

Muditha Dissanayake in an e-mail of 21st August writes:

Dear Mr. Jayatilake,

Hope you are well. I just noticed something on 62group website and thought I'll write to you to explain my side. I was going through the recent updates on 62group site and noticed the section for college website, where it seems there is a problem regarding the website which I was unaware of. I too agree it is the (or was) official website for the college and the headmaster is in full control with regards to this site. That was the agreement when the site was first launched in 2003. And the headmaster promised to appoint someone to provide content for the site. But as you know apart from you, Mr. Bandu wanigasekara and sometimes Mr Nihal Wanniarachchi (images only) I havent had any news provided from the college (I belive some news items came from gurutalawa via Bandu Wanigasekara).

I have been very busy with my personal life and work etc that I havent spent enough time updating the site. I started to build a site which can be updated by a person with very little expert knowlege (in other words the site is a database driven website in which someone can update any page by just typing it and saving the text. Like you would do on a word document), but during this time I wasnt sure if the college will ever use what I built (Dont think there was an internet connection at guru at this time). I got busy and this project was delayed and now forgotten. Also I dont see myself finding enough time to build one in the near future.

I hope I will be able to spend time to keep updating the site whenever I get the content from an authorised person. Or as it is mentioned on your site, if the College can maintain the site I would be happy to handover the site hoping that it will be looked after and kept uptodate. It would have been an outdated website if it wasnt for the content from Mr Bandu Wanigasekara and yourself.

With regards to the missing link to your site. The link was originally there listed as the number 1 link as it is a guru site and it is a very good guru site. But stcg62group.com was inactive and Mr Bandu wanigasekara having noticed the link taking users to the wrong site advised me to remove it. As I mentioned earlier I didnt spend much time updating the site and forgotten to add the link. which I am going to add now.

Thanks

Muditha

35. Mr. Muditha P Dissanayake an Old Boy in an e.mail of 28.02.2002 says;

"This is regarding ww.stcg62group.com. I found out about this on my visit to the College. And I'am very happy to see a web site (dedicated to Guru) for stcg. I have searched all over the internet for STCG and only found some newspaper articles.

This is a great site, and I would like to contribute in any way I can for this site as I'am also an old boy of the college.'

PETER WEERAKOON IN AN E.MAIL OF MARCH 07,2008 TO LJ SAYS

Dear Lucky,

..... **Lucky, can you let me know if I can use your link to get it on the OBA Web site here, or have you put it in the Guru Web site, as I can then ask all the Inter State Guys to have look in the Guru Web site. We would prefer to us the Guru web than a private one for obvious reasons.....**

.....Could let me now about the Guru Link and the Class of 62, so that I can then get the others to look at the Guru Web site and click on class of 62.....

Kind Regards

Peter

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LJ IN AN E.MAIL OF MARCH 08,2008 TO PETER WEERAKOON SAYS

Dear Peter.

.....I have absolutely no objection to the OBA in Australia providing a Link to my site.After all anybody who does a search on the Internet will discover my site.Furthermore apart from the official site of the Parent School, STC Mount,even their official OBA site plus the official sites of the STC Bandarawela OBA as well as the official site of the Old Thomians of the East Coast of USA have established links to my site.The Canadian site has promised to do so as soon as they get down to that subject.

As far as the Guru web site is concerned that is the official site of the College which was set up by an old boy of the 95 group who came to me for that purpose and I enrolled him as a member of the OBA of Guru. Yet it is the OBA that runs ,controls and manages it. This is a pure accident and not the intention of the founding Architect or Designer. In other words the OBA hijacked the College site and now runs it on their policies. You will not find it difficult to appreciate the fact that ,if the site is the official site of the College, the private inclinations and idiosyncrasies of the OBA or its office bearers or members have no place in it. It is the Headmaster who must have full control whether we like it or not. The ideas of the OBA should be displayed in the site of the OBA, if they have one. Here too the correspondence available with me which I have uploaded on my site bears testimony to this quirk of historical aberration. Although my contribution to the setting up of the site for the College at Guru is acknowledged in that site itself ,for some hidden reason my site has not been provided a link therein. I find it too embarrassing to ask for same, particularly in view of several matters some of which I mention here. The interesting fact is although the site of the Group of 62 or Class of 62 of STC Guru is not recognised by the site of their own College, the STC Guru site recognises the sites of Classes of 83 and 93 of STC Mount and even a Class of 93 of STC Prep. These are private sites. Yet the Guru Newsletters and other writings keep referring to my site and request old boys to visit my site to get the latest information and news etc and requests publication of material too.

