



a braai and reflected on what could and in our belief should have been.

The second and final match of the season was played on 3 March 2013 at the Vineyard Oval. This was the annual match for the ENS Trophy, which we had won for the preceding three years. As we were the victors on the three previous

occasions that the sides had met, we were quietly confident that we would make it a fourth year in a row, but we went down to talented ENS team brimming with new recruits.

ENS relinquished the spinning of the coin and offered us the toss. Joel Krige wisely elected to take up this offer, decided that we would bat first and that ENS should rather contend with fielding in the 35°C midday heat. This decision was supported by Anwar Albertus who did not look forward to bowling and fielding in the hot midday sun.

ENS had however recruited some new talent, specifically in the form of a new opening bowler and ex-Nuffield player, Paul Harker. Harker put in a great performance and went for only 7 runs in his first four overs whilst claiming one wicket and

ending with figures of 4 for 15 off 7 overs. Despite a superb bowling effort by our opponents we managed to post a total 141, with Jan Buurman top scoring with a patient 45 runs.

In defending a reasonably low score our bowlers put in a great effort with Darryl Cook taking of 3 for 37 off 7 overs and Roy Gordon taking 1 for 19 off 5 overs. Despite our valiant efforts in the field, 141 was never going to be enough and ENS reached their target in the 30th over for the loss off 4 wickets.

After the fierce competition on the field we relinquished the trophy to a better side on the day, where after we stood with our opponents in contemplating the day's events and of course informing them that we will be back next year and in better form. **A**

Free State

By **Henriette Murray**

The Free State Bar on 13 June 2013 took leave of a well-known and highly-respected former member, SPB (Faan) Hancke, who retired after 24 years on the High Court Bench, during which time he acted as Judge President on three occasions. As a student, Judge Hancke was actively involved in various aspects of Kovsie life, inter alia, as chairperson of the Rag Committee, head student of the DF Malherbe Residence and member of the Student Representative Council. During 1971 he visited England and Scotland as recipient of the coveted Abe Bailey Travel Award. In 1972 he graduated from the UOFS with a BCom LLB. He joined the FS Bar in January 1973, gained silk status on 22 January 1986, then served as chairperson of the Bar Council until his appointment as judge of the Free State High Court on 31 January 1993. His elevation to the Bench did not stop his community involvement. Quite the contrary: he continued to serve his *alma mater* in various capacities, inter alia as president of the Convocation, first chairperson of the Kovsie Alumni Trust, member of the Broad Transformation Forum who negotiated and wrote the new UFS Constitution, and first chairperson of the Kovsie Law Alumni. For 14 years he served on the University Council, from 2000 to 31 December 2009 as chairperson. In that time he was also highly involved in judicial

training, received an honorary fellowship from the Society of Advanced Legal Studies of the University of London and was honoured with a *cum laude* award from the UFS Faculty of Law where he serves as *Professor Extraordinarius*. Several former judges attended the function to wish Judge Hancke a happy retirement. True to form, however, he may be retiring, but has already plunged with great enthusiasm into his new full-time 'pastime', that of cattle-farmer.

The Bar itself is bustling, as usual. Another of our 2012 pupils took chambers on 1 March 2013: Dustin Thompson, a Kovsie graduate who practised as an attorney in Bloemfontein for a few years before joining the Bar. Our 'buddy-system' is up and running and according to the junior counsel who are participating in the program, they are happily benefiting from being involved in more intricate matters in a protected environment, as well as from earning some extra money to help fund their fledgling practices. The Bar in March established a fund to which members contribute in order to assist those previously disadvantaged junior members who struggle in their first two years of practice to pay their Bar Fees.

Alex Danzfuss SC, has been re-elected as chairperson of the 2013 Bar Council, with council members Paul Zietsman SC, Niel Snellenburg, Henriette Murray, Henk



Judge Faan Hancke.

Celliers, Tiaan Pienaar and Dustin Thompson, assisted by honorary secretary Craig Snyman. Five members, Van Rooyen SC, Zietsman SC, Fischer SC, Snellenburg and Murray acted in the Free State High Court during the first half of 2013.



Legal Eagle Bike Run at the Fouriesburg Hotel. From left to right: Magistrate Johan Furstenburg (Welkom),Johan Kotze (Attorney Schoeman Kellerman & Kotse Welkom) Dr and Mrs Oloff Badenhorst, Henk Cilliers (Bfn Bar), Mr and Mrs Piet Wessels (Attorney Blignaut & Wessels Reitz), Mr Jan and Mrs Riana Smit (Attorney Phatshoane Henney Bfn), Adv and Mrs Johan Moorcroft (Pta Bar), Ms Selna Coetzer, Dawid Grewar (Bfn Bar), Hendre Conradie (Attorney Rossouws Bfn), Lawrence Manye (Bfn Bar), Ilze Van Rhyn(Bfn Bar), Bertus Van Rhyn SC (Bfn Bar), Willem van Aswegen Bfn Bar), Mrs Cindy van Aswegen and baby, Magistrate Moeng (Bfn), Peter Fischer SC (Bfn Bar).

