



## BISHOPS ODU NEWS

3 February 2017

Dear ODs

### **OPENING SUCCESS**

Our first event for this year took place at The Mitre last night. Simon Peile (1979F) and Mike Buckham presented their "Birding in Panama" talk. Avid birders in attendance gazed on as they displayed spectacular photos of, not only all the rare birds they have come across, but also other uncommon animals. A full write up with pictures will be published in our March magazine.

Coincidentally, Peter Steyn (1955O) dropped by at The Mitre yesterday to present the ODU with a copy of his new book "Kingdom of Daylight – Memories of a Birdwatcher". He also donated one to the school, which he handed over to a delighted Nella Freund, the College Assistant Librarian. See photo attached.

### **RETORTS**

Michael Owen-Smith (1966O) reminded us of a famous rugby game that the recently deceased, Vic Schonborn, scored a winning try in, in 1961. Michael recreates the event.....

"It is worth recording the famous rugby game in 1961, when Vic scored the winning try (and only points of the match) in the top left hand corner at Rondebosch. It was a famous victory as we had 7 or 8 players out injured. After we scored, Rondebosch camped in our 25 (as it was called in those days) and their scrum-half peppered us with up and unders. Duncan Innes (1963G), was called up from the U16 team (he later played on the UCT first XV in addition to being Chairman of the SRC) dealt with everything kicked at him and we defended our line to the end. A notorious victory indeed! Vic was also unbeatable in all the sprint races at the triangular in those days.

Keith Murray (1963F) has fond memories of Vic. Keith writes, "Vic, Dave Armstrong (1962F) and I were the greatest of mates having been in Founders together from 1959 through to 1963. We played rugby, swam and did athletics together (Dave played cricket and left in 1962). We also bunked out to visit our girlfriends who lived in Rondebosch fairly regularly and now they have both passed on which makes one realise how one needs to treasure your friends while you can."

### **100 YEARS ON.....**

Edward Carter (1922G) arrived at Bishops in 1917, after his family had moved from Wepener in the Eastern OFS to Cape Town. Edward's son, David Carter (1958G), came to Bishops in the Centenary year of 1949. David's son, Jonathan (1991F), was a boarder

at Bishops from 1988, and now the Centenarian, Luke Carter entered the Pre-Prep in Grade 1 in 2014 and this year scored the family 100. I have attached a photo of David, Luke and Jonathan along with Luke's Grade 4 class.

### **YOUNG ODs CLUB**

The OD Union is launching a Young ODs Club. This Club is designed to provide an opportunity for ODs from **matric years 2010 to 2016** to gather and enjoy a variety of events with old contemporaries. Please see details below and on the invitation attached. I will send the ODs from classes 2010 to 2016 a formal invitation via e-mail.

Date: Friday 24th February

At: The Mitre/Woodlands Pavilion

Time: 18H00

Dress: 'Jacket and Tie'

Cost: R200

MC: Anton Taylor (2005B)

Guest Speaker: Fred Roed (1991G)

Please EFT payment to: -

OD Union

Standard Bank

Rondebosch / 025 009

Acc. No. 274 927 187

Reference: YOD, name, surname, matric year

E-mail proof of payment to [dorourke@bishops.org.za](mailto:dorourke@bishops.org.za)

### **SOLD OUT!**

Seats for the Annual Dinner are now sold out. Those of you who have reserved a table, please send me the names of the ODs who will be present and ask them to EFT payment and send me POP. Seats not allocated or paid for will become available on Wednesday 8th February. If you would like to be placed on the waiting list, please e-mail me [dorourke@bishops.org.za](mailto:dorourke@bishops.org.za)

### **UK**

The Senior OD Lunch will be held at The Carlton Club on Friday 10th March and the 2017 UK OD Dinner takes place on Friday 30th June at The Carlton Club. Any OD who finds himself in London on one or both of these dates is most welcome to attend. For further

information contact Nicky Bicket [nbicket@katale.co.uk](mailto:nbicket@katale.co.uk)

## **Mentoring**

The list of mentees benefiting from the advice, guidance and support of OD mentors grows daily. Feedback has been extremely positive, both from mentors and mentees, being described by one mentee as "the most useful concept the ODU has embarked on in 150 years!" If you would like to sign up as a Mentor to assist younger ODs or if you would like to avail yourself of the wisdom and experience of the OD Mentors, please sign up here: <https://form.jotformeu.com/61863512428356>

## **SPORT**

Congratulations to Dasch Barber (2006M) on his selection to the German squad for the upcoming European Rugby Championship.

We would like to wish Justin Heunis (2014O) all the best with his recovery following his successful operation due to a head injury he picked up in a friendly vs UWC. Justin is part of the 2017 UCT Varsity Cup squad.

Well done to Cornel Smit (2015W) and Tristan Leyds (2015S) who have been included in the preliminary squad for the under 20 rugby world championship in Georgia later this year.

**Sports Day** takes place tomorrow from 8am to 1pm <http://college.bishops.org.za/sportsday/>

The date for the Triangular is Wednesday 22nd February at Bishops from 2pm to 5:30pm <http://college.bishops.org.za/triangular/>

All **sports results and fixtures** can be viewed on new and improved page on this website link [http://www.bishopssport.org/Fixtures\\_Teams.asp?Id=27520](http://www.bishopssport.org/Fixtures_Teams.asp?Id=27520)

## **UP-TO-DATE**

To keep you informed of all happenings at the school, please see the **College calendar** at <http://college.bishops.org.za/calendar/Default.aspx>

The **Prep Calendar** can be found at <http://calendar.bishops.org.za/prep-calendar>

*"The opportunity is often lost by deliberating" - Publilius Syrus*

Have a super weekend.

Best wishes

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