

OLD WOODRIDGEAN ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER, APRIL 2009

Here we are practically at the end of the first term already! Trust that 2009 has brought you much pleasure and success already.

We need to start off our letter with some proud bragging about our 2008 Matrics and their achievements:

NSC RESULTS – 2008

We are very proud of our matriculants of 2008 who achieved a 100% pass rate. This is the third consecutive year in which Woodridge has had a 100% pass in the final examinations. This was the first year of a new system in the South African education field and it was not an easy year for pupils or teachers. With no previous examples of examinations in the Outcomes Based Education system, all involved were somewhat unsure of the standards that would be set. However, almost 70% of Woodridge pupils achieved a pass with university endorsement which qualifies them to study towards the fulfillment of a degree. A further 25% qualified for tertiary training towards a diploma. Woodridge matriculants achieved 44 'A' symbols for subjects in which they wrote examinations. We congratulate them and wish them well on their future journeys.

The top achievers were: **Luke Darlow** 6 A's, **Tamaryn Sutherland** 4 A's, **Rebecca Sakko** 4 A's, **Richard Elliott** 4 A's, **Fran Ritchie** 4 A's.

Interesting for us is that two of the above are children of Old Woodridgeans. Well done **Shorne Darlow** (1976) and **Raymond Ritchie** (1974) on the achievements of your offspring!

THE SHOP (Never so fancy in your days!)



NEW ARRIVALS

Andre Stucki (1989) a baby boy in January 2009. andre.mulala@gmail.com



Boris (1989) and Carla **Zacharias** a baby Zara born on 21 January 2009. boris@deouderyneveld.com

Zara Zacharias

Jayson de Rosner (1992) and Kelly had their little baby Joseph in December 2008. (Cell number 082-379-2398)

William Young (1993) and Anneli are proud parents to a baby boy Shawn, born in Port Elizabeth on Friday 27 March. anneli.young@woodridge.co.za



Shawn Young



Justine (1987) (nee **Masson**) and Dean Tait had a little boy Hunter born in Cape Town. justine@glacierint.co.za

Hunter Tait (No need to ask who his mother is!)

MARRIAGES

Boris Zacharias (1989) married Carla on 17 January 2009.

Grant Horsfield (1994) grant@nakedretreats.cn reports:

Delphine Yip (now Yip-Horsfield) and I got married on Moganshan mountain which is also the site of our eco retreat (Naked Retreats www.nakedretreats.cn) outside Shanghai. We had chosen an auspicious day in keeping with some of the local Chinese beliefs. The pictures are actually from our third wedding but in our eyes the most important one. Before this we needed to have a wedding celebration in Hong Kong (Delphine's home) with many extended family members and then in a nearby city to Shanghai where I do a lot of my work with the local government officials. I rely heavily on their support for making my life and business easier.

Anyway, it was a wonderful day, and everything went perfectly.



Delphine is a partner with an American architecture firm in Shanghai. She moved to Shanghai from Boston about 8 years ago and has been a part of some of the most exciting and beautiful developments around China. She also helps me design and build our leisure properties.



Carla (Golding) (2001) married Richard dos Santos on 4 January 2009 at Glenburn Lodge and then went on a three week honeymoon in Thailand. carlads@applisential.co.za

Carla and Richard dos Santos

DEATHS

It is with great sadness that we must report the passing of the following:

Ronnie van Vuuren, Associate Member and father to **Carl, Jacques** (1982) and **Marcel** (1991).

Dalene Haslem, wife of **Paul** (1946) and mother to **Grant** (1976).

Nokie van den Burgh, father of **Karen** (1988).

Claire Young (nee Daniel), sister to **Paul Daniel** (1992).

Our sincerest sympathy goes to the family and friends. May their memory stay dear to us.

FOUNDERS WEEKEND

The second weekend of July will be booked for the Founders Weekend in the years to come. Please note the following dates and that this weekend is open to ALL Old Woodridgeans.

Friday 10 July	OWA GOLF DAY AT HUMEWOOD GOLF CLUB
Saturday 11 July	FOUNDERS DAY SERVICE (9am) INTERHOUSE SPORT (in the morning) OWA vs SCHOOL SPORT (in the afternoon) PREMIER DRAW / BEER TENT / SPIT / LIVE BAND (in the evening)

Should you wish to enter a Four Ball and/or attend the festivities on Saturday please contact Maxime.

PREMIER 500 CLUB

The first draw of the year was held on Friday, 27 March. Remember it is no longer necessary to attend the draw to win the main cash prizes. We were a bit disappointed with the turnout, but those attending seemed to have had a pleasant evening.

The main winners were:

Attendance Prize One:	Ethel von Schoultz	R2500
Attendance Prize Two:	Paul West	R5000
Second Prize:	Carl Ballan	R7500
First Prize:	Tricia Arnoldi (nee Burnett)	R40000

Congratulations to all the prize-winners. Remember YOU can also become part of this scheme. It will cost you R600 for three draws or R50 per month. *In foreign currency it looks even less!* Please contact Peet at bestbier@aerosat.co.za should you be interested.

