



Rondebosch Old Boys' Union

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The Union's 1909 to 2009 Centenary Celebrations

The Union's Centenary celebrations included various functions throughout the year. Cocktail parties were hosted in the Union's Honours Room followed by interesting and topical discussions on the state of education in South Africa as well as guided tours of the new High School Art and Technology Rooms. A number of sub-unions hosted special Centenary gatherings. Many of our younger members enjoyed an informal gathering in Claremont. Other highlights were a cocktail function and the formal dinner on 20 November.

The special twilight cocktail function was hosted on the lawns of Canigou to commemorate the establishment of the Union in Canigou in 1909 by Mr Mason. The President of the Union, Mike Reeler, addressed the guests about the founding of the Union and its five important functions. To further mark the occasion E2009 Head Prefect Darryn Berry presented the Union with an aerial photograph of the school.

Richard Steyn (E60) was the main speaker at the Union's 100th anniversary dinner. The Prep School's band entertained Old Boys during the pre dinner drinks and the High School band performed during other parts of the evening.

During the Centenary week, former OBU Chairman John Benn (E54) was interviewed on Cape Talk radio. Local newspapers carried a report and brief history of the Union's 100 years compiled by Rondebosch parent Kathy Malherbe. A comprehensive history of the Union has been researched and compiled by Neil Veitch (E63).

Centenary photographs courtesy of Gary Goldman (E77).

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Steve Duffett (E75), chairman of the Union, Richard Steyn (E60), guest speaker at the Centenary dinner and Mike Reeler, President of the Union, a former headmaster and main speaker at the Centenary cocktail party.



Former chairmen of the Union John Benn (E54) and Dennis Nick (E50).



Brian Burnett (E62) and Lindsay Kennedy (E63), a former chairman of the Union.



Arundal Thom (E93) and Robbie Morris (E98), both OBU committee; Tim Rawbone (E2003) and Wayde Carroll (E2004).



Former headmasters Mike Reeler and Chris Murison (E57).

More photographs taken at the Centenary dinner and cocktail party may be viewed via www.rondebosch.com/obu

Editorial

There is so much being reported on in this bumper edition, so many events that I thoroughly enjoyed and would happily be discussing, but space is a real priority so I will confine myself to just two things. Firstly to say an "omnibus" thank you to all those working on behalf of the Union in organizing the events of this exciting period in the life of the Union that has been so well celebrated.

Secondly, with the input of our President Mike Reeler, the OBU is pleased to report on a matter close to all our hearts.

A number of suggestions have been put forward to honour the memory of Tickey de Jager, Deputy Principal and Mathematics teacher at the High

School for many years in a permanent and appropriate way. It has been decided to create a Mathematics Laboratory, which will not only be equipped with the most modern teaching tools to continue to stimulate the excellence in Mathematics for which the High School is known internationally and which he initiated, but will also contain a collection of some of his writings, achievements, honours bestowed on him and tributes from people whose lives were greatly affected by his teaching.

It has also been suggested that a memorial plaque could be erected in an appropriate place in the grounds as a special tribute to his great love

for the many wonderful trees and shrubs in our beautiful grounds. Quite a number of Old Boys have already generously made donations towards a memorial for Tickey and it is hoped that, in the light of progress that has been made, more will be reminded of his influence on their lives and the great joy they experienced with him in the classroom, on the sports fields and in the grounds generally and will be moved to make similar contributions.

Chris Murison



Chairman's Report

The following are edited extracts from the report presented by the Union's Chairman, Stephen Duffett, at the AGM in March. The full report is available on the website www.rondebosch.com/obu or on request from the Union's office.

2009 was the year that the Old Boys' Union celebrated its Centenary. This was obviously a very busy year particularly for those at the core of OBU affairs and functions. The Centenary Sub-Committee formed a number of years ago comprising of outgoing Chairman, John Benn, André Ross, Arundal Thom, Tom Glover, Neil Strybis, Lindsay Kennedy and Eddie Lockyer continued to work extremely hard throughout the year organizing many functions and events and coordinating fundraising for the schools. To March 2010 in excess of R2.5 million has been raised.

Centenary celebrations

Reports and photographs of the Union's Centenary celebrations have appeared on the website, in the Enews and elsewhere in this newsletter, together with photographs.

During his excellent and thought provoking address at the Centenary Dinner Richard Steyn (E60) proposed the establishment of a special award for Old Boys who in the opinion of their peers have lived exemplary lives in service to their fellow men, or have given selflessly to support a special cause

without seeking personal gain or plaudits. Richard proposed that this award be named after Sydney Mason under whose guidance the Union was founded in 1909 and who was particularly remarkable for the role he played in the support and nurture of enlisted Old Boys during both World Wars. The Committee of the Old Boys' Union unanimously accepted the proposal by Richard.

The feedback received from Old Boys who attended the Union's various 1909 to 2009 Centenary functions has been overwhelmingly positive. Many old friendships were rekindled and interest in Rondebosch was often reignited through attendance and reminiscences at the various Centenary celebratory events.

A special word of thanks goes to all of those who were involved in making these functions the tremendous success they proved to be. Without diminishing the hard work of the many who contributed so much of their time and effort I would particularly like to personally extend my heartfelt thanks to John Benn for remaining actively involved in the Centenary celebrations and on the Centenary Sub-Committee despite him handing over the Chairmanship in March last year. I would also like to make special mention of the tireless efforts of André Ross, Arundal Thom and Neil Strybis as well as Angela Andrew for the huge

amount of effort and hard work put into these events.

We in the Union look forward to the next 100 years of Old Boys maintaining the friendships made at Rondebosch and continuing to support the School in the many ways of their predecessors. Our Union continues to be one of the largest and most active Old Boy networks nationally and worldwide where we are presently represented in 47 countries by approximately 6 800 Old Boy members. A major asset of this Union which distinguishes it from many other Unions is the tremendous strength of our various Sub-Unions. In this regard, we are extremely grateful to all the Old Boys involved in the running of these Sub-Unions and for their continued support and dedication.

We thank the approximately 770 Old Boys, parents and grandparents of Old Boys, Friends of Rondebosch (some of whom have requested anonymity), who so generously financially contributed towards the Centenary Fund. I am delighted to report that at least one Old Boy from every Eyear 1935 to 2009 donated to this fund. There were also numerous non-financial donations by Old Boys by for instance, supplying services or

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goods or by assisting the school with their experience free of charge/remuneration. The generous financial donations referred to above have assisted Rondebosch in the diverse areas which are listed separately in this newsletter.

Committee matters

The Old Boys' Union Committee meets regularly throughout the year and actively inter-faces on many occasions with the High and Prep Schools on a wide variety of matters.

Presently plans are being discussed for a suitable memorial to the late Tickey de Jager who served Rondebosch for more than fifty years as an exceptional master and sports coach.

Part of the monthly meeting agendas include liaison with the schools, bursaries and scholarships, coordinating of functions, dealing with Sub-Union matters and Sub-Union functions, the heritage project etc. All Committee members of the Union give their time freely and voluntarily to Union matters. I can personally assure you of the huge amount of time that the Committee members invest in the Union and that they do so selflessly and always only in direct furtherance of the Union's objectives for which I am extremely thankful. In this regard, I would particularly like to thank Andre Ross whose input into the wider Rondebosch Family extends considerably beyond his Old Boy Union duties.

Another special word of thanks must go to Arundal Thom who worked tirelessly in setting up many Centenary functions which drew many compliments from attendees as well as contributing personally and through his company towards their success. Neil Strybis with his years of experience at the

Governing Body level and having been a previous treasurer of the Union, also substantially contributed to the success of all of these functions. Butch Pulker, Robbie Morris, Brent Farrell, Ron Monk and Paul la Grange continuously tirelessly worked in Union activities last year and we thank them for that. I would also like to extend a special word of thanks to Robbie Morris for his impeccable organization of the summer and winter Old Boys' matches with the schools.

- It is the vision of the present committee to comprehensively update our database to inter alia, be able to identify individual members interest relative to school life and activities and also to be able to streamline communication. We need to actively use our database to extract valuable information and not only be limited to physical and email addresses and final year completed at the school.

- We envisage the utilization of technological innovations in this regard. In addition we aim to increase the number of social activities in all age groups in the Union to offer more and varied fellowship occasions and functions

- We hope to assist the running of Sub-Unions by absorbing some of their administrative functions into the Union's administrative framework
- At our instigation in November 2009 a meeting took place with representatives of Bishops, SACS, Wynberg, Paarl Boys High and Paul Roos Old Boys' Unions with the idea of sharing ideas and discussing matters of mutual interest.

The event was considered a great success and we resolved to continue these meetings on an annual basis. In terms of updating our channels of communication with Old Boys, in addition to our website, we have a Facebook account and we have received an

excellent response in that over 2 200 Old Boys of various ages have joined. Approximately 1800 Old Boys have also joined the OBU group on Facebook. About 20% of those contacted via Facebook are listed as missing on the Union's database so this has proven to be an enormously successful exercise. The Union takes this opportunity to record its hearty congratulations to the Headmasters, staff and learners of both schools on yet another successful year in the various fields of academic, cultural and sporting endeavours. In conclusion, I would like to say that it has been an honour and privilege to chair the Union in its Centenary year. We as a Committee are extremely thankful of the vast support that we have received as well as words of encouragement from many members far and wide in relation to the work of the Union. We look forward to continue fulfilling the objectives of the Union equally without over-emphasizing any one objective above others, namely to:

- to promote and advance the welfare of the schools in respect of all their activities
- to provide Old Boys' Union members with information concerning activities and requirements of the school
- to providing assistance in the co-ordination of fundraising activities for the benefit of the schools
- to promote and maintain fellowship among members thereby strengthening the association and interaction between the members as well as their relationship with the schools and
- to do all things as may from time to time be deemed appropriate to promote the interests of the school and/or the Union.

Altius et Latius
Stephen Duffett



Sir Frank Berman QC (E1956), who provided the initial capital for the Union's Sir Frank Berman Centenary Music Scholarship, recently visited RBHS. He attended a Rondebosch band practice and also toured the new Art and Technology Centres which were partially sponsored by the Union's Centenary Appeal Fund. Pictured are John Benn (E1954), chairman of the Centenary Appeal committee, Sir Frank and chairman of the OBU, Stephen Duffett (E1975).

Dad Mason Award proposed at Centenary dinner

These are edited extracts from the address given by Richard Steyn (E60) at the Union's Centenary dinner held on 20 November 2009. The full address is available on www.rondebosch.com/obu

On this day 100 years ago, a meeting of young Old Boys and even younger senior pupils of Rondebosch, instigated by Sydney or 'Dad' Mason, took place at Canigou, at which it was decided to form the RBHS Union – to keep alive the link between past pupils and the school.

Mason was the school's second head – and he left a legacy that still endures today. He devised the school motto "Altius et Latius"; he chose the school colours: the dark and light blues of Oxford and Cambridge, and the distinctive gold; he instituted the first prize-giving; he changed the winter sport from soccer to rugby; he produced the first school magazine; he founded the cadet corps; he had a swimming pool and tennis courts built; he began the debating society; approved the school song; and was the founder and first president of what became the OBU.

But it was his concern for, and support of, Old Boys who had answered the call of King and Country in the two World Wars that showed Dad Mason in his true colours. Dad Mason felt this

debt to the Old Boys who fought in the Great War so keenly that he made strenuous efforts to keep track of the whereabouts of all 536 of them. He and his wife went so far as to undertake the hazardous sea journey to Britain to see 'their boys' on active service.

In WW2, Mason again took upon



Richard Steyn

himself the task of maintaining written contact with some 1600 Old Boys in uniform – well before the days of computers and email. How he must have wished (and deserved) to be present at that most memorable Old Boys Dinner of all, held in Cairo on the banks of the Nile, when General Evered Poole

addressed an audience of no fewer than 90 Old Boys of all ranks fighting in the Sixth SA Armoured Division.

