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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2nd : Have a Chat 3  
October 9th : Dance Party  
December 4th : Golden Years  
December 18th : Christmas Carols & Kids party  
December 31st : New Year's Eve Dance

## 2011

January 15th : Have a Chat 1  
February 19th : Valentines Dance  
March 12th : Annual General Meeting

The Silver Fawn Club Inc is 40 years (1970-2010)  
Celebrating social & sporting activities, friendship and goodwill.  
Let's get together and join in all the celebrations this year.

Don't forget Have a Chat on 2nd Oct (make your booking with Romaine or Anoma). Also, the Dance Party on 9th October (get your tickets from Ruvan, Herbie, Sandhya or Andy)

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### **DEADLINE: Friday 5 November**

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

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members

It's that time again to pen you a few words about the Club's recent activities and achievements. I like to start with our Anniversary Dinner dance with the Premier Band Gypsies. This function was a sellout and we had approximately 170 members and their guests dancing the night away. The total count was about 540. We were sorry to have refused selling tickets on the day of the function and at the gate due to logistical constraints.

Due to the importance of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this was a function that I hoped to elevate amongst fellow countrymen. The feedback we received throughout and after the function made the effort worthwhile. It is a very big relief now that we have accomplished what we hoped for. Feedback from the band after their 3 week tour is that Brisbane function is one of the best they have participated in recent times. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the Committee members for their support in making this a memorable night. A big thank you also to Laurensz Manricks our MC. Also my sincere thanks go to our members and other friends who helped on the day.

One week before the dance we also had our annual Cricket match, which was absent from our calendar for a few years. This was a wonderful day out for our members. We were provided with Hoppers and String hoppers and other finger food. Our talented Committee members yet again took up the challenge in making most of the food.

I must inform the membership that due to the strict regulations from the Brisbane City Council it was not possible to allow outside catering to be done without an outdoor food license. The cost of getting an out door food license is around \$140. Because we are a nonprofit making organization the Club Committee did not have to get a food license to provide food.

Now that all the major functions are over the committee members are more relaxed and awaiting to organize the other functions. I hope you will join us for our next Have a Chat, Dance Competition, Golden Years function, Christmas party and then the New Year's Eve Dance. I along with the Committee will do our utmost to make it worthwhile for you to attend.

Finally I also like to thank our members who went out of the way to sell and collect ticket money for our Anniversary Dance. Thank you Jeremy Obeysekera, Dhammika Weerasekera and Dilan Perera for your outstanding support. Between yourselves you sold more than 100 tickets and collected the money. The future of our Club will be assured with members like you.

I would like to conclude by saying long live the sprit of The Silver Fawn Club "**fellowship and enjoyment to all members**"

Warm regards

Andy Weerasinghe

## The Gift of Sight

The Lions Club International is collecting used spectacles to give to those in need in the third world. Millions of people in developing nations are pushed deeper into poverty simply because they don't have glasses. They can't learn, because reading is difficult. They can't work to the best of their ability, because they can't see clearly. It costs Lions less than US\$0.08 to provide a pair of recycled eyeglasses and change someone's life.

A single pair of used spectacles CAN change a person's life. Warren Loos, one of our Club members is coordinating the collection. We will have a box at the Ithaca Bowls Club and if you have any used spectacles please drop them in the box next time you attend a function. Thanks.

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## 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 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 40 years.

Patrick & Shyamalie Fernando  
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# REPORT ON THE NORTH SOUTH CRICKET MATCH

The SFC North South Cricket Match took place after a lapse of 4 years. There was much buzz and excitement happening on the field with the young and not so young all getting into the spirit of the game. The cricket match was a real thriller with the South side beating the North side by a smidgeon.

We did not have a huge crowd but those who were there were treated to some delicious food. There were chinese rolls and bread rolls plus a sausage sizzle on offer to feed the hungry. The long line of folk patiently queuing up were served fresh hoppors, string hoppors and mouth watering curries. Needless to say the kids and the youngsters who were there had a ball either playing cricket or just running around and enjoying themselves. The spectators were busy eating, drinking, chatting and of course cheering. All in all, everybody who was there had a relaxing and enjoyable day with perfect Queensland weather. A little bird tells me that there were a few members hobbling around for days after the match!!

**Preethi Weerasinghe**



**Cricket Wisdom:**

The first testicular guard was used in cricket in 1874 and the first helmet was used in 1974.

It took 100 years for men to realise that the brain is also important!!!

## REPORT ON 40TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE WITH GYPSIES

### Oh ! What a night

"Nobody does it as good as Silver Fawn"; "What a great bunch of entertainers the Gypsies are!" These are some of the superlatives & kind words straight from the lips of the 543 happy people who attended the Silver Fawn Club's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance with the Gypsies.

