



Rondebosch Old Boys' Union

NEWSLETTER

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Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu recently addressed a meeting of the Rondebosch History Society in the E1942 Centenary Pavilion at RBHS. The Nobel Peace Prize laureate spoke to boys, parents, staff and Old Boys about aspects of South Africa's history and also touched on the way forward for our country. He is pictured here with a group of boys following his talk.



Old Boys' Union Website

The Old Boys' Union, RBPS, RBHS and Little Bosch are finalizing the new Rondebosch websites which will be launched during December. The sites will be accessed through the Rondebosch portal www.rondebosch.com and will contain information about the schools and Old Boys' Union, news,

dates of functions, and plenty of other Rondebosch information. The launch of the website will be communicated to Old Boys through the Enews so please ensure that the Union has your correct email address. If not, please send it with your name and Eyear to obu@rondebosch.com



Carleton Lloyd Rugby Stand

The Carleton Lloyd Education Trust was established in 2003 on the death of Carleton Lloyd (E1927). The trust has generously assisted both the Prep and High Schools with various projects including contributions to the cost of the new pool, extensions to Mason House, staff housing, the Prep School's Multi-purpose Centre, refurbishing of laboratories, extensions to Little Bosch and the awarding of bursaries. The trustees have decided that a new covered Rondebosch rugby stand should be erected as a suitable memorial to Mr Lloyd. Pictured at the earth turning ceremony were: Bruce Burmeister (E1973, architect), Carl Wallander (Chairman of Trust), Leon Erasmus (Head of Sport), Christiaan Bester (First XV), Nic Groom (First XV Captain), Martin Barker (Headmaster), Niel Naudé (Head prefect and First XV), Dave Ramsay (Quantity Surveyor), builder's representative and Prof Tinkie Heyns (Trustee)

Editorial



For some reason or another, until recently, it had been quite a while since I last attended an Old Boys' Sub-Union meeting. It is with great pleasure that I now record that I am so glad I broke that drought (figuratively speaking) at the Karoo Sub-Union gathering this year. Not only was the function thoroughly enjoyable for Erica and myself, it was clearly also equally enjoyed by a very pleasingly large attendance. Clearly it was the result of a lot of behind the scenes work both before and during the gathering and on behalf of all present a vote of thanks to all concerned. A report will appear elsewhere but if this is an indication of how the Sub-Unions are warming up for the 2009 celebrations, we're in for a great year.

On another topic, I much appreciated the sentiments expressed in the obituary by Mick Leary for Jack Kent, in particular with regard to the values he believed Mr Kent stood for. However I do believe that in justifiably praising Mr Kent he was perhaps a tad too dismissive of the

rest of the Staff. I was not quite of his generation as a pupil but the likes of Messrs Vic Ryan, Herbie Helm, Aubrey Howse, Tickey de Jager and Arthur Jayes, to name but a few, most of whom were still around in my time, also laboured to instil those values. (See Letters to Editor).

Still with reference to Mr Kent, I was fascinated to hear that it was he who founded the 12 Club. I was privileged to be a member in 56/57 and, like Mick Leary, can still remember my topic, but, alas, no longer have my presentation on the life and music of George Gershwin. As a personal request, I would like to invite other 12 Club members of their matric year to send me an email, giving year, Teacher-in-Charge, topic? And names of other members they remember. I will also be researching past magazines about this perhaps lesser-known but much appreciated aspect of Rondebosch over the years.

Chris Murison

Notice of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In terms of paragraph 17(c) of the Constitution, notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Old Boys' Union will be held:

At: Honours Room, RBHS, Rondebosch
Time: Commencing at 18h00

Date: Monday, 16 March 2009

Should any member wish to have sight of the full Financial Statements before the meeting, he should contact the Old Boys' Union office.

The minutes of the AGM held on 17 March 2008 are available on request. Nominations of Old Boys to serve on the OBU Committee as Chairman or Treasurer are to be submitted to the Union's office by 31 January 2009.

ANNUAL OBU DINNER

The annual dinner of the Union will be held on

**FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2009 at
KELVIN GROVE**

Full details are on page 3.
PLEASE DIARISE NOW!

OB21 Annual Dinner in Cape Town

PRICE **R175**

Date: Friday 13 March 2009 • **Time:** 19h00 for 19h30 • **Venue:** Kelvin Grove, Newlands

Surname: First name: E-year:

Postal address: Code

Phone: H..... W..... Cell

Fax: H..... W.....

Email: (Please print)

Names of others in party if you wish to make a table booking:

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**Bookings close on 4 March 2009,
or earlier if capacity is reached.
NO late bookings will be accepted**

PLEASE DO NOT send cash or registered letters - crossing your cheque is sufficient. Your ticket will be posted to you on receipt of payment.

Please return this form to: **The Rondebosch Old Boys' Union, 25 Lochiel Road, Rondebosch 7700 by 4 March 2009**

- A cheque for R..... is enclosed

- I will transfer my payment directly into the Union's account. Please contact me on the above email address.

Should you wish to make payment by means of a direct transfer into the Union's bank account, please complete the form including your email address (please print clearly), mark the appropriate box and fax it to the Union's office on 021 686-1897 or email all your details to obu@rondebosch.com

The bank account details will be emailed to you. After making payment please fax the confirmation to the Union.

Bookings will not be accepted unless payment has been made in full and confirmation of receipt has been received.

- Tickets must be prepaid. No tickets are available at the door.
- There will be a strict cut off of numbers at 300 so please book early.
- Bookings close on 4 March 2009 or earlier if capacity is reached.
- **NO BOOKINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 4 MARCH 2009**
- Seating is at tables of 10 (maximum).
- **Class reunion groups are required to pay IN FULL FOR ALL TICKETS for their groups by no later than 2 February, otherwise seating cannot be assured.** From 3 February to 4 March bookings and payment may be made directly though the

- Union, **subject to seats being available.** Seats or tables may not be reserved without payment being received by the Union. This is to ensure fairness to all Old Boys.
- Old Boys will be allocated to tables by Eyear unless a specific table booking is preferred. Table bookings will only be accepted on pre-payment of all tickets.
- Due to space constraints the dinner is only open to members of the OBU and specially invited guests.
- Cheques should be favour of RBHS Old Boys' Union.

Chairman's Report



"As we approach our Centenary we look forward to celebrating together at a number of events here in Cape Town. I

hope that each one of our Sub-Unions will also be arranging something special, not only for their local members but also for guests and visitors passing through. Indeed let's make 2009 a year of special fellowship that will further cement relationships amongst members and with the Rondebosch Schools that gave us all such a good start to our lives.

Our newest Old Boys, the class of 2008, will be starting out on their journey as Old Boys next year. Many of them will be around to celebrate the OBU's 150th as well. Not many of us have the privilege of being able to celebrate consecutive 50 year anniversaries of the same body in a lifetime. It will be interesting for them to compare how

the 2059 celebrations shape up against those we have planned for next year. Let's all pull together to give the 2059 chaps a result that will be hard to beat! Looking back over this past year, the Winter Sports day was certainly a highlight as we celebrated 100 years of past v present sport. To those who participated our thanks for turning up in such large numbers. We hope the golf shirts we handed out to commemorate the occasion will be worn with pride for years to come.

Committee members, including those on the Centenary sub-committee, have put in much time and effort this year. I hope their efforts will be well rewarded as we move through 2009 towards our culminating Centenary function on 20 November. As I write we are a long way off the ambitious target we set ourselves. We do need far more of our number to come forward with affordable donations. We will be keeping members posted on a more frequent

basis during 2009. We hope that E Year challenges will be issued and met and counter challenged. The more enthusiasm we can generate the easier it will become to reach our target.

My four year term as your Chairman comes to an end at our next AGM. Formal notice of the AGM appears elsewhere in this newsletter together with the constitutional requirements members need to observe in nominating willing candidates to fill vacancies on the committee.