The other two draws for this year will be on **Saturday, 11 July** and **Friday, 2 October**.

SCHOOL NEWS & DATES

St Albans Cricket Festival

The 1st XI travelled up to Pretoria on Thursday, 26 February.

Friday 27 February	vs St Andrews (Bloemfontein)	won by 16 runs
Sunday 1 March	vs St Stithians	won by 2 wickets
Monday 2 March	vs Cornwall Hill	won by 145 runs

Upcoming Sporting Events

Hockey

2nd ~ 4th April
U16 Boys
Queenstown

3rd ~ 7th April
1st Girls
St Mary's, Johannesburg

7th ~ 11th April
U14 Boys & Girls
Rob Taylor Festival, East London

9th ~ 13th April
1st Boys
York High, George

17th ~ 18th April
U18 at DSG, Grahamstown
U16 at Woodridge
U14 at Collegiate

1st ~ 3rd May
Kingswood Hockey Festival

Rugby

3rd ~ 7th April
1st XV Tour
Cape Town

9th ~ 13th April
U 15 Rugby Festival
Woodridge

Should you wish to find out about fixtures and venues kindly contact Maxime at maxime.bird@woodridge.co.za

JOHANNESBURG VISIT

Please take note: A visit to Gauteng is planned for Wednesday, 20 May. Details to follow.

GENERAL NEWS

Paul Watkins (1999) has enlisted in the British Army. He is pictured here after receiving his Iraq Medal. He spent four months near Basra with the 9/12 Royal Lancers.

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Paul Watkins

Haylee (Noble) (2000) married Justin Robbins on 25 August in 2007. They are currently living in Sunninghill, Johannesburg. haylee.robbins@gmail.com



Andrew Bage (1981) made contact with the school. He lives in PE and is married to Mande and has two children, Damon (14) and Georgia (11). The picture is of Andrew and his brother **David** (1979) at Murrayfield in Scotland for the Bok game in November 2008. hipoint@wirelessza.co.za

Bage brothers

Kristie van der Westhuizen (2008) has been selected to represent the Senior Protea Team in Canada, in August this year. She has been selected for the 3-Gaited and 5-Gaited Equestrian Team.

Ross Kietzman (2000) has been living in Edinburgh for the past nine months. He is currently employed by a Telcom Company. ross@9dots.co.uk

Craig Vorster (1986) is currently living in Orlando, Florida, USA. He is married to Julia and has three children: Jade (15), Sirena (12) and Rex (4). craig.vorster@hubbard.com

Edward Nel (1986) left Zambia for Australia in 1988. edward.nel@opusnet.com.au

Sam (nee **Spence**) Foxcroft (1991) has settled in Canada. She is a qualified pharmacist and has two sons to keep her busy! Callum (2) and Carter (9 mnths).
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Carter and Callum Foxcroft



Rosalind (Cox) Gertenbach (2002) graduated on 17 March at Stellenbosch as a Master of Science in Engineering Cum Laude.

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The following information from a very excited **Murray Campbell** (2002)
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We organised a side in Dubai called the SAFA's which consists mainly of South Africans living in Dubai. We played in some of the local social tournaments and did quite well, so we managed to enter into the Bangkok 10's. We went in not knowing what to expect. **Dewald Coertze** (2002) and I share a flat in Dubai and started asking who would be interested in going. We were a few short so we managed to fly **Vaughan McClelland** (2002) up with some help of friends who work for Etihad. When we got there we were playing a team called the Jam Boys who had won the competition before. In their team was Bobby Skinstad! Robbie Fleck played the year before and Breyten Paulse plays for them from time to time.



Dewald, Murray, Donovan and Vaughan

On arrival at our hotel, we realised they were staying in the same hotel so we had a few beers with Bobby and his friends. They also found what seemed like the four biggest guys from New Zealand so they were very intimidating. The beers flowed and people started chatting. We woke up the next morning in a very hazy state so we went to the pool to recover and it just seemed rude not to have a beer at ten in the morning! The Jam Boys joined us shortly afterwards and the conversation went something like this: *'Hey Muzz, this guy is from your part of the woods. Oh, you a PE boy? Yeah, did all my schooling there but now live in Cape Town. This is **Donovan (Everitt)** speaking. At what school were you? Woodridge. You must be kidding! Me too,'* and then the topic turned instantly to Spook...Rob Smith. Donovan finished in 1996 and did a post matric.

Shortly after this Dewald joined us and jumped into the pool with his and Vaughan's passport in his pocket but that's another story....

We played against the Jam Boys and lost 12-7.

Kyle Kolbe (2007) has won the South African Inflatable Boat Championships and has been awarded his Protea colours. He will be representing South Africa in the world championships to be hosted in Port Elizabeth from 10 April until 18 April

Please feel free to comment to Peet at bestbier@aerosat.co.za or Maxime at maxime.bird@woodridge.co.za Remember it is YOU who make these newsletters possible with your contributions so keep the news coming.