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## Members Day 30th May

Edited by Alex Perera - General Secretary

Before the monthly gathering, a meeting was held @ 8.30 AM to discuss operational & financial matters re the proposal of Mr.A.Wijesinghe, Asst Treasurer to organize a Fund Raiser for SLMC on the 10th July @ 6.00 PM at Vijaya Kumaranatunga Hall, Wadduwa, under the Joint Chairmanship of Mr. Rohan Jayasekera Vice President Special Projects & Mr. Rohith J, Silva. Vice President Marketing & Promotions. Others present were Col. De Alwis, Messers Sanjeeva Hewapathirane, Sambuddika Ratnayake, C.Gamage, Alex Perera & Devsiri Fernando.

May Monthly Members Day commenced at 10.00 AM In all 27 were present . In attendance were **Col. Ronald de Alwis, Messes M.D.Kamalshantha Silva, Rohan Jayasekera, Amarasiri Wijesinghe, Rohith J Silva, Sanjeeva Hewapathirana, Sambuddika Ratnayaka, Devsiri Fernando, M.K.Wimalasena, A.T.A.Karunasena, Terry Amarasekara, D.D.C. Heendeniya, K.W. Silva, K.Alex Perera, Naminda Warakagoda, Priyantha Gamage, W.S.Boteju, Joy de Silva, Suranjith de Soysa, , A.Wijesinghe, Chandrasena Gamage, Shelton Jayasekera, Franklyn Hewavitharane & Capt. Salpiti-korala. Representatives of the Sabaragomuwa Magic Society (SMS) Mr. Chaminda Dissanayake ( Chairman- SMS) and Mr. A. E. P. Samaraweera (Asst Secretary SMS) were present on the invitation of the President.**

As a follow up on the articles "Creative Communication" written by Mr.Devsiri Fernando which received wide publicity in the print media, 03 Guests namely **Mr.Dhammika Jayasuriya (CEO of Group of Companies ) , Mr.Bimal Perera, (an IT Specialist ) and Mr. Minush Jayasekera ( Western Union Operations Head for Sri Lanka and Maldives) were present.** Mr.Bimal Perera enrolled as a Life Member & the other two would be soon applying to be Life Members.

VP Mr. Devsiri Fernando called the meeting to order. He welcomed the members and introduced the above three guests who were willing to join the Circle as life members. He also welcomed Messers Joy and A.T.A Karunasena, Kamal Shantha Silva for been present after sometime as well Mr.Terry Amarasekara reporting after a tour from Bangkok & Cambodia. Then he shared the thoughts for the day about "Leadership". Distinctively he mentioned the three types of Leadership- Autocratic, Democratic and Laissez Faire and explained with examples, how to apply them on the stage as well as in our daily routines.

President Ronald De Alwis introduced & welcomed Messes Chaminda Dissanayake and A.E.P Samaraweera who represented the Sabaragamuwa Magic Society.The new Life Member **Mr. Franklyn Hewawitharana** then took his Oaths administered by President De Alwis. President introduced all the Board Members present to be recognized by the guests. President announced that the Swiss Ambassador **Her Excellency Madam Ruth Flint** had appreciated the current progress of the Building Construction and contributed Rs. 20,000/= towards the Magic Circle. She was greeted by the Board Members on the 7th May at '156" Col De Alwis thanked the dedicated services offered by VP.Mr. Rohith J Silva for having fixed a name board on the front wall of "156".

President then invited VP Training and Workshop Mr. Sanjeeva Hewapathirana to conduct the Workshop. As there were more members and new faces for the

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## The Next Members Day

**June 27th ( Sunday )**

**9.30 AM to 1.30 PM**

Premises open from 8.30 AM

Come early for Library Reference & Fellowship

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day, Mr. Sanjeeva started the workshop afresh. He gave an introduction about Magic and the different types such as Black Magic and White Magic. To find a solution for any problem, he said "Stop and take one step back and then proceed forward with the problem". He told the secret of memorizing numbers and objects. i.e. How to photocopy an object and store it in memory, How to concentrate on objects and how to recover them back in the memory. The Practical class started with bending a tonic lid. He revealed the trick. He then demonstrated the Ring through the Lace, Vanishing of a Coin, Ball through a Silk from a Glass and the Double Lift with a deck of cards. He invited those who were present at the last gathering to demonstrate what they learnt last time.

VP Mr. Devsiri expressed sympathy to those members affected by recent floods namely Alex Perera and Shelton Jayasekara. He also recognised the presence of Naminda Warakagoda. Kamal Shanta Silva and Capt Salpitikorala. Then he called the house for a refreshment break. Cake and biscuits and aerated waters were served.

