



OLD GREY NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from the Old Greys' Union



UPCOMING EVENTS

• **AUG 21: OLD GREY CLUB NIGHTS - DRINKS WITH THE RECTOR**

A MONTHLY MIXER FOR ALL LOCAL OLD GREYS. JOIN US AT THE OLD GREY CLUB THIS WEDNESDAY 5 - 7PM.

• **SEPT 6: THE GREY FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL 2019**
OPEN TO ALL FRIENDS OF THE GREY.
JOIN THE OLD GREYS' UNION IN BIDDING FAREWELL TO LINDSAY PEARSON

• **SEPT 11: CAPE TOWN SENIORS LUNCH**
FOR OLD GREYS 65 YEARS +

• **SEPT 12: ANNUAL CAPE TOWN FUNCTION**
THE PAVILION, RONDEBOSCH BOYS HIGH . 6PM ONWARDS

• **SEPT 26, THURSDAY OLD GREYS SYDNEY**
PARTNERS WELCOME. LONGUEVILLE BOWLING CLUB, 6PM.

From the Old Grey desk

Welcome to the August edition of the Old Grey Newsletter. We encourage our old boys to write in and share your stories, accomplishments and journeys. Let us know what interests you so we can keep you connected to the greater Grey community.

CALLING ALL OLD GREYS IN THE BELOW FIELDS:

Please assist us in identifying Old Greys in one of the below fields. We would love to follow the talent that has passed through these halls.

If you are personally responding as one of the below you can contact the office or update your job description by following the link at the foot of any OGU email.

- **Artists: All categories**
- **Musicians: All Old Greys playing an instrument / performing / directing or composing**
- **Medical: including Veterinary**



Contact the Union Office
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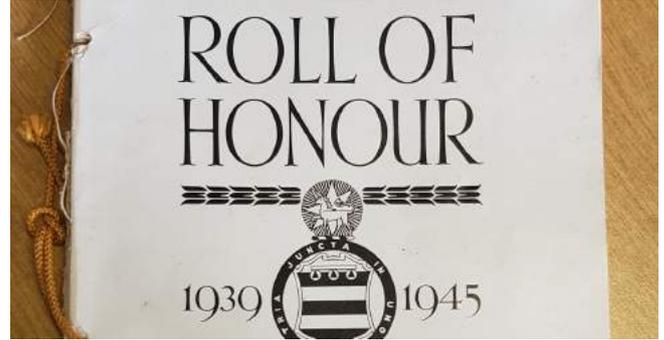
Chatterboard



Luke McFarland '12 - Preparing to turn full time squash pro

Coached in Squash by the late Vaughn Jones. Luke is currently working for the National Governing Body: England Squash as a Junior Web Developer and National Competitions assistant. Currently based in Manchester and South Africa playing professional squash between both.

Preparing to turn full time pro in the 2019/2020 season. Top 20 South African Squash Number 1 KZN & Midlands Squash Midlands Province A team in the Jarvis Cup England North West Premier division first string league player.



Robin Douglas '70 - Roll of Honour appeal: Research in Progress

I have for several years been researching the circumstances and events leading to the one hundred and twenty Old Greys who made the supreme sacrifice and fell in the Second World War.

I would like to cast the net wider in order to gain as much information as possible and appeal to anyone who can contribute?

If you are able to assist please contact Robin drobin@telkomsa.net



Roy Spires (Class of 1963) continues his post-retirement activity of writing under the pseudonym B.R. Bentley and has just published his third fictional novel, *The Banker's Box*. Website for anyone interested is www.brbbentley.com

François Mai (Class of 1950)

I am a graduate Grey in the Matric Class of 1950, Oh, such a long time ago! I retired from my career as a psychiatrist 5 years ago, and have taken up writing as a second career, with two published books and a third one on the way. This will be my memoirs, and my time at Grey will feature prominently in this book. I have reconnected with classmates Myron Sandwick who has remained in Port Elizabeth, and also Mike Darlison who now lives in the UK. Myron keeps me up-to-date with events at Grey and in Port Elizabeth and South Africa

My hometown is now Ottawa, Canada, a lovely town in the summer but freezing cold in the winter, so for the winter my wife Sarie (née Roelofse from George) and I go to Victoria British Columbia, where the climate is milder.