It has been an honour for me to serve as your Chairman and in particular to take our Union into its Centenary year. To those who have supported me on the various committees, my thanks. And to you, my fellow members far and wide, my greetings, gratitude and good wishes as we strive together to live up to our motto.

Altius et Latius
John Benn

FIRST OF OBU CENTENARY YEAR FUNCTIONS

The first of the Centenary functions for 2009 will be a lunch for Old Boys and their wives/partners in the hall of the Prep School on Wednesday 18 March 2009.

In the afternoon the annual Old Boys v the School Summer Sports will take place at RBHS. This will be followed by a reception in the E1942 Centenary Pavilion.

This lunch has been arranged at the request of several senior Old Boys who no longer attend evening functions. However all Old Boys are welcome to attend this event which in the past has been very well supported.

Further details will be available in the New Year. Please contact Angela Andrew on obu@rondebosch or telephone 021 686-1897.

DATES TO DIARISE FOR 2009

Further information and dates will appear in the Enews and on the website.

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| Thursday 12 & Friday 13 February | Athletic championships |
| Wednesday 11 March | Triangular at RBHS |
| Friday 13 March | OBU dinner at Kelvin Grove |
| Sunday 15 February | Founders Service, 19h30 |
| Monday 16 March | OBU AGM, 18h00 |
| Wednesday 18 March | Lunch at RBPS |
| Wednesday 18 March | Old Boys v School summer sports |

Subunion News

LONDON

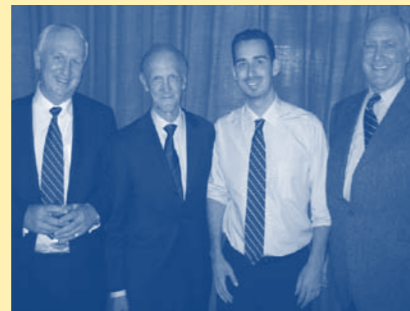
The UK Sub-Union dinner was again held at The Gallery in Cowcross Street on 16 May 2008. There was a bumper turn out of 75 – by some way the highest number for several years. It included a complete cross section of the Old Boys from Mortimer Raath (E1947) to a group who matriculated last year. We were particularly pleased to have been joined by Ken Been (E1971) from Houston, Texas and Ian Ross (E1966) from Cape Town.

Guest of honour was Sir Frank Berman (E1956) who addressed us after the main course. He gave a fascinating and inspiring talk about his time as Chief Legal Advisor to the Foreign Office mostly during Margaret Thatcher's premiership. His achievements gave even more meaning to the first line of the school song (which we sang, including the Old Boys' verse, after he had proposed a toast to the school and the Mother Union). We all felt proud and privileged to have been educated at Rondebosch.

Sir Frank paid tribute to Tickey de Jager and proposed that the London Sub-Union support the relabelling of



Left to right) Neil Harrower (E1997), Trenton Williams (E1994) and Peter Borchers (E1994).



Left to right: Mike Coombs (E1967), Sir Franklin Berman (E1956), Chris Smit (E1997) and Jim Pettit (E1953).

the trees in the school grounds which were so wonderfully catalogued by Tickey. The catalogue is available on his website www.tickey.co.za. This proposal was unanimously supported and R10 000 has already been pledged.

Next year's dinner is to be on 15 May 2009 at the same venue. As it is the OBU Centenary year we plan to welcome wives and girlfriends. We hope that a few Old Boys from South



(Left to right) Ryan Mitchell, Alan Rossouw, Ian Parry, Neil Abernethy and Guy Briers-Danks, all E1998.



(Left to right) John Allison, Andrew Leary and Charl van der Merwe, all E1982.

Africa and elsewhere in the world will plan their trips to Europe to coincide with the dinner so we can welcome them here too. We also have support to invite and sponsor a VIP from Cape Town if it can be arranged.

Overall the evening was a tremendous success with the spirit and camaraderie of Rondebosch evident everywhere. Thanks are due to all who contributed to it.

Michael Coombs (E67)

Also in attendance was Shaun Povey who coached the Rondebosch First XV for the last two years (and previously the U16A and Bs). Shaun played hooker for Western Province and South Africa and has recently arrived to settle in Sydney.

Guest speaker was Dick Shaw, who was Director of NSW Rugby for

Arenson (E1973), Ian Halperin (E1977), Alan Hamilton (E1977), Craig Stewart (E1977), Richard Alder (E1980), Alex Koukillis (E1981), Graeme Lilley (E1986), Greg Ollerhead (E1989), Bryan Collins (E1989), Richard Ollerhead (E1991), Ryan Miller (E1998), Paul Pirie (E1998) and Graham van der Westhuizen (E2002).



Dick Shaw, guest speaker and Shaun Povey.



Chris Grubb (E1964) and David East (E1965)



Dave Hofmeyr (E1970), Richard Alder (E1980) and Alex Koukillis (E1981)



Eric Torr and Roy Andrew preparing to take off.

KAROO

The Karoo Sub-Union annual function was held on the weekend of 17 – 19 October at the guest farm Melton Wold near Victoria West. It was a bumper turnout of about 30 Old Boys and their wives, some with families. The contingent from Cape Town included RBHS headmaster Martin and Jeanet Barker; chairman of the OBU John and Andrea Benn; Paul la Grange, and Roy (E58) and Angela Andrew, administrative secretary of the OBU. Guests from Hove in the UK were Peter Harwood (E54) and his wife Vicky who are regular visitors to South Africa.

Eric Torr, one of the organizers of the weekend, flew from Gauteng in his gyrocopter as did Jonathan Mylrea and a friend from Cape Town. All three gave about 20 of those present a ride in their machines. Others enjoyed games of

nine years and who managed the Waratahs from 1992 – 1995. Dick toured South Africa in 1993, 1994 and 1995 and kept us entertained with anecdotes from that era.

Last year's guest speaker, John Baikie, awarded prizes to those who had correctly forecast the present gold and oil prices at our reunion last year. Winners were Peter Watt and Alex Koukillis.

Items donated by a few Old Boys were raffled and funds raised will be forwarded to the Mother Union. The school song was sung with gusto ably led by Archie Arenson.

The 2009 reunion will be on the first Thursday in November as usual, (5 November 2009) at the same venue.

Stuart Bennie



Jeanet Barker in Eric Torr's gyrocopter.

WINELANDS

A new Old Boys' Sub-Union was recently launched in the Winelands area embracing the Stellenbosch, Paarl, Wellington and Franschhoek areas. These areas previously fell within the Helderberg Sub-Union, but as it extended over a wide area it was decided that it would be more practical to have a separate Sub-Union serving the Winelands area.

On 24 September over a hundred people comprising Old Boys, their families, former parents, boys, prospective Rondebosch boys and their parents, a Bishops OD and other friends of Rondebosch gathered at the home of Philip Myburgh (E1984) at Joostenberg outside Stellenbosch for a convivial braai for the launch of the Sub-Union. A dinner was also held during November. Funds raised by these functions are for the funding of a bursary to enable a rugby playing boy from the area to attend Rondebosch as a boarder.

For more information about the Sub-Union contact Johann Buitendag (E1980) at johann.pld@snowisp.com



GAUTENG DINNER

Left to right: Ivor Little (E1954), Mark Dommissie (E1995), Jack Dutton (E1945), Charles Niehaus (E1990) and Derick Immelman (E1972), at the Gauteng dinner held on 5 June 2008.

A wonderful evening was had by all at Harrisons. Anyone living in Gauteng and wanting to get in touch with the Gauteng Union can contact Mark Dommissie on markd@mekor.co.za

Subunion News

UK SUB-UNION GOLF DAY

On Saturday 27 September the UK Sub-Union held their fourth annual Old Boys golf day which this year was held at Mitcham Golf Club in central London. The weather could not have been any better and 20 Old Boys set out to claim the prestige of being crowned the 2008 golf champion, some of whom travelled from all parts of the UK to play in the event.

