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# **VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE!!**

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Other events coming soon—lock the dates in!

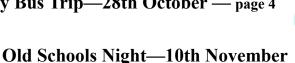
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Reminder—Membership renewals for 2012

If you have not renewed your subscriptions for this year please, do so without delay. Otherwise, much as we dislike losing touch with you, we will be unable to send you any further newsletters.



### **Message from the President**

Greetings dear members!

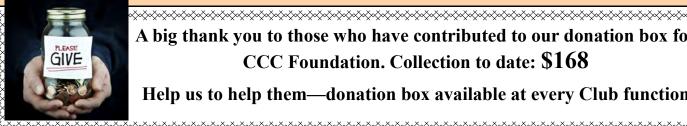
The year is flying past. The Committee continues to work hard on trying to provide the members with the best value possible whilst keeping in mind the need to ensure the future success of the club.

I was sorry I missed the Mad Hatters and Weird Costumes Night, which, by all accounts was quite a riot! It was wonderful to hear that so many people got into the spirit of the night and turned up looking quite weird indeed! It was very pleasing to note the interest shown by non-members, particularly the large group of younger guests. Although the numbers at the Mid-Year dance were low, seeing many people on the dance floor most of the time was a good indication that they were enjoying themselves. We were very pleased to have several people from the CCC Foundation with us at the Mid-Year dance. I hope that Bill Deutrom's words elaborating on the aims of the CCC Foundation will encourage our members and guests to give their generous support to them. I appeal to all our members to join the committee in their quest to support this worthy cause.

I would like to reiterate that without the support of the members, the Club cannot succeed. Some members may be happy to see the Club functioning just for the short term but I took this role on with a view to doing whatever I could to strengthen the longer term future of the Club. Unless there is a willingness from all members to look further than the current year or the next year or two, it could to be a counter-productive exercise. Nevertheless, to the best of my ability, I will persevere with my attempt to make the Club a place for all ages and for all time!

With those goals in mind, much effort has gone into organising activities and benefits for, both, the young and the young at heart. In addition to dances, we are organising an indoor games day and an outdoor family fun day. We are also providing additional benefits to members by way of free advertising, chances to win a fantastic hamper, a chance to be a millionaire (just by reading the newsletter!!) and providing food to suit all palettes! So please make sure you support our efforts by joining in the fun.

I hope to see you all turning up in droves on 25th August when we have our next Club Night. Niranjalie Silva



A big thank you to those who have contributed to our donation box for CCC Foundation. Collection to date: \$168

Help us to help them—donation box available at every Club function

elcome

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 42 years.

Suzie Van Cuylenberg **Winnie & Rohan Wijemanne Kingsley & Elizabeth Henderling Sunil & Geraldine Gooneratne** 

Clement Muthukrishna & Dharshini Buddhadasa

Mark Schrader & Karen Turak

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#### Message from the Management Committee:

We would like to advise the members that Dennis Arnolda has resigned from his role on the General Committee. The committee would like to say a big "Thank You" for his time and efforts in assisting us with our tasks. Dennis has assured us that he will assist whenever he can in an unofficial capacity. We hope he will continue to be the "Photo Catcher" at our functions, capturing all those happy moments!



# VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE!!

# The Silver Fawn Club presents a **CLUB NIGHT**

with a difference...

25th August 2012, 7pm to 11.30pm
At the Red Hill Community Sports Club, 22 Fulcher Road, Red Hill

Experience the flavours from all corners of Sri Lanka - the island paradise!



Come and marvel at the "Fisherman's Wharf" from the South & West

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Combine it all with Rock 'n' Roll dancing to a fabulous selection of music from our DJ

# The selection of food will take you down Memory Lane....

#### Thosai

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Fresh Garden Salad Seeni Sambol Thosai Sambol

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#### **CONTACT:**

Isidore Storey 3805 8018

Niranjalie Silva 3720 9730

Susan Fahir 3878 4782 (A/H)

or any other committee member

Purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Bookings close Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

As it is difficult to provide these two items in large quantities, we will need to limit the servings for each person in order to ensure everyone gets a share.





We will be organising an indoor games day with a variety of fun activities to suit all ages e.g. carrom, cards, draughts, crosswords & other puzzles, contests for the kids and, if possible, table tennis. Food will be available. More details will be provided later but to assist us with planning, please register your interest before 31st August by calling:

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Saturday 6 October 2012 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Red Hill Community Sports Club 22 Fulcher Road, Red Hill

Morning Tea & Stringhopper Buffet Lunch Bingo, Raffles & Sing-a-long

> Members: \$12.50 Guests: \$15.00

For bookings please contact: (no later than Friday 28 September)

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Please contact Romaine or Susan if interested in booking a table to sell items at the "Bring & Buy Sale" e.g. Plants, Sweets, Cakes, Chutneys, Pickles, etc (\$5.00 per stall/table for members)