Until well into his seventies, Dad Mason would read the Roll of Honour at the annual Remembrance Day ceremony on November 11, almost breaking down – in Carleton Lloyd's words – at the memory of those whom he had taught himself and who had not come home from the War.

In his retirement, Dad Mason travelled around SA and the Rhodesias to energize Old Boys groups and sub-unions, and chose to spend his declining years in modest circumstances in boarding houses close to the school. He must have been, in every respect, a truly remarkable and selfless man. It is, of course, meet and right that we continue to acknowledge and commemorate our Old Boys who died in uniform. But I would like to suggest tonight that there are other, living Old Boys who deserve to be honoured – and to make a proposal that would mark this milestone in the life of the OBU in a meaningful and lasting way.

It derives from my first-hand experience while serving on the governing board of Michaelhouse. It seemed to me and my colleagues on the board that there were role models for our young other than only the well-heeled,

Suggested criteria for the Dad Mason Award

In a time where personal achievement is often measured by material gain or worth, the Rondebosch Schools continue to propagate and hold in high esteem values relating to selflessness, humility and service to causes greater than one's own. Rondebosch prides itself on recognizing those who, like the school's second Headmaster and founder of the Old Boys' Union, Sydney 'Dad' Mason, have offered their time and expertise unreservedly to causes other than their own and may have done so as silent and unsung heroes.

This award is only presented by the Old Boys' Union on behalf of the Rondebosch Boys' Schools' community as and when the occasion demands at a special assembly attended by Old Boys, pupils and staff.

The criteria for nominations for the

Dad Mason Award are:

1. A nominee must be a member of the Rondebosch Old Boys' Union and must be alive when the nomination is made.
2. A recipient's conduct should encapsulate the generosity of spirit and personal sacrifice consistently evidenced by Sydney Mason's dedication, benevolence and humility.
3. A recipient must in the opinion of his peers have given a generous period of his life in service to his fellow man or provided selfless support to a cause and such services shall be of an exceptional and selfless nature.
4. A recipient should not have been motivated by the pursuit of personal gain or fame, although personal gain or public recognition shall not disqualify a person from nomination.

Old Boys in Italy?

Chris van Rooyen (E1982) would like to know if there are any Old Boys in Italy where he is now living. He can be contacted on chrsvr@bluskynet.com and telephone +39075829363. His address is Caipucci, via Campagna 41, Castel Rigone PG, 06060 Italy.

Old Boys ties, which are traditionally worn on Fridays, may be purchased through the OBU office



Are you receiving the Enews?

Old Boys who are not receiving the Union's regular *Enews* are asked to please forward their name, Eyear and email address to: obu@rondebosch.com

successful or famous. So we decided to mark Michaelhouse's centenary by instituting an award for those Old Boys who in the opinion of their peers have lived lives of especial service to their fellow men, or have given selfless support to some cause, without any thought of recognition or gain.

The Award is primarily to recognize 'unsung heroes', whose particular service has been of benefit to others, rather than themselves. A candidate for the Award must not have been motivated by personal gain or fame, though public recognition is not necessarily a disqualification, however.

The St Michael Award is presented – not each year but as and when the occasion demands – at a special assembly held on Old Boys Day, attended by both pupils and old boys. A senior member of school prepares and reads out the citation and the recipient is presented with a specially struck medalion and a scroll to commemorate his achievement. It is always a moving and heart-warming occasion. In the last ten years, the Award has become the most highly-prized honour in the greater Michaelhouse community. Recipients have included the founder of the Valley Trust in KZN, the Prior of the Order of St John in South Africa; philanthropists, medical specialists, teachers, missionaries, and also businessmen who have contributed significantly to the well being of others.

I want to suggest respectfully to the

Old Boys Committee that Rondebosch might consider taking the lead among schools in the Cape, and mark this centenary by honouring our own unheralded - or indeed our other - heroes. You may want to venture beyond the ranks of Old Boys, where someone has rendered special service to the school. Reading the tributes to the late Dr Tinkie Heyns in the latest Old Boys Newsletter – his dedication, his humility, his years of service to a cause greater



Sydney Mason, Rondebosch headmaster from 1904 to 1927

than his own – it occurred to me that he was exactly the recipient who would have qualified for the equivalent of a St Michael Award.

How fitting it would be if our Award were to be named after the man who founded this Union and gave of himself

without thought of personal gain or fame – 'Dad' Mason.

Having had the temerity to throw out a challenge to the Union this evening, let me now pay tribute to its past and current chairmen and committee members for investing so much of their time and effort on our behalf in an institution that has given us all so much.

In these days of Model C schools and Outcomes Based Education, when official policies seem to be aimed at lowering rather than raising standards, the supportive role of the Old Boys' Union has never been more critical if Rondebosch is to remain in the forefront of South African schools.

I was simply staggered to learn that the State today pays less than 2% of the school's annual operating (ie non teaching budget) and about half of teachers' salaries). The balance has to come from parents, benefactors and Old Boys. I'm sure you were as delighted as I was to see Rondebosch ranked in the top ten state schools in South Africa on the front page of the Sunday Times recently. But it will be up to us, in the next 100 years of the OBU, to keep it there.

As the OBU goes into its second century, let us acknowledge with admiration and gratitude the role it has played during its first hundred years, and wish it the best of fortune for its second.

And may you, its members, continue to uphold RBHS's fine reputation in every corner of South Africa, and wherever you may find yourselves abroad.

Tinkie Heyns Garden of Remembrance



A proposal has been made that the small lawn between Mason House and the Matric Lawn be landscaped into a Garden of Remembrance in memory of Prof Tinkie Heyns and be reserved for boarder use (similar to the Matric Lawn being traditionally reserved for matrics). The intention is that Prof's ashes be interned in the corner close to his bench and the Mason House entrance and from where there is a view of Canigou, Mason House, the school, the Carleton Lloyd Stand and Rugby A. Further details will be posted on the website and will be emailed to former boarders. Old Boys who would like further information or would like to contribute to this project may also email the OBU.



The 2010 RBHS Head Prefect is Nicholas Melck (right) and the Deputy Head Prefect is Qhamani Xanga who is also head of Mason House. The other prefects are Tariq Allie-Ebrahim, Daniel Gluckman, Daron Golden, Kyle Jordaan, Tim Mercorio, Gareth Mostert, Michael Sparkman, Matthew Sutcliffe, Blair van der Watt and Keegan Visser who is also head of Canigou.

Speech at Centenary Cocktail Party

Edited extracts from the speech given by Mike Reeler, president of the Rondebosch Old Boys' Union at the cocktail party held on the Canigou lawn on 19 November 2009. The full speech may be read at www.rondebosch.com/obu

What a wonderful occasion this is and how appropriate that it should take place in this magnificent setting. I know that the oak outside this marquee is not THE Ronde-bos, but to me it symbolises all that is Rondebosch. It was fully-grown and in its prime long before those first 8 boys were enrolled at the Rondebosch High School for Junior Boys in Glena Hall in 1897. Like some of us, it suffers from the ravages of old age, but it has survived and still flourishes. In the early 1970s it was found to have rotted badly on the inside and it was recommended that it be cut down, but, thanks to a bit of obstinacy, probably on the part of the late Tickey de Jager, for whom the trees in our grounds were a passion, it was saved. All the rot was removed and the inside was filled with concrete. A couple of metal bands were put round the whole tree and tightened in order to prevent the branches from splaying outwards

and breaking off and they are obviously still performing their function today. Typical of the resilience of the spirit that is Rondebosch.

The second reason for the appropriateness of the setting for this function is, of course, the fact that 100 years ago tomorrow, a group of men assembled here under that oak in the building that stood where Canigou now is and the Old Boys' Union came into being with the purpose of "keeping alive the link between the Old Boys and their School".

The basic objectives of that fledgling organization were very simple in those early days and, while the modern functions of the OBU have become much more complex, the basic aims remain the same and should underscore all that is done by and in the name of the OBU:

Firstly, as with the original aim of those men meeting 100 years ago, it provides the official link between the present School, its boys and personnel, and those men who have attended the School at some time in the past.

Secondly, it is a vehicle for reviving and maintaining the friendships and memories made during the years spent together at the School. I am constantly

amazed at the relationships that have remained intact over many, many years among men from very diverse backgrounds and whose careers are miles apart, but who were brought together by attendance at the School.

Thirdly, it provides practical support to the School and its administrators – there is a vast pool of expertise, experience and knowledge in a variety of fields to tap into. Of course, this is available without the Old Boy structures, but the OBU provides the networking that makes such support more readily available and accessible.

Fourthly, there is the more intangible "support" that comes from our approach to the School, our attitude towards it and our defence of it in our relationship with our community. Many people in this country are totally opposed to institutions such as the Rondebosch Schools and what they stand for and achieve. Very often this attitude is based on ignorance and biased premises, and, while we cannot be expected to "defend at all costs and in all circumstances", we should insist on criticism that is constructive and based on facts. If we are ourselves going to be critical, let us be absolutely

AN UPDATE FROM OUR OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER

Stephen van Helden (E2001) reports from Stanford University: "A short update on my experiences so far at business school at Stanford. In short, the experience started out exceptionally well, and has continued to inspire me. By business school standards, our class

of 384 people is relatively close-knit. The first 3 months were an absolute flurry of social activity as people played hard between classes and official events. My name recall ability received intense training as I met more people per day than ever before in my life. Most of

my classmates have around 4 years of post-undergrad work experience, which puts me right on the average. With backgrounds ranging from investment bankers to engineers to sports stars to consultants, classroom discussion is lively

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Stephen with Jared Licina (E2000) and Laurence Wilse-Samson (E1999) at a New Year's Eve party in New York.



Stephen van Helden with former US National Security Advisor and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice who is a professor at Stanford.

sure we are being fair and knowledgeable when we do so.

A fifth function, often greatly misunderstood and over-emphasized, is the material support, usually financial, that we can provide. Funds can come from specific fund-raising drives, such as the Centenary Fund, special collections through reunions of E-years, direct donations from individual members and also by way of including the School or the Union as a beneficiary in a will. The Schools can also benefit considerably from financial support given by business organizations with which we have an influence or connections. To illustrate this function of the OBU you have only to look at the numerous structures and facilities that have been added to both Schools in the last few decades to witness the value of the Old Boy contribution.

Great care, though, must be taken by all of us to ensure that this last function, the material and financial aid, important though it is, is not seen as the only *raison d'être* for the OBU, for, although a vital one, it is still only a part of a very complex and deeper relationship.

I have always listened to and participated in the singing of the School Song with great affection. The Old Boys' verse words are singularly appropriate and meaningful:

Here's to the School we loved of yore!

*Though we may roam the wide world
o'er,*

*Still do the old affections stir,
Seeing her fame grow brighter yet,
Knowing her deep foundations set
Firm as the Mount that shelters her!*

We all love the School that is our Alma Mater and, yes, no matter where we are, the old affections stir whenever we have word of the School or come into contact with someone who has similar connections. I know that, whenever I meet with new people, I feel a warm glow when I see the OBU tie worn by a stranger who suddenly becomes a friend. News of the School in its widest context, including the current boys and all Old Boys, always brings warmth to the heart and a feeling of pride in what we almost regard as a shared achievement.

But, you know, that will only be maintained while "seeing her fame grow brighter yet". Old Boys must continue to shine in their various ways, having had their roots set in their education at Rondebosch and being proud of this association. Martin Barker and Tony Ryan, as custodians of the current School, it is very much the responsibility of the present boys and staff to see that the Rondebosch reputation and tradition as an educational institution of exceptional excellence is maintained and its fame grows brighter. This isn't only done by the spectacular achievements of

the boys, although this does bring a sense of pride to read news of sports achievements, examination results or other academic successes, but also by the type of end product that leaves the Schools.

