



THE KINGSMEN

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Successful 40 Year Reunion

Form 5A Class of 1963



Standing from left: Ian Page (Dunedin) Form Master, Keith Lees (Christchurch), Ross Black (Dunedin), Frank Kerr (?), Peter Tibbits (Turkey), Ian Reddington (Christchurch), Graeme Reeves (Auckland), Jim Lewis (Auckland), David Hannah (Wellington), Ross Harris (Tauranga).
Kneeling: Kevin Ramshaw (Wellington), Bob Dey (Auckland), Ray Harris (Hamilton), Morris Barling (Wellington), Brian Davidson (Darfield). Also attended, Jim Steffens (Dunedin).

A very happy and successful 40 year reunion was enjoyed over Labour Weekend by Kings Form 5A—Class of 1963.

A total of 22 (15 old boys plus 7 partners) attended from around the country including Peter Tibbits travelling from Turkey. The programme began with an informal reunion on the Friday evening at the Dunedin Club which was also attended by Form Master Ian Page and Master Reg Graham.

On Saturday morning the group toured the new school and were taken aback to realise that the only building remaining from 40 years ago was the gymnasium—known in our day as 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' and even it has had a number of

special purpose rooms added. Saturday evening was time for the formal reunion dinner at the Chancellor Hotel. A feature of both dinners was the whole group being seated around one large table. This facilitated a good participation and numerous entertaining recollections of earlier times and escapades at King's High.

On Sunday the group toured the Otago Peninsula albatross colony, and the University campus.

There was unanimous support for a repeat reunion in 10 years time—50 years on!

(The organiser of this reunion was Ross Black. Note the number of names from away from Dunedin.)



Attention all Old Boys

Simon (Noddy) Nyhof—Staff 1981–2003 is leaving King's. No, he's not going to Toyland, but to Lake Hawea.

Some parents have decided to arrange a farewell function for him on Tuesday 2nd December at the Southern Rugby Football Club at 7 p.m. All Old Boys and partners welcome.

RSVP to Warwick Larkins at 455 7547 (daytime) or 454 3902 (evenings) to advise your attendance.

OVER THE YEARS

The total school roll in 1967 slipped back to 688 from 720 in the previous year, but increased in each of the next 2 years to 721 in 1969. The third form intake of 172 in 1967 was consistent with the previous years, but reached a record 213 by 1969. It was 212 in 1960.

There were several changes within the buildings over this period.

Where Members are

Current members who commenced in the years 1967 to 1969 are as follows:

1967

Brian Alderson (Wellington), Chris Baker (Wellington), Warwick Cope (Dunedin), Lindsay Cowan (Auckland), Kelvin Cowie (Dunedin), Peter Gilchrist (Dunedin), Gordon Grant (Auckland), Ken Harris (Dunedin), Barry Oats (Dunedin), Kevin Seque (Christchurch), Graeme Smith (Palmerston North), Graham Wong (California, USA).

1968

Steve Brocklebank (Dunedin), Roy Daniels (Dunedin), Trevor Deaker (Dunedin), Michael Henderson (Auckland), Malcolm Knox (Auckland), Greg Lay (Auckland), Dugald Mackay (Dunedin), Alan Nicholls (Dunedin), Malcolm Walker (Winton).

1969

Neil Hyndman (Dunedin), Alan Jones (Whangaparoa), John Murray (Dunedin), Garry Patterson (Queenstown), Michael Thompson (Wellington), Stuart Walker (Dunedin).

The percentage of members to those who commenced High School during the years 1962–1968 ranges between 5 and 10% which is well below nearly all previous years. Despite the record intake in 1969, there are only 6 members who started in that year which is a further drop. We have sent out invitations and a 'Kingsmen' to about 25% of that year who have been located, but it probably requires approaches from those of that period.

Administration

July Kingsmen

You were lucky to receive the last issue exactly in accordance with our timetable, if at all.

For many years Graham Geary has organised production whilst Hugh Kidd and Bob Glass have been the writers, with the latter also organising the mailing.

In March Graham had a health problem and resigned from the committee but indicated he would oversee the production of the July issue. Unfortunately his car ended up in the Otago Harbour just prior to the production time, and that finished his involvement.

Bob Glass suddenly went into hospital in mid June for 6 weeks. Fortunately his articles had been written early, plus approximately 50% of the work involved with subscription accounts done.

Hugh Kidd completed his articles and with little delay drove off for a holiday. On arriving in Wellington he reported to a Health Centre, and was sent to Wellington Hospital, which got rid of him by Air Ambulance back to Dunedin for a triple bypass operation.

The President was left holding the baby! From Bob's hospital bed Warwick was supplied with a list of instructions, and with house plans, located all the paperwork required in Bob's house.

Unfortunately some articles were printed under incorrect headings. Also the printer at a late stage agreed to increase the number of pages by way of an insert which strictly were pages 9 and 10.

Thus the presses rolled on time and the newspapers were delivered according to plan.

Lost Members

The following had their newsletters returned "Gone no address". If you are aware as to where they are now would you please advise to: P O Box 163, Dunedin, or email headed Old Boys' Assn office @kingshigh.school.nz.

