

OLD WOODRIDGEAN ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER, AUGUST 2010

News from the School

The winter sports program has come to an end and all pupils are busy training for **OE Day**, which will be held next term on **Saturday, 16th October** ~ come out for an entertaining morning and join us afterwards in the Woodpecker.

Inter-house rugby, hockey and netball were played on Saturday, 8th August. The results were as follows:-

- Girls Hockey ~ KOHLER
- Boys Hockey ~ CARTER
- Girls Netball ~ KOHLER
- Rugby ~ FOUNDERS

Congratulations to the 1st Team Hockey Girls who were unbeaten this season!



*Back Row L→R Tayla Platjies, Sarah O'Grady, Cayleigh Immelman, Ashleigh Tarr, Shannon Bailey, Ashley May, Claire Holmes
Front Row L→R Frankie Dallacasa, Jolene Ferreira, Natasha Clark, Taylah Bird, Sam Kingwill
Goalie → Emma Webb*

Interhouse plays were held on Monday 19th August ~ congratulations to Kohler House who were the winners!

The Matrics are presently writing their trial examinations and Finals start on the 28th October. The Staff are looking forward to another year of excellent results!

David van der Westhuizen (Grade 11) recently returned from Otowa, Canada, where he participated in the World Bisley Shooting Championships. David took part in the Men's Senior Division, shooting distances from 300m to 900m. After leading the field at the start of the final day, he finally finished a very creditable **3rd place** in the world!

Woodridge Staff enjoying a round of golf and a few beers at the OWA Golf Day ☺



From L → R

Ryan Scheepers, Wayne Rademan, Carel van der Merwe and Nicholas Kock



From L → R

Steve Phillips, Craig Neave, Tufty Warner and Vic Radloff

Lisa O'Grady has just taken part in the Masters World Squash Championships, which were held in Germany. She finished 2nd overall ~ well done ☺

SCHOOL DATES

Beginning of Final Term ~ Tuesday, **28th September**

Speech Night ~ Friday, **15th October**

Outdoor Education Day ~ Saturday, **16th October**

Valedictory Service ~ Friday, **22nd October**

Final Assembly ~ Thursday, **2nd December**

OWA NEWS

New Arrivals

Congratulations to Malcolm (1987) and Leigh-Anne MacKenzie on the arrival of their 4th child! Julia Kate was born on Thursday, 22nd July. m.mackenzie@mweb.co.za

Taryn Williams (nee Ervine) (1998) has had her 2nd child ~ Baby Shiloh! Uncle, Travis Henrick (aka Meatloaf) (2008) is now Uncle to 2 nieces. Douwene@telkomsa.net

Denise Wilson (nee Rudman) (1995) gave birth to a 3.8kgs little boy ~ Kyan!

Engagements

Congratulations to Trevor Sanderson & Angie Guscot on the announcement of their engagement, Saturday 14th August. revster@mweb.co.za

Weddings



Tian (2008) & Bianca Geyer were married on the 9th January 2010 at the Holy United Trinity Church in Thornhill. The reception was held at Woodridge.

Tian works at the Seaview Lion Park and the couple will be staying in Uitenhage.

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Matthew McKinnon (1999) & Emilie celebrated their marriage on Saturday, 7th August. They were married at St Michael's Church in Chiswick and the reception was held at the Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club in Richmond.

The couple are pictured here with Matthew's brother, Josh (2000) and his parents, Dave & Laurette. ^

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DEATHS

Hilary Davies, who was the music and drama teacher at Woodridge in the 1980's, passed away last month. Our thoughts are with Matthew (1983), Amy and children. daviesm@hydepark.gp.school.za



Peet Bestbier, who passed away on Saturday, 14th August touched many people's lives in so many different ways, as evident from the attendance of past pupils, parents and staff at the memorial service.

◀ Marlene and her 4 children at Peet's memorial service

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OWA REUNION WEEKEND

Founder's Day Service was held on **Friday, 7th August**. Godfrey Carter spoke on behalf of the OWA and he explained the significance of the parts of the Woodridge Badge. Take a minute or two and read below!



The Significance of the parts of the Woodridge Badge

The Woodridge badge was based on the Carter Crest but with significant differences.

