



OLD GREY NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from the Old Greys' Union



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **AUG 01, THURSDAY**
THE GREY GOLF CHALLENGE

JOIN THE GREY GOLF DAY ON 01 AUGUST AHEAD OF THE HOSTEL FARMER'S MARKET AND SELBORNE DERBY.

- **AUG 15: SENIORS LUNCH**

THE FOURTH ANNUAL SENIORS LUNCH FOR OLD GREYS 70 YEARS AND OVER. VENUE: GREY HIGH SCHOOL PAVILION

- **SEPT 6: THE GREY GREEK EVENING**

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

- **SEPT 12, THURSDAY**
CAPE TOWN FUNCTION

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

- **SEPT 23 - 3 OCTOBER**
OLD GREYS SYDNEY

PROVISIONAL DATES FOR NSW EVENT

From the Old Grey desk

Welcome to the May 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.

Contact the Old Grey Office - ogu@thegrey.com

We are now halfway through the year and much has been achieved. The highlight thus far was a successful Reunion Week which was attended by hundreds of Old Greys from near and far.

We continue to encourage our Old Greys to give back and become a donor to The Grey Foundation. We rely on your support to safeguard The Grey's future and enable our schools to meet standards of excellence in Body, Mind & Spirit.

To join The Grey Foundation - and automatically receive your OGU membership - please consider a donation of R100 or more per month (or R1200+ per year) and join the growing community of Old Grey donors.



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OLD GREYS IN THE NEWS



Experienced Colin Ackermann added to Dutch Men's Squad

Congratulation to Colin '09 who has been added to the national men's squad for the T20 World Cup qualifiers which will be played in Dubai from the 11th of October – 3rd of November 2019. [Read more](#)



Battle of Crete veteran, 99, honours comrades

Mel Baker, the only living survivor from a World War 2 warship which sunk in a 1941 battle will pay homage to his fellow servicemen who who died who died on the fateful day in May. [Read more](#)

Chatterboard

Proud Moment

I was watching the Rugby match between the Natal Sharks and the Waikato Chiefs and these were the words of the New Zealand commentator at one point in the game:

“Brilliant break by the Shark's fly half Curwin Bosch who has developed tremendously as a fly half. He grew up and was educated at Grey High School in Port Elizabeth, a School that has produced many prominent Springbok Rugby players”.

Watching from 12,000 miles away in London, this could only give one tremendous pride, especially with the incumbent captain already from the school. What chance two prominent members of the Springbok Rugby team coming from Grey?

Regards,
Ronnie Davidson '61

Comrades 2019

- Ross Michael Geldenhuys '10
- Grant Auths '08
- Alistair Green '01
- David Mason '01
- Gary Carter '98
- Douglas De Bruyn '98
- Stephen Duncan Ayerst '90

- Barry Vincent '85
- Andre Schoombee '84

- Mark Andrew '93

Mark received his Green number for successfully completing 10 Comrades Marathons



OLD GREYS REUNION 2019



It was a pleasure to welcome our valued Old Greys from near and far back to The Grey Campus. Reunion Week requires immense planning and we are most grateful to the schools, who continue to assist us wherever possible, to make this a memorable occasion for one and all.

The Reunion Dinner was once again held in the Memorial Quadrangle. Thanks must be paid to Mr Kimon Augoustatos ('87) and his wife Jacqui, who transformed this space into a tented dinner venue. To enter 'Neath the Tower' is a sentimental return to the heart of The Grey. The Grey Junior Band, under the direction of Mr David Scarr ('79), kicked off the proceedings. This year the Junior Band, along with the boarders, performed the School Song and they must be applauded on a sterling job. The Master of Ceremonies, Dr Darren Green ('95), was an engaging and professional host. Darren sits on the Western Cape OG Committee and it is wonderful to see our branches working in close unison. A highlight of the evening was the Rector calling upon Mr Ronnie

Kaplan to ring the Hope Bell. Ronnie ('49), who was celebrating his 70th Reunion, was the oldest Old Grey in attendance. We could not conclude this article without thanking the Pitsiladi Family of Prestons Liquors who continue to assist and support the bar set-up.

