

Natal

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The KwaZulu Natal Bar is growing steadily. In July 2002 we had a total intake of 25 pupils, of whom 14 have passed the exams and started to practise. We wish them well in their work.

Social functions

The annual Bar dinner was held during November 2002. A good time was had by those who attended. We hope to see more members attending the Bar dinner in the future.

Soccer team

The soccer team is growing from strength to strength. We now have a ladies team as well. Good luck ladies and don't take too many of the attorney's teams out!!

Cycle tour

Peter Combrinck organised a cycle tour through the Kamanassie Mountains. The group cycled an average of 90 kilometres per day with Bruce Bedderson spending a bit of time in the kombi after the first day. The group cycled through the gruelling Swartberg Pass. They enjoyed the beautiful scenery and their trip. All cyclists (and non-cyclists) are encouraged to participate in future. Contact Peter Combrinck if you are interested.

Acting judges

The acting judges for the first quarter of 2003 were: Mkhize, Govindsamy, Kruger, Sardiwalla, Aboobaker SC and Van Zyl SC.

Bar News

Noord-Kaap

Bygedra deur Japie
Schreuder, Kimberley

Regbank

Gedurende die vierde kwartaal van 2002 het Percy Sonn en Nono Gozo waargeneem as regters in ons afdeling. Gedurende die eerste kwartaal van 2003 neem Williams en Olivier (van Kimberley) as regters waar. Regter JC van der Walt het aan die einde van Oktober 2002 afgetree.

Sosiaal

Al die lede van ons Balie het aan die einde van verlede jaar deelgeneem aan 'n kleiduifskietkompetisie. Ons was noodsaak om van al die lede se dienste gebruik te maak aangesien elke span uit vyf lede bestaan het. Later was ons ook maar bly dat Bester ingewillig het om haar slag tussen die mans te wys. Volgens die beamptes het 'n dame lank laas so akkuraat geskiet. Ongeveer tien spanne het deelgeneem en ons span het die tweede plek gehaal.

Baliedinee

Op 29 November 2002 is ons jaarlikse Baliedinee gehou. Ons was bevoorreg om by hierdie geleentheid Willem van der Linde SC, voorsitter van die Algemene Balieraad, as gas teenwoordig te hê. Ons het aandagtig geluister na sy toespraak oor die rol van die Balie en die bydrae wat ons steeds kan lewer in veranderende omstandighede. Die teenwoordigheid van al ons afgetrede regters (wat steeds in Kimberley woon)

asook huidige regters, het luister aan die geleentheid verleen.

Pro bono werk

Die lede van ons Balie is ten gunste van die oproep om meer pro bono werk te doen. Die aantal gevalle waar versoeke in hierdie verband ontvang word, is egter relatief min. Regshulpwerk bly steeds 'n kopseer. Weens die nie-betaling van rekeninge kan lede dit nie bekostig om op rondgang te gaan nie. Die feit dat reis- en verblyfkoste aangegaan moet word sonder dat daar 'n terugbetaling gemaak word, maak hierdie werk bykans onmoontlik. Lede van buite Kimberley (meestal Johannesburg en Pretoria) wat direkte en persoonlike skakeling met die Regshulpraad het, doen wel rondgang in ons afdeling – teen 'n groter uitgawe vir die Regshulpraad natuurlik! Die Regshulpraad is klaarblyklik tevrede dat hierdie stand van sake so voortgaan.

North West

Contributed by John
Stander, Mafikeng

Annual dinner

In the previous issue of *Advocate* I reported on the retirement of our erstwhile judge president, M W (Mockie) Friedman. His farewell function was combined with our annual dinner in October 2002 at which the chairman of the GCB, Willem van der Linde SC, was

the guest speaker. Willem provided a concise overview of the ideals of our profession, its history and its future, particularly regarding the necessity of an independent Bar and Bench. Willem's speech was well received by all who attended the dinner.

We wish him well in his new position.

Other news

Our office bearers for 2003 are: Henry Lever SC (chair), Cecile Zwiendelaar (vice-chair), and John Stander (honorary secretary).

Johann Pistor continues to act in our division and will return to practice in April.

Two pupils, Patrick Saun Naango and Matlhanola Peter Molatedi, have been accepted at our Bar.

Vrystaat

Bygedra deur Germa
Wright, Bloemfontein

Sosiaal

Die Balie het gedurende November 'n formele dinee gehou. Onder die uitgenooide gaste was regters van die Hoogste Hof van Appèl en die plaaslike regbank, verteenwoordigers van die kantore van die Gesinsadvokaat en die Openbare Beskermer, en lede van die prokureursprofessie. Die funksie is te Ilanga Estates gehou. Met Corrie Ploos van Amstel SC in beheer, is gaste ingewag met sjerrie en die klanke van 'n strykkwartet. Xolani Mabusela het die voorreg gehad om die nuwelings toespraak te lewer.

