



Establishment of our Sub Clubs

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL – 1920

That was the year that thought was given to forming such a sub club but league matches were only played the following year. In 1930 they won a section of the second league but failed in their bid to gain promotion to the first league. When the school switched to rugby in 1932 that was the demise of this section but it was resuscitated around 1978. To day only a vibrant junior section remains.

HOCKEY – 1921

We started playing hockey in that year and by the late 1930's had eight teams participating in the various Transvaal leagues. The Society has produced a number of Springbok players over the years. We have won not only the Transvaal league title both indoor and outdoor, but also the Champion of Champions crowns.

Sadly, with the advent of astro turf as the favoured playing surface, the ladies section moved to St Stithians School in 2003 and became known as Saints.

Perhaps the best known players produced through the Society's ranks have been Ros Howell, the Springbok captain who later became the National Coach and Steve Jaspan who played for South African and later became President of South African Hockey Association.



The 1955 Transvaal league winners. D.Gers, M.Clappe, J.Hurry, B. Miller, D. Riley, M. Jochelson, C Nott, I. Spooner, P. Winslow, A. Taylor (Capt.) E. Mc Kie (V.Capt) and T. Maisey.

CRICKET – 1922

Buster Nupen appears to be the catalyst for the beginning of this sub section. They won the Transvaal Premier league regularly and have produced a large number of Springbok players. In one year alone we had five, Graeme Pollock, Kevin McKenzie, Hugh Page, Ray Jennings and Lee Barnard.

A full history of this sub club appears on the site.

RUGBY – 13 February 1924

Although the school was still playing soccer at that time, this sub club was formed and they won second league regularly. In order for them to gain First league status after the war, the amalgamation with Old Johannians led to the name change to Old Jeds. Although they played in the Pirates Challenge league, they failed to gain promotion into the elite league. This section had a chequered career and has since been disbanded.

BASEBALL – MARCH 1925

Although the game was in its infancy, we joined Wanderers and Old Maristonians by entering a league team in that winter. It is possible that that was the first year of league baseball in Johannesburg. Pre war the game flourished and continued to do so after hostilities ended in 1945. It was in the early 1970's that interest waned and the sub club ceased to function.



The Old Edwardian First Baseball team late 1940's .

TENNIS – APRIL/MAY 1933

Social tennis had in fact been played before that date but A R B Anderson called a special meeting at that time to form the sub club.

A full history of this sub club appears on the site.

SWIMMING/WATER POLO – 20 AUGUST 1934

Under threat that they would not be permitted to use the school pool, the Old Boys were forced to form a sub club and assume the required responsibilities. A water polo team entered 3rd league in 1935 but there was no actual swimming in those days. However, individuals and teams were entered in the Transvaal Championships. This sub club has produced a large number of Springboks throughout their time and boasts the first Olympian in Dennis Ford.

Water polo is well documented on this web site.

BOWLS – 23 AUGUST 1937

The first green was opened on 22 January 1938 by G P Prescott. At that time the sub club was a “men only” club and it was not until April 1953 that a ladies section was formed.



*Back (left to right): Sheila Taylor, Elise Ackerman, Wendy Johnson, Pat Ferreira.
Front: Sharon Bischoff, Sandra Colombick, Yvonne Segel. Inset: Avril Fuchs.*

Again a more detailed history appears on the web site.

SQUASH – 1959

It was a long wait before this sub club finally got off the ground although a number of overtures were made in the lead up to the actual formation. In fact the first reference is to be found in June 1953 but the first mention of playing is only found in 1959 when they used the courts at Old Johannians. Again, this sub club has produced an

array of Springboks with Rene Aucamp having achieved the highest accolade when she was ranked 10th in the world. The sub club has also produced four chairmen of the SA Squash Racquets Association.

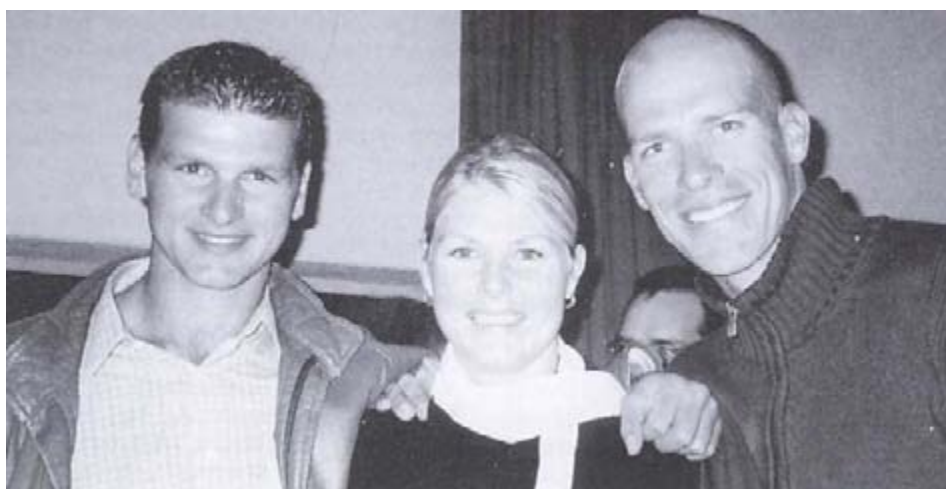
To this day, they are the dominant force in Gauteng squash with three of the men in the Gauteng Central team that won the premier Provincial crown, the Jarvis Cup in 2007.