The Reunion is no doubt a highlight in our calendar, and we thank each and every attendee for joining us

Tour of The Grey with Ian Pringle

This new item on the Reunion Schedule was conducted by Ian Pringle who has a passion for Grey history. The "Historical Walk" was attended by more than 50 interested Old Greys. The walk commenced "Neath the Tower" and Ian led the party through the front entrance and into the foyer area before entering the Memorial Quadrangle. This area is the entry to the Rector's office and it has a concentration of artifacts, exhibitions and old photographs. The War Memorial, the adjacent plaques holding the ashes of previous Rectors and the De Waal Hall followed – each with its related stories and legend. The corridor running down to the Murray Gymnasium holds the Honours Boards which date to 1931 was of great interest to the participants who sought out their own names and many regaled others of their efforts especially if they were of academic achievement!

The tour ended overlooking the Philip Field which is the home of the First Rugby XV. He summarised that which could still be visited and this included the Water Polo Pool, the Rectory Astro, and the Centenary Pavilion. Time sped by over the allocated span of an hour. Various lunch dates loomed and all agreed it was an illuminating experience to be taken back through the ages and to relive their time at The Grey.





THE REUNION GOLF DAY was held at "Africa's only real links golf course", Humewood Golf Club. All players received an Old Grey cleaning towel and an Old Grey logo ball marker on arrival with a bit of a "fuel kickstart", kindly sponsored by RGBC.

A great turnout of 90 players, made for an exciting team challenge event. The format was an Alliance with 2 scores to count on all holes, except holes 9 and 18, where all 4 scores counted. The good golfers scored well on an immaculate Humewood course with a mild easterly wind to add a bit of a challenge. The winning 4 ball score came in on 98 points with close chasers on 96 right down to the most golfers on 62 points.



Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, Investec, Spar, Old Grey Club, The Pro Shop and Puma, we were able to give out prizes from 1st to 5th, the longest drive, as well as closest to the pins on all the shorts. Thank you so much to Lauren for her assistance in getting this event together, Mieke at Humewood Golf Club plus Art and my wife Sandy for their assistance on the day.

Should there be any suggestions, to assist in making next years event better in any way please contact the writer on his cell number provided. We look forward to next years event and to welcoming all the OG golfers to what promises to be another great event.

Old Grey Committee Golf Co-ordinator
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THE GREY FOUNDATION MEMORIAL LECTURE

Guest Speaker, Mike Abel, ('84) presented his lecture on the topic 'Problems are critical to Purpose'. The guests enjoyed a well-executed and thought-provoking speech. Mike, Founder & Chief Executive of M&C SAATCHI ABEL GROUP, has been recognized as one of Africa's leading advertising and communications specialists.



[Click here to WATCH THE VIDEO](#)



OLD GREY HAPPY HOUR IN THE QUAD

This was the second running of this event and has proved to be a crowd favourite. The Happy Hour which takes place after the 1st XV game and is open to all friends of The Grey. Thank you to our loyal supporter and sponsor Tavcor Commercial, for assisting in making this event possible.

Pictured Left: The 20 year Reunion group who held an impromptu Quad race. The jury is still out as to who won - team Speedy or team Greedy?



[Click here to VIEW THE REUNION GALLERY](#)

In Memory

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

Michael Gillies – Class of 1958.

Grey has over the decades produced some brilliant rugby fly-halves. Names that readily come to mind are Curwin Bosch (2015), Albertus Delport (2003) and Greg Miller (1991) – all of whom played for SA Schools. The legendary Gordon Jordaan (1943) was equally at home in any position in the back line and then there was Mike Gillies. Brilliant in every respect he later played for UCT and Western Province he will be remembered by many of his time and was considered most unlucky not to have been selected for the then Springbok team. Mike spent his career in Kroonstad in the Free State where he was involved in the hardware business and then he later retired to Kenton-on-Sea. He subsequently did not enjoy the best of health in his last few years and his old class mates were most supportive to him during this time. He is survived by his son, two step daughters and he has a young grandson at Grey Junior

Brian Barker – Class of 1963

Brian, nick named" Bokkie" came to Grey from Sydenham Primary on a bursary. On one of those select bursaries awarded to promising academically inclined boys found at Grey's feeder schools of the day. He became a popular figure amongst his Class which is borne out by the number of Old Greys, including 10 from his year, who attended his funeral service. In later life he became the Managing Director of Fry Starke who were major furniture manufacturers and on retirement became a well known tax consultant. He gave up bowls in about 2010 to take to the game of bridge which he enjoyed and played very competitively. A devout Christian he led a cell group at his church and it was with sadness that he passed away on 14 April which was his birthday.

