep. Once contact was made he applied the brakes of the jeep and lowering the gear he was able to gradually reduce the speed and finally bring the bus to a halt. The passengers got out. But before they could meet their saviour, Appa had disappeared without giving his identity.

The devotees believed that it was Ayappan himself who had come to save them. Later on, people found out the identity of the person and a small reception was organized at the Kanjirapally Club to honour him in the presence of the District Collector. The authorities failed to give him the major honour he deserved for saving so many lives.

Appa said he had read an article in the Reader's Digest about a similar incident. Actually executing it is not easy. We are all happy and proud of Appa for risking his life. May God bless him and his family.

[Editor's note: Translation and excerpts from an article published in Malayala Manorama, February 1, 1987.]

Josephites, Unforgotten!

The OBA regrets the sad demise of the following Old Boys. May their souls rest in peace. Our deepest condolences to the bereaved families:

Josephite	Batch	Date of demise
Raymond Fernandez	1966	May 17, 2022
Arjun Ramesh	1995	May 15, 2022
Gordon Bevera	1986	April 18, 2022
Jerry Demos	1972	April 10, 2022
Shivdarshan Balse	1969	April 7, 2022
Ratan Sharma	1985	April 6, 2022
V J John	1965	March 28, 2022
Doug Peters	1943	March 8, 2022
Mathew Scaria	1962	March 8, 2022
Neil Mendens	1985	February 24, 2022

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