



BISHOPS ODU NEWS

13th January 2017

Dear ODs

I am delighted to be back and to share the latest news with you! May I take this opportunity to wish you all a prosperous year, filled with happiness and good health.

URGENT MAGAZINE UPDATE

As part of our ongoing evaluation of the finances of running your Union, the publication of the Old Diocesan College magazine has come under the spotlight. From the June issue, unless ODs personally request a hard copy of the magazine from me, we will be converting everyone to the electronic version. In the interim, if you would like to change from hard copy to the electronic version, please e-mail dorourke@bishops.org.za

PUBLICATION

Nicky Bicket's (1973F) latest UK Newsletter can be read at <http://us6.campaign-archive2.com/?u=7b5bd99f91896bec2e1ae7f9d&id=11fca78c70>

UPDATE ON THE OD MENTORING PROGRAMME

The Mentoring Programme is entering its third year and has proved to be a valuable and valued service provided by ODs for ODs. OD mentors advise and guide their mentees in a variety of areas such as job choice, career and work-related problems; academic direction and country relocation. The programme which started in the UK is now supported by OD mentors from all over the world. If you would like to be a Mentor or if you think that a Mentor could help you, please complete the form found at <https://form.jotformeu.com/61863512428356>

ROLE MODEL

ODs are still e-mailing me after reading about Rex Pennington in my newsletter of 8th December. Nick Taylor (1961G) wrote in, "Rex was our coach when I played for the under 16A rugby team, and looked after my watch for one of the games. When, after a week I had failed to claim it, he jokingly threatened to charge me for his dry cleaning bill because it weighed down his jacket pocket. I never had much of a sense of humour at that time. Some 30 years later Rex called me to ask if I would chat with his son Jervis who wanted to pursue a career in showbiz and music. In all my days in entertainment, only he took the advice I gave him. He studied, took music, singing and dance lessons and heard the rather sobering realities of the business I shared with him on a couple of occasions. Then he went off and worked with a couple of associates of mine, knocked their socks off, and made a hit record 'Elvis Astair', the melody of which I still remember today".

UNDERWAY

NEXT EVENT

Simon Peile (1979F) and Mike Buckham will be kicking off the year with our first event, "Birding in Panama" on Thursday 2nd February at The Mitre. Simon is a keen world birder, with a world life list approaching 3 500, and Mike is one of South Africa's leading birders and a new college parent. The talk will cover Panama as a birding destination and will be illustrated with some of Mike's excellent photographs. More details will be sent out on an official invitation.

WALKER CUP

The 35th annual golf match between ODs and Rondebosch Old Boys will take place at the Mowbray Golf Club on Friday 3rd March 2017. ODs wishing to play should contact Brian de Kock at bdekock@iafrica.com and please include your official handicap when replying.

AGM

The 121st Annual General Meeting of the OD Union will be held at The Mitre on Wednesday 15th March at 18H00.

ANNUAL DINNER

A formal invitation for this year's refined Annual Dinner will be sent out next week. This occasion will take place on Thursday 16th March at Kelvin Grove at 18H00. We look forward to a most enjoyable evening.

FOUNDERS DAY

Founders Day is on Friday 17th March. ODs who wish to take part in one of the following sports below, please contact the respective person: -

Shooting: Phil Calothi phil@lsds.co.za

Tennis: John Smuts westbury@iafrica.com

Basketball: Glen Gibbon ggibbon@bishops.org.za

Debating: Aneen Kritzinger akritzinger@bishops.org.za

Cricket Teams: Delre O'Rourke dorourke@bishops.org.za

Golf: WP van Zyl wpvanzyl@bishops.org.za (Date to be advised)

Squash: Chris Boyes Boyes chris.boyes@taquanta.com (Squash matches played on Thursday 16th March at 5pm)

OUTCOME

The Matric results came out on 6th January. We can all be proud of the class of 2016 for achieving such exceptional results and grateful to our teachers for sharing their knowledge

with, and guiding the boys. Please see Guy Pearson's (Principal) report attached.

SPORT

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

RESPECTS

It is with regret to inform you that Peter Fisher (1970O) died suddenly on 18th December. We send our heartfelt condolences to his partner, Liz and the Fisher family. Peter's memorial service will take place at St Thomas' Church on Friday 27th January at 3pm.

It came as sad news to hear that Claude Davis (1949F) passed away on 6th December 2016. We would like to extend our sincere condolences to his sons, Christopher and Michael and his daughters, Colleen and Karina.

On behalf of the OD Union I would like to send my heartfelt condolences to Dr Oliver Raynham's family after hearing of his tragic passing on 29th December 2016. Oliver left Bishops after finishing grade 10. However I am sure many contemporaries will remember him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his parents Dr Bill and Sarah-Anne, his wife Maria, their children, Joshua, Thomas, Peter and Sophia, and his siblings, Paul (1981G), Helen and Julia.

"Motivation is what gets you started, habit is what keeps you going" – Jim Rohn

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Delre