Graeme Baguley (E1997) was the unlucky player who had to lead the way in front of all the awaiting players and clearly the verbal abuse and sledging got too much for him as it took him three strokes just to get off the first tee! Although, to his credit we were informed that things went a lot better after the first hole as I'm sure it did for many of the players.

Following the golf and while the scorecards were being checked the players all enjoyed a few drinks and jokes about the highs and lows of their rounds. It has to be mentioned that were it not for the very helpful staff in the clubhouse who resurrected one of the scorecards from the bin, we would not have established the overall winner and the most golf player for the day. What happened was that Peter Biven (E1997) was so disgusted with his round and the thought of winning the most golf prize that he actually tried to hide the evidence of his and his partner's scorecard, much to the annoyance of Gareth Rattley (E1997) who was crowned overall 2008 champion with 42 points, followed closely by David Dieterle (E1991) with 38 points. Longest Drive was won by Clive Plimsoll (E1968) and closest to the pin was Garth Rattley (E1997). When the new champion was asked to comment on his recent huge improvement of form he put it all down to the recent purchase of his new set of clubs, although some of the other golfers were of a slightly different opinion and the cries of "ringer" were jeered as he collected the trophy!

The night ended early on Sunday morning with some of the players ending up at a bar in Clapham.

We would very much like to thank this year's sponsors, Scottish Apartment and Peoples Republic Bar in Clapham for their very generous donations.



Above: David Dieterle (E91) and Graham Anderson (E90) and below Alex Paterson and Andrew Allison, both E96.



(Left to right): Graeme Baguley (E97), Nick Yates (E97), Gareth Rattley (E97) the overall winner and Peter Biven (E97).



(Left to right) Andrew Whelan (SACS) and E2000 Old Boys Paul Swanson, David Cronje and Grant Lloyd.

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.

Rondebosch Scout Group Centenary in 2009

The Second Rondebosch Scout Group, which was established by Rondebosch Boys' High, turns 100 next year. 2nd Rondebosch was the scouting home for many boys from both schools over the past 100 years and is one of the oldest scout groups in continuous existence, having been established within two years of the foundation of the Scout movement.

The group is planning a series of events to commemorate this event and urge all Old Boys who were scouts there to make contact in order that they can be kept informed. They hope that some happy memories can be re-lived and old contacts be re-established.

Please contact the Scouts via email at rondescouts100@gmail.com or telephone Caroline Fowler at RBHS on 021 686 3987 or mail PO Box 424 Rondebosch 7701.

Accolades for Rondebosch Musician

Michael Duffett who is in Grade 11 at RBHS is the son of Steve (E1975) and Lynda Duffett. He has won numerous awards as a violinist sweeping the boards at music eisteddfods with a 100% score in his categories. During the year he performed in a recital at the Baxter Theatre at the invitation of UCT's College of Music and also at the Fisser Hall in the Department of Music at Stellenbosch University.

Michael recently went overseas and played the violin for five professors – from the National Paris Conservatoire, Royal College of Music London and Royal Academy of Music London, with the Royal Academy's Head of Strings commenting that his proficiency would have ensured acceptance at the age of 15. In London he had personal master classes with Midori, a famous American violinist, and Pieter Schoeman, Leader of the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

This year Michael won the Strings Category at the Lubner National Music Competition in Johannesburg for under 25 year olds. He also recently won the Pieter Kooij Music Competition in Cape Town. He was Overall Gold Medal Winner of the 2007 Artscape National Youth Music Competition for under 20 year olds and also won Best Violinist Prize, String Category Prize and the Best Performance of a South African Composition.



Michael Duffett

He has performed as a soloist with the Cape Town Philharmonic Orchestra a number of times as well as with the Johannesburg Philharmonic Orchestra, Hugo Lambrechts Orchestra and Musicanti Orchestra. Michael was appointed leader of the MIAGI Youth Orchestra for under 25 year olds which performed in Cape Town and Johannesburg and was conducted by Maxim Vengerov. Towards the end of the year he will take part in the St Andrews Concert Series in Cape Town.

Enrolment at Rondebosch Boys' Prep or High Schools in 2010

Old Boys and other parents who want to apply for their sons to enter Rondebosch Boys' High should contact the school on 021 686 3987 or on email infoline@rondebosch.com for information and to obtain the application forms. The forms are also available on www.rondebosch.com. The closing date for applications for Grade 8 2010 at RBHS is 3 April 2009.

The closing date for applications for 2010 for both Little Bosch (for the year in which a boy turns 6) and for Rondebosch Boys' Prep School (for the

year in which a boy turns 7) is 3 April 2009. Application forms are available from RBPS on 021 686 4635.

The Old Boys' Union is not involved with applications for enrolment at RBPS or RBHS or the boarding houses.

RBHS prefects for 2009

The RBHS 2008/9 Head Prefect is Darren Berry and Nick Hamman is the Deputy Head Prefect.

The other prefects are Greg Burman; Sean Darge; Todd Dugmore; Justin Fielies; Matthew Foster; Grant Greeff; Faheem Jakoet; Chris Keet; Chad Matthews; Louw Naudé; Varish Ramesar; Rhys Stevenson; Nicholas Walker; Sebastian Wolfaardt.

WINNER OF INTERNATIONAL AWARD

Andrew Muir (E1984) has won an international award worth \$100 000 (about R1m) which will allow him to expand his project which trains head-of-household orphans for sustainable jobs in the ecotourism industry.

Andrew, who is the chief executive of the Eastern Cape based Wilderness Foundation, is one of five winners of the prestigious 2008 Rolex Awards for Enterprise. The ceremony took place in Dubai on 18 November.

He is being honoured for his Umzi Wethu (Our Home) Training Academy for Youth in Port Elizabeth and Somerset East. In this project orphans, 60% of whom have lost their parents to Aids, are given life skills and training to become chefs and rangers. As part of their training they spend about a week every two months in a wilderness area where they are trained by retired game rangers.

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

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OBU 2009 Centenary plans

Old Boys' Union 2009 Centenary Programme

News about these celebratory functions will be carried in the Enews and in the June newsletter – please make sure that the Union has your correct email address.

- Our annual dinner in Cape Town on 13 March.
- An informal event, particularly for younger Old Boys and families during June.
- A small ceremony during November to commemorate the founding in 1909 of the Old Boys' Union in Canigou.
- Our main celebration on 20 November for Old Boys and their partners.
- Celebrations to coincide with the traditional summer and winter sports days.
- A lunch on 18 March for our older members and their partners.
- Celebratory functions hosted by sub-unions in South Africa and around the world.

Old Boys' Union Centenary Appeal

The Old Boys' Union Centenary year 2009 is rapidly approaching. Our fund raising drive's objective is to ensure that our Rondebosch Schools remain amongst the best in the country through the provision of state of the art facilities and equipment to attract and retain the best teachers available.

We are pleased to advise that through the efforts of Jock McKenzie (E64) major scholarship funds have been secured from the Allan Gray Orbis Foundation. Commencing from 2009 five Prep School boys will be funded for their entire school careers. We are waiting to quantify the value of this funding but conservatively believe R2m plus can be set against

our Centenary target of R10m.

To date 410 donors have committed about R1.7m. We are grateful to those Old Boys for their interest and generosity. But what about our other 5500 members! To enable all to reassess where they stand in so far as contributing to the Schools which gave us all so much, we are now restating the areas which require financial support, setting out details of how your tax deductible contributions will be publicly acknowledged, and giving you some details as to which E-years are performing best. We hear talk of some E-years wanting to challenge others and will include details of challenges and counter challenges in future news updates.

The important thing for all to realise is that while the overall target is large, if broken down into small components

each of us can target a small affordable item that appeals to us. They say you can't eat an elephant, but if the elephant is broken down into small pieces the objective can be easily achieved!

Areas of need

Scholarships

A bursary of R5 000pa can help sponsor a boy in your preferred field of education, culture, sport or boarding. Donor funds will be pooled so that the Schools can award appropriate bursaries to attract talented pupils and to ensure that existing high performers remain at our Schools. More significant contributions covering full payment of fees will be the subject of careful allocation and report back as to progress.

