



BISHOPS ODU NEWS

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Dear ODs

INSIGHT

On Wednesday night 2nd November a turnout of over 100 people came together to hear Scott Ramsay (1993F) talk on and present his world renowned photographs and anecdotes contained in his new book *South Africa's Wildest Places*. Scott highlighted key moments in conservation whilst visiting African Parks. He explained that even though these places define South Africa's epic story of conservation, full of controversy and contradiction, tragedy and triumph, they are not only critical for conservation, but they also form the foundation of South Africa's economy and society. He believes these places are the most valuable in the country, as they give all South Africans an irreplaceable sense of meaning, belonging and identity. Everyone relished the talk and his book supply was sold out! See more at www.LoveWildAfrica.com

BOOK YOUR TICKETS

Next Thursday 10th November we will be hosting another event at The Mitre - "Rugby Coaching – can it save SA Rugby?" Drinks and snacks will be served at 7pm and the panel discussion, chaired by Matthew Pearce (1987G) – Independent Sports Broadcaster, followed by Q & A, will start at 7:30pm.

Six professional OD rugby coaches will discuss how Bishops rugby has influenced their coaching, the state of SA rugby today, and the future of this beautiful game. Speakers are John Dobson (1986K) – Western Province Coach, Robbie Fleck (1993O) – Stormers Coach, Angus Firth (1984W) – Head of Bishops Rugby, Michael Bayly (1983S) – Bishops Support Coach, Richard Smith (Staff) – Bishops 1st Team Coach and Oliver Steynor (1989O) – WPPS 1st Team Coach. To book go to <https://www.webtickets.co.za/event.aspx?itemid=1465704698>

The invitation and biographies on these coaches are attached.

ATTENTION

The College is busy updating the information on the Honours Boards in the Old Gym of OD achievers in international sports. We do not want to leave anyone out so please will all ODs who fall into this category e-mail your information as soon as possible to dorourke@bishops.org.za

MENTORING PROGRAMME

With the year coming to a close, grade 12's matriculating and, hopefully, students graduating, should you be in need of advice and guidance for your next steps, please 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>

LOVED THE HOTS PHOTO!

Rudi Pakendorf (Staff 1973-1981) wrote in to say, "I particularly enjoyed the HOTS picture - as a staff member and the first assistant housemaster of Kidd House, many happy memories came flooding back, of days in the classroom, on the sports field, picking up your pace as you walk to your next class

when Anthony Mallett happened to be striding to his classroom and would bark at boys (and staff) who were late for class. We helped to pitch in to buy the first kombi to transport boys - much to the horror of the powers that be. Brian welcomed me to the school and tried to find books for the enthusiastic new teacher and started the audio visual department, which Basil then took on. If I recall correctly, Alan was my first department chair. And I recall the kind and patient staff cricket team members who included me in the Stags team in spite of my limited skills. My life continues in the United States where I am part of a university's development department. I travel all over the US and meet alumni who wish to part with their money to leave an impact on the next generation of students. By the way, my South African journey took me from Bishops to Grey Boys High School, which are now linked by the outstanding brothers who lead them. My very best wishes to my former colleagues and the many boys (now likely unrecognizable mature men) with whom I had contact. I would welcome contact from anyone who wishes to chat." rpaken4@yahoo.com

I heard from Philip Dicey too, who had this to say, "All the teachers in the photo barring Basil (I wasn't good enough at rugby) taught me one or more of the following, Afrikaans, Latin, English, Rugby, Cricket, Fishing, giving blikkieskos to the poor (Dobbo) and about the "Little things in life" (Ed Milne – usually to do with cricket etiquette). Alan Douglas also taught us "not to have noisy footprints in the passage."

UAE REPAST

A number of ODs and our Chairman, Bruce Jack, attended the Middle East branch get-together on 3rd November at the iconic Dubai Creek Golf and Yacht club. The mix of ODs varied from ODs who have only recently moved to Dubai to others who had been living there over 16 years. It was an enjoyable evening with many a story being told from yesteryear and Bruce took the opportunity to update them on what is happening in the ODU. Photos and more on this will appear in the December magazine.

THE 2016 OLD QUAD GOLF CHALLENGE

The annual competition for the Old Quad Golf Shield between ODs and Old Boys of Rondebosch, Wynberg and SACS took the form of a Triangular, as SACS were regrettably unable to field a team for the 24-a-side event. The match took place at the Westlake Golf Club on Friday 28th October in windy, but otherwise fine conditions. The winners were Wynberg, with a total of 470 Stableford points; Bishops were second on 445 and Rondebosch third with 441. A full write up and photos will be published in the December magazine and can be viewed at

https://www.facebook.com/pg/ODUnion/photos/?tab=album&album_id=10154569665243592

LUNCH ENGAGEMENT

Oxfordshire is one of those counties with a relatively large OD contingent and for the second year ODs and their wives gathered for a most convivial and extended lunch at The Bell, Kidlington. Despite the many years which separate the youngest and oldest at these functions, there is an ease with which ODs slip into interested and interesting conversations with each other; the Bishops thread at work! Tony (1939F) and Deborah Honoré also attended the lunch.

