



THE KINGSMEN

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A Message from the President KHSOB Association

It seems no time since our Committee started talking about the 75th Reunion and at that time it seemed years away. We are now under twelve months out from Labour weekend 2010 and the Committee along with a dedicated band of helpers is cranking up the arrangements for this prestigious event in the School's history.

Arrangements are well advanced with the Friday night get together and Saturday dinner to be held in the Edgar Centre and the Sunday Church service and brunch being centred at the School. Within the programme there will be time available to view the present School complex and soak up the Dunedin attractions. The Committee is suggesting that class gatherings could be arranged within your year groups and maybe dine out on the Sunday night at one of Dunedin's many superb cuisine restaurants and cafes.

We aim to have high quality functions and at the same time keep the costs as low as possible. In some cases

this will be the last opportunity to attend a major reunion at the School and we encourage you to make plans now for you and your wife/partner to join us on this auspicious occasion. Dunedin is a great place to visit and for those who have not seen the new School complex and Performing Arts Centre the trip will be worthwhile just for these two aspects alone.

The opportunity to catch up on 'old' School mates and teachers and enjoy their fellowship for the weekend is not to be missed. The full programme and costings will be included in the February/March *Kingsmen* along with registration forms and I urge you to register early to join us in what I am sure will be a memorable event.

I look forward to seeing you in 2010.

Doug Jackson
President, King's High School Old Boys' Association (Inc)

Our New Website

The Association's website <http://www.kingshigholdboys.co.nz/moodle/> has been developed to provide all past pupils, their parents, their teachers and all others connected with the School with a means of connecting with the School's history.

The site contains a project which aims to display and name all form and group photographs from 1936 to the present day. This is a major task with our 12,000 plus past pupils. Fortunately, most recent records are good, but, a number of the early photos are missing and many are not named. You can help by visiting the site and using the easy to use uploading facilities to pass on the names that are missing from photographs. You can also upload scanned photographs. There is also a place where you can make your comments about the photographs. To date photographs from 1936 to 1969 have been added. More will be added in the near future.

Future additions to the site could include video clips of school life taken from 1936 onwards. Details on upcoming events will be provided on the site calendar. Photographs of staff, Rectors or Principals, sports teams, prefects, war service and cultural events could also feature. We could also have sections on

'Prominent Old Boys' and a where are they now and a section to show how our past pupils have spread themselves around the world. (We will need your help to do this.)

A full database of past pupils will be added as soon as possible. Each decade will have forums and blogs available for members to add their memories.

This is your website, you will not only be able to view a wide array of memorabilia; you will also be able to contribute your comments and memories in the forums and blogs provided. It should provide a great vehicle for local and overseas old boys to reconnect.

It is easy to join the site—just click on the 'login' link on the top right of the screen and follow the instructions. If this is too daunting for you then email your full name, email address, the years you started and ended at Kings along with the city and country where you now live to barrnone@xtra.co.nz and I will be only too happy to email you your username and password.

John Barr (Web Master)

Administration

Subscriptions

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

Old Boys' Authors

Following the articles and acknowledgements in our previous two issues we wish to thank the following for books which have been presented to make up a display at the school.

Hugh Kidd (1950–54) for *The Life of James K Baxter* (1940–43) by Frank McKay.

Dorothy Dalton wife of Graham Dalton (1945–48) *The Warren Lees Story* (1965–69) by Brent Edwards.

Warwick Larkins (1960–63m staff 2001–) *Mud in Your Eye* by Chris Laidlaw (1957–61).

Alan Davies (1958–61) *Rights of Passage—beyond the New Zealand identity crisis* by Chris Laidlaw.

Reunion

As many whilst at King's, and since, were associated with the St Clair Surf Life Saving Club we have been requested to advise them of their Centennial celebrations April 8th, 9th and 10th 2011.

Any past members are asked to please make contact with Carolyn Wilson, Secretary 100th Jubilee committee: robmitchell@kinect.co.nz.

Associate Membership

It has come to our attention that the wives/partners of our members are forsaking such publications as the *NZ Women's Weekly*, *New Idea*, *Women's Day*, *Cosmopolitan*, etc, in favour of reading the *Kingsmen*. Sadly there have been occasions when some of our members have passed away, thereby depriving these wives/partners from getting their thrice-yearly "fix". However, this need not be the case: the bereaved, if they so wish, are most welcome to maintain contact with the KHSOBA by becoming Associate Members, merely by notifying us and continuing to pay the membership subscription. Associate Members are entitled to receive all of the privileges of membership, including receiving the *Kingsmen*, and attending functions (dinners, meetings, reunions, etc) staged by the Association and its branches. It would be appreciated if members would encourage any such widows among whom they live and whom they feel might benefit from maintaining or renewing contact with the Association, to do so.

Activities Around the Country

Dunedin

Soccer

Jim Muir (1960–64, staff 1981–) advised that a very strong Old Boys soccer team defeated the King's 1st XI 4–1 on Wednesday 26 August. The game was played at Tonga Park in windy conditions. All credit to the 1st XI for playing extremely well against older and bigger players.

The outstanding players included:

Michael Smith (1988–92), Tom Connor (2002–06), Tim Horner (1998–2000), and Andy Coburn (1993–97) who all featured in the 2009 Otago National league team.

Richard Murray (1989–93), Tim Dunn (2004–08) and Stuart Crooks (1988–92) played effectively up front and created and scored goals. Younger ex-pupils from 2008 to feature were Tim Dunn (2004–08), Manu Emile (2007–08) and Ben Connor (2005–09). Other squad ex-pupils included Andrew Duncan (1984–88), Tony Martin (1982–87), Jim Muir, Ben McMaster (1998–2001), Lance Woods (1985–89) and Michael Burgess (1994–98).

King's Principal (Hon Old Boy) Dan Reddiex and staff members John Bell and Simon Anderson all contributed to an enjoyable game that served as good preparation for their Invercargill tournament the following week.

The 1st XI finished runners up on penalties in that tournament. Well done boys!

North Shore/Hibiscus Coast

1. *Gathering of Old Boys*

Another good gathering of 20 Old Boys was held on the 30th July at the Albany Sports Bar and Cafe (previously Speights Ale House) with 4 apologies actually received on the day from those originally coming, but suddenly falling ill. Ten stayed on for dinner after a few drinks at the bar.

They were fortunate in having 2 first year pupils attending, with the ever present Gordon Brent, and for the first time Jack Kempthorne both 1936–39.

2. *Grahame Howley supplied this report*

It is nearly three years since the establishment of the branch and an Inaugural Dinner was held on Thursday 15 October. Twenty-two old boys signed up for the function with apologies received from a further 12 due to absences out of town, overseas or because of illness. In the final analysis 15 arrived for dinner at the Albany Sports Bar & Cafe.

Although numbers were down on that expected, a hilarious time was held with some stories being told and convivial discussion continuing around the three tables of five, where more events of school life were recounted.

John Somerville (1950–54) lead the charge with some interesting insights, followed by Neil McLean (1956–59) who gave us some very descriptive accounts of the escapades of "the train" boys'. One such episode was of a young King Edward Tech boy who left school at an early age and became a train guard. Attired in his nice uniform with silver buttons and peaked cap, he tried to throw his weight around. He finished up one day being shoved out at Abbotsford station, (the first stop after the tunnel), naked and with other unmentionable indignities to his body. Apparently the Otago Girls' High students got hold of him.

"Will the train boys' stay behind for detention" said 'Bill the Beak'. His prowess at caning was also recounted and the number of different canes he had in a golf bag in his office—you could choose which one you got.

Gordon Brent (1936–39) mentioned Windsor Wood, who was described as the best left-handed caner this side of the black stump. While he never had occasion to be caned by him he did have an altercation.

Stories were still being recounted as we moved off after the usual photo shoot.

3. It is intended to have another regular drink/dinner get together in March/April with a sit down dinner in July/August.

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Front Row L–R

Grahame Howley, Dick Offwood, Gordon Brent, Chris Reid, Neil McLean,
Lee Smith

Back Row L–R

Arthur Howard, Evan Squires, Keith Cowie, Phil Cowan, Rodney Duncan,
John Somerville, Bill Templeton, Bryen Newton
Absent from photo Brian Norton

Wellington

1. *Dinner*

The Annual Dinner was to be held on Thursday 19 November with the speaker being Grant Robertson (1985–89) the MP for Wellington Central.