When looking at the Woodridge badge you will notice that it is a "mailed" left arm holding a scroll. Underneath the mailed arm there is an open scroll with the school motto "Fideliter"

The significance of the left arm is that it is the non-aggressive arm of most people. It is also the arm that is closest to the heart where traditionally, our conscience is found.

The mailed arm and fist are the Armor of God.

It is holding a scroll (not a sword) which is "the word of God" spoken about in the lesson today.

This scroll can also signify the teaching and learning that we acquire at Woodridge.

Below the mailed fist is another scroll which is tightly bound. This symbolises the future which is unknown to us. In fact, those of you who were at the Prep School will remember the School Badge above the stage ... you may have noticed that the bottom scroll is missing...in other words the badge is incomplete. This was deliberately left out and symbolises that Woodridge will never be complete and will continue to go and grow into the future.

The motto Fideliter means Faithfully

Faithful to your Family, Faithful to your Friends, Faithful to your School, Faithful to yourself
And above all faithful to God

The afternoon of **Saturday, 8th August** saw some fit and some very 'unfit' Old Woodridgeans bring out their hockey togs and touch rugby skills! Well done to the School girls who won 2-0. The boys settled for a draw and touch rugby went to the school boys!



◀ **Old Boys pictured after the game!**

Back row from L→R

Jono McHugh, Calvin Smith, Charles Vorster, Andrew van Schoor, Ross Kietzmann, Byron Tenant, Alex Neave

Front row from L→R

Marc Jucker, Shaun Pautz, Warren Broadhurst, Trevor Sanderson & Ziggy Visagie

Old Girls pictured with a few school girls

Back Row from L→R

Angie Pautz, Claire Berrington, Amy Smith, Lulu Shaw, Kristi Vorster, Jess Moore, Cheree Liddard, Jen Cato

Front Row from L→R

School girls Danielle Juta and Natasha Clark



Saturday evening was a great success ~ with the 42nd AGM taking place, the 2nd Premier Draw winners announced, scrumptious lamb spit, tons of catching up, loads of tequila consumed and dancing away to the live band ☺ There was a huge range of years that attended the festivities and word is slowly getting out that the **REUNION WEEKEND** is for **ALL OLD WOODRIDGEANS!**

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MISSED THE WEEKEND

8TH and 9th JULY 2011

NEXT YEAR'S REUNION

OWA COMMITTEE 2010 / 2011

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JULY PREMIER 500 DRAW WINNERS

1 st Prize	R40,000	Francis Nienhuis
2 nd Prize	R7,500	J. Brito
1 st Attendance	R5,000	Ian Greener
2 nd Attendance	R2,500	Mr Deysey

REUNION GROUPS PHOTOS

To view more photos from the Reunion Weekend ~ log onto

<http://picasaweb.google.com/106869929643852782972/OWAReunionWeekend2010?authkey=Gv1sRgCMXsqbKn-63DnQE#>



← 25 year group (1985)

L → Craig Puttergill, Kevin Askew, Harold Levitt, Shannon Momberg (nee Bond), Neil Gillespie, PG van Breda, Mark Orpen & Rob Auersperg



Some of the 30 year group (1980) ▲

From L → R, Fred Bates, Arjen Mulckhuysen, Michael Willard, Gary Marques, Karl Reitz, Neal Mandy & Andrea Puggia



▲ 10 year group (2000)

L → R
Warren Broadhurst (2004), Ross Kietzmann & Marc Jucker

The 10 year group will be holding another Reunion in December, as 80% of them are currently overseas.



▲ The 20 year group (1990)

Standing L → R
Ryan Donnelly, Taryn Sims (nee Ludick), Natasha Hampton, Derek Johnstone, Michelle (nee Connan), Chiara (nee Atkinson), Eugene Kashe, Sam Smit (nee Mattison), Stuart Flannegan

Front L → R
Lesley Goodwin (nee Thompson), Gareth Tanner, Mbongeni Mnguni, Mark Spence



◀ The 8 year group (2002) who thoroughly enjoyed themselves ☺

Back Row L → R
Jocelyn Smith, Mark Nagel, A friend ☺,
Robert de Scande, Peter Brackstone,
Cameron Harvey, Vaughn McClelland, Lee Berman

Middle Row L → R
Danielle Lombard & Kerry Wilson

Front
JJ Kitshoff

On **Sunday, 9th August** a Woodridge bus left the Woodpecker for Hankey Golf Club. There were many exhausted golfers and non-golfers on board, but after the exciting bus trip through the beautiful landscape of the Citrus Farms, everyone got their second wind and they were ready to face a day of golf. The 19th hole didn't last too long, as the prize-giving was held back at the Woodpecker!

