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Report for 28th July 2013 Members Day at Vishmithapaya

Present 17 Members: Messers Ronald de Alwis, Asanka Pathirana, Priyantha Gamage, Chandrasena Gamage, A.Wijesinghe, C.Heendeniya, Lalith Wickremasinghe, Samjeeva Hewapathirane, Suranjith de Soysa, Chrishantha Silva, Ajith Jayasinghe, Dinesh Thangavel, Iranga Gunawardane, Ms.Puspakanthi, Ms.Himarshi Pieris, Ms.Ranjitha Ratnapala & Dr. Keerthi Weerawardane Excused: Messers Michael Fernando, Devsiri Fernando, Shelton Jayasekera, Thusitha Jayasekera, Joy de Silva
The Presenter was the President himself.

He wished more members would turn up since the office bearers are doing their best for members and when less members turn up those who slave for SLMC get demoralised.

Whether the monthly "Wand" is received or not the Members Day would take place as usual on the last Sunday of each month except in December. Future Contests were announced. September - Young & Amateur Magician Contests, October 13th - Magician of the Year & Master Magician November - National Contest Those contesting to inform Mr.Suranjith De Soysa VP on 0777208660

Thanks to Mr. Ajith Jayasinghe our new member who treated those present with a delicious cake & Dr.Weerawardane who provided a soft drink during recess time.

The following members presented tricks. Dr.Werawardane who presented a unique effect with a member selecting a card & inserting inside the pack & the card pack bound by a rubber

band and at his command the selected card was the only one encased inside the rubber band with the rest falling. Good effect. What was commendable was how the Doctor presented with a lot of confidence and his patter was louder & audible than before. Next Veteran Chandrasena Gamage did a well presented coin penetration through the table. Chrishantha Silva followed next by producing a box of matches from a card. Asanka Pathirane demonstrated his keenness by making 4 aces turn to 4 kings ! New member Eranga Gunawardane did a card prediction effectively and confidently. Our Treasurer Wijesinghe next separated a pack of cards into 4 lots and the Top Cards on all 4 stacks turned to be Aces. President de Alwis observed that all those who performed had improved tremendously and performed with confidence and the use of patter had definitely improved. This meant that our training sessions were indeed beneficial to our members but lamented that many more should turn up regularly in order to reach professional status.

On the whole all members present enjoyed the session but also missed our amiable Guru Shelton Jayasekera who deserved a holiday with his siblings, and of course our presenter VP Devsiri Fernando who is currently ill.



Many Happy Returns

to all our members celebrating their Birthdays in the month of August

3rd	Clarence Heendeniya
5th	Wasantha Meewaddana
15th	Manuja De Silva
19th	M.D.J. Gunatilleke
23rd	Palitha Guruge
28th	Sambuddika Ratnayake

**NEXT MEMBERS DAY
SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST**



Broken Wand



Veteran Magician Meril Nicholas (Jim Crow) passed away. He was 85 years old at the time of his demise.

His remains laid at his residence No 47, Sapumal Place, Rajagiriya. and were buried at General Cemetry Borella (Roman Catholic Division), on Sunday 4th August.

Veteran Magician Meril Nicholas passed away on 31st July 2013. Born in 1928, he was one of the most senior magicians at the time of his demise. He was a very active member of the circle in 1980s though not seen at the circle activities in recent past due to health reasons.

"Nikky" to his friends and "Jim Crow" to the spectators was a sailor by profession. Mr. Nicholas started his career with Royal Ceylon Navy and joined the merchant shipping on retirement. This provided him the opportunity to travel round the globe and visit magic shops in many capitals. His slogan was "The magician who performed in 69 countries and 105 ports".

Nikky was a regular participant at the circle's contests. He won the Melson Fernando trophy at the Magician of the Year Contest - 1989 with trophies for patter and sleight-of-hand.

