

Pretoria

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2014 Winter Blanket Project

Members of the Pretoria Bar again generously contributed towards the annual Winter Blanket Project. Almost 800 blankets were donated by the Bar to four charity organisations for distribution amongst homeless people in the city as well as to other needy charities in Pretoria.



Jaco van Heerden – an elite referee

Members will recall the article that was written on Jaco in the *Advocate* of August

2010. Four years later, his progress is evident, and this is what Paul Dobson (retired test referee) has to say about him:

‘Born in Johannesburg, Van Heerden is 31 – young but with 12 years of refereeing behind him. He played rugby at Waterkloof where he went to school and koshuis rugby when he started his law studies at Tukkies, but then there was the serious business of an LLB. That made playing rugby difficult but, he says, “I was not willing to let this wonderful game go. I needed to stay involved, and refereeing seemed to be the right thing to do.”

‘So off he went to the Blue Bulls Referees’ Society and joined them in 2003. He started from scratch and gradually worked his way up. School tournaments played a large part in his progress, which was steady, not meteoric. “In 2009 I started off at several school tournaments (Easter Weekends); 2010 at Under-16 Grant Khomo Week; 2011 Under-18 Craven week; 2012 got me to some Currie Cup Under-19 and Under-21 matches; in 2013 I was refereeing at the Community Cup (old Club Champs), Vodacom Cup and Currie Cup First Division.” He also refereed a Vodacom

Cup quarterfinal, a Currie Cup Under-21 semi-final and in June 2013 he was voted National Referee of the Month.

‘Progress is a process. It takes time. You run a marathon a step at a time, write a novel a letter at a time, fall in love a kiss at a time and become a Test referee a match at a time. There is no instant success in life. But as long as the process is getting one closer to the goal, it is progress.’

These past eight months have been a period of progress for Van Heerden. To start with, tidings of great joy came about when he was promoted to South Africa’s Elite Panel, one of the top ten referees in South Africa along with Craig Joubert, Jaco Peyper, Marius Jonker, Stuart Berry, Jason Jaffha, Lesego Legoete, Christie du Preez, Rasta Rasivhenge and Marius van der Westhuizen. The news has been the highlight in Van Heerden’s refereeing career and also a spur to his ambitions – to cement his position in the Elite Group and to be recognized by SANZAR and the IRB.

Serious about his hobby, he is clear about what he wants to achieve as a referee, “... to realise and own excellence in every performance by gaining optimum status in the accuracy and precision department.”

‘Van Heerden, was this year involved in the Varsity and Vodacom Cup tournaments. A further feather in his hat was when he was appointed to referee the final of the Vodacom Cup in Kimberley in May this year. It was a big step forward for the promising referee.

‘In June he also obtained his first international appointment when he was involved in the test between Ireland and Argentina as one of the assistant referees.

‘Of course, he did not make the journey on his own. There was his Society to help him and he singles out individuals. “Johan Zurich (my coach at the Bulls and nowadays also a National Coach) has played a key role in my development and progress at a provincial level. Tappe Henning then came aboard equipping me with the tools-of-the-trade for the ‘next level’, with Mark Lawrence taking over as my National Coach since 2012.”

‘Role model: “In refereeing it has

always been Mark Lawrence, for the reason that he established himself by being a successful referee, a prosperous career and business man, and most importantly an efficacious family man.”

‘He will furthermore make his debut in this year’s Currie Cup Premier Division. “I always dreamt about and worked towards adjudicating in this esteemed competition. Knowing that the road to success is always under construction, Mark Lawrence and I have worked since 2012, in getting my performances to the optimum level, always moving our goals and targets towards a greater space in the galaxy of refereeing.”

‘Jaco says he finds refereeing complementary to his legal activities – both concerned with the law in practice. And then he is married to Tanita, “the most beautiful and best supportive wife”.’

Marié Olivier

Marié Olivier, practising at the Pretoria Bar since 9 February 1999, started practising karate at the age of 43 and became a member of the International Shotokan Karate Federation. The Federation’s headquarters are in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The head is Master Sensei Okazaki. Once a year they have a Master Camp, which she recently attended.

She achieved her Hein Nidan in November 2012 and won a bronze medal in Kumute for senior women at the ISKF World Cup, which was held in the Philippines in October 2012.

She is also currently qualifying herself as an international karate referee and has already completed her entry certificate.

Waarnemende regters

Die volgende lede het waargeneem as regters in die Gauteng Afdeling van die Hoë Hof:

N Davis SC: 12 Julie tot 20 Julie 2014;
 NM Davis SC: 21 tot 27 Junie 2014;
 IEM Delport: 18 en 20 Junie 2014;
 JJ Goodey SC: 28 Junie tot 4 Julie 2014;
 GC Muller SC: 21 April tot 9 Mei 2014;
 B Neukircher SC: 12 Julie tot 20 Julie 2014;
 LI Vorster SC: 14 April tot 13 Junie 2014;
 21 Junie tot 27 Junie 2014; 5 tot 11 Julie 2014. **A**

Reggae at the Bar

Molatelolo Malowa, Pretoria Bar

The year 2014 marks 20 years of democracy in South Africa and 51 years after the establishment of Organisation of African Unity by Haile Selassie. In honour of the political and socio-economic change and the experience associated with it, I am realising a recreational, but educational audio project, in the form of a reggae album.

The album is entitled 'Unjust Laws Disobeyed' and it owes its existence to speeches by the likes of Martin Luther King Jnr who said there is a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws. Marcus Garvey has said it is unmanly to obey unjust laws and Haile Selassie said in his famous speech on disobedience of colonial laws that '[T]hose men who refused to accept judgment passed upon by the colonies... will be remembered ...' The compact disc has twelve poetic songs which include a prophetic and relevant speech by Haile Selassie dated 23 May 1963 in Addis Ababa [<http://rastaites.com/speeches/africa.htm>] OAU (now AU) formation.

The songs are traditional Nyabingi and reggae beats and the contents include socio-economic, political and religious messages and are almost all written by me, as they are extracts from over 20 years poetic writing archives. The band and vocalists consists of members from Mamelodi House of Rastafari and some are from Hammanskraal, whereas others are from Venda and Botlokwa. The album was recorded at Tembisa by BK Ralefe Productions. 

Some members of *Molatelolo wa Malowa* and *The Jah Hailers* at the studio in Tembisa. Back row: Molatelolo Malowa, Ngwako Malowa, Salome Matjila, Tebogo Tshetsha. Front row: Sidwell Rikhotso, Tebogo Phago and Baholo Rakau.



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