

## Members' Night..... July 22 2000

It was just grand. It was even grander, because the weather behaved itself. No tents were put up because of a previously arranged cricket match. The Organisers cast anxious eyes upwards and the clouds took the hint and kept away. Thereafter, the weather remained fine. Five hundred tickets (yes, five hundred) were snapped up, the result of excellent marketing strategy by Shreepathy and his team comprising Patrick Joseph, Gurmit Singh, Patrick Rudge, Sivabalan, the Staff of the Secretariat, Manager Balachandar, Ramanathan, Ms. Selvie, Buddhika as well as the Bar staff.

Compere, Gurmit Singh did a super job holding the attention of the crowd. There was never a dull moment.



Guests at the party.



The Friday night music duo of Ben and Andrew with crooner Shreepathy at the mike.



Members' Night. Children of members delight the audience with their own special brand of entertainment.

## Addressing the gathering, The President, Mr. P. Raveentheran said :

*"We have just held our Extraordinary General Meeting earlier this evening. I wish to thank those of you who have given your support by attending this important meeting. The Amendments to the Rules of the constitution of the Club have all been passed.*



*This would not have been possible if not for your feedback, suggestions and support on the Proposed Amendments over the past few months. There are many to thank for, but I would like to specifically mention Mr. Ganesh, my fellow Management Committee member and a*

*lawyer by profession, and Mr. Navaneethan, a volunteer and also a lawyer, for their assistance in the project.*

*You have given us a resounding mandate to go forward and work towards excellence and GO FOR CHANGE. CSC will be more forward-looking.*

*Although we are proud of culture and traditions, we also live in a fast-changing world. Hence, the Amendments to our Constitution, to include a Corporate Membership Category.*

*It is a different kind of leadership that we now need.*

*No CSC leader must ever forget that the CSC is a Family Club. Every member, young or old, rich, middle-class or poor, is important. This is a level playing field and a level-playing Club. Decent people, professional, graduates, business persons, non-graduates and others, are welcome.*

*Most of all, we must be leaders who can mingle with all members from all strata of societies. It is only the weak leader who needs psychological crutches by having discriminatory rules against our less well-off citizens. We do not practice that here in the Ceylon Sports Club. We need leaders who care for the Community. And most of all, to make things happen..*

*You have heard many a time, the saying, 'Do and be damned, and Damned if you Don't It is better to 'Do and be Damned' rather than Don't do at all. You will see this*