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Dates For Your Diany

2007

November 10th Club Night

December 1st Golden Years Christmas Party

December 15th Children's Party &

Christmas Carols

December 31st New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

2008

January 19th Have-A-Chat Party

February 16th Valentines Night



A Christmas Wish

The Gift of God's Love

Born in a manger at Christmas

as a gift from the Father above

An Infant, whose name was called Jesus

Brought mankind, the Gift of God's Love

May the Love and Peace which sent the Christ Child

to that humble manger live in your hearts

this Christmas and through the New Year.

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Reports on Functions

ELECTRONIC ACCESS OF THE NEWSLETTER

Due to ever increasing costs in the printing and mailing of the Club Newsletter, a decision was reached

by the Committee to once again make an earnest appeal to all members who are able to access each issue electronically, to please contact any member of the Committee, so that their names may be deleted from the mailing list - you will advised on how to access the Newsletter. Your cooperation and support will certainly be appreciated.

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DEADLINE Friday, 18 January, 2008.

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



Message from the Vice President...

Dear fellow members,

The task of writing a brief message to all of you has been kindly given to me on this occasion, and, before I present my overview, I would like to thank you for your confidence in me by supporting my nomination and electing me to the Committee this year. It is with great pleasure and pride that I undertake all my responsibilities and feel honored to serve you to the best of my ability. I am extremely confident that with the talents within our ranks, and the ranks of the current Committee, the necessary experience, skills and drive are amply available to benefit us all.

Once again, the Festive Season is fast approaching and all our coordinators of events are extremely busy with what needs to be done. They would sincerely appreciate any advice or assistance offered in planning for these functions

Your support and patronage is earnestly sought with regards to our forthcoming events such as the Club night on 10th November, Golden Years Christmas Party on 1st December, the Children's party and Christmas Carols on 15th December, and of course the New Years Eve Dance. All the necessary details are listed in our regular Newsletters for your information and expedience.

We desperately need volunteers for our Choir for the Christmas Carols Service. Please contact the relevant coordinators with your thoughts and suggestions and assure them of your support. Details are in the Newsletter.

We also need your cooperation in timely ticket purchases and early notifications of your intentions to attend these functions, particularly from a planning and catering point of view. It is most gratifying to have had your support in recent times, and the results and successful outcomes, speak for themselves. The success of the recently concluded events such as the Northside /Southside Cricket match and Food Fair, the Fancy dress and dance competition, the Club nights and Karaoke night, is ample evidence of this claim.

The popularity of the Golden Years Christmas Party and the New years Eve Dance is escalating rapidly, and due to space restrictions in particular, I strongly recommend that you get in early and reserve your tickets, when they become available and avoid disappointment. I think that I can boldly say that the Silver Fawn Club has earned an enviable reputation for its ability to launch functions of a high quality through the years and together we intend to continue to do so in the future. I thank you in advance for your assistance.

Romany and I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you and all your loved ones a Holy, safe, and happy Festive Season and we look forward to seeing you at all of our planned functions.

Thank you.

Neville Shedden



<u>Just the two of them....the dynamic duo - our Vice Presidents</u> <u>Sid Shedden & Neville Shedden in profile</u>



Sid Shedden married Pauline Keegel in 1966 before her parents and nine siblings migrated to Australia. They had a son, Frederick in Ceylon, in 1967 and migrated to Australia in 1968 and settled in the Melbourne suburbs. They had two daughters Louise and Charmaine in the next couple of years. They now have nine grandchildren. Sid joined the Public Service that year and transferred to what is now called Telstra in 1974. He was a member of the Crest Social (Golf) Club for a number of those years in Victoria, and the Secretary for two years. Neighbourhood Watch was another of his interests, where he was the newsletter editor in North

Dandenong and Treasurer in Glasshouse Mountains NHW. More recently, he was the Treasurer of the Multicultural Association of Caboolture Shire Inc. for two years.

Sid took early retirement from his position of Administration Manager with the Information Technology Group in Telstra in 1994, when Pauline had a health scare. They moved to the Glasshouse Mountains in Queensland at the end of that year.

They were introduced to the Silver Fawn Club by Sid's sister, Marie Kellar and her husband Colin and have been fairly active members of the Club since. A few years ago they were concerned about the activities of the Club and the direction in which the Club appeared to be heading, so Sid along with others nominated for positions on the Committee. The success of their nominations and some of the events the Club has had since, appear to support their resolve to give back to the members some of the gains it makes from its operations. Sid will continue to serve the Club and its members, with these goals in mind for as long as he remains on the Committee.

Neville Shedden was born in Kandy, in Sri Lanka but lived most of his life in Colombo. He attended St Mary's School, Dehiwela, and completed his Education in St Patricks College, Jaffna.

Neville had a natural affinity for sports in general, however, he later was known for his Rugby career, both with the Ceylon Army and All-Ceylon teams.



