



## BISHOPS ODU NEWS

### ODU NEWSLETTER 18<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017

#### **RICHARD SMITH (1<sup>ST</sup> XV COACH) REPORTS:**

“Thanks to everyone from the Bishops community. The support for me and my family has been absolutely overwhelming. I, Nina, Lara and Seb cannot thank you all enough. I am making decent progress and my assistant coaches, Wes Chetty and Gareth Hayden, have done a brilliant job in my absence. Great job, guys! The boys must also be congratulated as they have been brilliant over this disrupted and emotional time. I have kept my finger on the pulse as I have steadily made progress. It was great to go to my first practice last week since the injury almost 2 months ago. Even better, to my first game which was against SACS. It was an unbelievable match and the boys played out of their skins and like the Paul Roos game showed they can mix it with the so called top rated schools. Thanks again for all the support, well wishes and prayers. See you all at the Piley on Saturday. We’re Finally Home! Last match on the Piley this season. I am sure the boys will give everything.”

Please see attached photos.

#### **CONDOLENCES**

##### **Frank Hawks (1961G)**

It is with heavy hearts that we inform you of the passing of **Francis Edward Ray Hawks (1961G)**. There will be a Memorial service for him today (18th August 2017) in the Brooke Chapel at 15:30. A celebration of Frank's life will follow in The Mitre after the service. Frank had spent a lot of time raising funds for upgrading cricket facilities for the local community in Napier. The family has requested that if anyone would like to make a donation in honour of Frank, they can donate towards the completion of the cricket pavilion.

The bank details are as follows: Cape Agulhas Sports Education Trust, ABSA Bredasdorp, Account number: 4073539753, branch code: 334 412.

A full obituary will follow later.

## **BISHOPS ROWER TO ATTEMPT WORLD RECORD – ODS ENCOURAGED TO SUPPORT**

On Friday 25 August Bishops and SA (Junior) rower **Stephane Pienaar (Grade 12 Ogilvie)** will be attempting to break the world U19 24 hour “erg” record. In so doing Stephane aims to raise R1.5 million for education through the Make a Difference Leadership Foundation ([www.madleadership.org](http://www.madleadership.org)) - see his letter attached, listen to his message [here](#) and make a donation by following this link <https://www.givengain.com/cc/MAD2Row/> Stef will be making the attempt to beat the current record of **265 494** metres in the **Heatlie Pavilion** at **Bishops** at **16:00** on **Friday 25 August**.

The date coincides with the Bishops - Rondebosch derbies and all OD rowers and other interested OD supporters are encouraged to pop into the Heatlie before and after the hockey and rugby matches on Friday and Saturday and spend some time supporting and encouraging Stef in his endeavour.

For those that make use of erg machines and understand the metrics – Stef will be required to row at an approximate 2:15 per 500m pace for the full 24 hours!!!

A coffee station, soft drinks, water and a stocked bar will be available throughout and from Friday evening, 19:30 – 21:30 there will be a Shawarma food truck to cater for supporters. To further ensure an entertaining Friday evening legendary rowing party man **DJ Frankie** (aka Stef's dad, Francois) will be in charge of music and promises a huge event!

## **ASICS SEVENS RUGBY AMBASSADORS**

A very informative and inspirational rugby sevens talk was held in the Woodlands Pavillion on Wednesday evening. The three guest speakers were Springbok sevens world champions (Phillip Snyman, Kyle Brown and Werner Kok). The message from these world champions was that a values-driven system together with hard work creates a culture of brotherhood where one player looks out for another and the team. The springboks kindly signed an OD rugby jersey together with four ODs that have contributed significantly to Bishops Rugby: Angus Firth, James Swift, Brandon Fogarti and Gareth Hayden. Please see photos attached

## **ALUMNI UNION LUNCH**

On Wednesday 16th August alumni representatives of SACS (Sandy Edwards and Alan Footman), Rondebosch (André Ross and Adrian Dommissie), Wynberg (Carol Ramsay, Karl Westvig and David Matfield) and Bishops (Bruce Jack, WP van Zyl and Nicole Du Rand) met for a lunch in The Mitre. It was uplifting, valuable and informative to interact closely with these boys' school alumni associations around us. We learnt a lot and felt excited about collaborating more in the future. These sentiments were shared amongst all those present.

We covered many topics, including what alumni associations can do to strengthen diversity in our schools, fundraising philosophies, mentoring and old boys support structures and utilising technology to support efficient and transparent communication.

Another lunch has been planned for November in which we aim to involve the girls' schools alumni in the area (loosely "in the shadow of Devil's Peak") as well. Please see attached photos from the lunch.

### **UK OD NEWSLETTER**

To read the August UK OD Newsletter click [here](#).

To subscribe to the newsletter click [here](#).

### **THE ODU MENTORING PROGRAMME**

Readers will find [here](#) an update on the increasingly successful ODU Mentoring Programme. Please make the time to read this. If you are not yet involved or know an OD who isn't, you are missing out. This initiative is clearly changing lives, and you are missing out on a wonderful growth opportunity. If you have any suggestions or comments to make to improve the initiative, please email **Nicky Bicket (F, 1973)** at [nbicket@katale.co.uk](mailto:nbicket@katale.co.uk). To become involved in the programme as a mentor or to request mentoring, please click [here](#) or on <https://form.jotformeu.com/61863512428356>

### **ODs WRITING IN**

**Joc Forsyth (1948G):** "There have been, and still will be, a host of stories of ODs meeting unexpectedly in all sorts of circumstances. Your latest one illustrated joy all round with relief for traumatised and weary feet. It cast my mind back many years. In mid-1958 I was to leave in September for post-graduate studies in London. I seized the opportunity provided by some residual leave to take my mother on a trip to what was then called Rhodesia. My vehicle was a second-hand and weary A40 - not the most notable Austin ever produced. It barely survived strip roads and deep mud. On the return there were signs of a leaking cylinder head gasket.

