

THE KINGSMEN



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40 years on reunion for 4L class of 1958



Group Photo of 4L 1958 who attended the reunion recently, courtesy of Reg Graham.

During Labour Weekend the 4L class of 1958 held a "Forty Years On Reunion." Of the 36 who were in 3L in 1957 and 4L in 1958 four have died, and one proved unlocatable. Over a period of months prior to the reunion a consensus was reached on the type of gathering that would attract the most support. In the event 18 class members, 10 of them accompanied by partners, and four staff attended. The gathering commenced late on Saturday afternoon with a photo session and a conducted tour of the school. The group then moved on to Cargills Hotel for drinks and dinner in a private room. The preference had been for an informal, unstructured evening and after a toast to absent friends it fell to Jim McCreedy to provide an impromptu address in which he reminisced on the school during the years 1957-61. He finished by recounting a few tales of Bill Lang and this was a catalyst for a number of the class to recall their own experiences with the Rector and other

members of the teaching staff. It proved to be a very convivial evening and the following morning, about half the group reassembled in Cargills courtyard for a brunch in the shade of the cherry blossoms. It was resolved that the address list that had been used to organise the reunion should be circulated so that future contact between class members could be maintained.

Jim McCreedy, during his address, made the point that reunions restricted to individual years, or perhaps a particular form as this one had been, had the advantage that everyone attending knew everyone else there. He suggested this reunion of 1958's 4L might serve as a model for similar reunions in the future.

(The organiser of this reunion was Bill Evans of Geraldine. We only know the names of 4 others who attended and they came from Auckland, New Plymouth, Kaiapoi and Christchurch.)

NOTES ON OLD BOYS

Nearly all the notes are compiled by two pensioners who cannot be expected to know everyone who went to Kings and verify correctness.

- Pen 1: "The local rag is a good paper but it cannot record news relating to all ex-pupils as many have deserted the old city and live throughout New Zealand and the world."
- Pen 2: "Over 50% of the Associations members live outside Otago."
- Pen 1: "Take the Local Body elections. The Times recorded all those elected to Councils in Otago but surely with the ability of our fellows some out of the area must have been elected?"
- Pen 2: "There was a Bruce Brown elected in Timaru."
- Pen 1: "Oh no you reported his death several years ago."
- Pen 2: "Well there were apparently two in Timaru with the same christian names and both known by their middle name. I was glad it was not my old mate but in the days I knew him he was known as the late Mr Brown at University and work."
- Pen 1: "There are certain aspects of activity we have little knowledge of like softball which they did not play at Kings when we were there."
- Pen 2: "Did you see in our rag Peter Ashton was overseas playing hockey for an old timers team? Well if Peter was in what about the Isaac brothers who do not live in Dunedin?"
- Pen 1: "Mind you we received quite a few snippets supplied intentionally or unintentionally from correspondence at the last committee meeting and I liked the way you pounced on them."
- Pen 2: "The Secretary would have filed them away for future non reference, or file 13 and the rest of the committee were asleep."
- Pen 1: "What do you expect you talked so much. However do you think we have got the message across that we require news especially from outside Dunedin or will the Editor cut this article out because of space limitation?"
- Pen 2: "He better not otherwise we will withdraw our labour."

JUBILEE FUND

Over fourteen years ago in 1984 the Golden Jubilee Appeal was launched to raise funds for extras not provided from tax payers money for a new Assembly Hall. It was hoped by some that the hall would be built for the Golden Jubilee in 1986.

Since then many ex-pupils have joined the Association and some may not be aware of the history. In fact we have had an odd query.

A new ball game developed with the Government departmental proposal to completely rebuild King's High School instead of a piecemeal approach which had happened over the years. Cabinet approval for rebuilding over 80% was made in 1989 at a then cost of nearly 9 million dollars. For over nine years the school had sought some redress regarding the sad state of its buildings, its rising overcrowding, and its vast shortfall on code facilities.

The rebuilding plans have been in five stages with three completed since the first demolition in 1990. Stage 1 was built in 3 phases covering two storied buildings containing a catering suite, six laboratories, two computer rooms, fifteen classrooms and a Special Needs (handicapped) department.

These were completed in 1992 and 1993. Many old boys have now seen the fine buildings and facilities but they occupy the area where the hall, Senior wing (south side) and Science block (south front) existed.

Stage 2 covered the Library block completed in early 1996. It is where the old Junior wing was situated (north side). Stage 3 was the two storey excellent up to date Technology Centre completed at the beginning of 1998. It is on Bay View Road (northern side of the school) where houses were built.

The fourth stage is the double storied Administration block for which there are plans but the time for building yet to be approved.