I was privileged to attend a short ceremony the other day when E2009 presented the OBU with an aerial photograph of the school buildings and grounds to mark the occasion of the centenary. After the function, Stephen Duffett, André Ross and I had refreshments with 4 or 5 of the senior boys. What a great pleasure it was to meet and talk with them – they were confident, knowledgeable, well-spoken, interested and interesting and I came away assured that the current "fame" of Rondebosch is in very good hands.

So we come to the end of the first 100 years of the Rondebosch Old Boys' Union and can look back with pride and a great sense of satisfaction on what has been achieved. Higher and wider has the organization grown, and it has remained "firm as the Mount that shelters her". Dad Mason and his committee can have had no idea of the immensity, complexity and huge success of the Union they set in place all that time ago, but, if they are looking down on us today, they must feel a satisfied glow and with justification can say "we did well".

without being aggressive.

One of Stanford's advantages is its attractiveness to entrepreneurially minded people (partly given its proximity to Silicon Valley), and it feels as though 80% of the class plan to launch their own enterprise in the next 10 years. In addition to planning to work through some of my own business plans while at school, I have also joined the board of the Sierra Club Foundation, a large environmental non-profit organization. This next year will no doubt be full of exciting experiences both inside and outside the classroom. I look forward to hearing from other Old Boys passing through the San Francisco area."

THE RONDEBOSCH HERITAGE PROJECT

Paul la Grange, curator of the Honours Room and the archives writes: "The Heritage Project will probably be developing for a number of years as we have barely started to showcase the history of our great institution in such a way that permanent documentary evidence will be available on walls, in corridors and foyers where it will be accessible to visitors and boys alike.

The first phase of the project comprises the refurbishing of the old coat room off the main foyer of the Memorial Hall. The idea is to depict the history of the hall using copies of historic documents and photographs in a collage, permanently mounted and displayed on boards against the walls.

Imagine being able to walk into that area and look at photographs and documents showing the construction of the hall, fundraising efforts, the laying of the foundation stone, the opening of the hall, photographs and short descriptions of most of the Old Boys who laid down their lives in WW1 and WW2 and captions and summaries that explain everything you are looking at.

The OBU has set aside funds for this first phase of the Heritage Project, but everything will eventually depend on the availability of sufficient funds to move into the second (the upgrading of the main entrance foyer to the High School) or subsequent phases.

Areas that are in the pipeline are: the Prep School foyer and areas outside their hall; the entrance foyer and corridors in the Reeler Centre and adjacent areas; corridors leading to the Memorial Hall and extending towards the classrooms and laboratories; the Canigou entrance foyer and the Mason House foyer.

At this stage the request to Old Boys is to make their donations directly to the OBU and to specify that the Heritage Project is to benefit."

Reunions



THE E1950 60TH REUNION

Back: Jonaby Fletcher, Peter Bonnes, Richard Ivey, Brian Hepworth.

3rd row: Peter Milburn-Pyle, Jan Hofmeyr, Angus Wilson, Sandy Brunette, Richard Shave.

2nd row: Clifford Sparks, Peter Crafford, Graham Crimp, Garnet de la Hunt, Demetrie Tzemis, Geoff Clark

Front; Dennis Nick, Selwyn Winer, Peter Young, Jac Caplen, Colin Cloete, Alfie Lyle.

E1950 60TH

Jan Hofmeyr reported that the E1950 60th reunion was held on 11 and 12 March 2010 with 24 Old Boys attending some with wives or partners. He wrote "All looked remarkably fit albeit somewhat older, plumper and balder with many old friendships being renewed. The tour of the Prep School led by Tony Ryan, RBPS headmaster was fascinating. It was hard to contemplate how primary education has changed in a mere 60 years. At the superb lunch which followed we were entertained by the Junior Choir and the excellent table waiters were grade 6 boys. In a short speech Dick Ivey shared memories and proposed a toast to the school. The next day after being welcomed by Martin Barker, RBHS headmaster we enjoyed a comprehensive tour of all the buildings of the High, both new and old. This was followed by a braai at the E1942 Centenary Pavilion when a message from Steyn Krige, our last surviving teacher, was read out. One was left feeling very grateful and proud to be a Rondebosch Old Boy.

Those who attended were Peter Bonnes, Sandy Brunette, Jac Caplen, Colin Cloete, Geoff Clark, Peter Crafford, Graham Crimp, Garnet de la Hunt, Jonaby Fletcher, Brian Hepworth, Jan Hofmeyr, Chris Inskip, Dick Ivey, Alfie Lyle, Peter Milburn-Pyle, Dennis Nick, Richard Shave, Clifford Sparks, Neil Sharwood, Denis Shaw, Demetrie Tzemis, Selwyn Winer, Angus Wilson and Peter Young."

E1960 50TH

The 50th Reunion, from 17 to 21 March 2010, under the careful guidance of Ken Andrew and his committee (Roy Anderson, Clyde Broster, Paul de Groot, Mark Duckitt, David Farquharson, David Katz, Mark Lancaster, Roy Leaver and John Manning) was a non-stop success. The committee set out to trace everybody who had been

part of the class from 1949 to 1960, and succeeded so well that by the start of the reunion we had a list of all of 183 names, many of whom were still alive! A magnificent website supplied by John Manning produced a wealth of information about all – one can gain access by emailing john@manning.co.za

Thus it was that 75 diners were marshalled by MC Paul de Groot into

the Mowbray Golf Club (strikingly decorated by Anne Lancaster) for a tasty dinner accompanied on a large screen by historic pictures of their schooldays, choreographed by Colin Baker. Ken Andrew led an inspiring 'toast to Rondebosch' after which Roy Leaver, Pierre Hugo, Clyde Broster, Mark Duckitt and Mike Judd presented brief memories drawn from their schooldays. After the initial struggle to recognize anybody at all, a spirit of cheerful nostalgia marked the evening from beginning until the 'school song' faultlessly accompanied by George Allwright.

The next day proved to be a highlight for a group of 72 Old Boys and their wives/partners with its high-tech tours of RBPS and RBHS, conducted by Tony Ryan (headmaster of RBPS), Paul la Grange (curator of the Old Boys' Honours Room) and Pam Ogilvie (PR and Marketing Officer at RBHS). The group was most impressed by the forward-looking administration of the schools and they decided to donate what they could to the Union's Centenary Fund for interactive whiteboards and the Old Boys' Heritage Project. At a delicious lunch prepared by Zoe Marquis and her helpers and served by the Prep School prefects in the revamped RBPS Hall, MC David Katz introduced a light-hearted tribute by Clyde Broster to "our school and our teachers" – Ray Holmes, Willem Diepeveen, Mike Reeler, Will Rollo, Billy Trengove and Clive Young were able to be present, and were warmly welcomed and thanked for their efforts of half a century ago.

A very significant event, suggested by Robert Silbermann, which may be a "first" for RBHS reunions, was an academic lecture by Prof. David Welsh on "South Africa today and tomorrow", delivered in the Honours Room in the Mears Centre. As a bonus they were joined for this lecture by teacher Roy Hellenberg and five matric members of the RBHS History Society – a welcome interaction. Prof. Welsh's comprehensive and hopeful analysis was of great interest to all, particularly those Old Boys who had come from overseas for the occasion, some of whom said afterwards that the reunion in its entirety was highly persuasive as a reason to consider returning to the Republic. Well done, Rondebosch!

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The event was not yet over, as smaller groups chose to go on walking tours of Silvermine and Kirstenbosch, including an informal breakfast at the tea-room in the gardens. It was difficult to know how to say goodbye and to realize that it was all over for the time being. They did agree, however, that their 50th Reunion exceeded all expectations and couldn't have been better!

E1990 20TH

Over the weekend of 26-28 March the class of 1990 celebrated their 20th Reunion.

"The event was held early in the year at the request of our UK contingent, who were eager to be able to bring their families along and enjoy a later summer holiday in Cape Town. These included Sean Whitman, Craig "Podgie" Hudson-Bennett, Bruce Lawley, Gerald May, Nicholas Druiff, Hilton Scott and Alistair Seggie Mark Sampson brought his wife and children from Canada.

On the Friday night we held a stag dinner at Leesias Greek Taverna at Rondebosch Station. There were some perplexed looks at first as we struggled to recognize one another but the fifty men who were there has a thoroughly enjoyable time. We met again at the E1942 Centenary Pavilion on the Sunday morning.

Our Head Prefect Judd Knight sent his apologies from the USA where his wife had recently given birth but our deputy head prefect Dion O'Cuinneagain (former Irish Rugby captain) did make it to both events.

Late afternoon saw proceedings draw to a close with everyone enthused by the events of the weekend and the knowledge that we experienced something so special at Rondebosch Boys' High. Going to an event like this you soon realize how privileged we are to have attended Rondebosch. It is extremely comforting to know that the school continues to grow and improve while still providing a world-class education for generations to come.

Thanks to Judd Knight for his generous donation towards the event and to the school for allowing us to use the E1942 Centenary Pavilion."

Graeme Wepener and Peter Stewart



A group of the E1990s at their 20th reunion.

E1955 55TH

Vernon Anderson and Geoffrey Haresnape compiled the following report.

"Many words of thanks to Keith Brooke-Sumner, Hadden Steer, Brian Tonnesen, Eugene Schuddin, Marius Bam, Jeff Louw, John Groenewald and those others who were instrumental in organizing this celebratory reunion.

Many thanks also to the RBHS headmaster, Martin Barker, and other RBHS staff for extending hospitality towards us.

We met on 18 March at the E1942 Centenary Pavilion. Many stalwarts of the 50th reunion were once again present and, in addition, we were delighted to meet Terence Byers, David Chapman, John Duxbury, Peter (Bushy) Hanssen, David Henshilwood, Louis Scholnick, Peter Storey and Johannes (Boetie) van Zyl. Brian Tonnesen provided personal labels, which helped us to make the connection between faces and names. Pam Ogilvie conducted us on a tour along some well-remembered and other (newer) corridors to enable us to discover how much education has changed in the past five-and-one-half decades.

We soon perceived how Information Technology has impacted upon teaching methods within the scientific sphere. We were glad to note that the teaching achievement of the late Arthur Jayes was acknowledged by the naming of a science laboratory in his honour, right where his beloved physics laboratory had been situated. We saw that the old chemistry lab where Mr EV (Budgie) Franz once held sway was now called the Alan Cormack Laboratory. Cormack envisaged and helped to develop the C.A.T. scanner, and became the first, and thus far the only, Nobel Laureate educated at RBHS.

Our next stops were the School Library and the Engineering and Graphics Design Department where we discovered evidence of keenness among the current boys. Much to the chagrin of Don Smith and others, it was explained that Woodwork and Metalwork had been discontinued in 2006. It was some consolation to see still usable benches with vices affixed, as well as a band saw and other heavy machinery, in an area adjacent to the main workroom.

Our tour's final stop was in the foyer of the War Memorial Hall. Here we congregated around Peter Storey and Bertie van der Merwe, in front of the Roll of Honour. Peter spoke briefly of those Old Boys who had made the supreme sacrifice during WWs I and II. He suggested that we could focalize on this spot as a 'sacred space'. Bertie then asked us to remember those of our own class who had passed on. There were, as far as we knew, 18 out of the original 122. Bertie read out their names while we paused in silence. We then enjoyed lunch in the E1942 Centenary Pavilion.

51 of us re-assembled there on Sunday, 20th March, this time with many wives present. The proceedings were enlivened by many reminiscences. The school continues as one of the leaders of secondary education in the Western Cape and, indeed, in Southern Africa."