## **Bus Trip—Sunday 28th October**

Since we have not had our very popular camp for 2 years and as it is many, many years since we went on a bus trip, we are organising a fun day out. We plan to visit Tambourine Mountains (perhaps a winery, if possible) followed by lunch and some fun & games at a fabulous park in Waterford. You will have a load of fun participating in the activities that we will be organising. Walking tracks are available for those who prefer a quiet relaxed time. Kids can have a "ball" in the playground that contains some



exciting and innovative equipment. There is a lovely lake for those keen anglers and a basketball court for hyper-active teenagers! Price will be approx. \$25-\$30 per person. This includes transport, lunch and afternoon tea. It sure is a bargain, don't you think??!! More details will be provided later. Watch this space! To assist us with planning, please register your interest before 31st August. Please call:

Niranjalie Silva 3720 9730

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#### **MEMBERS TRADING POST**



The Management Committee is constantly looking for ways to provide more benefits to our valued members and we are pleased to announce that we have decided to dedicate space in the newsletter as a "Trading Post" for members. The terms and conditions are given below. To kick this off we are offering half a page in the Sep/Oct issue of Silverscene.

- The advertising will be free of charge for financial members of the Silver Fawn Club
- The advertisements should be for personal purposes only. No business advertisements will be accepted.
- The Club accepts no responsibility for items advertised.
- One advertisement per "block" as illustrated below.
- 25 words or less per "block".
- All advertisements will be subject to availability of "blocks". First come, first served!
- The advertisements will not be repeated unless requested. If space is limited, priority will be given to advertisements that have not appeared before.
- Advertisements can be sent to any of the Committee members.
- The deadline for newsletter items as notified in each newsletter will also apply to these advertisements.

Note from Editor: Our thanks go to Vice President, Isidore Storey, for coming up with this fantastic idea.

BUY/SELL/SWAP			
For sale	Wanted to buy	Swap (excluding husbands and wives!!)	
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#### BE IN THE RUNNING FOR THE MONSTER HAMPER.

- Entry is open to all financial members of the Silver Fawn Club.
- Collect your entry tickets to all Silver Fawn Club Functions.
- Write your full name at the back of the ticket.
- Bring all your tickets with you on the day of the draw and drop them into the barrel.
- The winner has to be present to claim the prize and should be a member at the time of the draw. Venue and date of draw will be notified in the newsletter.



# Do not throw your tickets away!



#### Death Notice

Mohamed Hussain Omar, brother of Basheer Omar and brother-in-law of Yvonne, passed away recently in Sri Lanka.

Our sincere sympathies go out to Basheer, Yvonne and family.

#### MAD HATTERS & WEIRD COSTUMES NIGHT—held 26th May 2012

The hall was elegantly decorated with the usual flair and looked great. The tables were adorned with a variety of hats depicting the night's theme. The buffet centre piece, lovingly crafted by Isidore Storey, was in place and looked great. There was a water feature surrounded by a menagerie of fruit characters in a tropical setting.. Arden Foster had set his equipment up and the scene was set for a night of fun and entertainment.

As the guests started filtering in, the chatter escalated and one could sense the excitement building. Music was playing in the background. Things got underway when Arden commenced his music and after a slow start the dance floor was full. It was good to see many people getting into the spirit of the night especially with the attendance of the complete theatre staff of the Gold Coast Hospital or was it Grey's Anatomy, a Mariachi band and various other characters. Even Spiderman & the Hulk were there-little ones.

Dinner was a sumptuous buffet of yellow rice, curries and the usual accompaniments prepared and served by Upamalika and her band of hard workers. From all reports everyone enjoyed the dinner, with some going back for seconds. Raffles were well patronised and many guests went home with a prize. All in all, everyone had a good time thanks to the organising committee - well done!

Dennis Arnolda

(The Committee would like to say a big "Thank You" to Dennis for the fantastic photos)

#### The "Maddest" and the "Weirdest" of them all:

The Best Hat—Cora Steven
The Biggest Hat—Mabel Duncan
The Ugliest Hat—Ben Simmons

The Weirdest Costume (female) - Manique Storey
The Weirdest Costume (male) - Spencer Herft
(photo of winners on page 7—second row—right side)







































#### Mid Year Dance — 7 July 2012



The Hall at Red Hill CSC was magnificently prepared under a 'tropical fantasy' theme with colourful flowers and palm fronds adorning the walls and the tables similarly festooned. The atmosphere had an air of expectancy as the party goers arrived with 'having a good time' on their collective minds.



The MC Norman de la Harpe welcomed everyone and introduced Bill Deutrom to the microphone to say a few words

about the CCC Foundation and its role in providing facilities for Sri Lanka's cancer sufferers and their families. This was well received by the audience. Our Committee had decided earlier this year to support the CCC Foundation's fund raising efforts.