The final stage is where our Jubilee Fund comes in with the Auditorium including a music and drama suite. At present the Fund amounts to about \$345,000 with original donations having multiplied many times with the interest compounding all the time. To date the interest rate has exceeded inflation and costs which is a plus against the frustration and delay. It is unknown when this last stage will be approved and completed. Since 1990 daily school assemblies have not occurred with the Gymnasium being used on occasions.

ADMINISTRATION

Subscriptions

This is a reminder that subscription notices were posted out with the July "Kingsmen." We have come to the conclusion that these may be swamped in the large envelopes and only the newsletter taken out, although this year our workers were requested to place the account inside the "Kingsmen."

Lost Member

The July "Kingsmen" was returned marked "Gone no address" from S. W. (Simon) Thompson (1984-88) whose address was 3 Connemara Drive, Belfast, Christchurch. If anyone is aware of his current address would you please send a note to Box 163, Dunedin.

OVER THE YEARS

Where they are Now

Following on from our previous articles naming the 1936–85 Head Boys, Duxes, 1st Rugby XV and 1st Cricket XI Captains below are those who were our Junior (J) and National (N) Scholarship winners during the first 50 years.

- 1940 D. N. F. (Noel) Dunbar (N), Canberra
M. J. C. (Malcolm) Templeton (N), Wellington
- 1942 W. G. (Bill) Clayton (J), Paraparaumu
D. S. (Doug) Coombs (N), Dunedin
- 1944 W. E. (Bill) Chisholm (N), died Oamaru
P. R. C. (Paul) Weaver (J), Canberra
- 1947 J. S. (John) Murray (N), Wellington
C. W. (Colin) Newbury (N), Oxford, England
H. C. (Hugh) Templeton (N), Wellington
- 1949 P. E. (Paul) Oestreicher (N), Coventry, England
- 1955 B. J. (Brian) Austin (N)*
- 1958 G. F. (Fergus) Brand (N), Sydney
M. E. (Michael) McIntyre (J–1st for NZ), Cambridge, England
D. M. (David) Warrington (N), Dunedin
- 1960 D. B. (David) Brown (N), died 17/9/68
- 1962 N. R. (Neil) Thomson (J), Dunedin
A. D. (Alan) MacKenzie (N), Wellington
- 1963 R. A. (Robert) Smith (N), Dunedin
- 1965 T. J. (Tim) Hazledine (N), Auckland
- 1966 A. J. (Anthony) Stewart (N), Wellington
- 1970 M. D. (Murray) Weatherston (N), Auckland
- 1984 S. D. (Stuart) Ryder (J), Hawaii

*Brian Austin was in Australia and thought to be in Canberra and involved in computing

We were supplied with the address of G. (Graham) Kemp the 1979 Cricket Captain in Auckland which completes the 50 years for that sport. We will hunt out names, and addresses where known, of others from sectors of the past for coming issues.



HONOURS

C. D. (Doug) Jackson (1960–62) received a long service certificate at the Society of Local Government Managers' annual conference, held in Dunedin recently in recognition of his 20 years with the Dunedin City Council. More recently he was the Returning Officer for the local body elections. From 1972–75, he was KHSOBA secretary.

A. R. (Arthur) Rockliff (1951–54) is operations manager for the Taieri Gorge Railway, which won a 1998 NZ Tourism Award for being best in its class. Arthur was a foundation member of the Otago Excursion Train Trust which launched the project in 1987.

Dr W. A. (Wayne) Temple (1962–67), director of the National Poisons Centre, was awarded a national 'Kidsafe Hero' award for his long standing commitment to the prevention of childhood poisoning. Ironically, the viability of the centre, which operates a three-shift, 24 hour service, has been under threat because of cuts to its funding of up to 50% by some contributors!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Many Old Boys sought to serve their communities by standing as candidates in the recent local body elections. Obviously it is difficult to record every instance, but the following can be recorded:

The Hon W. E. (Warren) Cooper (1947–48) was re-elected Mayor of Queenstown-Lakes District Council. P. C. (Peter) Gray (1942–45) was elected as a councillor, representing Wanaka.

D. H. (David) Benson-Pope (1963–67) and J. T. (John) Bezett (1957–58) were re-elected to the Dunedin City Council.

I. F. (Ian) Capitaneas (1944–45) was re-elected to the Invercargill City Council.

J. R. (Jeff) Seymour (1969–73) was elected to the Clutha District Council.

C. R. (Chris) Laidlaw (1957–61) was elected to the Wellington Regional Council.

C. C. (Cliff) Brunton (1955–59) was not re-elected to the Central Otago District Council.

Other unsuccessful candidates were R. F. (Robert) Shepherd (1960–63) Dunedin City Council, W. S. (Stan) Randle (1950–54) Otago Regional Council; and J. L. (John) Eagles (1952–55) Maniototo Community Board.