Computer Based Teaching Methodologies

In close consultation with our Schools we have identified significant needs for 45 classrooms to be equipped with Interactive White Boards (R30 000 each), Overhead Data Projectors (R6000 each), and Whiteboard software (R6 000 each). In addition there are 18 opportunities to develop new education software at R15 000 per project.

Donors may select which items they may wish to donate. In addition to being acknowledged as described below their names may be affixed to the equipment donated. If all the equipment for one classroom is donated (R40 000 to R50 000), acknowledgement of the donor's name will, in consultation with the Schools, be displayed at an appropriate place in that classroom.

Old Boys in the IT Industry are encouraged to elicit sponsorship from their firms.

Design, Art, and Technology

New facilities will be developed embracing:

Art including Ceramics and Pottery. Specific needs are for baking ovens (2 at R15 000 each), extractor facilities (R70 000), audiovisual equipment (R75 000) and sundry desks, tables and seating (R75 000). Naming rights for full sponsorship of the lecture theatre and/or classrooms can be arranged.

Engineering Graphics and Design with CAD/CAM facilities. Needs include 35 PC's (R10 000 each), a server (R20 000), cabling/networking (R30 000), and work surfaces (R60 000). Old Boys in this line of work may wish to secure naming rights for themselves or their firms (R500 000).

Technology. This field embraces Industrial Design and Process, Construction and Food processing. Needs are for stoves (10 at R3000 each), desks (30 at R3000), and general equipment (R50 000). There are Prep School needs as well involving building a store-room, and providing a range of appliances (white goods) plus a colour printer for digital photography. Our appeal is for Old Boys involved in these industries to come and talk to us if they can help.

Staff Housing

Clent Mews is fully occupied but there are still naming rights available for some units at R500 000 each. At our Dinner in March some generous offers were made towards naming a unit in memory of Tickey de Jager, with E58 being prominent. R130 000 was promised by various donors and E-years. What about one or two other E-years targeting the difference?

Sport

We have already passed on contributions to the new aquatic centre. Better seating and protection from the sun via awnings is still required.

From the above you will note that there are many areas where Old Boys and/or their firms will be able to sponsor equipment or facilities in return for suitable acknowledgement.

E-year contributions to date

Future Centenary News Updates will keep you informed as to which years top the league tables. As we write E62 and E63 each have 20 individual donors, E54 have 17, and 15 for E55 and E65. E63 have the highest rand total, with E52 second and E 62 third.

How your donation will be acknowledged

All donors and sponsors (unless anonymity is requested) will be publicly acknowledged in Old Boys' Union newsletters, and on the new website.

In addition plans are being formulated for a prominent wall mounted board at the High School to display names of all donors who have given R2009 or more, with a separate column for donors exceeding R20 090, and a third for those over R200 900. Groups of donors, such as E-years and companies, will be listed in the second and third columns. Your individual Old Boy contribution will be credited to your E-year as well as under your own name on the Board. Likewise a sponsorship which you may have organised will also be credited to your E-year. Donations of equipment directly to the two schools will also of course be acknowledged.

Why R2009? The Union is 100 years old in 2009 and it is appropriate that the names of donors of R2009 or more be displayed on a donors' board. The actual rand amounts donated by individual donors will not be shown on the board, in the OBU newsletters or on the website.

Your donation is tax deductible from your South African taxable income (subject to certain limitations) so you can reduce your tax bill while helping Rondebosch at the same time.

In addition to donations being publicly acknowledged, donors' names will be affixed to specific equipment donated. Naming rights for full sponsorship of the Design & Technology lecture theatre and/or classrooms can be arranged.

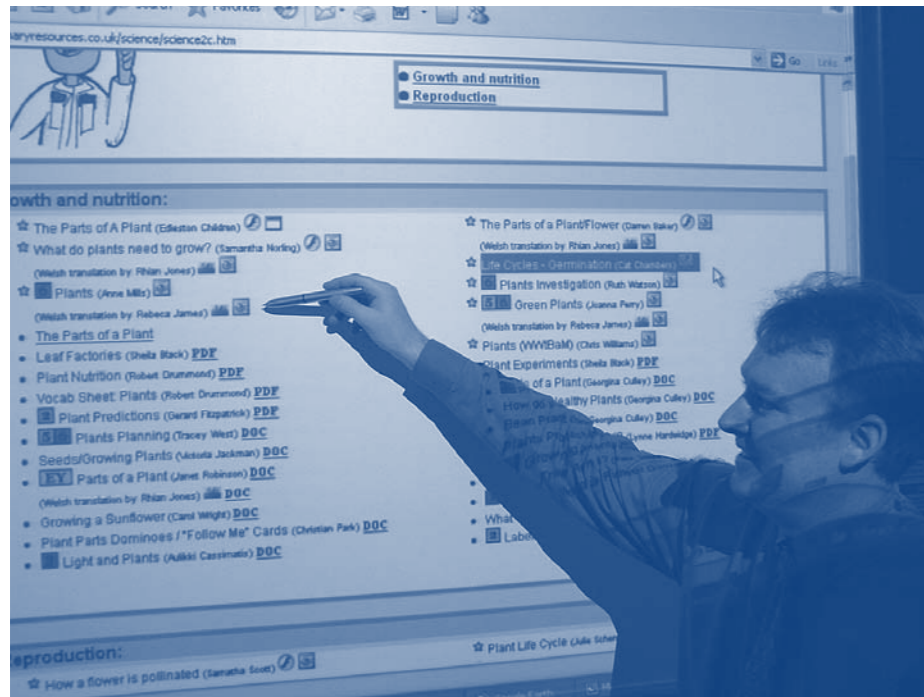
How to make your donation

See the insert in your newsletter as to how to make a donation.

Please contact the OBU office (+27) 021 686 1897 or obu@rondebosch.com should you need any further information about donating to Rondebosch.

Thank for your support

John Benn
Chairman



Interactive White Boards which are needed for 45 classrooms at the schools.



The new swimming and water polo pool at RBHS which was officially opened in March this year.



DAVID BECKER (E1988) on david.becker@icc-cricket.com writes: "Following almost ten years of working as a sports lawyer in London, I moved with my family at the end of the 2007 to Dubai to take up a job as Head of Legal for the International Cricket Council (ICC), the international governing for cricket. The ICC moved from Lords cricket ground to Dubai a few years ago primarily for tax reasons but also because it was offered free land in the unique development here known as Sports City. Sports City is a 50 million square foot development that when complete will have three stadiums (including a 60,000 seater football, rugby and athletics stadium, a 30,000 cricket stadium and a 15,000 indoor arena), a Manchester United Soccer Academy, a Butch Harmon Golf Academy, a David Lloyd Tennis Academy, a World Hockey Academy, the ICC Global Cricket Academy, two kilometers of canals, an Ernie Els golf course and various hotels, restaurants and schools. The ICC Cricket Academy will be run by Rod Marsh and among other things will have six different practice pitches with soil from six countries so that teams can come and practice in simulated conditions.

My job as Head of Legal for ICC is fascinating, enjoyable and far more challenging than I thought. This is because cricket is going through such an interesting time. Over the last year we have seen the emergence of new forms of the game (Twenty20), new domestic leagues featuring international players (the Indian Premier League), the formation of rebel leagues (ICL), our first positive doping tests in the sport, new technology for umpires (the referral system), ongoing problems in Zimbabwe and security issues in Pakistan, just by way of example. My primary job is to negotiate and finalise the key commercial contracts for the ICC and its events (such as Cricket World Cup, Twenty20 World Champs) as well draft and oversee all regulatory aspects of the game. As regards the latter, this currently involves drafting entirely

new regulations governing "official" and "unofficial" cricket to cater for the new developments in the game.