Ian A Caradus (1952–54) was 10A Poynder Avenue, Fendalton, Christchurch.

Stuart T Gubbins (1961–65) was 23 Woodside Terrace, Andersons Bay, Dunedin. He lived in Wellington until about 3 years ago.

Jack Jarvis (1949–51) was P O Box 34218 Auckland.

John M McMillan (1955–57) was 16 Cheviot Road, Lowry Bay, Eastbourne.

Lyn D Adam (1959–63) whom we enquired about previously has been located in Australia thanks to a member advising.

Correction

In our July issue we stated that John Hannah (1963–67) was Professor of Mathematics at Otago University. We apologise as he is Professor of Surveying at OU. He stated that "his colleagues in the Department of Mathematics would be horrified with the original claim!"

Quiz

Official school activities and sports are many and varied these days. Cycling became one of these in the 1980s, although it appears to be mountain biking at present. Some ex-pupils and pupils have been prominent in sports which have not been official at school in their time.

1. Name the pupil of the 1950s who won the New Zealand 25 mile Cash Cycling Championship in the mid 1960s?
2. Name the pupil from the early 1980s who was a member of the New Zealand Cycling team to Australia in 1988?
3. A cyclist has been mentioned in *Kingsmens* as competing in Europe for several seasons. Who is he?
4. Who was at King's in the mid 1950s and was a New Zealand Equestrian team member, here and in Australia, on at least five occasions?
5. Who whilst a pupil competed in Europe as a Senior in Roller Skating in 1989 and 1990?

Subscriptions

A reminder regarding subscriptions so would you please check. At the end of October apart from about 100 due for payment covering 2003, just under 40 are outstanding for 2002 as well as the current year, whilst 15 owe 3 years. After the unpaid time and effort on our membership campaign in increasing numbers to now over 730 it would be disappointing to have some slip away. Last year only 2 let their membership lapse owing 3 years.

Bookplates and Badges



Jim McCready's (1937–40, Staff 1950–80) contribution to both the school and the Old Boys as been immense. President of your Association in 1958–59 and 1983–84 he designed and had approved by the Lord Lyon of Scotland the School and Old Boys' Coat of Arms for the Silver Jubilee. He is one of New Zealand's best authorities on Heraldry, and as a colleague once remarked—you won't get anyone better than Jim in this area. For the 50th Celebrations he designed and had approved a badge for the school—a lion with crowns on each ear and its head to signify that in 1936, our foundation year, 3 monarchs were on the throne. Rick Mains (1957–61) commented recently that the school had been very well set up in this area. Now Jim has done it again—a frequent designer of the most magnificent bookplates he has designed and presented to the Old Boys' Association one to be used in the Old Boys' book prizes to pupils. Pictured above it encompasses the Old Boys' Coat of Arms, the old Administration Building, the old Lion, followed by the School Badge, new Administration Building and School Coat of Arms with all in vibrant colour. Sincere thanks Jim.

While on the subject of school badges, our supply ran out some years ago. They are a most attractive lapel item and would cost under \$10 to reorder. We do however need to gauge such an interest. Please drop us a line if you would like a school badge—P O Box 163, Dunedin.

Activities Around the Country

Dunedin

1. There was an attendance of 58 at the dinner held on the 7th August at the Chisholm Park Golf Club with Lindsay Brown (1956–60) the University of Otago Pro-Chancellor as the speaker. With an attendance of about 60 as in the last 3 years the numbers are too many for the School catering suite for comfort, requiring our own servicing, and control. Using outside facilities of course means a higher cost, and it is difficult to keep this at \$30 for food, premises, plus wine supplied. It was pleasing to see a group who commenced

King's in 1973 in attendance, and others should think ahead and organise some of their own years.

2. We have mentioned a bowls tournament in Dunedin for the 2003–2004 season. Well this is now upon us. Anyone interested please contact Noel Hudson (1943–47) at 03 454 4449.

Wellington

1. The sixth Annual Dinner was held at the Hutt Club, for the final time as the building has been sold. The Old Boys and their partners were addressed by the School's current Principal Colin Donald on the subject of 'King's today'. After pre-dinner drinks and an enjoyable meal the speech was well received, and the evening concluded with some members staying on to play snooker. President Warwick from Dunedin also attended.
2. The Secondary Schools Old Boys' Golf tournament for teams is to be held on 2nd December 2003. Those interested in playing should contact Laurie Davies 04 234 7517 for further details.
3. Wellington contacts are:

Chairman	John Bray (1944–48) 567 5115
Secretary	Brian Farrant (1952–55) 562 0010
Treasurer	Bruce Thomas (1962–67) 569 7507