The branch are endeavouring to establish a positive relationship with Queen's High School Ex-girls in the area.

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50 Years On

Entry Class of 59 Reunion 28–30 August, 2009

The idea came from Murray Deaker, organiser in his own inimitable way of the Class of 58 reunion in 2008. They had 23 OBs plus a few partners attending, so we thought if we got 30, we'd do well. But the idea just grew and grew some more, and in the event, exactly 50 OBs fronted up, plus nineteen partners and four former members of staff. (Note: 21 of our year group are now known to have died. Of the remaining 152 who started at King's in February 1959, we have so far managed to locate all but 13. Sincere thanks to Hugh Kidd, whose handwritten records of OB whereabouts made our detective work, led by Lex Cochrane, much, much easier than it would have been otherwise.)

Four came to the reunion from overseas—Harold Anderson from London, Lyn Adam, Graeme Brown and Garth Dever from Australia. Eight from the North Island; eight from Canterbury and the West Coast; six from provincial Otago, the Lakes District, and Southland. In other words, 26 came from outside Dunedin and surrounding districts, and 24 were "local". On the staff side, Adam Coxon came specially from Lower Hutt, and John Wilson drove down from Rangiora. Ian Page, fighting off the flu, came with his wife Dot and that great

servant of KHS, Jim McCready, brought his wife Maida. All four former staff were honoured in presentations made on Friday night.

We assembled for a get-together on the Friday night, in the reception area of the new Performing Arts Centre at King's. First, there were tours of the school, followed by drinks and a lot of catching up. Our own Crawford Brown provided wines from his Bannock Brae vineyard. Just 25 minutes of formal stuff, the highlight being a welcome from current Principal Dan Reddiex. We were aghast to discover the school is still paying off the Performing Arts Centre. As a result, donations totalling more than \$10,000 were made during and since this weekend; this will be, we hope, a challenge for other year groups to emulate.

On Saturday, the sun shone for the dozen of our number who went off to play golf; others gathered informally to spend time with old friends. That evening, Chisholm Park Golf Club was the venue for our dinner. Lyn Adam proposed a toast to absent friends, and the mercurial Max Telfer took the microphone around the room to allow those who wanted to say something to do so. It was all spontaneous—no trumpets were blown, but many gracious and amusing things were said. It was a memorable night in a low key, unhurried way.

The concluding lunch back at school on Sunday was again very relaxed. So came the time for goodbyes, as well as spoken and silent vows to allow much less water under the bridge before we meet again. The secret of this reunion was in word-of-mouth ... so many came because others rang them and persuaded them to come ... and also in the efforts of a committee which began in Auckland, but had key men on the ground in Dunedin (Bob Bryant and Neil Macandrew) as well as a quality photographer (Richard Mitchell).

Finally, we hope *Kingsmen* readers understand the importance of Warwick Larkins to the links between OBs of yesteryear and the KHS of today. Warwick contributed immensely to our reunion, not only with good advice and organisational help beforehand, but also by being at both the events at the school.

Trevor McKinlay, on behalf of the reunion committee.



Left to Right
Doug Scoles, John Finigan,
Ron Messer, Lex Cochrane,
Clive Knauf, Graeme Brown.



Left to Right
Trevor McKinley, Denis Breese,
Lee Smith, Evan Taylor,
David Oliphant, Bob Bryant,
Lyn Adam.

The School

The King's High School Old Boys' Association has presented to the school a new King's flag, worth approximately \$400 to replace the old worn one. At a special assembly, Jim McCready (1937–40), a heraldry expert, who has largely been responsible for setting up King's Coat of Arms and badge, spoke to the boys about the history of the flag and its crest before handing it over to the Head Prefect, Luke Johnston.

The crest on the flag had to be granted by the Lord Lyon King of Arms in Scotland on application in 1956. This was no straight-forward matter, with major problems concerning colours, but eventually the King's crest, as we now recognise it, was formalised—a blue lion rampant, with golden tongue and claws, on a white background with a black 'chief' (oblong area at the top) containing two crowns and an open book.



Left to Right: Jim McCready, Luke Johnston and Ray Bell

The black background of the 'chief' is because blue is not recognised in heraldry.

In 1936, when King's was founded, there were in fact three kings on the throne of England and, initially, it was thought the school crest should reflect that, with three crowns above the lion rampant. However, since one King in fact abdicated, something which still infuriates royalists, it was felt two crowns and an open book, symbolising learning, were more appropriate for the school.

The school motto, "Doctrina Vim Promovet Insitam" (Teaching brings out inborn strength) appears on the scroll beneath the lion and comes from Horace's Odes. (Boys' High's motto is the next line).

King's colours of Cambridge and Oxford blue were chosen by the first Rector, Mr D. S. Chisholm and the lion rampant

suggested, interestingly, by the wife of the Science master, Mr Ensor.

And let's clear this up, A common misunderstanding concerns the apostrophe in 'King's' (erroneously dropped by local print media). It is there to show we are *the high school of the King*. While there were three kings on the throne in 1936, there is only ever ONE king of England on the throne at any time, and that's what our school name with its apostrophe refers to.

Also present was King's first All Black, Ray Bell (1939-41). Ray was a wing/full back from the Pirates Club who helped Otago successfully defend the Ranfurly Shield in 1949, when 11 Otago players were in South Africa with the All Blacks. After starring for Otago in its win over the 1950 Lions, Ray was selected in the All Black team to tour Australia in 1951, scoring a try in his first test. A leg injury ended his international career the next year, but Ray later became an Otago selector.

OVER THE YEARS

This issue we have the 1948 and 1949 third form photos with all having been named about 15 years ago.

Many replied with help with the 1946 and 1947 photos which appeared in the July issue, and we wish to thank them. Unfortunately not all were definite or in agreement which is not surprising after all those years. It is a pity the exercise was not completed 15 years ago or earlier especially as some who could have helped are not with us now.

1948 Third Form Photos: Pupils Identified



3L Form Photo

Back Row: Ewen Kirk, Ian McNeill, Pat Milne, Brian Hall, Roger Hilliker, Allan Stevens, Bill McAuliffe
Second Back Row: Les Griffin, Brian Peplow, Merv King, Bob Glass, Dave Long, Keith Jeffery, Tony Woodbury, Murray Burt
Middle Row: Peter Clifford, Barry Watson, Allan Stewart, Mr T. R. (Curly) Richards, Lindsay Caudwell, Neil Thompson, Neville Hay
Front Row: Neil Harraway, Doug Ruhen, Hec Browett, Doug Brown, William Gabriel, Dave McFarlane, Richard Craddock

Third Form entrants not in 1948 3L: Jim Bruce-Smith, Stuart Reid



3A Form Photo

Back Row: Bob Dick, John Padgett, Lyn Shieffelbien, Rodney Dalziel, Cliff Wallace, Peter Crawford, Gray Sullivan
Middle Row: Les Steel, David Orr, Dave Johnston, Ron Paterson, Vance Currie, Graeme Ward, Merv Brookes, Rob Sutherland, Geoff Crooks
Front Row: Morris George, Bill Patrick, Rex Gardiner, Mr S. G. (Stan) Emslie, Alf Hislop, Dick Jackson, Brian Stevenson
 Third Form entrants not in 1948 3A photo: Ken McDonald



3B Form Photo

Back Row: Graham Swallow, Nevis Jones, Keith Grant, Graeme Railton, Tat Wesley, Hunt Dowall
Middle Row: Jim King, Bob Thomas, Charlie Stewart, Ron Holt, Riley Wingfield, Lowrie Drew
Front Row: Raeburn Jones, Ainslie Jacobs, Robert Williams, Mr E. J. Hay, Gordon Fleming, Jim Searle, Russell Ward
 Third Form entrants not in 1948 3B photo: David Weaver