It was not only the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Silver Fawn Club, It happened to be the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year for the Gypsies as well. Mr Entertainment Sunil Perera & his equally talented brother Piyal are from the original line up & we were privileged to have them both entertain us.

The night got underway at 6.30 pm. The Coffee Club Auditorium at the RNA Showgrounds was beautifully decorated by Asela & his Committee comprising of Herby, Basil, Sandhya, Preethi, Anoma, Roshan, Nirosh, Romaine and Lorraine.

The Gypsies started their first session & the crowd responded immediately by getting on the dance floor. They played a wide array of music new & old comprising of slow ballads, soft rock, pop, jive, reggae, waltz & baila. There was a great response from the crowd for all four sessions & the Gypsies agreed to play for 15 extra minutes after midnight to accommodate all the requests . They would have loved to have played on if not for the restrictions imposed by RNA. Whenever the Gypsies took a break Ty Fox provided music for those who wished to dance on.

After the first dance session the President made a welcome speech & the huge Anniversary cake was cut by all the Founder Members, Life Members and past Presidents of the Silver Fawn Club. Dinner was served after the second dance session. The sumptuous buffet dinner was tastefully presented by Gune & his hard working team. There was a wide variety of food & plenty for everyone.

To the sceptics who said this would be a baila night you were wrong as the Gypsies played a wide variety of music & all those who attended were truly entertained. For those who called after the cut off date & missed out on this great night we are sorry. Silver Fawn functions are always well patronised & most of our night functions are sold out. Please get your tickets early for our future functions as soon as they are announced in the Newsletter & avoid disappointment.

Finally a big thank you to the organising committee & all 540 of you who attended & made this a truly memorable event. This was a night that will be long remembered.

**Ruvan Dharmaratne**

Do not say, 'It is morning,' and dismiss it with a name of yesterday. See it for the first time as a newborn child that has no name.

Rabindranath Tagore



# PHOTOS FROM GYPSIES DANCE



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# PHOTOS FROM GYPSIES DANCE





# CLUB CHATTER

## Sample of letters received re Gypsies Dance:

Hello Asela and Ruvan,

This small note is to thank you and your committee for a great night. I know the work involved and the dedication required to put up such a show.

All our committee members and their spouses from the Sri Lanka Sports Association had a great time! Congratulations to everyone who contributed. Best regards,

Jayantha  
For Sri Lanka Sports Association of Qld Inc.

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Gentlemen

Many congratulations to the team, It was a fantastic night. The music, food and the bar facilities were all great. I sincerely hope that this wonderful effort is appreciated by the S/L community. Best Regards,

Michael.

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Dear Andy and Preethi

Congratulations !! WE had a marvelous time . Music was good, food was good . The service was very good , the used plates and glasses were removed very quickly ( I hate sitting in front of a used plate ).

And I liked the attention to detail – the light effects. It looked as if you used the lights from the Hall for which you have to pay. Good that you didn't try to save money there. It gave a very good dance effects. Many people try to cut corners and spoil the Ambience. Its okay not spending too much money on the table décor because the lights compensated for that . Only hitch was the raffle took too long .I have to admire

how the Gypsies walked onto stage as it was finishing ,ready to start . Impressive, because big bands don't do that easily

I am sure you had enough numbers to cover your cost . Most functions these days – one pays a lot and either the food is bad or not sufficient time to dance due to various reasons , but this function was worth the money we paid . Loved it.

Regards  
Aruni and Gerard .

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Dear Preethi & Asela

Thank you very much for a very enjoyable evening with the Gypsies. Your committee had done a wonderful job of organising such a large event. We enjoyed the hospitality and the decorations that greeted us on arrival and were really entertained by the band. No wonder they have retained their popularity for 40 years. I still remember dancing to their music as a teenager, in the 70's! Keep up the good work and good luck to the club that has kept their popularity for 40 years!

Regards,  
Tami

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Hats off Andy. Had the guts to take the risk and paid off. Well organised and executed.

Cheers mate  
PK

## CALLING ALL BISHOPIONS

A get together for old girls of Bishops College is being planned. If there are Club members who are Bishopians or you know of anyone who attended BC please contact Lalani (3808 1949) or Preethi (3841 5757).

## Christmas Carols—December 18th

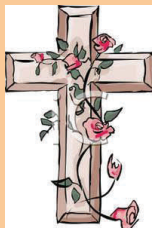
The Club's Christmas Carols will be on December 18th and Laurensz Manricks will once again coordinate the Carols program. The Committee is also finalising plans to ensure a most memorable night full of Christmas spirit and cheer is hand by all—more details will be available in our next Newsletter.