Reunions (continued)

A note on Eyear reunions

All reunions are organised by the Eyears themselves and the Old Boys' Union provides organisers with guidance and contact details for the Eyear. The OBU has compiled a Reunion Guide to help organisers – contact the OBU office to obtain a copy.

The Union requests that all 2011 reunion organisers let the OBU office know that a reunion is being arranged. This will enable the OBU to put brief details on the website, tell fellow Old Boys about reunions and identify those Eyears for which a reunion has not yet been planned. The main reunions are held after 10, 25, 40, 50 and 60 years, with 5, 20 and 30 year reunions also being popular.



Charles Helm who travelled from Canada for the E75 35 year reunion at the Old Boys' Union dinner in March, Stephen Duffett, chairman of the Old Boys' Union and guest speaker Gary Bailey, (all E1975s).

A note on photographs for the newsletter

Photographs are always welcome additions to the newsletter. In order to be published they need to be clear, well composed, in focus and the Old Boys recognizable. The photographs must in high resolution (preferably 1mb or higher) and not be reduced in size when emailed to the OBU. In general, photographs taken with a cellphone or in poor light can unfortunately not be printed. A suitable caption naming all those in the photograph should be included.

SUBUNION EVENTS

Old Boys are invited to the following Sub-Union functions. Further details will be available on the website and in the Enews.

West Coast braai on 3 October. Contact John Duckitt at jducky@mweb.co.za or call 0836585200

Karoo weekend incorporating a possible train trip for this travelling from Cape Town, departing on 8 October with the function being on 9 October. Contact Eric Torr on gyrosa@corp dial.co.za

Southern Cape (George and Oudtshoorn) gatherings on 29 August and 29 November. Contact Pieter Wicht on 082 600 3146 or 5welvanpas@telkomsa.net

Sydney function on 4 November. Contact Stuart Bennie on bennie@bigpond.net.au
When events in other regions have been organised details will be put on the website and in the Enews.

MySchool - REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

Rondebosch Schools invite Old Boys to apply for a MySchool card and earn money for their old school by swiping their card at the national stores shown here. Rondebosch Schools earns on average R5 500 per month by supporting the MySchool scheme but we know we can increase it with your support. It costs nothing to fill out the form and once you have received your card, swipe when paying for your purchases at no further cost.

All money raised will go to Smartboards in classrooms.

All you have to do is go to this link and complete the form <http://www.rondebosch.com/prep/events/index.php?readmore=949>

Email zoe@rondebosch.com with the completed form or fax it to 086 555 4817.

If you need a form emailed to you, email zoe@rondebosch.com



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SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

A record crowd attended the Sydney function in November 2009. Shaun Povey, the guest speaker and former Rondebosch First XV coach, was both amusing and informative about rugby at school. The attendees were: Frank Talbot (E46), Andre Michau (E58), Peter Watt (E60), Chris Grubb (E64), Frank White (E65), Gerry Hallock (E64), Tony Camacho (E64), Martin Jaffe (E66), Duncan Whiley (E67), Stuart Bennie (E68), Dave Hofmeyr (E70), Archie Arenson (E73), Peter Goldberg (E73), Alan

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Hamilton (E77), Craig Stewart (E77), Richard Alder (E80), Alex Koukoullis (E81), Wanne Rous (E86), Craig Hurt (E90), Nic Kuys (E91), Garrick Bryant (E94), Perrin Isaac (E96), Alistair Mann (E97), Rowan Bryant (E97), Craig Kutsiker-Jacobson (E98), Paul Pirie (E98), Charles Sanderoff (E02), Graham vd Westhuizen (E02), Gregg Gray (E02), Clinton Pereksles (guest), Garth

McCullough (guest) and Shaun Povey (speaker).

Professor Frank Talbot (E46) was presented with Honorary Life Membership of the Sydney Sub-Union. Craig Stewart

did his usual excellent job as treasurer. Archie Arenson organized the raffles and the school song. An amount of R10 000 was raised towards Union funds.

The next function will be on Thursday 4th November 2010 at 17h00 at the Occidental Hotel in York Street.

Stuart Bennie (E68)



Charles Sanderoff (E2002), Craig Kutsiker-Jacobson (E1998), Gregg Gray (E2002) and Graham van der Westhuizen (E2002) at the Sydney function.



At the Sydney gathering were Frank White (E1965) and Martin Jaffe (E1966).

HELDERBERG

Another year has flown by. Unfortunately our dinner and braai did not materialize during 2008, but we are once again back on track. We gathered at the Kilberry Restaurant at Helderberg Village on Friday 9 October. Around 40 people attended, including many of the wives.

André Boonzaier, our chairman for many years, indicated that he would like to stand down. We convinced him however to stay on for at least another year.

A new treasurer, Gavin Stevens was nominated and elected, as our past treasurer for many years, Cedric Muller, decided to retire. Cedric was thanked for his dedication and assistance during his service.

For the first time, our speaker this year was a lady. Leigh Ann Meinert, a young dynamic go-getter impressed everyone immensely. With the assistance of the Shuttleworth Foundation and other big corporate sponsors, she started the CIDA University for underprivileged graduates. Her dedication and striving for success has produced two Mandela Rhodes scholars this year, a fine achievement.

Many thanks to all who attended and don't forget the family braai in 2010."
Allen de Wet, Secretary



Pictured at the UK Old Boys dinner were Edward Gregory (E2009), Jonathan Trott (E99) and Richard Lardner (E2009).



Other Old Boys enjoying themselves at the London dinner.

UK

The UK Old Boys dinner was held on Friday 7 May at the Gallery in Cowcross Street, London with an attendance of 60. The Old Boys' Union was represented by Jock McKenzie (E64), who spoke about the challenges facing the school in terms of funding for both education and development projects and the role the Rondebosch Education Trust was playing in this. There was a great deal of interest as evidenced by the questions that he was asked after his address. Our main speaker was Professor Chris Damerell (E56) who told us of his journey from Rondebosch to become a nuclear physicist at the Rutherford Appleton laboratories in Oxfordshire. His message was that we should encourage more school children to follow a career in science, particularly if they show an interest in that direction. The influence of masters like Arthur Jayes and Tickey de Jager on his career was clearly hugely important. It was another very successful and enjoyable evening attended by a wide cross section of Old Boys. Next year's dinner is scheduled for Friday 6 May at the same central London venue. Any Old Boys planning a trip to London at that time are welcome to join us.
Michael Coombs (E67)



The High School band performed during the Centenary dinner.



Dave Melvill (E77) with his father Jack Melvill at the Centenary dinner. Jack and Wilfrid Chetwin, both E39 were the most senior Old Boys at the dinner.



Wilfrid Chetwin (E39) and Dave Scott (E45).



Jason Elley and Andrew Martin, both E98.



Richard Browne (E70) and Neil Veitch (E63).



Steve Duffett and Angela Andrew (Administrative Secretary of the Union).



Matthew Edwards (E2008) and Ross Albertyn (E2007).



Peter Harwood (E54) who came from England to attend the celebrations, and Dennis Nick (E50), a former chairman of the Union.



Theo Clark (E57) who provided the menus for the dinner and Lewis Silberbauer (E54).



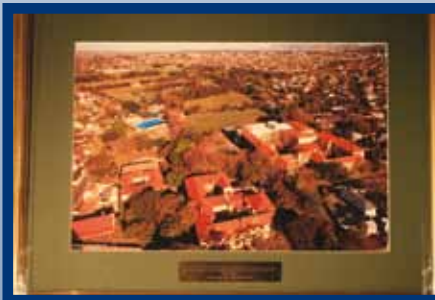
Peter Henshilwood (E69) and Clement Whittle (E94).



Clive Young, former Staff, and Brent Farrell (E77, OBU committee).



The Prep School band entertained the guests while they enjoyed pre dinner drinks.



Photograph of RBHS presented to the Union by E2009. The photograph was taken by Anthony Allen (E83).



Aleco Caldis (E78) and Gary Goldman (E77) who took the photographs at both the Centenary cocktail party and the dinner.



The entrance to the Canigou lawns lit up for the occasion of the cocktail party.

Centenary Functions



Chris Murison (E57), a former RBHS headmaster, Bill Low (E57), Barry Tilney (E52), Brian Tonnesen (E55) and Jeff Louw (E55).



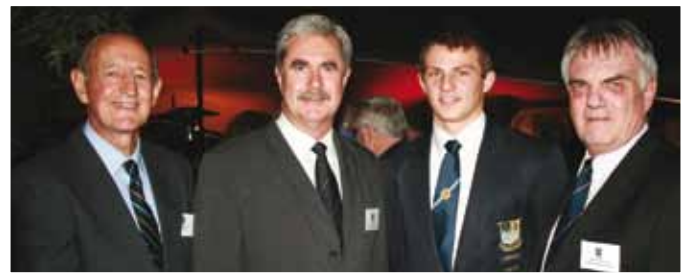
Michael Coombs, chairman of the UK sub-union and André Ross (OBU committee).



Robbie Morris (E98, OBU committee) and Tom Dawson-Squibb (E2002).



Justin Mitchell (E2005), David Bonellie E2004), Graham Barratt (E98) and Warwick Davison (E2004).



John Benn (E54), chairman of the Centenary committee, Tony Ryan, RBPS headmaster, Darryn Berry, E2009 head prefect and Martin Barker, RBHS headmaster.



Neil Veitch (E63), his stepson Paul Ziegenhardt (E95) and Paul la Grange, custodian of the Union archives.



Neil McMurray (E64), Neil Strybis (E77, OBU committee) and Peter Scholte (E63).



Alistair Simpson (E66), Bruce Lane, a former Prep headmaster, Pam Ogilvie of RBHS and Johann Buitendag (E80) and Faan Giliomee (E81) of the Boland sub-union.



Dave Handley (E78), Deon de Kock, chairman of the RBHS Governing Body, and Mike Russell (E68), a former chairman of the Union.

Centenary Appeal Fund

At least one Old Boy from each year from E1935 to E2009 has donated to the fund resulting in our initial target of R3 million being exceeded.

These generous donations have enabled the Union to assist Rondebosch in the following diverse areas:

- The construction and equipping of the new RBHS Art and Technology Centres
- The construction of the new pool
- Awnings at the new pool
- The Clent Mews staff housing project
- Contributions to the Prep School Music Department
- The establishment of the Sir Frank Berman Centenary Music Scholarship fund
- Bursaries for deserving boys
- The RBPS Vuleka Project for boys from culturally and linguistically divergent backgrounds
- An upgrade to the E1942 Centenary Pavilion
- Interactive electronic whiteboards
- Equipment for the Fitness Centre in the Carleton Lloyd Stand
- Platforms for the RBHS Band Room
- The Rondebosch Heritage Project
- Compiling the history of the Union
- A suitable memorial to the late Tickey de Jager
- Labelling of the trees on the Rondebosch grounds

The Old Boys' Union thanks all 765 Old Boys, parents and grandparents of Old Boys, friends of Rondebosch, as well as the Old Boys who have requested anonymity, who have so generously financially contributed to the Union's Centenary Appeal Fund. **E1963 raised the largest amount followed closely by E1960. E1962 had the most individual donors.**

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			E1951 Leslie, John	E1954 Milburn-Pyle, John
			E1951 Long, Des	E1954 Penberthy, Owen
			E1951 Malan, Christo	E1954 Powell, Allan
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An interactive whiteboard