I work closely with a number of other South Africans here at ICC including former Springbok wicketkeeper Dave Richardson (General Manager – Cricket Operations), former Sharks rugby player and Springbok wicketkeeper Errol Stewart (Sponsorship Services), former Convenor of Selectors Haroon Lorgat (now CEO) and former Springbok fast bowler Vince van der Bijl (Umpires and Referees Manager). There are approximately 70 000 South Africans living in Dubai which itself has an estimated population of around 1.5 million people.

My family and I love Dubai and the lifestyle it offers. It is a city which is undoubtedly booming. There is also plenty to do here and the weather is fantastic (for nine months of the year at least!). On the social side, I see a lot of former Bishops head boy Craig Vintcent, and also regularly bump into Rondebosch Old Boys Grant Daly (E1989) and Grant Boschard (E1986). If there are any other Old Boys here in Dubai I would love to know about them."

(Thank you for the kind comments, David, and the interesting ICC information. It must be fascinating to be right at the heart the development of cricket internationally. P.S. Test Cricket is still my first love!)

REG WEBB (E1969) on reg.webb@rpl.pwc.com writes: "A visit to Cape Town enabled me to accompany my nephew Alistair McKerrow (E2004) to the SACS rugby match. Alistair graduated from "Bush College" a couple of years ago and is now a guide at Lalibela Game Reserve in the Eastern Cape. He enjoys the work but it is very demanding without much free time.

Although I have visited the school on previous trips to Cape Town over the Christmas holiday period this was the first time that I have been to a school function for over 25 years. I was pleased to see that rugby is supported as enthusiastically as ever. I was most impressed with the E1942 Centenary Pavilion.

In looking around the exhibits in the pavilion I was under the impression that Geoff Myburgh had represented South Africa in sailing at the Rome Olympics in 1960. Perhaps somebody would be able to check this to see whether he should be included in the list of international sportsmen. There was also a touch judge's flag in a glass case that

looked remarkably like the one made by Mrs Maas (mother of Jannie, E1969) for the tour to what was then Rhodesia. What reinforced this view were the "Rondebosch" words that were the same that we had on our tracksuits for that tour - the first time that I think we had the school name on a track suit. Having run the touch in the first match of the tour against Northlea in Salisbury (now Harare) I would suggest that this is when the flag was first used.

I recall reading in a newsletter a couple of years ago the sad news that Charl de Kock, like so many other Zimbabwe farmers, had to abandon his farm. I have fond memories of Charl entertaining some of us on that 1969 tour to a lunch at the Leopard Rock Hotel in the Vumba area outside Mutare.

I am now the chairman of PricewaterhouseCoopers in Central and Eastern Europe, a region of 29 countries covering 12 time zones from the Czech Republic in the west to the far east of Russia on the Pacific Ocean. It has been a great privilege to be involved in the opening up of this region and the rapid expansion of our firm. The standard of education, particularly in maths, science and languages is very high in that part of the world but sporting facilities are virtually non-existent."

(Fascinating letter, Reg. I hope to see you at your 40th, although at the time of writing I've not yet heard of anyone getting it going!)

PHILIP PRINS (E2004) on pprins1@email.georgiasouthern.edu writes: "In 2005 I obtained an athletic scholarship to study and play tennis at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia, United States. I had played first team tennis for Rondebosch since January 2000 and captained the tennis team on their Australian Tennis/Cricket Tour in 2004. I am studying for a BSc in Kinesiology and Exercise Science and will graduate in 2009 and then plan to do my masters and doctorate degrees in Kinesiology, staying on as a graduate assistant to financially assist with my future studies."

(Great to hear of another Old Boy doing well in his chosen field, Philip.)

DENNIS FRYBACK (E1965) on dfryback@wisc.edu writes: "After 34 years on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin, I have retired. Well actually semi-retired. I am officially now "professor emeritus" of population health

sciences and of industrial and systems engineering. But I have a research grant that continues through June 2009 and am now heading my research team and working to bring the project and one last PhD student to closure. I work about three weeks a month by telecommuting from our new home in southern California, then fly back to Wisconsin the remaining week to work in person with my colleagues and students until the grant officially ends.

It is nice to be out of the cold winter weather and in sunny California. Huntington Beach is about 40 miles south of Los Angeles so it is a large change from the northern, mid-continental climate of Wisconsin. Judy and I intend to use it as a base for traveling in our retirement."

(Thanks for keeping us up to date, Denny. I can think of few "visitors" who made themselves so much part of their year and who have kept contact so well.)

GUY MEARS (E1955) of Port Alfred writes: "It was with some sadness that I read of the death of Tickey de Jager and Jack Kent. There were the last of a much revered group of masters who started their careers at Rondebosch in the 30s and 40s during the stewardship

of Walter Mears. Names of others which come to mind are those of Howse, Ryan, Munday, Jayes, Hallack, Baartman, Helm and Morris. Walter Mears and his teaching staff, quite correctly, viewed sport as a recreational activity and only as a necessary component in the production of well-rounded individuals. While their emphasis was on teaching excellence they had not surprisingly other interests and talents which greatly contributed to extra-curricular activities such as the schools' music productions, the debating society, the history and science clubs, film club and others.

Every headmaster in their own special way and appropriate to the schools' stage of development, contributed to making Rondebosch the school it is today. Walter Mears was a disciplinarian, inclined at times to be an autocratic leader but above all he was an educationalist and very committed in his vision of Rondebosch attaining the highest teaching standards and turning out young men equipped to face life's challenges."

(From my editorial you will gather that I agree largely with your sentiments re the RBHS staff but inevitably we all have our personal opinions - we were after all taught to think independently by the best.)

BILL SCHUTZ (E1948) on rwschutz@xsinet.co.za writes: "I so appreciated your tribute to Jack Kent from whom I learnt a love of English. He is one of a number of teachers for whom I have fond memories like Arthur Jayes and Tickey de Jager. I obtained a BSc Civil Engineering degree from Stellenbosch University, retiring in 1966 as head of a large firm of consulting engineers. I have been happy to continue in a part-time capacity with the SA Association of Consulting Engineers. My wife and I moved from East London to Gauteng in 2006."

(Thank you for bringing us up to date with your movements and your contribution. I agree with your sentiments about the quality of the teaching at RBHS - see editorial.)

CHRIS STONE on chris_stone_kent@yahoo.co.uk writes: "I was the cricket professional at RBHS from 1983 until 1988 and have many fond memories of the school and the people involved. Robbie Dalrymple (E1989) who is now in charge of Rondebosch cricket, was one of my players. I always visit the school when I am in Cape Town which is for about a month every year over Christmas and would really like to renew old acquaintances either personally or at least over email."

Bosch Rugby Supporters' Club

The Bosch Rugby Supporters' Club was established to raise funds for the development and support of rugby at Rondebosch Boys' Prep and High Schools.

Funds are used for the hiring of external coaches, providing specialist guest coaches, providing bursaries to deserving players, running rugby clinics for Prep boys, purchasing referees kit, first aid requirements, acquiring Rondebosch branded rugby balls and assisting the schools with the acquisition of much needed rugby equipment.

During the year the Club hosts informal functions with a meal and excellent guest speakers. Guests have included Jake White, Gary Kirsten, Nick Mallett, Schalk Burger snr, Keith Andrews, Eddie O'Sullivan, Joe van Niekerk, Prof Heyns, André Watson, Toks van der Linde, Mark Keohane, All Blacks Richie McCaw and Jono Gibbs, Ian Kirkpatrick, Peter de Villiers, Hugh Bladen, Matthew Pearce and others. Members do not pay to attend the informal functions which are

held in the E1942 Centenary Pavilion.

Other functions organised by the club include a very popular wine festival in the Mears Centre, a dinner and a golf day. After match get-togethers are hosted by the BRSC and are a regular feature of home First XV games and also when the Prep School sides play on Rugby A.

Membership is open to all Old Boys, parents and supporters of the two schools and is not confined to those who watch rugby. The amount payable is R500 for a couple and R300 for a single member. Except for the first R50, your payment is deductible for income tax purposes as it is a donation which is used for educational purposes at Rondebosch.

