



THE OLD EDWARDIAN SOCIETY NEWS

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EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR

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.

15th November 2018.

REGULAR EVENTS

ATHLETICS TIME TRIAL

The 5km time trial is held each Wednesday starting at 17h45, outside the main gates. This is open to all runners, joggers and walkers.

HAPPY HOUR

The social takes place on the first Friday of each month for the attendance prize, and on the third Friday a guest speaker.



Our Guest speaker will be **Johan Raath on Friday the 19th October 2018.** Johan trained with the Special Forces during army training from 1986 to 1992, becoming a "recce". Army life agreed with him, and with his skill set, he soon became a Private Military Contractor in Iraq. Johan has realised a book of his memoirs titled, "Bloody Money".

NEWS FROM OLD EDS SUB-CLUBS

ATHLETICS



The Green Number function was held on the 28th June. The Club made use of the new projector in the Kings Tavern for a slideshow of photos from the Comrades weekend. Russell Harris' name was added to the board of runners who have completed 10 Comrades Marathons.



The Annual Old Eds Road Race on the 12th August was a great success! Well done to Mark Mohring and to all involved!

Greg Bortz and Vice Chairman of the Executive committee completed the Washie 100 Miler on the 27th July.

Our new member from KEPS, Nicholas Horne, finished 6th at the U10 Gauteng Cross Country Champs thereby qualifying for SA Champs next month.

Nicholas Horne

BOWLS

The annual Quadrangular tournament between Old Eds/ Killarney/ Wanderers/ Wingate was held on the 19th August. Old Eds won the trophy four years ago. This was an all-day affair with six teams per club playing each other.

It was such a great success that the third such morning was held at Killarney on the 2nd Sept.

Old Eds bowlers enjoying a competition at Rivonia Bowls club!



Trevor Rosenberg, Jacky Davies, Mel Penn, Alan Lawson

BOWLS



The Bowls Club hosted a "bachelor party bowls game" on the 28th July. The gents arrived with a party bus. They were quickly on the greens after a scrumptious lunch was served by our very own Agdervanic Caterers. The way they played would have made a bowler weep, but they really enjoyed themselves in their games.

CRICKET

Eight players were selected for senior LPL and six junior players were selected for U19 tournament and five for the U11 and U13 tournament. Old Eds will host the finals for the tournament this year.

Junior Cricket: The Popular Old Eds Junior Cricket program for children aged 3-14 years kicks off on Sunday 29 September 2018. The coaching is age and level specific and begins with the basics of the game. The objective of the clinic is for boys and girls to enjoy their cricketing mornings on the field and achieve sufficient/advanced skills to play for schools.

LAUNCH OF WOMEN'S CRICKET AT OLD EDS!

The cricket section are excited to announce the launch of women's cricket at the club. We have been a stronghold for the game for almost a century and it's about time we embraced the new wave of female cricketers bringing a new enthusiasm to the sport.



Florence Chikwanah, a long-standing supporter of the club and our Premier League scorer will be heading up the women's game at the club. Besides being an avid player of the game,

Florence is a certified coach, so she was a sure selection to fulfil the role at the club.

FOOTBALL

CHAMPIONS OF THEIR LEAGUES!

Both our U8s and U12s teams won their respective leagues.



HOCKEY

The hockey section continues to impress. With a 3-week break for the mid-season, most of the teams reconvened for games last weekend, and there have been some provincial selections and results.

Michael Van Der Berg (from our first team) was selected for SA under 18B team.

Luke Campbell (from our 3rd team) was selected for the SA under 16 squad.

Selections were also made to the men's Southern Gauteng teams. These teams played in the men's interprovincial tournament in Pietermaritzburg from 30th July to 4th Aug. After an excellent tournament, the Southern Gauteng finished 2nd overall, and the Witsies team finished 3rd.

We had the following representations:

SG-A Richard Pautz- who subsequently selected for men's SA world Cup Squad travelling to India in a month or so.

SG B- Witsies- **Berne Berger, Matthew Povall, Stuart Phillip and Mark Walraven**

SG C- Nuggets – **Ross Forbes**

The SG men's coach **Colin Fielding** (our men's 1st coach) and the Witsies coach is **Anthony Woodhouse** (one of our men's 1st players)



Frank Pretorius, Matt Powell, Kyle Coker, Scotty Bateman, Anthony Woodhouse
Picture taken by Terry Lewis Photographer

Congratulations to all our players and management.

A few weeks back, our 1st team played in the Belgotex Elite Club Challenge, a tournament hosted by Riverside in Durban. The intention of the tournament is to bring the best non-tertiary teams in SA together for a weekend of hockey.

The competing teams were:

Riverside (Durban) Kearnsey Hockey club (Durban) Wanderers, Old Eds, WPCC (Cape Town), Old Albanians (Pretoria).

We were drawn in a tough pool and our results were as follows:

Riverside drew 1-1 (lost on a shootout), WPCC lost 6-4,

Kearnsey Won 6-2, Old Albanians won 1-0, We finished 5th overall.

MIND SPORTS

As one of the oldest mind sports clubs in South Africa, having been established in 1989, Old Eds (to which it is lovingly referred) has remained at the forefront of promoting all the various disciplines. The club has produced no less than five (5) world champions and is actively involved in the administration of the sport at national and international levels. The Club is the only club in Johannesburg that has hosted City of Johannesburg Regional Championships.

SWIMMING

A small team competed at the 5-day TYR Prestige Gala in Durban. **Hannah Jacobs** won us two silver medals and the others smashed their PB's, making finals.