E1954 Senekal, Bill
E1954 Shapiro, Bernard
E1954 Sinclair-Black, Robert
E1954 Stekhoven, Julian
E1955 Brooke-Sumner, Keith
E1955 De Villiers, Peter
E1955 E1955 55 year reunion
E1955 Fairlie, Ian
E1955 Groenewald, John
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E1955 Haresnape, Geoffrey
E1955 Hogg, Malcolm
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E1955 Mears, Guy
E1955 Muir, John
E1955 Price, Robert
E1955 Smuts, John
E1955 Storey, Peter
E1955 Van Zyl, Boetie
E1955 Voigts, Dieter
E1955 Walker, Clive
E1955 Wentzel, Allan
E1956 Berman, Sir Frank
E1956 Broekhuysen, Jim
E1956 De Fontaine, Tom
E1956 Delpierre, Michel
E1956 Freeman, Frank
E1956 Humphries, Albert
E1956 In memory of Bud O'Brien
E1956 In memory of Ron Lewis
E1956 Malherbe, Willie
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E1956 Norman, Keith
E1956 Pells, Julien
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E1956 Ulrichs, George
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E1957 Proudlock, Thomas
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E1958 Boshard, Keith
E1958 Botha, Storm
E1958 Burford, Jeremy
E1958 Burnell, Noël
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E1962 Bromfield, Michael
E1962 Burnett, Brian
E1962 Carroll, Peter



The new staff housing

E1962 Daly, Neil
E1962 Daneel, Piet
E1962 Downes, Keith
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E1962 Van Tubbergh, Daniel

E1962 Wakelin, David
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E1963 Fraser, Brian
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E1963 Kennedy, Lindsay
E1963 Kipps, Johnny
E1963 Kritzinger, Neil
E1963 Le Roux, John
E1963 Leeuwenburg, Jeffrey
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E1963 Murcott, Guy
E1963 Schreiber, Roy
E1963 Spengler, Andrew
E1963 Spring, Richard
E1963 Starke, Christopher
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E1963 Van den Berg, Derek
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E1963 Wells, Eric
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E1964 Bernadt, Morris
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E1965 Parsonage, Steve
E1965 Plane, Ian
E1965 Smuts-Muller, David
E1965 Waters, Adrian
E1965 Whitman, John
E1966 Abernethy, Grant
E1966 Bradlow, Anthony

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E1966 Howie, Anthony	E1974 Stevenson, Nigel	E1982 Commins, John	E1987 Steer, Justin	E1995 Sivertsen, Jason
E1966 Johnston, Robert	E1974 Versfeld, Wilfred	E1982 Leary, Andrew	E1987 Viljoen, Anton	E1995 Webb, Jonathan
E1966 Ketteringham, Richard	E1975 Churchman, Duncan	E1982 Malan, Eugene	E1987 Wood, John	E1996 Pedersen, Deon
E1966 Plane, Dave	E1975 Duffett, Stephen	E1982 Swanepoel, Wayne	E1988 Attewell, Ross	E1996 Schuster, Andrew
E1966 Plimsoll, John	E1975 Green, Martin	E1982 Van der Merwe, André	E1988 Doble, Grant	E1996 Whiley, Andrew
E1966 Riese, Phillip	E1975 Hartzenberg, Gerald	E1982 Van der Merwe, Charl	E1988 Gast, Stuart	E1997 Dane, Sean
E1966 Sharpe, Rob	E1975 Myers, Neil	E1983 Craig, Terence	E1988 Hulley, Jonathan	E1997 Haigh, Bryan
E1966 Simpson, Alistair	E1975 Pitt, Michael	E1983 De Villiers, Dawie	E1988 Kotze, John	E1997 Lindenberg, Mark
E1966 Warren, Peter	E1975 Pulker, Butch	E1983 E1983 25 year reunion	E1988 Leclercq, Tim	E1997 Reid, Jonathan
E1966 Weeden, Mike	E1975 Smuts, Grant	E1983 Giliomee, Altus	E1988 Schofmann, Werner	E1998 Briers-Danks, Guy
E1966 Whiley, Hugh	E1975 Van Heerden, Murray	E1983 In memory of Anthony Mathers	E1989 Berry, Terence	E1998 Dorrington, Joe
E1967 Bolus, Jeff	E1976 Baartman, Brian	E1983 Lendrum, Ian	E1989 Bisschop, Edward	E1998 Hughes, Michael
E1967 Carroll, John	E1976 Clark-Brown, Garth	E1983 Lequime, Georges	E1989 Bresler, Matthew	E1998 Ludick, Ernst
E1967 Coombs, Michael	E1976 Edwards, Gary	E1983 Macdonald, Robert	E1989 Hazell, Andrew	E1998 O'Cuinneagain, Luke
E1967 Cope, Dennis	E1976 Gordon, Donovan	E1983 Matchett, Simon	E1989 Hofmeyr, Kevin	E1998 Silberbauer, Mark
E1967 Michelsen, Olav	E1976 Henderson, Rae	E1983 Ross, André	E1989 Mellish, Harry	E1999 Clayton, David
E1967 Millar, Keith	E1976 Moodie, Keith	E1983 Van der Merwe, Mark	E1989 Ollerhead, Greg	E1999 Heyns, Rob
E1967 Sheppard, John	E1976 Nodder, Laurence	E1983 Wiseman, Mark	E1989 Oosthuizen, Dale	E1999 Mongie, Luway
E1967 Sparks, Ray	E1976 Philip, Ross	E1984 Berk, Michael	E1989 Wegerhoff, Sean	E1999 Olivier, Jurgen
E1967 Thornton, John	E1976 Stiles, Michael	E1984 Copeland, Craig	E1990 Burnett, Justin	E1999 Robinson, William
E1968 Faure, Chris	E1976 Van Zyl, Andries	E1984 Crooke, Mike	E1990 Finlay, Bryan	E2000 Botha, Charl
E1968 Hoek, Gerrard	E1977 Canning, Peter	E1984 D'Arcy-Evans, Andrew	E1990 Moore, Michael	E2000 Butcher, Gregg
E1968 Voigt, Herbert	E1977 Farrell, Brent	E1984 De Wet, Bennie	E1990 Scott, Hilton	E2000 Duminy, Brett
E1969 Atkins, Oliver	E1977 Goldman, Gary	E1984 In memory of Jonathan Grant	E1990 Stanbridge, Robert	E2000 Licina, Jared
E1969 Bradlow, Hugh	E1977 Grinstead, Simon	E1984 Meyers, Paul	E1990 Stewart, Peter	E2000 Martin, Paul
E1969 Ismay, Andrew	E1977 Hamilton, Alan	E1984 Myburgh, Philip	E1990 Van Tubbergh, Frederick	E2000 McDermott, Grant
E1969 Jaffe, Stephen	E1977 Nicholls, Bernard	E1984 Sharpley, Michael	E1991 White, Victor	E2000 Melck, Justin
E1969 McGivern, Sean	E1977 Segal, Hilton	E1984 Smith, Theon	E1991 Berry, Richard	E2000 Swanson, Paul
E1969 Wilkins, Peter	E1977 Strybis, Neil	E1984 Walters, André	E1991 Greenstone, Gary	E2000 Teuchert, Andrew
E1970 Bates, William	E1978 Delpont, James	E1979 Cox, Patrick	E1991 Lister, Bruce	E2001 Cross, Newton
E1970 Beck, John	E1978 Neckel, Kai	E1979 De Kock, George	E1991 Osborne, Simon	E2001 Dickenson, Gareth
E1970 Binedell, Nick	E1978 Walters, André	E1979 Earl, Roland	E1992 Beamish, Dan	E2001 Jackson, Craig
E1970 Carolin, Patrick	E1979 Cox, Patrick	E1979 Gad, Robert	E1992 Boers, Gregory	E2001 Ketteringham, Walter
E1970 Connan, Jonathan	E1979 De Kock, George	E1979 Hamilton, Rodney	E1992 Borchers, Geoff	E2001 Krone, Christiaan
E1970 Pope, Chris	E1979 Earl, Roland	E1979 Horrigan, Patrick	E1992 Borchers, Geoff	E2001 Loftus, Jacques
E1970 Richards, Ross	E1979 Gad, Robert	E1979 Melck, Anton	E1992 Davison, Grant	E2001 Slabbert, John
E1970 Trevor-Goode, Bob	E1979 Hamilton, Rodney	E1979 Owen, Jonathan	E1992 Kelly, Peter	E2001 Swanson, Stephen
E1971 Basset, Jeremy	E1979 Horrigan, Patrick	E1979 Alder, Richard	E1992 Kipps, Brian	E2001 Teek, Justin
E1971 Cullen, Digby	E1979 Melck, Anton	E1980 Buitendag, Johann	E1992 Van Wijk, David	E2001 Van Helden, Stephen
E1971 Daniel, Kevin	E1979 Owen, Jonathan	E1980 Monk, Henry	E1992 Van Wyk, Roald	E2001 Van Zijl, Carl
E1971 Deuchar, Butch	E1980 Alder, Richard	E1980 Morse, Bryn	E1992 Whiley, Grant	E2002 Dawson-Squibb, Tom
E1971 Foster, Crispin	E1980 Buitendag, Johann	E1980 Nardone, Andrew	E1993 Charton, Ryan	E2002 Durham, David
E1971 McSweeney, Terry	E1980 Monk, Henry	E1980 Opie, David	E1993 Dorrington, Michael	E2002 Erasmus, Jak
E1971 Olivier, Jannie	E1980 Morse, Bryn	E1980 Stiles, Nobby	E1993 Fick, James	E2002 Myburgh, Philip
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E1972 Rand, Peter	E1981 Bonnes, Sean	E1981 Hardie, Stephen	E1993 Thom, Arundal	E2003 Samuel, Adam
E1973 Burmeister, Bruce	E1981 De Villiers, William	E1981 Martin, Grant	E1993 Voigts, Robert	E2004 Borchers, James
E1973 Champanis, Evangelos	E1981 Halperin, Michael	E1981 Morse, Ian	E1993 Westcott, Michael	E2004 Braune, Shaun
E1973 Dommissie, Jan	E1981 Hardie, Stephen	E1981 Steytler, Deon	E1994 Apsey, Justin	E2004 Carroll, Wayde
E1973 Robertson, Peter	E1981 Martin, Grant	E1981 Von Zeil, Glen	E1994 Borchers, Peter	E2004 Hampton, Tim
E1974 Ginsberg, David	E1981 Smith, Ian	E1982 Alder, Edward	E1994 Bryant, Garrick	E2004 Roberts, Eamon
	E1981 Steytler, Deon		E1994 Dekenah, Anthony	E2004 Samuel, Graham
	E1981 Von Zeil, Glen		E1994 Hadley, Andrew	E2006 Smith, Andrew
	E1982 Alder, Edward		E1994 Kotze, Chris	E2007 Fourie, John
			E1994 Lamond, Nicholas	E2007 Simonc, David
			E1994 Leaver, Stuart	E2008 Carew, Josh
			E1994 Maphai, Kgaugelo	E2008 De Kock, Justin
			E1994 McCreddie, Matthew	E2008 du Toit, Neil
			E1994 Meacham, Craig	E2008 Ketteringham, Robert
			E1994 Murray, Alastair	E2008 McEwan, Warren
			E1994 Nannucci, Geoffrey	E2008 Moodie, James
			E1994 Niland, Paul	E2008 Stoch, Ben
			E1994 Olivier, van Eyk	E2008 Versfeld, William
			E1994 Pickering, Mark	E2009 Darge, Sean
			E1994 Raubenheimer, Dylan	E2009 Duffett, Michael
			E1994 Ricketts, Jason	E2009 Le Roux, Willem
			E1994 Silvertson, Ben	
			E1994 Thompson, David	
			E1994 Watt, Gary	
			E1994 Whittington-Jones, Brendan	
			E1994 Whittle, Clement	
			E1994 Williams, Trenton	
			E1995 Dommissie, Mark	
			E1995 Kipps, Derek	
			E1995 McPherson, Jason	



The new Technology Centre



Memorial to Tickey de Jager

Former RBHS Headmasters Mike Reeler and Chris Murison proposed that a suitable memorial to the late, legendary Tickey de Jager would be a well equipped Mathematics Laboratory. The room will be equipped with modern tools for the teaching of Mathematics and contain an area with specific reference to Tickey and his contribution to Mathematics at the School, nationally and internationally. It will also contain photographs and some of his own writings, including about Mathematics, other topics, poetry and some of his favourite quotations by which he is well-remembered by many of his pupils and colleagues. A suitable plaque will be mounted on the outside of the door or on the wall with a short paragraph about his contributions to the School. The proposed area is the lecture theatre located between the Arthur Jayes Laboratory and the Alan Cormack Laboratory.