RETIREMENTS

Judge E. B. ('Joe') Anderson (1945–49) has retired as Honorary Colonel of the 4th Otago-Southland Infantry Battalion.

D. I. (Denis) Dove (1957–60) of Oamaru has retired after nearly 40 years in the stock and station industry. After leaving school, he worked as a clerk for Dalgety and Co., in Dunedin with stints in Central and West Otago. In 1963 he joined

Stringer and Co., in Oamaru as a junior stock agent and merchandise and grain and seed traveller, and has worked for them ever since. Following five years in Waimate as their sole representative, he has been in Oamaru for the past 25 years, initially as stock auctioneer, but latterly selling real estate. He was awarded his QSM last year for community services.

D. C. (Dan) McCarthy (1949–52) has retired after spending the past 23 years as an engineering officer with the Dunedin City Council. More than 10 years ago, he was responsible for officially measuring the steepness of Baldwin Street, North East Valley, which reaches 1 in 2.86, or 19 degrees from the horizontal, thereby making it the steepest street in the world. Unfortunately a typographical error in the latest edition of the 'Guinness Book of Records' has made the street considerably steeper.

D. R. (Denis) Outram (1956–60) has retired from a lifetime of schoolteaching in favour of building stone houses and other edifices. As they take him less than 100 hours to complete, stone masons might well have felt threatened—but Denis is into miniature replicas, such as the church at Mt Peel. He collects rocks from Central Otago for his building material, to ensure that authentic appearance.

BUSINESS SECTOR

Dr N. C. (Neville) Bain (1953–56) is now chairman of the British Post Office, and thereby in charge of a business with 193,000 employees and an annual turnover of \$(NZ) 19,110,000,000 with a pre-tax profit of \$(NZ) 1,730,000,000. He left school to join the Inland Revenue Department in Dunedin, and his return to the public sector follows 27 years with Cadbury Schweppes Hudson (in New Zealand, Africa and the United Kingdom), and 7 Years as chief executive officer with the British textile company, Coats Viyella. He is also involved in an Irish charity attempting to bridge the divide between the youth of Northern Ireland and Eire.

D. R. (Ross) Black (1961–65) has been appointed chairman of Healthcare Otago's board of directors. He is not unfamiliar with health issues having been a director of Christchurch CHE Health Link South for 3 years, and was chairman of the Otago Emergency Air Ambulance Trust which recently launched the Tranz Rail rescue helicopter service in Dunedin. An independent company director and advisor, with no political affiliations he has been a director of the Southland Dairy Cooperative Ltd, chairman of Farra Dunedin Engineering Ltd, and a director of Port Otago Ltd. A graduate (B. Com) from the University of Otago, he was co-founder of Sunshine Leisure Products, a company launched in 1977 which 'grew dramatically' before being taken over by Donahys Industries Ltd in 1990.

S. J. (Stephen) Brocklebank (1968–73) is chairman of the Dunedin Tourist Promotion Association an operator driven organisation which aims to renew and revitalise links between the tourism industry and the city council. In his capacity as vice-chairman of the NZ Chamber of Commerce and Industry, he was in the official party which welcomed a 60-strong business delegation from Shanghai to Dunedin and stressed the importance of the visit during his welcoming

remarks. [Bagpiper D. R. (Dugald) MacKay (1968–71) led the delegation from their accommodation at the Southern Cross to the formal welcome at the Savoy].

Alex Campbell Menswear recently celebrated 60 years as a family business. L. W. (Lindsay) Campbell (1971–75), a director of the firm and manager of the South Dunedin store, and D. A. (Donald) Campbell (1966–69), a director and manager of the Mosgiel branch, are third generation members of the family. A. J. G. (Allan) Ward (1947–49), a former director and current manager of the George Street branch, has worked for the firm for 47 years—no mean feat, and unlikely to be matched in these days when restructuring is 'King'.

I. J. (Ian) Farquhar (1945–49), the new chairman of Port Otago, has been a member of the Board since its inception, and before that was a member of the Otago Harbour Board.

I. E. (Ian) Farrant (1955–59) has been appointed chairman of the NZ Refining Company: although a director for 11 years he is the first non-oil company executive to chair the company, and his appointment is designed to provide greater independence in setting margin fees to the oil companies, and hopefully more continuity.

