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Wishing you  
blessings  
at Easter  
and always.

## **\*\*\*DATES FOR YOUR DIARY\*\*\***

**3<sup>rd</sup> May > Club Night (String Hopper Night)**

**17<sup>th</sup> May > Have a Chat (Afternoon Tea Party)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> August > Club Night (Mid Year Anniversary  
Dance featuring SL Band  
“Purple Rain”)**

**24<sup>th</sup> August > Family Sports Day and Food Fair**

**13<sup>th</sup> September > Have a Chat (Eric’s Birthday)**

**25<sup>th</sup> October > Club Night (Halloween/Schools  
Night)**

**6<sup>th</sup> December > Golden Years**

**20<sup>th</sup> December > Carols**

**31<sup>st</sup> December > New Year’s Eve Gala Dance.**

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS

**Memberships expired on 31 January 2014. If you have not renewed to date, please send your renewal for 2014/15 without delay. A Membership Subscription Form with details is available on page 15.**

## President's Message

**Dear Members,**

Welcome to the new Club year. First let me thank all of you for electing me as your President for the ensuing year. I am very proud and grateful for the opportunity to head and steer the Club for another year. The committee you have elected is strong and have many encouraging ideas and thoughts for an exciting future for our CLUB. Many of the faces are from the last year's committee but in addition the Team now has Gerard one of our popular ex – Presidents, Basheer with his wonderful raffle selling skills and Claude Gonsalves our Carols guru joining as Asst. Secretary. Dennis Arnolda has accepted the role of Newsletter Editor with care of membership database. Shiran as Treasurer and Gamini as Asst. Treasurer are new members who joined us late last year and have agreed to perform as custodians of the Club funds. Our multi skilled energetic Secretary Deanna continues in this crucial role and Egerton soldiers on doing justice to the position of Vice President while Eric (affectionately called Uncle Eric) serves as Committee member. Ever popular Basil continues to be Club Captain also taking on the newly created role of Social Secretary. Please welcome your new Committee with the same degree of appreciation, you showed me. I assure you that they will champion the Club's well being and interests into the future.

I was sorry to note the many absentees from the AGM; however those who attended about 60 members, made several important comments and observations on meeting procedures and references to the Constitution. Two proposals were NOT carried and it was decided after much discussion to carry these proposals to the next AGM. Although there were a few raised voices and some 'argy bargy' between the Chair and the members, it was a very challenging and interesting meeting which ended harmoniously with dinner and drinks. Many thanks for attending.

What has the club in store for you this year? Your committee has mapped out a table of events and approximate dates, for the forthcoming months. The year will kick off with the Stringhopper Night, chaired by Egerton ( more information in the Silver Scene) and the scintillating R & B by our ever popular DJ "Dark'n'Tall"

The next event will be an afternoon special "Have a Chat" with all your favourite Short Eats and Tea. The other important and magical event is the visit of the famous and well known Band "Purple Rain" from Sri Lanka. They have played in different parts of the world so this promises to be a classic and memorable evening. There are more exciting events being organised, so I will not take the surprise away from you, please read the Silver Scene. In all these events we welcome input and comment from any member who can suggest any ideas and offer to assist the Committee to run these events. At the AGM, many interested members offered their services to assist the Club in preparing the halls, helping at the door, cleaning up etc. We are very thankful to these members and request that they give the chairman of the event a call or email indicating their willingness to help. Every offer will be gratefully accepted.

Now that I have given you an insight into the coming months, I ask for your full support in these events thereby fostering comradeship and fellowship amongst members and encourage your friends to join the Silver Fawn Club. Your feedback at all times is always appreciated through "Have your Say", or by letters to the editor, so do drop us a line.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2014 at the Stringhopper night and please say hello to your new Committee and myself as we will be very happy to meet you and hear your views and news..

The committee and I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you and your families a very Happy Easter and every blessing for the season.

Cheers & Best Regards

***Davenal***

## **THE FORTY THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Silver Fawn Club was held on 1st March 2014 at the Enoggera Bowls Club commencing at 6.30PM.

The outgoing Committee was pleased to welcome 49 members who took the time to support and encourage the ongoing commitment of past and present members of the Management Committee in their efforts to provide social functions and in so doing, keep the Club alive and active.

Nine nominations were received by the Secretary before 15th February, the cut off date, and were tabled at the final meeting of the outgoing Committee on the 21st February. These were as follows:-

Davenal Flanderka	for the position of President
Egerton de Fransz	for the position of Vice President
Deanna Misso	for the position of Hon. Secretary
Claude Gonsalves	for the position of Asst. Secretary
Shiran Seneviratne	for the position of Hon. Treasurer
Gamini Amarasiri	for the position of Asst. Treasurer
Dennis Arnolda	Newsletter Editor with care of membership Database
Basil Britto	Gen. Committee – Social and Sports Secretary
Eric Ferdinands	Gen. Committee

The following two nominations were proposed, seconded and accepted from the floor :-

Gerard Fernando	General Committee
Basheer Omar	General Committee

The position of second Vice President remains unfilled.