OWA GOLF DAY RESULTS

1 st Place	David Stead & James Blythe
2 nd Place	Carel van der Merwe & Wayne Rademan
3 rd Place	Craig Puttergill & Wayne Baldie
4 th Place	Andrea Puggia & Gary Marques
5 th Place	Cameron Harvey & Ross Kietzmann
Closest to the Pin (7 th)	Trish Visagie
Closest to the Pin (5 th)	Gareth Tanner
Longest Drive (18 th)	Gareth Tanner



◀ 1980 Matrics

From L → R

Arjen Mulckhuyse, Dave Ferrant, Athol Trollip & Glen Mukheibir

1980 Matrics ➤

From L → R ... Neal Mandy, Andrea Puggia, Gary Marques, Graham Fieggen and Graham's son, Josh



GENERAL



L → R

December 2009 ~ Farm in Karoo

1982 Old Boys ~ Vernon Wait, Jacques van Vuuren (Deputy Head Boy) & Chris Adami (Head Boy)

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➤ Jethro Naude (1987) and his Fiancé Melissa Carrasquillo (a New York native) pictured in San Francisco.

The couple will be travelling to South Africa in December, as they will be tying the knot on December 18th in J'Bay!

Jethro has recently graduated and received a Masters Degree in Environmental & Energy Economics from the California State University ~ Congratulations ☺

He currently runs his own Sustainable Seafood / Economic Consultancy in California.

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◀ The Russell Family at Shakawe in Botswana

Back row, L → R

Tyron (son of John & Monika); Clinton Edwards (Hayley's husband); Dave; Mark (2006); John (1989); Alec (1988)

Middle row, L → R

Hayley (1992); Amber (Hayley & Clinton's daughter); Elisabeth; Monika (John's wife); Wendy (Alec's wife)

Front row, L → R

Brian (John & Monika's younger son); Nikki (Alec & Wendy's daughter); Craig (Alec & Wendy's son).

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An update from Trevor Matthews (1992). *I am now in fulltime ministry. My calling is that of fulltime missionary work with the Campus Crusade for Christ International organization. My calling is specifically to do outreach and ministry work in South Eastern Africa – from South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Zambia and all along up the eastern side of Africa. It's truly a blessing working fulltime for the Lord.*

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Calvin Smith (2004) graduated with a (BSc. Geology) and is presently doing his Honours at NMMU!

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Some other 2009 graduates from NMMU are Eric Dyer (Law) and Stephen Corns (Nature Conservation).



Rhys & Michelle Long celebrated their twins birthday recently.

Jessica & Ryan are now a BIG 5 ☺

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WOODRIDGE WINE IS STILL AVAILABLE

A limited quantity of specially labelled wine is available for sale.
The proceeds go towards the Woodridge 1st XI England Cricket Tour Fund.

The following wines are available:~

Cabernet Sauvignon labelled with the Woodridge badge and with the tour squad members on the back
@ R80 a bottle

A bordeaux Red Blend labelled "Twelfth Man"
@ R70 a bottle

A Sauvignon Blanc labelled "Leg Break"
@ R55 a bottle.

If you interested in buying any of these wines, please contact Andrea Puggia
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UPCOMING OWA DATES ~ 2010

OWA Cricket Day
Saturday, 9th October

Matric Induction Dinner
Thursday 21st October

OWA Jo'burg Function
Wednesday 27th October

OWA DATES ~ 2011

OWA Golf Day
Friday, 8th July

Reunion Weekend
Thurs, 7th July ~ Sat, 9th July

OWA Cricket Day
Saturday, 1st October

Until next month ☺

Regards,

Maxime Bird

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