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DATE: 28 April 1995

To: All UNAMIR Civilian and Military Personnel

From: Brandy McNeill, Civilian Welfare Officer  
Major Deepak Das, Military Welfare Officer

SUBJECT: Date Change For Amateur Sports Competition Day

**DATE CHANGED!**  
**Sports Day Competition**  
**Saturday 20 May 1995**

Basketball - Brian Seales, BMS, Extension 15116, C/S BM6 channel 11  
Soccer - Adriane O'Sullivan, Transport, Extension 11213, C/S 84C channel 11  
Squash - Deckland Corrigan, Logistics, Extension 11118, C/S HL1A  
Sherlock Holmes Mystery Walk - Brandy McNeill, CWO, Ext 11200, C/S WO channel 11  
Swimming - Sgt. Kim Bohun, Ausmed, Telephone 75216, C/S ASO channel 4  
Tennis - Brandy McNeill, Welfare Office, Extension 11200, C/S WO channel 11  
Track and Field - Norris Josseling, Transport, Extension 11087, C/S 84C channel 11  
Volleyball - Brian Seales, BMS, Extension 15116, C/S BM6 channel 11  
Barbecue/Raffle Tickets - Any member of Welfare Committee  
Civilian Welfare Officer - Brandy McNeill, Extension 11200, C/S WO channel 11  
Military Welfare Officer - Major Deepak Das, Extension 11108, C/S Delta Dot channel 11

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UNAMIR WELFARE CLUB NEWSLETTER NO. 1

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4 March 1995

It is with great pleasure to inform everyone that the UNAMIR Welfare Club, under the direct guidance of our SRSG, Mr. Shaharyar Khan, has started organising and conducting various activities to enhance leisure and recreation to both civilian and military members of the mission. The club activities include both outdoor and indoor sports, entertainment, and even social/cultural affairs. A large number of enthusiastic volunteers has organised the activities of the Club.

For your information, the officers of the Welfare Club Committee are as follows:

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Chairperson:              | Mr. Patsy Mullings (BMS)                       |
| Co-Chairperson:           | Mr. Kimso Nilsvang (Personnel)                 |
| Civilian Welfare Officer: | Mrs. Brandy McNeill (Staff Counselor's Office) |
| Force Welfare Officer:    | Maj. Deepak Das (IndiaBatt)                    |
| Property Officer:         | Mr. Marc Molat (PCIU)                          |
| Bar Manager:              | Mr. Ranbir Singh (IndiaBatt)                   |
| Entertainment Officer:    | Mr. Jack Parnell (Log)                         |
| Treasurer:                | Mr. Hudson Mbunya (Finance)                    |
| Secretary:                | Ms. Janina Ogtong (ISS)                        |

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The organisers and their respective activities are:

| SER NO. | ACTIVITY                                     | ORGANISER   | ROOM NO./ TEL. NO.                         |
|---------|--|---|--|
|         | <u>OUTDOOR</u>                               |   |  |
| 1.      | Athletics                                    | Mr. Norris Jorsling<br>CTO<br>Mr. Brian Seales<br>BMS                   | 3060/<br>11087<br>UNICEF Bldg./<br>15116   |
| 2.      | Badminton                                    | Maj. Pankaj Arora<br>SO Transport                                       | 2068/<br>11117                             |
| 3.      | Baseball                                     | Maj. Steve Moore<br>SO Transport  | 2068/<br>11117                             |
| 4.      | Basketball                                   | Mr. Brian Seales<br>BMS   | UNICEF Bldg./<br>15116                     |
| 5.      | Cricket                                      | Mr. Louis Hall<br>Transport<br>Maj. Deepak Das<br>Welfare Officer       | 3060/<br>11214<br>1050/<br>11108           |
| 6.      | Field Hockey                                 | INDBATT   |  |
| 7.      | Football                                     | Mr. Norris Jorsling<br>CTO<br>Mr. Adrian O'Sullivan<br>Transport        | 3060/<br>11087<br>Transport Shop/<br>11213 |
| 8.      | Golf   | Mr. James Ifill<br>Communications<br>Maj. Ranbir Singh<br>PRO Indiabatt | Comms Cmpd/<br>11210<br>SOALTEE/<br>86976  |
| 9.      | Petanque                                     | Mr. Marc Molatte<br>PCIU  | Trafipro/                                  |
| 10.     | Squash                                       | Maj. Deepak Das<br>Welfare Officer                                      | 1050/<br>11108                             |
| 11.     | Tennis                                       | Mr. Stanley Oliver<br>Personnel   | 4085/<br>11066                             |
| 12.     | Trekking (Safari,<br>Picnics, Bird-watching) | Mr. Didier Pansiot<br>Personnel   | UNICEF Bldg./<br>15113                     |
| 13.     | Volleyball                                   | AUSMED/INDIABATT  | ALEXANDRA/<br>76803                        |