Members are advised of fixtures and events by email. Should you not have access to email, alternative arrangements can be made to stay in touch with you.

Old Boys are encouraged to join the club by contacting the Schools' marketing department on 021-685 1923 or email boschrugby@mweb.co.za

OLD BOYS SCHOLARSHIP

The Nan Mears Scholarship is awarded every three to four years alternately to a former pupil of St Stithians College and a Rondebosch Old Boy. The scholarship is for post-graduate study in the humanities, the arts or law at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

It will be available to a Rondebosch Old Boy during 2009.

Old Boys who may be interested in applying should contact the Old Boys' Union to obtain further information. The closing date for applications will be advertised in the *Enews*.

Donations to the Union tax deductible

Have you made your donation to the Rondebosch Centenary Fund? Remember that your donation to the Union may be claimed as a deduction from your South African taxable income subject to certain limitations. An official tax certificate will be provided to you. *See the insert as to how to make your donation.*

Reunions

E1950 60TH

The E1950s will celebrate their 60th reunion during 2010. Potential organizers are asked to contact Angela Andrew on obu@rondebosch.com or phone her on 021 686-1897.

E1949 60TH

Dates: 12 – 14 March 2009
 Thursday 12 March: A lunch at the Prep School hall, Campground Road, Rondebosch for E49ers and partners. This will be followed by a guided tour of both the Prep and High Schools. Dress is smart casual.

Friday 13 March: The OBU annual dinner at Kelvin Club where a table for E49ers has been reserved. This event is for Old Boys only.

Saturday 14 March: A tour of the Cape Winelands with partners including lunch and the sampling of the products of the grape – natural and fortified.

The committee has contacted as many of the E49ers as possible but if there are any who have not been made aware of the reunion please contact Per Stillborg on telephone +27 (0)21 794 7432 or Email groblits@iafrica.com

E1959 50TH

Dates: 13 – 16 August 2009
 Thursday 13 August: Dinner at Mowbray Golf Course. Men only.

Friday 14 August: Lunch at RBPS with wives/partners.

Sunday 16 August: Breakfast at Kirstenbosch with wives/partners. Contact Helm van Zijl on helmgill@mweb.co.za

E1960 50TH

Provisional dates: 17 to 21 March 2010
 Email addresses of any E1960 class members would be appreciated.

Contact Ken Andrew on ken@andrew.org.za

E1963 45TH

The E63s held a wonderful 45th reunion over the weekend 7-9 November. The first function was a stag dinner at Western Province Cricket Club, Avenue de Mist. The RBHS headmaster, Martin Barker addressed us on developments at both schools. Tony Ryan, headmaster of the Prep also joined us at this function. The guest of honour was Billy Trengove (ex Staff) who made a truly outstanding speech. While genuinely looking no



The E63s celebrating their 45th reunion.

older than 70, Billy in fact turned 87 six days later.

The Saturday saw a few of us with partners being hosted at a wine tasting by winemaker Duncan Savage (E1995), at the Cape Point Vineyards, Noordhoek. Duncan won the inaugural 2008 John Platter Winery of the year award and has just won the prestigious 2008 Diners Club award for winemaker of the year for his Isliedh 2006 Savignon Blanc/Semillon blend wine. An excellent lunch was then enjoyed at Cafe Roux owned by Paul le Roux (E1991).

On the Sunday the everlasting Tinkie Heyns conducted us and partners on a tour of the school, music centre, water polo pool, Carleton Lloyd rugby stand (under construction) as well as Mason House (best house) and Canigou. This was followed by an excellent lunch in the E1942 Centenary Pavilion.

Special mention must be made of the attendance of Bruce Ferguson coming from New Zealand, Neil (Kiewiet) Kritzinger from America and John Quy from Johannesburg, all with their wives. In addition the following attended one or more of the functions: Peter Baker, Whitey Basson, Barrie Clarkson, Louis de Kock, Geoff Duckitt, Billy Fullard, John Hill, Hugh Hodge, Lindsay Kennedy, John le Roux, Rod Lumb, Roy McCallum, Jimmy McDermott, Atholl McLean, Johann Mostert, Peter Parkin, Barry Price, Sandy Rossiter, Peter Scholte, Roy Schreiber, John Simon, David Taylor, Derek van den Berg, Neil Veitch, Eric Wells and Norman van Zyl. Metcalf Fick, Tony Hoenson, Peter Korck and David Munro had to cancel at the last moment for domestic reasons.

Thanks to Lindsay Kennedy who did



Neil (Kiewiet) Kritzinger (USA) and Bruce Ferguson (New Zealand)

an outstanding job in putting the weekend together, which without him would not have taken place.

An enjoyable weekend was had by all

John le Roux

E1969 40TH

Saturday 14 March 2009. Contact Peter Henshilwood on henshilwoodp@telkomsa.net or Andy Ismay on andy@quicktint.co.za. Peter's telephone number is 082 548 5866 and Andy's is 082 572 2551.

E1979 30TH

Contact Keith Cullis on keith@tax-monitor.co.za

1999 10TH

Friday 20 February 2009: Dinner/dance Saturday 21 - Sunday 22nd. Optional trip down the Breede River

Tickets to the dinner/dance are R200 per person. The Breede River trip will cost R995 for the class of E1999 only. Transport to the Breede River will be arranged from RBHS school grounds.

Sam Paddock on sam@paddocks.co.za

E63 LILACS BOARDERS

Looking a little different are several E63s in this photograph taken in 1961 when boarders at Lilacs.
 (Back row) Mark Swift, Sam Wiggett, Metcalf Fick, Fred Versfeld, Owen Fletcher and Jimmy McDermott.
 (Middle row) Neil Kritzinger, Johan de Jongh, Francois Coetzee, Andrew Joubert, Jacques Niehaus, Chris Krige, Nick Penstone and Geoff Duckitt.
 (Front row) Anthony Malherbe (E62), Peter Meinert, Ian McCallum (E61), Clare and Tickey de Jager, Johnny Melck (E61), Chris Schroeder and Francois du Toit (E62).



Obituaries

ALAN ALEXANDER (E1935) died in Knysna on 1 June 2008. He had turned 90 on 18 April. John Benn, chairman of the Union in his letter of condolence to his son Geoffrey (E1966) wrote: "Your dad served both the Rondebosch Schools and our Old Boys' Union with distinction, including a term in the early 70s as Chairman of the OBU. Later elected as a vice president, he retained a keen interest in Rondebosch and was always supportive of what we are trying to do. The last time I had the pleasure of talking to him was just after we launched our OBU Centenary Appeal. His message to me was one of encouragement and support touched with a little sadness that he was not able help us in a more active way. So we salute the memory of a man who meant a lot to many, and much more no doubt to his immediate family."

RICHARD JOHN (DICK) GOSS (E1945) died in Cape Town on 27 August 2008 after a long illness. He was formerly the managing director of South African Breweries and was also involved in the hotel, leisure and gaming industry in South Africa. He was appointed as CEO of SAB in 1967 and left the company in 1981 to start up Sun International as the executive chairman. He was involved in many significant developments in both companies including SAB's purchase of the OK Bazaars in 1973. He later became chairman of the OK. He served on the boards

of the Old Mutual and Nedcor among others. He was named the Financial Mail's businessman of the year in 1970 and again in 1981 and was also named as one of the Sunday Times's top five businessmen in 1969. When the Rondebosch Boys' Schools Education Trust was set up almost ten years ago, Dick was happy to serve as one of the Founder Trustees under the Chairmanship of the late Michael Corbett. His financial skills together with his probing and analytical mind were much appreciated at the time when the first RBSET projects were being developed - the E1942 Centenary Pavilion and the adjoining Computer Centre. Not only did he give of his time but also made a substantial donation which is suitably acknowledged on a plaque in the entrance lobby of the Computer Centre.