In the meantime, please put this date in your calendar and please also contact Laurensz on 07 3455 2128 or email: laurensz.manricks@team.telstra.com if you are able to give a little bit of your time to be involved in the Carols program. All help is greatly appreciated.

## Obituaries

### At Rest on 22nd July 2010

Vernon Noel **KELLY**, husband of Maureen, father of Vanessa Ohlmus and Nigel Kelly, brother of Brenda (Girlie) deceased, William deceased, Vena deceased, Malcolm deceased, Monica deceased, Douglas deceased and Penhrod.



Nissanka **WEERARATNA**, Retired High Court Judge. Dearly beloved husband of Chandrika, father of Mahila, Madara and Sanath, father-in-law of Mahilal, Dissa and Ronali, grandfather of Dinesh, Dilshan, Dilukshi, Harendra, Aroshan, Mishan, Rowena and Rochika, great grandfather of shayhan passed away peacefully on 24th July 2010.





## Some light reading.....

### The following article was sent by our member Claude Gonsalves:

Colombo (AsiaNews) – The Church in Sri Lanka is celebrating the 270th anniversary of the death of Fr Jacome Gonsalves (1676-1742), considered the “father of Catholic literature in Sri Lanka”, and the 300th anniversary of the birth of Blessed Joseph Vaz, viewed as the founder of the Catholic Church in the island nation. Fr Gonsalves played a crucial role in the spread of the Catho-

lic faith in Sri Lanka by writing for the first time religious texts in Sinhalese and Tamil, thus enabling the local population to learn and adopt the Catholic faith. In addition to some 20 religious books, he also published a catechism.

This year is also the 300th anniversary of the birth of Fr Joseph Vaz, “the Apostle of Ceylon”, beatified in 1995 by John Paul II.

Born in 1651 when Sri Lanka was a Dutch colony, the blessed Vaz was a priest who consolidated the Catholic Church at a

time when the official religion was Calvinism and Catholics were subjected to widespread persecution.

“We can consider the Blessed Joseph Vaz and Fr Jacome Gonsalves, his most famous disciple, as the founders of the Catholic Church in Sri Lanka,” said Fr Alex Dassanayake, member of the Joseph Vaz Anniversary Committee, in a statement published yesterday in The Messenger, Colombo’s Catholic weekly.

“The people of his day considered Father Vaz a saint,” Fr Dassanayake said.

“Unfortunately, we have not sufficiently worked for his speedy canonisation.”

In order to celebrate the two anniversaries, a national service is planned at the national basilica of Our Lady of Lanka in Tewatte.

Meetings and catechism lectures have been organised to raise awareness about the Blessed Joseph Vaz. In addition, prayers and special hymns will be held after Sunday functions in each of the country’s diocese and parish.

### Bowling without Umpires - recent article by Captain Elmo Jayawardena

Currently it is all cricket and cricket in Sri Lanka and the theme is in full swing with the Indians, the Kiwis and us playing musical chairs as to who would be lime-lighting in Rangiri Dambulla or on the Dialog TV screens. If time permits, this is great entertainment. Amidst the ball and willow trend we saw the greatest of them all bowling his farewell overs in Galle and retiring into a glorious sunset, giving a crystal clear lesson to everyone on what greatness is and how professionals behave especially when twined with humility.

Yes! It is only at the going down of the sun one would know how beautiful the day has been; Mr. Muthiah Muralitharan played the best and walked tall to a sunset filled with glory, his dignity totally intact.

I wonder what he would have said if he had to bowl without umpires? 800 wickets in the bag and the name embossed in gold in the record books, it would be interesting to know how he would have fared if there was none to judge “out” or “not-out.”

From the dawn of independence to the day I am writing this article in 2010 we Sri Lankans have been bowling without umpires. Lend me your ears dear readers, my aviation sodden scatter brain still has some notions left that I need to share with you. Look back and give it a thought, ours has been a sojourn of only bowling, demon fast bowling, spinners twisting and the medium paces revelling in accuracy. We have all bowled our hearts out in this paradise island where the “powers that be” batsmen have hammered us to all corners of the field in gay abandon simply because these matches

of my imagination never had umpires. True or false? Let’s take a look.

Talk about judge-less cricket, that’s what we are playing and it has become so common that “no umpire” existence has become a way of life in Sri Lanka. The funny part is - bad enough there is no man to judge, but the field placing too is done by the batsman himself so that he can wriggle his singles or cover drive at will or leg glance through gaps that had been created in the system purely for the benefit of the batsman.

The cheering squads too who fill the stands add to the dilemma of the bowler. They cheer loud and clear, the minions who are peripheral at best; the ship’s cabin boy licking the ship’s cat. Haven’t we seen all this before?

