



THE KINGSMEN

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Head: Old Boys' Association

Three Future New Zealand Representatives



Back Row: Brendon McCullum, Richard Hill, Jeremy Botting, Nathan McCullum

Middle Row: Regan Anderson, Andrew Blake, Shaun McCambridge, Bradley Scott

Front Row: Mr John Cushen (Coach), Richard Smith, Michael Bensemann (Captain), Jonathon Homer, Andrew Coburn

The King's High School 1st XI of 1996–97 pictured above coached by J. A. J. (John) Cushen (1963–67, Staff 1984–2000) was the Dunedin Cricket Association's 2nd Grade Champion, winning the Bing Harris Challenge Shield and the Dunedin Cricket Club Challenge Cup. Recently three members of this team were among the fifteen selected to represent New Zealand at the Twenty/20 World Cup held in South Africa, where it reached the semi-finals. They were: wicketkeeper batsman B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995–2000); his brother, right-arm off-spin bowler and solid lower order batsman N. L. (Nathan)

McCullum (1994–98); and left-arm seam bowler and aggressive lower order batsman B. E. (Bradley) Scott (1993–97 Staff 2005). The McCullum brothers are the sons of S. J. (Stuart) McCullum (1970–74) who played 74 matches for Otago as a hard-hitting opening batsman in the 1980s and 1990s. Some fellow team members have played cricket at senior club level while others have achieved similar success in other sports. However having three members from the same school team later representing their country in the same national team is quite an achievement and possibly unprecedented?

Bradley was also named by the *2007 New Zealand Cricket Almanack* as one of its three promising players. Probably due to others' injuries, he shouldered the lion's share of the bowling for the Volts last summer, getting through more than 250 overs in the State Championship. In this he took 27 wickets at an average of 23.62 and had a best of 5 for 50 against Northern Districts and also 4 for 13 against Wellington. Previously Bradley and Nathan have played for New Zealand A.

Brendon and Bradley along with N. P. (Nathan) King (1996–2000) visited King's along with other schools, as part of New Zealand Cricket's "Cri-culum Day"—an initiative to generate enthusiasm for the sport in the country's schools. Numbers playing the game have declined and this is an effort to get more playing cricket.

Our other New Zealand representatives have been B. D. (Barry) Milburn (1957) in 1968 to 1970, K. O. (Keith) Campbell (1956–59) in 1971–74, W. K. (Warren) Lees (1965–69) in 1976–83, K. R. (Ken) Rutherford (1979–82) in 1984–95 and W. N. (Warwick) Larkins (1960–63) who played one one-day match against Holland in 1978 when he was the scorer on the tour. Brendon McCullum has played for New Zealand since 2001.

Administration

Subscriptions

Just a reminder for those who have not paid following the notices which are always enclosed with the July issue of the *Kingsmen*. \$20 p.a. for 2007.

For those wishing to pay by internet our bank is the Bank of New Zealand, Dunedin Branch, account number 02 0900 0062936 00 (Be careful).

Ties

We have recently received a further batch of the Mark III version of our tie. It is available to Association members for \$30 delivered within New Zealand. An extra \$10 is required for sending overseas. It has our shield and motto within two narrow diagonal light blue lines on a dark blue background.

Lost Members

No one has replied as to the whereabouts of Graeme Barbara (1969–71) who previously lived in Wanaka. Surely one of our many members living there must know where he is as he was prominent in golf.

The last newsletter sent to Andrew Jowsey (1986–90) in Dunedin was returned "Gone no Address".

School Reunions

Two of our feeder schools, over many years, are having reunions in 2008. They are:

1. Andersons Bay 150th at Labour weekend 2008.
Convenor Ian Hollebon phone (03) 454 5394,
email ian.hollebon@xtra.co.nz.
2. Macandrew School and Macandrew Intermediate 125th 14th–16th November 2008.
Enquiries to the school phone (03) 455 3421,
email office@macandrew.school.nz

Honours

To help make the centenary of the Hocken Collections [formerly the Hocken Library, the title was changed to more accurately reflect its holdings in art, music and maps, as well as in books, archives, newspapers, periodicals, etc], four Dunedin historians have been named new honorary Fellows of the Hocken Library, and added to the five historians already awarded fellowships. All have spent many hours in the Library over the years researching their books and papers, and all four have links with King's. Emeritus Professor E. N. (Erik) Olssen (1955–60) is a prolific author and a leading New Zealand historian on labour and social history and has drawn extensively on Hocken material to develop the historical Caversham Project database, the largest of its kind in Australasia. I. J. (Ian) Farquhar (1945–49) is a former Dunedin businessman who has become one of New Zealand's leading maritime historians; as well as being a long-term user of the Hocken, he has donated a comprehensive collection of shipping photographs, and was the founding president of the Friends of the Hocken Collection in 1991, and still is its secretary. Dr Dorothy Page used the Hocken Library when a student herself, has supervised the research projects of countless history students, and has used the collection to research books on the women's movement and the history of the Otago University Medical School; she is married to I. W. (Ian) Page (1943–47, Staff 1957–79). Dr Roger Collins has extensively researched French artists working in New Zealand and the South Pacific, and as an art historian has edited the *Bulletin of Art History* published by the Hocken; through his marriage to Elizabeth Barham, he became brother-in-law to D. F. (Dave) Barham (1946–50), a geography teacher who retired as foundation principal of Havelock North High School, and to R. M. (Richard) Barham (1950–54), Professor of Education at the University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

F. R. (Ray) Gordon (1940–43) was in the 1st elevens in both cricket and soccer while at King's before graduating with a B. Sc from Otago University. An engineering geologist he worked for the Geological Survey of Western Australia in the heady days of the State's first resources and development boom. An expert on coastal limestone, he still lectures at both the University of Western Australia and Curtin University. At a ceremony held at the University of Western Australia on the 21st March 2007, Ray was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering.

Central Otago St John Ambulance staff had their achievements recognised at a lunch held in their honour at 'The Cellar Door' in Alexandra recently. Among those presented with awards was M. J. (Max) Birtles (1964–68), a building inspector from Cromwell, for his 22 years of service.

Cultural Affairs

A tribute to an old friend and colleague made world musical history when premiered in Dunedin and Cromwell in August; the St Kilda Brass Band and violinist Kevin Lefohn, formerly of the Otago University music department, combined to play Dr P. V. (Peter) Adams (1972–76) *Concerto Burlesca* (Concerto for violin and brass band) which he had specifically written for Kevin. A 22 minute composition in three movements, it is believed to be the first ever such composition and Peter's familiarity with the band members and knowledge of each of their strengths (he is a sometime conductor of the band) had helped him prepare and arrange the material.

Three old friends of some 30 years standing, retired Middlemarch jeweller Kobi Bosshard, Christchurch printmaker

B. V. (Barry) Cleavin (1953–58), and Hokitika potter Chris Weaver, held a joint exhibition in the Brent McDowell Gallery in Dunedin in August.

Otago University students have been running the top teacher awards, which recognise and celebrate teaching excellence, annually since 2002, and this year increased the number from ten to twenty. One of the recipients was 1982 Dux T. F. (Timothy) Crack (1978–82) who lectures in finance and quantitative analysis.

