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Come and visit the FOC2018 on Sunday 8th July - See page 25 for instructions on how to get there
Festival of Cricket 2018 - 30th Anniversary

- An open invitation to all



FoC2018 President - Siano Perera, De Mazenod College OBA UK

This coming Sunday is the Festival of Cricket 2018. The event takes place at the Hainault Recreation Grounds, Forest Road, Fairlop, Essex. (See page 25 for instructions on how to get there). This year's President is Siano Perera, an old boy of De Mazenod College OBA UK Branch. Siano and his trusty lieutenants have been working tirelessly throughout the year to make sure the event will be fantastic for all. The main attraction is the Cricket Tournament among Old Boys Associations in the UK for the coveted FoC Challenge Trophy. This all started as a dream. In 1989 Mr. G. C. Perera envisioned the dream of a Cricket Encounter among 6 Old Boys' Associations and

has now grown to be the one of the most popular and glamorous event in the social calendar of the Sri Lankan community in the UK. Apart from the cricket there are lots of other great attractions for you and your families. Stock up on all your Sri Lankan food products for you to cook at home. Make sure you get your fill of the lovely, freshly cooked Sri Lankan food on offer. Then dance off those calories to the music of both Skyhigh and Frontline bands and fabulous Bathiya & Santhush who have come all the way from Colombo. There will also be performances from Arunalu Dancing Academy and Neeta Rohini Dancing Group. The Festival would not have been possible

without long-term sponsor Sri Lankan Airlines who have their continued support of the event along with others who have sponsored the event in the last number of years, Constantine Associates, Universal Suppliers, Blue Ocean and Tilmax. Furthermore the FoC extend a special welcome to their new sponsors, Symphony Coaches, Tesco Plc, Sampath Bank, Complete Investments & The ONE Sri Lanka Group. Siano's invitation is not only for Sri Lankans...So tell all your friends and neighbours and come and enjoy Fantastic Cricket, Entertainment, Food and Great Company at the Festival of Cricket 2018. Please see upcoming issues for FoC supplements.

Festival of Cricket 2018 Good Luck From Newslanka

40th Observer Mobitel Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year awards

Hasitha Boyagoda of Trinity College, Kandy receiving the Observer Mobitel Schoolboy Cricketer of the year award from the first winner of the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer in 1979, Chief ICC Match Referee and former Sri Lanka Test Captain Ranjan

Madugalle who was the Chief Guest at the 40th Observer Mobitel Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year Awards ceremony held at Colombo Hilton. Also in the picture are Sri Lanka Telecom and Mobitel Chairman P.G. Kumarasinghe, ANCL Director Editorial



Chandrasiri Seneviratne, General Manager Abhaya Amaradasa, Senior General Manger Human Resources Legal and Regulatory Affairs of Mobitel Namal Rathnayake, President of Sri

Lanka School Cricket Association Oshara Panditharatne and Editor in Chief Sunday Observer Dharisha Bastians. Picture by Rukmal Gamage

Dilini Seneviratne wins the Yuva Nritya Ratna Award



Dilini Seneviratne after receiving the award with (left)Nalin Perera - Sri Lanka Tourism in the UK and His Excellency, Mr Y.K Sinha - High Commissioner of India in the UK.

SLC to hold elections under prevailing law

(DailyNews.lk) - The Secretary to the Ministry of Sports informed Court of Appeal through the Attorney General that arrangements have been made to conduct the election under the prevailing laws to elect office bearers to Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC).

Senior Deputy Solicitor General Sumathi Dharmawardena appearing for the Secretary to the Ministry of Sports further stated that the election will be held after appointing new election committee.

At a previous occasion, the Court of Appeal

decided to vacate its Interim Order dated May 31, 2018 staying the holding of the election that was scheduled to be held on last May 31 to elect the office bearers of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC). Former SLC Secretary Nishantha Ranatunga filed this writ petition in the Court of Appeal seeking a writ order preventing SLC, its office bearers from permitting Thilanga Sumathipala to hold the post of SLC President in any manner whatsoever after the SLC election scheduled to be held on May 31 this year.

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