3C Form Photo

Back Row: Keith White, Vince Harvey, David Shanks, Justin Sew Hoy, Alf Fastier, Dave Marr, John Mitchell, Ian Hynes, Ivan Mitchell, John Jones
Middle Row: Neville Robinson, Bill Hinton, Ken Duncan, Alex Armstrong, Warner Esquilant, George Johnston, Bill Dabinette, Garnett Ball, Terry Parata, Bill Bryant
Front Row: Ray Robinson, Bob Procter, Mike McCartney, Mr R. W. McMillan, Keith Bird, Jim Martin, Owen Cook
 Third Form entrants not in 1948 3C photo: Brian Good

1949 Third Form Photos: Pupils Identified



3L Form Photo

Back Row: Colin Ward, Barrie Irvine, Graham Wilson, John Jarvis, Grant Moffat, Alan Thompson, Graham Sinclair, Neil McGregor, Dan McCarthy
Third Row: Mr Stan Emslie, Hamish McMillan, Robin Galbreath, Arthur Nicol, Bryan Bassett, Terry Maguire, Mervyn Lattimore, David Aitken, Bruce Ball, Alan McGreevy
Second Row: Graeme Speirs, Gordon Simpson, Ken Clydesdale, Robin Fastier, Alister Campbell, Brian McGrath, Gerry Stewart, Bill Reeve
Front Row: Doug Downes, Neil Kearney, Philip Ashton, Ken Allen, Graeme Spencer
 Third Form entrants not in 1949 3L photo: Neville Wilson



3A Form Photo

Back Row: Peter Clarke, Norman Angell, David McLay, John Wood, Alan Dow, Ken Standing, Neville Mitchell, Athol Hamilton
Middle Row Row: Maurice Homan, Ken Thompson, Charlie Burrell, Peter Morris, Teddy Wiggins, Dave Tyrrell, Ron Godfrey, Ian Harman, Harvey Black, Mr R. W. McMillan
Front Row: Les Hughes, Charlie Edlin, George Dryden, Russell Smith, Barrie Rutledge, Donald Bruce, Ray Burnard
 Third Form entrants not in 1949 3A photo: Ian Fastier, David Green, Clive Sims, Roderick Walton



3B Form Photo

Back Row: Lance McLoughlin, Allan Wishart, Clive Harrison, Russell Smith, Bob Hunter, Graeme Burns, Allan Munro, Allen Hair, Graeme Harford
Third Row: Russell Dyer, Lance Richardson, Jim Armstrong, Richie Fay, Peter Johnson, Ronnie McNeill, Graeme Swanson, Russell Campbell, Ross Sinclair, Mr Bob Crimp
Second Row: John Ellis, Bill Tomkins, Jim Darling, Neville Bruhns, Derek Hughes, Eric Shaw
Front Row: Don Nisbet, Ian Dodds
 Third Form entrants not in 1949 3B photo: Peter Whipp



3C Form Photo

Back Row: Huia Ockwell, Arthur Rowe, Neville McTainsh, Gordon Lindsay, Trevor Bransgrove, Lyndon Hanger, Bob Gibb, Neason Harris, Jim Banwell, Barry Inglis
Third Row: Allan Joyce, John Collins, Merv Rowe, Eddie Wilson, Brian Colquhoun, Noel Scurr, Les Laing, Ron Hannagan, Mr E. J. Hay
Second Row: John Gray, Des Shaw, John Bull, John Law, Colin Green, John Benson
Front Row: Warren Ockwell, Gordon Cockburn
 Third Form entrants not in 1949 3C photo: George Mattingly

Missing

We would like to thank those who have responded to our requests for information concerning those Old Boys for whom we had no details. Sadly many have indeed died: of the 1942 intake, Ramon Mussen died in Invercargill in 1982; of the 1943 intake, Ken McFarlane, formerly Dunedin assistant manager of the Trustees Executors died in Wanaka c. 1994, and Walter McLean, who worked for NZ Railways and for Speights died in Dunedin in 1990; of the 1944 intake, Bill R. Campbell, formerly a journalist with the *ODT* and later with the *Dominion* in Wellington before moving to South East Asia died in Singapore more than 20 years ago; of the 1945 intake, Graeme Hall died in Christchurch in 1973, Ken McLeod, formerly manager of the Mayfair theatre died in Dunedin in 1977, while Graham Riach died in Christchurch in 1997; of the 1946 intake, Philip Lane a medical doctor died in Thames in 2007; and of the 1947 intake, Charlie Williamson died in Dunedin in 1988. Happily, we can record that of the 1939 intake, Murray McCracken is living in Melbourne (and is 3rd from the left in the front row of the 1938 rugby supporters featured in the April 2009 *Kingsmen*—only 10 more to identify!) and Gordon Wilkinson is living in Christchurch; of the 1943 intake, Graeme Sinclair who has been involved in live theatre has lived in Broadstone, Dorset, England for many years; of the 1945 intake, John Arnold is living in Geraldine and Russell Ings is living in Witta, Queensland; and Trevor Rutledge of the 1946 intake is living at Papamoa Beach, Bay of Plenty.

The photos of the 1948 and 1949 intakes are included in this *Kingsmen*. Of the 1948 intake of 110, 31 are known to have

died, while the circumstances of 9 are unknown to us: Rodney Colin Dalziel (was an architect in Dunedin), Edward *Lowrie* Drew, Horace Ainslie Jacobs, Vincent William O'Sullivan, Neville Charles Robinson (Belfast?), Charles Richard Stewart (Timaru?), Robson Dodds Sutherland (soccer goalkeeper), Keith Robert White (Oamaru?), and John Hector Williamson (came in 5th form from Mosgiel District High School).

Of the 1949 intake of 121, 27 are known to have died, but a further 14 are unknown to us: James Robert Armstrong, Charles William Trevor Bransgrove, John David Collins (a Green Island train boy ex Australia), John William Ellis, Robin Scott Galbreath (was Te Puke), David Cooper Green, James Barrie Irvine, John Robert Jarvis (a notable swimmer, was in Auckland), David Forrester McLay, Edward *Lance* McLoughlin, Neville Edwin McTainsh (was on Sunshine Coast, Queensland, sometime hooker for Taieri), Peter Barry Morris, Allan Stuart Munro, Russel Nelson Smith (was in Airlie Beach, Queensland, brother Alistair in Christchurch?) and Roderick John Walton.

As it seems unlikely that many of our older Old Boys will be attending the school's centennial celebrations in 2035—they will be centenarians themselves long before then—we have been concentrating on finding their whereabouts, in order that they might at least consider attending the 75th anniversary next year. Of the 1937 intake of 105, 76 are known to have died, and we have no information concerning a further 7: Leslie Mervyn Bennie, John *Carlin* Dickison (went to Farnborough, England), Colin Edward Frederick Gaudin (deceased?), Eric Abdy James

Hughes, Royston Sydney Pottinger (came from Timaru in 1940 to 6th form), Donald Max Ritchie (3 sons Graham, Paul and Christopher attended King's in late sixties/early seventies), and Edwin Maurice Stephenson.

Of the 1938 intake of 120, 60 are known to have died, and further two may well have done so: James Patrick Boulton (was at Fisherman's Rock Estate, Whangaparaoa until 1998, and James Joseph Macllree (living near Whangarei until 1999). A further 21 are unknown to us: James Scott Armstrong, Donald Clyde Grant Cameron, Ian Douglas de Castro, John Hall, Stanley James Johnson, Leslie Richmond Little (brother of George W in Christchurch), Alexander John McDonald, Thomas Herdman McPherson, Murray McQuarrie, James Ivan Martin, John William Meek (near Blenheim?), Reginald Ian Mitchell (brother of the late Alan K), James Baird Nickels, Hartley Stewart North, Leonard Russell Roberts, Colin Edward Russell, Alan Francis Rutherford, Ian McKinley Scott, Alexander Robin Wood, Bruce Young, and Henry Samuel Calhoun Young (brother of the late Peter D of Karori, Wellington).

Of the 1939 intake of 104, 46 are known to have died. A further 20 are unknown to us: Gerald Grant Armitage, Tom Douglas Barron, James Eric Brown, Maxwell Milton Butler, James William Bowie Cormack (was Palm Beach, Queensland), Alan Lewis Dear, John Anthony Doig, Colin Douglas Drysdale, James Gawn Fowler, Jack Hudson Francis (was Pittwater, NSW), James Henderson Grant, Eric James Maurice Harrould, Jack Gourley Holland, Arthur M Jones, William Donald Kennedy, Raymond Stewart Milne (was in the UK, now in Queensland?), John Alexander Ramsay, Percival William Alexander Rees, William Neil Saul (brother of the late Jack who died in Dunedin 1949), and Owen Smith (was in Islington, Christchurch).