Neville retired from the Ceylon Army and migrated to Australia in 1972, with his pregnant wife Romany and four year old son, James, and later was blessed with their daughter, Suzanne. They settled down in Sydney where Neville worked in the New South Wales Police Service, in the Administrative sector for twenty five years. They came to Redcliffe on a holiday, and loved the place so much that they decided to retire in Oueensland.

Neville is a retired sportsman, however, under pressure from his wife, Romany, he has now been transformed into a Musical Entertainer, and they are known as "Stardust".

Neville remembers the first Have-a Chat party they attended in 1997 at St Barnabas Hall, Sunnybank. They were very impressed with the concepts of the Silver Fawn Club and decided to join as members, and have been members ever since. Prior to being on the current Committee, Neville was a Committee member in 2003. Neville's vision for the Club is that it continues to maintain the service levels and standards for its membership for which the Club is renowned.

CLUB NIGHT



Saturday 10 November 2007 7.00 p.m. onwards

Ithaca Bowls Club, Fulcher Road, Red Hill

Music by DJ "Foxy Music" (Ty Fox)

Tickets:

Members: \$16.00 Guests: \$20.00 Students: \$12.00

(Dinner - Noodles (Sri Lankan Style) Beef Curry, Potato Fry, Seeni Sambol, Chutney & Dessert)

(Drinks at Bowls Club Prices)

To book your tickets please contact:

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(no later than Wednesday 7 November)

Functions in brief Please see the Christmas Supplement included with this Newsletter for more details. All functions will be held at the Ithaca Bowls Club, Fulcher Road, Red Hill.



Saturday 1 December 2007 6.00 pm to 11.00 pm Tickets: Members \$20.00 Guests: \$25.00





Children's Christmas Party

Saturday 15 December 2007 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm

Cost: \$12.50 (first child)
\$10.00 (each additional child)
- includes gift, entertainment, food and drink

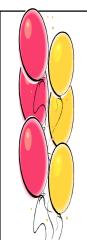




"Joy to the World" An evening of Christmas Carols & Pageant

Saturday 15 December 2007 7.00 p.m.





New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

Monday, 31 December 2007 7.00 p.m. - 1.00 a.m.

Tickets:

Members: \$45.00 Guests: \$50.00 Students: \$20.00

Children: \$10.00 (U/12 yrs- Pizza dinner)



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"Have-A-Chat" Par

(Make new friends and catch up with old friends)

Saturday 19 January 2008 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Ithaca Bowls Club, 22 Fulcher Road, Red Hill

Morning Tea & Lunch provided

* Raffle * Bingo

* Sing-a-long

Guests: \$10.00 Members: \$8.00



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(no later than Tuesday 15 January)



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NEW MEMBERS

The Management Committee wish to extend a warm welcome to the



following new members. We look forward to your support and patronage at our functions and hope you will have a long association with the Club and that you receive the same enjoyment and pleasure it has been able to provide to many of our members these past 37 years.

Aaron & Juliet Kitto

WIFE VS. HUSBAND

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position.

As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, Relatives of yours?" Yep," the wife replied, "in-laws."

SENIORS' FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Roma Street Parklands together with the weather, provided a perfect setting for 33 club members to enjoy their "Picnic in the Park". The group was compatible and enthusiastic – a sure guarantee of a positive outcome.

On arrival to the BBQ area, morning tea was served. Pauline's delicious Sri Lankan Butter Cake, together with Sara Lee orange cake and biscuits, went down well with freshly brewed coffee and tea.

An interesting and informative guided walking tour to the spectacular 'Spectacle Garden' provided opportunity for fellowship and exploration of that special place. The few who were reluctant to undertake the walk were treated to a trackless-train ride through the Parklands. Then followed lunch – curry rolls catered by Roseanna. Lois and Deanna added sandwiches to the menu, after which tea and coffee supplemented by Heather's specialty Milk Fudge, hit the right spot!

During lunch we had the added pleasure of the company of our own Bob Dobbs, Curator of the Parklands, who further enlightened us on the mysteries of gardening. A sing-a-long of old favourites ended a lovely day, funded entirely by our Club.

Deanna Misso

Pictures taken at the Parklands. More pictures can be viewed on the Club's website - www.silverfawn.com



A Sri Lankan tree found at the Parklands the botanical name is 'Lagerstroemia Speciosa', and the common name is 'Queen's Crepe Myrtle'.







Article sent in by Shirley Philpott

A Day Out with the "Young at Heart"

Thursday, 20th September dawned clear and sunny. A group of us were meeting at Roma Street Station and then proceeding on to the Roma Street Parklands. Deanna Misso and Susan Fahir had arranged the morning tea and lunch. There was plenty of hot water as this is one of the on site amenities for picnicers.