Before long, trays of delectable short eats emerged from the kitchen and the popular music of Cool Daddies soon had the dancers on their feet and the place began rocking. An excellent choice of music and its energetic delivery ensured that the dance floor would be occupied all night long by an enthusiastic group of fun lovers.

Then it was time to indulge in the culinary delights proffered by the artistry of the Henderling cuisine. Lamb and Chicken Buriani, Malaysian Beef Curry, Chicken Curry, Chillie Potatoes, Pea & Cashew Curry, Salads and Pickles were just some of the taste sensations savoured by very appreciative diners. The awesome desserts included a variety of Slices, Wattalappan and Pineapple Fluff.

The major raffle prize of a bottle of Scotch was won by Michael de Zylva. Thanks to Rena for sourcing all five raffle prizes which were of a high quality and gladly accepted by the winners.

The night drew to a close with more spirited dancing and merriment and surely everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

Thanks must go to the Dance Sub Committee of Norman, Toni, Rena, Susan and Romaine and all those who helped them make the occasion a resounding success.

Michael Metzeling



\*\*\*\*\*\* TALENT/SKILLS SEARCH \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Do you have a skill or talent that we don't know about? Are you able to assist the club if needed? As you know, the club is run by volunteers for the benefit of all members and if you have a skill or talent e.g. IT guru, master chef, DJ extraordinaire, cabaret artiste, dance instructor, expert on sound systems, printer, publisher...etc., we would love to hear from you. Please contact any committee member. A helping hand is always appreciated.

#### From the mail box.



#### Messages of appreciation on the very first Have-a-Chat held 31st march 2012:

Hi Niranjalie,

A note to express my appreciation for the committee's efforts to give us an enjoyable morning. I particularly wish to applaud the choice of caterer. It was a most delicious meal. Thank you.

Deanna Misso

Hi Niranjalie

Congratulations and Welcome to your Presidency. Good 'Have-a-Chat' and a good day.

Rowena Western

(Note from Editor—due to unavoidable circumstances these letters could not be published earlier. Apologies for the delay.

#### Dear Niranjalie,

I thank you for your words of praise in relation to the Mirage Dance and the thanks you very kindly bestowed on me. However I would like to record that Egerton (as past president assisted enormously) and members of your committee (Isidore and Susan), who handled various tasks and members of the Club, (Rammie, Basheer and Warren) who gave a big hand and helped to make the dance a success. It is due to this support by the Team that enabled me to gain your kind words and praise. Therefore I would greatly appreciate it, if you will acknowledge their support and assistance in your next Newsletter as it is owning to this team, that the Club was able to gain recognition and success in this event.

Davenal Flanderka

#### Extracts of letters from happy attendees at the Mad Hatters Night:

Hi Uncle Storey

I just wanted to say a big thank you for looking after us so well on the night of the dance. It was really sweet of you to think about us and the kids and organise the seating and gifts for them. We feel really blessed to have family like you in our lives. The kids had a blast with your grandson and the other little boy. Please let us know when they will be attending any of the events and we will make an effort to join in too. It makes a big difference to our night when we know the kids are also comfortable and having a good time.

Thanks again

Shehana, Jacek, Nathaniel and Noah

#### Dear Issy

I just want to thank you for having me at your function which gave me the opportunity to meet up with old friends ...... I have been to many functions in the past but your organising skills are far superior to the rest. You don't panic, you are polite, articulate and a real gentleman.

Regards

Arden

#### Hi Niranjalie

....we are very grateful for the support that the Silver Fawn Club has shown the CCC Foundation under your leadership....Thank you for your support and please let me know how I can assist you in your efforts to make the Silver Fawn Club, a vibrant SL organisation.

#### Bill Deutrom

Note from the Editor: Credit should go to Isidore Storey for coming up with the idea of promoting the CCC Foundation in the Silver Fawn newsletter and for facilitating the collection of donations at Club events. The Management Committee gave this idea it's whole hearted support. The support extended to us by CCC Foundation members at our recent Mid-Year dance is much appreciated. The committee appeals to all our members to give generously to support this worthy cause.

#### Message from the Management Committee:

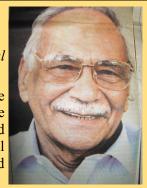
The Management Committee would like to thank Michael Metzeling for his help with producing the previous two issues of the newsletter and assisting with the printing and the distribution.

The production and distribution of the newsletter is now being handled by Niranjalie.

### Olympic Nostalgia

With the greatest sports festival on earth – the Olympic Games – kicking off soon, it's an ideal time to recall  $Sri\ Lanka$ 's most memorable moment at the games.