Of the 1940 intake of 96, 33 are known to have died, while 11 are unknown to us: Colin Findlay Cameron, Murray Alexander Cameron, Leslie Amos Davis, Michael William Delaney, Noel Malcolm Mills Miller, Terence Francis Mora, Clifford John O'Brien (brother of the late Dan of Winton), Richard James Orr, Lawrence Ian Rhodes (was a medical doctor in Onehunga), John Ross Sharp, and Keith Rae Smith.

The current circumstances of Laurie Arthur McKinnon (1944–47, was in Brisbane?) and Colin Francis McMillan (1946, came in 4th form), William Ian Hoggard (1945) and also unknown to us.

Memories

The nostalgia has been flowing with the photographs.

1. The photograph of the Bugle Band and mention of those prominent in brass bands stirred memories for Trevor Brighting (1940–44) who advised us he is on the left side of the photo level with bass drummer Ian Grant (1940–44). Trevor went on to play in the St Kilda Band and sat next to Bill Fraser (1946–48) in the cornet section, with Neil Dixon (1946–48) facing them on bass trombone. Neil graduated for a career with the National Orchestra. Trevor's highlight was in 1949 when the band won the New Zealand and the Australian Championships. He says the opportunity came their way through Les Francis (Woodwork Master 1937–47) who was the Conductor of the St Kilda Band. Another memory was for some reason the school bell was out of action, and it fell to Trevor to signal change of period times by playing the bugle.

2. Ken Sims (1944–47) who has lived in England since 1956 wrote that the article on Paul Oestreicher was of much interest. He was at Musselburgh School when Paul arrived and he “regretted that as typical of parochial remote communities we gave the boy a hard time.” Also “it says a great deal for his courage and understanding that he was big enough to accept the unacceptable rejection urbanely.”

3. At the Dunedin dinner this year, and quoted in the July *Kingsmen*, Paul Oestreicher mentioned getting on his bike with a rifle for that Anzac Dawn Parade. (Imagine that these days! ed).

John Neilson (1946–49) from Australia has informed us that for some reason not all blank rounds were fired on one occasion. Three of them went to Kettle Park off Victoria Road to finish the job. A little old lady going for a walk along the edge of the park was, not surprisingly, more than a little startled at the gunshots. So they had to sweet talk her into not reporting them. No more was heard of it—luckily. (The Armed Offenders squad would be out these days! ed).

Honours

At a function held in December last year at the NZ High Commission in Canberra, T. B. (Trevor) Williams (1965–66), nowadays resident in Ivanhoe, Western NSW was invested with the NZ Special Service Medal (Erebus) for being involved in the transportation of the bodies of the victims of the Erebus disaster from Whenuapai airforce base to the morgue, and for assistance there in laying out the bodies on to morgue trolleys for identification purposes. Trevor hopes to catch up with members of his extended family when visiting Dunedin for the 75th anniversary of the establishment of King's in October next year.

Recent anniversaries have led to Sir F.W. (Frank) Holmes (1937–41) being sentenced to life membership of two organisations with which he has had a long connection. These were the NZ Institute of International Affairs (75th anniversary), and the NZ Association of Economists (50th anniversary). Sir Frank is already a Distinguished Fellow of the NZAE, and of the NZ Institute of Directors.

J. P. (Jack) McFaull (1936–38) and J. G. (John) Pryde (1939–42) are also life members of the NZ Association of Economists.

Cultural Affairs

M. L. (Michael) Andrewes (1957–61) was once again musical director when the Really Authentic Gilbert and Sullivan Performance Trust presented *The Yeomen of the Guard*, the 10th opera in its ongoing series. This was Gilbert and Sullivan's only attempt at grand opera, and unlike their other 12 operetta, was set in Elizabethan times.

Associate Professor A. J. (Tony) Ballantyne (1985–89) has written a chapter entitled “The State, Politics and Power 1769–1893” in the recently published *The New Oxford History of NZ*, edited by Giselle Byrnes.

Prolific Dunedin poet J. R. (John) Bryan (1966) has raised \$4,000 during the past year for the Otago Community Hospice, grateful for the care and support received by his sick mother. \$1,600 of this came from a framed profile and statistics of each individual All Black, together with an original All Black poem, which he sells for \$50 to All Blacks, or to their descendants, schools, and clubs—many pay more when they learn it is for the hospice. So far, customers have included Sir Colin Meads,

Ian Jones, Grant Fox, and the descendants of the first All Black, James Allan from the Taieri Club.

Prolific Dunedin historian, I. M. (Ian) Dougherty (1966–70) has recently published *High Street Shopping and High Country Farming: a History of the Wardell and Anderson Families in Otago*. This is a commissioned history of two families who lived on two neighbouring stations in the upper Waitaki Valley, and were linked through marriage. The Wardells established their well-known grocery business which lasted for 90 years in Dunedin, while the Anderson family were champion dog trial breeders, trainers, competitors (several national titles), judges, and administrators.

The Alexandra Bowling Club, one of the longest established in Central Otago, celebrated its centennial during Labour weekend, F. R. (Russell) Lambeth (1951–55) has written a history of the club.

While cycling across the “roof of the world” between Lhasa and Kathmandu (travelling by yak is so Twentieth Century!), Auckland business R. F. (Roger) Lampen (1958–62, Staff 1967–68) was struck down by a stroke, the altitude having exacerbated previously unsuspected medical conditions. Fortunately, this trauma manifested while he was in Xigaze (Shigatse), Tibet’s second city, so that he was hospitalised within the critical first three hours, before being transferred back to Lhasa the next day, where his trusty cell phone enabled him to make somewhat slurred contact with his wife and insurance company back in NZ. After a few medically fraught days (during which time he was accidentally set on fire by a hospital visitor, whose cigarette butt landed on his bed instead of in the adjacent rubbish bin!) and hassles with Chinese security officials, he was evacuated to Hong Kong, and ultimately NZ. Roger has written an inspirational book, *It’s All in the Mind*, about his experiences and road to rehabilitation which was published in time for Stroke Awareness Week in September.

C. Z. (Chris) Stevens (2004–08) is a student of mathematics at the Otago University, but while at King’s studied photography for his NCEA. Recently he had six photos accepted for publication in *Click—the ultimate photography guide for generation now*, an American photography book published by a division of Random House, out of 10,000 photos submitted by untold photographers. His photos included one of his father, P. N. (Peter) Stevens (1960–62) surfing at Purakanui, and another of the estuary. Chris first entered competitive photography at the Blueskin A & P show in 2005, and has since staged a very successful exhibition at a Port Chalmers gallery. He has been approached to take photos for the Royal Forest and Bird Society, while the Purakanui Amenities Society is selling a fund-raising calendar for \$20 containing some of his photos.

B. H. (Bruce) Tregonning (1960–65) has recently had his book, *Dare to be a boy* published in Hawkes Bay. Set in Macandrew Bay, it is a fact-fiction novel aimed at 10–15 year old readers and celebrating the glory days of the postwar 1950s. Bruce and his two brothers Garnet (1955–59) and Russell (1958–62) attended the 150th anniversary of the establishment of a school at Macandrew Bay held at Labour weekend.

Business Sector

A. W. (Bill) Baylis (1959–62) a retired chartered accountant now living in Queenstown, has been named as one of the nine directors of Dunedin Venues Management Ltd (DMVL) which will run the Forsyth Barr Stadium at University Plaza

and other DCC venues. Currently he is chairman of Naylor Love Enterprises, chairman of Real Journeys Ltd, a director of Port of Tauranga, a director of Blackhead Quarries Ltd, and a trustee of Carisbrook Stadium Trust. More recently he has been appointed to the board of Landcorp, a farming SOE.