The Curator of the Parklands, Bob Dobbs, came with a Volunteer. Bob is a Sri Lankan and an ex planter so has a mountain of horticultural knowledge. It was arranged that he would come back at lunch time and give us a talk about the gardens and answer any questions that we may have for him. The more energetic members went with the Volunteer on a walk to the Spectacle Gardens - those of us who were not so energetic went on the train. This is a wooden train and carriages with rather narrow seats!! I took the tour by train and we covered a greater area of the park, passing by the Spectacle Gardens and through the rain forest and arid areas with their crows nest, stag and elk horn ferns, and many varieties of succulent plants in the arid gardens. There were many varieties of palm trees and I saw for the first time the Fox tail Palm. There was a very comprehensive commentary telling us about the plants and points of interest as we went along. Both parties got back to base at about the same time.

Time for a drink and chat, then lunch, which was very nice - thank you Ladies. Bob Dobbs kept his word and returned to talk to us about the park and its history.

The park is built on the site of the old Roma Street marshalling goods and markets, it incorporates the historic Albert Park which was developed in the early days of Brisbane settlement. There are 16 hectares of Gardens and is the largest sub tropical garden in a city centre and was developed by the Queensland Government in 2000.

There are more than 1800 unique species of plants to be seen in the Parkland, some unique to Queensland. You will also discover various fauna that make the Parklands their home.

We also learnt that the spring after which the suburb was named had dried up years ago due to the building and development of the area.

We ended a very enjoyable time with a sing song by the few stalwarts.

Thank you to all who made it a very enjoyable day and I hope there will be more of the kind.

Words - A husband read an article to his wife about how many words women use a day... 30,000 to a man's 15,000. The wife replied, "The reason has to be because we have to repeat everything to men... The husband then turned to his wife and asked, "What?"

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God may have created man before woman, but there is always a rough draft before the masterpiece.

REPORT ON THE KARAOKE & FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The Karaoke and Dance night was held on 29th September at the Ithaca Bowls Club. The evening was very successful and was attended by over 100 members and guests.

It was a splendid night kicked off after a few initial sound hiccups.

Lorraine Tucker & Andy Weerasinghe were the entertaining MCs for the evening. Very soon there were plenty of people with fantastic voices singing their favourite songs. There were some sensational singers who could very well participate in Australian Idol but the winners on the night were Cecilia Keen, Brad Wright and Selina Tucker who won the junior prize.

To top off the evening, an excellent buffet was provided by Peter Hapuarachchi of Samagi Catering.

The Karaoke session was wound down after dinner and there was non-stop music provided for dancing by DJ Andy until after midnight.

Our sincere thanks go to the Lorraine & Herby Tucker and Basheer Omar. A big thank you also to everybody else who helped on the day in numerous ways.

Function Sub-Committee

REPORT ON THE HAVE A CHAT PARTY

The Have A Chat Party held on Saturday, October, 6th was another success story in keeping with the Club's recent events and activities. 55 of the Club's young at heart and some younger members enjoyed a great time out. Among the organised activities were the regular bingo games run by Marie and Neville and a Tupperware demonstration conducted by Meuris Gonsalves. These are good numbers compared with past Have A Chats but we could do with a few more as we miss some of the other regular attendees. Perhaps we could arrange car pools to ensure that all those who want to attend can get there. Please contact one of the committee members if you need a lift or can help with transport for future events.

The cost of the party was kept to the minimum thanks mainly to the low cost catering supplied by Pauline Shedden with the able assistance of Amali Fernando. The catering however was of a high standard in quality and taste, as we have grown to expect from the Club's catering regulars. The menu consisted of Noodles, with vegetables and three meats, Sweet & Sour Pork, Beef Curry & Chicken stir fry, followed by a dessert of home made Fruit Salad & Ice Cream A butter cake was provided for morning tea and Meuris made a cake for sampling to demonstrate the versatility of the Tupperware products.



Report on the Northside/Southside Cricket Match & Food fair - 14 October

It gives me great pleasure to submit this report, as in my opinion, it was certainly a resounding success, both from a view point of a sporting fete and a magnificent display of gourmet foods and spices. The excellent attendance of players and spectators and their eagerness and support on the day has certainly strengthened my resolve to recommend the continuation of this event in future years.

The Cricket match commenced at 11.00 am, with the Southside winning the toss and electing to bat. They reached a score of 74, with Shawn Van Velzon top scoring with a hard hitting 19 runs. Aaron Kitto, with a haul of 3 for 1 run, was the best bowler for the Northside.

The North side responded with a staunch 72 runs, with Damian Fernando scoring a stubborn 14 runs. Robin Carlow was the best of the bowlers with a haul of 3 wickets for 6 runs. Whilst the honors of the day certainly went to the South side team by a mere 2 runs, the competition was fierce with some magnificent displays of fielding and bowling from players of both sides. The award winners of the day were as follows:

Team winners, South side, with Shawn Van Velzon taking out the best batsman's trophy, Robin Carlow the best bowlers trophy and the best fielders trophy going to Michael Dharmaratne.