A young girl with a degree laments to me. She has been sponsored by an organisation I am associated with. “Sir, can you get me a job even to work as a domestic help looking after children?” She hails from the pavements of poverty, father dead, mother sick, breadwinner with a degree and no place to win her bread. What kind of bowling is she doing? Where is the umpire for her? Going for tertiary education wrapped in rags and fostering hopes for four years to come out of the university and pick gold from the streets like Dick Wittington did. She certainly is bowling on a dead wicket to a field placed by the batsman and none to judge the right or wrong of her tragic tale?

Is this isolated? Not by a long shot. It is the systems that came to life from 1948 to date that had strangled the denizen of paradise and placed this young girl on a possible path of suicide.

Of course there is always the show, the hora umpires who when supposed to raise fingers say “nay” to the whims and fancies of

puppetries that come in all classes and all places. That too is the system. All aimed at ridiculing the rights of the ordinary which has become the often spoken lingua franca, so much so the resilient Sri Lankan knows no better and has accepted the inevitable or is converting to accept the worse without protest.

Most of us by now have learnt to laugh like clowns and cheer in counterfeit as there is no other game at the Oval of life. Not for Sri Lankans unless you are on the batting side.

Don’t blame the present Government; blame all governments and the big guns and the big names that fired “puss wedi” in the name of democracy throughout our independent walk. Paths of progress that we inherited sixty years ago got weed clogged by the negligence of the leaders. They have all chipped in to bring this “no umpire” situations that are a plague to our paradise. Each had weaved a few shreds into the whole cloth that shrouds the shame. Accountability has been erased or subtracted and replaced with batsmen who score at will. They attack through fieldsmen they themselves placed and knowing there would be no LBW, no stumping or caught behind the wicket and even if they are yoked and clean bowled Malinger style, the claim is always available that it was a “no ball.”

Are there answers to these one sided cricket matches? Yes, of course the solutions are always there for man’s mismanagement of event, be it secular, religious, ethnic or political. The need is for the “mere culpa” to be a visible feature, admitted or forced to admit so that the ones who erred know there is a reckoning and perhaps some retribution. Or better still, if umpires are appointed at all levels so that there is a system of appeal to the frustrated bowler.

The miracle year has come and gone. The last bullet was fired at the Nandikadal lagoon and the promise of dawn for a better day became the hope of everyone. The battle scared climb out of poverty was a sure step for prosperity and bowlers like you and me got ready to bowl as we’ve done so many times before.

Did it happen, or is it happening? I really don’t know.

And we hope for the umpires to come to the field wearing their “Fly Emirates” white coats and fair play dominating their minds. Let them be ready to raise the finger at the irresponsible batsman. Let those who bowl in the shadows of gutter-glitter be given a fair deal in life and not be exploited at every street corner. Gallery ballads we’ve seen enough, they shower and shine and leave us none the wiser. Reality is a bigger picture that should be handled by bigger men who see bigger visions for the country. Let life go on, in this paradise land and let the umpiring begin. This is a golden opportunity Sri Lanka has earned for a golden era to arrive. We are all ready to bowl; we only need an appealing path that respects the scales of justice.

Muthaiya Muralitharan is gone, retired; even his incomparable magnificence needed umpires. Yes, they may make their mistakes and call “out” what is not or refuse a “right” appeal. But that is all in the game, as long as we have someone to judge reasonably when we bowl.

Count your paces and measure your run-up and shine the ball and bowl: I like to think the umpires will soon be in place. At least I still have hope.

If not we will be playing one sided cricket all our lives leaving the legacy for the generations to come, irrespective of the political winds that change.



# From the Kitchen.....



## Cinderella Soup (Pumpkin Soup)

This recipe was kindly sent by one of our Club members, Sandy Quirk.

### Ingredients:

- |   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1 kg. Pumpkin   | 4 cups water              |
| 1 large onion (chopped)                                 | 1 teaspoon sugar          |
| 1 large potato (chopped)                                | Salt & pepper             |
| 2 ozs. Butter (2 tablespoons)                           | Grated nutmeg             |
| 4 chicken cubes (recommend chicken noodle soup instead) | Cream (approx. 1/3rd cup) |
|   | Milk (approx. 2 cups)     |
|   | Chopped parsley           |

### Method:

Heat butter in large saucepan and sauté pumpkin, onion and potato. Cover and cook gently for approximately 5 minutes stirring occasionally. Do not allow vegetables to brown.

Add water, cubes or chicken noodle soup, sugar, salt & pepper, nutmeg. Mix well. Bring to boil. Then reduce heat and simmer until vegetables are tender. Puree vegetables and liquid in electric blender or put through sieve. Return soup to saucepan and add milk and cream. Reheat.

Note: 5 times mixture for boiler.



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