The Romeo Bragato Wine Awards were announced in Napier in August, with Olssen’s Garden Vineyard (J. B. (John) Olssen, 1960–64) winning a gold medal with its 2007 pinot noir. Other medal winners from Central Otago included Bannock Brae Estate (C. R. (Crawford) Brown, 1959–63), Aurum Wines (A. G. (Tony) Lawrence, 1961–65) and William Hill (W. H. (Bill) Grant, 1945–50).

Despite having soils supposedly near-perfect for grape growing, the Alexandra Basin’s vineyards have been overshadowed by the well-marketed Central sub-regions such as Gibbston Valley, and Cromwell-Bannockburn, and have long been regarded as a “Cinderella” area with only one or two vineyards. The recently-formed Alexandra Basin Grape Growers group intends to dispel this image, for there are more than 30 growers who represent 30% of all grapes grown in Central Otago, and who have won more than 140 medals at 15 different wine competitions since 2007. The group offers advantages such as collective marketing, co-ordinated publicity, and advice to newer growers if requested. On the group’s working committee is T. L. (Trevor) Deaker (1968–71) who in 2001 with partner Mark Borrie, bought “7ha of desert and some water rights” uphill from Alexandra airport half of which is planted in pinot noir and pinot gris and in production under the label “Eight Ranges Wines.” The fact that Aravin vineyard won two trophies and a gold medal at the recent Romeo Bragato Wine Awards may be a sign of things to come?

C. J. (Chris) Schmelz (1996–2000) and S. K. (Simon) Hellyer (1995–99) are two of three community-minded young Dunedin men who have established a do-it-yourself bicycle workshop, “The Crooked Spoke.” This not-for-profit venture run entirely by volunteers on Friday afternoons, seeks to encourage a bike culture in the city by helping people fix their bikes themselves using parts from broken or discarded bikes that would otherwise be rusting away. Use of the workshop is free, and people can bring along their own bikes, provide seldom used bikes for others to fix, or fix a bike the men may have rescued from a tip, or elsewhere. Parts are available for trade or a donation, while new parts maybe available for a reasonable price.

B. R. (Bruce) Dick (1964–68), who has for more than eight years been CEO of Rabobank’s NZ and Australian businesses, and based in Sydney, is going to Tanzania to head the National Micro Finance Bank, an operation partly owned by the Rabobank group.

R. L. (Roman) Harrington (2005–07), a 17 year old panel-beating apprentice with Harrow Motor Body Works in Dunedin, recently became part of the State Insurance Apprenticeship Scheme and won a toolbox full of tools following an interview in Christchurch. Roman will also have his fees paid for the next three years, after which he hopes to work his way up to one day owning his own business.

J. B. (Jim) Lewis (1961–65) is a shipbroker/valuer operating out of that marine centre, Albert Town, in Central Otago!

Meridian Energy is paying the Govt a final dividend of \$113.9 million, this on top of an interim dividend of \$30 million, plus a special dividend of \$150 million, despite only making a net after tax profit of \$89.3 million (down \$128.6 million from the

corresponding period last year) in the year to June 30. Chief executive officer T. A. (Tim) Lusk (1957–61) explained that the special dividend was possible because the underlying profit was \$195 million, compared with \$104.5 million last year. It had been a challenging year, which began with storage lakes at record low levels, and ended with the company having to cope with a series of large inflows. However, the rolling out of smart meters in its main Canterbury market has meant that the company now had the largest smart meter platform in Australasia.

J. S. (John) Milburn (1963–67) owner of Monarch Wildlife Cruises and Tours is extolling the benefits of Tourism Dunedin's "Passport to Love the Dunedin Difference" campaign, which among other benefits entitles passport holders half price trips on board the *Monarch* to experience what Otago Harbour has to offer. Customers can expect to see a variety of wildlife, including sea lions, dolphins, fur seals, blue and Mako sharks and up to seven species of albatross—this year there had been seven sightings of orca pods, and even a Southern Right Whale—all this on one of the most beautiful harbours in NZ.

Graham Crombie, a Dunedin audit partner, and grandson of Mr W. Lang (Rector 1948–61)—but who didn't go to King's—has been appointed inaugural chairman of the new (down-sized) board of the NZ Institute of Chartered Accountants.

David Mayhew, born shortly before the untimely death of his father, W. R. (Bill) Mayhew (Staff 1945–54), also didn't go to King's—unlike his brother C. J. (Chris) Mayhew (1965–69) who was dux in 1969. He graduated from Otago University with an L.L.B., and B.A. in history and politics before heading to London where he became a corporate lawyer for some 20 years representing powerful and national bodies in lengthy court sagas following some of the country's biggest financial scandals. He then rather "jumped the fence" with a stint with the giant British regulator, the Financial Services Authority. He is returning to NZ in January having been appointed Commissioner for Financial Advisers, charged with dragging Kiwi financial advisers into the 21st Century.

Sporting Triumphs

NZ Sport Representation

We can now confirm the international record of R. C. (Ross) Murray (1948–50). In the first few years after leaving King's Ross must have wondered which sport(s) to concentrate on: while at school he had been both junior and senior swimming champion and he had swum at the national championships; he had represented Otago at cricket as an all-rounder in the Brabin Cup competition; while in 1953 when only a 19 year old he played six games of rugby for Otago, including a Ranfurly Shield challenge match, kicking 24 points. Fortunately he turned to golf, and in 1959 represented NZ at the Commonwealth Tournament in South Africa. He continued to represent NZ from 1961–1975, playing in four Commonwealth Tournaments (every 4 years) and seven Eisenhower Tournaments (every 2 years). He was runner-up to team-mate Stuart Jones in the Canadian Amateur Championships, and finished third individual in the Eisenhower Tournament in Rome. On the NZ scene he won a record seven South Island championships, and the NZ amateur Championships in 1972. He won the Jellicoe Cup twice for being the leading amateur in the NZ Open, plus two national foursome titles. Ross also had a successful career in business, spending 22 years with NZ Insulators in Temuka and rising to the post of managing director, before taking up the position of club professional at Alexandra and serving

the area there successfully for 10 years before he moved to Rangiora and semi-retirement, although he continues to coach on a part-time basis.

Athletics

At the Clyde-Alexandra Road Races on August 15, T. A. (Tony) Payne (2002–06) was third in the Senior 10k race in a personal best time of 30 min 58 sec. D. J. (Daniel) Balchin (2004–08) continued an excellent winter season by winning the M19 title in a substantial personal best time of 31 min 36 sec.

At the Otago Road Championships raced over 8000m on August 23, Daniel also won the M19 title in a time of 26 min 01 sec.

At the Otago Peninsula Relay, Hill City won the trophy for fastest time, defeating Caversham by 14 seconds. The Caversham team included Daniel Balchin (1st in his leg), L. C. S. (Lyndon) Brown (2002–06) (2nd), Tony Payne (3rd) and R. J. (Robert) Brown (2004–08) (2nd).

At the NZ Road Championships held in Dunedin on September 5, Daniel Balchin was a member of the Otago M19 team which won the silver medal. Tony Payne and Lyndon Brown were members of the Otago senior team which also won the silver medal.

The Port Chalmers-Dunedin Road Race was won by T. M. (Tim) Dobier (1993–97), who last contested this event 10

Obituaries

- N. G. (Neville) Bruhns (1949–52) died at Kareets, NSW, 17.10.08
- D. J. (David) Teape (1976) died at Christchurch 3.7.09
- G. C. (Gordon) Fleming (1948–50) died at Dunedin 11.7.09
- B. W. (Brian) Gorrie (1946) died at Christchurch 11.7.09
- I. E. (Ian) Patterson (1942–46) died at Dunedin 17.7.09
- Prof G. N. (Graham) Stanton (1953–57, Staff 1962) died at Cambridge, England 18.7.09
- C. W. J. (Bill) Muir (1951–52) died at Wainuiomata 23.7.09
- P. J. (Peter) Skelton (1949–51) died at Christchurch 1.8.09
- B. J. (Barry) Robertson (1951–54) died at Christchurch 6.8.09
- R. F. (Ron) Palmer (1950–51) died at Roxburgh 10.8.09
- J. W. (John) Kettink (1975–78) of UK, died at Malta ?8.08
- K. W. J. (Kahu) Whatuira (1998) of Taieri Mouth, died at Dunedin 11.8.09
- R. A. (Ross) Ransom (1961–63) of Dunedin, died at Wanaka 17.8.09
- R. S. E. (Ricky) Low (1985) died at Dunedin 19.8.09 after industrial accident at North Taieri
- T. B. (Braemar) Anderson (1938–41) died at Christchurch 28.8.09
- C. A. (Colin) Parker (1940–43) died at Christchurch 3.9.09
- J. A. (John) Buchanan (1977–79) died at Green Island 5.9.09
- J. A. A. (Jack) Tonkin (1938–39) died at Mosgiel 25.9.09
- S. R. (Stewart) Hall (1944–46) of Gore, died at Invercargill 27.9.09
- A. D. (Alan) Tomkins (1941–43) died at Dunedin 3.10.09
- D. B. (Bruce) McGee (1960–61) died at Green Island 12.10.09
- R. J. A. (Ron) Laing (1951–53) died at Mosgiel 17.10.09

years ago, thereby helping Ariki to win the team's race, and the Frank Perry Memorial Trophy. Daniel Balchin recorded second fastest time.

