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18 March—Annual General Meeting

9-12 June—Camp 2006

More events will be announced after the AGM.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Important documents relating to the Annual General Meeting are enclosed with this newsletter. A meal will be available after the meeting. Please advise us if you are able to attend and if you would like to reserve a meal. Refer page 3 of the newsletter for details.



RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees for the current year fell due on the 1st of February 2006. If you have not yet sent in your renewal please do so without delay. The renewal form setting out the relevant rates can be found on page 14.

Thank you to all those who have already renewed.

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DEADLINE Friday 13th April 2006

Items for inclusion in the next edition of Silver Scene should be submitted by this date.

"Silverscene" welcomes readers letters.

Only letters which meet legal and editorial standards will be published and they must be addressed to the editor. All published letters include the author's name. Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

Thank You

The Management Committee would like to thank all those advertisers who supported us during the year at our various functions and with our newsletters.

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SILVER FAWN CLUB INC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Ithaca Bowls Club 22 Fulcher Road, Red Hill

Saturday 18 March 2006 at 6.30 pm

A social evening will follow the formalities of the AGM.

A "Buriani Meal" will be available for those wishing to have a meal.

Pre-booking of your meal is essential, no later than Wednesday 15 March.

Please contact Rena Henderling on 3273 3994 or Thomazine Fernando on 3285 2793 to reserve a meal.

Cost is \$7.50 per meal, payment can be made on the night.

N.B. If you order a meal but cannot attend it is greatly appreciated if you would advise the Secretary on 3289 7324.

The following members have been nominated for positions on the Committee of the Silver Fawn Club for the year 2006-2007.

	NOMI NEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER
President	Gerard Fernando	Spencer Herft	Caryll Herft
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The President's preamble ...

I am reminded of something that I read a long while back ...

'the tortoise does not make any progress, until it sticks its head out'

My plan of action was based upon the following principle:-

Bit e of f more than you can chew - then chew it.

Plan more than you can do -then do it.

Arrange more time than you can spare - then spare it.

Take on more than you can bear -then bear it.

Plan your castle in the air, then build a ship to take you there.

If there were times then, in the past year that we did not quite meet with everybody's expectation, recognising that there are those who may have been uneasy with the approach taken at times by the committee — my apologies.

Believe me, pleasing everybody, was not for want of trying!

My goals were modest I wanted to ensure that our club had a storage facility, a sound system, membership cards, reciprocal membership rights with other clubs within the Sri Lankan community for entry to one another's functions and most importantly a committee made up of our 'young Silver Fawn members '-these are the members who will play a vital role in the future of this club.

All of which, with the combined assistance of many helping hands, were achieved.

Our activities this year have been varied and numerous. We had two major functions and gatherings of members at smaller functions on a monthly basis. The Young SilverFawn committee organised their first function a - Rhythm 'n' Blues night on the 25th February. A big thank you to the organisers of this very special event. We hope you will keep up the good work.

My special thanks go to the hard working organisers of our sports events I sidore Storey and Spencer Herft, to Wilmot Senaratne and Niranjalie Silva, who maintain our web page, and again to Niranjalie for all her efforts in the production of the newsletters.

My special thanks also go to our advertisers for their support during the past year.

We encourage you to submit articles for publication, whilst reminding members, that their views may well stimulate vigorous debate.

Thomazine-my ever supportive wife, joins me in my sincere thanks to the members of the committee, and all those others who unselfishly —in the last year, gave of their time and resources.

Our thanks also to all our members who attended the many functions, the success of which could not be measured without your support.

To the incoming committee and all the members – the very best wishes for a successful year ahead.

Sincer ely

Gerard Fernando

DJ "Silver Fox"—clarification

It has been brought to our attention that there may have been some confusion regarding the name Silver Fox. The Management Committee would like to inform members that the name "Silver Fox" is the name adopted by the Silver Fawn Club for any DJ that we may engage to perform at our functions from time to time and it has no connection with Ty Fox who is a member of the club. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

RnB and HIP HOP NIGHT

Held 25th February 2005



Due to the lack of youth involvement in the Silver Fawn Club, it was decided that it was about time that something be done to improve the situation.

