

100 m freestyle relay team consisted of Roland Schoeman, Darian Townsend, Gideon, and Graeme Moore. In the heats in the morning they swam the second fastest time of 3:13:93, and in the final they came in 5th with a time of 3:13:45. They were beaten by France, the United States of America, Russia and Australia. Gideon made the semi-finals in the 100 m and 50 m freestyle events where he came in the 9th overall place, which unfortunately meant that he missed out by one place for the

finals. Gideon is now 25 years old and it is accordingly possible for him to be very competitive at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

However it will require that he remains focused on keeping to the rigid training schedule and spartanic lifestyle required of Olympic swimmers for the next four years.

For the moment he is busy with a Masters Degree in Sports Science at the Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida, United States of America.

He is also employed as a postgraduate assistant at the Florida State University with the task of assisting with the training of the Florida State University swimming team.

Gideon remains proudly South African and deeply conscious that it is a privilege to be able to represent his country.

The Pretoria Bar congratulates Gideon on his excellent performances and trusts that he will do even better in the 2016 Olympics.

In memoriam

Oudregter Theodor Grobbelaar

Oudregter Theodor Grobbelaar is op 20 Augustus 2012 aan longversaking dood. Regter Grobbelaar was 'n lid van die Pretoria-balie vanaf 1 Augustus 1958 tot 30 Junie 1990 toe hy bedank het weens die feit dat hy as regter aangestel was.

Gedurende die laat sewentiger- en begin tagtigerjare het skrywer, in sy hoedanigheid as prokureur, die voorreg gehad om hom opdragte te gee in verskeie straf-sake wat hy op 'n uiters bekwame en professionele wyse hanteer het.

In die laat tagtigerjare was ons betrokke in 'n strafappèl in die Appèlhof, Bloemfontein, waar hy vir sekere beskuldigdes opgetree het en ek vir een van die ander beskuldigdes – weer eens het hy die saak op 'n uiters bekwame en professionele wyse hanteer. In 'n moordverhoor waar ek namens die beskuldigde opgetree het, het regter Grobbelaar die saak op drie geleenthede uitgestel ten einde, soos hy dit gestel het, absoluut oortuig te wees dat die voorgestelde vonnis 'n gepaste vonnis sou wees.

Regter Grobbelaar was een van die mees bekwame strafreggeleerdes in die land. Die Pretoria-balie betuig hiermee hulle innige meegevoel en simpatie teenoor sy eggenote, kinders, kleinkinders, familie en vriende.

Henri Francois Junod SC

By Q Pelsers SC

Henri Francois Junod SC, a member of the Pretoria Society of Advocates since 1955, a silk since 1976, and an honorary member since 1994, passed away on 22 April 2012 at the age of 84. He will be well remembered for his work as an advocate, for the person he was and for his love of nature.

He had specialised in the law of expropriation and, in particular, the expropriation of farm land. That enabled him to travel extensively in rural areas and in the course of his practice.

He had litigated in just about all of the divisions of the then Supreme Court of South Africa, as well as in the then South West Africa, Botswana and Rhodesia. Several legal principles regarding the law of expropriation were settled with the advantage of his input.

As a colleague, he repetitively warned at annual general meetings of the Pretoria Bar, against downgrading the profession of an advocate to a moneymaking trade.

He matriculated from Michael House in 1944, where he was a member of the first rugby team and head of Tathams House.

He obtained his LLB degree from Stellenbosch University in 1949 and also held degrees from the University of Cambridge (Pembroke College), Sorbonne University in Paris, and Berkeley: University of California where he obtained an MA in Political Science.

His achievements furthermore include representing the Shangaan people at CODESA and being involved in the re-writing of the water law of South Africa as embodied in the National Water Act 1998. Both these services he rendered *pro deo*.

Outside the professional and academic field, his most outstanding achievement lay in the protection of the Magaliesberg Mountains.

Not only was he a key figure in fighting for its conservation on various fronts but he himself acquired a series of properties in the Magaliesberg, including some of the well-known headwaters such as Tonquani and Dome Kloof.

The formation of the Magaliesberg Mountain Trust has ensured their preservation in perpetuity. One such property, Maretlwane, is to be registered in an educational trust, and a long-term wilderness school for children has been established here.

As a self-confessed 'custodian' rather than an 'owner', his philosophy was to protect such properties against development, but simultaneously to share them with everyone.

He was bestowed honorary membership by the Mountain Club of South Africa, and in 1999 he was awarded the MCSA Gold Badge in recognition of his contribution to the Club.

Taking into account his love of mountains and his Swiss ancestry, it is no wonder that he had spent much time walking and climbing in the Alps.

Yet he was passionately fond of the African bush and did many trips through Southern Africa in the days when there were few roads.

Francois was also an avid saltwater fisherman and befriended the local community in the Transkei when he saved the life of a young woman who had been washed out to sea.

He was given the name of *jongilizwe* which means 'someone who looks after the countryside.'

He was married to Sheila Patchitt, an architect, for a period of 55 years. From this marriage, a son, Alexandre, was born who became a teacher and is presently the head of the outdoor education school at Maretlwane.

The Pretoria Society of Advocates extends its sincere condolences to his family and friends. **A**