

S.PHILIPNERI – AN OLD PATRICIAN’S ACHIEVEMENTS IN NORTH AMERICA

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Mr. Philipneri, is a 74 year old Patrician who has been participating in every Canada Masters Athletic Meets and Ontario Masters Athletic Meets from the year 2008 onwards and came out with flying colors in 'Green and Gold', competing with various nationalities in the Canada soil. 'Fit as a fiddle' at this age, he is a shining example to everyone, that age is no barrier to accomplish anything, with the blessings of His Almighty.

Mr. Philipneri is an old boy of St. Patrick's College, Jaffna, Sri Lanka and he was a student from the year 1950 till 1959. When he was at St. Patrick's College, he played Cricket, Soccer and took part in Athletics too. Soon after his education at St. Patrick's College, he was selected as Trainee Teacher in Mathematics at Palali Teachers Training College, Sri Lanka. During his training period, he won the Athletic Championships in the year 1961 and 1962. He also played Soccer, Cricket and Basketball for the College. He took a 'hat trick' as an opening bowler, during a match played at the Training College.

Soon after his training, as a Special Mathematics teacher, he was appointed at Jabar Mahavidhayalaya in Galagedera, Kandy district in the year 1963 till 1973; he was also the Sports Master at the same college. He moved to Jaffna in 1974 and taught at Jaffna Central College from the years 1974 – 1990. In addition to being a teacher in Mathematics, he was also a Coach in Athletics and Soccer as well as a Scout leader.

Mr. Philipneri migrated to Canada in the year 2002. He participated every year in Canada's Master's Athletic Meets and Ontario Masters Athletic Meets and won a total of **14 gold medals, 3 silver medals, and 3 bronze medals, all through the years 2008 to 2014.** The main events in which he won the Gold medals were Triple Jump, Long Jump, Javelin and Discuss throw. As an outstanding Sportsman with stellar performances, especially at the age of 74, and competing with various nationalities in Canada, I, as a Patrician myself, I humbly felt, that I should share his outstanding achievements with my fellow Patricians and all sports enthusiasts.

Hail ! Greater St. Patrick's College Jaffna, Sri Lanka!

Long live great Patrician Mr. S. Philipneri, who hoisted the flag of St. Patrick's College in Canadian Soil every year from 2008 to 2014.

Here is a saying from Mr. S. Philipneri himself
"EVERYTHING WE DO IS FOR THE GLORY OF GOD" "