Hand-picked by the Silver Fawn committee, Sarah Omar, our newest youth committee member and two youth members of the club, Melissa De Silva and Stephanie Demello decided to take on this almost impossible task of organising a function to bring the youth together!

So what better way to do this than to hold an RnB Hip Hop Club night which was held on the 25th of February at the Ithaca Bowls Club. With the hall

beautifully decorated, there was food, dancing, battle of the sexes and lots and lots of fun and laughter. It was easy to see that the function was a success, considering that it was the first time such a function was held.

In light of the success I would love to thank everyone who came and made the night what it was. Especially those outstanding dancers that could not keep their feet still! That is what I call true "Party Animals".

Please keep in mind that the event was catered for the youth as a social event. Although the event was a success, it was still very disappointing to see that we did not get a response from many of the youth members of the Silver Fawn Club. Therefore, I would like to encourage those who did not attend, that the next time you will think twice about missing out on an event like this as you will be guaranteed to miss out on fun and of course, meeting new people!

Overall Gerard and his committee have been a great support to the Young Silver Fawn Club and would like to take the opportunity to thank them for their support and encouragement in helping us to organise a successful night!

See you all at the next Silver Fawn Club function!

Melissa De Silva

SYMPATHIES

Former President Ric Berenger's mother passed away in Melbourne. The funeral was held at the Gold Coast on Thursday 9th March. On behalf of the members of the Club, the Management Committee would like to convey our sincere sympathies to Ric and family.



Club Chattet...

Sid & Pauline Shedden will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this Month. Congratulations to you both and we hope you will have many more happy years together.





Congratulations and best wishes also to Ric Berenger who reached the official pensioner age! Ric celebrated his 65th Birthday on the 19Th of February. Ric and wife Evelyn will soon be grandparents for the first time. Their daughter Carolyn and son-in-law John are expecting their first child in September. We wish them all the best.

More celebrations, with Barbara and Ashley Storey celebrating the wedding of their daughter Rochelle to Robin in February. Congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple and their parents.





Sincere get well wishes to Heather Sekarajasingham who underwent heart surgery recently. Heather sends the following message to all her friends in the Silver Fawn Club:

"I acknowledge with deep sincerity all the thoughts, prayers and get well wishes that poured in from my lovely friends, when I was having open heart surgery at the Prince Charles Hospital and even now while recuperating. They were a great comfort and very much appreciated. Thank you all for caring."

Hope you have a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you at a club function soon.

Get well wishes also to Dinty Ranasinghe who underwent cataract surgery at the Princess Alexandra Hospital last month. Dinty says, "I can see clearly now the cataract is gone"! Dinty would like to thank his friends for their prayers and concern. We trust the club will soon have a new Secretary with "renewed vision"!



Congratulations to our Champion Athlete and long standing member, Spencer Herft, who has again been running and jumping his way to victory in Masters Athletics!

Spencer competed in the Australian Masters Championships in Adelaide last October. This event is held every two years and he came away with four Gold Medals in Triple Jump, Javelin, High Jump and Long Jump.

In January this year Spencer participated in the Oceanic Masters Athletics held in Christchurch, New Zealand, and broke the Games Record in winning the Gold Medal. He also won Silver in Pentathlon and High Jump and Bronze in Javelin. This was an international meet and Spencer competed against athletes not only from New Zealand and the surrounding region but also from Germany and USA.

Spencer has been coaching Athletics since 1983 and is very happy that one of his athletes was placed 5th in 200 metres and 4th in 100 metres in the recent World School Championships in Melbourne.

NEW MEMBERS

The management committee would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members. We look forward to your support and patronage at many of our functions.