One rear spring was so tired that I bought a spare in Johannesburg just in case. We arrived at Laingsburg in the evening and checked in at a hotel. My mother had a special lunch appointment in Cape Town the next day. It was bitterly cold and I took the precaution of parking the poor A40's nose next to a wall because there was no anti-freeze in the radiator. Fortunately the hotel was on a hill. We attempted to leave very early, in the dark. The car didn't fire up on the starter so it was shoved to point down the hill. Alas, it didn't start with the

encouragement of gravity and finally came to rest on the forecourt of a petrol station. The attendant was of no use here. Gloom and despair was the order of that grim morning with no help in sight.

Suddenly a truck pulled up with a load of farm labourers. The driver was Haldane Luscombe. He was head boy at Bishops in 1944 when I was a totally undistinguished new boy, even in a different house. Incredibly, Haldane recognised me even in the dull light of the petrol station and even knew my name. His team gave the car an almighty shove. It started and kept running to Cape Town. Was I grateful! Was I incredibly impressed by Haldane's recognition! That was surely the stuff of character and leadership. Alas, Haldane Luscombe died much earlier than he deserved."

### **ODs OF 2012: 5 - YEAR REUNION (Time Change)**

**Sebastiaan Remmelzwaal (2012W):** "Crazy to think it's been almost 5 years since valedictory. Let's get together and help each other figure out where all that time has disappeared to!"

Where: The Mitre (new ODU building overlooking the Woodlands Astro at Bishops College)

Date: Saturday, 26th August 2017 (weekend of the away leg of the Bishops-Bosch derby)

**Time: 2.30 for 3pm**

Dress code: Think smart-casual (basically up to you)

Ticket price: R150 (includes snacks, a few drinks and lekker company)

To RSVP click [here](#).

### **REMINDERS**

#### **Glen Gibbon Farewell Dinner**

Glen Gibbon will be ending his tenure as House Director of Ogilvie at the end of 2017. Ogilvie ODs (and their parents) from 2007 to date are invited to a Farewell Function on 17 October. Invitations will be sent out soon, but please diarise the date for the time being.

#### **Bishops Entrepreneurship Network**

The long-awaited Bishops Entrepreneurship Network will launch at the Mitre at 18:00 on Thursday 24 August 2017. The event will be hosted by the Chairman of Council, **Mike Bosman (1978O)**, and guest speaker will be **Stephen Larkin (1990F)**. Stephen will be telling the story about how the Class of 1990 rallied around him to seed what has since become Africa's biggest crowdfunding raise. He will describe the desperate attempts to save his company in the 2008/9 financial crisis, which could have sparked a Northern Nigerian sectarian war and the assassination rumour that caused the loss of his best friend's piano.

And how an OD parent ended up naked in an Accra zoo chimpanzee cage after Barack Obama stopped a private jet from taking off.

For more information or to reserve your spot please contact [Stephen Larkin](#).

### **1862 BRITISH PENNY**

Security officer Richard Ericson reported to the OD offices on Wednesday that he had discovered a 1862 British Penny near the main gate entrance. It happened after the morning's rain when he spotted something unfamiliar sticking out from the ground. 1862 would have been when (insert principal of the time) was acting principal. Please see attached; Richard holding the penny and where he found it.

### **SPORT**

#### **Super 7's Rugby Festival 2017 – OD team entry**

The Super Sevens Rugby Festival 2017 has invited the OD Union to enter a team of 15 (Including reserves) to take part in the competition. The festival will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October at the Maties Rugby Club in Stellenbosch. Should you wish to join please contact [Nicole](#) at the OD Offices. Please see entry form [here](#) for more information.

#### **Villager Schools Rugby Sevens**

The 49th annual Villager Schools Rugby Sevens is [Friday 1 September](#) and will include an Old Boys' Sevens tournament played between Bosch, Bishops, SACS & Wynberg. We would like to field a strong OD team together and Old Boys who may want to play should email [odu@bishops.org.za](mailto:odu@bishops.org.za). Old friendships and rivalries can be renewed and there will be plenty of socialising between players and spectators! The Old Boys' final will be the curtain raiser to the schools' final.

**Rugby:** The 1<sup>st</sup> XV boys had a brilliant game against South African College High School (SACS), where they won 15-12. By one ranking list, SACS is in the top 5 rugby schools in South Africa. They go up against Wynberg Boys' High School this Saturday (19<sup>th</sup> August 2017) in a Home game at 11:30.

**Hockey:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> XI boys, continued their winning streak this last week as they won 4-1 against South African College High School (SACS). They will be playing against Wynberg Boys' High School tonight (18<sup>th</sup> August 2017) in a Home game at 18:30.

## **QUOTE FOR THE WEEK**

This week's quote comes from the December 1962 DC Magazine VOL, XLV, No. 4. Pg. 1 under "To All Those Now Leaving" by the editor, R.M. Wilkinson:

*"Fear is an insidious cancer. It breeds cruelty and injustice. Individual actions, national actions founded upon fear are most unlikely to be rooted in wisdom. Remain strong. Stand up against fear. Fear itself quails before the strong. Then, and then only, will you be equipped to make a worthwhile contribution to life; to stand up for that which is just and that which is right. Then, whatever your vocation, you may with confidence hope to be of real, true, service."*

Warm regards,

WP and Nicole

The Mitre, Bishops, Cape Town

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