

Yacht race

On Saturday 15 November 1997, members of the Cape Bar and the attorneys' profession participated in the popular annual Legal Eagle Yacht Race. This year the race was sailed in support of charities, amongst others the Red Cross Childrens' Hospital.

More than 30 yachts participated in the race, a requirement being that they were skippered and crewed by legally qualified mariners. The only exception to this rule was that owners of boats were permitted to have a non-participat-


ing representative aboard to ensure that no serious damage was caused either to vessel or equipment. Lance Burger of the Cape skippered "Majimoto II" to first place in her class and second overall and was also largely responsible for the organisation of the race. The "Ancient Mariner" of the Bar, Joe van der Westhuizen SC, usually well up in the field, was only able to make 8th place in "Ninja".

The Bar also managed to field a yacht skippered, and crewed almost entirely, by ladies of the Bar. Clearly

the gender imbalance is in the process of being redressed. Three of our members, Fitzgerald SC, Wragge and Crowe, elected to betray the Bar and sail on yachts skippered by attorneys.

New members

The following members joined the Bar in December 1997:

J S Aldrich, J C de Wet du Plessis, H J O Roux, G Selikowitz and P Paulman. There are at present 20 pupils who have undertaken pupillage in the first half of this year. 

Acting appointments

THE following silks held acting appointments: Richard Buchanan, Dup de Bruyn, Johnny Horn, Andrew Lang, Murray Louw, Chris Mouton, Reneé van Rooyen, and John Whitehead.

Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting was held in Grahamstown on 27 February 1998, Whitehead SC being elected as chairman of the Bar.

The meeting was followed by a pleasant dinner at the Settlers' Inn, where the guest speaker was Judge Ludorf. The other judges present were Zietsman JP, Jennett, Jones, Kandile

AJ, Kroon, Leach, Liebenberg, Mpati, Neppen, Pickering, Van Rensburg, and Whitehead AJ. I am told that the Port Elizabeth Bar outnumbered that of Grahamstown, possibly because many of the former travelled up by Kombi, presumably in quest of critical mass, though one doesn't have to look far for that on the PE-Grahamstown road nowadays.

Arrivals and departures

Port Elizabeth: Bongi Sigodi has departed for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Ben Pretorius, formerly of the Pretoria Bar, has joined us.


Eastern Cape

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Pupil intake

Jeremy Colenso (Master: Richard Brooks), Nyamero Gqamana (J P Marais), Willem Jurgens Jnr (Pieter Mouton), Magdeline Mahuma (Steve Rorke), Kevin van Tonder (Rayn Wade) and Lawrence Schäfer (Torquil Paterson) have commenced pupillage.

PE Society of Advocates

Reneé van Rooyen SC was elected chairman of the PE Society of Advocates, along with committee members Chris Mouton SC, Johnny Horn SC, Johan Huysamen and Paul Jooste. Bruce Dyke and Lille Crouse were appointed hon secretary and treasurer respectively. 

Noord-Kaap

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Regbank

Die Noord-Kaapse regter-president, regter Kriek, het 'n baie besondere prestasie behaal toe hy in Februarie 1998 sy 25ste jaar op die regbank van die Hooggeregshof gevier het. Ter ere van die alom beminde regter-president se prestasie is 'n skemerkelk-onthaal op 25 Februarie 1998 deur die Kimberleyse Balie en prokureurs-professie gesamentlik by die Kimberley Klub aangebied. Dit was voorwaar 'n

voorreg om die groot geleentheid saam met regter Kriek te vier. Dit is die wens van al die praktisyns dat regter Kriek nog vir solank as moontlik die leisels in sy bekwame hande sal hou.

Regter Basson het ook aan die einde van Februarie 1998 die tuig neergelê na 'n bietjie langer as 20 jaar op die regbank van die Noord-Kaapse Afdeling van die Hooggeregshof. Op 4 Maart 1998 is daar formeel in die hof van regter Basson af-

skeid geneem en op 11 Maart 1998 is hy ook op 'n informele wyse met 'n gesellige ete deur die lede van die Kimberley Balie gegroet. Regter Basson se vriendelike, hoflike en geduldige optrede op die regbank sal sekerlik lank onthou word. Ons wens hom 'n gesonde en gelukkige aftrede toe.