There are also plans to erect a plaque on the school grounds to commemorate Tickey's huge contribution to the development of the Rondebosch campus and the many trees which he planted.

Bursaries at Rondebosch

From time to time Old Boys approach the Union with a view to making donations towards Rondebosch bursaries and scholarships, but are not sure how bursaries work or what the best way is to make their donation. Here are a few points regarding school fees and bursaries which Old Boys may find interesting and useful.

- The State provides for only about 27% of the two schools' operating costs which includes state paid teachers' salaries. Parents therefore need to provide the remaining 73%. This includes the salaries of more than half the teaching staff.

- School fees have accordingly increased significantly from when most Old Boys went to Rondebosch. In 2010 the RBHS school fees are R23 000 and the RBPS fees R20 800. Boarding fees are R24 200 per boy. With inflationary adjustments, to educate a High School boy over five years accordingly costs about R130 000 increasing to about R270 000 if he is a boarder.

- Parents with limited income may apply for special **fee rebates**, but this obviously has an impact on the school's income and on the amount other parents need to pay to ensure that all Rondebosch's expenses are met. The vast majority of parents pay the full fees as they are aware of the value of the excellent education Rondebosch provides to their sons. Due to the nature of boarding, fee rebates do not apply to boarding fees.

- The awarding of **bursaries to those with a financial need** has accordingly become important to enable deserving boys to receive a Rondebosch education.

- Bursaries are also important in **attracting boys with exceptional talents** to Rondebosch when they may otherwise have gone to another school. Rondebosch continues its long tradition of educating boys from diverse backgrounds and varied talents, whether academic, musical or sporting, and bursaries are generally awarded in one of these three categories. Many recipients of bursaries excel in more than one area of the school's activities.

- The Old Boys' Union has two separate bursary funds. The **General Bursary fund** is for bursaries for talented, deserving boys using academic or sporting ability along with financial need as the selection criteria. The OBU's **Sir Frank Berman Centenary Music Scholarship** provides funding to exceptionally talented musicians. Old Boys are welcome to donate to either fund. Donations are combined with donations from other Old Boys in order that the bursary amount awarded to a boy is significant.

- The actual bursaries are not awarded or monitored by the Union – the school selects a suitable candidate based on the criteria stipulated by the OBU or donor and his qualities are then confidentially discussed with the Union

or donor. The OBU (or donor) then makes available a suitable amount for the five year period the boy is at RBHS and the school awards and administers the bursary. All bursaries are subject to annual performance reviews.

- The Union or donors do not stipulate which specific boy is to benefit as the school is best placed to make an informed decision as to who would be the best bursary recipient. Bursaries are for the duration of the boy's schooling at the High School and cannot be withdrawn due to a lack of funds.

- An Old Boy may of course sponsor a particular boy of his own choosing – in such a case the arrangement is between the Old Boy and the boy's parents and not with the school.

- Old Boys who would like to stipulate specific bursary criteria for their donation may do so in consultation with the OBU or school and the school will strive to identify a suitable recipient with a financial need.

- The Prep School also awards bursaries through its **Vuleka Project** which strives to produce students of the highest calibre from culturally and linguistically divergent backgrounds. Old Boys are also encouraged to make contributions to that fund through the OBU.

- Donations to bursary funds are **tax deductible** in South Africa. **For further information please email the OBU office at obu@rondebosch.com**

Old Boys on Facebook

The Old Boys' Union uses technology for the benefit of all our members through the website www.rondebosch.com, the Emailed Enews and through Facebook. Over 2300 Old Boys have joined "Bosch Obu" and 1900 have also joined the official OBU group "Rondebosch Old Boys Union". If you are a Facebook user please search for "Bosch Obu" (friend) so that you can find fellow Old Boys on Facebook and easily receive Old Boys and Rondebosch news, including sports fixtures and other events.

PROFESSOR RALPH KIRSCH (E1957), an internationally recognized clinician, scientist and teacher at UCT, died on 9 February 2010. The son of a fruit farmer from Wolseley he studied medicine at UCT after matriculating. He obtained his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degrees in 1964, a Medical Doctorate in 1968 and a Science Doctorate in medicine in 1993. In 1983 he was appointed professor of medicine and head of the medicine department at UCT, where he taught and mentored thousands of medical students, registrars, scientists and clinicians.



Professor Ralph Kirsch

He retired in 2005 but continued serving the university as a member of the council. Nationally he served on the Health Professions Council of South Africa, the South African medical Journal and the Colleges of Medicine. He leaves his wife Beverley and three sons David, Richard and Derek. *Article courtesy of the Cape Times.*

ERINA HELM. The death on 21 December 2009 of Erina Helm (nee Duminy), widow of the late 'Herbie' Helm, removes a further link between hundreds of Rondebosch Old Boys and their early Campground Road school days where she had been the Std III teacher.



Erina Helm

A true Rondebosch 'Villager,' Erina lived with her parents at the Duminy home in Erin Road, Rondebosch until her marriage in 1956 to Herbie, when they set up home together at 73 Campground Road. They retired to their holiday home at Great Brak in 1978. Erina became locally famous for the Afrikaans extra lessons she taught for years to generations of southern suburbs school children, the majority of them Rondebosch boys. An intelligent,

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no-nonsense yet gentle and good-humoured woman, Erina Helm was, quite simply, a superb educator. Her teaching style was marked by empathy and energy and how she relished the challenge presented by even the weakest mono-linguist! Charles (E1975) their son, remarked that it was her proud satisfaction never to have had a single one of her pupils fail any Afrikaans test or exam! Displaying neither the annoyance or irritation she must surely often have felt, Erina guided, encouraged and willed her charges over their various academic hurdles, rejoicing with them at their successes! Late afternoon sunlight streaming through her study windows and the fragrant aroma of the cups of coffee, brought to her in relays by the indefatigable Winnie, her domestic, are abiding memories of the hundreds of pupils she taught. Erina was kindly and human, delighting in the progress of her former pupils and her contacts with them she maintained.

The Helms' retirement years at Great Brak were enlivened by numerous visits from these self-same pupils, now adults with their own families, as well as from Charles, by then a medical doctor with his own young Canadian family. The affection for her and Herbie was, of course, as much to do with their own personal qualities as it was gratitude for the education they had offered so generously. Though known to far fewer than Herbie had been, Erina will be no less keenly missed. *Neil Veitch*

OWEN ASHLEY (E1963), a motorsport engineer and car builder, died on 15 March 2010 in Cape Town. He was only 19 when he completed the construction of his first competition vehicle. He went on to design and build 170 types of racing and road vehicles. In 1981 he joined Toyota SA as motorsport manager and developed an all-wheel drive rally car. On leaving Toyota he was put in charge of the technical aspects of all motorsport for SA Motorsport Control, managing the technical rules enforcement for the sport. His next move was to form his own company during the late 1980s. He also joined the Cape Town based Optimal Energy as a consultant in 2006. He assisted with their research and development of the Joule electric car. This was followed by his latest creation, the

new Masters V8 series. He leaves his wife Annette, daughter Christen and brother Rodney (E1959).

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CRAIG BARLOW (E1982) of Chiwe Beach, Malawi died on 9 April 2010 during treatment for a tsetse fly bite. He leaves his wife Diana and two children, Giona and Joshua, his mother Helen and sister Susan. Craig was the son of the late South African test cricketer, Eddie Barlow.

BARRY CLARKSON (E1963) of Hermanus died on 20 May 2010.

IAN DERECK CRABTREE (E1952) of Villiersdorp died on 31 October 2009.

PPETER DAVISON (E1946) of Graaff Reinet died on 7 November 2008.

JOHAN ARTHUR DELPORT (E1971) died on 3 September 2009 at Kleinmond.

IAN DOUGLAS (E1935) of Cape Town died on 20 February 2009 aged 93.

IAN FAIRLIE (E1955) died on 18 November 2009 in Noordhoek. He leaves his wife Jill, two daughters and three grandchildren.

IAN FISHER (E1964) has died. He was an attorney in Benoni and was married to Ingrid Cotty, a former teacher at the Prep School. She continued her teaching career in Benoni.

JAC FAURE (E1951) of Somerset West died on 22 December 2008.

DR ALAN FLISHER (E1974) died on 18 April 2010 in Cape Town. He was the Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Mental Health at UCT. His career encompassed clinical psychology, medicine and finally specializing in psychiatry in 1995. He was responsible for running a number of psychiatric services in Cape Town. In the field of public mental health Alan did groundbreaking work for the World Health Organization and for the department of Health in South Africa. He was the recipient of numerous awards and was the author of many books in his field of expertise. He leaves his wife Mehrunisa and their children and other family members.

DAVID COETZEE (E1960) who died in January 2010 was one of his generation's most talented and respected Africa specialists. He was the publisher of SouthScan for more than 20 years. The newsletter provided informed and intelligent coverage of the whole of southern Africa at a crucial time in the region's political history. He worked unobtrusively but effi-

ciently, building a strong reputation for the publication until its closure last year. He was born in Johannesburg, the son of a lawyer and a teacher. His early years were spent moving around with his mother and elder brother, the Nobel Prize-winning author JM Coetzee, including a spell on a sheep farm in the central Karoo, but he came to consider Cape Town his home from 1951. He was educated at St Joseph's College and RBHS. He studied art at evening school, worked as a wool buyer and went to the University of Cape Town, taking a degree in comparative African government and law in 1964, under the anti-apartheid communist Jack Simons. After a year at the newspaper Cape Argus as a trainee and a court reporter, he left the country, appalled by its politics. After teaching English in Greece he reached Britain in 1966, found jobs on trade publications and north London newspapers, and joined the anti-apartheid movement. In 1971, armed with a British passport, he went back to South Africa, believing he could become more politically engaged. He took a job on the Cape Argus, but was one day "virtually frog-marched out of the building". He believed he was sacked because the management had been tipped off over his anti-apartheid activities. Back in London, he gravitated towards African publications, then experiencing a boom. After a year at the Travellers Guide to Africa as production editor, he moved to Afif Ben Yedder's magazine empire, becoming foreign editor of New African for three years. In 1980 he joined the Nigerian journalist Peter Enahoro in launching another monthly, Africa Now, where he remained for five years. He continued to campaign against apartheid, and began to learn about ways that new technology could be deployed to avoid censorship. Unhappy at some of the political leanings of Africa Now, he launched SouthScan in London in 1986. With excellent liberation movement sources and close links to many African National Congress leaders, it soon became indispensable reading for those interested in the rapidly evolving situation. After 1990 he went home to re-familiarise himself, even voting in the 1994 election, but decided not to return permanently. In 2000 he moved to Washington when his wife Akwe Amosu found a job there. He continued to produce SouthScan, casting a sympathetic but detached eye on the 15 years of ANC rule, while writing a book on Thabo

Mbeki's African policy. The newsletter remains a valuable, detailed archive of South Africa's transition. He is survived by Amosu, their son Corin and another son, Sam, from an earlier relationship.

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ANDREW BOHLER (E1953) died towards the end of 2009 in Cape Town.