The proposed amendment to Rule 26 of the Constitution was discussed at length after which Karol Misso moved that the amendment was irrelevant at this juncture and the Motion be not put. This was carried.

The discussion on the proposed amendment to Rule 10 was resolved by Basil Britto moving that the House call for nominations from the floor and if unsuccessful at filling all eleven positions the amendment as proposed be presented at the AGM in 2015. This was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9.10 pm. This was followed by an informal meal of delicious Chicken Lampries cooked and packed in take-away boxes by Julie Britto.

### **Deanna Misso**

Secretary.

## **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 43 years:

**Adrian Wright  
Anthony Vethecan and Margaret Bellas  
Rohan & Gita Hettiaratchi  
Roy Foenander**

**Correction to New Member in last issue:**

**Joseph Priyanga and Marjorie Weerasinghe**



# STRINGHOPPER NITE & DANCE

SATURDAY, 3RD May 2014  
7.00 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.

Mitchelton Senior Citizens Club  
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Mitchelton

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## **"HAVE YOUR SAY"**

To the Secretary

I was a guest at your Christmas Function on 7th December 2013 per favour of Ms Barbara Wardner.

I was thankful for the opportunity to meet and mingle with expatriate friends whom I had not seen for decades.

Your function was well organised. The food was excellent. The music catering to both vintage and modern attendees and ably handled by Ty Fox — a veteran in this field.

I believe your annual membership fee is \$10.00 per annum and take this opportunity to seek nomination through Ms Wardner to join your organisation.

I enjoyed myself thoroughly and was sad and nostalgic when the party was over, but then again "*All Good Things Must Come to an End*".

I expect to hear from you favourably in the near future.

Once again, Thank you and your committee for a wonderful Night to Remember!

Yours Faithfully

**Roy K Foenander**

Traralgon VIC

### **Letters to the Editor**

*Hi,*

*I wish to inform you that Garry and I have moved from Brisbane to Shepparton in Victoria so please change our postal address from 137 Pohon Drive Tanah Merah to 5 Bass Court Shepparton VIC 3630.*

*Thanking you*

***Pamela and Garry Nash***

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*I'm just writing to thank you for the kind card you sent from the Silver Fawn Club while Ed was in hospital from January 13th to February 7th. It really meant a lot to hear from the Club during this time. A Blue Nurse is still visiting daily to dress the wound (which became infected - this often happens, we gather). However, he is feeling well and is becoming normally active. He will be monitored closely and will receive chemotherapy as necessary. But so far things are going much better than expected. This means that we will be able to participate in Silver Fawn Club activities in future.*

*Thank you again!*

***Linda Conrad***

### **OBITUARY**

**RONALD HENDERLING**

**3-10-1941 \*\*\* 26-01-2014**

**IT WAS WITH GREAT SADNESS WE FAREWELLED A STALWART MEMBER AND PAST COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE CLUB. OUR THOUGHTS AND SYMPATHIES ARE WITH RONALD'S FAMILY.**

**MAY HE REST IN PEACE**



## **HAVE A CHAT PARTY – 15 FEBRUARY 2014**

The popular HAC was once again a grand hit with the senior and not so senior members of the Club. It goes to prove that you are never too old to have fun.

Amazingly, we had more participants than expected. Overall, we had a turnout of about 70.

On entry, all Members and Guests were treated to soft drinks and a chocolate rose for the ladies, followed by a Morning Tea of Butter Cake, Curry Puff and Pikelet with Jam & Cream provided by Kanthi Rutherford & Deanna Misso. This treat was ably arranged and served by five young ladies, Romaine Jayakody, Heather Jayasundera, Cheyll Young, Gaye Arnolda and Deanna Misso. These ladies also helped in the Hall deco together with Heather Freeborn and the affable Rena Henderling.

During the Morning Tea we were entertained by Romany & Neville Shedden - aka "STARDUST" with some popular sing-along music.

Following the "Chit Chat" and exchanging smiles and laughter the crowd sat down to a serious game of BINGO.

Becky and Romaine, our two most enthusiastic volunteers set the ball rolling with Egerton calling the Bingo. Soon it became serious. the tension was electric. Everyone was eyeballing each other to see who would call " BINGO " first. It took a while to find the first winner and then it was plain sailing.