Earlier this year Diana Harris, a descendant, published a book entitled *Johnny Jones, a Colonial Saga* about the entrepreneur who was the driving force behind the establishment of the first Pakeha settlement in the South Island. Appropriately the book was launched at a function in Waikouaiti, and on hand to bask in the reflected glory of his famous and handsome forbear (and to learn lots more about him!) was great-great-great grandson

W. J. (John) Jones (1948–52), long-term owner/manager of the Tudor Clothing Co. Ltd, a Dunedin tailoring business.

G. C. (Grahame) Sydney (1962–66) is hoping for lots more snow this season, for he is 18 months into filming a one-hour documentary on the Dunstan Trail between Dunedin and the goldfields of Central Otago, which he claims will combine the landscape with the wonderful history of goldminers on the Trail, and much of the story is a winter story. He is excited about the rare find of the hitherto unknown diaries of two diggers and is seeking permission to make use of them. The landscape which is unfamiliar to most Kiwis is a four-season landscape and Grahame believes that he can make the work his own, despite using a medium other than his canvas, and that viewers will be able to recognise the distinctive Grahame Sydney stamp.

OVER THE YEARS

Following on from previous issues this time we have the 1939 third form photos. We would appreciate any help in naming the two unknown pupils or even if you disagree with our research.

1939 Third Forms Photos: Pupils Identified



3AG Form Photo

Back Row: Jack Darracott, Alex Main, Jack King, Alan Dear, Mervyn Waters, Nathan Peacock, Bob Stark, John Allan, Norman Frew, Colin Russell, David Myles
Middle Row: Jim Cormack, Nat Swete, Glen Hunter, Allan Williams, Baby Arnold, Jack Ramsay, Colin Reid, Eric Davidson, Keith Gordon
Front Row: Ray Pearson, Percy Martin, Bob Russell, Colin Drysdale, Laurie Thomson, Albert Hey, Colin McLaren, Jack Whitworth



3BG Form Photo

- Back Row:* Ray Bell, Alan Bathgate, John Johnston, Bob Bennett, Jack Holland, Howard Hinton, ??? , Tom Barron, Laurie Trevathan, Jim Wilson, Charles Masters, Garth Butler, Colin Ford
- Middle Row:* Neil Saul, Guy Smith, John Pryde, Cliff Gray, Bill Davidson, Teddy Hayes, Gordon Wilkinson, Gerald Armitage, ??? , Roly Coull, Arthur Jones
- Front Row:* Jim Mitchell, Percy Rees, Horace Skinner, Keith Kitchen, Owen Smith, Rick MacLaren, Des Paulin, Doug Maxwell, Rob Findon



3L Form Photo

- Back Row:* Jack Denford, Ray Milne, Lloyd McIver, Alaric Hickman, Tom Johnston, Peter Walker, Ernie Hudson, Graham Valentine, George Stockwell, Ian Chadwick, Gordon Sim
- Middle Row:* Murray Gillan, George Grindley, Bill Somerville, Jim Wren, Arnold Turner, Buck Ensor, Don McMaster, Owen Lattimore, Murray Pinfeld, Huntly Hom, Peter McIndoe
- Front Row:* Scobie McKenzie, Toby Butler, Eric Brown, Ken Hellyer, Jack Francis, Tom McCloy, Keith McLennan, Keith Murdock

Please note 2 missing pupils in 3BG—in the back row also the middle row.

1939 entrants who do not appear on 1939 photos

Max Allan, Dick Bolton, Carl Dickison, Eric Drake, Ray Elsom, Jim Fowler, Jim Grant, George Grigg, Edwin Harrould, Bill Kennedy, Murray Lawrence, Jim Lawrie, Norrie Macdonald, Reay MacKay, Lloyd Martin, Ron May, Jock McIndoe, Ross McLaren, Gordon Milne, Bernie Moir, Ian Scott, Lloyd Spears, Ian Sullivan, Tom Trevathan, Alex Wood.

BOB BOOTH ACKNOWLEDGES THESE FURTHER PROFILES RECEIVED

1937–38	Shore	Keith I. S.	Wanaka—ex ODT	1954–58	Brander	Gordon B.	Wanaka
1938–42	Heslop	John H.	Dunedin	1955–58	Todd	Jeffrey G.	Campbells Bay, North Shore City
1938–42	Pearson	Ken R.	Napier	1959–61	Forno	Barry N.	Dunedin—ex ODT
1939–41	McIndoe	John H. (Jock)	Dunedin—ex ODT	1968–72	Wong	Graham C.	Santa Monica, California
1944–48	Graham	Reginald K.	Dunedin—Died 29.8.2007	1972–76	Dalton	Gary W.	Dunedin—ex ODT
1948–52	Hall	Brian S.	Invercargill	1973–75	Coleman	Trevor A.	Dunedin—ex ODT
1952–55	Clarke	Barry R.	Dunedin—ex ODT	1995–99	Dickson	Aidan	French Riverboats—ex ODT

Activities Around the Country

Dunedin

1. *Soccer*

The annual Soccer game between the 1st XI and an Old Boys XI organized for many years by Jim Muir (1960–64) and long standing staff member, took place on Tonga Park at the end of August.

Very windy conditions dominated the game, which gives the 1st XI a good workout before they head off to the Winter Tournament each year. This year an untried Old Boys XI came through by 5 goals to 2—their cohesion was quite remarkable considering that many did not know each other and had certainly not played together before.

The XI was Geoff Rodden (1974–78) and current Chairman BOT, Zane Wilson (1991–96), Darren Elliot (1979–83), Tony Martin (1982–87), Stuart Crooks (1988–92), Rickey Chidley (1994–98), Andrew Duncan (1984–88), Paul Cameron (1977–81), Eric McAuslan (Staff and 1st XI Management), Dan Reddix (Former Staff and 1st XI Management), Richard Murray (1989–93) and Jim Muir.

2. *Golf*

We have previously mentioned that we hoped to arrange a golf match against OBHS Old Boys as we do with lawn bowls. Unfortunately our endeavours in organising them have been in vain.

Christchurch

1. *Otago Girls High School ex-girls Association*

Murray Dunbar supplied this report:

“Each year, the Christchurch branch of OGHS ex-girls association holds a “kindred associations” evening, and an invitation is usually extended to someone from KHS old boys to attend, and this is generally taken up (or not, depending on the speaker and his/her topic) by someone from our committee.

This year, the speaker was our own Murray Deaker, whose sister is one of the prime movers in the OGHS ex-girls in Christchurch. Recognising his association with Kings, the committee suggested we might like to invite several old boys and their partners to hear Murray’s address. Accordingly, Alister Campbell contacted all those of our Christchurch members who had email addresses, and invited them to respond on a first-come first served basis. The end result was that 5 old boys and partners joined quite a large audience to hear Murray recount how he originally got into broadcasting, and how enthusiastically he has embraced it. Some of the situations he has found himself over many years were hilarious, others very moving, but his rich experience made for compelling listening. Usual

chance to chat with him over a cuppa afterwards; all in all a very enjoyable evening for King’s old boys and their partners in particular.”

2. *Social Function*

At the time of our writing the date had not been set for this annual event but the intention is for mid to late November. Please support it.

3. *Contacts*

Chairman: Murray Dunbar (1953–57) 44 Ashgrove Street, Rangiora. Email: dunbars@ihug.co.nz
 Secretary: Ian Gamble (1955–58) PO Box 5178. Email: meadowpark@xtra.co.nz
 Treasurer: Alan Malcolmson (1970–75) 10 Parkham Drive, Burnside. Email: amalcolmson@foodstuffs-si.co.nz
 Database: Alister Campbell (1949–53) PO Box 52, Lincoln. Email: alandpat@xtra.co.nz

Nelson

1. Last issue it was reported that Jim Cochrane (1951–52) had stood down as Chairman but unfortunately no one has put their hand up for the position. After the efforts Jim made in locating ex-pupils and setting up this branch the basis is there and it should not now be laborious.