After the break, VP Mr. Devsiri invited the Sabaragamuwa Magic Society Chairman Mr. Chaminda Dissanayake to brief the members about SMS. Mr. Chaminda said that the SMS has been formed on 30th of January 1997 under guidance of Mr. Ram Rao who also was a member of SLMC. They started the society with 10 members at the beginning, which has grown up to 24 members at present excluding 6 junior members who are children of the members. They have an Advisory Board & office bearers in the SMS. They have conducted an annual contest in the past and were grateful to the SLMC Office Bearers who came there to guide them & as judges. They complained that their access to communicate with the SLMC in the past were blocked! Now they wish their society to be affiliated to the SLMC. They bestowed an honour by wishing to have Lt. Col. Ronald de Alwis as an Adviser for Life & in addition to have any other future President of the SLMC as their Patron. Mr. Chaminda also wanted to know as to how they could get affiliated. President Ronald De Alwis thanked the Chairman of SMS for the appreciation they had personally showered on him & the SLMC & that the SMS were welcome & that the Board would send them the terms for the affiliation in mid June after a Board discussion in June.

The workshop continued thereafter. Mr. Hewapathirana demonstrated how to Cut a Ribbon, Knot it, and Restore it. In addition, he traced the knot from another ribbon. Next he took a thread of about 2 feet broke it into few pieces and restored the thread and demonstrated as how to perform it. At the end of the workshop, Mr.

Sanjeeva requested the members to practice them at home & come prepared to perform them at the June Monthly Members' Day. At the request of Mr. Devsiri Mr. Chaminda from SMS took a piece of rope, cut it to two pieces and restored the rope. VP Mr. Chandrasena Gamage then explained about the five ways of Magic in Sinhala. They are Sleight of Hand, Apparatus, Magnets, Chemicals and Electronic Energies. He also emphasized on important areas a magician should possess, namely; Patter, Presentation, Entertainment, Knowledge & Piety. Mr. Priyantha Gamage presented a Silk out through a Transparent Tube covered with another dark tube. VP Mr. Shelton Jayasekara borrowed a Deck of Cards from the audience and shuffled it and traced out four Aces at four cuts. Mr. Terry Amarasekara made a Ball with a Silk vanish.

Mr. Devsiri invited Mr. Chandrasena Gamage to talk about his experience in winning the National Trophy and the feeling he had when he won it in 1975. Mr. Chandrasena narrated the as to how he became a magician. VP Mr. Suranjith de Soysa then explained about the future contests. Get-together ended by 12.45 PM.

## MAGIC CONTESTS 2010

- A) Young Magicians Contest :for the Donovan Andree Challenge Trophy  
Open to Members & Affiliated Members below 18 Years & those who have won it before  
**Applications Close on 25th July @ 12 Noon**
- B) The Amateur Magicians Contest for the Linden de Alwis Challenge Trophy  
Open to Members & Affiliated Members over the age of 18 Years & Open to previous Winners of the Young Magicians Trophy (not contesting in that category) even they would be below 18 Years.  
**Applications Close on 25th July @ 12 Noon**
- Register with **Mr. Suranjith De Soysa** (Tel:0777208660) & call for an application form on or after 27th June
- C) Magician of the Year 2010 For those Members over 18 years
- D) Master Magician 2010 For Winners of Magician of the Year & Above
- E) National Contest 2010 Open to all Sri Lankans over 18 Years

If Sabaragomuwa Magic Society is affiliated by July 2010 valid members of theirs could participate. Register with Mr. Suranjith de Soysa on or before 25th July. If there are less than 03 contestants these contests would be cancelled.

# Vishmitha Magic Rathriyak

Vishmitha Magic Rathriyak will be held @ Vijaya Kumaranatunga Hall, Wadduwa on 10th July 2010 @ 6.00 PM

Special Guest Artiste **Sando Harris** with his troupe "Cheerio Sargeant" with Magicians **Sanjeeva Hewapathirane, Amarasiri Wijesinghe, Priyantha Gamage** and **Sambuddika Ratnayake**. "Chin Chong" Vent Act by **Kalabushana Chandrasena Gamage** will also be one of the acts at this show.

Tickets are priced @ Rs.300/= Rs.200/= & Rs.100/= Members are kindly requested to support this Fund Raiser. This Show is directed by **Vice President Mr,Rohan Jayasekera** and presented by The Sri Lanka Magic Circle.