After all the tension created by the Bingo, it was time to sit down for lunch. Jeremy Henderling's spread was mouth watering to say the least. His presentation and wide variety of food was truly appreciated by one and all.

If good food and having a good time is your forte' then join the gang for our next event. See the "dates for your diary" on the front page.

Ps. Don't forget to bring a friend.

**Egerton**





HAVE A CHAT PARTY — 15TH FEBRUARY 2014





## A TRIP TO MARIAN VALLEY - CANUNGRA IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF MADHU

THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH AT MADHU, SRI LANKA, IS BETTER KNOWN AS OUR LADY OF MADHU. IT HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE 1670 AND IS CONSIDERED THE HOLIEST CATHOLIC SHRINE IN SRI LANKA. IT HAS BEEN A SYMBOL OF UNITY NOT ONLY AMONGST THE SINHALESE AND TAMILS BUT ALSO BETWEEN PEOPLES OF OTHER RELIGIONS.

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THERE ARE MANY INTERNATIONAL CHAPELS AT THIS SITE, BUILT BY THE VARIOUS ETHNIC COMMUNITIES AROUND BRISBANE TO REPRESENT THEIR PARTICULAR DEVOTION. YEARLY CELEBRATIONS ARE OFTEN OBSERVED BY THESE COMMUNITIES, WHERE FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY EVENTS TAKE PLACE. ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND INSPIRING ASPECTS OF MARIAN VALLEY ARE THE OUTDOOR LIFESIZE FIGURES DEPICTING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS THAT MOVE YOU TO HUMILITY, DEVOTION AND PRAYER.

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THE FIRST SATURDAY IN JULY IS SET ASIDE AT MARIAN VALLEY FOR THE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE OF THE SRI LANKAN COMMUNITY. ALL ARE WELCOME.

SERVICES COMMENCES AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY, 5TH JULY 2014, AND ARE HELD IN ENGLISH, SINHALA AND TAMIL WITH A PROCESSION TO THE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF MADHU.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF SILVER SCENE. IN THE MEAN TIME, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED AND NEED MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT EITHER DENNIS ARNOLDA OR DAVENAL FLANDERKA. PHONE NUMBERS ARE ON THE FRONT PAGE OF SILVER SCENE



## **WATCH THIS SPACE**

*THE Silver Fawn Club is planning a Springtime Picnic in the Park - or a trip down the lovely Brisbane River – or perhaps both?*

*AGE? is only a number*

*SEX? Yes please! (seriously) everyone is welcome.*

*Your Feedback is invited.*

*More information in the next issue of Silver Scene.*

### **A Bit of Nostalgia**

## **Harry Nightingale Senior & Junior**

The popular TEN network show *Bondi Rescue* features a bloke named Harry 'H-Man' Nightingale as one of the team of surf life savers.

Not only the 'elder statesman' of that bunch of mostly Gen-Y life savers, this extremely fit 63-year-old is the son of the late Harry Nightingale, Snr, an Australian who was hugely instrumental in promoting and fostering surf life saving, and competitive swimming in general, in Ceylon during the 1940s and early 1950s. Harry Nightingale was also reportedly swimming coach for Ceylon (and Australia) at the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

The following is an interesting interview with Harry Junior, who to his credit is clearly not reticent about his part-Ceylonese heritage, speaking freely about his mother Zoe's (Eurasian?) family, and how he battled racism, because of his 'bronzed' complexion, while growing up in Australia. It's well worth a read.

<http://thebeast.com.au/people/harry-nightingale-living-life-in-the-moment/>

These next two items are contemporary newspaper reports from the 1950s about Harry Senior, and talk about his time in Ceylon in some detail. They make equally good reading (the first one is particularly interesting and informative), especially for Ceylonese people of a certain 'vintage' who were involved in the aquatic sports scene at the time and can still remember Harry Nightingale.

<http://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=1301&dat=19560421&id=8IBWAAAAIBAJ&sjid=LOUDAAAAIBAJ&pg=3447,2327077>

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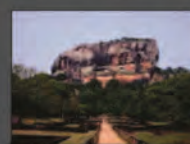
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**WHEN—SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST**

**WHERE — MANSFIELD TAVERN**

**WHY — SILVER FAWN MID YEAR ANNIVERSARY DANCE**

**WHAT FOR — MEET, GREET , EAT, DRINK AND DANCE THE  
NIGHT AWAY**

**KEEP THIS DATE FREE FOR A FABULOUS NIGHT**

**MORE DETAILS IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF SILVER SCENE**

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## **SPOTS.**

**By Trevor LaBrooy.(2014)**

Delving back into the past is often a joyous occasion, especially when recollecting various incidents that were particularly whimsical or noteworthy and remembering the lead up to whatever took place. What I am about to relate, is a series of related incidents that took place over a period of some months, many years ago, but which still remain as fond memories.