The fashion industry is alive and surprisingly well in Dunedin, despite being so far from where the action supposedly is. W. R. (Ross) Gamble (1960–62), marketing manager of Tamahine, a Dunedin knitwear designer and manufacturer, believes that the relaxed environment helps, he pays tribute to his talented and long-serving workforce, and he maintains that there is a strong crossover between research education, and industry which is beneficial to creative design.

B. P. (Brian) Kreft (1961–65) the Canterbury-based investment banker and stockbroker, who is chairman of Mortgage Choice New Zealand, a director of the National Property Trust, Southway Properties, and Shotover Jet, and deputy chairman of the NZ Stock Exchange's market surveillance panel, has been appointed to the board of Mascot Finance, a Timaru finance company.

T. J. (Trevor) Mason (1956–60) is chairman of the Wilson Neill Corporation Ltd, which is hoping to rise from the ashes of the late lamented Wilson Neill Ltd (which was placed in liquidation in 1996) through a cash issue to the existing shareholders. If this is successful, the intention is to acquire assets in the hospitality industry, with whom there had been a long association, and still some goodwill.

R. G. (Graham) Sinclair (1949–53) is the new chairman of Tourism Holding, which has purchased some of the Mt Cook assets. He is also one of the trustees of the NZ Fighter Pilots' Museum at Wanaka.

J. G. (Jeff) Todd (1955–58) an accountant who chaired the Superannuation Task Force and who is a director of such organisations as the ANZ Banking Group, the Earthquake Commission, and the NZ Guardian Trust, chairman of the Dynasty Hotel Group Ltd, and president of the American Chamber of Commerce in NZ, has retired after 13 years as the managing partner of Price Waterhouse.

M. D. (Murray) Weatherston (1966–70) is the principal of the advisory company Financial Focus, in Auckland and presents financial reports on National Radio.

G. E. (Graeme) Wilson (1958–61) has resigned from his position as TVNZ's general manager of production. After working for the 'Evening Star' and for television in Dunedin, he spent 10 years as a reporter and executive producer with ABC Television in Australia. He joined TVNZ in 1976, and returned to Dunedin to become the Natural History Unit's first producer, before moving into more general management via news and current affairs. He was in charge of the negotiations which led to Twentieth Century Fox buying 80% of the Natural History Unit.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

R. D. (Bob) Brown (1956–58), whose film on the takahe launched the Natural History Unit in 1977, is recognised as one of the world's leading natural history cameramen. He became hooked on filming at age 10 when he was given his first home-movie camera; his empathy with animals stems from growing up with them; while employment as a government hunter taught himself sufficiency in the bush and honed his stalking techniques. Training with a BBC unit in Bristol for 4 months while the recipient of a QEII Arts Council Bursary followed, and he has since filmed in both the Antarctic and the Arctic, and most places in between. He has recently been in Siberia, filming brown bears catching salmon with their bare claws!

M. J. B. (Murray) Deaker (1958–62) has recently written his autobiography, entitled 'The Man in the Glass.' This is the true story of how a humble Carisbrook ball-boy aspired to the dizzy heights of a sports-radio megastar!

S. B. (Shay) Dewey (1984–88) first became interested in film-making at the age of 15, when his grandfather gave him a Super 8 camera. His attempts at film-making were bolstered by courses in film studies and theatre studies as part of an arts degree at Otago University. In 1992 he received a \$4,000 grant from the QE II Arts Council to make a short 16mm film, 'Retort,' which has been shown at several International Film Festivals. Recently he has written, directed, and co-produced a 5 minute film, 'Puppy Love,' set in Dunedin with a cast and crew of 20 people, most of whom donated their time to hopefully keep costs to less than \$5,000. Hopefully the experience gained will ultimately lead to his making a feature film.

C. D. (Chris) Fennessy (1984–88) has now played Jean Valjean 9 times in the Australian professional production of 'Les Miserables,' having been understudy for the lead on an Asian and South African tour. The experience gained has opened up a range of new opportunities, and he is planning to record a CD of hits from musicals.

T. J. (Tim) Hazeldine (1961–65), Professor of Economics at the University of Auckland has recently written a book 'Taking New Zealand Seriously,' which overturns orthodox ideas concerning the NZ economy. His views are anathema to the Business Roundtable, who probably wish that the talented jazz musician had taken up music full-time, instead of

attempting to turn around the country's economic direction in an effort to instill some decency back in people's lives.

J. V. ((Hone) Kouka's (1982–85) play, 'Waiora,' the very moving story of a Maori diaspora, has been playing to standing ovations during its recent tour of New Zealand. Its intensity and theatrical flair had stunned British audiences when it was performed at the Corn Exchange in 1997.

