



OLD GREY NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from the Old Greys' Union



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SEP 12, WEDNESDAY
DURBAN FUNCTION**

18:00 WESTVILLE COUNTRY
CLUB, DURBAN

- **OCT 18, THURSDAY CAPE
TOWN FUNCTION**

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

- **NOV 1, THURSDAY OLD
GREY EUROPE DINNER**

18:00 - 23:00 LANSDOWNE
CLUB, LONDON

- **NOV 9, FRIDAY
REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

- **NOV 14, WEDNESDAY
JOHANNESBURG DINNER**

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

From the Old Grey desk

Welcome to the July/ August edition of the Old Grey Newsletter. The newsletter has taken on a new format and we encourage our old boys to write in and share your stories, accomplishments and adventures. Let us know what interests you so we can keep you connected to the greater Grey community.

The History of Cricket at The Grey 1856 to 2019 – Calling all Old Grey cricketers

The Grey High School 1st XI Cricket Team will be touring the UK in June/July 2019 for 3 weeks. As part of the fundraising initiative the idea to produce a high quality coffee table book authored has been tabled: The History of Cricket at The Grey 1856 to 2019.

A somewhat mammoth task to collate and author such a book by the end of this year, but the committee are up to the challenge and are appealing to all Old Greys to submit photographs, stories, stats, memories etc of your Junior and High School cricketing years at The Grey. These can be anything related to cricket at Grey, even memories/photos of the old Skollop days etc. Please send these to marketing@thegrey.com.

Old Greys in the News



PE swimmer beats the Alcatraz curse

Source: *HeraldLIVE*

Mark Edge ('77) undertook the Escape-from-Alcatraz swim on a recent trip to visit his sister in San Francisco along with his sons Matthew ('14) and Andrew. Named after Clint Eastwood's 1979 movie of the same name, the swim started on the west side of Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay and ended 3.2km away at Aquatic Park, mainland. Mark overcame the fearsome current to finish in a time of under 40 minutes. While solo crossings are not officially timed the association representative said this is one of the better times.

Momentum BIG5 Challenge: Old boys take podium finish

Source: *big5sportchallenge.com*

Well done to Old Greys Keegan Cooke ('15) and Richard Lawrie ('07) on their respective podium finishes. Taking place in Knysna over the span of a week, more than 150km is covered by those who manage to complete the Momentum BIG5. From a brutal 80km mountain bike to finishing with a half marathon in the forest and all the running, swimming, and cycling in between. Keegan took first place in the mens 20 - 39 year category, followed by Richard who finished in third place.



Old Grey rower wins bronze

Source: *Grey Rowing facebook page*

Earlier this month Old Grey Bradley Betts ('12) raced in the Men's Heavyweight Double at the 15th FISU World University Rowing Championships in Shanghai, China. His partner is Mzee Sotsaka (not Old Grey). The team won their heat and progressed directly into the final where they finished 3rd behind the Italian and Polish crews, winning Bronze.

Old Grey Charles Stevens ('13), President of USSARowing, was the team's manager.



Chatter Board

G'day Ian

I think all of the Old Greys will be thanking you for the fantastic job you have done over the years of keeping them in touch with the school and Old Greys. I have enjoyed your newsletters. Your encyclopaedic knowledge of the school over the years has meant that we have had a knowledgeable and meaningful contact with the Grey.

Congratulations! Enjoy your "retirement".

Congratulations on the Springboks win over England. Done with an Old Grey captain nogaal!

Best wishes

Brian Thiel

(ex - Staff)



Gerrit Verschuur ('54) recently moved to Sunnyvale, California (south of San Francisco), where his wife, Joan Schmelz, took a new job associated with the SOFIA airborne observatory. This after 3 years in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, where Gerrit had the terrifying experience of sheltering from hurricane MARIA (September 20) at the the observatory as the eye passed overhead. For 3 weeks he and Joan lived at the observatory with half-a-dozen colleagues before they could move back to their apartment when power and water were restored. "We were lucky. Even today, 9 months later, thousands on the island are still without power or water." Over the last many years Gerrit has published 13 books and continues to do research in radio astronomical topics.



Nick Collier ('08) is a CA.SA. and joins South City Brokers from 1st July as a financial planner and wealth manager; his family is delighted to have him back in town!

Thank you Frank Collier ('64) for sharing.



Murray Schepers (2017), our son, who received his honours blazer last year for squash in matric, has just been awarded his Junior Springbok Colours and is off to the World Junior Championships (Under 19) in India. He shall be competing in the individual as well as the team championships (representing South Africa). Murray is presently studying Electrical Engineering at University of Petoria (Tukkies) and shall be playing No. 1 for them at the university squash championships to be held in PE early July.

Kind regards,

Billy Schepers

Grey Class of 1977.

Chatter Board

Thank you to Phillip Chasen ('58) who wrote in to relay his experience over Reunion. Herewith is a short excerpt of his letter.