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|     | <u>INDOOR</u>                             |                                    |                               |
| 14. | Aerobics, Ballroom<br>Dancing, Taekwon-do | Mr. Evon Parkes<br>PSB             | 1045/<br>11188                |
| 15. | Bridge                                    | Maj. S. Agrawal<br>G3 Engr.        | 11161                         |
| 16. | Chess                                     |                                    |                               |
| 17. | Dart                                      | Maj. Deepak Das<br>Welfare Officer | 1050/<br>11108                |
| 18. | Mahjong                                   | Ms. Emma Silvestre<br>Personnel    | 3044/<br>11089                |
| 19. | Ping-Pong                                 | Ms. Sylvie Nossereau<br>Personnel  | 4085/<br>11066                |
| 20. | Videotheque                               | Maj. Deepak Das<br>Welfare Officer | 1050/<br>11108                |
|     | <u>SOCIAL/CULTURAL</u>                    |                                    |                               |
| 21. | Get-togethers/Parties                     | Mr. Jack Parnell<br>Log/CMC        | 1012/<br>11138                |
| 22. | Musical Entertainment                     | Isell Rivero-Mendez<br>OSRSG       | 4029/<br>11080                |
| 23. | Library                                   | Brandy McNeill<br>Staff Counselor  | 3052/11098 temp<br>3060/11087 |

### INAUGURATION DAY OF THE WELFARE CLUB

The UNAMIR Welfare Club was officially inaugurated on 11 December 1994. On that day, the Athletic Wing, organised by Mr. Norris Jorsling (CTO), held the 10 KM and Medley Relay Run at the Amahoro Stadium. These were the very first activities of the Welfare Club. The SRSG himself awarded the winners of the Runs, namely:

#### 10 K Race

1st Place-Sgt. Bjdur Thapa (Indiabatt)  
2nd Place-Rfn. Kulbahaur Thapa (Indiabatt)  
3rd Place-Pvt. Ladan Yaya

#### Relay Medley

1st Place-Nicoy A-Team  
2nd Place-Brown and Root  
3rd Place-Nicoy B-Team

#### 45 and Over

Norris Jorsling

Congratulations to the winners and to all participants of these exciting runs.

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### UNAMIR Christmas Party

Another successful activity of the Welfare Club was the UNAMIR X'mas Party held on 17 December 1994 at the Amahoro Headquarters. We would like to thank the Ghanaian Band for the lovely music they provided, MGT Catering Service for the delicious dinner and all you wonderful UNAMIR staff, including guests, who made the evening such fun.

### Children's Christmas Party

Profits acquired from the UNAMIR Christmas Party were used for the Children's X'mas Party held at the Chez Lando Restaurant on 18 December 1994. The Welfare Club invited the orphans from Mother Theresa Orphanage, Kigali, and the children of local UNAMIR staff members. Around 100 children danced to the music of the Indian Band and enjoyed the sumptuous snacks and mechanical rides provided by Chez Lando Catering Service. We would like to thank the few dedicated members of the Welfare Committee who made this event a great success.