R. A. (Richard) Langston (1973–77), who started as a reporter with the 'Evening Star,' has been producing items for the programme '20/20' which screens on TV3.

SPORTING TRIUMPHS

Two Old Boys represented New Zealand at the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur: G. A. (Gordon) McCauley (1985–88) in cycling and D. C. (Darren) Smith (1987–91) in hockey. Despite running the metric equivalent of a four-minute mile, and thereby lowering the Otago 1500m Record set by Dick Taylor in 1971, B. S. (Blair) Martin (1988–92) failed in his efforts to qualify for the athletics team.

Those who received grants from the Skeggs Foundation in October included T. M. (Tim) Dobier (1993–) in track harrers; B. A. (Brent) McEwan (1995–97) in golf; P. E. (Eddie) Smith (1993–97) in triathlon; and present boy basketballers H. J. (Hayden) Allen, M. S. (Matthew) Gillan, and K. M. (Kaine) Hokianga.

Badminton

D. W. (Duncan) Rae (1980–84) was both captain and No. 1 for Otago in the Wisden Cup premier national interprovincial championships held in Dunedin in October.

Bowls

The three-man selection panel for the Dunedin centre includes S. T. (Stuart) Jones (1943–46) and E. F. (Ernie) Andrews (1947–49).

Cricket

W. L. (Warren) Shirley (1952–56) is President of the Otago Cricket Association; S. B. (Stuart) Heal (1965–70) is a member of the Board' and W. K. (Warren) Lees (1965–69) is Operations Manager, and coach of the Shell Trophy and Cup teams plus Southern Conference team. Convenor of the selection panel is S. J. (Stu) McCullum (1970–74).

J. P. (Jeremy) Botting (1993–97) is in the Otago training squad.

Cycling

Gordon McCauley finished second in the Palmerston North to Wellington Classic after returning from the Commonwealth Games, before announcing his retirement from road racing, owing to a lack of financial support for cycling in New Zealand. However, his retirement lasted barely one month before he accepted an offer from Harrods' professional team to race fulltime in Britain next year for £15,000 plus an apartment, a car, food, and cycle equipment!

M. D. (Melvin) Tudor (1961–64) is senior handicapper for Otago Cycling Promotions, the controlling body for track racing in Dunedin.

Hockey

P. W. (Peter) Ashton (1962–66) and A. R. (Alan) Isaac (1961–65) both dental surgeons(!), represented New Zealand in a senior masters' tournament in Kuala Lumpur. S. (Simon) Nyhof (Staff 1981–) was in the masters' team at the same tournament.

J. P. (Jeremy) Botting (1993–97), S. S. (Shane) Gilchrist (1982–86), S. C. (Shane) Smith (1986–90), and C. Y. (Carrick) Stevenson (1993–97) represented Otago.

Indoor Bowls

D. M. M. (Danny) Hill (1983–85) is no mean bowler, having been the Forbury Park Club's singles champion for 3 years in a row, and this year he added the triples and the fours to his haul of trophies. However, in this year's singles final he was cleaned out by an 88 year old woman who suffers from an arthritic shoulder!

Road Racing

Blair Martin won the Otago 10km road championship leading from the start; in third place was N. J. (Nick) Lee (1991–95). The junior men's event was won by Tim Dobier, with Eddie Smith in second place. Blair is non-travelling reserve for the NZ road relay team to compete in the International Chiba Ekiden event to be held in Japan in November.

Rugby

D. (Dave) Johnston (1948–51), President of the NZRFU has been a member of the committee which has produced the 'Lochore Report' on the current state of NZ rugby.

L. W. (Laurie) Mains (1960–64) has signed a three-year contract to coach the Golden Lions in next year's Currie Cup competition in South Africa.

L. D. (Lee) Smith (1959–64), Development Manager for the International Rugby Football Board, believes that the annual Pacific Rim competition which starts next year would greatly benefit if the winning team each year could participate in a slightly expanded Tri-Nations competition.

Mr S. McKnight, President of the ORFU, recently 'selected' a 'best Otago Country team since World War2,' and included I. S. T. (Ian) Smith (1955–59) and H. (Hugh) Morrison (1955–58) in his 'team.' He is obviously not as discerning as Mr R. Oliver, an earlier President who in 1989 had also 'selected' J. W. (John) Levido (1953–56) in his 'team!'

C. J. (Casey) Mee (1986–90), who has previously represented Otago, Transvaal and the Highlanders, is currently playing club rugby for Kedal, in the Lake District of England.

Selected for the following teams were:

NZ Under 19

T. E. (Tom) Willis (1992–97) captain, C. J. (Carl) Hayman (1993–97).

Otago

T. E. (Tony) Brown (1993), Carl Hayman, J. A. (Josh) Kronfeld (Staff 1994–95), J. M. (Joe) McDonnell (1986–88), K. (Kupu) Vanisi (1990–91).