The North side trophy winners were as follows. The best batsman was Damian Fernando, the best bowler was Aaron Kitto and the best fielder was Sid Shedden.

My sincere thanks goes to the two team Captains, Herbie Tucker and Ruvan Dharmaratne, for their assistance and control of the game and also to all the food stall holders for their efforts in making this event a great success.

I certainly must applaud and thank all the members and guests who attended and patronized this event and I am confident that the day was enjoyed by all.

Colin Kellar Club Captain

Have a laugh....



"Okay your father managed to get a mouse. Now how do we use it?"





Pictures from the Fancy Dress Night held in August....





Sri Lankan stars in Lancashire Leagues

Pathirana smashes 277 in Twenty20 onslaught Cricinfo staff September 5, 2007

Sri Lankan first-class player Dhanuka Pathirana scored a remarkable 277 off 72 balls in a Twenty20 match in Lancashire's Saddleworth League to steer his Austerlands side to 366 for 2 and an easy win over Droylsden. Pathirana smashed 29 sixes and 18 fours in his onslaught. "Everything seemed to hit the middle," Pathirana, who had to borrow a bat as he had left his at home, said. "I was seeing it like a football. It was like a dream ... I think I did some serious damage to some of the vehicles in the car park."



Dhanuka Pathirana: 29 sixes and 18 fours in his onslaught ©

"It was unbelievable," Austerlands' Andy Young told the Manchester Evening News. "Dhanuka normally bats at No. 3 but we needed to up our run rate to reach the semi-finals, so we asked him to open and said to him: 'Just go for it'. And he certainly did.

"It was scary to watch and it wasn't on one of the smaller grounds in our league. He is one of those guys who we always knew was capable of a massive innings, but this was incredible."

Article sent in by a member.

SWEET PO TATERS

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work. They are called "Spec Taters".

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called "Comment Taters".

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands. They are called "Dick Taters".

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot or too cold, too sour or to sweet. They are called "Agie Taters".

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help. They are called the "Hezzie Taters".

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. The are called the "Immy Taters".

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others. They are called "Sweet PO Taters".



Save Trees - and save yourself money

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I have been concerned for many years about how we waste paper by buying notebooks which are soon used up and by making notes, shopping lists, reminders, etc., on good paper which we then throw away.

Also, notes on scraps of paper, or on old envelopes, often get lost.

To help, I have invented an everlasting notebook. It uses specially treated paper and a special pen so you can write in it and then erase with a damp cloth (we supply the pen and the cloth!). This means you can reuse, and reuse, and reuse.

The notebook has sections for Shopping, To do, Birthdays and other important dates, and appointments – plenty of room to record and remember all those important facts, times, and dates. There are even blank pages in case you want to draw pictures or diagrams.

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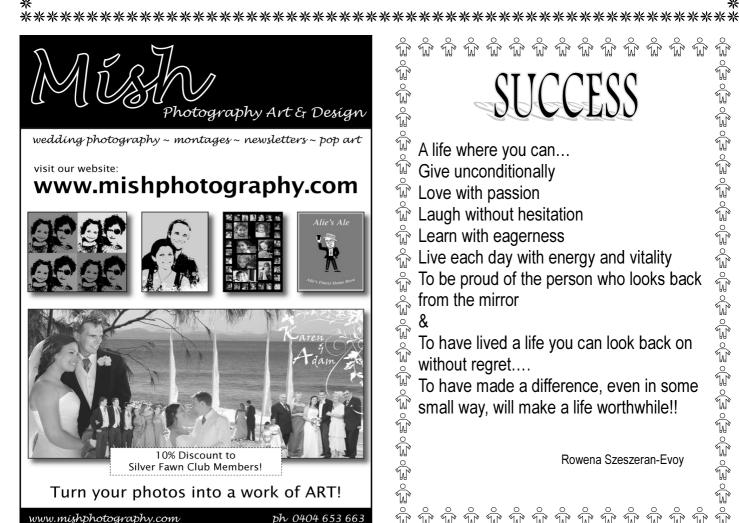
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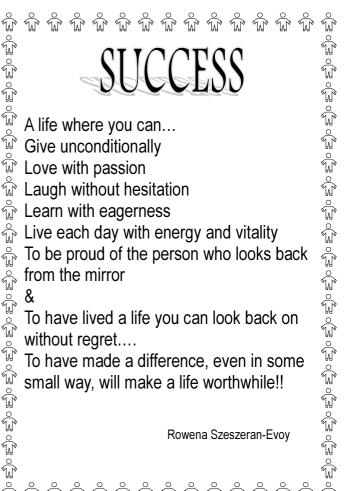
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