In 1948 a remarkable event took place coinciding with Sri Lanka gaining independence. The venue was London. Duncan White made history by establishing an Olympic record when he skimmed over the hurdles placed on the 400 meter track in 51.8 seconds, bettering the record established in Ceylon by 4.2 seconds. The solitary silver medal remained the only Olympic medal Sri Lanka won for a period of 52 years. What White achieved at the 1948 Olympics is still looked upon as the highest achievement by a Sri Lankan athlete at the games.



Major Duncan White, possessing an imposing number of credentials after his name – MBE, ED, DLC, M.INST, AM – was born on 1 March 1918 in Lathpandura, Kalutara. White had been a record holder at the public schools championships, Ceylon championships, India-Ceylon championships before he took part at the Olympic Games. White later recounted the most significant moment of Sri Lanka's sporting history with characteristic humility in an article that was published in the Golden Jubilee Souvenir of the National Olympics Committee.

Extracts from the article follows:

"In November 1947 I was demobilized from the Ceylon Light Infantry having first being commissioned in 1942. A decision had been made to send, for the first time, a Ceylon team for the games in London. When entries were called for the trials I entered for 5 events in order to make double sure that should I do well in all, the selectors would have no alternative but to select me.

At the trials I won the heats in all five events but for the finals I informed the Officials that I was dropping out of the 100m and 400m. The winner of the second heat in the 400m was H.M. Perera and the press had predicted a "White-Perera Duel" in the finals. My request to withdraw from the final did not please the officials and selectors. I was adamant in not taking part in the 400m and went back to the dressing room when an official, who was also one of my friends, informed me that if I didn't take part I wouldn't be considered for selection. He also mentioned that there was talk that I was "too old" for the Games (I was 29 plus). My intense desire and determination to go to London made me agree to take part in the race. I took my mark with more determination to beat H.M. Perera and beat him well. At the gun I went off at such a cracking pace that H.M. Perera gave up round the last bend. I had won 4 of the 5 events that I entered for. I was selected to the team and also appointed as captain.

The big day began with the opening ceremony and I, as captain, was given the privilege to carry the Ceylon flag during the march past. Our manager, W.H.D. Perera, wished that I kept out of the march past as the heats for the 400m hurdles were scheduled for the next day. I however insisted that I take part at the march past as I didn't want to miss out any of the exhilarating experience.

The next day the call came for me to take part in the heat of the 400m hurdles. I won my heat with ease and looked back and eased up nearing the finish. The semi finals were held later that afternoon. I was well in the lead but like in the heats eased up at the finish in order to conserve my strength for the finals the next day. I made the error of easing up too early and was nearly pipped into 4<sup>th</sup> place. However, the pictures from a photo finish confirmed I had finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

The finals were held the following day and I was somewhat disappointed that I had to compete in lane 5. The official Olympic report commented, "White went off at a terrific pace". There was a change in the way I strode when reaching the 7<sup>th</sup> hurdle and this allowed Cochran of USA to take the lead. I felt content that I would finish in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and didn't make the effort to challenge Cochran who went on to win the event with a new Olympic record. I too bettered the previous record by 2 seconds. After the event I thought to myself if I only had the 2 years preparation for the race as did Cochran the winner!

The most unforgettable and emotional moment was stepping on the victory rostrum and seeing the flag of one's country being hoisted before 85,000 spectators. The day after my success in the hurdles I was to compete in the heats of the 200m. I was running well alongside Mel Patton of USA who went on to win the final. When entering the 'straight' my left hamstring muscle gave way and I could no longer take part in the Games. I returned home to a rapturous welcome. The occasion will live in my memory forever."

Extracts from the "Daily Mirror" Aug 20, 2004

Just for some fun(!) and a chance to win a fortune(!!), enter the Olympic Trivia quiz on page 14. The winner will be drawn at the Club Night on 25th August. The first correct entry drawn will receive a Gold Lotto Quick Pick entry (18 games), valued at \$11.90, with the compliments of Niranjalie Silva. Winner and answers will be published in the next newsletter. Send answers by email to president@silverfawn.com or post to the Club PO Box address given at the back of the newsletter. Entries close Friday 17th August 2012. Open to Financial Members only.







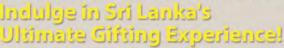
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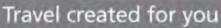


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### Olympic Trivia Quiz (refer page 10 for more information)

- 1. Which country marched in the opening ceremony but then withdrew from the competition?
- 2. What name was designated to Australia when it did not participate as "Australia"?
- 3. Who was the Sri Lankan runner who competed against a barefoot marathon runner?
- 4. Who was the first woman to be listed as a victor at Olympic Games?
- 5. Which country first participated in the Olympics with a single official but no athletes?
- 6. What was the name given to the most prestigious event in Ancient Olympics?
- 7. How many gold medals were awarded at the inaugural Modern Olympics?
- 8. What was the occupation of the very first Olympic champion?



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