Johannesburg

contributed by W H G van der Linde, Johannesburg

Membership

MEMBERSHIP at the Johannesburg Bar now stands at 559 (85 silks and 474 juniors). Gautschi SC, Hoffmann SC and Farber SC are acting. The present pupil intake is 54.

Arbitration

The arbitration facility (to be known as the Arbitration Foundation of South Africa) and the Johannesburg consultation facility at 4 Protea Place, Sandton, are reaching completion. The building has three floors of which the third is taken up by arbitration rooms and participants' chambers. The second and third floors are taken up (with the exception of two large arbitration rooms) by the Johannesburg Bar.

There are nine arbitration rooms. Each arbitration room is served by two dedicated conference rooms. Three arbitration rooms are large (they can comfortably double as lecture rooms); three medium sized (± 50 m″); and three modest (± 35 m″).

The first floor houses seven arbitration rooms with their conference rooms, the secretariat, library, canteen, and participants' chambers. The participants, effectively equity partners in the venture, include the Pretoria Bar, SACOB, and various leading attorneys' firms.

Although the building is geared for arbitrations, it provides an ideal facility (and is being marketed as such) for conferences, consultations, meetings and the like. Members from all bars are encouraged to make use of the facility.

Investec Relay

The Johannesburg Bar entered eight teams for the Annual Investec Relay on Sunday, 21 April 1996. Of these, the first team home was 6th Floor Innes, narrowly beating the judges' team. The second and third teams home were respectively 4th Floor Innes and 17th Floor Schreiner.

Veteran Tennis Star

Brian Pincus SC of Innes Chambers, Johannesburg, is, in his own words, "a beautiful specimen" of an advocate *cum* tennis player. He represented Transvaal

Brian Pincus SC

A in the Over 50 section of the Veterans Inter-Provincial Tennis Tournament in Cape Town during March 1996. Approximately 750 veterans ranging from age 35 to 65 took part.

In an earlier tournament he reached the quarter and semi-finals and represented Transvaal A and B in a number of events.

Noord-Kaap

bygedra deur J B Erasmus, Kimberley

Uitvoerende bestuur

Die uitvoerende bestuur van die Noord-Kaapse Balie is onlangs op die algemene jaarvergadering verkies. Hennie Lacock SC is herkies as voorsitter en Johan van Niekerk is verkies as die nuwe ondervoorsitter. As ere-sekretaris is verkies Johann Olivier.

Lede

Nadat hy vir 20 jaar 'n lid van die Noord-Kaapse Balie was, het Stoffel de Jager besluit om die advokaatsberoep vaarwel toe te roep en het hy homself by 'n plaaslike prokureursfirma aangesluit. Gedurende die tydperk wat hy 'n lid van Balie was, het De Jager baie beteken vir die beeld van die Balie deur sy betrokkenheid in Kimberley se gemeenskap en was hy onder andere vir 'n paar termyne die burgemeester van Kimberley. Hy het egter nie net sy kantoor ontruim en ons verlaat nie, maar ook sy sekretaresse, Helena van Niekerk, saam met hom geneem. Helena het vir 21 jaar by die Balie gewerk en was ma vir talle pupille wat verwese en verdwaald by die Balie aangesluit het.

Ook Albè Bester, wat sedert 1993 verbonde was aan die Noord-Kaapse Balie, het ons verlaat en groener weivelde in Edinburgh, Skotland, gaan soek. Sy beoog om haar leerklerkskap by 'n prokureursfirma aldaar te gaan doen.

Rugbylosie

Gedurende 1995 het die idee by 'n paar lede van die Balie ontstaan om 'n eie losie by Hoffe Park, Griekwaland-Wes se rugbystadion, aan te skaf. Vanweë die beperkte getal lede van die Noord-Kaapse Balie, is daar toe besluit om 'n paar lede vir die losie te werf uit die geledere van die medici en ander vriende van die Balie in Kimberley. Die regter-president, regter Kriek, is ook 'n baie entoesiastiese lid van die losie. Die losie is aangekoop en die naam daarvan – "Dr Balie" – pryk lewensgroot op die voorkant. Vele opwindende en aangename tye is al in die losie deurgebring en in die proses het die Noord-Kaapse Balie sy betrokkenheid by die gemeenskap ten toon gestel.

Ons wil graag glo dat ons ondersteuning 'n bydrae gelewer het tot Griekwas se suksesse die afgelope tyd. As ander Balies nie ons voorbeeld sou volg nie, sal ons begrip daarvoor hê, gesien in die lig van hulle spanne se vertonings teen Griekwas!