Die volgende waarnemende regters het ook gedurende die afgelope tyd in hierdie afdeling opgetree:

P Horn, 'n prokureur van Kimberley (15/10/97-15/11/97); J W Wilmans, ook 'n prokureur van Kimberley (16/11/97-15/12/97); C J Olivier, 'n lid van die plaaslike Balie (10/11/97-15/12/97); J G van Niekerk, 'n lid van die plaaslike Balie (23/11/97-29/11/97; 23/2/98-6/3/8); C H Botha, ook 'n lid van die plaaslike Balie (30/11/97-31/12/97); en H J Lacock SC, die leier van die plaaslike Balie (5/2/98-8/2/98).

Balieraad

Op die algemene jaarvergadering van

die Noord-Kaapse Vereniging van Advokate, wat op 28 Januarie 1998 plaasgevind het, is die vorige jaar se bestuur net so in hulle ampte herkies. Lacock SC, is herkies as die voorsitter, Van Niekerk as ondervoorsitter en Olivier as die ere-sekretaris.

Lede

Carel Luwes het sy pupilskap aan die einde van 1997 voltooi en sy eksamen suksesvol afgelê. Hy praktiseer tans te Kimberley.

Marelize Marais het in Desember

1997 bedank as lid van die Balie en verhuis na Upington.

Sosiale nuus

Die jaarlikse formele Balie-dinee is op 14 November 1997 gehou. Hierdie jaarlikse tradisie bly steeds een van die sosiale hoogtepunte op die kalender van die Balie en was weer eens 'n baie groot sukses. Wat van die dinee 'n besondere geleentheid gemaak het, is dat dit, soos feitlik sonder uitsondering elke jaar gebeur, deur alle lede van die Balie bygewoon is. Met die uitsondering van een, is die dinee ook deur al die regters van hierdie afdeling bygewoon. Daar is tot in die vroeë oggendure gesellig saam verkeer.

Nog 'n geleentheid wat vinnig besig is om 'n jaarlikse instelling te word, is die ete wat die lede van die Balie vir hulle gades aangebied het op 3 Februarie 1998. Vanjaar het dit plaasgevind by die Koedoesrand Game Lodge, 'n paar kilometer buite Kimberley. Op enkele uitsonderings na, is hierdie geleentheid ook deur alle lede van die Balie saam met hulle gades bygewoon. Dit is voorwaar 'n voorreg om te praktiseer by 'n Balie waar daar so 'n besondere gees en atmosfeer onder die lede heers.



Afskeidsdinee vir regter-president Kriek

Van links na regs verskyn: Lacock SC, leier van die Noord-Kaapse Vereniging van Advokate; Bester, wat as seremoniemeester opgetree het; regter-president Kriek; mev en mnr P Horn, voorsitter van die plaaslike sirkel van prokureurs.

Bar Council

A new Bar Council was elected at the end of October 1997. Gerald Farber is the chairman and Roland Sutherland the vice-chairman. Other silks on the Bar Council are Guy Hoffman, Altus Joubert, Mike Hellens, Gilbert Marcus and Nazeer Cassim. The juniors are Colin Lamont, Gerrit Pretorius, Clive van der Spuy, Margie Victor and Pieter Pauw. The honorary secretary is Bruce Leach and Mandy Bate is the assistant honorary secretary.

Senior status

The following members attained senior status since the publication of the last

edition of *Consultus*: Josie Brett, Nazeer Cassim, Bernard Gudelsky, Ralph Meyer, Sias Reyneke, Piet Robinson, Karel Tip and Nigel Willis (see page 17 of this issue).

Acting appointments

A large number of our members, silks and non-silks, acted on the High Court Bench since the last publication of *Consultus*.

There have been no judicial appointment from the ranks of the Johannesburg Bar.

Sandton chambers

Sandton has become the fourth set of chambers approved by the Bar Council.

Johannesburg

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Fifty eight members are practising there full-time. Sandton has shown to be popular with attorneys and clients who do not want to come to the Johannesburg CBD. Members who do not occupy full-time chambers in Sandton have access to consultation facilities there. The Johannesburg Bar still has chambers in Innes Chambers, Schreiner Chambers and Colman Chambers.

Innes Chambers

As far as the environs of the CBD are concerned, the Society is hoping to get the Central Johannesburg Partnership (CJP) (a non-governmental organization with power to control the pavements >