Lyndon Brown won this year's Kelly's Canter, the race from Palmerston to the summit of Puketapu and return.

Corstorphine House was built for John Sidey in 1863, and remained in family hands until the 1950s. It closed recently after having provided accommodation for visiting notables (Prince Charles stayed there on his latest visit to Dunedin), while also featuring a high-class restaurant. Sir Thomas Kay Sidey was the first president of the Caversham Harrier and Athletic Club, holding the post from 1905 until 1929, and the club's first official run was held from Corstorphine House on April 19 1905—a photograph taken that day graces the walls of the clubrooms in Middleton Road. Corstorphine House featured prominently in the club's centennial celebrations during April 2005: official photographs were taken there, followed by afternoon tea and a guided tour of this significant venue in the club's proud history.

On September 6, the UK Masters Athletic Federation held their annual marathon championships centred on Margate. Over a course which tracked the Kentish coastline, and which provided a stiff head-wind for half of the race, D. J. (David) Worcester (1966–70) won the UK national over-55 title. While the strong wind slowed times (at 3hrs 3mins this was David's slowest marathon), he finished 6th overall in a field of some 350. David now has the distinction of winning masters titles in both hemispheres: while in NZ for an extended period three years ago, he won the Oceania over-50 half-marathon, and three weeks later the NZ over-50 half marathon titles.

Bowls

R. W. (Bob) Crawford (1957–60) of the St Clair club, has joined the selection panel for Bowls Dunedin.

K. G. (Ken) Walker (1960–63), although supposedly retired, is still involved in organising events, the latest being the Henselite Shanghai singles, which he hopes will eventually become as significant as Twenty/20 cricket. This has three bowlers to a rink, each with four bowls, and the winner is the first to arrive at 31 shots. Six shots are awarded on each end: 3 for the closest to the jack, 2 for the next bowl, and 1 for the third closest. A Shanghai is scored when one player gets all 6 points on a single end. A tournament Ken organised in July was run on a knock-out system, with games lasting a mere 1hr 15mins.

Bridge

G. M. (Graeme) Stout (1970–74) first represented NZ in 2007 and in 2009, he and his partner (Jeff Miller) were again members of the 6-man NZ Open team competing against 18 other qualifying countries in the World Team's Championships (known as the "Bermuda Bowl") in Sao Paulo, Brazil. This is the most prestigious competition in world bridge, so it is quite a distinction, and a first for a member of the Otago Bridge Club.

Cricket

B. B. (Brendon) McCullum (1995–2000) was vice captain of the NZ Test squad which toured Sri Lanka earlier this year. He was joined by brother N. L. (Nathan) McCullum (1994–98) for the ODI and Twenty/20 matches. Brendon was also in the NZ team which competed in the Champions Trophy ODI matches in South Africa, captaining the team in the final against Australia.

Both were members of the Otago Volts team which represented NZ in the Champions League matches in India. Accompanying

the team was OCA operations manager A. G. (Andy) McLean (1994–98).

N. P. (Nathan) King (1996–2000), who has been a development officer with the OCA for the last 4 years, has been appointed coach of the Otago Sparks (i.e., the women's rep. team). An excellent technical coach, he has level three coaching qualifications, and recently completed a short coaching stint in Hong Kong.

Cross Country

At the Otago championships held at Waikouaiti, Daniel Balchin won the M19 (8000m) race, with B. G. (Ben) Anderson (present boy) third; with the inclusion of R. H. (Royce) Madigan's (present boy) sixth placing, their Caversham team won the title.

At the national championships at Christchurch three weeks later, Tony Payne, who finished 20th, was in the Otago team which won the bronze medal.

Golf

B. A. (Brent) McEwan (1995–97) represented Otago, while G. (Graeme) Barbara (1969–71) was in the Otago Masters (over-40) team.

Hockey

D. E. (Dave) Ross (Staff 1985–) has joined an elite group of three development coaches who are being groomed for higher responsibilities. This is just one tier down from the current national panel, and he will attend Black Sticks training camps, as well as receiving special instruction from Kevin Towns, the former coach. Dave, a former NZ rep at both indoor and outdoor hockey has had a wide coaching experience with Otago teams, from Hatch Cup to senior level, and is the current coach of the Southern Regional team. He also coached the NZ indoor team in the 1990s, which sometimes even defeated world champion Australia!

C. W. (Chris) Ashton (1998–2002), D. A. (Damian) Watson (2000–04) and S. A. (Scott) Fitzpatrick (2000–05) were members of the Southern Regional team which plays in the National Hockey League.

Indoor Bowls

Otago won the match against the North Island for the first time in eight years, the men's four, skipped by R. J. (Ray) Webster (1971–73) winning all of its three games. Ray, who is a plumber by trade, has been playing for 37 years, and has won 12 Otago titles, a NZ pairs title in 1994, and an Australasian fours title in 1987.

Power Lifting

At the South Island championships held at Dunedin in June, B. R. (Bruce) Park (1951–54) broke national records in the 60 plus and 70 plus age groups in the 67.5kg class in the squat (130kg), bench press (80kg), and deadlift (180kg) for a total of 390kg.

At the national championships in Auckland in August, B. J. (Brett) McCormack (1985–89) won the men's open 82.5kg class with a total of 720kg.

At the national power lifting bench press championships in Christchurch in October, Bruce Park increased his NZ record to 85kg in the masters 4 67.5kg class, while T. J. (Trevor) Bills (1967–68) won the masters 1 100kg class with a personal best of 185kg.

Rugby

B. R. (Ben) Smith (2001–05) became the 13th All Black from King's when he was selected to tour Japan and Europe at the

end of 2009. He grew up in Abbotsford and has played for the Green Island club (when allowed!) since he was a junior.

J. M. (Jason) Macdonald (1995–98) was called up for standby duty with the Junior All Blacks when they were beset with injury problems during their recent tour of the Pacific Islands.

B. T. (Brayden) Mitchell (2003–06), a hooker, was a member of the NZ under 20 team which won the World crown in Tokyo in July.

In recent times it has become fashionable to bewail the lack of home-grown players in the Otago team; however, this year King's belied this canard by supplying seven players for the team: Ben Smith, Jason Macdonald, L. M (Luke) Herden (1991–96), J. N. ("Sam") Young (1992–96), J. K. (James) Kenny (1996–2000), B. M. (Ben) Nolan (1997–2001) and G. R. (Glenn) Dickson (2000–04) [your Association has acquired an Otago jersey signed by all seven]. Glenn is the third generation of his family to represent Otago: his grandfather in 1952, and his father R. C. (Craig) Dickson (1972–76) in 1978—but both were forwards. In the match against Bay of Plenty, Glenn and Ben Smith scored all 26 points, with Glenn setting up both of Ben's tries, converting them, and kicking four penalties—in contrast to their schooldays when Ben (then at half-back) usually fed Glenn!

J. D. (John) Willis (1992–96) continues to represent Taranaki.

This season, Brayden Mitchell represented Southland.

At half-time during every Air NZ Cup home match at Carisbrook the ORFU has honoured a club legend, thereby recognising hardworking volunteers who had given long service to their clubs. The first recipient of the award was M. P. J. (Mike) Reggett (1969–72, groundsman 2006–) who has been involved with the Southern club for some 40 years as club captain (10 years), manager of the premier team (26 years), committee member (more than 20 years) and life member.