BASKETBALL – JANUARY 1974

Sadly, this sub club has had a chequered life having been disbanded and revitalized more than any other. It grew out of the popularity of the sport at school and initially two mens teams were entered into the Transvaal league. Later a ladies team was formed but despite attempts to keep the sport alive, it has once again been disbanded.

BOAT CLUB – NOVEMBER 1975

The school has not only been active but successful at rowing and this sub club was a natural progression for Old Boys. They have dominated the local scene for a number of years and in Donovan Cech and Ramon Di Clemente, the Society had its first Olympic medallists when they won bronze in Athens in 2004.



2004 Olympic Team - Ramon, left, and Donovan with Lee Hasselbach, Rowing South African administrator.

ATHLETICS – 1 JANUARY 1978.

A small sub club was formed in 1934 and teams of athletes and cyclists were entered in a number of races at the Scottish gathering that October. No proper facilities existed at the Society and it was not until the “Sunday morning joggers” was born in August 1977 that the sub club really started and became a full sub club the following January.

To day, it participates solely in road running and they still hold their annual 21 km and 10 km road race which attracts almost 2500 entries.

Richard McEvoy has the distinction of winning 20 consecutive silver medals at Comrades.

In 1987 a cycling club was established under the athletics sub club and although small, it flourished for a short while before disbanding.



Laura Hofer who finished third lady overall in the Egoli Marathon, gaining a Gold Medal. For some years she has been our leading lady runner, achieving many successes.

WAR GAMES

The “baby” of all sub clubs was born on 16 January 1989 but has since moved into the position of being the premier War Games club in the country.

Their members have won countless South African titles as well as having gone on to win World titles.

A full history of this sub club appears on the site.

OTHER SPORTING ACTIVITIES

GOLF

It may surprise many to hear that golf was first mentioned in the Star newspaper way back in 1934 when a match was played against Jeppe Old Boys at Royal Johannesburg. There is a doubt as to whether the sub club was ever formally constituted and approved by the Executive, but in the 1950's golf became very popular. In November 1949 Rupert Schlimmer presented a cup for an annual competition and many years later, Johnny Seccombe and his son, David, presented the Nichrome Cup.

Golf days were organized on a quarterly basis by the Club Development Committee and eventually the various sub clubs took over the organization of these days as Fund raisers. To day the cricket sub club host the Rupert Schlimmer golf day each year.

ICE HOCKEY

In 1935 an ice rink was built at Milner Park for the Empire Exhibition. Len Podlashuk suggested the formation of this sub club who practiced originally on roller skates until the rink was opened. After the Exhibition, they moved to Wembley Ice Rink and entered two teams in the league which they won in 1938/39 season.



Old Edwardian Ice Hockey team – league winners.

Back: Len Podlashuc, Bob Lillico, Vernon Sheahan, George Leslie, Les Norman, Harry Campbell, Malcolm McGlashan.

Front: Jack Abraham, Pat Mckie, unknown.

The outbreak of the war saw activities come to a halt, and when the war was over, ice hockey had become professional and the sub club was never resuscitated.

OTHER SUB CLUBS

LADIES COMMITTEE

When we opened the clubhouse in 1930, a Ladies Committee was formed. This committee held numerous fund raising events, the proceeds of which went towards decorating and furnishing the clubhouse. Their major annual function was the Children's Christmas party.



The Ladies' Committee.

Back row: Joyce Lobban, Liz Gray, John Donald, Pam Gray, Win Greve, Trev. Marchington, Carol Wilson.

Front row: Sheila Taylor, Val. Ford, Bonnie Klerck, Heather Gardner.

Absent: Felicity Fussell

There are very few of our current members who will recall this Committee, but they were the unsung heroines of the Society until they disbanded in 1990.

A more detailed account of their contribution to the Society appears on the web site.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

1933 is the first recorded activity of this sub club when a series of short plays were performed at the Prep School in conjunction with the Johannesburg High School Old Girls. Later that year, they participated with the school in a play Festival. The Dramatic Society was officially formed under Tubby Behrmann in April 1934 when they performed "At the Villa Rosa" at the Jewish Guild. They had fortnightly play readings but once again, the advent of the war brought about their demise.

TOASTMASTERS

John (Podge) Collier and Archie Stewart really started this sub club early in 1955. A group of members, led by Eric Heilbronner, began a regular Wednesday Evening Supper Club. Lou Harris, an Old Boy of the school, was chairman of the only Toastmasters Club in the country at that time and with his help, the first meeting took place on 22 August 1956 when the sub club received its Charter.

They flourished and then helped the Pelindaba Club at Old Johannians, the Jeppe Old Boys Club, the Springs Club and our Durban branch to establish their own Toastmasters Clubs.

Although they carried on with their activities for some 12 years, the lack of new members proved a major problem and they disbanded in April 1974.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Before the war, the tennis sub club started playing badminton and table tennis but no actual sub clubs were formed.

Billiards was played when a special billiard Room was built, but again, no actual sub club was formed. Championships were held and Buster Nupen donated a trophy.