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Tickets are available with the Wadduwa Regional Organizer "Magic Mistique" Mr.Amarasiri. Wijesinghe ` Tel: 0779879274

Presenter: Mr.S.K Dharamapala



## B'DAYS IN JUNE

03rd Mr. S.Anthonypillai

22nd Mr.Sanjeeva Hewapathirane  
*Don't forget to bring us a birthday treat when you come on Sunday.*

# COCKTAIL CARDS

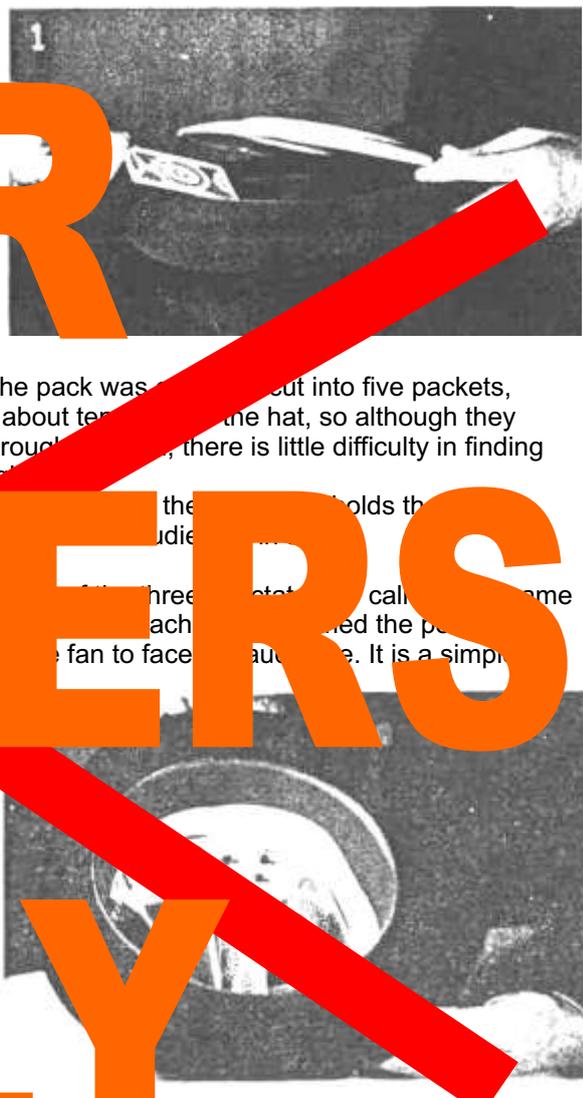
In this effect the performer seems to have no opportunity for controlling the cards in any way as he does not appear to touch the pack, yet he is successful in locating three cards which are selected when the pack was in the care of the spectator in a novel manner in which the effect is mysterious. It helps to make an amusing and entertaining mystery.

**EFFECT.** A spectator riffles the pack, divides it into five packets, selects any one packet, then takes it to three members of the audience who are asked to select a card. The remainder of the cards in the packet are dropped into a hat which is then covered with either a dinner hat or a dinner plate. The spectator shakes the hats like a cocktail shaker so that the cards are thoroughly mixed. Now the three selected cards are placed in the bottom of the hat.

Next the performer takes the hat and as his hand dips into the hat to drop the cards, he gives them a strong bend. He then introduces a second hat (or a large dinner plate) over the first hat and demonstrates what he wants done by shaking the hats thoroughly mixed. The spectator continues to shake and is then asked to go to the hat. The spectator, by opening the hat, finds that an alligator's mouth, like the second card, is in the bottom hat (Figure 1). After receiving another good shake from the spectator, the hats are returned to the performer who takes off the top hat (or plate). Holding the hat containing the cards at just below

the level of the audience. As the pack was cut into five packets, there are only about ten cards in the hat, so although they have been thoroughly mixed, there is little difficulty in finding the three straight cards. The performer holds the hat in front of the audience and asks three spectators to call out a name. The performer then calls out the name of the card which has been selected. It is a simple effect.

the rest of the cards by collecting them together in the hat, then giving them a bend. The performer then opens the hat and directs the audience to look into the hat before the performer takes the top hat (or plate) off the top hat. Holding the hat containing the cards at just below



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*SOURCE: "VERNON'S INNER SECRETS OF CARD MAGIC PART ONE" Compiled and Photographed By LEWIS GANSON*

## **ADDITIONAL FUND RAISERS BY OUR OWN DEDICATED MEMBERS**

The President appeals to the members in their respective area to organize Fund Raisers as Area Representatives like Mr.A. Wijesinghe with the support of the Board within the next 3 Months. The need for you to lead is very essential. President has high hopes that the Members would galvanize into action & contact him for coordination of the Area Projects. !!

Mr. Lalith Wickremasinghe has already promised the President several Fund Raisers in the North & East of Sri Lanka. If every member gives the necessary support we could create the nucleus for the final stage of our Construction of the Top Floor of our Building @ 156 by 2011. Yes We Can !!



Anuradha Perera has completed the "Asian Squash Federation - Level 01 Coaching course" and got the award & the certificate recently. Best wishes on your new venture!

Our legal eagle Micheal Fernando flew to Australia for a 3 month holiday. Hope he doesn't get stuck 'down under'.

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Thanks to the generosity of our VP Marketing and Promotions we are having a name board at last. Thats something we were trying to have for nearly one year. Let us all thank VP Rohith profusely for his very thoughtful gift !!

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