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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I wish to thank the membership for placing your continuing confidence in me and my committee to administer the affairs of the association for a 2nd year and assure you of upholding and maintaining the high standards set in the past.

The highlight of this years activity would be the visit of the College Rugby team accompanied by the Warden Dr David Ponniah, who will be visiting Melbourne in July this year at the invitation of Melbourne Grammar Boys School, to participate in a Rugby Carnival, which is part of their 150th anniversary celebrations.

I am pleased to mention that in January 2008, Chris Varney, Stefan D'Silva and myself, visited college and met up with the Warden, who briefed us on the current progress in College and thanked the OBA in Melbourne, for its continued generous support towards the different needs and activities in College.

In closing I would like to quote Warden Neville De Alwis:

The interest of the College must give way to all other interest. When you help the College, please do not expect anything in return.

We all owe the College something.

The College does not owe anything to us.

"MAY WE CONTRIBUTE TOGETHER TO IT'S GLORY"



Nalin Dassenaikae - President

DONATIONS MADE TO COLLEGE

In response to some queries made by some Old Thomians both in Australia and Sri Lanka, we are giving details of the contributions made by us to College, which were handed over to The Warden, by Past President Jayampathy Silva: Scholarship Fund \$2,000, Hall Windows Project \$2,000 and IT Project \$1,000.

Membership List

Members will notice that the Membership list has been included in this edition. This list shows the year up to which you have paid your subscription. *If your subscription is overdue, may we urge that you to forward us your payment without further delay?* It is unfortunate that the collection of overdue subscription takes up quite a lot of time and effort of the Executive Committee, who have to use their own resources to repeatedly contact members who have not paid up their subs. Subs are due by the 1st of January but we have a large number of members who have overlooked renewing their membership for 2008. (40 members have still not paid their subs for 2007!) Many wait to attend an OBA function to pay their fees and this has resulted in long queues at our events, causing delays and frustration to other members who are trying to gain entry into the function, not to mention the added burden and pressure placed upon the executive committee, required to call upon additional numbers to attend to the extra task of collection membership fees, which can easily be made by cheque or credit card, using the mail. We call upon all Thomians to rally round and fulfil their obligation by paying their dues in a timely manner, so please check your subscription status and renew your membership using the renewal form which appears on page 19 in the Thomiana.

EDITORIAL

The Annual General meeting has come and gone. A new Team, with a few new faces, was elected to lead the OBA for 2008 and we welcome and thank them for standing for office. It is heartening to see more young members putting up their hands to take office and this surely augurs well for the future of the Association. We will certainly miss the experience of the more seasoned hands that did not seek re-election and thank them for their efforts which contributed in no small measure to the success of our activities.

A special 'Thank You' to Peter Weerakoon, the Editor of the Thomiana for the past four years, who was compelled to relinquish his position, as our amended constitution of 2007 does not allow him to remain as Editor, whilst holding the post of Vice President; however, Peter continues to be actively involved in the production of the Thomiana in no small way and remains its driving force.

Many events are been planned for the year, and we hope that the membership will rally around its elected leaders and support them, by being present at the functions, which will enable us all to meet and recount the good old days of the two Schools by the Sea, and the other two in the mountains. In the words of the poet William Wordsworth:

"Two voices there are; One of the sea, and one of the mountains
.....Each a mighty voice"

Esto Perpetua!

Jayantha Wanigatunga - Editor

Mrs. Olive Morrell – An Appreciation

Mrs. Olive Morrell passed away recently, a couple of months prior to her 101st birthday.

Mrs. Olive Morrell took up duties as Matron-in-Charge of the Sick Room at S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia in 1946 and continued in that capacity for more than 20 years. Her tour of duty and service to the Boys and Staff at S.T.C was one of great dedication.

My knowledge and experience of Olive is a result of my 20 years (11 years as Student Boarder and 9 years as Teacher and Boarding House Master) of living on the College Campus at Mount Lavinia.

The Thomian Community was and is held together by many agents- Tradition, Members of Tutorial, Administrative, Boarding House and Domestic Staff, Rules, Routine etc. Many people of skill and commitment do contribute their time and effort to impart learning, discipline, social cohesion and well-being in the great service that transforms boys to men in the Thomian Way. Campus life could not be operational without the inputs of many who provide such organizational authority, skill and service.