So the way out for you Peter is to visit the Guru site and go to their Links and then on to STC Mount site and go to their < Contacts and Links> and click on < Class of 62 > under mind you, <S Thomas College Gurutalawa>. What a devious and ludicrous way to get about a simple thing.....

Warm Regards,

Lucky.

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PETER WEERAKOON IN AN E.MAIL OF MARCH 08,2008 TO GURU OLD BOYS IN AUSTRALIA SAYS

.....I am attaching a web link sent to me by Lucky Jayetillke OBA 62 Group, which you could use to access any information you may need.

"So the way out for you Peter is to visit the Guru site and go to their Links and then on to STC Mount site and go to their < Contacts and Links> and click on < Class of 62 > under mind you, <S Thomas College Gurutalawa>. What a devious and ludicrous way to get about a simple thing."

Could also please be good enough to ring any other Guru Boys who may not be on the net.
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Kind regards

Peter
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A NOTE RE THE EX-CO MEETING OF THE STCG OBA OF MAY 10,2008 HELD AT GURUTALAWA APPEARING IN THE STCG 62GROUP WEB SITE UNDER THE LINK – GALLERY OF EVENTS – EX-CO MEETING MAY 10,2008 STATES:-

..... “Under Any Other Business Mr.Lakshman Jayatilaka referred to an e.mail he had received from Mr.Muditha Dissanayake, the Old Boy who designed and setup the Web Site for College wherein he had stated “..... *it seems that the College does not benefit from the website anymore. However, I have managed to bear the cost of the website.*” At this point the Headmaster mentioned that the website was a very useful tool and Mr.Kaviharan of the staff was competent to manage the site. He however mentioned that there appears to be some doubt whether www.stcguru.com was the site of the College or of the OBA. L J informed the Headmaster that there was no dispute whatsoever on this matter and that the site was that of the College but was being run and managed by the OBA. LJ explained the history and the circumstances under which the site was designed and created by Muditha. LJ informed that he had advised Muditha to co-ordinate with the Headmaster and operate the site under the control of the Headmaster, and the reasons why it should be so. The Headmaster then inquired why the College website had not provided a link for the 62 Group website. LJ pointed out that a) he had received this inquiry from many Old Boys living here and abroad ; b) the 62 Group, perhaps, was the most Senior Group in the entire Thomian Family to have a site of its own; c) the Websites of STC Mount Lavinia ; STC Mount Lavinia OBA; STC Bandarawela; East coast Thomians Association (USA) had all provided links to the 62 Group Web Site; d) the College website itself and the Newsletters and Reports presented at the AGM’s of the Secretaries of the STC OBA had not only acknowledged the assistance given by the Web Site of the 62 Group at the very inception but also complemented it for its overall performance; e) although the College Website had provided links for various classes and groups of STC Mount Lavinia and STPS Kollupitiya sometimes more than once it had ignored the 62 Group website which was a group totally dedicated to Guru; f) He too was unaware why this had happened, and he would leave it to others to solve the mystery. The Ex-Co agreed to appoint one or two of its members to co-ordinate with Mr.Kaviharan and the Headmaster to look in to this matter and to arrange for the smooth transition in the handing over of the Management of the website to College under the control of the Headmaster.”.....

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AN EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTE NO 15 (RELATING TO ANY OTHER BUSINESS) OF MEETING NO. 3 OF THE STCG OBA HELD ON MAY 10,2008 STATES:-

..... Mr.Lakshman Jayatilaka referred to an e.mail he had received from Mr.Muditha Dissanayake wherein he had stated “..... *also I haven’t had the time to add to the College website and I did not put any effort as it seems that the College does not benefit from the website anymore. However, I have managed to bear the cost of the website.*” At this point the Headmaster mentioned that the website was a very useful tool and Mr.Kaviharan of the staff was competent to manage the site. However he mentioned that there appear to be some doubt whether www.stcguru.com was the site of the College or of the OBA. Mr.Jayatilaka informed that there was no dispute whatsoever on this matter and that the site was that of the College but was being run and managed by the OBA. He explained the circumstances under which the site was set up by an Old Boy Mr.Muditha Dissanayake, initially with a donation from an Old Boy and that he had advised Mr. Disanayake to co-ordinate with the Headmaster and operate the site under the control of the Headmaster. The Ex-Co agreed to appoint one or two of its Members to co-ordinate with Mr.Kaviharan with regard to the smooth transition in the handing over of the Management of the website to College under the control of the Headmaster.”.....

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