I often think about the wonderful days I spent at Grey. My two younger brothers, David and Vincent, also attended the school.

Old Grey Class of '73, Berend Mets, Receives Three Book Awards

Sir, It is all Polly van de Mescht's fault. Taking English Lit during Standard's Nine and Ten at Grey he inspired us with a love of reading (and writing).

Since then, I have lived in the US for the past 30 years or so, and, after much Scientific writing for my career as a Professor of Anesthesiology, I undertook to write an Autobiographical Book (which I deposited in the Grey Library on the occasion of the 2018 OG reunion) entitled "Waking Up Safer? An Anesthesiologist's Record " which taps parallels between aviation and Anaesthesia, in telling the stories of the many protagonists responsible for the transformation of anesthesiology from the humble etherization of 1846 to the sophisticated (and safe) practice of today; using an autobiographical lens of my own practice, starting in South Africa, progressing to England, and culminating in America - as a Professor of Anesthesiology.

The book has recently received a NYC Big Book Award in the category Medicine and was a finalist in the Next Generation Indie Book Awards in 2019 in the category Autobiography/Biography and an Award-Winner in the Health/General category of the 2019 International Book Awards. More information about Anaesthesia is to be had on my author website <https://berendmets.com>

Dr David V Kolnick, Class of 1963. Port Elizabeth.

You ask what I do when I am not practising as a dentist. I am very much involved with education and in particular with the Life Orientation school subject. I am waiting for funding (if it ever arrives) to do a LO project in 3 Helenvale primary schools grades R-7. We already have grade R curriculum and my educators are waiting to do grades 1-7. The first 4 years will be in Afrikaans and the last 4 in English. This will include posters, puppet shows, teacher training on the 4 different board games, and a follow up over a number of years as the pupils pass through the grades. This was originally prepared for the East Cape Development Board, which unfortunately did not materialize.

As the new LO curricula have been created by 100 educators and writers, with sex education provided by Dr Eve for grades 4-12, I am hoping that the NDBE will allow me to provide my holistic curricula for grades R-3 (Foundation Phase) which concentrates on teaching ethics and values. I would like this to be the national curricula for all South African schools, to be printed in all our official languages.

Reunion Review: Old Grey Rugby

Reunion week saw the highly anticipated Charlie Nortje Memorial match at the Old Grey Sports Club.

The (old) Old Greys, ably led by captain Joe Pringle '00, who has only missed a single memorial game due to injury since its inception, came out on top in a tightly contested match against the Younger old Greys with a score of 29 – 26.

This year we had 33 Old Greys, young and old, dust off their boots. Nothing could hamper the older gents even with hooker Warren Wait '04 providing crisp passes at scrumhalf and loose forward Zane Marx '11 having an outstanding match at fullback but did on occasion see the heels of opposite backline player Anovuyo Moyikwa '15. The younger team ensured it remained competitive throughout the match even with having Lock Kamva Dilima '15 playing fly-half and some lads last playing in grade eight.

The match was well support by friends, family and those here for their 10 year Reunion while JJ Engelbrecht was even in attendance to support the lads this year.

Post-match is often the highlight of the proceedings and this year did not disappoint, with Dan Cusse '16 appointing himself man of the match and fines master Tyler Botha '09 handing out some well-deserved awards/punishments.

Many thanks to referee Mike Collier, the Old Grey Union and the Old Grey Sports Club for all their efforts.

Andre van Zyl (Class of 2014)

Looking Back with Ian Pringle

WHAT A COMEBACK!

This is the first of articles I have been asked to write recalling something of the past at Grey. The intention is to relive moments of Grey's history – both memorable, significant and also amusing. An important event I remember goes back only five years. Who would ever forget Grey's amazing victory in 2014 over Paul Roos when after being down 26 nil in the 48th minute Grey clinched a victory of 27-26 in injury time!

Grey lost their captain Johann Van Niekerk soon after half time but somehow the side held together. It was virtually game over but with less than 20 minutes to go Grey, from a tap penalty taken by Michael De Marco swung the ball out to Nathan Brown on the left wing who ran for more than 50 metres to score under the poles! Curwin Bosch converted making it 26-7. Three minutes later a high kick was fielded by Keanu Vers at fullback who then jinxed his way through for Athi Mayinje on the wing to take a long pass and to power his way over. Grey was still down 12-26. Five minutes after that Curwin Bosch threw caution to the wind and spun a long pass out which was collected by Robin Stevens who drew the opposition and once again it went to Mayinje who ran 30 metres to score in the corner. Bosch converted and the score moved to 19-26 down – and it was game on! Gavin Cowley who was the commentator was by this time at a near loss of words!