"I, personally, experienced many highlights, like meeting lots of my old friends, many of whom I was at school with from Sub A, particularly my neighbor and friend from nursery school days, Hilly Kolnick. Other highlights were: Nigel Bands' being made an Honorary Life Member -well deserved; meeting with Stanley Bergman, who has become one of the world's leading businessmen ; meeting with Pip Kaufman, the well-known Springbok lifesaver. I reminded him of the Dayboys/Boarders game that he played in about 1962 - where he got the ball on the opposition's 25 yard line and ran the whole field to score in the corner with my brother, Julius Chasen, chasing him the whole way, but just not catching up to him enough to make the tackle. He remembered the incident too! I was also amazed that while I was talking to Michael Snodgrass, he recalled an incident in the Grey Seconds' match against Pearson where I was the scrumhalf, and he was the outside centre calling for the ball from a loose scrum, but selling a perfect dummy and going over under the posts. That he remembered that incident (and not the incident that I was famous for, by kicking the ball backwards and gaining a 50 metre touch for the opposition) is amazing!"



A final farewell !

Ian Pringle who was associated with the Old Greys' Union for the last 10 years was gifted a stay at the newly opened Inzolo Exclusive Game Lodge by a generous Old Grey family. The lodge is near Sidbury and is in the heart of the Eastern Cape private game reserve region. Inzolo is a Five Star facility the name of which is derived from the Xhosa word meaning " Tranquillity" and that it certainly is,



catering only for eight guests. With two game drives included in the package all the major species were spotted including two male lions at a relatively close range. The drives took place through the thick kloof areas and across the open plains and besides game being seen some rare bird species were noted. These included the rare Giant Kingfisher and Narina Trogon along with a Crowned Eagle. It was a chilly night but with a blazing log fire in place the guests were kept warm and enjoyed a sumptuous dinner. The roasted Springbok shank is to die for! Seen in picture are Ian with his wife Pixie on the deck of the lodge which looks down on a water hole where a mother and young baby elephant came down to slake their thirst in the late afternoon .

Upcoming Events

September 8: Old Grey Europe Pub Quiz Fundraiser

Jacques Fischer and Mark Gibbons invite you to a PUB QUIZ FUNDRAISER in aid of the Old Grey Charitable Trust Bursary Programme.

When: Saturday 8th September 2018 from 10:30 am onwards.

Where: The Northcote, Clapham Junction (<http://www.thenorthcote.co.uk/>).

Cost: £30 a head with tables of 4. Cost includes snack platters for the table, a beer/coffee/cold drink plus a private room with a big screen to watch the game.

RSVP to Jacques Fischer (jacfisher@me.com) or Mark Gibbons (gibbonsmark25@gmail.com) ASAP to book your spot.

September 12: Durban After-work Drinks

The Old Greys Durban Committee invites you to join us for after-work drinks at the Westville Country Club on Wednesday 12 September. We will have good snacks available, a cash bar and fine company. This marks our annual KwaZulu Natal gathering and we look forward to hosting new Rector of The Grey, Chris Erasmus.

Please bring some regalia from your days at school – lucky draw prize to the winner!

e.g your 6th team rugby jersey or your 10 D maths results.

Date: Wednesday, 12 September 2018

Time: 17:30 – 18:00

Venue: Westville Country Club, Link Rd, Dawncliffe, Durban, 3629

Cost: R85 per person includes snacks. Cash bar will be available

RSVP: 31 August for catering purposes - ogu@thegrey.com or 041 392 7625

October 18: Old Grey Cape Town Function

November 1: Old Grey Europe Dinner

It's time again for the annual dinner and all Old Greys are cordially invited to the Old Grey Europe Dinner. With last years' dinner being such a success, the dinner will once again be held at the Lansdowne Club. The ballroom will be setup with tables of 10 and will have a fully stocked cash bar setup in the rear of the Ballroom.

Date: Thursday 1st November 2018

Time: 18:00 – 23:00

Dress Code: Suit/Jacket and tie

Venue: Lansdowne Club, 9 Fitzmaurice Place, London

Cost: To be confirmed. Cash bar available

RSVP: Bookings available by email: chairman@oldgreyeurope.com

November 14: Old Grey Johannesburg Dinner

In Memory

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

John Michael "Sakkie" Green - Class of 1972

At school Michael was an all round sportsman. Sakkie was the 1st XI lock, played 1st cricket and was the shooting captain.

Stephen Barry Katz - Class of 1972

Condolences to Arnie Katz ('57) who forwarded the news that his nephew Stephen had passed away. Arnie describes his nephew as a model son, father, brother, nephew and friend. Stephen was a very proud Old Grey and is deeply mourned by family and friends.

Robert "Bob" Fenner - Class of 1958

Brother to Bill Fenner('66). Bob was a loyal Old Grey and Durban Committee member and attended all our functions. He will be sorely missed.