Stanley Morgan – Class of 1954

Stan passed away in East London having spent a lifetime in education. He was initially appointed to the Grey Junior staff in 1960 as a gym instructor and shortly thereafter relocated to Graaff-Reinet where he became an institution at the old Graaff-Reinet Teachers College. He was a well known rugby coach and specially known for his skills development and the College became a powerhouse of rugby in the days of the North East Rugby Union. He later lectured at Rhodes University before retiring to Gonubie.

Roy Archibald Hastie - Class of 1959

After leaving Grey's, Roy studied Accountancy at UCT in Cape Town where he met and married Wilma. They went on to have 3 daughters. Roy worked as an accountant and eventually a financial director in Cape Town until 2001 when he and Wilma immigrated to the UK settling in Kent. He remained passionate about sport, although in later years he was more of an armchair referee! Sadly Roy was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma in 2017 and despite a brave battle he passed away surrounded by his family in April 2018.

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Bob Ford - Class of 1963

Bob passed away in Port Alfred where he was well known in bowls circles and a contributing writer for local newspaper, Talk of the Town. During his school years Bob played alongside Graeme Pollock in the first XI Cricket and formed part of the team that won the Port Elizabeth Senior Men's League in 1961 - a first in the history of Port Elizabeth cricket. After school and a stint in the army, Ford worked in Queenstown and Port Elizabeth before he bought his own business in Fort Beaufort. During his 20-odd years in the town, he served on the local council for eight years and was elected mayor for two of these. Our deepest condolences to brother Peter '64 and the Ford family.

Ryan Holdstock - Class of 2015

Ryan attended The Grey for his entire High School career. As a result of his positive attitude he was respected by both his peers and his teachers. In his Matric year he was awarded Full Colours for Academics as a result of his excellent work ethic. Our sincere condolences to the Holdstock family and friends.

Tribute to an Old Grey Boy - Ryan Holdstock

Matthew Wilson '15 participated in the iconic London Marathon on Sunday, 28 April 2019. There were over 40,000 runners and Matthew announced that he would dedicate the run to his fellow classmate Ryan and wore an armband marked with his name. The day before the marathon he shared his dedication "So last weekend I heard the tragic news of a fellow Old Grey, Ryan Holdstock, who sadly passed away. My deepest condolences to the Holdstock family and friends, may your son and brother Rest In Peace! I would like to dedicate my Run tomorrow to Ryan and his family. Rest In Peace Brother In Blue ☐ May your soul live on forever!!".



THE GREY FOUNDATION

Projects and news at a Glance



A gift to honour the Arts

Making its debut appearance at the Reunion was a beautiful vessel, titled 'The Grey', generously donated by ceramic artist and Old Grey Martin Haines. Martin '79 is a studio potter living in Nieu Bethesda has been producing a range of handmade flatware, tiles and more recently sculpture. The vessel is a handmade, one off, hand painted blue & white ceramic glazed vessel showing three scenes: the original Grey Institute building on the Donkin, the Grey badge and the Grey High School building showing the Clock Tower (seen Left). Martin's generosity is also in celebration of his 40th Reunion this year. This vessel is to be auctioned online next month, and funds raised will be used as an Award which will provide academic support to boys who take Art as a subject.

Watch this space for the auction – there are a number of items that will be available for your bidding! All proceeds will go towards worthy projects.



Old Greys in the US

Shortly following the Reunion, the Rector Christian Erasmus and Andrew Bradley were honoured to receive an invitation from Leslie ('60) and Stanley ('68) Bergman to attend the 2019 International Humanitarian Award Dinner, hosted by the World Union for Progressive Judaism, in New York.



These Old Grey brothers, together with their wives Dee and Marion, were honoured for their roles as visionary global Jewish leaders and advocates. Their contributions to society and commitment to Grey through their tireless efforts in the UK and USA is testament to their selfless generosity.

Old Greys Australia

Old Grey functions held outside of South Africa are few. A great opportunity to hold an event in Australia this year arose as Ian Pringle will be travelling to Sydney in September. A notice to all Old Greys in the area has been sent out and we look forward to a successful event.

Bev McCarthy

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