2. *Contacts*

Chairman: Come on!
 Secretary/Treasurer: Kevin St John (1957–62) 19 Bryant Road, Brightwater. Email: kgstjohn@xtra.co.nz
 Ladies Rep: Jan Reddington (wife of Eddie Reddington (1952–54) 7 Somerset Terrace, Stoke. Email: edjanr@xtra.co.nz

Wellington

1. *Golf*

We assume that the Old Boys’ Association golf tournament will be held late November early December as usual. Our past organiser has been Laurie Davies phone: 04 234 7517. Email: daviess@clear.net.nz

2. *Contacts*

Chairman: John Hedge (1966–70) 8 Myrtle Street, Lower Hutt 5010. Email: johnhedge@paradise.net.nz
 Secretary: Morris Barling (1961–63) PO Box 26118, Wellington. Email: mbarling@xtra.co.nz

Treasurer: Brian Farrant (1952–55) 19B Kowhai Street, Eastbourne. Email: bandmfarrant@xtra.co.nz
Database: Alex Ross (1942–46) 62 Collins Avenue, Linden. Email: joyce.alex@paradise.net.nz

North Shore/Orewa

1. Contacts

John Somerville (1950–54), 51 John Downs Drive, Browns Bay. Phone: 09 478 3487.

Grahame Howley (1951–53), 12 Stanaway Street, Hillcrest. Phone: 09 480 5517.

Community Service

Many Old Boys put their names forward at local body time, but it is difficult to trace them all, not all are successful, and some successful candidates may have been overlooked. However we can record the following successes; many were re-elected, and many topped their respective polls:

Wellington Regional Council:
C. R. (Chris) Laidlaw (1957–61)

Otago Regional Council:
S. (Sam) Neill (Board of Governors 1983–87)

Dunedin City Council:
J. T. (John) Bezett (1957–58, Board of Governors 1985–88, Board of Trustees 1989–94)

Clutha District Council:
J. R. (Jeff) Seymour (1969–73)

Waimate District Council:
M. M. (Matt) Henderson (Deputy Rector 1982–85)

Canterbury District Health Board:
W. D. (David) Morrell (1954–57)

Otago Peninsula Community Board:
E. L. (Lox) Kellas (1960–66)

Saddle Hill Community Board:
S. C. (Scott) Weatherall (1993–97)
J. C. W. (John) Moyle (1984–88)
K. T. (Keith) McFadyen (1977–81)

Wanaka Community Board:
C. L. (Carrick) Jones (1958–61)

Business Sector

N. C. (Neville) Bain (1953–56), chairman of the Institute of Directors (UK), visited Dunedin in October as the 2007 Otago University School of Business Distinguished Business Speaker to deliver a lecture entitled “Reputation is all.” The gist of the lecture was that reputation is an important driver of value in an organisation and for the individual, while there is also a macro aspect in that a country’s reputation will affect its ability to attract inward investment and growth. Neville has recently written another book, *The Effective Director*, which offers sound practical advice on best boardroom practice.

In 1987, armed with foresight and courage, five large Dunedin-based industrial credit unions agreed to merge their operations and form Credit Union Otago, with 2743 members, a staff of four and assets of \$2.8 million. Twenty years later, membership has grown to nearly 10,200, staff to 26, and assets to nearly \$50 million—half the total assets of the five South Island-based credit unions. Sporting a new name (Credit Union Mainland),

the Dunedin-based credit union is poised to take advantage of recent rule changes and expand its operations South Island-wide. G. W. (Gary) Dalton (1972–76) has been general manager for the twenty years since its inception, having previously been employed by J. E. Reid & Son, the Otago Education Board, and H. E. Shacklock.

According to K. A. (Keith) Gillions (1974–78) people are getting longer and bigger, so the family funeral business which operates from what used to be the fire station in Hillside (formerly Cargill) Road by Bathgate Park, has been forced to acquire a state-of-the-art stretched (by 18 inches/45cm) station-wagon hearse, which can now comfortably cope with a 7 foot/2.1m casket. The new vehicle is one of four in the Gillions fleet.

D. N. (Dave) Humphrey (1951–54) has sold Stewart’s Coffee Supplies to a Christchurch company, although he will remain on the new company’s board for two years, and the 14 staff members will be retained. About three years ago, Dave pioneered the manufacturing of granulated milk, produced through Westland Milk Products Ltd, for use in coffee-vending machines, and has retained distribution rights for the product in New Zealand and Australia. Currently production stands at more than 50 tonnes, but Dave believes the potential Australian market could see annual production boosted to more than 250 tonnes in the coming years.

G. B. (Gary) Inglis (1956–59) and his wife Judy own and are ‘mine hosts’ at ‘Smitty’s Sports Bar & Grill’ in Whitianga on the Coromandel peninsula. In a recent Hotel Association of New Zealand (HANZ) Awards for Excellence competition, ‘Smitty’s’ was one of the three finalists in the Best Sports Bar category. Sadly the ‘Holy Grail’ (Speights Ale House) in Christchurch won the award, but ‘Smitty’s’ did end up as the Best Sports Bar in the North Island!

G. J. (Grant) Millar (1977–80) has taken over the long-standing Leckies Butchery Ltd from his father-in-law, Jim Leckie. Previously, Grant and his wife Sandra had operated the adjacent St Clair Four Square Supermarket so now both shops are ‘in the family’. The shops will be well-known to former pupils, as they have operated on Forbury Road near the Bay View Road intersection since 1925. It has to be hoped that Grant will learn how to make Leckie’s highly-esteemed haggis!

Foodstuffs South Island has reported record sales (up 6.7%), income (up 12.8%) and profits (up 18.7%), according to chairman R. E. (Russell) Nieper (1956–57). Foodstuffs’ brands include Pak N Save, New World, Four Square, On the Spot dairies, and recently Henry’s Beer, Wine and Spirits outlets, whose owners receive a Foodstuffs rebate from its after-costs profits in relation to their shares held in Foodstuffs. The increased operation surplus would enable Foodstuffs to “comfortably meet our financial goals” for a maximum payout to members.

The Law Courts Hotel has dropped the Cobb & Co franchise after more than 20 years in favour of establishing its own restaurant in order to have flexibility and independence. Co-owner E. (Eric) Olsen (1959) says that the hotel wished to take advantage of its location beside the judicial law courts and the restaurant has been renamed the ‘Wig & Pen’ and has a legalistic theme, with historic photographs exhibited. Eric has also reopened the Cellars Bar in the Provincial Hotel (the second-oldest pub in Dunedin) with the intention of recapturing its glory days by unashamedly aiming for the older market who like ’50s, ’60s and 70s music, but who like

to be able to hear themselves talk! The bar has been totally revamped but the bricks in the walls retain the painted names of former patrons.

G. J. (Graeme) Sneddon (1973–75) operates Graeme Sneddon Builder's Ltd, which was awarded a bronze medal in the \$250,000–\$350,000 category House of the Year Award for a one-bedroom crib on the road to Aramoana. The awards are sponsored by the Otago Registered Master Builders Association, whose current president is E. J. (Ewan) Oats (1971–73).