### CanCon Farewell Party

A farewell party for the Canadian Contingent was organised by the Welfare Club on 20 January 1995 at the Amahoro Headquarters. It was another evening of fun and entertainment as we bid good-bye to the Canadians.

### Cricket Matches

January/February cricket match games results:

- Indbatt vs. AusMed held on 26 January 1995 (National Days of both India and Australia)  
Congratulations AusMed Team! Well done!
- Indbatt vs. UNAMIR XI held on 28 January 1995  
Congratulations UNAMIR XI!
- AusMed vs. UNAMIR XI held on 4 February 1995  
Congratulations again to AusMed Team!
- Indbatt vs. UNAMIR XI held on 25 February 1995  
Congratulations again to UNAMIR XI!
- Aussies vs Contractors XI held on 26 February 1995  
Congratulations Aussies!

Another exciting weekend of cricket will be held on 4 March 1995 between UNAMIR XI and Aussie teams and on 5 March 1995 between IndBatt and Contractors XI teams at the Amahoro Stadium. We invite everyone to watch and cheer for their teams. To those who don't understand cricket, we urge you to come and learn the game rules from the crazy and hilarious cheerers. We guarantee that you'll get hooked to it!

### Basketball

On Friday, 10 February 1995, the UNAMIR + Internationals Basketball team participated in their first scrimmage game against the Rwanda Ministries' Dept. of Sports at the Amahoro Stadium. Winning by no less than 18 points, with a score of 68 to 50, the UNAMIR Renovators displayed a level of cohesiveness rarely demonstrated in team sports this early in the season.

This UNAMIR Renovators took part in their first tournament with NICOY/INDBATT. They look forward to exciting the fans so come on out and support your team!

### Aerobics/Dance Class/Taekwon-do/Walking Club

Classes for aerobics, dance lessons and taekwon-do are going on strong in the Hotel Meridien everyday (see attached training schedule). Under the guidance of Mr. Evons Parkes, a large number of health enthusiasts has joined. Everyone is invited to come wiggle their bodies and enjoy the fun.

The walking club meets at 18:45HRS on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Anyone interested in joining the walking club or starting an aqua-aerobics class, please contact Brandy McNeill, Civilian Welfare Officer and Staff Counselor at Extension 11098.

### Tours

For your information, the Welfare Club conducted interesting tours, organized by Didier Pansiot (Claims) on:

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| 11 December 1994                       | - | Kabale (Uganda) Trip which included a delightful boat ride on Lake Bunyuni and a sumptuous lunch in the Bushara Island. |
| 24-26 Dec. 1994<br>31 Dec.-2 Jan. 1995 | - | An exciting 3-day tour of the Queen Elisabeth National Park (Uganda).   |
| 29 January 1995<br>19 February 1995    | - | Gorilla Park (Ruhungeri, Rwanda). Everyone enjoyed this awesome experience!   |

Tours for the month of March:

A one-day tour to Nyanza and Butare Museum is being organised which includes lunch and show

(traditional dance/songs). More Gorilla Park trips are also being organised. Details of said trips will be posted on the Welfare Bulletin Board located at the Ground Floor, Amahoro Hdq. (opposite the reception desk). Please feel free to see Didier Pansiot, UNICEF Bldg., Ext. 15113 if you have suggestions on particular places to see. He'll be happy to assist anyone.

### Tennis

Tennis tournaments will soon be organised. Anyone interested to join should contact Stanley Oliver (Room 4085, Ext. 11066). Maj. Deepak Das has placed tennis rackets and balls at the BBC and Meridian Hotel for personnel interested in playing.

### Petanque

This famous French game will soon be introduced to UNAMIR staff by Mr. Marc Molatte (PCIU/Trafipro). Equipments are now being purchased and anyone who would like to join should contact Mr. Molatte or the Force Welfare Officer.