For the School Matron – Her duty was all of the above and more. In fact one could describe it as '24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week' involvement. This meant that not only those who would be sick from 225 College Boarders would be her responsibility to treat but also that any Day Boy who falls sick during school-time would be her task to look after, until his parents take him home.

Olive was a vital 'anchor' for us Boarders. When we were sick, she was our 'mother figure'- to give us of her great skill and tender loving care. Her time was taken-up by Boys (and members of Residential Staff) who required her services to attend to illness, emergencies, sports-injuries, general and special medicines, inoculations, vaccinations and other various healthcare needs. The Sick Room was always a busy place with out-patients and in-patients. During periods of epidemics of communicable diseases the Sick Room would physically expand to Isolation Areas- but there would only be Olive to manage all this efficiently and effectively, to nurse the Boys back to good health.

Boys who were very ill – for example, those who ran high-fevers- would receive Olive's constant attention. She would visit them at night if she thinks necessary -to reassure them, to check their temperature and provide relevant treatment.

Olive had the ability to win the confidence of the Boys she treated. She related well to Boys of all ages and backgrounds. She had a highly responsible attitude to

her work. Her non-judgemental approach, tact and patience made her an invaluable human-asset to the Thomian community. She was calm and highly-professional. She had the ability to work alone and to 'hold the fort' between the weekly visits of the College Doctor (eg. Dr. Foenander –in the early years, and later Dr.Fernando followed by Dr. Ranasinghe).She was ably assisted by the Sick-Room Staff Members- Messrs. Karolis and Dyonis.

Although she gave a sympathetic ear and her skill and attention to those who needed her service, she was 'tough' when she suspected that a particular boy would feign illness to 'cut' School or 'Prep'. It was not easy for Boys to take advantage of her good nature. In that sense she was a good disciplinarian and the Boys did have a healthy fear of her. She was strong of mind and compassionate of heart. She made us that Boarders feel that we were at home away from home.

At the same time as she handled so well the responsibility and hard work of the Sick-Room, Olive ran her home as wife (to her Husband Mr. Willie Morrell) and mother (to Randolph-who was in the College Boarding with me -in Winchester and later in Claughton/Copleston Houses- and who achieved an admirable School Record - as Senior Sacristan, Captain First XI Cricket, School Prefect and Coloursman in several sports).

Some years after retirement Mr. and Mrs. Morrell migrated to Australia to join Randolph in NSW. They joined the faith community at the Uniting Church, Cherrybrook where they were regular parishioners.

In 2007, Olive celebrated her 100th birthday with a Thanksgiving Service at Church. Many Old Thomians were present to help her celebrate the occasion-where the 'College Song' was sung to recognize her service to STC.Though her last years were spent in a Nursing Home, she was active and lively of mind. She was called to her rest in Jan. 2008.

Her funeral was, well attended. The Priest who presided at the Funeral Service invited those Old Thomians who were present to sing the 'College Song'. To sum up the feelings of those present I will quote Randolph -whose words were "Mum would have been very happy at the thought that the 'Old School' was present". Eulogies were delivered by Messrs. Jeremy Thiedeman (Olive's nephew), Milroy Berenger and David Sansoni. Olive's ashes will join her husband's ashes in the Memorial Wall at Cherrybrooke, Uniting Church.

My sincere sympathy to my friend Randolph and to members of his family.

Mrs. Olive Morrell- Our Matron- we thank you for the skilled-care you gave us and for your life of service. May St.Thomas and All the Saints pray for you, and May the King of Angels receive you into the fellowship of the citizens above

May you Rest-in-Peace and Rise-in-Glory.

Godfrey Senaratne.

Clean up Australia Day – 02 March 2008

The OBA was invited to participate in the Clean up Australia Day, a community event, which has grown each year making it the largest annual environmental campaign in Australia. The event was coordinated by Kingston City Council. STC OBA were invited to join in as our Associations details were passed to the Council by the Ananda College OBA, who had proposed to the Council the possibility of involving Sri Lankan Schools alumni Associations. The schools associations that accepted the invitation and were present were, S.Thomas', Ananda, Royal, Richmond, Mahinda, and Visakha.