But Grey was not finished yet. Two minutes later they won the ball back on the Paul Roos try line and a blind side pass to Josh Mudrovcic was not going to stop the powerful 8th man from spinning round and crashing over in the corner to make it 24-26. Bosch's crucial conversion to equal the scores went wide.

The last five minutes of this game played in front of a huge home crowd will be recalled by many as it was played at a frenetic pace with Paul Roos defending Grey's onslaught. Grey was then awarded a penalty and would you believe it but Bosch's kick hit the upright and stayed out! The spectators were all on their feet and Stellenbosch Old Greys were exhorting their old school on for all they were worth. By this time I was standing behind the Paul Roos poles when a Paul Roos old boy turned to me and said, "Hier kom 'n ding".

The clock showed time up and the Paul Roos fullback had the ball clearing it into touch. Game over thought everyone except the referee who took a look at his watch and decided that a line out would be taken! Was there yet a twist in the tail? Grey won their ball and drove for the line and Paul Roos collapsed the movement. Penalty to Grey! There was a deathly silence as Bosch lined up his kick well out on the 25 metre line. He stepped forward, kicked and the rest is history as the final whistle was blown for Grey to win 27-26. Absolute bedlam followed as the field was stormed by Grey boys. It was an amazing result which we doubt will not be repeated for years to come.

The Paul Roos scrumhalf on the day was a brilliant young Herschel Jantjies. He scored a try and was desperately unlucky to not to be awarded another but knocked the ball on after winning the chase as the ball dribbled over the Grey try line. Jantjies made a memorable debut for South Africa in the recent test played against Australia and, who knows, he may yet find Curwin Bosch playing alongside him at flyhalf?

Upcoming Events



Wednesday 21 August: Old Grey Club Nights

A friendly reminder of our first Monthly Mixer at the Old Grey Sports Club this Wednesday, 5pm - 7pm. This is a social, informal event for all of our local Old boys to catch-up and network. We hope to see you there!



Friday 06 September: The Grey Food & Wine Festival

Open to Staff, Old boys, Past & Present Parents and friends of The Grey. This promises to be an evening of fun, dancing, Argentinian Asado and Greek plate breaking! Join the Old Greys' Union in bidding farewell to Headmaster Lindsay Pearson.

Date: Friday 06 September

Time: 18:30

Venue: Old Grey Junior front field (to be tented)

Dress: Casual

Cost: R300pp includes dinner

Tickets available from the Old Grey Union Office
ogu@thegrey.com | 041 392 7625



Old Greys in Cape Town

Wednesday 11 September: Old Grey CPT Seniors Lunch

Andrew Bradley ('81) incoming Chairman of The Grey Foundation, warmly invites you to a luncheon on Wednesday 11 September 2019. This luncheon is for all senior (age 65+) Old Greys living in the Cape Town area.

Thursday 12 September: Old Greys CPT Annual Event

The Old Greys' Union Cape Town Chapter invites you to another super exciting annual event in the Mother City! The evening will follow the usual format of a sports-orientated theme with a chance to catch up with fellow Old Greys over a few cold ones.

Venue: The Pavilion, Rondebosch Boys High School

Time: 18:00pm onwards

Bookings: email Candy at oldgreyct@thegrey.com



Thursday 26 September: Old Greys Sydney

We are delighted to announce an Old Grey event to be held Thursday 26 September in Sydney. This is a social event, hosted by Mr Ian Pringle, and we welcome wives and partners to attend. Please kindly forward this note to any Old Greys who we may have missed.

Venue: Longueville Bowling Club, NSW 2066.