Christchurch

1. Jim McPhail reports that the Strowan Rose Bowl was held on 20th October at the Shirley Golf course. It was held there as Otago Boys who won it last year hoped once again to prevail. They were a distant third with Southland Boys once again hot challengers second. The slow learners who have to run it next year were the King's High team of Kel Doolan (1951–55), Jim McPhail (1946–50), Brian Boomer (1956–60), and Ken Fahey (1951) who recaptured the trophy with a total stableford of 102 points one point ahead of Southland. Ken Fahey has been appointed trophy custodian and the October 2004 event will once again be contested at Russley. The trophy was definitely donated by a school (St Andrews) which reflects a Presbyterian heritage as you win nothing but have to work to put it on next year. It is several years since the Rose Bowl has gone to a school north of Waitaki. It was an excellent day out in the Canterbury sunshine, and a time to enjoy good natured rivalry between schools.
2. It is intended to hold a function with a speaker late February or early March 2004.
3. An Interscholar Old Boys' Bowls tournament is usually held early in the year. Teams are of four and we gather that each school may enter more than one team. The contact previously was John Hair (1946–48), Phone: 332 4689.
4. Christchurch contacts are:

Alan Malcolmson (1971–74) 353 8700
Murray Dunbar (1953–57) 366 1641
Ian Gamble (1955–58) 352 9176.

Hawkes Bay

Brian Peplow (1948–52) is interested in forming a group in the Hawkes Bay. Accordingly our Registrar Hugh Kidd spent some time updating addresses of ex-pupils known to be living in the area but there are bound to be others. Brian's address is 70A Church Street, Taradale, Napier (email address: thepeps@actrix.co.nz).

And Elsewhere

Graham Stewart (1970–75) of Victoria, Australia, has also expressed interest in contacting ex-pupils, and here again

Hugh has forwarded names and addresses which may however be out of date. Graham's address is P O Box 88, Riddels Creek, Victoria (email address: csimelb@ozemail.com.au).

50 Years Ago

John Somerville (1950–54) of the Auckland East Coast Bays area came across a photograph taken 50 years ago at Gore. It is of the 2nd rugby XV which played Gore High School's 1st XV. He has named all bar one and they are:



Back row left to right: Charlie Burrell, Ken Reddington, Martin Finlay, Grahame Howley, Byron Harford, Colin Reid, Roger Shepherd, Ron Smith, Trevor Caley (Captain), Basil McLaughlan.

Front row left to right: Doug Holmes, Garth Hames, unknown, Ian Bassett, John Somerville.

We have many members from about this time therefore who is the unknown one in the middle of the front row?

Honours

Emeritus Professor G L (Graham) Hill (1953–57) received a surgical research award for lifetime achievement from the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons recently in Wellington, to honour his achievements in bowel and colorectal surgical science. Yet early in his career he had doubted whether he could 'make it' as a surgeon after what he felt had been undistinguished performances at both King's (though he did win a science prize!) and Otago University. However, inspired by university professors from both Otago and Harvard, he realised the value of research, and decided to become a university surgeon rather than a hospital one. So after a two year stint as a medical missionary in Indonesia (during which time he conducted ground-breaking gangrene research) and clutching three degrees from Otago, he travelled via Houston, Texas (where he studied intravenous feeding techniques) to Leeds University. There, while training in colorectal surgery, he helped write a book, helped refine a technique whereby many patients no longer required a colostomy bag (by using a Russian staple gun!), and gained a further degree. In 1980, Graham returned to NZ to take up the Chair of Surgery at Auckland University: his brief being to establish a world-class research facility. While continuing to train surgeons (they require 12 years!) he combined with surgeons and physicians to conduct research into the effects on patients fed intravenously while recovering from trauma. More recently his team has refined techniques for removing rectal tumours, to the extent that NZ currently enjoys the lowest rate of recurrence in the world—many cancer patients owe their successful treatment to the techniques researched by surgeons taught and guided by Graham. Today retired and living in Wanaka, and already the recipient of five fellowships from learned colleagues and associations, he would say, if pressed, that he is 'some sort of authority' on aspects of nutrition and metabolism following surgical intervention, but that there are still major unsolved problems. He and his wife have had three sons, all of whom are working in the field of medicine.

W L (Warren) Shirley (1952–56) was presented with life membership of the Child Cancer Foundation (its highest honour) by the Governor-General, Dame Silvia Cartwright, at a recent function held in his honour. The award citation praised the 'exceptional leadership qualities' he had shown as the foundation's first Otago-Southland divisional chairman (and later as national chairman). After its establishment in 1988, the division had quickly raised \$700,000 to help develop Dunedin accommodation to support the families of child cancer patients.

In September, S C (Scott) Weatherall (1993–97) was named NZ Lottery Grants Board surf lifeguard of the year at a ceremony held in Wellington. He was described as having made 'a measurable contribution to surf lifesaving and the community during the past year'. In addition to patrolling Brighton beach most weekends, he is active in the administration of the Brighton club, and is an Otago Association board member. In 2001 Scott was selected by Surf Lifesaving NZ to join its national leadership programmes, and had subsequently developed similar programmes for Otago. A fortnight earlier, Scott was awarded the Les Jordan trophy for lifeguard of the year and service to Otago—this trophy commemorates L F (Les) Jordan (1957–61) who was killed by a shark at St Clair beach in 1964. Scott is employed as a team leader at the Community Care Trust and the IHC, and is also a St John ambulance volunteer officer, and a member of the Otago marine search and rescue squad.