Southland

B. J. (Brett) McCormack (1985–89), P. C. (Paul) Miller (1994–95).

North Otago

J. (James) Jowsey (1989).

Otago Development XV and B team

C. M. (Corey) Brown (1986–90), Carl Hayman, J. (Junior) Mata'afa (1989), Kupu Vanisi, J. D. (John) Willis (1992–96), Tom Willis.

Tony Brown was selected by 'Rugby News,' a national weekly magazine, as the 'Best and Fairest 1st Division player'—runner-up was Paul Miller! Tony scored 196 points in the NPC matches, thereby breaking Grant Fox's record of 176. When he scored 34 points against Northland, he passed the NPC record of 32 points, shared by Andrew Mehrtens and Greg Cooper.

Paul Miller was named the ODT-Speights club player of the year in the Dunedin competition. Despite transferring to Southland before the finish of the club season, and despite Pirates finishing only sixth in the competition, his 13 tries were top-equal for the competition.

Rugby League

K. D. R. (Koben) Katipa (1991) represented Otago this year.

Scrabble

K. M. (Kendall) Boyd (1981–85) came 6th (out of 58 players) at the inaugural Asia Pacific Scrabble Championships held in Kuala Lumpur recently. He participated in 18 games lasting 50 minutes each, surfing the three-day tournament, and won \$800 in prize money.

Soccer

Dunedin Technical who have won the Southern League for the past three seasons, reached the Chatham Cup final this year, but sadly were defeated by Central (Auckland). Coached by R. R. (Roger) Brooks (Staff 1986–), the team included R. D. (Rod) Fleming (1983–86), G. I. (Graham) Marshall (1981–85), and D. J. (Dean) Wilson (1987–92). Earlier in the season, the team included A. J. (Andrew) Duncan (1984–88), Tech's Player of the Year, before he headed for some OE, and to watch the World Cup. In moments of extreme emergency, even 40 year old B. J. (Barry) White (1972–74) responded to the call! Graham Marshall, formerly an All White, won the coveted Golden Boot award by scoring 23 Southern League goals, and a further 11 in the Chatham Cup.

For the semifinal match in Dunedin between Technical and Ngaruawahia, survivors from Technical's 1964 final team turned up to cheer including J. R. (John) Kroon (1958–62) from Nelson, B. J. (Brian) Boomer (1956–60) from Christchurch, B. R. (Blair) Davidson (1952–54), S. J. (Syd) Duncan (1955–59), and J. D. (Jim) Stenhouse (1955–59).

Brian's son, M. R. (Michael) Boomer (1981–83) captained Canterbury in interprovincial matches this season.

B. E. (Bradley) Scott (1993–97) and present boy N. L. (Nathan) McCullum represented Otago Under 19.

Softball

R. B. (Regan) Taouma (1989–94), who has represented Otago at senior level since he was aged 16, has been selected for the NZ men's squad of 31, with a view to the 2000 World Series in South Africa. Last year he trained with a Toronto Bluejays scout in Australia, and admits that a baseball career is another dream!

S. P. (Shaun) Coombe (1981–85), a stalwart of Otago teams over recent years, has retired from competitive softball in order to build a house. He is the son of yet another Aussie, N. G. (Noel) Coombe (1952–55)!

Surfing

The manager of the NZ team currently (!) competing at the World Championships in Portugal is G. W. (Greg) Townsend (1977–80). G. S. (Greg) Bell (1985–87) is competing in the knee boarding section for the fourth time.

BITS AND PIECES

G. B. (Gerald) Duff (1957–61), who died in March was a obstetrician and gynaecologist at the Christchurch Women's Hospital, and an Associate Professor at the Christchurch Clinical School. A graduate of Otago University, he served as a house surgeon in Wellington before winning a scholarship to study in Melbourne, and subsequently in England. In Christchurch since, 1975, he was a pioneer in the use of ultrasound in clinical diagnosis and treatment. He was a champion of patient rights and especially those couples afflicted by infertility. His teaching strengths, and his role as a mentor to junior doctors was much admired, and he particularly valued the contribution of research throughout his career.