'n Deel van die aand se verrigtinge het ook gewentel rondom die uittrede van die president van die Hoogste

Hof van Appèl, regter Joos Hefer. Appèlregter Hefer is 'n gewaardeerde oud-lid van die Vrystaatse Balie – hy het hier praktiseer vanaf 1957 tot 1975. Sy seun, Seef, sit nou die tradisie voort. Vgl die berig onder “Names in the news” op bl 28 van hierdie uitgawe.

Die aand was 'n groot sukses en almal was dit eens dat die dinee 'n jaarlikse instelling moet word. Dit gee aan praktisyne en lede van die regbank die geleentheid om mekaar op 'n ander vlak te leer ken en waardeer. Veral die jonger lede vind groot baat daarby.

Cape

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Membership

Taking stock of movements in the membership of the Bar early in each year always proves to be an interesting exercise. Since November 2002 the Cape Bar has welcomed the following new members:

M Aggenbach, B Atkins, E Benade, PL Colenso, H de Kock, HJ de Waal, GA du Toit, SA Harmse, SS Houston, KG Hutton, M Mashile, WA Odendaal, ID Pillay, H Rabkin-Naicker, EJ Spamer, W Swanepoel, and N Venter.

At the same time that we gained the membership of 17 new advocates to practice at the Cape Bar, we also bade farewell to R Ganey, D Hutchison, R Inderjeeth, GC le Roux, JN Theron, and JP van den Berg.

Silks

Letters Patent were granted to five members of the Cape

Bar late in 2002, and we accordingly extend our very best wishes to the following colleagues on achieving this distinction:

Ismail Jamie SC, Michael Donen SC, Richard Goodman SC, Jeremy Muller SC, and Gavin Woodland SC.

Jamie SC and Muller SC also acted as judges of the Cape high court in the first term of 2003, together with Van der Westhuizen SC and Mitchell SC.

In what must be a somewhat unusual confluence of events, the Bar also bade farewell at the end of 2002 to a group of four senior counsel, and we accordingly extend our farewell and best wishes to Burton Fourie SC (appointed a judge), Gys Hofmeyr SC, and Hendrik Klem SC. At the same time we welcomed as an associate member J van der Westhuizen SC.

Sport

As usual summer in Cape Town has served to inspire various members of the Bar to desert the rigours of their chambers and to set out in pursuit of fame in the sporting arena. A large contingent of the Bar again set about their preparation for the Cape Argus Cycle Race and at the time of going to print the dedicated roadrunners amongst us are in preparation for the Two Oceans Marathon.

Late last year Brian Pincus SC, together with team-mate Daan Smuts and Fred Kiewitz, were chosen to represent the 55+ SA Veteran Tennis Team to participate in the Austria Cup in Vienna, Austria. Sadly Pincus reports that South Africa was grouped with number one seed, Spain, and despite their dedicated team spirit and obvious enthusiasm, the

South African team failed to bring home impressive results on the foreign clay courts. We nevertheless congratulate Pincus on his captaincy of the South African Veterans Team.

John Dickerson SC is an accomplished long-distance swimmer, having completed the Robben Island to Blouberg and/or Three Anchor Bay swims at least ten times over the years. On 30 July 2002 John attempted the English Channel crossing from England to France. After four hours of good weather and having reached a mid-point in the channel, bad weather and storms unfortunately hampered his progress. Never daunted, Dickerson persisted for a full thirteen hours and within sight of the French Coast, was forced to abandon his attempt when the tide turned against him. This has, however, not deterred John from resolving to attempt the swim again in August 2003.

Roelof van Riet SC, a stalwart of the local canoeing and paddling fraternity, travelled to a flooded Prague with his fellow South African team-mate for the World Masters Canoeing Championship held late last year. It will come as no surprise that the event had to be cancelled due to the widespread flooding and dangerous conditions which prevailed. South Africa has won this event on no fewer than three occasions in the past four attempts. Van Riet has been in the winning team on all these occasions. Van Riet continues to conquer the likes of the Duzi Canoe Marathon and the Berg River Marathon, for both of which he is currently in training yet again. He also hopes to participate later this year in the World Masters

Canoeing Championship to be held in Spain.

Obituary: Gershon Shapiro

Sadly we must also record the death of a long-standing member of the Bar, Gershon Shapiro, who died, aged 72, on 22 November 2002 after undergoing major heart surgery some time before. Shapiro was a long-standing member of the 16th Floor, Huguenot Chambers – from 1974 until his death. He joined the Bar on 22 April 1957. Many a young counsel will remember him as an assessor in a number of high profile criminal cases over the years. He leaves his five children and three grandchildren, including the well-known satirist and cartoonist Jonathan “Zapiro”. He will be remembered as a quiet gentleman of great integrity and a gentle sense of humour, greatly respected amongst his colleagues. He will be sadly missed by all.

Port Elizabeth

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Pupils

Two pupils from the last intake passed the Bar examination, namely Graham Richards and Marlini Moodley, both of whom are practising. We offer them our support and wish them much prosperity. We have five new pupils.

Bar Council

The new Bar Council is constituted as follows: De Bruyn SC (chairman), Goosen, Hartle, Gqamana, Dala and Pillay.