P. K. (Peter) Tomkins (1970), son of the late H. K. (Keith) Tomkins (1937–38) owns the Original Chamois Company in Green Island which employs a staff of 31 to produce chamois products, with more than 90% of the 500,000 skins produced annually being exported. Because of a labour shortage last year, Peter was allowed to employ five Pacific Islanders who proved to be brilliant, but when their work visas ran out, he was not allowed to renew them, as New Zealand labour had become available, and WINZ insisted that they must be considered first. The work is really dirty—Peter admits that he wouldn't work there if he didn't own the place!—and Kiwis just can't hack the conditions often lasting only a few hours. Hard-working foreign labour has proved to be ideal, it costs up to \$10,000 to train new workers, and they receive the same wages as Kiwis, but whereas fruit growers are allowed to import labour, other industries experiencing difficulties aren't permitted to do so.

In 1995 K. A. (Kelvin) Williams (1964–66) and his wife Karyn bought Marlow Pies from his uncle, and with help from the Otago University Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) students who used his business as a case study, a growth plan was drawn up which has turned a \$600,000 business in King Edward Street into a group with an annual turnover of \$3 million and a tenfold increase in staff. Originally just a small shop in Marlow Street (formerly Bowen Street) in Musselburgh, the group now includes 'Marlow Speciality Bakers', producing a wide range of quality breads and cakes for the wholesale market, and recently 'The Daily Grocer', somewhere between a greengrocer and a supermarket—all developed on the premise of providing the customer with the best quality product and service. The pies are available at dairies, supermarkets, service stations and cafeterias throughout the South Island.

Bits and Pieces

Inspired by the recollections in the July *Kingsmen* of R. A. (Ron) Neilson (1959–63), R. G. (Ron) Dodds (1952–55) writes from Canada with fond (?) memories of when “the Beak” (alias Rector W. [Bill] Lang) scared him stiff too ...

I grew up in a working class family in Abbotsford and most of my mates left school at age 15 to work at one of the many unskilled jobs available at that time (the 1950s). Although my parents were uneducated themselves they must have recognised some sort of talent in me as they spent much of the evening prior to my 15th birthday trying to convince me to stay on at school. All of this was to no avail however as I was determined to quit school and go to work.

Now picture this: on my 15th birthday, I was standing before the doors of the rector's study, my knees knocking and my hands trembling. Finally I worked up the courage to knock on the door.

“Come in,” a loud voice echoed from within the study.

As I entered the dimly lit room, my anxiety levels rose higher and I was literally, ‘scared stiff.’

Mr Lang lifted his head, looked sternly at me for a moment and said in a very serious voice, “Yes boy what can I do for you? Dodds isn't it?”

At this point my knees were knocking so badly I was thinking to myself that I couldn't go through with informing Mr Lang that I wanted to quit school.

“Yes boy, what is it?” the rector asked again.

“P-ppp--- please sir, oh it's nothing important really sir, I can see you about it at another time!”

“Very well,” Mr Lang exclaimed. “Off you go back to class.”

I never did go back to see him and nor did I quit school. In fact I went on to successfully complete a university education and enjoyed a long and successful career in teaching. That's the kind of man Mr Lang was. He really made a difference in my life.

Actually Ron rather understates his career. After finally leaving King's, he trained as a primary schoolteacher at Dunedin Teachers' College, and taught at Abbotsford and Heriot before heading to Christchurch to train as a teacher for the deaf. He taught in deaf programmes in Auckland and Hamilton, while completing an MA through mainly part-time study from Canterbury University. In 1969 Ron emigrated to Ontario in Canada, and at the Ernest C Drury School for the Deaf (the largest in Canada) he was successively teacher, programme director, and principal. Along the way, he earned a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Toronto, and lectured part-time to teachers undertaking in-service training at York University—not bad for a boy who wanted to leave school at age 15? Now retired, he basks in eternal sunshine: spending six months in his down-sized home in Ontario, and six months in a new home he has had built in Alexandra!

Obituaries

D. J. W. (Donald) Hampton (1952) died at Christchurch 06.07.06

M. C. (Max) Beverley (1936-38) died at Tauranga 26.04.07

R. J. H. (Rory) Raudon (2002-05) killed at Te Teko 30.06.07

T. (Toby) Morrison (2000-04) died at Dunedin 11.07.07

A. J. (Alex) Gilchrist (1937) died at Kaitaia 17.07.07

W. D. (Bill) Ward (1936-38) died at Invercargill 20.07.07

D. T. G. (Tom) Mathias (Staff 1954-63) died at Timaru 24.07.07

P. S. (Percy) Martin (1939) died at Dunedin 11.08.07

G. J. (Graeme) Dodds (1954-55) died at Alexandra 29.08.07

R. K. (Reg) Graham (1944-48, Staff 1955-56, 58-66) died at Sawyers Bay 29.08.07

J. K. (Jack) Skene (1943-44) died at Dunedin 15.09.07

T. A. (Tony) Hurring (1974) died at Dunedin 22.09.07

R. J. (Bob) Gibbs (1940-41) died at Ashburton 23.09.07

C. J. (Colin) [Barton] Kearney (1950-54) died at Dunedin 25.09.07

J. N. (Jack) McGregor (1938-40) died at Dunedin 28.09.07

K. S. (Keith) Hopkins (1945) died at Westport 30.09.07

L. E. (Leon) Jones (1951-53) died at Dunedin 30.09.07

R. S. (Russell) Bell (1954-58) died at Dunedin 15.10.07

A. C. (Tony) Herd (1958, 1960-62) died at Dunedin 18.10.07

If J. B. Priestley was still alive and living in the south of the South Island, he might well think that the title of his most well-known book, *The Good Companions*, aptly describes D. J. (Dennis) Haigh (1953–56, Staff 1997–), L. J. (Lindsay) Hocking (1953–58, Staff 1986–97, Rector 1997–2001), and R. S. (Rick) Mains (1957–61, Staff 1993–2004). All played rugby together for the Southern Rugby Club, and for some years have been making regular whitebaiting excursions to the Waiatoto River, on the road to Jacksons Bay south of Haast Township. Success has been achieved on many occasions, but recent heavy rains made it a wasted exercise, and the fruitless experiences continued as the All Blacks were eliminated from the World Cup: rumour has it that with the rain continuing to pour down, combined with an appalling rugby result, our Southern Men were forced to down their sorrows in the time-honoured way!

J. D. (John) Bradley (1951–54) appreciated the kind words of his former pupil S. R. (Stuart) Smith (1962–66) which were published in the March *Kingsmen*, and wishes to thank his own mentors who influenced him at school, and at the beginning of his career. Among them were W. (Bill) Lang (Staff 1948–61) and R. (Ross) Fraser (Staff 1936–62, 1965), respectively rector and deputy rector: men of very different personalities but who set a good example. Other King's mentors were J. M. (Jim) McCready (1937–40, Staff 1950–80), T. F. C. (Clive) Geary (1936–40, Staff 1951–81) and D. A. (Doug) Morrison (Staff 1947–56) mature beyond their years through their war experiences. And in his P. A. year at Tokomairiro District High School there was J. C. (Jack) Whitworth (1939–42, Staff 1950–53), who with two other mentors, through their practical help and moral support enabled John to establish those credentials as a classroom teacher noted by Stuart.