The Executive Committee on behalf of the Association accepted the invitation and members were contacted by email to volunteer. Notice of this event was also, mentioned at the AGM.

The site allocated to the group was along the banks of The Mordialloc Creek, through J. Grut Reserve and across Governor Road into Epsom Wetlands.

We had fourteen members who volunteered; however, closer to the day a few excused themselves and on the day itself the Association was represented by only five volunteers. Work commenced at 8.00 am and concluded by 11.00 am. At the conclusion of the activities, a barbeque lunch was organised by the Ananda College OBA.

It was very pleasing to work alongside old boys of other schools and participate in a worthwhile project, in the country of our adoption. During the course of the event the College flag was raised, along with our profile in the community of Kingston.

At the barbeque, whilst socialising with the officials of Kingston Council and organizers of the event, the members of the OBA Executive who were present were very pleased at the outcome in participating in this event and considers that this should be included in our calendar of events.



The Clean up Australia day is, always scheduled for the first Sunday in March and will be recommended to the 2009 Executive Committee for inclusion in the calendar of events.

Mark Nanayakkara

Lest We Forget

by Barney Reid

S. Thomas' may have won the 1964 Royal-Thomian Match, but all of us involved in that game, Royalists and Thomians alike, have lost four of our best mates in less a handful of years counting back from 2007.

Three of the four opening bowlers in that game have passed on. They were Sugi Rajaratnam (Medium Fast), Laksman Thalayasingham (Fast) both from Royal and Thomian Express Ganendra Balasingam. Myself, the survivor of that quartet was only an impostor – an opening bowler, rather than a fast bowler – bowling with the sole objective of not giving my captain any excuse for taking me off.

The fourth player from that game to lose his life was the winning Captain, Premalal Goonesekere.

Sugi Rajaratnam was not only a good all rounder player but was also an all round good guy. Always with a smile on his dial, Sugi never had a bad word to say about anyone. A solid opening bowler, a solid number five batsmen and a solid citizen was Sugi.

Laksman Thalayasingham was the lively member of that opening bowling partnership. The lithe youngster with the whippy action was always a handful to those of us who had to negotiate outswingers and bouncers being hurled from twenty- two yards away.

Thalaya and I crossed paths again the following year when we both could have gone down in history. He, as the bowler who claimed a wicket with the first ball of a Royal Thomian Match and me, with a 'Diamond' Duck to my credit. Alas, it was not to be, as wicket keeper Wijetilaka palmed the snick from me away from the safe hands of Sirisena at first slip.

Roles were reversed later in that game with the Thomians poised for victory, when Thalaya nicked me to wicket keeper Weerasinghe, who completed the catch, only to find that umpire Jayasinghe had rejected the appeal. Upon enquiry

as to why he did not walk, he sheepishly replied, "how to lose two Royal Thomians in a row machang."

Thomian Ganendra Balasingham's bowling action was silky smooth, using his large shoulders and perfect timing to generate pace. And boy, was he quick. Bala was the best Schoolboy fast bowler I had ever seen.

However, ever the hypochondriac, Bala always had something mechanically wrong with himself, be it his back, hips or big toe (affectionately referred to as his thumb). Bala had back problems before Denis Lillee made them fashionable accessories for fast bowlers. A hard-hitting batsman, capable of tearing apart any bowling attack, Bala was the hero of the Junior School, smashing several sixes into the Lower School Block.

Finally, Premalal Goonesekere, winning Captain had a cricket brain second to none. Premalal, known to his mates as 'Lena', was a no nonsense captain. We felt his wrath when we lost to St. Benedict's College, Boralessa letting go four byes off my bowling on the last ball of the game.

Premalal always thought that he needed a left-arm quick bowler to get rid of Royal Captain, Wilson. He was right. Sure enough Chelliah, as soon as he was introduced into the attack knocked over the in-form Wilson.