Members of our swim team that took part in the CGA Short Course Champs

At the CGA Short Course Championships our swimmers won a total of 21 medals! 10 Gold, 6 Silver and 5 Bronze. **Josh Nel and Hannah Jacobs** proudly represented Old Eds at the SA National Short Course Championships held in Durban.

September, the swim teams began their first CGA league galas of the season.

Swimmers as young as 6 years of age train with a squad.

Any enquiries contact: raymondo@icon.co.za

TENNIS

A young Adult Tennis Sub-Club Committee has been formed (age bracket 20-40)

Old Eds Tennis Club is looking for more ideas and events that are going to attract more members within this age group to the club. YOUR ideas are always welcomed! Great Coaching packages available for junior and senior members.

Winners of the 2018 Mixed Doubles Championship, *Louis Pretorius & Collette Smith*



WATER POLO

SA Water Polo (SWPSA) sent two sides to NZ, a diverse group of boys from all over who literally got together 5 days before they left for NZ. **Max Johnson** was selected for SWPSA 2.

Week 1 – they played the U16 pan Pacific Water polo tournament and finished 13th out of 29 teams.

Week 2 – they then went on to play in the U18 tournament and finished 7th (2 placed higher than SWPSA 1) out of 16 teams. Proudly SA!



Max Johnson holding the flag

STORIES TO BE TOLD

Society pool

(written by Perry Masters)

There is a certain ethereal sensation and spirit in the water in this pool that I have not experienced anywhere else, only the ocean exceeds the experience. I sure wish I could hold my breath for 20 minutes as when I glide under the surface I feel that I just want to remain submerged in the clear waters, the ambience and the connection I and many others have with pool is and its incredible history and character of the surrounds has no bounds. It Calms.



It's a place where individuals and members with their families have absolutely spent real quality time. You must experience a swim, especially around sun-down or dawn, fantastic Picture taken by PerryMasters.

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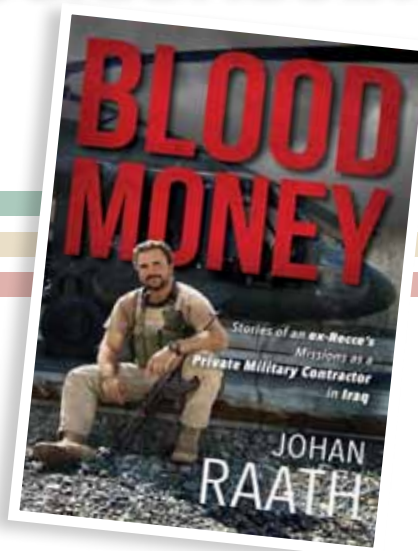
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JOHAN RAATH



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EVERYONE WELCOME!

MATTERS OF INTEREST

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The development subcommittee continues to cover, manage and drive as best it can, all aspects of this complex project.

The two most important aspects that the development sub-committee are dealing with at present are as follows;

VASA – sustainability and how we work with one another in the future; pre and post development. The development and a proposed extension of the lease from VASA should allow both parties to re-negotiate the current deleted out dated and unwieldy, agreement Old Eds signed in the early 1990's with Health and Racquet. Even though all three parties, (Old Eds, VASA and the Developer), require a state-of-the-art precinct, the facts remain as they always have; if the commercial details of a proposed new lease do not make financial sense to Old Eds and its members then Old Eds may have no choice but to continue to on this journey with Virgin Active as per the current agreements (primarily the so-called Head Lease and Management and Operations Agreement) for the remainder of the lease tenure (ie until 2031).

The development sub-committee has done a lot of work in respect of the proposed development, in particular with third party professional consultants ensuring that the sub-committee gets the best possible advice which will enable it to fully understand the commercial details of how the future may look for the Society for the next say, five, ten, twenty years and beyond. We now need to ensure that those findings are aligned to our relationship with Virgin Active and a potential developer and their development. Too often, clubs enter into developments without such expert

input and the results are not in the members' best interests in the long run.

Rezoning approvals from the City of Johannesburg Planning Department. The most recent development tribunal date was postponed due to an unresolved issue with the historic township developer, Johnnic. As documented before, Johnnic was the historic developer of the township of Houghton and any rezoning application (such as would be necessary for the development of Old Eds) requires the consent of Johnnic. The Society is currently waiting to be informed of the new date for City Planning Department tribunal.



The professionals who are dealing with this matter are confident on a date being set in the near future and of positively resolving the issue with Johnnic.

With reference to the most recent newsletter published by the Society regarding the Development – the willingness and drive to deliver this development to Old Eds members exists.

As one can appreciate this project is a complex one that needs lots of planning, discussion, commercial proof testing and legal knowledge to ensure we do not become another statistic of declining clubs in South Africa. Thankfully the Society has members that can assist in this project and whose loyalties and thinking lie with the future of Old Eds.

The development sub-committee can assure you, the member, that, it has the best interests of the Club and the members at heart while navigating these, often complex, issues.

FRAUD CASE UPDATE

The Society can confirm that its former administrator, Ms Anne Pratt, has been found guilty by the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court of fraud and/or theft relating to her time here at the Society. We now await sentencing. Let us assure you that the Society has been in constant contact with all relevant

Government departments (including the investigating officer, the public prosecutor, the Department of Correctional Services and finally, the Department of Social Services) in regard to this case. We will continue to keep members updated as more information becomes available.

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