Cultural Affairs

Continuing on from last year's success, M L (Michael) Andrewes (1957–61) has again been the director for the Really Authentic Gilbert & Sullivan Performance Trust. This year they have produced *HMS Pinafore* and the *Pirates of Penzance*.

James K Baxter (1940–43) continues to publish from beyond the grave, with the 4th issue of *The Collected Poems of James K Baxter*. Retailing at \$99.95, this chunky volume is a nice money earner and stretches to 658 pages. However, as his editor confesses, the volume contains less than one-third of James K's poetic output (774 of his 2600 poems), so: watch this space

C D (Chris) Fennessy (1984–88) sang the national anthem at Carisbrook prior to the South Africa v New Zealand Tri-Nations clash in August—just minutes after OBHS were awarded a last minute penalty which led to their 3 point victory over King's. Chris had previously sung the anthem before matches overseas, but singing at 'home' with the enthusiastic help from the terraces gave him 'an awesome feeling'. It certainly was somewhat different from appearing some 2500 times in *Les Misérables*, and he is currently enjoying a six month break before heading to Australia where concerts have been planned.

The Music Heartland Project is providing musical education for 56 gifted and talented primary school children from eight schools in southern Dunedin. E J (Errol) Moore (1965–69), head of music at the Dunedin College of Education is one of the directors of the project, which is designed to develop pupil skills far beyond that provided by a normal classroom music programme: he believes that up to 80% of the children involved would not otherwise have had such an opportunity. Queen's High School provides the administration support, and the individualised programmes.

T G (Tony) Swift (1989–93) was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Music (Contemporary) at the OU May

graduation ceremony—the first Old Boy to undertake this new programme, which was instigated by Graeme Downs (ex Verlaines) and supported by Professor Drummond. Tony is now working towards his teaching diploma at the Wellington College of Education, and is flatting with R N (Rikki) Gooch (1989–93) whose band ‘Trinity Roots’ won a 1st prize with their CD entitled ‘True’ at this year’s NZ Music Awards. Tony is the son of S J F (Syd) Swift (1962–66) currently residing in Napier.

Business Sector

Developer W P (Peter) Fraser (1962–66) has returned from living in Wellington, attracted by the new life which has been breathed into South Dunedin by the Warehouse, Pak’N Save, and other ‘economic destinations’. He plans to build a \$400,000, 400 sqm cafe and bar on the corner of Hillside Road and Glasgow Street, and the development should be completed within the coming year. He is the son of the late Bill Fraser, formerly Labour MP for St Kilda, and Dame Dorothy Fraser, formerly chairwoman of the late lamented Otago Hospital Board.

E J (Errol) Hitt (1959–63) pioneered the saffron industry in NZ and his Eight Moon saffron business won the Champion Small Enterprise category at the Champion Canterbury Business Awards dinner in Christchurch last month. In the past season Errol produced three and a half kilograms from his 17 ha property at Okuku (near Rangiora)—while this doesn’t sound a big deal, saffron retails at \$24,000 per kilogram, and he employs up to 10 workers during the peak season. Eight Moon has been producing saffron for nine seasons, and last year won the Cuisine Matua Valley Award for Innovation and Excellence, which enabled Errol to retire from teaching. He is now expanding into saffron-infused products (oils, honey, a range of nuts and a range of marinates).

K G (Ken) James (1957–61) who has lived in the Bay of Plenty for the past five years is a property valuer in Whakatane, and resides at Port Ohope.

Wenita Forest Products CEO, P W (Phil) Langston (1970–1974) has left the Dunedin-based company to become CEO of the Fiji Hardwood Corporation, which oversees Fiji’s \$160 million worth of mahogany forests—it is moving toward sustainable harvesting which will benefit the indigenous landowners (and also the Fiji Govt!). Before joining Wenita Phil was CEO of Crown Forestry Ltd, and had been a district manager for Rayonier: earlier he had been general manager (Indochina) for HIPA Forest Industries in Laos.

P W (Paul) Munro (1979–81) who designed the *Rugby Trivia* board game (March issue of the *Kingsmen*) is cashing in on the Wallabies’ lack of success in this year’s Tri-Nations and Bledisloe Cup matches by producing a set of postcards subtly (?) pointing out Australia’s failings as a rugby nation. The cards feature images such as an empty ARU trophy cabinet, a wooden spoon, and saucers without cups (which now belong to NZ!). Twenty thousand cards have been produced by Bachop Signs (W G (Bill) Bachop (1960–61)): they retail at \$2 each and are available from bars and newsagents in Dunedin. Money received from the sale of the cards will go to the Otago Neck Injury Trust which Paul has set up to assist those who suffer neck injuries—he himself broke his neck while playing rugby 17 years ago, but made a full recovery. Your Australian friends would no doubt appreciate receiving such cards (or will they retain the World Cup?)!

P J (Peter) Notman (1973–77), a Dunedin developer has plans to build a small-scale accommodation-style complex at Albert Town, but would need assurance of year-round occupancy

before committing to the project. Otago Polytechnic offers snow-based courses in Central Otago, but doesn’t provide accommodation, and camping ground accommodation has proved to be both inappropriate and inadequate.