C. C. (Colin) McNeill (1953–57), who died in Dunedin recently began his school teaching career at Grants Braes before moving to Reefton, where in his spare time he learned to fly, played a cornet in the local brass band, and helped people in the district to adjust to life in the aftermath of the Inangahua earthquake. Returning to Dunedin (and Concord school) he became the conductor for massed choirs in the Greater Green Island Music Festivals, and was secretary of the North East Valley bowling club for a decade. But it was acting which was his lifelong passion, and his name is listed in many productions with the Dunedin repertory, Dunedin Operatic, Gilbert and Sullivan, and Shakespeare societies, and with the former British Drama League. The varying roles he played testified to this ability to tackle a wide range of characters, and he earned a reputation for being able to cover any blunders by others without upstaging them.

M. G. (Murray) Newey (1966–69) who died in Auckland earlier this year had an extensive involvement in television and film-making over the past 24 years, and was associated with the following New Zealand and Australian films:

- 1979 Beyond Reasonable Doubt. The Last Outlaw.
- 1980 Race to the Yankee Zephyr.
- 1981 The Man From Snowy River.
- 1982 Phar Lap. Wild Horses.
- 1984 Death Warmed Up—won 1985 International Sci-Fiction 1st Prize Award.

- 1988 Willow.
- 1989 New Adventure of Black Beauty.
- 1991 Moonrise. Jack Be Nibble.
- 1993 Once Were Warriors.
- 1994 Bonjour Timothy—won Dublin Film Award.
- 1996 The Whole of the Moon.

In 1997 he won the Best NZ Film Producer Award with 'The Whole of the Moon.' At the time of his death he was Lucas Film Australian Rep, and was working on 'Star Wars' II and III! Murray was also a former member of 'The Inbetweens,' which won the NZ Battle of the Bands in 1986.

A. J. (Alan) Rockliff (1958–60), while one of NZ journalism's many eccentrics, was a thorough professional in his trade, which he enhanced with an abundance of energy and a sense of fun and adventure. After starting his working life in the clerical section of NZ Rail, his penchant for writing led him to a cadetship with the *Evening Star*. His talents lay in editing, where an able sub-editor he honed his flair for crafting the telling headline, which was relished by tabloid newspapers for whom he subsequently worked. After a brief stint with the ODT, his thirst for adventure took him to many countries including Australia, Mauritius, South Africa, England, and Fiji where he met his wife. He took shelter in his bath tub in 1974, while Cyclone Tracy wrecked his house—and the rest of

OBITUARIES

- E. R. (Eric) Sutcliffe (1950–54) died at Christchurch 16/7/98
- W. J. (Warrick) Gough (1983–85) died at Dunedin 17/7/98
- C. W. G. (Gray) Sullivan (1948–51) died at Takaka 27/7/98
- E. J. ('Sam') Simpson (1946–49) of Dunedin, died at Nambour, Qld 2/8/98
- P. S. (Peter) Clutterbuck (1971–72) died at Dunedin 3/8/98
- R. T. (Ross) Wiggins (1953–54) of Templeton, died at Christchurch 14/8/98
- D. C. J. (David) Jensen (1963–66) died at Company Bay 22/8/98
- J. P. (Jon) Searle (1960–64) died at Dunedin 2/9/98
- G. R. (Gavin) Cockerill (1961–65) died at Tauranga 3/9/98
- A. M. (Alan) Walker (1962–65) died at Auckland 5/9/98
- W. D. (Wayne) Procter (1958–60) died at Dunedin 18/9/98
- R. H. (Ron) Godfrey (1949–51) died at Dunedin 23/9/98
- F. H. (Hunter) Macandrew (1936) died at Alexandra 25/9/98
- K. L. (Ken) Ward (1956–58) died at Romford, Essex, England 28/9/98
- A. R. (Andrew) Graham (1996–97) died at Dunedin 11/10/98
- C. F. (Charles) Frye (1944) died at Sandy, Bedfordshire, England 22/10/98
- C. R. (Cliff) Purvis (1936–37) died at Plettenburg Bay, South Africa 22/1/95.

Darwin. After a long stint with the Timaru Herald, he returned to Australia, and worked on the Illawarra Mercury in Wollongong. Struck by illness earlier this year, he was being prepared for a liver transplant in Sydney when he died.

E. J. ('Sam') Simpson (1946–49) who died while on holiday in Australia recently was the Otago rugby coach from 1972–73, having earlier coached the Southern premier team from 1964–66. A versatile sportsman, he played league cricket before joining the Tainui Bowling Club in 1981, where he won club titles in singles, pairs, triples, and fours as well as being club selector. Having grown up on a dairy farm, he spent his working life with Reid Farmers, initially as a stock and station agent, but later in managerial positions.

J. P. (Jack) McFaull (1936–38) is a member of the Representation Commission which determines the electoral boundaries for the nation.

