

Evening wear collection



The Rebel Evening Wear Collection 2009, showcased a collection of evening wear in colour pallets held at Hilton Hotel lobby on Wednesday.

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Colombo Swimming Club reopens

The quaint Colonial mansion that houses one of the most sought after family recreational Clubs - The Colombo Swimming Club - has put in place plans to bring out more activities and facilities to its membership following a gala reopening ceremony last week. The occasion was marked with a grand social evening to rekindle the 'clubbing' atmosphere.

Storm Lodge
The "Storm Lodge" was born to a rich British businessman, then residing with his family in Colombo. This grand building complemented other colonial residences, along the top end of Galle road, resplendent with columns, verandahs, cane furniture and antiques of Dutch, British & French origins. Well maintained gardens with lamp posts lighting the evening dressage, was the ideal setting for yet another Somerset Maugham story.

a gold medal at the Montreal Olympics after honing his aquatic skills at the CSC in his youth. CSC being the proud owner of the only 5 metre diving board in the country at the time, it was only natural that CSC was the choice for the prestigious All Ceylon Diving Competition. Of course, as with most establishments set up by the British, the CSC was the exclusive domain of the British at first, then Europeans until as late as 1971, when it was finally designed to throw open membership to Sri Lankans.

It's first Sri Lankan President the late Chandra de Silva occupied the hot seat in 1989 and did his utmost to keep the blue flag flying high. The same is true of all his local successors; they have all given of their time and talent in varying degrees in the interests of the Club. While it is named a "swimming club", the CSC today offers a variety of sporting options and its annual sports gala attracts even otherwise dormant members to par-

ticipate in the jamboree. The gala extends over a few weeks and ends with a grand prize giving ceremony, after which both winners and losers alike whoop it at a glamorous after-party.

Continental
The Club's state-of-the-art kitchens offer a varied cuisine, with Continental and Sri Lankan food being firm favorites amongst members. A daily businessman's luncheon offers executives a chance to relax over a quick meal as the club is located close to the heart of the city's business district.

The Club's kitchen and restaurant is reportedly ranked amongst the top 15 restaurants in Sri Lanka last year by the Ministry of Health and the Colombo Municipality. In the pictures are some guests at the gala reopening captured on camera by Ruwan de Silva last week.

* CSC AGM today
The Colombo Swimming Club is scheduled to hold its 73rd AGM today.