WILLIAM BRAMLEY who died on 30 September 2009 was well known in South African Agricultural and Bisley shooting circles. He was born in Bloemfontein, educated at Grey College, RBHS and Glen Agricultural College. He obtained international renown in the sphere of Agricultural Technology and maintained a passion for farming with a specific interest in crop farming. He was an enthusiastic participant and administrator of Bisley Shooting in the Free State. He, his father Jaco, brother George, also an Old Boy and son Peter, all represented South Africa on the rifle range. At the time of his death he was president of the South African Rifle Association as well as Honorary Vice President of the National Rifle Association of Great Britain. He is survived by his wife Beth, two sons, two daughters, 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

DEAN BOONZAIER (E1983) died unexpectedly on 29 May 2010. The son of the late Graham Boonzaier (E1958) Dean was a boarder in Mason House and Canigou and captained the 1983 athletics and first rugby teams. Dean played 69 matches for the First XV, a Rondebosch record which is unlikely to be ever broken. He leaves his wife Cindy, daughters Victoria and Rebecca, his mother Hilary, brother Gordon (E1984) and other family members.

THOMAS BROWN (E1938) died in Switzerland during November 2009.

VIRGOE BUCKLAND (E1954) died in Southport, Queensland, Australia on 5 June 2010 aged 73. He and his wife lived happily on Mount Tamborine for 24 years after settling in Australia. He leaves his son Virgoe (E1982) and family members.

GRAEME CALITZ (E1985) of Rondebosch died tragically on 7 July 2010. Graeme was a chartered account

The Union offers its sincere sympathy to all Old Boys, their families and friends who have been bereaved in recent months.

and had lived and worked in England for the past 10 years. He returned to Cape Town with his family some months ago. He leaves his wife Caroline, two children, his parents and two sisters.

TREVOR BLEWETT (E1963) died on 7 May 2010 after a short illness. Trevor will be remembered for his absolute loyalty to the Old Boys' Union and especially for the work he did as chairman of the Karoo Sub-Union in order to continue the proud tradition of memorable reunions held at Melton Wold near Victoria West. He took a keen interest in the Rondebosch schools and was a regular visitor at sports matches and other functions and he was particularly supportive of Rondebosch rugby.



Trevor Blewett

Apart from his successful career as a property valuer and owner of a property management company, it was the incurable illness of his wife, Trixie, that hastened Trevor's decision to realize his lifelong passion for farming and before long he was the proud owner of a sheep farm near the town of Williston in the Karoo. The accompanying photograph captured Trevor at his happiest, wearing his Rondebosch cap while tending to one of his lambs during the busy lambing season on his farm. He leaves his wife, Trixie, his sons Grant (E1995) and Roger (E2002), grandson André and family members.

KEITH CHAPMAN (E1946) of Rondebosch who died on 4 January 2010 had served on the Union committee for many years. He achieved a degree in geology and further qualified at Montreal University in Canada gaining the equivalent of an PhD. He spent his working life firstly at Langebaan and then in the Northern Cape and on the Reef. After school he played rugby for Villagers and Western Province. He is survived by his wife Sheila, three daughters and grandchildren.

BRYAN GRIMBEEK (E1955) died on 19 June 2010 in Stellenbosch. He leaves his wife Diana and family.

JAMES JEFFREY (JIMMY) HAMILTON (E1942) died on 25 June 2010 in Pinelands. He enjoyed his time at RBHS

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playing rugby for the first team. He qualified as an engineer and was responsible for the successful design of stainless steel tanks used in the wine industry. He leaves two sons, Athol and Ian and a daughter Sheila, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

GRAHAM HARVEY (E1940) of Kloof, Natal died on 22 May 2010. He attended RBHS as a boarder from Mafeking. He qualified as an accountant at Wits University after serving in Egypt and Italy during WW 2. He became a director of a building company in Ballito and retired with his wife Sue to Kloof.

NATHAN RAATH (E2003) died as the result of a motorcycle accident in the Wilderness area on 31 January 2010. A boarder throughout his time at



Nathan Raath

Rondebosch (1999-2003), Nathan was a constant force of energy in both Mason House and Canigou. Always with a smile on his face and a constant source of entertainment for both his classmates and his teachers, he will be sadly missed by the Rondebosch family. At the time of his death Nathan was working and living in the Wilderness, close to many of his immediate family, including his brother Byron (E1998). Friends and family paid tribute to Nathan at memorial services at the Wilderness and in the E1942 Centenary Pavilion at RBHS, but his memory is still very much in all their minds and hearts.

MICHAEL INGLESBY (E1953) of Stanford died during May 2010. He leaves his wife Rosemary and family members.

CYRIL HERSHEL JAFFE (E1933) died on 6 August 2009, just before his 94th birthday. He was a cricket and soccer administrator for most of his adult life. He served on the executive the Western Province Cricket Union as well as on the executive of the former Cape Town City soccer club. He was a life member of Almar Marist Cricket Club. After leaving school Cyril studied law and then saw active service during WWII. He was taken prisoner in North Africa and found it comforting to receive letters from his former headmaster, Dad Mason. He practised as an attorney for 45 years and retired in

1992. He leaves two sons, Martin (E1966) and Stephen (E1969), two daughters and five grandchildren.

FRANCIS (TUNNEY) KIRK (E1946) of Rondebosch died on 20 March 2010.

JULIAN LOMBERG (E1948) of Rondebosch died on 11 January 2010.

DESMOND MELCK (E1944) of Langebaan died on 9 February 2010.

LUNGELO MHLUM (E1996) died in August 2009. His sister Thandi Manjezi writes: "Lungelo had a long battle against cancer of the stomach. He was brave through it all and was strong for us. His favourite saying was don't look worried - I am going to beat this cancer. However it was not meant to be. Though his passing was sad for all of us, we accepted it with grace having seen how he suffered."

RONALD PHILIP MYBURGH (E1937) died on 13 August 2009. He served in WW2 and on his return to South Africa after the war graduated in 1947 with a BSc degree in electrical engineering. He was a life member of the SA Legion of Ex-Servicemen and was a fellow of the SA Institute of Electrical Engineers. He retired in 1981 and enjoyed travel visiting 63 countries and underwater photography. He leaves three children and four grandchildren.

MALCOLM NIGHTINGALE (E1948) of Howick, Natal died in June 2009.

CLIVE ENGELSTOFT NISSEN (E1952) died in Rondebosch on 28 February 2010.

JOHAN STANLEY OPPERMAN (E1951) died on 23 October 2009 in London. He turned his boyhood passion for photography in a successful career in which he was awarded numerous accolades. He was the official photographer on two extended American oceanographic expeditions investigating depth anomalies in the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. He leaves his wife Nello, two daughters and a son and his brother Bernard (E1945) and family members.

RONALD HOWARD PEDERSEN (E1943) of Pinelands died on 14 January 2010. He leaves his wife Jean, son Kevin, daughter Jane, and six grandchildren, three of whom are Deon (E1996), Michael (E2000) and Adrian (E2008)

JOHAN WALDEN-DAVIS (E1960) of Westville died during May 2010 after a long illness. He leaves his wife Margaret and family members.

JOHAN SPENCE (E1951) died on 27 January 2010. He was the owner

and director of the Tygerberg Zoo near Kraaifontein in the Cape Town area.

GEOFFREY PIKE (E1944) of Pinelands died on 11 July 2010. He leaves his sons David (E1970) and Gareth (E1973) and family members.

PAUL JANSE VAN RENSBURG (E1986) started at the Prep School in Sub A in 1975. Throughout his years at Rondebosch he actively participated in many sports – in particular rugby, cricket and long distance athletics. In his teenage years he took to surfing – spending time at the beach honing his skills. Paul's love for the water extended to a love for sailing – starting off at a young age with small optimists and hobie cats at Zeekoe Vlei and Langebaan Lagoon – ending up with ocean going yachts sailing out of various harbours throughout the world. After matriculating Paul spent two years in the army then studying Civil Engineering at the Cape



Paul van Rensburg

Town Technikon. He worked on several large civil projects in Cape Town, including the Newlands Cricket Stadium, before locating to the Caribbean where he combined various civil engineering jobs with ocean sailing excursions. Paul went missing on 12 March while solo sailing his yacht Tafadzwa on a 300km voyage from Tauranga to Gisborne in New Zealand where he was due to start a new job. Tafadzwa was found 16 days later drifting 110 kilometres off New Zealand's Chatham Islands. It is assumed that Paul was somehow washed overboard as he was not found on the yacht. His dog Juanita was found on board and has since been reunited with Paul's friends and family in New Zealand where she has remained with Paul's girlfriend Kristin. He leaves his parents, brother Gerry (E1989) and sister Bridget.

LANCE SCOBLE (E1948) of Rondebosch died on 24 October 2009. He leaves his sons Martin (E1977), Eric and Chris (both E1978) and family members.

ALAN SHARWOOD (E1947) of Fish Hoek died on 12 October 2009.

KEN SOWMAN (E1933) of Rosebank died on 2 June 2010. He leaves his wife Molly, two daughters and grandchildren.

WILLIAM (BILL) STOFFBERG (E1939) died late in 2009. He lived in Greece.

NICK TAYLOR (E1958) of Witsands died on 6 March 2010.

PIET VAN SCHAİK (E1949) died on 14 May 2010. He leaves his son Greg (E1976) and family members.

NIGEL BRUCE WALKER (E1963) died in Cape Town on 17 November 2009.

DR BRYAN WILLIAMS (E1961) of Claremont died on 11 July 2010. He leaves his wife Priscilla, sons Oliver

(E1988) and Roland (E1991) and other family members.

GEOFFREY MYBURGH (E1945) died on 2 March 2010 aged 81. He was a pioneer in international youth sailing and an ISAF International Judge, committee member and Silver Medal recipient. He represented South Africa at the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne. Along with his success as a competitor and also as a coach, he played a significant role in the administration of the sport, on a local, national and international stage. In 1998 he was awarded an ISAF Long Service Silver Medal. A year

earlier he had received the South African Sports Merit Award for his work as a coach. He became an ISAF International Judge in 1982, a status he continued throughout the rest of his life, and travelled the world in this regard. He leaves his wife Helen, son Neil (E1974), and family members.



Geoffrey Myburgh

TERRENCE HENDRICKS

Prep School grade 5 master Terrence Hendricks died suddenly on 3 May due to complications arising from diabetes. Terrence served RBPS from 2002 through to his death and was a popular teacher and cricket and rugby coach.

Terrence Hendricks was a great man - to echo a colleague, 'he was gold'. Close to a decade of RBPS boys have been coached, taught, or were a part of Terrence's life and he a part of theirs. The shock at his passing was felt throughout the Rondebosch community - distraught Prep School Old Boys simply coming to sit in the playground, phone calls from former colleagues, and parental support from current and former families and their grief showed how much the Prep School cared for and loved Terrence.

From his smile and calls of "Hey dude" to his passion for teaching and his love for all the boys he taught, Terrence will always be remembered by the boys he taught and coached and by his colleagues.

In his memory Prep School staff and boys have planted an indigenous White Stinkwood tree overlooking the school's Gary Kirsten Cricket Oval and a bench will be placed in the playground at the Prep School.



NEW HEADMASTER FOR PRETORIA BOYS' HIGH

Tony Reeler (E81), who was Headmaster of Pinelands High School from 2003 has been appointed Headmaster of Pretoria Boys' High School from July 2010.

Tony was Deputy Head Prefect at RBHS and obtained a BSc, H.D.E. majoring in Mathematics and Science from UCT. He began his teaching career at Grey High School in 1988 where he spent 11 years in a variety of leadership roles, cultural activities and sports coaching (1st XV rugby and 2nd XI cricket). In 1999 he returned to Rondebosch as a Deputy Headmaster and spent four years in various management and leadership capacities. Tony succeeds another Rondebosch Old Boy, Bill Schroder (E61), who was Headmaster of Pretoria from 1990.

