



BISHOPS ODU NEWS

11th November 2016

Dear ODs

RUGGER RECALL

Last night a panel of six professional OD rugby coaches; John Dobson (1986K), Robbie Fleck (1993O), Angus Firth (1984W), Mike Bayly (1983S), Richard Smith (Staff) and Oliver Steynor (1989O), Chaired by Matthew Pearce (1987G) were ready to discuss how Bishops rugby has influenced their coaching, the state of SA rugby today, and the future of this beautiful game. What would have been a heated debate, turned into a 'celebration' of the life of Basil Bey and his significant contribution to the brand of running rugby known as 'Bishops Rugby' and his firm belief that "you don't coach, you encourage."

Everyone stood for a moment's silence and Father Wilke spoke the words from the Remembrance Day service held yesterday morning, "We shall remember him, may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen." Bruce then called for a toast to Basil. If I know Basil, he was sitting up there, lifting his glass too.

In the words of Shakespeare, spoken of Julius Caesar, in our case, Basil; "His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him, that nature might stand up and say to all the world, THIS WAS A MAN!"

Thank you to Luc du Plessis (2003B) for all the ground work and effort you put into chasing our coaches in order for this reawakening occasion to take place.

Luc sent this to us this morning and had this to say: 'I remember being fascinated by Basil's articles he used to write after the weekend rugby events in 2010, each of which included a small anecdote connecting life with rugby which always resonated with me.'

"It was a time when I coached the Bishops U14Bs and this excerpt stood out, some of which was brought up last night at the Bishops Coaching Talk.' "Much earlier in the day on the Bishops' Piley Rees field, I enjoyed an exciting contest between the two schools' under 14 B teams; both groups of boys played adventurous, stimulating rugby football and it seemed that the game to them really was fun – of course it was fun, as it should be, not only for the boys but also for those of us who braved the early start to the day and the heavy mists that blanketed the fresh, green fields of Bishops. My wish is that all those lads, throughout their rugby careers at school, will continue to play sport, especially rugby, rough, tough game that it is, for fun. There is considerable talent in both teams, which made for some good rugby, but it was the attitude of both teams that most impressed. One hopes that no coach manages to clip their wings in the next few years!"

Thank you to the ODs who always step up at these events and assist wherever they can, I

appreciate it.

MENTORING PROGRAMME

Feel free to consult with one of over 300 OD mentors all over the world who would be delighted to support you with their experience and wisdom. Or if you are already working and need some support with career options and challenges, OD mentors are ready to help. Please contact the OD Mentoring panel by clicking:

<https://form.jotformeu.com/61863512428356>

SAVE THE DATE

The ***ODU Annual Dinner will take place on Thursday 16th March 2017***. A formal invitation will be sent out shortly. We encourage all the young ODs to round up your class and book a table to experience an always, most enjoyable evening of comradery and goodwill.

“Cheers”

Congratulations to brothers Stuart (1988W) and James (1990W) Downes who have been lauded 5 stars in Platter’s for both their Mount Bullet 2013 and Semillon 2015, affirming that cool-climate Elgin delivers excellence across the varietal range.

REMINDERS

Calling All OD International Sports Achievers

The College is busy updating the information on the Honours Boards in the Old Gym of OD achievers in international sports. If you fall into this category or you know an OD who does please e-mail your/his achievement to dorourke@bishops.org.za as soon as possible.

Wickedly Funny Performance

A reminder to book tickets to see the brilliantly innovative, iconic rock musical, Hedwig and the Angry Inch, playing at Gate69 until 27th November. Paul du Toit (1992W) plays Hedwig and Niall Griffin (2001B) is the brilliance behind the set and costume design. Book at www.gate69.co.za

UK

If you are in the UK on Thursday 1st December, please join the UK ODs for year-end drinks. This party is being hosted and part-sponsored by Hamish Sinclair (1992S) a partner at Stonehage Fleming. Please RSVP: <https://form.jotformeu.com/62702030344341>

Carols with Richard Cock (1967O)

Christmas Carols takes place on Friday 16th December in the Memorial Chapel at 18H00. Don't miss out! Book your tickets at

http://online.computicket.com/web/event/christmas_carols_with_richard_cock/1075370625/0/75325410

SPORT

Founders versus School '77 Golf Challenge

The 6th Annual Golfing Challenge between the Founders and School House classes of 1977 was held on the 4th and 5th November at The Hermanus Golf Club. The teams are made up predominantly of 1977 ODs however "star" golfers from other years "help" out from time to time. Founders managed to secure a hard fought victory this year under some fairly tough conditions!

Cricket

Please find attached a Cricket results report written by Willem Steyn.

All College sports fixture can be seen at <http://college.bishops.org.za/sport/Fixtures.aspx>

Excellent News

We would like to congratulate Saleem Firfirey (Head of Gray House and Deputy Head of School in 2013) for being awarded a Mandela Rhodes Scholarship for 2017. Way to go!

Benefit

Please see the MySchool card flyer attached and make every swipe count!

Indulge for a Cause

Bishops will be selling Christmas Puddings together with the Kirstenbosch Rotary Club again this year. Please see the letter attached.

RESPECTS

Ulick Brown (1940G)

A remarkable man, Ulick Brown, passed away peacefully on his 93rd birthday on Sunday 6th November. He was a fiercely devoted to his family. His passion for life and Bishops was legendary. He will be deeply missed by his wife Wendy, his sons Niall (1973G) and wife Lynn, Malcolm (1979G) and wife Margie, daughters Tessa and husband Kem and Amanda and husband Michael, and his 12 grandchildren, Vicky, Caroline, Julia, Stephen, Susan, Richard, Michael, Alexandra, William, Katie and Jack.

Basil Bey (Staff 1971 – 1998)

It is with incalculable sadness that I inform you of the passing of Basil Bey. Basil passed away yesterday, 10th November, after fighting a battle with cancer for some time. If you knew Basil, he fought to the bitter end. We would like to send our warmest condolences to Michelle, Martin, Charlie, the Bey family and his close friends. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Basil was an iconic figure with an immense wealth of knowledge. He will be sorely missed. I will send out a notice regarding funeral arrangements once I have more information. I have already had an influx of reminiscences and fond recollections of Basil. I will compile a document and send it out along with next week's newsletter.

George Murray (1958S)

It is with regret that I inform you of the passing of George Murray on the 5th November.

Alex, please accept our sincere commiserations. Our thoughts are with you at this time.

Fides Barry (1973W)

I am sad to report that Fides Barry passed away on the 19th October. I would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife Janine, his sister Angie and her husband Ronnie, his stepson Ryan and his daughters Skye and Storm. We send love and light your way.

Humphrey Power (1966S)

We send belated, wholehearted condolences to Heather and the family of Humphrey Power who passed away on 25th August this year, after a long battle with cancer.

"Grief is like the ocean, it comes on waves ebbing and flowing. Sometimes the water is calm, and sometimes it is overwhelming. All we can do is learn to swim" – Vicki Harrison

Count your many blessings this weekend, one by one.

Take care,

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