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Sri Lankan 55+ Group Holds Summer Picnic

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THE 3rd Sri Lankan Seniors 55+ Group conducted its summer picnic at Crescent Park in Winnipeg on August 5, Sunday 2018 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with more than 30 participants.

As it was a long weekend some members were out of town. In his welcome speech, group president Daya Perera discussed their upcoming activities for the season, namely: cooking demo as a fund-raiser for the fall, and a movie night in the winter.

Non-profit organization

Perera said the dates and locations will be announced later, adding that the group will function as a non-profit organization under the Sri Lankan Association of Manitoba.

The Entertainment committee held five outdoor games and a well-practiced short drama as participants introduced themselves and shared some of their life experiences in the opening game as an ice-breaker of sorts. It was a fun moment in the picnic as all members enthusiastically



participated in the games.

Presentation & donation

Three members performed in the short drama presentation, to the delight of the audience. Sinhala and English newspaper Yathra (published in Toronto) helped provide funding for the group through their sales, while one of the members donated home-made traditional coconut-shell kitchen spoons that were also sold for added funds.

Upcoming events

Meanwhile, the Manitoba All Fours Association (MAFA) was also in attendance. MAFA has a large membership, majority of which are "Trinidadians". The association conducted a cooking contest and entertained the crowd with music and other fun activities.

MAFA has invited the Sri Lankan Seniors 55+ Group to organize and conduct a similar event for the summer next year in the same location.