K. J. (Kevin) Hayes (1949–50) has lived in Cromwell for most of his life, only emerging for two years to complete his secondary education at King's. Since his retirement some 12 years ago, he hasn't exactly been wasting his time, for he recently graduated with a B.Sc from Massey University, some 56 years after leaving school!

C. W. (Clive) Pearson (1962–66) who died recently graduated with a B.A. in geography from Otago University in 1969, having supplemented his meagre student income by detuning the piano at the Valley Lodge Hotel and playing honkey-tonk style—a skill much admired at geography field camps! As his brother was an accountant in Liberia, he spent his O.E. there, and became a lecturer in geography at the University of Monrovia: appalled at the lack of reference material available to his students, he wrote a textbook on geography for them. However, the military somewhat violently took over the government, and when officials started to take his brother's clients up for aeroplane rides (but forgot to bring them back!) it was obviously time to go, and the Pearsons returned to Dunedin. Clive then completed a Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (in geography) at Otago University before joining the (then) Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Following training he was posted overseas, firstly to Seoul, and then to New Delhi, returning to NZ as a fully-fledged second secretary. A secondment to the (then) Department of Trade and Industries led him to a five-year stint in London and Brussels, at a time when NZ was struggling to maintain open markets in the face of the European Community's Common Agriculture Policy, before returning to NZ and the NZ Trade Development Board. In 1993, Clive became the first resident Ambassador in Ankara, Turkey, setting up the Embassy, establishing bilateral relations, and also being accredited to Israel and Jordan. When he returned to NZ, he

was appointed Secretary-General for the annual meeting of the Antarctic Treaty Parties held in Christchurch, and delivered a very well-run conference. At this time, the Cold War was in effect over, the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty had been signed, and hopes for real reductions in nuclear weapons were high, so Clive was appointed as a “roving Ambassador” fully dedicated to Disarmament, and for the next five years, and based in Geneva but roving to New York and Oslo, he became the face of NZ policy in this area. The highlight of his career came when he chaired the 2000 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference Subsidiary Body on Nuclear Framework which he accomplished with dash, charm, and a sharp irreverent sense of humour which was well-received. After Geneva, Clive stayed in the multilateral mainstream of the Ministry as Director of the Human Rights Division and later as Special Advisor on Multilateral Affairs, and provided NZ with a strong policy framework and some highly creative diplomacy. He was a serious professional diplomat who became top class in the field that suited his mature talents; he mastered complexity in a variety of highly technical areas of international relations; he was a tough competitor, a determined advocate, and a tireless bargainer; and he possessed a great loyalty to the Ministry and his colleagues.

D.H. (Don) McMaster (1939–42) recently joined the rare group of Old Boys who have celebrated their diamond wedding. He started work as the office boy at Coulls Somerville and Wilkie, rising to senior clerk responsible for the daily operation of the factory in 10 years. Both he and his wife worked until 5.00pm on their 7.00pm wedding day, and they honeymooned in a crib at Karitane. However, the country called, and they were a married couple on farms at Crookston, Arthurton and Waipahi in West Otago before purchasing a 7ha property near Hampden. To make ends meet in the early days he drove a grader for the MOW then for Contract Cultivation on state highways, later forming water races for the Hawea irrigation scheme. Over 30 years the farm grew in size to 80ha and in partnership with his son they were eventually running 120 breeding sows, whose progeny were grown for bacon. He and Evelyn, who had four children, now live in retirement in Hampden.

W. G. (Graham) Dalton (1945–48) and Dorothy recently celebrated their golden wedding. He was employed as an office machine mechanic for Beechey and Underwood, and for Armstrong and Springhall, and as a wrapping machine technician for Mackintosh Caley and for Cadbury, Schweppes, Hudson. In 1950 he served with the first compulsory military training (CMT) intake, and rose to the rank of sergeant in the radio platoon. He was a member of the Andersons Bay sea scouts for many years, and is a vintage vehicle enthusiast. A current committee member of the KHSOBA for several years, he and Dorothy had three children, son Gary attending King's (see Business Sector).

R. K. (Reg) Graham (1944–48, Staff 1955–56, 1958–66) graduated from Otago University with a BA and an MA in English, but while there was heavily involved in drama and theatre, acting in leading roles, while also experimenting in production. He obtained a position teaching English at King's, but his fledgling career was interrupted when he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study linguistics at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, USA where he also took opportunities to explore media and film. He returned to King's where he was soon recognised as an inspirational teacher of English and was also involved in drama. He joined the secondary school inspectorate based in Christchurch, before later taking up a lecturing appointment in English at Christchurch Teachers'

College, eventually becoming director of the secondary division of teacher training. On retiring, he resumed his lifelong interest in photography—he had learned to process his films while still a primary schoolboy and had already co-authored a book *Where Land Meets Sea*. His expertise was recognised by his acceptance as a Fellow of the NZ Photographic Society. Last year *Click! Portraits of New Zealanders* was published, a pictorial record of those who had made a significant contribution to the arts. Reg was a multi-talented man with substantial personal attributes, modest and considerate, he had a special gift for conversation and friendship. His sudden death just a few days after accompanying his wife Judith to our annual dinner where she spoke brilliantly and graciously about her earlier life as a Dominican sister, came as a shock. It had been a delight for both his peers and for his former pupils who were present to meet with him again, and these feelings had been obviously reciprocated. His funeral at Knox church was a fitting tribute, accompanied by some marvellous playing of the organ by Karen Knudson, the OBHS choir director. A school friend the Very Rev. J. S. (John) Murray (1943–47) was unable to conduct the service because of a prior commitment, but W. E. (Gary) Jeffery (1944–48, Staff 1954–56) gave a fine eulogy, as did his wife Judith and children Kirsty and Piers. There was a large turn out of Old Boys and staff, with the following being recognised: Terry Maguire (1949–53), Matheson Beaumont (1941–44), Grahame Sydney (1962–66), Warwick Larkins (1960–63), Keith Lees (1961–65), Ian Farquhar (1945–49), Doug Jackson (1960–62), “Buster” Sinclair (1947–51), Bob Glass (1948–52), Keith Jeffery (1948–52), Erik Olssen (1955–60), Graeme Page (1946–47), Bill Purdie (1963–67), Jane Nimmo representing Peter Nimmo (1954–58), Ian Page (1943–47, Staff 1957–79), Jim McCready (1937–40, Staff 1950–80), John Barr (1957–62, Staff 1971–), Jeff Munro (1959–63, Staff 1969–70), Lin Phelan (1945–49, Staff 1954), Huia Ockwell (1949–52, Staff 1961–63, 1969–74), Hec Browett (1948–51, Staff 1972–96), Ross Gillanders (Staff 1962–94), Tony Pelvin (Staff 1964–96), John Huggett (Staff 1958–69), Garry Kyle (Staff 1987–), Noel Johnston (Staff 1980–), Graeme Haase (Staff 1958–72), Marie Aubin (Staff 1974–91), and there were probably others.