Business consultant G E (Graeme) Reeves (1961–66) provided the financial management which enabled Auckland’s Britomart Transport Centre, the largest project in NZ for a territorial local authority to be completed on time and well within budget. He is now involved in the rapid transport bus project and the eastern transport corridor—both designed to help resolve Auckland’s transport woes.

Advanced Fibreglass owner B A (Bart) Smaill (1954–56) has designed an environmentally friendly water-less composting toilet, ideal for homes without sewerage, or where septic tanks are prohibited. Two of the 300 litre capacity toilets can be produced each week, they cost \$2600 each, and are distributed by Kakapo Composting Toilets, Takaka. The compost produced is suitable for a variety of horticultural uses.

Otago Master Builders’ Association president G J (Graeme) Sneddon (1973–75), who represents 84 firms across Otago reports that a buoyant property market, combined with a shortage of skilled labour means that local builders may be booked up until March 2004, and prospects are no better for up to 18 months. More than 25 commercial premises are currently under construction, and there is a strong demand for new residential building. Handymen too are in short supply and apprentices are desperately needed.

Pharmac, the Government drug-funding agency proposes changes to the dispensing of about 70% of prescription medicines, from monthly supply to three-monthly, but pharmacists such as D J (Denis) Todd (1953–55) of Ranfurly fear that they may lose half of their dispensing income as a result—his submission to Pharmac concerning the implications of such a proposal is one of some 2500 received. Isolated businesses such as his would no longer be viable, and advice to forgetful elderly customers no longer available. Denis would like to retire after 35 years, but fears that younger pharmacists would not be attracted to such businesses.

If you’ve ever fancied owning a hospital, or a large sheep and cattle property, then our friendly local Wrightson real estate agents may be able to assist. H (Hugh) Morrison (1955–58) of Christchurch is trying to sell the former Oamaru Hospital (one careful owner, fabulous views!); while W J (Bill) Townsend (1954–57) of Naseby would willingly sell you Lamb Hill station, a 4546 ha property near Hindon (valued at only \$2.25 million, only two careful farmers since 1910 (and possibly very few owners, for Lamb Hill was part of the University of Otago endowment for more than 100 years) and with a probable capacity of 15,000 stock units) [advt!].

Sporting Triumphs

Skeggs Foundation

Recent recipients have included: M A J (Max) Smith (1998–2000) athletics; B A (Brent) McEwan (1995–97) golf; S (Simon) Kolo’ofa’i (1997–2001) rugby; T S G (Tim) Hunt (1998–2002), A E (Andrew) Newton (present boy and son of G P (Graeme) Newton (1966–69), P J (Peter) Ryan (1996–2000) surf lifesaving; and J A (Jason) Ross (1997–2001) yachting.

Athletics

M A J (Max) Smith (1998–2002) became at 18 years 7 months 24 days the third youngest athlete to win the Edmond Cup steeplechase in June, the youngest being B S (Blair) Martin (1998–92) at 18 years 1 month 25 days—other 18 year olds

to win were Harold Nelson (subsequently Empire Games gold medallist) and James Barnes (subsequently Mayor of Dunedin).

Blair Martin won the Australian half marathon title on the Gold Coast in July.

N A (Neil) Hickey (1964–68) who died recently was a talented athlete while at King's, and he won the senior Otago-Southland cross country title in 1968, but lost his best senior years when illness forced him out of sport for five years. He returned to competitive athletics in his late 20s, and in the early 1990s he won all but one of the senior middle and long distance events at the Otago championships, dominating with his sprint finishing. In 1987 he won the annual Moro half marathon in 1 hr 10 min 34 secs which still rates as one of the best times recorded on that course. Although a member of the Mornington then Hill City clubs, he regularly participated in events organised by other clubs. Neil was one of Wrightson's top senior wool classers, working there for 34 years, and like P N (Pat) Sidon (1947–48) he often ran home to Mosgiel after work. He continued to compete until two years ago when his health deteriorated because of cancer. Neil was also an avid student of the harness racing industry, and his knowledge of the breeding side of it was extensive.

Badminton

D W (Duncan) Rae (1980–84), a former NZ Junior representative, was manager of the Otago Badminton team.

Cricket

B B (Brendon) McCullum (1995–2000) is representing NZ in the one-day limited tri-series between India, Australia and NZ in India. The team physiologist is D F (Dayle) Shackel (1983–87). Former Otago captain R (Russell) Hendry (1952–56) is a new face on the Otago Cricket Association's board of directors.

Freestyle Motocross (FMX)

This sport is about six years old, and entails getting up to speed on a motocross motorbike, then flying up on a ramp, performing tricks (e.g., removing hands, feet or backsides from the bike) and landing (hopefully on both wheels!) on another ramp. Optional extras include contusions, concussion, and fractures! Team Koarse is the first dedicated FMX team in the South Island, and includes: C D (Craig) Ellis (1990–94), S J (Selwyn) Green (1991–95), R J (Rob) Turner (1991–94) and J A (Jason) Young (1999–). The team takes its name from Craig's Koarse Graphics business, and displayed its skills at Island Park (formerly Beachlands) speedway on Labour Day.

