



# THE OLD EDWARDIAN SOCIETY NEWS

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## EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR

### ANNUAL ROAD RACE

The Old Eds Half Marathon takes place on the 12th August 2018 from the Old Edwardian Society. Distance options: 5km, 10km, & 21km.

*For more info, visit:*

<https://www.discovery.co.za/vitality/runseries>

### WATER POLO

The Annual Water Polo Tournament is usually held over the first weekend in October and has been in existence for 44 years. It has become known as the unofficial National Club Championship

### ANNUAL SPORTS AWARD EVENING

This event, which is known as the flagship event of the year, is to be held to honour those sportsmen and women who have excelled over the past year. Date T.B.C.

## NEWS FROM OLD EDS SUB-CLUBS

### ATHLETICS

Well done to all our Comrades Marathon runners. Old Eds had a 93% finish rate at Comrades this year, which is excellent!



The Old Eds Athletics Club recently hosted a successful 65km long training run, where over 50 runners from various clubs joined Old Eds in preparation for the Comrades Marathon.

### BOWLS

Old Eds Bowling Club is offering new members free coaching! It is not an "Old Man's Marbles" game but a game requiring considerable skill. We invite you to try your luck with our spare bowls for practice free of charge.



### CRICKET

Warm up games to be scheduled for 23/24 September and Premier League 20/20 will start the season with two weekends of 3 games per day from 29/30 September. Saturday 35 over and Sunday cricket will resume 8/9 October.

**Executive Chairman:**

**Society President:**

**Vice/ Sub-Club Chairman:**

**Treasurer:**

**Constitutional Affairs:**

Neil Darroch

Mark Mohring

Greg Bortz

Thabiso Madiba

Colin Webster

**Legal Counsel:**

**Development & Commercial:**

**Finance & Compliance:**

**Society Admin Manager:**

**Virgin Active Club Manager:**

Angus McKenzie

Gareth Taylor

James Webster

Sharon Marchioro

David Liebenberg

## FOOTBALL

New league fixtures started on Saturday 21st April. With pre-season starting 1st March, there are approximately 50 new members and 50 returning members. The football club has teams from under 6 through to under



12 age groups. Training is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 17H00 – 19H00 and games are on Saturdays for under 6-11 with Under 12 playing on Sunday.

## HOCKEY

Old Eds played Wanderers 3rds & won 8-1. The hockey season has reached the half way mark, The men and lady's teams continue to practice at Parktown Girls High on Mon, Tues and Thurs.



After entering an additional team, the ladies teams are placed as follows:  
Second League (W02) – the first team are placed second out of ten teams. They have not lost a game yet.  
Fourth League (W04) – The second team are placed third out of eight teams.

## TENNIS

Growthpoint Junior Nationals 2018 - This was an outstanding tour for the Old Eds and I-Tag Tennis Academy players. A special thanks to Coach Louis Pretorius and Coach Segal for taking our kids on the 12-day tour to Bloemfontein. Well done to all the touring players who challenged themselves against the best players South Africa has to offer.



Michelle Ncube & Isabella Venter

## SWIMMING

Hannah Jacobs (St. Mary's) and Josh Nel (KES) represented the province at the SA Nationals in Port Elizabeth in April. After a 2 week break in May the swimmers are back in full training for the season's first galas starting in July. The coach will be taking swimmers down to Durban on 9th July to compete at the 5 day TYR Prestige Gala.



Swimmers as young as 6 years of age train with a squad.  
**Any enquiries contact: [raymondo@icon.co.za](mailto:raymondo@icon.co.za)**

## BOAT CLUB

The Annual Championship in South Africa was held at the end of April. The team went on to win 3 gold medals, and had a great experience with a weekend filled with lots of laughter. For more information, **please visit: <https://rowzambezi.com/news/fun-racing-at-the-sa-championships/>**

## MIND SPORTS



We are excited to report that the War Games Sub-Club has begun teaching a war game class at KEPS.

***If you enjoy chess, then this you will definitely enjoy!***

## WATER POLO



Gus Pinker from Old Eds officiated A Polo tournament in Europe recently.

## OLD EDS SPORTS SHOP

The Sports Shop is run by Jeff Shulman and caters for all your sporting requirements.

The shop stocks all items that you need, from hats, sun screen to team shirts, casual shirts and racquets. Jeff, through his contacts in sport goods manufacturing world, can obtain all your requirements to kit out your sub-club or for you personally.

Monthly specials are on offer and these will be advertised in the Bi-Monthly newsletter.



**Jeff Shulman- 083 273 3812**  
**Email: [jeff@afrihost.co.za](mailto:jeff@afrihost.co.za)**  
**Shop: 011-483-0619**

## AGDERVANIC CATERERS

Agdervanic have awesome weekly meal specials!  
All Old Edwardian Society Members qualify for the following:

**10% OFF**

any food and beverage, only at  
The Padded Cell and The Kings Tavern.

**50% OFF**

any room hire, for any function a member holds at the club.

(Please note: Discount on food and beverage excluded on room hire.)

You only need to provide your membership green card.



*Agdervanic Caterers*

Tel: 011 728 7333

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## THE KINGS TAVERN

**Come check out our new  
BIG SCREEN,**

where the latest football / rugby  
will be screened.

Weekly meal and drink specials on offer.