Visit <http://community.odu.co.za/photo/albums/2016-oxford-lunch> to see photos and read more.

MELODIC

Nick Taylor (1961G) is rewriting the libretto for a musical that premiered in Durban 36 years ago as 'CHRISTIAN!' It ran to capacity for the Christmas season and then went on to run for another two months in Johannesburg. Those were early days for a locally written musical but there was a second production in 1986 to open the Durban Playhouse and it's been put on by many schools and amateur groups since. He hasn't had time till now to update it. He is going back to the original title 'PILGRIM', as the musical is loosely based on John Bunyon's Pilgrims Progress. There has been some interest from the USA and he is working with the original musical director Michael Hankinson in London updating and digitising the score. See picture attached. Nick is centre right (arms raised) and Jonathan Rands (1971S) behind him to the right. Music can be heard at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKnNJFFA0iWBMaV0Mtulw1Q>

RETORTS

I express my apologies. Last week I failed to attach the biography for Emily van Heerden (attached) who has been nominated for the 2016 Diocesan College Rhodes Scholarship. Stephen Hofmeyr (1973O) wrote in to tell us that Emily is his niece, once removed, his cousin's daughter. He writes, "Emily has strong Bishops connections. Her father Murray Van Heerden SC, is the son of the late Judge Nols Van Heerden and Peggy Van Heerden (nee Hofmeyr). Peggy is my aunt and her late brothers, Teddy and Murray (my father), were both at Bishops. The family lived opposite the Prep in Fir Road (now the site of Evergreen)".

Michael Mathews (1951S) also contacted me to let me know that Emily's brother, Marc van Heerden was Senior Prefect at Bishops in 2008 and her grandmother, Alice Mathews (nee Hofmeyr) was Head Girl of Herschel in 1953.

UPCOMING

ODU Birding Club

Peter Steyn (1955O), President of the Cape Bird Club, invites interested ODs to their next meeting on Thursday 10th November in the Nassau Centre at Groote Schuur High School off Palmyra Road at 8pm. The title of next Thursday's meeting is 'Costa Rican Birding Adventure' and one of the two presenters is Vernon Head (1985O). It is advisable to arrive earlier for parking. For non-members there is a small charge of R10 payable at the door. Tea and biscuits are served after the meeting.

Four Ball

In my newsletter of 2nd September I wrote a piece on the Eyethu Skate Park Initiative in Hout Bay, led by Lawdon Holmes (2009W). They are hosting a golf day on the 18th November. Please see invitation attached or contact Lawdon for more information at hlmlaw003@gmail.com

Concert at Bishops

The Bishops Society and Music Department invite you and your partner to 'Hidden Treasure' - A Celebration of Rumi. Rumi is the 13th Century Persian poet and mystic. His writings have inspired writers and artists across the world; one such person is Bashir Sacranie who, over the last forty years, has studied and explored Rumi's writings and drawn inspiration from the great master. On Friday 18th November at 8pm the Bishops Society hosts its year-end concert in the Hyslop Hall. Bashir and two of the Bishops music staff, Lucia Scott (violin) and Barbara Kennedy (cello), will be teaming up to present an 'experiential evening' of music-making. Selected poems by Rumi, accompanied by music, will be recited. There is no charge. Please e-mail Paul Murray to confirm your attendance pmurray@bishops.org.za

Remembrance Day Service at Bishops

ODs, friends and relatives are invited to join the boys at the Remembrance Day service at 07H45 on 10th November in the War Memorial Chapel. Tony van Ryneveld (1942G) will be speaking about the SAAF and paying tribute. Guy Pearson, Principal and the Head of School, Christian Rohrer, will place the Wreath on the memorial stone. Medals and uniformed members are welcome.

REMINDERS

VOX

John Woodland (2005K), James Rink (2005O), Damian Newell (2006G) and Brent Johnson (2000B) will all be taking part in the singing group, VOX's next performance tomorrow night at 8pm in the Memorial Chapel partly to celebrate the 90th anniversary of its dedication which took place in October 1926. Please see more at www.voxcapetown.com and <https://www.facebook.com/events/1799206426959706/>

UK

A reminder that any OD who finds himself in London on Thursday 1st December are invited to join the

UK ODU year-end drinks. This party is being hosted and part-sponsored by Hamish Sinclair (1992S) a partner at Stonehage Fleming. Please RSVP at <https://form.jotformeu.com/62702030344341>

Christmas Carols

Please see flyer attached for Carols with Richard Cock (1967O) on the 16th December in the Memorial Chapel at 18H00 and book your tickets at

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

SPORT

I have attached the latest Rugby Fixture schedule for 2017.

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

"It's fine to celebrate success but it is more important to heed the lessons of failure" – Bill Gates

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Best regards

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