Golf

J S (John) Roche (1956–60) was a member of the six-man NZ master's team which won the 2003 Asia Pacific Senior's Amateur Golf championships held in Bangalore, India, recently, thereby ending the 13-year Australian dominance by a convincing nine strokes, and winning a trophy which looks

rather like a monster hub-cap! John, who was also runner-up in the over-60s category, qualified for the team by finishing in the top six at the NZ Masters tournament held at Flaxmere (Hawkes Bay) in March. Obviously a late bloomer who never expected to wear the NZ jersey (it was too hot to do so in Bangalore anyway!). John has since been drafted into the team to compete at the Freyberg Master's Interprovincial at Locheil (Hamilton)—some 33 years after he last represented Otago at the then Freyberg Rosebowl tournament held at Invercargill in 1970.

G (Graeme) Barbara (1967–71) is again team captain.

Rowing

S (Sam) Morrison (1998–2002) represented both Otago and the NZ Universities this season. He was also a member of the Otago University eight which rowed at the prestigious I-Lam International Collegiates' regatta in Taiwan in September—there were entries from Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, Yale, Sydney and Toronto universities. Sam, a physics student at OU is the son of N D (Neil) Morrison (1963–67) and the grandson of the late D A (Doug) Morrison (Staff 1947–56).

Rugby

Representing Otago this season were: T E (Tony) Brown (1993), C J (Carl) Hayman (1993–97), J M (Joe) McDonnell (1986–88), B M (Ben) Nolan (1997–2001) and T E (Tom) Willis (1992–97).

Representing Southland was: P C (Paul) Miller (1994–95)

Representing Wellington were: J M (Jason) MacDonald (1995–98), K (Kupu) Vanisi (1990–91).

Obituaries

- M J (Moa) Masina (1993) killed in Australia 7.6.03
D T (Des) Umbers (1936–40) died at Nelson 25.6.03
S M (Shaun) Matakai (1997–99) killed at Dunedin 27.6.03
C W (Chris) Martin (1969–73) died at Wellington 15.7.03
N A (Neil) Hickey (1964–68) of Mosgiel, died at Dunedin 16.7.03
E I (Eric) Knox (1940–41) died at Dunedin 28.7.03
J B (Jason) Hayward (1986–90) of Dunedin died 26.8.03
E M A (Murray) Lawrence (1939–40) died at Mosgiel 31.8.03
L G (Glenn) Newbound (1967–70) died at Southport, Queensland, Australia 12.9.03
E M (Eddie) Quin (1951–55) died at Dunedin 14.9.03
C J (Colin) Russell (1939–42) died at Dunedin 14.9.03
J E (John) Sherwood (1942–43) of Napier, died at Hastings 15.9.03
G A (Gordon) Watt (1950–53) died at Balclutha 21.9.03
W P (Bill) Dunn (1946) died at Christchurch 26.9.03
L G (Les) Hynes (1944–46) died at Dunedin 28.9.03
A H (Angus) McDonald (1946–49) died at Timaru 6.10.03
R P (Reo) Tarapi (1991–95) died at Dunedin 15.10.03
G E (Geoff) Flockton (1956–61) of Tapanui, died near Lawrence 19.10.03
B J (Brian) Todd (1956) died at Dunedin 20.10.03
T G (Trevor) Gamble (1978–80) of Green Island died at Dunedin 23.10.03
S M (Steven) Jack (1984–86, 88–89) died at Dunedin 23.10.03
R W A (Rob) Murray (1978–81) of Waldronville died at Dunedin 31.10.03
E (Ted) Shiels (1945–47) died at North Shore 31.10.03

Quiz Answers

1. W F (Bill) Clapperton (1956–59). W Ross Gamble (1960–62) was also prominent as an Otago champion and representing Otago in the 1960s.
2. Michael P Crooks (1981–85).
3. Gordon A McCauley (1985–88).
4. C Cliff Mould (1955–57).
5. Anthony J Lobb (1986–90).

Representing Taranaki were: J D (John) Willis (1992–96), J N (Sam) Young (1992–96)

Representing North Otago were: N (Nathan) Archibald (staff 2001–), L M (Luke) Herden (1991–96), and R T (Ray) O’Fisa (1999–2001).

The Otago v Wellington NPC match was rather like an Old Boys’ reunion for Jason MacDonald when he ran on to the field to replace the Wellington hooker, for awaiting him in the Otago front row were Ben Nolan, Tom Willis, and Carl Hayman! It was much the same story in the next match v Taranaki with John Willis playing the whole match, and Sam Young coming on to confront Tony Brown.

L W (Laurie) Mains (1960–64) is now a national resource coach with the NZRU, and in July was the facilitator of a course for emerging coaches organised by the high-performance clinic in Dunedin.

Old Boys will be saddened to learn that R J (Ross) Mee (Board of Trustees 1989–91), a former company manager, real estate agent, and Otago rugby representative (1964–69) broke his neck in a freak accident at a friend’s house and is now a tetraplegic with a speech impediment requiring 24-hour care. The father of two Old Boys, C J (Casey) Mee (1986–90) and D R (Daniel) Mee (1988–92), he was unconscious for a month at the Burwood Spinal Unit, and ultimately spent more than five months there. Recently the Sassenachs Rugby Club held a fund-raising dinner in his honour, the proceeds being used to complete the landscaping at the Mee’s new home at Highgrove, a new suburb between the St Clair Golf Club and Cargill’s Castle.