"Sam" Young (captain), James Kenny, and D. T. W. (Dave) Kenny (2000–04) represented Otago Country, which defeated Horowhenua-Kapiti, North Otago, Canterbury Country, Southland Country, and only lost to Wairarapa-Bush by 3 points in their first match together.

W. J. (Warren) Moffat (1993–97), Luke Herden, and Glenn Dickson all played for Otago B.

At an awards function held at Carisbrook at the completion of the club season, R. (Ross) Barnett (2003) was named Otago referee of the year, having controlled the club final and a debut first class fixture. Glenn Dickson led the individual points for the season with 117, and he and Warren Moffat were "selected" by the ODT in their club rugby "team" of the year.

Dunedin's approach to hosting test matches, whereby the ground is sold out, has become the blueprint for guidelines being drawn up by the NZRU to be used countrywide. S. B. (Stuart) Heal (1965–70) also led the Southern lobby group which secured five World Cup games to be played in the South in 2011, and aims to run a campaign based on a "Spin it Wide" theme encompassing all parts of the region south of the Waitaki river.

With North Otago's "glory days" seemingly beginning to dim, veteran rugby writer and general stalwart Terry O'Neill has "selected" a "team" of 22 from the past 22 years of North Otago rugby. It includes Luke Herden, R. T. (Ray) Ofisa (1999–2000), and N. (Nathan) Archibald (Staff 2001–03).

A. C. (Andrew) Melville (1987–92) made a nostalgic return to

King's in July as coach of the Newbridge College team from Ireland which played the King's 1st XV (and won!). He has been coaching at the school for eight years, and brought the squad of 38 boys to Australasia to gain good hard experience in an effort to break into the elite top six Irish schools. His brother S. R. (Stephen) Melville (1989–93) also lives in Ireland, and they are the sons of R. S. (Stuart) Melville (1963–67), Board of Governors (1988–89), Board of Trustees (1989–2001).

Snooker

G. A. (Garry) Hale (1985–87) and his partner dropped only two frames on their way to a record seventh South Island pairs title in Christchurch in August. Garry, a hospital orderly, was the top-ranked amateur in NZ in 1995–96, but now plays seriously once a year (at the South Island championships!). He won the national junior title in 1990, and was runner-up in the senior event in 1995. He first represented NZ in 1990 at the World under-21 championships in Brisbane, was a member of the NZ team which won the Oceania championships in 1994, and played in the World amateur championships in New Plymouth in 1996.

Soccer

A. D. (Andy) Coburn (1993–97), the driving force behind Dunedin Technical winning the South Island championship, was named Sportsman of the Year at a Football south function in September. But he may not be available for Otago United this season as he wishes to to play cricket—ideally he would like to play both, but this may not be physically possible.

M. W. (Malcolm) Fleming (1983–84), assistant coach of Otago United for the past two seasons, has been appointed coach little more than a month before the NZ Football championships begin, and with at least six of last season's team (which finished second bottom of the league) unavailable, his position is hardly a sinecure!

Bits and Pieces

At the end of last year, J. D. (John) Barr (1957–62, Staff 1971–2008) retired, having taught at King's for a record 38 years. Firstly he redeveloped the Mathematics Dept, which was then without an HOD, then started up a Computing Dept from scratch (when the average computer was the size of a dog kennel, and the computing "room" was a converted storage area), eventually becoming HOD of Maths, and then Computing. Basketball was also "my thing," and his team finished third and second respectively in 1997 and 1998 at the NZ Secondary School Championships—no mean feat. His time at King's turned into a family gathering, for his wife, Mrs M. A. (Margaret) Barr (1983–94) was a teacher aide, and their three sons John, David and Michael all attended. The previous record-holder for length of teaching service at King's was Mr S. G. (Stan) Emslie (Staff 1941–75) who taught there for 35 years, but this has also been exceeded by Mr B. J. (Bryan) Frost (Staff 1974–), while Mr N. R. (Neil) Andrews (Staff 1976–) is fast closing the gap with 34 years of service. When John started teaching at King's, the current principal, Mr D. (Dan) Reddiex (Staff 2001–05, principal 2008–) wasn't even born!

The blokes' shed concept was pioneered in Dunedin by the Taieri Blokes' Shed at Taieri airport which began operating successfully in 2008, and a second shed in the Dunedin area had always been envisaged. In May, King's donated one of their old sheds located where Mr W. (Bill) Lang (Rector 1948–61) grew his vegetables, and this has been reclad, relined, electrified, and accessed from an existing driveway from Bay View Road, near the intersection with Kirkaldy Street. A driving force behind

the establishment of the Shed has been G. D. (George) Munro (Caretaker 1994–2004), an interim committee member.

W. M. (Murray) Ings (1936–38) who died earlier this year was a first-day pupil at King's. On leaving school he started work with Kempthorne and Prosser in Dunedin, before joining the airforce as a 19 year old, and receiving his wings at Taieri. After further training in Canada under the Empire Air Training Scheme, he proceeded to Britain. During his war service he flew ten different aircraft: Tiger Moth, Crane, Oxford, Lysander, Anson, Martinet, Mosquito, Blenheim, Hurricane, and his favourite, the Thunderbolt; he also gradually proceeded eastwards, to the Middle East, India, and finally Burma. The Thunderbolt was an American fighter bomber, sometimes used to escort bombers to Germany, but as it used 100 gallons per hour of fuel, frequently it had to return to refuel before returning to escort the bombers home, an unsatisfactory and dangerous practice which ceased with the development of the Mustang. Murray found in Burma that if a Zero got on your tail, the Thunderbolt could reach 500mph in a dive (any Zero which tried to follow would have broken up!), before coming up above the said Zero. On returning to NZ, he moved to Wellington, then Auckland, travelling for the Glaxo company. One brother, C. A. (Colin) Ings (1942–43) was a company rep for John Edmond Ltd for 38 years, initially based in Dunedin and then in Alexandra before retiring in Dunedin. The other brother, R. J. (Russell) Ings (1945–47) returned to his family's roots (a forebear planted the first commercial orchard on the Taieri), becoming a fruit grower at Keri Keri, then near Tauranga (kiwifruit), and now grows tamarillos on the slopes overlooking the Sunshine Coast, Queensland.

In Clyde Street, North Dunedin, is the Al Huda mosque. Members of the congregation are from the Muslim countries of the world, both Sunni and Shia, and mostly of student age. Chairman of the Otago Muslim Association is S. J. (Steve) Johnston (1979–83) who played in the 1st XV in 1983.

Old Boys from sixty years ago (and ex-pupils of St Clair and Macandrew Intermediate schools) will recall the sight of J. H. (John) Braithwaite (1951–54), with his legs in irons, hobbling briskly around King's on his crutches. He had contracted poliomyelitis when only six weeks old, but with his positive, smiling, "tackle anything" attitude, he never saw his disability as an impediment. He had a great passion and gift for music, and became school pianist when R. M. (Richard) Barham (1950–54) became head prefect. After leaving King's, John joined the Health Dept in Dunedin, then in Nelson, and latterly in Invercargill, retiring in that city. He and his wife then lived in an old stone family cottage in Bendigo, before shifting to Christchurch, where he died following a brief bout of cancer.

N. G. (Neville) Bruhns (1949–52), yet another successful train boy, died in southern Sydney last year, where he had pursued a career as a land surveyor. He worked on many notable projects, including the Centre Point Tower, Darling Harbour, and the Sydney Cricket Ground.

L. I. (Lindsay) Sprott (1974–76), a young chef at "La Scala" restaurant in Dunedin headed to London in 1980 for what was supposed to be a two-year working holiday, but has only returned home for fleeting visits. When he arrived there, jobs in private houses were no longer available, but being a chef enabled him to travel in Europe, working for the NZ tour company Contiki, and for a chateau in France, in North America, and in parts of the Middle and Far East. A major career change came when he joined the City of London police, and he has been awarded a long service medal in recognition

of 22 year's service. He has worked as a police-schools liaison officer helping children develop life skills, and has also been involved in dealing with the aftermath of terrorist attacks in London (12 so far). He is presently involved in helping make security arrangements for the 2012 Olympic Games.