Being a senior and experienced magician he volunteered to help novices. Nikky was a generous magician, ever ready to disclose a secret and guide a beginner, a rare quality among magicians. He took novices for his shows and had given opportunity to perform in front of real audiences. He was big-hearted; never hesitated to give his entire bag of props

NOEL ANANDAN ARRIVES IN COLOMBO AFTER 3 YEARS

Noel Anandan the mystery magician from the middle east, known as Blackjack, will be the Star Performer at the next Members Day on 25th August. He will also be having with him a selected number

of **BRAND NEW MAGIC ITEMS FOR SALE** from the Middle East.

Make sure to be there and see him perform and also get some fabulous items for you to perform with.

Young Magician and Amateur Magician contests

will be held in September. Closing date 17th September 2013. Contact the President or Vice President Contest for details.

to a beginner for a show and watch him perform from the audience. Some of those novices excelled in the field later.

Mr. Nicholas was a father of a son and four daughters. His wife Barbara predeceased him a year ago in 2012.

May he rest in peace!

HDN Gunasekara

Some messages of condolence received from our members

" I AM DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE NEWS OF OUR BELOVED NIKKY'S PASSING. MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY->"
R M PIYATILAKE

Oh it is so sad to miss our great veteran Magicians and my heartfelt condolence to his family.

- Sumangala

Deepest Sympathies on the Sad Bereavement; Heartfelt Condolences to All the members in the Family.

Part Memories of him still flows into our Minds.
Nihal and Family

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY I remember watching Jim Crow many decades ago brings back memories

Dr Rajeeva R Pieris

Flashback to Convention 1984



Convention Committee 1984 at the venue - Mr. Micheal Perera's residence at Makola, Kiribathgoda.

L-R Meril Nicholas, Major R.M Piyaytileka, S.Sivanandarajah, J.G.H Perera, Micheal Perera, Ronald de Alwis (Chairman) and H D N Gunesekara

Magician of the Year / Master Magician 2013

Contest Rules:

1. The Contest will be held on Sunday 13th October 2013 at Y.M.B.A. Borella at 6.00 p.m. (Hall will be opened from 4.00 p.m.)
2. Sri Lankan Magic Circle Members over 18 years of age as at 29th September 2013 are eligible to Apply for the Contest Magician of the Year Title Winners are eligible to Apply for Master Magician's Contest.
3. Proof of being an active performing Magician may be required if necessary for the acceptance of the Application.
4. Application should be made as per annexure which is the Official Application Form.
5. A refundable/non-refundable deposit of Rs.1000/= to be paid to the Treasurer by Cash and obtain a official receipt. If you pay Cash contact President or Treasurer. This deposit will be forfeited if the Applicant fails to take-part in the Contest.
6. Applications must be applied as per annexure which is the official application form to President by registered post or handed over personally to Lt. Col. Ronald De Alwis, No.24/2, Jambugasmulla Road, Nugegoda or Vice President Contest before 17th September 2013, 12 noon, by prior appointment.
7. Any Contestant or a Member of his/her team found to be under the influence of liquor or smelling of liquor or even found to be in possession of liquor/drug within the building or premises would face severe disciplinary action amounting to disqualification as a Contestant even before or after the Contest.
8. A Team of a contestant will be restricted to a maximum of Four (4) including the Contestant. One Assistant may overlook the Music/Sound which would be provided. If a helper is taken from the audience, he/she would be counted as an assistant.
9. The Order of Performance at the contest will be decided by drawing of Lots by the contestants at 5.00 p.m. On the day of the contest on stage under the purview of the Stage Manager. Inter changing of the Order of performance so chosen is prohibited. The draw will take place whether the contestants are all present or not.
10. Side wings for the setting up of props will be allocated by the stage manager according to the order of drawing of lots.
11. Minimum time is 9 minutes. Maximum time allowed for a contestant to complete his/her act will be 10 minutes, from time of opening of the curtain fully or from the time the contestant appears on stage. A short Bell will be rung at the end of the 8th Minute. A long Bell will be rung at the 10th Minute. The Curtain will be closed at the 11th Minuted.
12. The following points will be deducted for exceeding 9/10 Minutes.
 - (a) 02 points for fewer 9 minutes.
 - (b) 02 points for exceeding 10 minutes up to the 1st 30 seconds.
 - (c) Thereafter 03 points will be deducted for exceeding any number of seconds up to the 11th Minute.
13. A contestant or any Member of his/her team should not interfere with, obstruct or handicap another contestant or any member of a team. If so the contestant would be disqualified by Stage Manager and his Staff.
14. The S.L.M.C. will not be responsible for the loss or damage to persons or property suffered by the contestants and/or to any member in his/her team.
15. Admission to the Stage area from 4.00 p.m. by the Team Members of a contestant will be strictly by wearing the official badges issued by the Stage Manager. These badges should be worn visibly by the team members at all times.
16. Each contestant will be personally responsible for any defacement damage and/or any other malfunctions caused to the Stage, Curtain ad other equipments.
17. Every act performed must be in good taste and not be vulgar and violate accepted standards of Public Morality Points would be deducted for such acts.
18. Each Contestant will be allowed 03 minutes before opening of curtain to set the stage and equipment for the performance.
19. Every contestant must clear the stage within 02 minutes of his/her finishing their acts.
20. The contest committee headed by the Stage Manager has the absolute right and discretion to stop any performer to bring down the curtain at any time without notice during an act and to decide and rule on