DATES TO DIARISE

August 14	RBHS rugby & hockey vs Wynberg (away)
August 20	Rondebosch Old Boys v Bishops Old Boys (home)
August 20	RBHS hockey vs Bishops (away)
August 21	RBHS rugby & hockey vs Bishops (away)
August 24	Old Boys vs High School hockey, rugby and squash matches and social function
August 26	Bosch Rugby Supporters' Club Annual Dinner
September 2	Old Boys Quadrangular Golf Challenge
September 3	Villager Sevens
October 3	West Coast Old Boys braai
October 9	Karoo Old Boys gathering
October 19	Matric Art & Design Exhibition
October 19, 22 & 23	Cabaret in the Quad
November 4	Sydney Old Boys gathering
November 11	Remembrance Service
November 25	Bosch Rugby Supporters' Club Golf Day
December 8	Carol Service

More information about these events will appear on www.rondebosch.com Old Boys who do not have access to the internet may call the OBU or RBHS for further information.

Has your email address changed?

Old Boys who have graduated from university, college or technikon and have provided the Union with their student email addresses are asked to send their new email addresses to obu@rondebosch.com

Old Boys who are retiring, changing jobs or whose email addresses may change for any other reason are also asked to forward their new addresses to the Union.

OLD BOYS GOLF

The annual Walker Cup Golf Challenge between Rondebosch and Bishops Old Boys was played on a very hot Sunday afternoon during March and the trophy was convincingly won by Rondebosch for the 14th time out of the 28 occasions the Challenge has been played, with 1 tie. Thank you to Eric Scoble (E78) of Auric Auto for sponsoring both the event and the golf shirts which were given to all the Rondebosch golfers. Thank you also to Pen Brower (E70) for organizing the day and to Mike (E68) and Romy Russell for their help at the golf club. We will again play Sunday 27 February 2011.

On Thursday 2 September 2010 Rondebosch Old Boys will be playing in a Quadrangular tournament against Old Boys from Bishops, SACS and Wynberg at King David Golf course.

Enquiries to Pen Brower on pennb@iafrica.com or telephone 082 554-8789 or at home on 021 782-3818.

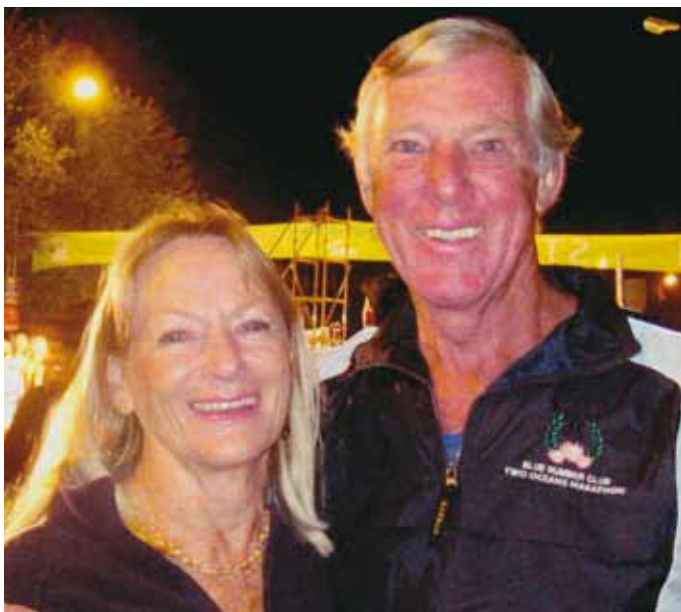
Old Boys Squash Club

Stephen Schoeman (E1976) writes that SRBHS Old Boys' squash teams have been entered into the WP league this year and they are playing in the 16th and 17th leagues. They practice at the school courts every Monday evening from 18h30 and all are welcome. Steve's cell is 082 880-7468.

Black Caps Cricket

Andy McKay who has been selected for the New Zealand Black Caps cricket team is the son of Brian McKay (E1965).

NOEL COMPLETES HIS 40TH TWO OCEANS MARATHON



Noel Stamper (E1958) now retired in Plettenberg Bay, is to be congratulated on being the only runner to complete 40 Two Oceans Ultra Marathons.

The first ultra marathon took place in 1970. Although he competed he did not complete the 56km race. His brother Robin Stamper (E1955) was also running. In those days there were no refreshment tables and they had only one seconding vehicle between them. Robin was on Chapman's Peak leading the bunch and Noel was in Fish Hoek. This meant the seconding vehicle couldn't continue to look after both of them. With Robin heading for a possible win, Noel decided to jump

into the car to help second Robin to the finish. There were 26 starters at the Shell Sports Ground in Claremont, 15 of whom finished. From 1971 to 2010 Noel completed all 40 races, taking time off at Hout Bay to have a swim when time permits. The cut off of seven hours made this a little easier.

Noel gave the race its name in 1972. In 1970 and 1971 it was known as the Celtics 35 Miler sponsored by BP Southern Africa. In 1972 The Argus became the major sponsor and they were delighted to accept the name proposed by him at a Celtics committee meeting as The Two Oceans Marathon. It then became known as The Argus Two Oceans Marathon. His permanent number is 4, being the fourth person to complete 10 marathons.

Noel was a member of Celtics until the end of 1973. Having relocated to the Transvaal in 1974, he joined Wanderers Athletic Club and ran in their colours until the end of 2007. He now runs in the colours of the Plett Athletics Club.

This race has involved many members of the Stamper family. His late brother Robin ran in the first race in 1970 finishing 4th and subsequently completed a total of 15 races. Noel and his wife Meryl have three daughters who all have completed the Two Oceans Marathon when the cut off time was six hours - Renée, Debbie and Caron. Other members of the family who have run the race include his nephew Andrew Stamper (E2000).

After this year's race, Renée and Caron arranged a surprise party in the E1942 Centenary Pavilion for family, their children and special friends to celebrate his 40th Two Oceans Marathon, Noel and Meryl's 45th wedding anniversary and his 70th birthday. They also put together a booklet of all his races and a DVD. A highlight of the occasion was the arrival of a group of minstrels during the afternoon.

Rondebosch Gala Music Concert

The annual RBHS Gala Concert held during May boasted spectacular performances by soloists as well as the Chamber Choir, Jazz and Concert Bands, String Orchestra and other ensembles. The evening also provided an opportunity to pay tribute to music teacher Alan van der Merwe, who has retired after 41 years of service to Rondebosch. Alan performed two items on piano and received a standing

ovation from pupils, Old Boys, friends, family and staff.

In recognition of Rondebosch's exceptionally talented musicians the Old Boys' Union makes various financial contributions to both the Prep and High School Music Departments and recently established the Sir Frank Berman Centenary Music Scholarship to enable outstanding musicians to attend the school.



THE FIRST XV OF 1967 REUNITE

Five years previously a special band, the unbeaten First XV rugby team of 1967 met at the Breede River near Swellendam to share old memories, and a repeat gathering, which coincided with past coach Ron Wiggett's 72nd birthday, was held at Great Brak River in the Southern Cape in November 2009.

Friday night kicked off with a braai single-handedly done by Ron who has a special "smoking" set up for extra flavour. Saturday morning started for some at a local short golf course and others went for a stroll along the beach - this all in anticipation of the Currie Cup final that afternoon. Richard Nurse (captain and fly half) and Trevor Higgenbotham (wing) arrived adding more numbers to the backline contingency of Ronnie Coates (full back) and John Thornton (centre).

Supper consisted of a lamb "potjie" prepared and sponsored by Des White (lock) with another session of banter and laughter. Glasses were raised to absent team mates and Terry Hepworth (teacher on tours) and tributes paid to the late Jake van Kralingen (prop) and Dave Brauer (lock). On Sunday 1 November Ron Wiggett's 72nd birthday was celebrated at a local coffee shop where champers and orange juice formed part of a superb breakfast.

No matter what distances had to be travelled and time (even financial) constraints had to be dealt with by the old team, a superb effort was made by all to attend this memorable occasion. One may presume that coach Ron Wiggett's influence of years ago of commitment, discipline and of course bearing the consequences of one's actions still lingered on in everyone's psyches 42 years later.

On behalf of the Southern Cape organizers being Des White, Guy Gardner and of course Ron Wiggett and his wife Dee, a big thank you to all for arriving in such large numbers.

Also present were John Gibberd (prop and only stable one!) and a Bishops adoption, who was in the team which held Rondebosch to a draw that year, Kelvin "Rock" Brown whose friends at school were mostly from Rondebosch and he now attends our Southern Cape chapter's OBU gatherings.

Ken Gie (flank)



The Unbeaten 1967 First XV

Back Row: Trevor Higgenbotham, John Gibberd, Fairy Fairfax, Dave Foord, Des White and Kobus Immelman.

Front Row: Guy Gardner, Ronnie Coates, Richard Nurse, Ken Gie and John Thornton.

Middle Row: Rock Brown (Bishops)

Inset: Ronnie Wiggett (Coach)



Chase Nicholson (E2008) was selected as the youngest Springbok fly fisherman ever as a member of the senior Protea team participating in the World Flyfishing Championships in Poland during July 2010. Chase was placed second overall at the World Youth Championships held in Czech Republic in 2009.



James Richards (E2001) (pictured above) played for Cambridge University as full-back in the 128th Oxford v Cambridge intervarsity match at Twickenham and received his second Blue. Nic van Zyl (E2001) represented Oxford as lock and also received his second Blue. Cambridge won the nail biting match 31-27. James was named Man of the Match and mentioned during interviews with the BBC and Sky Sports that his school in South Africa was Rondebosch. He has been appointed Cambridge captain for 2010.

Captain of Western Province

From the early 1900s many Rondebosch Old Boys have played rugby for Western Province and this has continued through to the 2010 Currie Cup tournament. Anton van Zyl (E97), who has also played for Stellenbosch and Oxford Universities and the Stormers, has been appointed captain for the season. Former Springbok hooker Hanyani Shimange (E96) and UCT wing Marcel Brache (E2005) are also in the squad.

Big Wave Surf Contest Winner

CHRIS BERTISH (E1992) who won the by-invitation only international Mavericks Surf Contest in California's Half Moon Bay in February, said that he took the worst beating of his life when competing. The judges and the contestants said that the waves were among the biggest ever seen. Shattered boards, bleeding lungs and heads scuffed over the jagged sea shelf below were all part of a tough day's work for the 24 invited guests. On a day where agony-of-defeat wipeouts outnumbered thrill-of-victory successes, Chris was the last man standing -- and, miraculously, all of them were still breathing. Chris, who won the \$50 000 first-place prize, was the contestant with the most difficult path to the Bay area, taking a string of flights which totaled over 30 hours. The airline lost his custom-built surfboard and his wetsuit, but he was lent a board and a wetsuit enabling him to compete.



SUMMER SPORTS ON FOUNDERS' DAY

The past versus present cricket, water polo and tennis matches were played on Founders' Day, 17 March. Pictured above is the Old Boys' First XI with the RBHS First XI. The Old Boys (at the back, left to right) are David Bonellie, Robbie Morris, John Commins, Bruce Lawley, Chris Verster, Martin Truter, Brennan Wright, Matthew Snyman, Shawn Dyson, Ryan Maron and Ben de Villiers. This was the 105th anniversary of the first Old Boys v school boys cricket match. The Old Boys rugby, hockey and squash matches will be played on 24 August.



RONDEBOSCH TOURS ENGLAND

Two Rondebosch cricket teams had a very successful tour of England during June and July. The First XI was accompanied by a Second XI and U15 combined side which will form the core of the First XI for the next few years. Rondebosch won 25 of the 26 matches played, with one draw. The teams were supported by Old Boys at several of the matches including England cricket player Jonathan Trott (E99). Pictured are Rob Dalrymple (E89) who is the RBHS Head of Cricket, Jonathan Trott, the First XI and team manager Sean Friedenthal.