Rugby League

R K (Ryan) Tapsell (1986–88) represented Otago again this season.

Soccer

A D (Andy) Coburn (1993–97) and N L (Nathan) McCullum (1994–98) represented Otago this season, the new coach being B J (Barry) White (1972–74). Barry had a brilliant playing career, playing national league for Caversham, Dunedin Technical, and Dunedin City, while in a 20 year career with Otago, he was one of the province’s most consistent strikers, averaging more than 20 goals per season.

Bits and Pieces

J (Jack) Bremner (Rector 1966–81) and his wife Helen recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The couple decided to marry during Jack’s final leave prior to his leaving for war service in Italy, and Helen’s mother had to appeal to the Auckland Training College and to the Education Board to allow her to marry while studying to be a teacher—she made history by being the first woman to be granted such a dispensation! After Jack’s return from overseas, they lived mainly on the North Shore while he completed his university studies and attended training college prior to teaching at Auckland Grammar School and at Westlake High School (which split into two single-sex schools in 1961). He was appointed Rector of King’s High School in 1966 and retired in 1981, and he and Helen live in retirement at Wingatui. They had three children: Trevor, Rennie and Dr A G (Graeme) Bremner (1974–77).

Recently a photograph appeared in the ODT (and no doubt in most NZ newspapers, for it was too good a photo opportunity to be missed!) of the Prime Minister laying a wreath at the War Martyr’s Memorial in Hanoi. Accompanying her was an unidentified gentleman who was subsequently revealed to ‘Prester John’ (G N (Graeme) Pennell (1970–74)) as being M J (Malcolm) McGoun (1963–67) one of three co-duxes in 1967

and currently NZ Ambassador to Vietnam. Co-dux W J (Bill) Purdie (1963–67) and Malcolm shared an amazingly similar career path initially: both were awarded honours degrees in French at the University of Otago, both were interviewed by the then Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and both were accepted as a result! However, Bill was less sure of his future than Malcolm and turned down this opportunity (which created rather a stir, as nobody in those days (or even now!) would turn down such an opportunity): instead he became a secondary school teacher for some 15 years before entering university administration—he is currently projects manager at the University of Otago. Co-dux K E (Ken) Churchill (1963–67) has resided near Birmingham since graduating in science from OU, and is a partner in a UK computing firm specialising in providing programs and systems for the health sector. He is a brother-in-law of P W (Peter) Gilchrist (1967–71), and a cousin of B W (Bruce) Churchill (1953–55) and N E (Noel) Still (1953–59). The award of dux to three people has not been repeated since then.

After that Helen Clark went to Afghanistan to assess the contribution of our troops to the pacification and reconstruction of that country, and was accompanied by G C (Graham) Fortune (1955–59), who is Secretary for Defence.

More than 1000 Otago University students recently nominated their favourite lecturer, and the student committee chose the 10 finalists from the nominations, also selecting the winner. One of the finalists was A J (Tony) Ballantyne (1985–89) of the History Department, the youngest of five brothers who attended King’s. His brothers are R G (Ron) (1964–68) who was a dux, B R (Bruce) (1969–73), A J (Jim) (1971–75), and L R (Russell) (1974–78). Also D R (David) Bell (1964–68, staff 1982–97) is a brother-in-law, whilst their mother Joy Ballantyne managed the school canteen at one stage. Add to this some of her grandchildren have attended King’s.

The Merriman family is another with a long association with King’s, and the four brothers’ records since leaving are impressive. T R (Tony) (1981–85) graduated PhD in biochemistry, afterwards doing his post-doctoral years in Oxford (England) at the Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics. He came back to Otago University where he is a Senior Research Fellow presently funded by the New Zealand Health Research Council to research the genetics of common complex autoimmune diseases, e.g., Type 1 diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis.

L I (Luke) (1986–90) who qualified MB ChB was dux and New Zealand’s top scholarship candidate in 1990. He has served in Nelson, Christchurch, Wellington and Palmerston North hospitals as a House Surgeon and Registrar. Currently he is a Registrar in Haematology at Palmerston North and plans to head overseas next year to further his career before returning to New Zealand.

P J (Paul) (1987–91) obtained 2 different degrees—B Com and B Sc. Paul worked for NZ Post in Wellington before becoming the Treasury Dealer for Transalta who were taken over by NGC. Presently he is the Company Accountant for Hirequip and based in Dunedin.

G J (Grant) (4F 1989–95) graduated BMed Lab Sci. He has been a medical laboratory technologist in Christchurch, and is currently working at the Nelson Hospital. The 3 younger brothers graduated on the same day and were married within 3 months.

Their mother Mrs C O (Charlotte) Merriman became associated with the school in 1982 through the PTSA and was President at the time of the Golden Jubilee in 1986. She has also been on the school staff since 1989, and was a parents representative on the Board of Trustees from 1989 to 1991.