He backed himself and his judgment winning the respect of both Coach Abeynayake and Warden Davidson to the extent that he talked the Warden into giving the team a day off school just to watch Royal play. He took down copious notes while the rest of us basked in the sunshine enjoying our day off school.

The four cricketers remembered in this article are sorely missed Balasingham G., Goonesekere P. N. W., Rajaratnam S., L. Thalayasingham, Rest in Peace.

The Executive Committee organises events for the benefit of the members of the Association, and their families, so please attend these functions and give support to the work carried out by your Ex Co. It would also be appreciated if members who have not renewed their subs for 2008, kindly do so, using the renewal form on page 19 and mailing their payment, rather than waiting to turn up at an OBA function to pay their subs, which is inconvenient for all concerned. (Please see Editors notes on page 2)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p align="center">BENDIGO CRICKET MATCH Saturday 26th April 2008 at 10.00am Taradale Cricket Club Taradale Melway: 509 E7</p> <p>Contacts Trevor Meares 0402 338 637 9763 9825 (AH)</p> <p>Chris Varney 0414 643 766 9700 6174 (AH)</p>	<p align="center">SENIORS LUNCH Sunday 1st June 2008 at 12:00 noon Good Shepherd Church Hall 34 Academy Avenue, Wheelers Hill Melway: 71 C10</p> <p>Contacts: Peter Weerakoon 0403 043 756 9553 2559</p> <p>Mark Nanayakkara 0418 990 146 9772 2438 (AH)</p>
<p align="center">MELBOURNE GRAMMAR RUGBY CARNIVAL Sunday 6th July to Friday 11th July 2008 Melbourne Grammar School South Melbourne Melway: 2L A2</p> <p>Contacts Stephan D'Silva 0407 411 980</p> <p>Trevor Meares 0402 338 637 9763 9825 (AH)</p>	<p align="center">EVENING WITH STC RUGBY TEAM Wednesday 9th July 2008 at 7:00pm Venue – TBA</p> <p>Contacts: Trevor Mears 0402 338 637 9763 9825 (AH)</p> <p>Trevor Mendis 0411 631 531 9773 2768 (AH)</p>
<p align="center">ANNUAL DINNER DANCE Saturday 12th July 2008 at 7.00pm Hilton on the Park Melway: 2G D4</p> <p>Contacts Chris Varney 0414 643 766 9700 6174 (AH)</p> <p>Jayantha Wanigatunga 0411 448 991 9886 8821 (AH)</p>	<p align="center">SERVICE OF TRANSFIGURATION Sunday 10th August 2008 St. Adians Church Noble Park Melway: 89 D5</p> <p>Contacts: Peter Weerakoon 0403 043 756 9553 2559</p> <p>Mark Nanayakkara 0418 990 146 9772 2438 (AH)</p>
<p align="center">MEMBERS NIGHT September 2008 at 7.00pm Cha's Cabin Hallam Melway: 91 F12</p> <p>Contacts Glen Mendis 0417 005 570 9723 2280 (BH)</p> <p>Ari Saravanamuttu 0409 356 256 9877 1508 (AH)</p> <p>Milinda Liyanage 9721 5420 (BH) 9837 5509 (AH)</p>	<p align="center">RIFLE SHOOTING October 2008 Venue - TBA</p> <p>Contacts: George Balthazar 9700 3998</p> <p>Peter Weerakoon 0403 043 756 9553 2559</p>
<p align="center">THOMIAN OPEN GOLF DAY November 2008 Venue - TBA</p> <p>Contacts Delwyn Lappen 9764 5336</p> <p>Claude Reid 9763 7309</p>	<p align="center">THOMIAN NIGHT October/November 2008 Venue - TBA</p> <p>Contacts: Chris Varney 0414 643 766 9700 6174 (AH)</p> <p>Jayantha Wanigatunga 0411 448 991 9886 8821 (AH)</p> <p>Shehan Jayathilake 0414 643 766 9358 3169 (BH)</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">CAROL SERVICE Sunday 14th December 2008 at 7:00pm Venue - TBA</p> <p>Contacts</p> <table> <tr> <td>Ashton Anthonisz 9702 5326 (AH)</td> <td>Mark Nanayakkara 0418 990 146 9772 2438 (AH)</td> </tr> </table>	Ashton Anthonisz 9702 5326 (AH)	Mark Nanayakkara 0418 990 146 9772 2438 (AH)	<p style="text-align: center;">ANNUAL GENARAL MEETING Saturday 14th February 2008 at 6:30pm Venue - TBA</p> <p>Contacts:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Mark Nanayakkara 0418 990 146 9772 2438 (AH)</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Mark Nanayakkara 0418 990 146 9772 2438 (AH)	
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<p style="text-align: center;">ROYAL THOMINA CRICKET MATCH & STAG NIGHT March 2009 Venue - TBA</p> <p>Contacts</p> <table> <tr> <td>Trevor Meares 0402 338 637 9763 9825 (AH)</td> <td>Milinda Liyanage 9721 5420 (BH) 9837 5509 (AH)</td> </tr> </table>	Trevor Meares 0402 338 637 9763 9825 (AH)	Milinda Liyanage 9721 5420 (BH) 9837 5509 (AH)	<p style="text-align: center;">CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY Sunday 1st March 2008 at 8:00am Venue - TBA</p> <p>Contacts:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Mark Nanayakkara 0418 990 146 9772 2438 (AH)</td> <td>Milinda Liyanage 9721 5420 (BH) 9837 5509 (AH)</td> </tr> </table>	Mark Nanayakkara 0418 990 146 9772 2438 (AH)	Milinda Liyanage 9721 5420 (BH) 9837 5509 (AH)
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2008