When Judge Corbett retired, Dick was unanimously selected to take the Chair. He continued in this capacity serving the Rondebosch Schools with enthusiasm and dedication until he was sadly struck down by illness which made it impossible for him to continue.

He is survived by his wife Myrtle, two daughters and a son, seven grandchildren and his brother John (E1949) in England.

PROFESSOR IAN ALLAN (E1934) died in Fish Hoek in mid 2008.

ANTHONY NIGEL BARRETT (E1961) has died.

KIYAHSAN CHETTY (E2002) died on 11 June 2008 as a result of an accident.

JOHN STEWART DITTMER (E1965) died on 30 October 2008 in Cape Town. He leaves his wife Michele and daughter Leanne and brother Colin (E1968).

CLIVE FARRELL (E1972) died on 28 June 2008 after a short illness. His brother Brian (E1973) writes that he was a superb athlete excelling at rugby and athletics. He was the Victor Ludorum in junior and senior school and played rugby for the First team. 1971 was a special year in which he won the South African U17 400m title in Bloemfontein. He enjoyed cycling, mountain climbing and surf and ski paddling. Professionally Clive qualified as a pharmacist and joined the family business, Wynberg Pharmacy. He is survived by his wife Robin, her brothers Mike (E 1966) and Chris (E1971) Weeden, son Steven and daughter Tammy.

LESLIE MONTAGUE FRANCIS (E1942) died in Cape Town on 11 October 2007. He leaves his wife Cynthia.

BRIAN NORMAN GOODHEW (E1944) died on 22 June 2008. Dr Cecil Craig writes that he was strongly

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Malcolm Lyall Watson

Adventurer who wrote of the paranormal

Malcolm Lyall Watson (E1955) who died on 25 June was an adventurer, explorer and the author of New Age books about the paranormal, including the bestselling *Supernature* (1973). *Supernature*, his most successful book, dealt with mysterious and inexplicable natural phenomena. It was acclaimed for its stimulating treatment of exotic and unexpected scientific facts and discoveries.

A botanist, zoologist, biologist, anthropologist and ethologist, by 23 he was the director of Johannesburg Zoo, and subsequently became an expedition leader, a television producer and Seychelles com-

missioner for the International Whaling Commission. Describing himself as a "scientific nomad", he considered conventional science simply inadequate to explain much human experience.

An exceptional scholar, he started at the University of the Witwatersrand aged 15 and by the age of 19 held degrees in Botany and Zoology. While still in South Africa, he added degrees which included the study of Geology, Chemistry, Marine Biology, Ecology and Anthropology, before moving to London where he completed a doctorate in Ethology (animal behaviour) at London University under the supervision of Desmond Morris,

author of *The Naked Ape* and then curator of mammals at London Zoo.

He joined BBC Television as a producer and reporter on *Tomorrow's World*, abandoned the name of Malcolm, started a consultancy, designed and directed zoos, ran a safari company in Kenya and founded a marine national park in the Seychelles.

He started work on his first book, *Omnivore* (1972), in the early 1960s, and produced 25 titles in all, covering an eclectic range of subjects including the nature of crowds and a history of the wind. His last, *The Whole Hog* (2004), explored the history and potential of pigs.

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

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supportive of all cultural and sporting activities at Rondebosch and enjoyed gatherings with the E44s.

VICTOR MENIN HOLLIDAY (E1970) died in Plettenberg Bay in June 2007. He leaves his wife Beryl.

NEVILLE ALEXANDER LYLE (E1942) died on 18 March 2008 at Helderberg Village, Somerset West. Di Shelton writes that about a year ago, he happened to be in the vicinity of RBHS and decided to drive in. He met a teacher who showed him around. He was so pleased that he could reminisce about his old school days but couldn't get over how the classroom layouts had changed. He leaves a daughter, Susan Morrison.

ROY ORMISTON MURRAY KING (E1939) died in June 2008 in Durbanville. His sons are Peter (E1976) and John.

DR GAVIN THOMAS LAMONT (E1937) died in Somerset West on 19 April 2008. He leaves his wife Winnie.

ERIC LE ROUX (E1950) died on 9 March 2008. He and his wife Esmé farmed mealies at Kransfontein in the Free State for 40 years. At school he was a swimmer of note, going on to swim at the universities of Stellenbosch, Wits and Pretoria where he graduated with a B Sc in agriculture. He was also a keen

mountaineer.

DR ALGERON JOHN LOXTON (E1942) died on 28 June 2008 at Helderberg Village, Somerset West.

BRIAN LUSTY (E1961) of Bergvliet has died.

ALEXANDER WYNNE MCLAREN (E1936) of Walmer, Port Elizabeth died on 12 May 2008. He leaves his daughter Maureen Steiniger and family.

STEVEN JAMES MUNDAY (E2001) of Constantia died on 9 February 2008. He leaves his brother Paul (E1998) and family.

DAVID JOHN OPIE (E1947) of Erinvale, Somerset West died in July 2008. He was the father of David (E1980) and Robert (E1982).

ARTHUR JAMES PAYNTER (E1941) of Meadowridge died during 2008.

REX REYNOLDS (E1942) of New South Wales, Australia died on 2 September 2008.

IVAN ROTTCHER (E1945) died in Pretoria during October 2008.

DOUGLAS ALEXANDER SCOTT (E1943) died on 14 May 2008. He graduated from the University of Cape Town in 1948 with a degree in

Mechanical Engineering and thereafter joined the South African Railways as a pupil engineer moving from Cape Town to Johannesburg. In the 1950s he joined Ingersoll-Rand Company South Africa (Pty) Limited, a manufacturer and supplier of mining equipment, specializing in rock drills and compressors. His involvement with Ingersoll-Rand spanned almost 40 years, 20 years of which he served as managing director. His career led him to travel extensively and this led to a lifelong circle of friends and colleagues worldwide – only to be further extended on the bowling green at the Wanderers Club (of which he was made a life member) in his retirement. He leaves his wife, Lesley, son and daughter Robert and Jennifer, and grandsons, Alexander and Alastair.

ROBERT REGINALD TEMPLEMAN (E1974) died on 13 September 2008.

ROGER TONKIN who had been very involved in the Rondebosch Schools as a trustee and served on various committees died in Rondebosch on 14 July 2008. He leaves his wife Marilyn and sons Greg (E1981) and Colin (E1983) and their families.

CRAIG WOODGATE (E1992) died in Knysna on 15 October 2008.

PAT WOOD-POTTLE (E1940) died on 17 February 2008. His son Gary (E1980) writes that he spent the last 12 years travelling between Cape Town and Brisbane, Australia.

SOME OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF Rondebosch Boys' High School

**BOTH SCHOOLS
AND THE BOYS ARE
CONGRATULATED
ON THEIR EXCELLENT
ACHIEVEMENTS.**

RUGBY

- WP U18 Craven Week & SA Schools: Gareth Topkin
- WP U18 Academy: Nic Groom
- WP U16: Rayn Smid, Joel Carew, Zubayr Abrahams

FLY FISHING

- WP Junior, WP Senior & SA Junior: Chase Nicholson

TENNIS

- WP U18: Kurt Abrahams

HOCKEY

- SA U18: Lee-Roy Fredericks
- SA U16: Adrian Abrahams
- WP U18: Lee-Roy Fredericks, Warren McEwan
- WP Disa U18: Jonathan Cox, Cole Milton, Peter Schwellnus
- WP Zonal & Disa U16: Timothy Winter
- WP Zonal & Disa U18: Lloyd Tanner
- WP U16: Adrian Abrahams, Graham Schoeman
- WP Disa U16: Cameron Prins
- WP Disa U14: Damien Hewitt, Dean Rutherford, Byron Anthony

SWIMMING

- SA U14 200 butterfly, 200, 400, 1500 freestyle: Martin Vogel
- SA Junior Champion open water 3km: Martin Vogel
- SA Nationals 50m butterfly champion: Jonathan Thompson