Dr W. R. J. (Robert) Alexander (1968–72) from the Otago University Economics Dept and a colleague believe that they can put a market value on midwinter sun. They have calculated that a house in Dunedin’s hill suburbs will fetch at least \$15,000 more for every additional hour of midwinter sunshine it receives than its shadier neighbour does not. They gathered data on 1,000 house sales and a research assistant in the Otago University Information Science Dept located each house and by using a topographical software package modelled the amount of midwinter sunshine it would receive—the maximum possible being some eight and a half hours, but one house on a south-facing hill received no sun for nearly four months! Analysing their data indicated that there seemed to be no premium evident for flat areas (South Dunedin, Mosgiel), for well-insulated houses less than 25 years old, or for two of Dunedin’s sunniest suburbs (Brockville, Corstorphine—state housing areas?), but their theory seemed to borne out in Maori Hill, Roslyn, Waverley, and North East Valley. [It is anecdotally believed that canny Queenstown locals are forsaking their stunning views of Lake Wakatipu and chasing that elusive winter sun!] However, the real estate industry has all bases covered: three members who were interviewed described the findings as “interesting,” “common sense,” and that “the sun is a massive factor,” and all agreed that they advised buyers to do so in the winter, while shadier vendors [ouch! no insult intended!] should wait until summer!

The past twelve months have not been kind to former office bearers of the KHSOBA, with three having died since October 2006:

R. S. (Roy) Ferens (1942–46) who died in Dunedin in October was a long-serving committee member of the KHSOBA, was president in 1956–57, and on the organising committee for the 25th anniversary celebrations in 1961. After leaving school he was articled as a survey cadet for four years to E. Fletcher Roberts, Surveyors and Civil Engineers, during which time he became the first employee of Duffill Watts & King. From 1952–54 he was employed as a surveyor by N. & E. S. Paterson of Dunedin. He left to join the Otago Catchment Board by whom he was employed until he retired in 1989 as an engineer’s assistant, then as an engineering officer and from 1974 as an investigating officer, spending much of his time working far from the beaten track in Central Otago. In 1949 Roy joined the Territorial Field Regiment Royal New Zealand Artillery at the Central Battery in Dunedin as a gunner; ten years later he was commissioned as a Lieutenant, and in 1968 was appointed Battery Commander with the rank of Major. From 1969–72 he was Officer Commanding 2nd squadron, New Zealand Scottish Regiment, Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps, being awarded the Efficiency Decoration (ED) in 1971. Motoring was a lifelong interest: he was a member of the executive of the Automobile Association of Otago (AAO) for 26 years and chairman 1998–99; he was the motorists’ representative on Nos.16 and 17 District Roads Councils under the National Roads Board legislation. He served as chairman of the Otago branch of the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand (having a one-third share in a 1916 Dennis fire engine) and was the recipient of the 50 year badge in 2005. He was for some years a committee member of the then Otago Early Settlers Association. Roy maintained an interest in the affairs of our Association, and attended the 2006 Annual Dinner just weeks before his sudden death.

M. R. (Ray) Carson (1937–39) who died in Nelson in March was treasurer of the KHSOBA in 1944. He joined the Dunedin Savings Bank in 1940, and while there undertook part-time study at Otago University, completing his chartered accountants qualifications in 1944, and was admitted to the Society of Accountants in 1945; subsequently he was made a Fellow of the Society in 1958/59 and was presented with a 60 year membership certificate at Nelson in 2005. In 1947 he took up a position as chief clerk with J. M. Bunt & Co, and was admitted as a member of the firm which became Bunt & Carson in 1950. He continued to study extramurally, and in 1953 graduated B. Com from Otago University. In 1960, Ray took up the position of secretary to the Nelson Breweries group of companies and after their takeover by Dominion Breweries in 1968 was appointed DB district manager for Nelson-Marlborough. After retiring in 1984 he farmed a 10 acre block in the Todd Valley near Nelson, before selling up and shifting into the city in 2001. During the war he was called up for the army twice before joining the Air Force in 1945, and being discharged in 1946. He had been attending the Old Boys’ luncheons in Nelson.

R. W. (Ron) Smith (1937–41) who died at Halswell in April was president of the KHSOBA in 1948–50 and again in 1960–61, and chaired the organising committee for the 25th anniversary celebrations in 1961. After leaving school he studied at Otago University graduating B.Sc in radiophysics (nowadays electronics) in 1946. But his studies had been interrupted by war service for he enlisted in the RNZAF in 1943, trained at New Plymouth, and served as a navigator in the Pacific

theatre with No 4 BR squadron operating Lockheed Ventura aircraft; after the war he served as a navigation, operations and intelligence officer with No 4 Territorial Squadron based at Taieri, for seven years with the rank of Flight Lieutenant. It wasn't easy to enter the commercial world after the war, so in the interim he joined his father's commercial stationery and office equipment company which became Percy A. Smith & Son and held a leading place in the Dunedin area until he retired in 1986. Typically he was a member of the national executive of the New Zealand Commercial Stationers' Guild (affiliated to the Guildhall in London), finally being elected president. Ron was always heavily into participation, especially for the benefit of young people. As his children grew and began competitive swimming, he and his wife entered the coaching and administrative world: he served for 13 years on the Otago Swimming Centre being awarded a Centre Service Award in 1965, he was co-organiser for the opening of Moana Pool in 1964, chief organiser for the New Zealand national championships there in 1965, and for the 'Poolside Spectacular' event staged for the visit of the Queen Mother, and president of the New Zealand University Swimming Council. He held a 50 year service award and badge for his service to the New Zealand Surf Lifesaving Association. He played rugby for University and after graduation for Pirates, served for five years on the management committee of the ORFU and became president of the Light Blues Association supporting the University Rugby Club, and latterly an honorary vice-president. A member of Rotary International, his greatest community service was as honorary secretary to the 4th British Commonwealth Paraplegic Games, held in Dunedin in 1974. Latterly Ron had been playing golf, serving on the executive of Greypower in Christchurch, and honorary secretary of the Christchurch Brevet Club established for ex-aircrew. He always maintained an interest in the affairs of our Association and was awarded life membership some years ago.

P. J. (Phillip) Hall (1996–2000) graduated B. Sc (Hons) in psychology and B. Com (Hons) in economics in 2005, and has since worked as an assistant policy analyst for the Department of Labour in Wellington. Recently he was granted a prestigious Fulbright Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Graduate Award valued at \$US25,000, plus travel and expenses to enrol for a PhD in psychology at the University of Arizona in USA, looking at patterns of human behaviour. Earlier he had been awarded a \$15,000 Quest for Excellence Scholarship by the National Foundation for the Deaf for postgraduate study, and a \$5,000 Kelliher Economic Foundation Postgraduate Scholarship. Phillip hasn't let his 82% hearing loss (he wears two hearing aids) hold him back: he spent four years on the executive committee of the Dunedin Youth Forum, he holds a Red Belt in Tae Kwan Do which he hopes to convert to a Black Belt this year, and is a talented chess player.

Large-scale gene screening is now more affordable, following the development of a technique by researchers at Otago University in collaboration with Myriad Genetics in Salt Lake City. As senior research fellow Dr T. R. (Tony) Merriman (1981–85) explains "we can show the genetic makeup [i.e., genotype] of all the 25,000 genes in a person's genome at a single time, but it is an expensive process." The researchers focused on single nucleotide polymorphisms (SniPs), small changes in the DNA sequence between one person and the next, during their research into the genetics behind rheumatoid arthritis. While a small proportion of these SniPs will cause disease, there is now 'Affymetrix' technology to genotype half a million of these SniPs at once. This has enabled researchers to compare samples from a group of people with the disease with a control group

without the disease, and study the differences. The method they have developed has allowed them to pool the DNA of all people with the disease into one sample and do the same for the control group, thereby reducing the amount of genotyping necessary, and making it far cheaper—a boon for countries like New Zealand where funding may not readily be available for a normal genome-wide scan, or for rarer diseases.