Lynn & Terry O'Connor
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INTER CLUB CRICKET

YEAR 2005 WAS VERY SPECAL AS SFC WAS GIVEN THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING THE HOSTING TEAM. 7 TEAMS WERE IN THE COMPETITION AND THE WINNERS WERE THE SINHALA ASSOCIATION.

A GREAT DAY WITH A GOOD TURNOUT, SOME FAMILIES ENJOYED CRICKET UNDER TREES HAVING A FEED SURROUNDED BY STEAMING POTS & PANS. AS USUAL ANOTHER DISAPPOINTING YEAR WITH POOR ATTENDANCE FROM SFC MEMBERS.

HERBIE TUCKER LED THE SFC TEAM & DID EXTREMELY WELL. DUE TO A FEW HICCUPS (WHICH HAPPENS EVERY YEAR) THE SFC TEAM WAS THE THIRD BEST OUT OF SEVEN TEAMS. WELL DONE BOYS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO SPENCER HERFT WHO WON THE TROPHY FOR BEST BOWLER OF THE TOURNAMENT. SPENCER WAS THE OLDEST PLAYER AMONG ALL THE TEAMS. HE IS AN INSPIRATION TO THE YOUNG & OLD. WELL DONE!

GERARD FERNANDO WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A VIP WAS BUSY MAKING A COUPLE OF DOLLARS FOR THE CLUB BY SELLING STEAKS, BEATRICE DE FRANZ PLAYED A VERY ACTIVE

ROLE IN SALES & AT THE SAME TIME SHE HAD A GOOD FEED TOO! WE HAD MOUTH WATERING VARIETIES OF FOOD ORGANISED BY DIFFERENT STALL HOLDERS. THE MOST POPULAR WAS THE INDIAN STALL AS THERE WERE MORE INDIAN NATIONALS THAN LANKANS.

SFC TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK PATRICK MALONEY, BASIL & OTHERS WHO HELPED IN UMPIRING & SCOREING. IT WAS GOOD TO SEE GOOD GUYS ATTENDING SFC FUNCTIONS SO OFTEN.

THANKS TO EGERTON WE HAD GOOD MUSIC ALL DAY AND THANKS TO DAVENAL AND OTHER SFC MEMBERS FOR ALL THEIR ASSISTANCE.

LETS DO IT BETTER NEXT TIME! THANKS ISIDORE STOREY.

NORTH/SOUTH CRICKET

ANOTHER GREAT DAY WITH GOOD WEATHER FOR CRICKET.
THERE WERE 21 PLAYERS FROM NORTH/SOUTH AND WE ALL HAD A WONDERFUL TIME PLAYING A VERY FRIENDLY GAME OF CRICKET.



DOMINIQUE STOREY WAS RECOGNISED AS THE ALL ROUNDER.

FAMILIES ENJOYED WATCHING CRICKET AND FILLING THEIR STOMACHS AT THE SAME TIME WITH HOPPERS, VADAI, STUFFED GOTHAMBA ETC.

RAMIE FERNANDO WHO IS GOOD AT TEASING, PLAYED HIS ROLE WHICH BLENDED WITH THE DAYS PROGRAMME. WE COMPLETED THE DAY WITH A SING SONG. RAMY WAS THE LEAD VOCALIST AND EGERTON DE FRANZ ENTERTAINED US WITH THE GUITAR.

Editor's Note:

We were unable to publish the above reports earlier as the previous newsletter had to be sent out without delay in order to give the required notice of the AGM.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Gerard

May I take this opportunity to congratulate you and your Committee on finally bringing to life a long-awaited achievement, namely getting a young adults event up and running. I hope the young members and their friends had a great time organizing a theme of their choice and that they have been encouraged enough to continue many other activities under the banner of the club.

As many of us who have enjoyed the club's activities over the years are now in the 'Senior' age bracket, it is vital that the young members appreciate all that is good in the club and have the will and determination to look at taking their turn in seeing that the Silver Fawn Club carries on proudly into the future. Nothing stays the same forever, but if they keep up the standards and ethics that have always been the keynote of club's character, then it will be great to see an even wider variety of activities being made available for members to enjoy.