In celebration  
of Mandela Day  
on the 18th  
of July, The  
Old Edwardian  
Society is  
encouraging you  
to spend 67  
minutes during  
the holidays  
going through  
your cupboards  
to donate  
unwanted goods  
to those less  
fortunate than  
us.

We are collecting blankets, stationery, toys, shoes, clothes, books, sports' equipment and anything else you think someone else may need. Bins will be up in the Society Office for you to donate.

Let's show our true Strenue spirit and actively give to those in need.

#67minutes



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your company in our  
bi-monthly newsletter.

For more details please email Sharon at [oldedsadmin@mweb.co.za](mailto:oldedsadmin@mweb.co.za)

## ADDITIONAL NEWS

### LAST MAN STANDS (LMS)

Last Man Stands (LMS) was founded in 2005, in London, and is the widest reaching amateur cricket league in the world, bringing together like-minded individuals from all walks of life, countries, religions, and races, to enjoy this wonderful format of cricket.

Bjorn Briggs and Wayne Greve, (two King Edwards VII old boys, who both played 1st team cricket at the school in 1995) and in various Old Edwardian sides, came up with the concept, after hosting a regular T20 tournament in London in 2004 for old boys of King Edwards, St Stithians & Jeppe. After the days games, one of Saints old boys commented 'we should do this every weekend' and the seed was sown. Although the tournament was a success, Briggs & Greve both immediately realised that eleven-man T20 cricket isolates some of the team's players, who do not get much game time. For the rest of the year Briggs and Greve came up with the Last Man Stands rules with the aim of giving all 8 individual players as much game time action during the game, with both bat and ball and in the field.

In 2005 the 1st leagues were run in London. Twenty-Four eager teams took part in 3 separate leagues, with over 300 players registering. Briggs & Greve continued running Last Man Stands part time while working in banks for the next couple years, before going full time with the business.

Old Eds hosted the premier game on SA soil which was ultimately an invitational Lions vs Titans game as the centre piece for a weekend festival of cricket. Ross Cawood another ex-King Edwards and Old Eds, was roped into assist & manage the London leagues in 2008 and now is the franchise owner of London and New Zealand.

The concept is an innovative social outdoor 8-a-side T20 cricket game that lasts approximately 2 hours. LMS allows teams to play cricket locally, and then compete against teams from around the world at various Global

### JUNIOR SQUASH

The School continue to use squash courts as their "home club". Most recently, the school's first team won the Central Gauteng Top School's Squash play-offs and now sets it focus on the National Top School's play-offs to take place in Pietermaritzburg in August. Their Master-in-charge, Brad Lodge, plays in the club's 1st team, and will also be representing the province in the upcoming inter-provincial tournament.

events. Each player and team receive cricket statistics and world rankings online. This allows teams to play cricket locally, and to compare their performances globally, to the other LMS teams from around the world. The interactive website for amateur cricketers across the globe, gives the amateur cricketer the luxury of detailed stats and rankings, and live streamed matches usually reserved for professionals - and is truly addictive. There are now over 150 000 players and 7000 teams playing in over 100 cities around the world. In 2017 there 17 880 LMS games played! In 2017 the 5th LMS World Champs, a tournament where the best regular LMS teams come and compete from around the world, was held in Cape Town and Neil McKenzie was one of the tournament ambassadors. *(Here is the final with Robin Jackman commentating <https://youtu.be/0g0Kk11OCA> )*

The relationship with Old Edwardians continues to this day and we are a hub of many weekend LMS matches taking place during the Summer months. It has also proved an opportunity for our club to source talent interested in playing the longer format of 50 overs that is league club cricket. Games are scheduled around the club cricket league fixtures, which take preference. In April this year, Old Eds hosted the SA Champs (<https://www.facebook.com/LastManStands/videos/10156522646697262/>) with teams flying in from all corners of South Africa for the event.

The World Series takes place from the 5-12th August 2018 (Chester, UK) the tournament involves the best players from 12 countries, each team is allowed a professional player coach and Nick Pothas has agreed to represent LMS South Africa at the tournament.

*(<http://world-series.lastmanstands.com>)*



# Our Guest Speaker **Brenda Vos**



**Will give a talk on ROVOS RAIL, a privately owned luxury rail safari company.**

Since its establishment in 1989, Rovos Rail has earned an international reputation for its truly world-class travel experiences.



**KING'S TAVERN, EDWARDIAN SUITE**

**Friday 13th July - 5:30 for 6pm**

**A R10 donation fee includes snacks and a number into a lucky draw for bottles of wine/beers**

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

## **DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

The development subcommittee are still working hard in the background in order to deliver a state of the art precinct for our members.

Recent reports from Johannesburg City Planning is that the long and arduous final approvals needed are close to being finalized.

VASA remain very supportive and positive about the new development and expressed the need for it at our

last meeting held with them in late June.

The developer remains fully committed and is in the final stages of completing "The Houghton". Amongst the other projects that they are currently developing they have earmarked Old Eds as their next big urban project.

A more detailed and longer update will be forthcoming in a short while.

## **FRAUD CASE UPDATE**

*The Society can confirm that its former Administrator, Ms Anne Pratt, appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court in May 2018 and is facing charges of fraud and/or theft that*

*relate to her time here at Old Eds. The case is ongoing and we will keep members updated as more information becomes available.*

**HOCKEY**



**QUIZ NIGHT**