I was pleased to have been requested to pen a few lines on the Annual General Meeting held at the Mount Waverley Youth Centre on the 17th of February. I had attended most of the functions held in 2007 and am pleased to state that they were all well organized functions that gave the old boy's of our hallowed institution a forum to meet and greet. Attending the AGM was an acknowledgement of the good work done by the committee in 2007, hearing the various reports and voting in the new committee.

Godfrey Senaratne got things moving with the opening prayers. Nalin was proudly able to exclaim that the objectives set out at the previous AGM had been met. There had been 12 new members in 2007 which bears well for the future of the Association.

Selva Kanagasabai as pro tem Chairman acknowledge the full calendar of events and thanked the committee for the hard work done in producing quality events. The major undertaking to amend the Constitution was also duly acknowledged.

The members should be pleased that Nalin had put his hand up to lead the organization for another year. Nalin outlined his vision for the year ahead which sounded exciting. All we as members could do to support the committee is to ensure that we are financial and attend the events organized in 2008.

My wife and I went home very pleased as the AGM was short and sweet and at the conclusion we were delighted to partake of hoppers for dinner.

Eddie Jesudhason

(Thanks Eddie, for giving us a clear picture of what happened at the AGM)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

40 Years of Doctoring

I prided myself recently when I retired at 55 years after working here, in this country for more than 30 of those years. Today I heard of a reunion - **40 Years On** -happening in Sri Lanka and our very own Dr's Nihal Heenettigala, Ravindranath (R R) Watson and Chris Simitharachi will be heading up there to celebrate 40 years of doctoring. "Well done chaps it is an amazing achievement. Good Luck and God Bless you and all who serve as you do"

Andy Armitage Copleston House from '51 to '61 (I think)

Dance 2007

There were over 120 Old Thomians at this function: not "only about 70", as observed by a commentator in the previous issue. For the information of anyone who may have missed the point by reading too much between the lines, successive committees have avoided going to the Crown mainly because of the cost factor : This continues to be the case. Arrack seasoned tongues should perhaps stick to whatever they savour and, as for the quality of the wines, one would not know if one does not go. Those who readily deride the Dance should pause to consider the main source of funds that provide the free meals and refreshments being, enjoyed by members in growing numbers.

Selva Kanagasabai. 21/01/07

STC TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 150TH YEAR CELEBRATIONS OF MELBOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL RUGBY CARNIVAL, JULY 2008

STC has been invited to participate in the Melbourne Grammar School's Rugby Carnival 2008. The current Headmaster Melbourne Grammar School, Mr. Paul Sheehan extended the invitation to STC as he and the Warden of STC, Dr David Ponniah, are old cricketing "foes".