### Chess

Mr. Patrick Francis (Personnel) who initially organised the Chess Club has unfortunately ended his assignment with UNAMIR and the Welfare Committee is looking for a replacement. Anyone interested to organise this challenging game should contact any officer of the Welfare Club Committee.

### U.N. Music Band

The Welfare Club invites musically-talented UNAMIR personnel to form a U.N. Band. So far, we have Mr. Jack Parnell who plays saxophone and Ms. Sylvie Nossereau who plays the keyboard. If you play a guitar or other instrument please contact Mr. Parnell (Room 1012, Ext. 11138) to join this fantastic band.

### Membership Contribution

A minimal monthly membership fee for the UNAMIR Welfare Club will be requested from MSA recipients to cover operating expenses. In our next newsletter we will inform you on the fee and how to acquire a membership card.

### Headquarters for the Welfare Club

The Welfare Club Committee has chosen the Kigali Sportif Club, better known as Le Cercle Sportif, located at the heart of Kigali, as the ideal recreation centre of our Welfare Club. Kigali



Sportif Club has complete facilities which includes a big swimming pool, basketball court, tennis courts, squash court, football field, minigolf, gym room, a club house with barbecue area, etc. Negotiations are now being done between the UNAMIR Welfare Club and Kigali Sportif for the use of these facilities. We will provide you with more information in our next newsletter.

### New Staff Counselor and Welfare Officer

We all welcome our new Staff Counselor and Welfare Officer, Mrs. Brandy McNeill. She arrived from the U.S.A. on 15 February full of energy and hopes to improve the mental and physical wellness of UNAMIR staff. She spent her first day here chatting with members of the Welfare Committee and other UNAMIR staff. "Everyone had such good ideas for making mission life here more fun. I can't wait to get started planning events" she reported.

Brandy has spent her career delivering counseling and wellness programs, though never under the unique conditions that exist here in Kigali. She agreed that developing programs here "will be a special challenge".

Brandy enjoys reading a good book, watching videos, exercising, gambling and laughing with friends. She hopes to get all of these activities and others suggested by UNAMIR staff started very quickly.

Stop by and visit her in the Staff Counselor and Welfare Office located temporarily in Room 3052 and permanently in Room 3060.

### Next Newsletter

The Welfare Newsletter will be published monthly. If you have any news to share, please contact Brandy McNeill, Civilian Welfare Officer and Staff Counselor at extension 11098.

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Persons interested to participate in an activity should forward their names to the organising member of that discipline. Military contingents may forward their names through their respective welfare officer to the Force Welfare Officer. Additional volunteers including those who wish to contribute to the existing or new activities are welcome to forward their names to any officer of the Welfare Club.

Thank you and we look forward to more happy times ahead!

# TRAINING SCHEDULE

| DAY       | TIME                               | ACTIVITY   | INSTRUCTOR/S   |
|-----------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| SUNDAY    | 10:30HRS                           | AEROBICS   | MARCY          |
|           | 17:00HRS                           | DANCING    | SERGIO         |
|           | 18:30HRS                           | TAEKWON-DO | HAM/SERGIO     |
| MONDAY    | 17:45HRS                           | AEROBICS   | JENNIFER       |
| TUESDAY   | 17:45HRS                           | AEROBICS   | SERGIO/MARCY   |
|           | 19:00HRS                           | TAEKWON-DO | HAM/SERGIO     |
| WEDNESDAY | 17:45HRS                           | AEROBICS   | JENNIFER       |
|           | 19:00HRS                           | DANCING    | SERGIO         |
| THURSDAY  | 17:45HRS                           | AEROBICS   | SERGIO         |
|           | 19:00HRS                           | TAEKWON-DO | HAM/SERGIO     |
| FRIDAY    | 17:45HRS                           | AEROBICS   | JENNIFER/MARCY |
| SATURDAY  | ACTIVITY TO BE REQUESTED ON FRIDAY |            |                |

FOR BALLROOM DANCING, A PARTNER IS MANDATORY