I believe your energy and commitment in your role as President, with the backing of a supportive committee, has attracted new members and, although it is impossible to please all the people all the time, I trust that you will come forward again this year and continue doing your best for all the members all the time.

The road to success is often strewn with boulders of dissent, dismay, disruption, disinformation and disappointment – but boulders can be scattered or crushed so just hop in your 'dozer' and keep on driving!

May you have many green lights on your road to success.

Best wishes

ALAN WESTERN

To the Editor Silver Fawn Club

Another year has slipped by and I would like to make my comments, hopefully for a clearer understanding amongst us. In my view the overall performance of our committee at the various functions and events organised during the past year have mainly been very commendable.

We had a considerable number of events and I note quite a few at the Bowls Club. Whilst it has many an advantage, with nice venue to boot, it has also a few drawbacks, particularly when it is too far away for a significant number of active members.

To my mind the major successes of the year were the annual camp, 35th anniversary celebrations, the dinner dance with the Sri Lankan Band "Wild Fire", the Inter-Club Cricket, ably handled by our club, and the Golden Years. Several other events, social and sport-wise, were certainly thoroughly enjoyed by those in attendance. The organising of all these many events do not fall out of the sky and I think it is very appropriate that we as members spontaneously acknowledge the untiring efforts of our president and most of his very capable committee during the year under review. It was also most promising to see that for the first time ever the young members of the club got together to organise a function which catered for the younger age group.

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It's disappointing that not all committee members gave of their best and I trust next year the task of leading our club in to the future will not rest with only a handful of staunch and willing people. May I also say that we ought to be thankful for the unstinting support of several non-committee members in the past year.

As we face the dawn of a new year for the Silver Fawn Club let us genuinely reach out to each other forgetting the petty bickering that might be within us and hopefully succeed in striving to raise this club to greater heights. After all, life is too short!

With sincere best wishes to the Committee of Management.

Spencer Herft

Dear Gerard

We refer to a letter addressed to you by Francois Prins and published in the Jan/Feb 2006 issue of the Silverscene.

We are deeply offended by his remark "It was disappointing that all the able bodied life members were absent and were not supporting the club, OUR CLUB, on the night of it's "premier event" and comment as follows:

To single out and blame the life members for a poor attendance at this function was pathetic. And to accuse us of lack of support reveals complete ignorance of the history of the club and our efforts over at least 25 years—where were you then Francois Prins? His description of "able bodied" is too ridiculous to warrant a comment. Whether we attend a function or not is our choice and no business of Francois Prins.

It was in the poorest taste that you and your committee approved the publishing of a letter with such comments and if this is the level we have now dropped to it seems the standard set by our efforts have been in vain.

We trust that the President and Committee of Management would in future refrain from contributing to any personal attacks on any particular member or members by publishing such trash.

In conclusion we wish our club continued success in the future and trust you would be honourable enough to publish this letter in the next issue of the Silverscene.

Eustace Fernando, Leslie Ephraims, Albert Schokman, Cherry Schokman, Eric Ferdinands, Dennis Noble, Audley Fernando

Letter to the editor

The fancy dress party was one of the best that I have ever been to. It was so well organised. We had fun from the time we walked in, looking at people with unusual and colourful costumes. The raffle was never ending; all the tables had a chance of winning something.

Kids were watching movies and meanwhile enjoying pizza and ice cream. They too were dressed in different costumes and performed so well at the parade.

I'd like to thank Isidore, Ruvan, Egerton and Herby for the well organised evening. Next time, if you are there, we will be there. It was a job well done.

Ajith Rivera

(Note: This letter was sent following the Fancy Dress Night held in November 2005. We apologise for the delay in publishing it)

At the opening of the recent sale held by furniture manufacturers Vincent Raux and Sons, the following speech was made by Trilby Misso. Trilby has been the Honorary Solicitor of our club for many years. Many of our members would be taken back to days gone by with his words:

"Ladies and Gentleman, Mr. Gerard Fernando has conferred on me the honour of formally opening this wonderful furniture display. Before I formally open this display or make any reference to it, I would like to quote for you, the opinion of some of the great travelers and poets alike.