A local rugby committee comprising of Messrs Stefan D' Silva, Frankie David, Selva Kanagasabai and Ralph D' Silva, have been liaising with MGS to ensure that the visit by the Thomian rugby team proceeds smoothly. The STCOBA Executive Committee is involved with the rugby committee.

The Rugby Carnival will be held from **Tuesday 8th July – Friday 11th July, 2008**. Monday 7th July and Wednesday 9th July are "free days" for the lads from STC. No doubt some training sessions will be held on each of these days. However, the lads will have some free time to enjoy Melbourne. The Thomian rugby team, will be accommodated at the MGS Boarding from Saturday 5th July to the morning of Saturday 12th July. Sunday 6th July is also a 'free day' with no activity scheduled as yet.

There are some opportunities for Old Boys to billet members of the STC rugby team on the 12th of July 2008. If you are interested, we shall be pleased to hear from you.

The players will be provided with breakfast each day, and lunch on the days of competition only. **On the 9th of July the OBA will be hosting a dinner for the rugby team**, with details to be advised in due course to our membership. **On the 12th July, the boys will be attending our Annual Dance.**

The OBA is seeking volunteers from among our Old Boys to host team members or to take them out etc for **dinner each night from the 6th July, other than on the 9th and 12th July**, as well as for **lunch on the 6th, 7th and 9th of July**. Obviously the volunteers need not host the players every night as we would hope to spread the task.

Please provide your support and demonstrate your hospitality to our rugby team. Let us step forward and give our rugby boys a great time in Melbourne.

If you are interested, please contact Trevor Meares on 0402 338 637.



RUGBY BALL 2008

*S. Thomas' College OBA (Aust) Branch
Annual Dinner Dance*

At the Grand Ballroom, Hilton on the Park

12th July 2008 7.00pm to 1.00am

*Gents: Lounge suit / Black tie
Ladies: After 5*

Cost: \$110 per head

Featuring:
Sohan & The X-Periments

*3 course sit down meal
and open bar*

For tickets contact:
Chris - 0414 643 766 or Nalin - 0421 705 070

**SOHAN & THE
X-PERIMENTS**

THE ANNUAL SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS was well attended on the 6th December at Haileybury College Chapel. The service was conducted by the Rev. David Townsend and Rev. Balwin Daniel. The singing was of an exceptionally high standard. One of the lessons was read by former Thomian cricketer Trevor Rajaratnam, who was on holiday with his wife. The evening ended with light refreshments, a word of thanks by the President to the clergy, Roger Aldons, Director of the choir the organist and the choir. The Thomians present then sang the College song.

(Thank you, Doug Ingram for submitting this article.)



The Editor wishes to encourage members to send in their contributions to the Thomiana, preferably via email to editor@stcobaaust.org.au. Legible hand written or double spaced typed articles should be mailed to the Editor. Deadlines are: JUNE Edition by 15th May, SEPTEMBER Edition by 15th August, DECEMBER Edition by the 15th of November. To keep a lid on cost, the Thomiana will be limited to around 20 pages, which may not allow for all submitted articles to be included.

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Dr Vijaya Corea's golden voice and incomparable charm warmed thousands of hearts over the airwaves and across dance floors of Sri Lanka over several decades, as a Broadcaster and Showbiz Compere 'par excellence'! His talents, capabilities and widespread recognition took him to the very pinnacle of success, as Director General of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation

Responding to the call of God upon his life and subsequently experiencing a miraculous healing from cancer, Vijaya's golden voice now brings the GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST as a Minister of God.

**He will minister at the following meetings at
Christian Life Assembly**


Sat 12th April:
Foundations of Discipleship Class 9.00am to 4.00pm

Sun 13th April:
10.30 am and 6.00pm Sunday Services

Every once in a way, comes an opportunity of high price at no cost. Come and encounter "The Way"! You'll be delighted!!