The 2013 Legal Eagle Bike Run was once again a reSOUNDING success. At Henk Cilliers’s and Lawrence Manye’s instance, advocates, attorneys and magistrates from all over the Free State and even Pretoria on 13 April converged on the Fouriesburg Hotel in scenic eastern Free State to chat, to braai and to try their hand at the challenging tracts around Clarens; only to roar-r-r back into the real world on Sunday after a sumptuous feast of a breakfast. And they’ve promised to make it an annual event. So, make a note in your diary for April: if you would like to be there, as a Legal Eagle or simply as a friend, even if you don’t have a Harley, Yamaha, Suzuki or even a Ducatti, you’re still welcome. Just contact Henk at big5@law.co.za and he’ll let you know the dates.



Ilse and Bertus van Rhyn on the Otter Trail.

Not all our members constantly rush around on motorcycles, though – at least some take serious time off to explore the Free State, and further, on foot (or both!). Six years ago Bertus and Ilse Van Rhyn joined a group of Legal Eagles of a different kind – Barnard Knoetze and his fellow (mostly legal) hikers. Armed with brand-new boots, backpacks and sleeping bags, and a few sessions in the gym, the Van Rhyns braved Injisuthi in the Drakensberg, somehow surviving their two-day trek through the mountains and an overnight cave.

And they were hooked. They stepped up their training and have, every year, walked at least four shorter Free State routes like St Fort and Sporekrans, interspersed with week-end walks in the Clarens area.

And once a year, at least, you’ll find the group, on foot, come rain or high water, out there on a weeklong mission to explore some of the most beautiful parts of our country: the Silversands Route and Namaqualand during the wild flower season,

Harkerville and the Baviaanskloof, the Amathole, and, cherry on top, the 41 km Otter Trail from Storms River to Nature’s Valley.

Some have ventured even further, much further: Barnard Knoetze, with his wife, Esther, recently joined pilgrims from the world over to walk part of the Camino de Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

Well, whoever said law has to be all work ... 



Knoetze and fellow hikers at the start to the Amathole six-day hiking trail.



Barnard Knoetze at Cabo Finisterre in Spain during the Camino de Santiago de Compostela walk.

Talking heads
Upcoming conferences

- A conference will be held to coincide with the 22nd African Human Rights Moot Court Competition at the University of the Western Cape, which runs from 2 to 7 September 2013. The conference will be on 6 September 2013 and its theme is *Constitution-making in Africa*. For further information, contact Debbie Gordon at dlgordon@uwc.ac.za
- The Mandela Institute at Wits School of Law presents two seminars in August and September. The *First Annual Banking and Finance Law Focus* will deal with current and topical issues including the regulation of the banking industry. Confirmed speakers include Johan de Lange (head: Banking and Finance at Webber Wentzel); Dr Ina Meiring (director: Werksmans), and Lionel Shawe (head: Banking and Finance at Bowman Gilfillan). Date: 27 August 2013. Closing date for registration: 20 August 2013. Venue: Chalsty Centre, Wits. Contact Julie.Dunsford@wits.ac.za
- Also at the Mandela Institute, Peter Solomon SC and Julia Boltar will identify some of the practical and controversial issues that arise from the provisions of the *Tax Administration Act 2011*. Date: 18 September 2013. Closing date for registration is 30 August 2013. Venue: Chalsty Centre, Wits. Contact Julie.Dunsford@wits.ac.za
- The 16th Annual SASLAW Conference will take place on 4 & 5 October 2013, at the Cape Town International Convention Centre in Cape Town. See <http://www.saslaw.org.za/contact.php>
- A conference on disability rights in Africa with the theme *Overcoming obstacles: Towards the effective implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in Africa* will be held by the Centre for Human Rights at the University of Pretoria, on 5 November 2013. See <http://www1.chr.up.ac.za/>
- The Centre for Human Rights at the University of Pretoria will also host a conference commemorating the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the *Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa* focusing on promoting women's sexual and reproductive rights. It will be held on 9 & 10 December 2013. See <http://www1.chr.up.ac.za/>
- The Oliver Schreiner School of Law at Wits will host the *Southern African Law Teachers' Association Conference* from 13 to 16 January 2014. Papers from any legal subject area are to be sent to abstracts.sltsa@wits.ac.za preferably no later than 31 August 2013. For registration forms, see: http://www.wits.ac.za/files/f6usb_695210001375129759.pdf