Time: 6.00 for 6.30pm

In Memory

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of the following Old Greys who have passed on:

Gavin Gerhardi – Class of 1951

Gavin was one of many Old Greys who in earlier times left Grey at the end of their Junior Certificate year – the present Grade 10 level. These young men of the day took up trades and it is fact that an extraordinary number achieved success in the business world. Not for them the likes of Latin and or Science! At the time of his passing Gavin had built up a large and prosperous family tyre retailing concern in Maitland and he was well known in the trade. Like many of his generation he continued in his later years to keep a eye on the operation and kept office hours – for real retirement was not an option! He was a regular attendee at our Cape Town functions and loyal Old Grey who had a strong relationship with his old school. On the occasions that we arranged our Seniors Lunches at Kelvin Grove he was always wiling to assist where through his membership of the Club we were accommodated. The news of his passing was sadly received. He was of the old school where loyalty only meant absolute loyalty

Paul Anthony Glover – Class of 1965

Paul was born in England in 1948 and moved with his family to South Africa in 1959. A year later he was Head Prefect at Albert Jackson Primary School overlooking the Donkin. He was awarded a bursary to Grey High where he completed his schooling, matriculating in 1965. He represented the school at cross-country and hockey and was a student officer in the cadet core in his final years. After qualifying as a pharmacist, Paul went on to establish and manage a pharmaceutical industry for Eli Lilly in Tehran, Iran prior to the revolution. Between 1982 and 1989, Paul managed ICI's plant in Johannesburg and he finished his career in Amman, Jordan where he established a successful drug manufacturing company, Pharma International, supplying quality drugs to the Middle East. Upon his retirement in 2008, Paul set up home opposite Grey Junior in College Drive. He was chairman of the Collegiate School Board from 2010 to 2015. Well-known in the PE golfing community, Paul was dedicated to the Grey School and the Old Grey community and organised the 50th reunion for the Class of 65. Sadly, Paul passed away peacefully on 22 May after a struggle with leukaemia. He will be greatly missed by his wife Karen, daughters Ashleigh, Claire and Cathy and son James, grandson Jasper, granddaughter Charlie as well as siblings Michael, Stephen, Christopher and Josephine.

Gregory Eric Pape - Class of 1997

Greg passed away suddenly in June. After matriculating, Greg went on to study a bachelors degree at NMMU and for the past fifteen years he joined the family business as the Senior Woolbuyer at G Modiano SA , a major wool buying company in Port Elizabeth. Greg is remembered for his booming laugh and large smile. Our sincere condolences to brothers Andrew, Warwick and the Pape family.

In Memory

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of the following Old Greys who have passed on:

Mark Difford - Class of 1971

Mark passed away after succumbing to an aggressive cancer. Known as a Port Elizabeth Millers local, he will be sorely missed in the line-up as many locals enjoyed long chats with him whilst waiting for waves. Mark attained extensive academic achievements throughout his lifetime including a BSc (Hons) in Botany & Zoology at Rhodes University, a Ph.D. in Marine Botany at Nelson Mandela University and more. Our condolences to Ian and the Difford family.

Philip Weyer-Henderson - Class of 1958

Philip was the eldest of the four well known Henderson boys, the most loyal of Grey families, who attended Grey. All were either exceptional rugby players and/or cricketers. Phil, known as Fickie, farmed for a lifetime on the family farm Toekomst in the Somerset East district where the Hendersons have been extensive livestock farmers for generations. Our condolences to his wife Joan and two sons Philip and Johnny, both of whom attended Grey as have his grandsons.



THE GREY FOUNDATION

Projects and news at a Glance



Initiatives to raise funds for The Grey Foundation includes collective giving by Classes. There are a number of Classes who donate to specific projects or towards the Discretion of Trustees fund. These donations are paid monthly or annually and make a significant difference because they are collective contributions.

We thank the Leaders within these Classes who have volunteered their time and efforts in bringing their Classes together for the benefit of the Grey schools. The emphasis is on participation and it is inspiring to see Old Greys supporting this growing initiative.

It is easy to join the Grey Donor Family through our convenient and secure online giving page at:
<https://thegrey.devman.co.za/devman/online/giving/>

By joining, you will benefit in the following ways:

- ✓ Membership to the Grey Foundation as a Donor
- ✓ Allocate your contribution to the Pillar/Project of your choice
- ✓ Automatic membership to the Old Greys' Union
- ✓ Receive a Section 18A Tax Certificate for submitting to SARS to claim donation tax benefit. South African donors are able to claim for donations of up to 10% of annual taxable income.
- ✓ Receive the annual Donor Report and invitations to Grey Foundation events