My story starts way back in about 1954 when I was the Assistant Superintendent on Meeriabedde Group in the Koslanda area. Accompanied by some friends, I had gone to Wellawaya and then on to Moneragala, as I wished to pay a visit to a man named Kumbukkana William, who was a ‘Taxidermist’ of sorts, as I wished to see what sort of work he was capable of performing. The man lived in an unpretentious abode and apparently did all his taxidermy inside his house. He had a few stuffed small animals around and on first appearances, I immediately realized that he knew how to preserve the skins of the animals, but from then on, being realistic, his skills in producing an almost lifelike appearance, paled into insignificance, when compared with other taxidermists in Colombo, like Mr. Fernando of Dehiwala and Mr. M.P.Perera of Glennie Passage, Slave Island, the latter of whom was my preferred taxidermist.

The stuffed animals that he had lying around looked very bloated and podgy and



## ***SPOTS (CONTD)***

the faces would have made anyone with mumps, envious, as they were horribly puffy and unrealistic. One very noticeable feature was the eyes of the animals, which had been made up with pieces of celluloid, with a painted eye of sorts on the inside. This made them look like monsters and gave the poor stuffed animal a grotesque appearance, very akin to a comedian named Marty Feldman, who had the unfortunate distinction of having eyes that peered apart and outward in different directions. The Colombo taxidermists always used very lifelike looking marble eyes that were correctly positioned

I decided that I would not be making use of Kumbukkana William's services although I did feel that the poor man was really trying to do a good job, but didn't have the flair or artistry to produce a good result. Perhaps in time and with experience, hopefully, he might produce better results.

While at this taxidermist's house, I was approached by a man who appeared to be carrying a small, but bulky moving bundle and he came up to me and in a fawning sort of manner, he asked me whether I would like a leopard cub. (Koti Pattiya.) I was totally surprised and unsure of what to expect, but I asked him to show me what he had in the bundle. He proceeded to unwrap the cloth around the bundle and suddenly, to my surprise, out popped the sweetest looking little leopard cub's head. The poor little animal must have been gasping for breath and freedom and without hesitation, I reached out and lifted the cub from the cloth and cradled it to my chest. That was the start of my relationship with 'SPOTS' and a learning experience that would give me an insight into how wild creatures could adapt to a symbiotic association with human beings and vice-versa.

I had sixty rupees on me at the time and without hesitation, I offered the man fifty rupees in payment for the cub. I believe he may have wanted more money, but when he saw the cash on offer, he immediately accepted my offer, which in those days was quite a large sum of money to any villager and thus, I became the very proud owner of a leopard, albeit a very sweet cub.

I did not stop to ponder on how I was going to look after a leopard, the sort of food it would eat, nor where it would sleep, all this would sort itself out in time and I will not go into all the time consuming details. Suffice it to say that my household had to change quite a bit to accommodate this little treasure, my servants had to be educated into a new sense of awareness and acceptance and last, but not least, I had to learn how to adapt to a totally new type of experience.

Initially, Spots slept in my bedroom, which was quite large and I had a special bed made for him, which was raised off the floor. He was allowed to roam around the house during the day, as all the doors were kept closed and two or three times a day, he was led outside tethered to a long light chain and enjoyed playing and gamboling around on the front lawn.

Over the following two or three months, as he got bigger, it became obvious that at some stage in the near future, for his sake and mine, I would regretfully have to hand him over to someone more experienced and better able to care for him, as he approached adulthood.

**TO BE CONTINUED NEXT ISSUE**

## Just for Laughs — Some Irish Humour

Two Irishmen were sitting in a pub watching the Tour de France on TV.

Seamus shook his head and asked, "Whoi t'e hell do they do that?"

"Do what?" asked Mick.

"Go on them boikes for moiles and moiles, up and down t'e hills, round t'e bends. Day after day, week after week. No matter if it's oicy, rainin', snowin', hailin' . . . why would they torture themselves like that?"

"Tis all for t'e prestige and t'e money," replied Mick, "You know t'e winner gets about a half a million Euros!"

"Yeah, I understand that." said Seamus, "But why do all t'e others do it?"

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An Irishman was flustered not being able to find a parking space in a large mall's parking lot.

"Lord" he prayed, "I can't stand this. If you open a space up for me, I swear I'll give up drinking me whiskey, and I promise to go to church every Sunday."

Suddenly, the clouds parted and the sun shone on an empty parking spot. Without hesitation, the man said, "Never mind, I found one."

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(Financial Member)

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