Douglas Charsley - Class of 1963

Doug Charsley passed away after suffering a brain haemorrhage. Our condolences to his wife, Judy and family.

Rupert Mizon - Class of 1950

It is with much sadness that we were informed that Rupert passed away on 7 August 2018.



THE GREY FOUNDATION

The latest updates from The Grey Foundation

The school bell and the regular chiming from the tower gently echo across campus each day, reminding me that classrooms are a bustle of boys settling for the next lesson. It is an opportunity and privilege for boys to attend this amazing school. Whether their hard working parents are paying their fees, or they are here on the generosity of a benefactor, each boy has the same opportunity to pursue his passion and achieve his best.

It is hard to believe that I started working here at The Grey three months ago! In this short time I have immersed myself as much as possible in the activities and community, and found that there is much to be proud of at Grey. It is both humbling and inspiring to work with passionate people and a network of Old Greys who really care about our wonderful school. I feel enormously positive about building the Grey Foundation into a sustainable and valuable source of income for projects that will preserve and grow this school as an exceptional educational centre for boys - who will have a global impact on business and society in future.



The Grey Foundation's success is entirely dependent on the support and generosity of our benefactors. I appeal to each and every Old Grey to think about supporting us in any way possible. Collectively, donations large and small make a substantial difference to the lives of each and every boy here. I welcome and encourage you to contact me if you would like to know more, or wish to make a pledge or contribution.

Bev McCarthy

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The Grey Foundation Trust is a registered Non-Profit Organisation (NPO) enabling donors to receive a tax deduction on donations of up to 10% of annual taxable income.

Section 18A tax certificates are issued to South African tax paying donors.

For those in the USA and UK, we have international registered Trusts to receive donations and offer applicable benefits to donors.

Our Pillars of strength

Foundation donations can be allocated to any of the following pillars of investment:

1. The Body

Representing Sport – Bursaries for talented boys, for professional coaching, tours and needed equipment. Maintaining existing and providing better sporting infrastructures to ensure all boys are able to compete and achieve at the highest levels.



2. The Mind

Representing Academic – Scholarships and bursaries for disadvantaged boys and those of deserving need. The provision of teacher incentives by way of staff housing and assisting educators to improve their qualifications to secure their future retention. Upgrading, to and providing modern classrooms equipped with advanced teaching aids.



3. The Spirit

Representing Cultural – Supporting Music, Arts, Design, Clubs and Societies together with bursaries and scholarships aligned to these interests. Promoting the expansion of these activities by providing conducive facilities for the expression of these talents and interests.



4. Infrastructure and Maintenance

Government support is minimal in terms of capital requirements and operational maintenance needs for a campus that is 100 years old. Ideally also every opportunity must be explored to maximize effective energy and water use.



5. Our Social Responsibility

Support must be given to community programmes and projects identified in township schools. Through support by the Foundation, Grey boys and Staff, others who are disadvantaged may receive a better educational experience aligned with that provided at Grey.





THE OLD GREY CLUB

The latest updates from The Old Grey Club

Membership 2018

Pro-rata membership is available to the OGC for the remainder of the year. Please contact Tarryn on 041 373 8325 for application forms.

OG Football season is drawing to and end with the last few games scheduled in September. The OG Junior league has been extremely popular this year and we look forward to seeing it grow in 2019.

The OG Cricket season kicks off next month and OGC is looking forward to a competitive season ahead. If you are keen on playing please contact Tarryn (tarryn@oldgrey.co.za) or Dave Callaghan.

The Joker Jackpot

The Club is getting busier on Wednesday nights for the JOKER DRAW which now stands at R15 000. The draw is open to the public and is held at 19:00 each Wednesday, only R10 a ticket!

Old Grey Lunch specials are back!

A Corporate menu is now available as well as the Summer Menu which has been launched with awesome lunch specials now available- see image on right for more details.

From the Club

Corporate function bookings are filing up for year-end functions, so please contact Brad or Ronel sooner than later at admin@oldgrey.co.za for further information.

We are all looking forward to Summer and we hope to see you at the OGC, thank you to all our members for a great year so far.



Old Grey CAFE		R50 Lunch Specials
Monday Madness R 50 Lunch Special Chicken Schnitzel & Chips Served with a cheese & mushroom sauce		
Tasty Tuesday R 50 Lunch Special Kessler Chops served with Mashed Potatoes		
WOW Wednesday R50 Lunch Special Cheese Burger Homemade Beef patty or Grilled Chicken Fillet Cheese Burger Served with Chips & Onion Rings		
Thirsty Thursday R50 Lunch Special Fresh Grilled or Deep Fried Hake Served with Chips or Greek Salad Add a Glass of House Wine for ONLY R 10,00		
Thank Goodness it's Friday R70 Lunch Special Steak & Chips 200g Rump or Sirloin		
Served between 12h00 and 14h00		