At the end of last year, Tony's mother, Mrs C. O (Charlotte) Merriman retired from the staff at King's, thereby ending a 26 year association as parent of four sons (and also a daughter who studied classics at King's while a Queen's student!), a PTSA member, school librarian, special-needs teacher, maths teacher, and Board of Trustees member. As well as all this, Charlotte found the time to study part-time and complete a BA, and an M.Ed (Hons) through Massey University. But while hoping to pursue more of her own interests, she intended to be back at the school in a voluntary capacity, to complete the current numeracy project.

In October, G. W. (Wallace) McGregor (1938-42) visited the school from Queensland, where he lives on a 5 acre property at Tamborine, inland from Surfers Paradise. After graduating from the University of Otago School of Mines with a Bachelor of Engineering degree and following postgraduate study at the University of Illinois, Wallace was employed by the New Zealand government as a mining engineer, and managed the coal mine which supplied the coal-fired Meremere power station in the lower Waikato. In 1965 he moved to Australia, and was employed by the Rio Tinto Company at various locations involved in the mining of such minerals as iron ore, bauxite, diamonds and coal. Wallace very much enjoyed a tour of the school's technology suite, and encouraged by long-serving staff member N. R. (Neil) Andrews (1976–) he spoke to the boys about his time at King's, and of his pride and affection for the school. He concluded to a burst of spontaneous applause.

S. G. (Selwyn) Inglis (1955–59), who died suddenly earlier this year had a 36-year career in local govt, including positions with the former Port Chalmers, St Kilda, and Green Island borough councils, and with the DCC where he was employed as a widely respected health and building inspector—in 1980 he was elected vice-president of the NZ Institute of Health Inspectors, and was subsequently president of the Environmental Health Institute. The year 1979 was fateful for the Inglis family when their family home was engulfed by the Abbotsford landslip, but they relocated to Leith Valley where he established expansive gardens around their new family home. Selwyn maintained a high level of fitness during his life, not only sustained by squash, but also as an experienced tramper and hunter: over the years he covered most of the tracks and trails in the mid-to-lower South Island, having a wide knowledge of the fauna and flora, and an uncanny ability to find hidden natural features and rarely-used huts while carrying more than his share of the communal equipment. Early in his retirement he was a member of a 36-day expedition seeking evidence for the presence of moose in Fiordland, he undertook deer and goat culling operations and possum trapping, and had recently been appointed as a Mountain Safety Council trainer of guides for the 250 ha Orakanui bird sanctuary being established near Waitati. However, it was as a sportsman that Selwyn was most widely known—while at King's he set records in cross country, 440 yards and 880 yards races, the latter lasting for decades—especially as a midfield rugby player. He began his career at Southern aged 7, spent three years in the King's 1st XV, then 15 years playing premier grade rugby for Southern, being captain for eight seasons when he meticulously drilled the team at

training. As player he was rock-solid on defence, intelligent in his options and distribution, and an unselfish player who always put the team first. He represented Otago in 40 matches, on occasion as captain. Team-mate L. W. (Laurie) Mains (1960–64) All Black player and coach has said that Selwyn was the best club player he ever played with or against, that he always put the team before anything else, that his sportsmanship was such that he had the total respect of all players and referees, and that his legacy to younger players was his absolute commitment to training and to always playing his rugby to the best of his ability. Former rugby writer Brent Edwards added in a recent *ODT* that Selwyn was “the epitome of the Southern man, when club rugby was king.” Selwyn came to King’s with a rather colourful reputation (which he maintained!)—while at Macandrew Intermediate he had induced a fellow pupil to place an apple on his head so that he could imitate William Tell: unfortunately the knife he threw missed the apple, but fortunately missed the boy, but unfortunately didn’t miss the science room window P. J. (Peter) Montgomery (1956–60), yachting commentator extraordinaire, relates that while he attended Macandrew, his parents shifted from Caversham to Mornington, which was in the OBHS zone, and that S. G. Inglis was an important reason why he wanted to get to King’s—even though such loyalty could be injurious to the health of one’s butt! Selwyn was a born leader who inspired loyalty: I. W. (Ian) Page (1943–47, Staff 1957–79) writes:

I was sorry to see that Selwyn Inglis had died. I have very fond memories of him at school. There was one incident that sticks in my mind—if I had to give the incident a title, I would call it ‘the Brotherhood.’

When Selwyn arrived at King’s as a third former, I came across him when I was teaching core music to all third and fourth forms in the hall. He arrived with the rest of his form for their first lesson and took his place in the front row, right under my nose, near the piano.

A couple of things are pertinent to this story. First, Selwyn was the class form captain. Second, he was mad about rugby and during the first few days he had been in the place, he had perused all the school photographs which were displayed on the corridor walls at the front of the school. Photographs that went back to the day the school was established, particularly those of the First Fifteens.

I had marked the roll and we were about to start the music lesson when Selwyn raised his hand. When I asked him what he wanted, he said:

“Sir, you went to King’s when you were a boy?”

“Yes,” I replied.

“And you were captain of the First Fifteen?”

“Yes,” I replied, “I was.”

Selwyn nodded his approval. Then he stood up and addressed the form.

“You hear that?” he said. “From now on, we all sing. And when Mr Page says something, we all listen.”

And from that day on, that’s the way it was and the explanation was simple. In Selwyn’s eyes he and I were part of the rugby brotherhood, and in that brotherhood, you look after your mates. And as a good leader, he stayed out in front: while his former class-mates are nowadays looking rather smug at having at last reached grandparenthood Selwyn had already achieved great-grandparenthood!

B. A. (Brent) Bell (1975–77) who drives a courier postvan sporting the number plate EWF, has been a fan of the musical

group ‘Earth, Wind and Fire,’ since his schooldays. Recently he finally got to meet his heroes, having been invited to Las Vegas to hear the group perform at three concerts, and shouted accommodation at the Hilton by US fans so amazed by his devotion that many attended as much to meet him as to watch their heroes! Brent has most of the band’s 20 studio albums on vinyl, CD and DVD.

Sporting Triumphs

Athletics

M. A. J. (Max) Smith (1998–2002), who had previously run a four minute mile in Boston some 20 months ago, became the 10th fastest New Zealand miler when he clocked 3 minutes 56.46 at Brasschaat in Belgium recently—31 New Zealand athletes have now cracked the four minute barrier.

C. H. S. (Caden) Sheilds (2002–06) is showing the benefits gained from his Lydiard-based training programme and has enjoyed a good season. In March he won the New Zealand junior 10,000 metre title at Wanganui. At the National Road Relay Championships at Timaru in September he broke a 17 year old record set by a former New Zealand Commonwealth Games marathon representative by 39 seconds, thereby enabling the Hill City junior team to gain the silver medal. In the Port Chalmers-Dunedin road race, he became only the sixth athlete in 106 years and the first since 1960, to win the event from the scratch mark, thereby winning both the Hooper and the Marshall Cups [In 1954, this feat was achieved by A. N. (Arthur) Donovan (Staff 1954–56)]. And in the Peninsula Relay he gained fastest time in Leg 3—L. C. I. (Lyndon) Brown (2002–06) was the fastest in Leg 4, T. A. (Tony) Payne (2002–06) was second fastest in Leg 7, and P. E. (Eddie) Smith (1993–97) was the fastest in Leg 8.