Venue: Christian Life Assembly, 374-378 Blackburn Road, Glen Waverley
(opposite Waverley Private Hospital-Church Car Park access via Waverley Road/Stableford Avenue)

For Enquiries regarding this special occasion, email: Info@christianlifeaog.net or Lucky Kanagasabal: 0412-250-515



STC OBA AUSTRALIA MEMBERSHIP LIST AS AT 02 03 2008

NAME	Paid To
ABEYNAYAKE, Mahesa	2007
ABEYSEKERA, Victor	2006
ABEYSINGHE, Dr Rohan	2008
ABEYWICKREMA, Anil Niranjana	2007
ALDONS, Roger	2009
ALVIS, Randolph Lawrence	2008
AMARATUNGA, Rohith	2008
AMUKOTUWA, Nimal D.	2005
AMUKOTUWA, Sarathkumar	2008
ANTHONISZ, Ashton	2007
ANTHONISZ, Darrell	2008
ANTHONISZ, James M.	2008
ANTHONISZ, Tyrell	2007
APONSO, Lalith	2009
APONSO, Suren Diyal	2009
ARMITAGE, Andy	2007
ARNDT, George F.	2008
BALTHAZAR, George	2008
BARTHOLOMEUSZ, Hermon. M	2008
BENERAGAMA, Gamini Dr.	2008
BROHIER, Richard	2006
BURDER, Vincent.D	2009
CADER, Fazal	2008
CALDERA, David Lalith	2006
CASINADER, Ranji	2007
CHAPMAN, Ivor	2012
CHRISTOFFELSZ, John	2008
CLAASZ, Anthony Dermot Nigel	2010
DANIEL, Bertram	2007
DANIEL, Dr.Robin	2007
DANIEL, Godfrey	2007
DANIEL, REV. Baldwin	2009
DASSENAIKE, Nalin	2009
DAVID, Frank	2008
DAVID, Kumar	2008
DE KRETZER, Ronald J.A.	2007
DE MEL, Jarit	2008
DE MEL, Sarath	2007
DE SILVA, Anura	2007
DE SILVA, Jeremy.	2007
DE SILVA, Lakshman D.	2010
DE SILVA, Larry	2007
DE SILVA, Randy	2007
DEVAPURA, Jetha	2008
DE VOS, Milroy	2008
DE ZILVA, Adrian	2010
DE ZILVA, Charles	2008
DIAS, Yohan	2006
DISSANAYAKE, Loshan Ashantha	2007
DISSANAYAKE, Sadeesh	2008
D'SILVA, H.Roger C.	2008
D'SILVA, Ralph	2009
EBERT, F.A.Aubrey	2007
EDWARD, J Roy D	2007

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FERDINANDS, Brian Anthony	2011
FERDINANDS, John	2006
FERDINANDS, Maurice	2006
FERDINANDS, Rupert W	2009
FERDINANDS, Aubrey F P	2009
FERDINANDS, Ernest H.	2008
FERDINANDS, Jim D	2008
FEREIRA, Jeremy	2008
FERNANDO, Deeptha	2007
FERNANDO, Dinesh	2006
FERNANDO, L.Melville	2007
FERNANDO, M.Kingsley	2008
FERNANDO, Mahes	2009
FERNANDO, Mewan	2005
FERNANDO, Niral	2008
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S. Thomas' wins the over 40, Twenty20

Contributed by Old Thomian Buddy Reid.

The early morning weather, which threatened to put a wet blanket on proceedings, changed its mind to match the bright batting of the Thomians. The Royal captain won the toss and sent us in to bat with the strategy that the ball would move in the heavy atmosphere. The ball did move, but in the direction of the boundary and over it. Thomians Andrew Fernando and Randy de Silva especially, took great delight in testing the hurdling skills of the Royalist outfielders who had to repeatedly hoist themselves over the fence to retrieve the red missile. Fortunately the Royalists had a good "Search and Rescue" squad incorporated in their team, but each time they located and returned the ball from the jungle beyond the fence, Randy and Andrew sent it scorching thither again. Twenty overs and one hundred and twenty eight runs later it was the Royalist's turn to register their score.