In the July *Kingsmen* we stated that E. M. (Max) Finnie (1942–46) lived in Abbotsford, and implied that he only went up to the family farm on Saddle Hill during fine weather. This was not true, as a more careful examination of our records would have revealed: Max has been braving the elements by living on the farm for many years, and his address, Finnie Road, reflects the esteem in which 150 years of family ownership is regarded locally. We regret any slur which we may have unintentionally cast on his farming integrity.

Dr D. K. (David) Holdsworth (1967–71), a marketing lecturer at Otago University, who qualified as a botanist and who has experience in both the tourism and real estate industries has been appointed to the Otago Conservation Board.

T. M. (Trevor) Page (1987–91), aka Jesse, recently hitch-hiked from Auckland to Dunedin disguised as a cabbage, with his head smothered in green paint to match, in an effort to raise funds to enable him to train in Spain as a teacher of meditation. He has raised \$2500 so far as a result of his rather bizarre efforts, 10 percent of which he is donating to the Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust.

A Book entitled *Last Stand in Singapore: the Story of 488 Squadron RNZAF* was published by Random House last year. Written by Graham Clayton, son of one of the servicemen, it tells the story of NZ's very first fighter squadron which was posted, largely untrained, to Singapore a mere three months before it fell to the Japanese. It was equipped with Brewster Buffalo fighters, which have been described as the world's worst fighter aircraft, and there were no spare parts, so Kiwi ingenuity had to come to the fore. One of the 28 aircrew (there is a group photo in the book) was Sgt R. W. (Rod) MacMillan (Staff 1945–50), and the book records that he was shot down by fighters escorting the first bombing raid on Singapore, but he parachuted to safety 20 miles from base. The rest of his service career is unknown to us, but he started teaching social studies at King's in 1945, while assuming command of the ATC unit. He left King's in 1950 for a position at Mangakino District High School, and ultimately became principal at Westlake Boys High School on the North Shore.

W. G. (Bill) Clayton (1938–42), dux of King's and a retired lawyer living on the Kapiti Coast is writing these days using a Parker-Sonnet stainless steel gold trim ball pen, which was awarded for a letter he wrote to the *Sunday Star Times* reinforcing the need for a review commission to improve NZ's justice system.

F. R. (Fergus) Mathieson (1945–47) who died earlier this year farmed a property on Centre Road, Tomahawk which has been in family hands for more than 150 years, and where the stone house and steading add a distinctly Scottish flavour to the landscape. Originally helping his father on the milk round, he maintained the farm as a dairy unit until the 1980s when he switched to pigs (selling the pork products once a week from a shop in Marlow (Bowen) Street, and latterly to sheep. Apart from his farming, Fergus made a notable contribution to horse-racing: as an owner-trainer he won thoroughbred flat races, steeplechases, and races for both pacers and trotters. He became involved in the administration of harness racing through the Otago Trainers and Breeders Association, and was awarded life membership of the Forbury Park Trotting Club

after serving 13 years on the committee, including a stint as president. He was instrumental in affirming Forbury Park as a venue for racing when it seemed likely to relocate to Wingatui race course. He made a notable contribution to bag piping, becoming pipe major in the Dunedin Highland Pipe Band, a judge, and a teacher. He was also a patron of the Tautuku Fishing Club, which operate from a building on his property.

J. R. (John) McDermott (1960–64) is often seen on TV, as a presenter and interviewer when the channel includes an item of interest from Otago or Southland.

D. B. (Doug) Clark (Staff 1988–97), a disaster assessments specialist with the NZ Red Cross of some 30 years experience, went to Samoa to assist the Samoan Red Cross following the tsunami. He said that while the devastation was not as widespread when compared with the Boxing Day tsunami in 2004, some 26,000 people (representing 15 percent of the total national population were estimated to have been directly affected by the disaster, without even considering long-term damage to the economy.

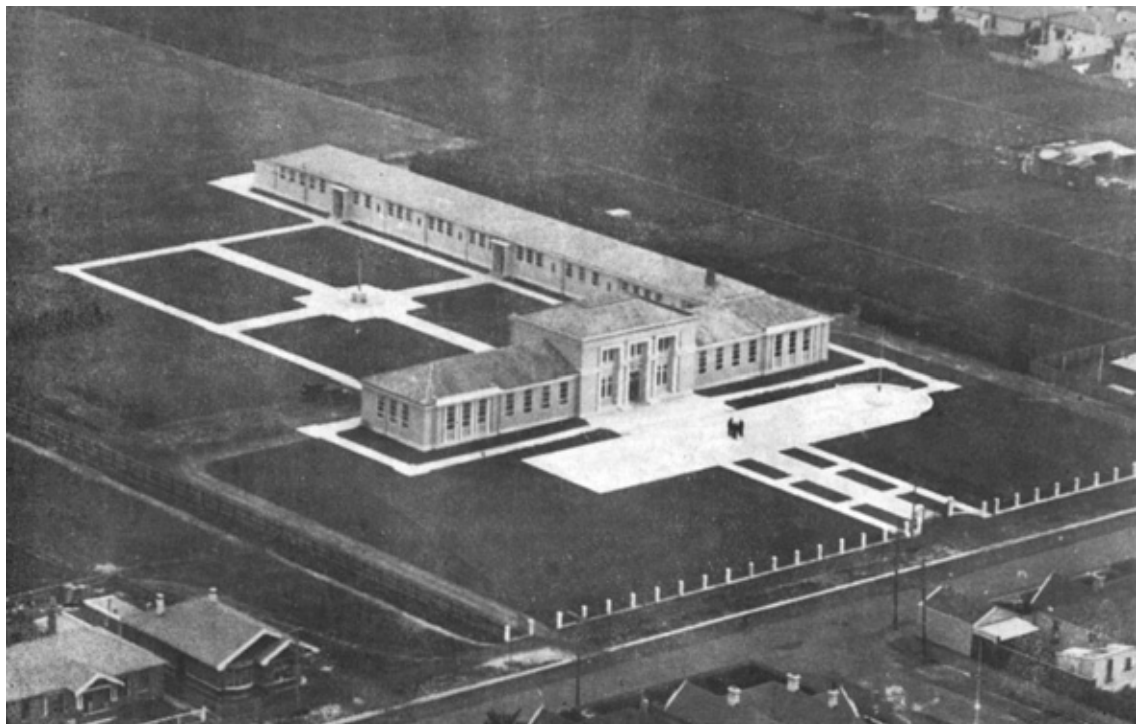
R. (Russell) Hendry (1952–56) has retired after serving eight years on the Otago Community Trust. S. D. (Stuart) Walker (1969–72) is Deputy Chair, while Carol Melville, wife of Stuart Melville is also a member of the Trust.

D. W. (Dan) Lyders (1950–53), a Berwick farmer, has decided to stand down from the Otago Fish and Game Council

because of old age: he feels that the organisation needs fresh blood. When first elected to the Otago Acclimatisation Society in 1984, its meetings to discuss hunting and fishing issues packed out public halls: nowadays its most recent incarnation, the Otago Fish and Game Council is lucky if it attracts one member of the public, other than the media, to its meetings despite staggering them around the region—the fraternity evidently no longer identifying with the organisation. Dan became vice-present of the Acclimatisation Society in 1988, then president in 1989. When conservation organisations were reorganised in the 1990s, he chaired the transition committee, and chaired the first Otago Council. A highlight of his service was co-sponsoring a quest to open up Lake Hawea to bait fishing, he believing that the elderly and children were not mobile/skilled enough to fly-fish: locals in the lake district feared it would destroy the fishery, but research disproved this, bait fishing was introduced, and now is allowed on all Central lakes, with no apparent effect on fish levels. Another high point was the establishment of a new hatchery at Macraes Flat.

A. J. (Allan) Rennie (1938–40) and his wife Dorothy of Green Island recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding. Old Boys who have recently achieved Golden Wedding status include R. G. (Ralph) Couling (1945–50) and his wife Margaret of Dunedin, and W. A. R. (Bill) Carstairs (1950–51) and is wife Joy of Mosgiel.

The beginning ...



The end.

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