Bowls

Once again K. G. (Ken) Walker (1960–63) is off to England to participate in the Professional Bowls Association’s world finals in January, in both the singles and two days later (with Paul Girdler) in the pairs. The event is held indoors at the Potters Leisure Resort in Norfolk, which has been developed on 65 acres with facilities for 31 sports (archery, small-bore rifles, soccer, golf, etc), a 750-seat restaurant and a 1200-seat auditorium. Finalists will play for \$NZ80,000, and even first-round losers receive \$NZ3,000! This will be Ken’s fourth all-expenses-paid trip to the United Kingdom since joining the PBA six years ago, but before this he represented New Zealand at two World Bowls events. Recently Ken skipped a Fairfield four to victory, in the inaugural Coasters-Farrington invitation fours tournament held in Christchurch, with a powerful drive with the final bowl of the match, thereby netting the team \$5,000!

Bridge

G. M. (Graeme) Stout (1970–74) and his partner Professor Jeff Miller who finished fourth in a tournament held in Indonesia earlier this year are heading to Shanghai shortly to compete in their first World Bridge Tournament. The pair are members of a six-man New Zealand team which will compete for the Bermuda Bowl against players from seven international zones. Graeme who has been the *Otago Daily Times* bridge columnist for the past four years has described the events as being the “Bridge Mini-Olympics”.

N. J. (Nick) Bailey (2001–05) has been selected for the New Zealand Junior bridge team.

Cricket

W. K. (Warren) Lees (1965–69), former New Zealand coach and wicket keeper, and former Otago captain who led the team in 1987/88 when they won both the Shell Trophy and the Shell Cup and who played in 109 matches for Otago as a wicketkeeper/batsman, was elected a life member of the Otago Cricket Association at its annual meeting recently.

Cross Country

Otago won the regional age group team title at the national Wingatui cross-country championships held at Winagtui in August, helped by G. A. (Geoff) Anderson (1970–74) who gained third placing in the 50–54 category.

Cycling

G. A. (Gordon) McCauley (1985–88) has just completed a magnificent season in the United Kingdom. He was runner-up in the season-long Premier Road Series Championship, and in the recent Tour of Ireland, a major international event, he was runner-up in the 'King of the Mountain' competition. He has been selected to represent New Zealand at the World Championships at Stuttgart in Germany, and was recently voted New Zealand Cyclist of the Year.

Hockey

C. W. (Chris) Ashton (1998–2002), J. P. (Jeremy) Botting (1993–97) and D. A. (Damian) Watson (2000–04) were members of the Southern Men team which played in the National Hockey League this season. The coach was D. E. (Dave) Ross (Staff 1985–).

Indoor Bowls

R. J. (Ray) Webster (1971–73), the former New Zealand representative again represented Otago.

Rowing

M. J. (Michael) Nisbet (2001–05) and S. D. (Scott) Vandenbosch (2001–05) were two of the four Otago rowers selected to represent New Zealand against Australian state crews in the Under 21 youth championships at the Nagambie Lakes in Victoria. Michael a gold medallist by a distance in the single sculls at last season's New Zealand championships at Lake Ruataniwha was Otago Rower of the Year, while Scott won gold in the double sculls at Lake Ruataniwha and was to compete in the pair, four and eights in Australia.

Rugby

C. J. (Carl) Hayman (1993–97) represented New Zealand in their rather brief attendance at the World Cup.

In the recent Air New Zealand Cup, J. M. (Jason) MacDonald (1995–98), U. (Uili) Kolo'ofai (1996–2001), B. R. (Ben) Smith (2000–04) and L. M. (Luke) Herden (1991–96) represented Otago; while T. E. (Tom) Willis (1992–97) captained Waikato.

In the recent Heartland Championship G. R. (Glenn) Dickson (2000–04), son of R. C. (Craig) Dickson (1972–76) represented North Otago, winners of the premier section and thereby the Meads Cup.

The Otago B team was captained by Luke Herden, and included Ben Smith, B. M. (Ben) Nolan (1997–2001), and W. J. (Warren) Moffat (1993–97). D. G. (Dana) Young (1994–98) represented Northland B.

The Otago Country team which retained the Triangular Shield was captained by J. N. ('Sam') Young (1992–96), and included J. K. (James) Kenny (1996–2000), D. T. W. (Dave) Kenny (2000–04) and L. M. (Luke) Tweed (1996–2000)—all from Lawrence, the champion Country team.

Tom Willis the Waikato captain, was probably the first Old Boy to triumphantly raise the Ranfurly Shield, after their defeat of North Harbour. Sadly, a week later he was handing it over to the Canterbury captain!

M. P. J. (Mike) Reggett (1969–72, Staff 2006–) was named the Club Personality of the Year following yet another season of service to both Otago rugby and the Southern club. Mike has been involved with Southern for more than 40 years including 11 years as club captain, and is also a member of the Otago rugby council, acts as liaison officer for visiting teams and conducts tours of Carisbrook.

On the 28th September, 17 members of the 1957 Otago Team gathered in Dunedin for a reunion dinner, it being 50 years to the day since Otago last held the Ranfurly Shield. Those present included: J. N. (Jim) Darling (1949–51), I. M. (Ian) Stevens (1944–45), J. (John) Hotop (1945), D. (Dave) Johnston (1948–51), L. D. (Lindsay) Reid (1950–55) and W. R. S. (Bill) Reeve (1949–53), and the guest speaker was former New Zealand assistant coach Tony Gilbert. On the previous night a post-match social had been held in the Sassenachs clubroom following the Otago v Tasman Air New Zealand Cup match. In 1957 Otago won the Shield from Wellington, defended it against South Canterbury and lost it to Taranaki, and despite strenuous efforts by some quite talented teams, have never won it since.

Surfing

A. E. (Andrew) Newton (2000–04) now resides in Tauranga and has become one of this country's most consistent ocean board paddlers at mainly the 5km distance. A son of G. P. (Graeme) Newton (1966–69), a Coast to Coast veteran, he recently quit his comfort zone and competed in the \$50,000 10km Dolphin Ocean Classic, run by the Northcliffe Club in Queensland (1km south of the main beach at Surfers Paradise). In very hot conditions, but sustained by Powerade from a camel back bladder strapped to the front of his board, he led for the first 2km, but the race opened up as some very fit Aussies who had been training for the Molokai (Hawaii) 50 mile ocean paddle, or for the Coolangatta Gold Coast to Coast event (39km of ski board, swim and sand running) took charge. Andrew finally gained a very good placing of 8th, in this his first attempt at a longer than 5km event.

Surf Lifesaving

S. C. (Scott) Weatherall (1993–97) was named Surf Lifesaving New Zealand Volunteer of the Year at an awards ceremony in Wellington in September, three years after being named New Zealand Surf Lifeguard of the Year in 2004. A *bona fide* lifeguard since he was 14, and currently president of the Brighton club, he led a fundraising drive last year which helped raise more than \$15,000 while also managing more than 30 hours of voluntary patrolling. At district level, he serves on Surf Lifesaving Otago's board of directors, is the lifesaving advisory committee convenor, the life guard examiner and district patrol inspector, and a rescue boat call-out squad member (he spent more than 45 hours on the water in a variety of situations). Nationally, he is on the Lifesaving Advisory Committee, helped implement the control incident support programme, and serves on framework review and junior surf manual committees. He is also involved in the Dunedin Marine Search and Rescue service, and when not out saving lives, he serves the Order of St John as a rural support officer for the southern region. In the recent local body elections Scott topped the poll when being re-elected to the Saddle Hill Community Board.