any matter that may arise before, during or after the contest due to any infringement of the rules.

21. Any Challenge Trophy won and awarded must be returned in good condition to the Hony. Vice President Contest within 30 days of receiving the Trophy. Fine of Rs.1000/= will be charged.

22. The verdict of the panel of Judges will be final and conclusive and cannot be challenged.

23. Contents will be Judged on the following criteria

	Points:
a) Dress	10
b) Stage Setting & Décor	10
c) Manner & Presentation	25
d) Routining of Magical Effects	25
e) Patter/	10
F) Pantomime	10
g) Audience Appeal	10
Total	<u>100</u>

A minimum of 70 points is required to be eligible as a Winner. First Runner-up 60 points, 2nd Runner-up 50 points for Magician of the Year only. Master Magician a minimum of 75 points is eligible to be a Winner.

24. All expenditure incurred by the contestants will be at their personnel cost and no reimbursement of any claim will be made whatsoever by the Magic Circle.

25. The Contest Committee of the Governing Council of the S.L.M.C. has the absolute right to cancel, Postponed, change the venue or time of the Contest at any time before the contest. If so the contestants will be notified immediately by Telephone or Telegraph.

26. Trophies and Certificates will be awarded to all Winners of the categories.

27. Acts with Fire including Lighted Cigarettes are not allowed.

28. Participation Certificates will be given to the all Contestants.

29. If you are in due any Membership or any Cash Payment to the Sri Lanka Magic Circle your Application will be rejected.

30. Applicants should have attended at least for one monthly meeting since the last AGM ie in the currant SLMC year.

By order of the Board of the Sri Lanka Magic Circle.

OUR BOARD & COMMITTEE 2013/14

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Librarian : Ms.Ranjitha Ratnapala

The above consists of the main Board and the Finance Board is led by Messers Ronald de Alwis, Devsiri Fernando, Rohan Jayasekera. Rohith.J. Silva & A.Wijesinghe.

Committee Members:

Mrs. Thusitha Jayasekera,
Mrs.Hiranghani Fernando,
Messers Franklyn Hewavitharane,
Kamal Shantha Silva,
Dinesh Thangavel

PS: Although Mr.Terry Amarasekera was elected a VP at the AGM and since he will be abroad till October '13 ,in view of the heavy workload for the current year, Mr.Rohith Silva was appointed as the Vice President – Funding instead.