Lieutenant P. F. (Peter) Cosgrove (1970–75) has been the commanding officer of the NZ contingent of the multinational force charged with keeping the peace in Sinai since 1982. The 25 strong New Zealanders (700 have served to date) focus on training administration, and transport, and have won accolades for their contribution, which is out of all proportion to the numbers stationed there.

It is never too late: E. A. J. (Edwin) Randle (1944–47) graduated from Otago University in May with an LLB degree, and was subsequently admitted to the bar as a barrister and solicitor.

H. (Hilton) Gilchrist (1942–43) and his wife Agnes celebrated their Golden Wedding at their residence in Hampden on 30th December last year.

C. A. (Craig) Howie (1976–80), son of N. L. (Norman) Howie (1954–57) has returned from 12 years as a journalist in Wellington. A senior writer with the *ODT*, he recently co-authored an excellent 10-part analysis into the impact of restructuring on the economy, and whether the reforms have worked.

R. T. (Rob) Fitzpatrick (1956–57) has also recently returned to Dunedin after working for 16 years in Southern California. He smiles when he hears the locals grumbling about their current lot, claiming that hardship in Dunedin would be regarded as heaven in 90% of the world. He may be seen tooling around town in his 1959 Oldsmobile Ninety Eight!

T. A. T. (Tat) Wesley (1948–52) is chairman of the Maori warden scheme which is being reactivated in Dunedin in an effort to curb drinking and fighting among young people in George Street. Although working in conjunction with beat constables, the scheme is not authoritarian; rather it uses 'mana' to prevent or defuse situations.

M. J. (Mervyn) King (1948–52) starred briefly on TV in a programme on Stewart Island. After leaving school, he worked for Burroughs (office machines) in Dunedin and Invercargill, but the sea (he was a keen yachtsman) and the bush called, he has lived on Stewart Island for more than half of his life.

S. (Stewart) Harvey (1953–56) and his wife live in a recently

built three-bedroomed Scottish Highland-style home at 65 Every Street based on a house they saw in England. It was recently named as a regional winner in the Otago-Southland Master Builders Federation House of the Year, in the \$300,000–400,000 category. Although primarily a family home, it is also used as a bed and breakfast home-stay.

Seventy five descendants of the families which arrived on the 'John Wickliffe' in 1848 participated in the re-enactment of the arrival 150 years later. Among them was the Rev D. S. (David) Borne (1943–45) who has compiled a history of his Brebner family, and R. S. (Roy) Ferens (1942–46) who has been active in the Otago Settlers Association, and whose forbear Thomas Ferens kept a journal of the voyage, extracts from which were published by the *ODT* at intervals from November 1997 to March 1998.

D. H. (David) Horne (1954–58) currently secretary of the KHSOBA, has recently returned from a visit to Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mayotte, Mauritius, and Reunion. This brings his total of countries visited to 111 nearly halfway towards his goal of 250—depending on how the term 'country' is defined.

Little did David realise, as he toured Oman, that a former contemporary, P. M. (Peter) Ruhen (1954–58) is teaching in the capital of the Sultanate of Oman, Muscat! Peter's brother, D. E. (Doug) Ruhen (1948–53) is also mostly overseas, working for the Asian Development Bank on projects designed to (hopefully) assist Pacific Island government departments into (at least) the mid-20th Century.

T. R. ('Curly') Richards (Staff 1936–51) remains our oldest Old Boy at age 90—although there are some 80 year olds snapping at his heels! Now resident in Christchurch he and his wife enjoy travelling, and visit the South Pacific and Australia every year, interspersed with bus trips throughout the South Island. He still regards his time at Kings as the most pleasant period of his teaching career.

I. R. (Ian) Burrow (1957–61), B.Arch (Hons), ANZIA, is an architect operating out of Takapuna.

The KHSOBA might well consider setting up a branch on the Sunshine Coast north of Brisbane! Apart from those living there already, three near-contemporaries have independently headed in that general direction within the past year: N. L. (Lester) Taylor (1942–46) from Napier, L. P. (Leo) Gosney (1943–46) from Dunedin, and G. A. (Angus) Howie (1944–47) from Alexandra.

Old Boys who may feel vaguely uneasy about Govt plans to sell the roads from under their tyres, should be reassured that at least the administration of the NZ Automobile Association is in good hands. D. V. (Des) Shaw (1949–53) is a member of the Board (and Chairman of the Auckland District Council), while B. R. (Barry) Clarke (1952–55) is also a Board member (and an Otago District Councillor). R. S. (Roy) Ferens (1942–46) is currently chairman of the Otago District Council, while J. B. (Boyd) Wilkinson is an Otago District councillor, and BMW expert—he is the son of another Aussie, H. J. (Jack) Wilkinson (1941–44).