Her extramural studies have since gained her a BA and a M Ed (Hons).

In 1958 A S (Alister) Campbell (1949–53) left Otago University with an M Sc in chemistry to spend a year bolstering a flagging chemistry department at Lincoln College. This year Dr Campbell, now an Associate Professor in Soil Science, has retired from Lincoln University after 44 years service. As his wife Dr Pat Campbell had retired in 1999 after 31 years, together they gave 75 years service to the university. Alister was deeply involved in the Association of University Staff (AUS) activities, being the Lincoln representative on the national education and policy committee, and was also active in Lincoln's soccer programme. However, the Campbell's biggest contribution was to the university's international community, being members of the International Club, and the Malaysian Students' Association from their earliest days: indeed Alister provided the crucial link between the students and their various embassies.

You never know when, nor in what circumstances, you will encounter a fellow Old Boy! G C (Graham) Stewart (1970–75) has been living for the past five years on a lifestyle block at Riddells Creek, a small commuter town near Melbourne. While working from home one day, a visitor called by selling aerial photographs of rural properties: his Kiwi accent gave him away, and he turned out to be B A (Bruce) Hedge (1961–65)! Graham is a member of the Lincoln University Alumni in Melbourne, and once a year (just prior to the Melbourne Cup) they combine with Massey University Alumni for a joint dinner. He has requested, and we have supplied him with a (rather dated!) list of Old Boys suspected to be still resident in Victoria (we have only three members there) in order that he might arrange for them to meet at some suitable occasion.

W J (Bill) Townsend (1954–57) is the spokesman for the Naseby-Mt Ida Heritage Group which proposes to erect a large replica of a curling stone where the road to Naseby branches off from State Highway 85 near Ranfurly. The replica, which will be sited in a proposed picnic area, will be 3 metres high and 3 metres in diameter, and is expected to rival the fruit icon at Cromwell. The site is considered appropriate, for Naseby is to have a new international curling rink, but at this stage the group had no idea of what the replica would cost, nor when it was likely to be built.

Because of a casual vacancy, G P (Geoff) Rodden (1974–78) was declared elected to the King's High School Board of Trustees.

Possibly influenced by the restoration of the Abt-system railway in Tasmania, the Rimutaka Incline Railway Heritage Trust is investigating the possible reinstatement and operation of the Fell-system railway as a tourist attraction and contributor to the Wellington Region's economy. One of the trustees is N J C (Clark) Simmonds (1955–57).

The Otago University's School of Mines was a small and probably what the students considered to be an elite department, which sadly ceased to exist many years ago. However, they did combine with the Dental School to produce that (in)famous social rugby team the Dental Miners! A few early ex-pupils of ours were involved in mining with most leaving New Zealand. Those definitely known to us are George Lyon (5F 1936) was Queensland now living in the Tauranga area, Ron Ainge (1936–39) New South Wales, the late Doug Ainge (1938–42), Wallace McGregor (1938–42) Queensland, the late Bill Partel (1938–42), Kevin Doig (6F 1948–49) Raglan, John Neilson (4F 1946–49) New South Wales, Denys Harraway (1946–50) Victoria, Robb Webster (1946–51) Queensland.

Dunedin's Lion Foundation Rescue Helicopter was summoned to help in emergencies or in cases of dire need on 303 occasions in Otago-Southland during the last financial year—an increase of 25%. Although this helped to generate a surplus for the year, this did not quite offset the previous year's deficit, although this was expected to be covered in the present year. The Trust also has a long-term investment of \$1 million while administrative costs are saved through trustees working voluntarily. Trust chairman is D R (Ross) Black (1961–65), while W (Warwick) Deuchrass (1966–70) is also a trustee.

A L (Al) Morrison (1962–65) is into his fourth career. Initially he was a primary school teacher, before becoming a reporter for the *Otago Daily Times*. More recently he was Radio NZ's political editor, but is now external relations general manager for the Department of Conservation (quite recently he was acting director-general). He believes that such skills as neutrality, which he developed while working as a journalist, were both transferable and essential when working in the public service.

S J L (Stu) Thorne (1960–64) has spent 30 years in Wanaka working for the Department of Conservation and its predecessors, and his search and rescue skills have been much appreciated by lost trampers. However, he has also been doing the same for rare and endangered plants, and has established a native plant garden at Wanaka's DoC headquarters, partly to show locals what can be grown in the area. He does not wait for favourable spring weather, preferring to plant in the middle of winter when the plants are really dormant.

Members of the Shipwreck Relief Welfare Trust met in Dunedin recently to celebrate 100 years of support for those affected by maritime disasters. The Dunedin-based, but nationally-focussed trust began as an incorporated society in 1902, and the longest serving member and current managing trustee is I J (Ian) Farquhar (1945–49).

School trustees may wish to avoid employing A J (Alan) Carter (1961–66), for he has recently become redundant for the third time! Years ago he was principal at Berwick school, but it was closed down. He then became the Otago Museum's education officer, but the Government withdrew the funding for the position. He is currently the principal at Momona school, which the Government is closing at the end of this year. Perhaps lightning does strike more than once ...?

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