Marco Polo 13th Century:

"On leaving the island of Andaman and sailing a thousand miles a little south of west, the traveller reaches Ceylon, which is undoubtedly the finest island of it's size in all the world....the island produces more beautiful and valuable rubies than are found in any part of the world, and likewise sapphires, topazes, amethysts, garnets and many other previous and costly stones....."

George Bernard Shaw

"I was convinced that Ceylon is the cradle of the human race because everybody there looks an original. All other nations are obviously mass produced."

Mark Twain on his first glimpse of Sri Lanka in the course of a round-the-world cruise in 1896 "Dear me, it is beautiful! And most sumptuously tropical as to character of foliage and opulence of it"

I quote these people because we Sri Lankans who have lived in Sri Lanka for many years are inclined to take the place for granted. It is an unique island and we should be endeavour to return it to its pristine glory.

We, that is you and I, left the country of our birth and emigrated to Australia because we saw the writing on the wall. I did not, and confident you too did not, blame the Sinhalese for wanting to manage their own country. At the same time, we must realize there was a political party in Sri Lanka showing signs of coming into power to deliberately discriminate against the other nations by making the Sinhalese their national language. They did make Sinhalese the national language, they did discriminate against the other races resulting in a long, bloody civil war. After our departure fro the Sri Lanka, the island deteriorated. At sometime there seemed to be a recovery when several countries, both foreign and local, commenced industrializing the place by manufacturing various goods. Sri Lanka then made a reasonable recovery. Unfortunately however, these industries for some reason or other, transferred their activities to India resulting in another slump in Sri Lanka.

Vincent Raux & Sons Pty Ltd seem to be making a bold effort to effect recovery of Sri Lankan industries. Their work presented to us today is a trademark of their efficiency. In addition to furniture there are several items of crockery on display. The crockery is 1st class. I sincerely hope that this is the dawn of a new Sri Lanka.

I congratulate Vincent Raux & Sons for their effort and wish them every success both in Australia and other parts of the world.

Thanks for paying attention to me. All the best."





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From the Family Kitchen

Most of you would have had "Murunga" (Drumsticks) prepared as a curry but here is an out-of-the-ordinary recipe for preparing it as a baked dish – (For those of you not familiar with these Drumsticks - it's an Asian vegetable, no part of the Fowl!)

Also, an interesting pickle recipe - If green mangoes are hard to find right now, make sure you try this at the start of the next season.

BAKED MURUNGA (Drumsticks)

(Serves 4-6)

11/2 kg tender drumsticks50g grated cheese1 cup milkSalt & pepper25g butter1 onion sliced25g flour2 tomatoes chopped

- Clean the drumsticks and cut into pieces.
- Boil until tender and scrape out the flesh. Discard any hard seeds.
- Make a thick white sauce with the butter, flour and milk. Season with salt & pepper and mix in most of the cheese.
- In a pan, heat 2 teaspoons butter and sauté the onions. Add the tomatoes and sauté until soft.
- Add this mixture to the white sauce.

Pour into a greased heat-proof dish, sprinkle with remaining cheese and bake in a moderate oven of 180C for 20-25 minutes.



FRESH PRAWNS, MANGO AND DRY FISH PICKLE

(Serves 6)



3 green unripe mangoes peeled and grated 225g boiled prawns 2 teaspoons chillie powder 50g dried fish washed and lightly roasted 1tablespoon chopped onion 2 cloves garlic
1/2 teaspoon mustard seeds
1 tablespoon tamarind puree or lime
2 tablespoons oil
Salt to taste

- Fry mustard seeds in oil until they burst, add onions, garlic and grated mango.
- Add flaked dried fish, prawns, chillie powder, tamarind and salt.
- Add ½ teaspoon sugar if desired.
- Cook for a few minutes and remove from heat.

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