A good start by the Royalists was half their job done, but their remaining batsmen got done before the other half of the job. The Thomian fielders did not have to take a single catch as the Royal skittles were knocked over repeatedly by the accurate bowling of Kith Scharenguivel, Claud Reid, Andrew Fernando and Randy de Silva. Special mention must be made of our two triple purpose players, Andrew Fernando (the youngest at just over 40 years) and Claud Reid (the most senior at 71.95 years) both of whom batted, bowled and kept wickets with excellence.

High praise also goes to Delwyn Lappen with a strike rate of 125 for his quick 4 runs at the crucial end. He also dived around on the field like a present day international. Plaudits and thanks also to David Varney, who, in spite of being weighed down by a heavy lunch, willingly substituted on the field with distinction together with a very mobile Dirk D'Silva.

Finally, the record book will show that the Thomian skipper carried off a golden duck during the match and handsome trophy and the end of it.



INVITATION TO STCOBA MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO ATTEND A CRICKET MATCH & AVURUDHU FESTIVITIES IN TARADALE ON 26TH APRIL 2008

Each year over the past few years, members of the Sri Lankan community in Bendigo, through the good offices of our old Thomian member, Adrian de Zilva, have hosted a visit by members of the STCOBA Committee to play in a friendly cricket match at Taradale. Last year, that invitation was extended to the general membership.

This year the match is taking place on **Saturday the 26th of April**. As an added touch, though belated, associated with the match will be some traditional Avurudhu festivities. The match will commence at 10:00am, but those of you who are not playing cricket may come a bit later if you wish. However, please try to be at the grounds as early as possible to participate in the traditional activities. While we cannot promise you a game, if you are interested in playing please let me know.

The cost per head will be \$10.00. The Sri Lankan community in Bendigo will ensure that there is a sumptuous meal and plenty of soft drinks. While there will be some alcohol, members are asked to meet their needs for alcohol on a BYO basis.

The trip promises to be a pleasant one (although over the past couple of years we have been instrumental in bringing Bendigo and its surrounds much needed rain!!). It is a relaxing drive of about 1 ½ hours down the Calder Highway from Melbourne (see below), and many people stop over in nearby Malmsbury for an appetising breakfast before driving to the cricket ground in Taradale.

Why not make it a pleasant day trip, relax, and enjoy the hospitality of the people from Bendigo? For catering purposes it is essential that we are informed of your intention to be present, if you are partaking of lunch. Please contact Trevor Meares on **0402 338 637 by the 18th of April**, if you would like to join the rest of us.

Directions to Taradale: Take the Calder Freeway/Highway heading out to Bendigo and keep following it through without taking any exits. Continue along the Calder Freeway/Highway through the town of Malmsbury. The next town (about 10 minutes from Malmsbury) will be Taradale. Look out for obvious landmarks in 2 service stations, which are side by side. Turn right immediately after the service station on to Jackson Street, which will take you directly to the Taradale Cricket Club.

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Then again you may just like to come along relax and have some fun with the other Thomians and foster fellowship with the Sri Lankans from Bendigo.

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Contact: Trevor Meares—0402 338 637

BEYOND THE HORIZON

GEORGE SAMARASINGHE

Senior-most scout passes away

The Senior-most scout in the country, former Assistant Scout Commissioner for Colombo and Honorary member of the Sri Lanka Queen's and President's Scout Guild, George Samarasinghe passed away on Tuesday at the age of 101.

Mr. George Samarasinghe was born on April 15, 1918 and was educated at S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia and Trinity College, Kandy.

In 1922 he became a King's Scout and in 1933 he obtained the highest award in scouting, the Woodmen's Badge. The Sri Lanka Scout Association has honoured Mr. Samarasinghe with the Silver Lion Award.

The funeral took place at the Galkissaa Cemetery on 8th March.

S.Thomas College Old Boys Centenary Group.

This group is for all Old Boys from Mount Lavinia, Gurutalawa and Bandarawela who were in College during that great year of 1951, when college celebrated its 100th year. This group which banded together 22 years ago has now been revitalized and we have approximately 180 local members and 33 overseas members. Those wishing to join can contact Peter Weerakoon either on his email peterweerakoon@astron.net.au or on his phone number available on the Executive Committee list. for application forms, or from one of the following below. The Life Membership fee is Rs 2500.00

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