- WP: Martin Vogel, Kyle Smith, Dean Rutherford, Todd Dugmore, Majal Thabied

DEBATING

- SA Schools: Sean Darge
- WP U19: Noah de Villiers

LIFESAVING

- WP: Jamie Croeser
- SA Championships: Nicholas Simmons

GOLF

- Boland U18 Golf: Muller Iwan

WATER POLO

- Boland/WP U16: Daron Golden, Ali Mohamed, Brodie Blows, Michael Moller, Kimon Caldis, Kurt Ross
- WP U19: Nicholas Walker, Tyler George, Nic Groom
- WP U16: Keegan Visser, Daniel Gluckman, Nicholas Melck, Chris Keet
- WP U14: Umayr Mohammed, Jacob Perren, Storm Smith

JUDO

- WP U16: Kai Coetzee

CRICKET

- WP U19: Junaid Buffkins, Michael Rippon, Matthew Snyman, Irshaad Hayat
- WP U15: Hilio De Abreu, Jaco Zeeman

SOME OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF Rondebosch Boys' Prep School

CRICKET

- WP U13 A: Kay Skovgaard-Petersen
- U11 Regional: Nicholas Stander, Matthew Barrett, Yaseen Alli

ORIENTEERING

- SA Champs: Roark Robinson (2 Silver medals)

WATER POLO

- WP U13 A: Scott Dormehl, Stef de Gouveia, Graham Geldenhuys

SWIMMING

- WP: Matthew Johnston (Bronze at Nationals)

HOCKEY

- U13 A Zonal: Kay Skovgaard, Justin Prins
- WP All Stars & WP Indoor: Kay Skovgaard

SQUASH

- First in WP Open: Murray Commins

TENNIS

- WP U13 A & U14: Keaton Saunders

RUGBY

- WP U13 A Craven Week: Graham Geldenhuys

SQUASH

- WP: Nic Tromp, Luke Bax

GYMNASTICS

- WP U14: Jason Welz (4 gold and a bronze at SA Games)

MATHEMATICS

- 1st in SA Olympiad: Ashraf Moolla
- 1st in UCT Olympiad: Ashraf Moolla
- 1st in UCT Competition pairs: Slade Reyneke & Sean Peters
- 3rd in UCT Grade 11 pairs: Imran Amien & Noah de Villiers
- Top 10 UCT Competition: Muneeb Baderoen
- Honourable mention at International Olympiad in Spain: Haroon Moolla
- Silver Medal SA Olympiad senior division: Haroon Moolla
- 1st in UCT Olympiad for 5th consecutive year: Haroon Moolla

COMPUTER OLYMPIADS

- SA team at International Olympiad in Informatics in Egypt: Robert Ketteringham
- Bronze medal SA Computer Olympiad: Haroon Moolla

BIG BAND

- National Schools Nick Hurworth

CHESS

- WP U12 A: Andrew McInnes

MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS

- Star Maths: Adam Herman (3rd), Nevarr Pillay (6th), Sasha Brand (7th), Christopher Hooper (9th), Tariq Salie (10th)
- Pretoria Maths: Nevarr Pillay (5th), Nicholas Cotchobos (10th)
- Hong Kong Maths: Nicholas Cotchobos (included in team which travelled to Hong Kong), Nevarr Pillay (non-travelling reserve)
- AMESA Maths: Matthew Poulter, Tariq Salie, Nicholas Cotchobos

A CENTURY OF OLD BOYS SPORTS

On Tuesday 19 August 2008 the annual traditional Old Boys winter sport matches vs the School were played. To add to this already highly anticipated event was the fact that this was the 100th celebration of the first Old Boys vs School boys rugby match which was played in 1908.

As usual many Old Boys participated with a record number of seven rugby teams with plenty of reserves available for those who save themselves for this one and only game every year.

There was also a great turn out for the hockey matches at the astro-turf as the Old Boys produced two very competitive teams. All the matches were played in the spirit of the occasion and the day was enjoyed by all and ended with a well attended social function at the E1942 Centenary Pavilion.

Jeff Louw (E55), who played in his first Old Boys rugby match 51 years ago, spoke on behalf of the Old Boys' Union and thanked the School, coaches, referees and boys for hosting this time honoured event. All Old Boys who attended the function were presented with an "Old Boys Sports 1908 to 2008" golf shirt to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first match. Thank you also to Jeff for generously supplying boerewors rolls to boys, Old Boys, staff and parents for the evening.



The Old Crocks team at the Winter Sports day.



The 1977 team (left to right) Bobby Blows, Keith Dilkes, Pieter Schmitt, Brent Farrell, Francois Bonthuys and Chris Blackshaw.



A group photograph of some of the teams, both school boys and Old Boys, at the annual Winter Sports day.

Represented SA in Shooting Championship

Colin Twine E75 of Pinelands represented South Africa in the World Black Powder Shooting Championships in Adelaide, Australia in August 2008.

2009 Walker Golf Cup

The 2009 Walker Golf Cup when Rondebosch plays Bishops will be held on Sunday 1 March 2009 at Mowbray Golf Course. The organizer is Pen Brower on pennb@iafrica.com

UCT SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

William Robinson (E1999) was named as the UCT Sportsperson of the Year at the university's annual sports awards dinner on 17 October.

William, who is doing his PhD in mathematics, took the top honour for a string of wins and podium finishes in local trail races, including top spot with teammate Dion Middelkoop at the 2007 Cape Odyssey and for clocking the best combined time in this year's Argus Cycle Tour and the Two Oceans Ultra Marathon events.

IN SA TEAM AT WORLD BIATHLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Joseph Beattie (E 2001) was included in the South African Invitational Team to represent South Africa at the 2008 Biathle World Champs on 1 November in Cape Town. Biathle is a continuous run, swim, run sport, in which he competed at Senior level, 1500m run, 200m swim and 1500m run. He represented Western Province earlier in the year at the SA Champs where he finished 4th out of 9 finishers.



Rondebosch Old Boys' Union Centenary Fund Appeal

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I commit myself to making an annual donation in each of 2008 and 2009 of :

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Thank you for your support

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Old Boys' Union Centenary Projects

Various strategic projects have been identified for implementation at Rondebosch over the next few years. Some of the expenditure will be financed from parents' fund raising and school fees, but further substantial donations are required. Contributions by Old Boys will greatly assist with the implementation of these important projects for the benefit of present Rondebosch boys and the generations to follow.

TICKEY DE JAGER MEMORIAL COTTAGE

Seven new housing units have been built next to the existing maisonettes and enable both schools to attract and retain key teaching staff to ensure Rondebosch's continued educational excellence. One unit was sponsored by the Old Boys' Union and named appropriately. A further unit is to be named in honour of the late Tickey de Jager. For this R500 000 is required. The funds raised form part of the Centenary Appeal and will be used for appropriate projects.

SWIMMING & WATER POLO POOL

The pool has been built and is being put to full use. Covered seating is being considered.

PREP SCHOOL PROJECTS

The focus at the Prep school is on

in-classroom teaching aids, such as interactive whiteboards, computers and other modern technology to ensure that the Prep School continues to offer exceptional education.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A scholarship fund to assist deserving students obtain a Rondebosch education.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

Changes in the structure and make-up of the High School's curriculum have seen the introduction of Design, Technology, Engineering graphics and Design as new subjects.

As woodwork and metalwork are no longer offered the old facilities are to be refurbished for this purpose and will incorporate a computer room, a Design room and a Ceramics room. Old Boys, particularly engineers, who are inter-

ested being associated with this project, possibly as naming sponsors should contact the OBU office.

OLD BOYS' HERITAGE PROJECT & UNION OPERATING COSTS FUND

A fund is to be established to help meet some of the Union's ongoing costs for the benefit of Old Boys and Rondebosch. Funds are also to be used to record and display in a co-ordinated manner Rondebosch's rich heritage in foyers, pavilions and other areas of the school.

INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS

Modern teaching methods include the use of technology such as computers and interactive whiteboards and classrooms are to be equipped with these facilities.

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