

KwaZulu-Natal

Durban

Sarah Linscott

Wedding Bells: Zuanite Oliver and Johan Ploos van Amstel (junior not senior) were married in the Kwazulu-Natal Midlands on 13 June. Also present was Johan's father, KZN Judge Johan Ploos van Amstel. The happy couple's colleagues wish them well and are looking forward to a Ploos van Amstel motion court trifecta in the near future.'



Pretoria

Johan Brand SC

Community Service Committee

2015 Winter Blanket project

Members of the Pretoria Bar again generously contributed towards the annual Winter Blanket Project.

Blankets to the value to R35 000 were donated by the Bar to four charity organisations for distribution amongst the street people in the city as well as to other needy charities in Pretoria. **A**

Acting appointments

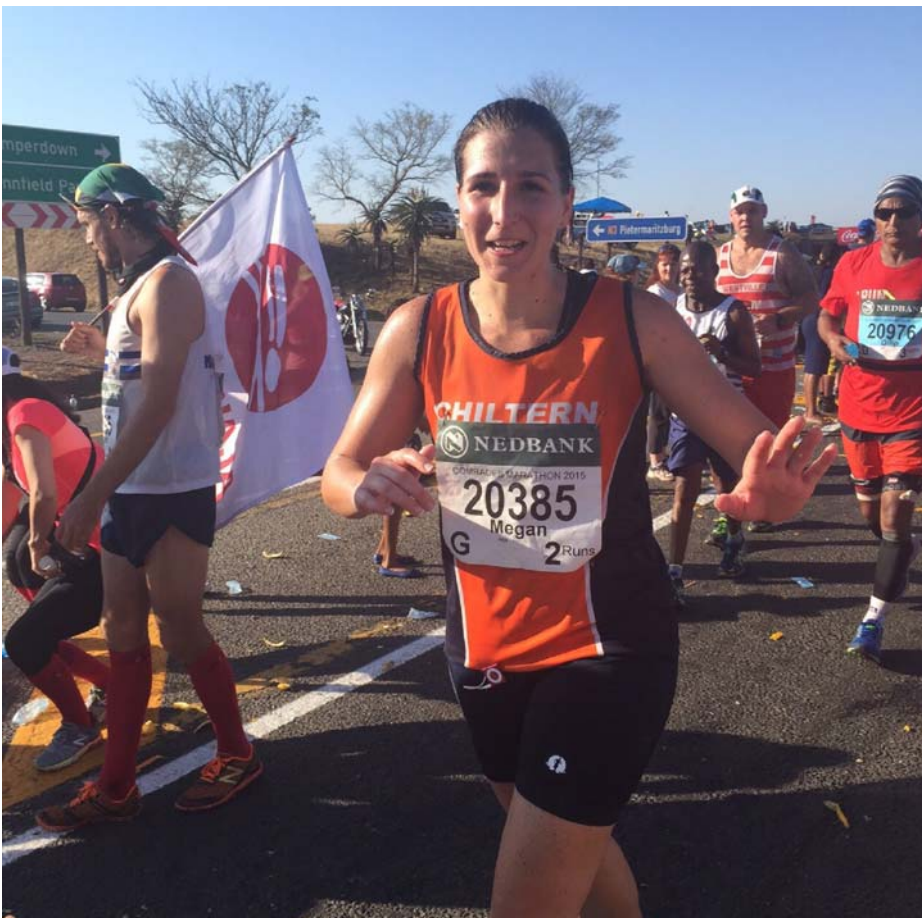
The following members of the Pretoria Bar held acting appointments in the Gauteng Division Pretoria:

First term

- LI Vorster SC
26 January to 27 March 2015
- CJ van der Westhuizen SC
26 January to 20 February 2015
- SM Lebala SC
26 January to 6 February 2015
- AB Rossouw SC
9 March to 27 March 2015
- TAN Makhubele SC
26 January to 30 January and
23 February to 27 March 2015

Second term

- DPJ Rossouw SC
8 June to 26 June 2015
- AJ Louw SC
27 April to 15 May 2015
- B Neukircher SC
27 April to 8 May 2015
- G Bofilatos SC
11 May to 22 May 2015
- JJ Strijdom SC
13 April to 1 May 2015
- MH Mabena SC
25 May to 26 June 2015
- AT Ncongwane SC
11 May to 22 May 2015
- DT Skosana SC
13 April to 24 April 2015 **A**



Comrades 2015: As far as your correspondent is aware Megan Konigkramer, Alan Boule and Alan Lamplough attempted Comrades this year and all finished. A great achievement. A special mention must go to Megan who demonstrated the grit and determination for which the women of the KZN Society are justifiably known and started Comrades despite being injured and on crutches in the weeks prior to the race. Alan Boule was somewhat disappointed with his time of 11:21 and noted *"It's the hills with no names that really get you"*. Megan finished in 11:24 and was suitably delighted. The other Alan finished in 11:24, *"The usual despair and anguish from the 50km mark but in hindsight quite a good day out"*. Well done to all of you.

Pretoria

LIKE PARENT LIKE SON


Anna Granova

Bernette Bergenthuin, Stephan Maritz and Karusha Kollapen share one thing in common; they have fathers at the Bar or on the Bench, as have Jurgen J Potgieter and Colin Rip, whose stories are told below. This is a mini-series on all children whose parents were either their colleagues or Judges at Pretoria. Bernette Bergenthuin writes her own story in the 'Slices' section of this issue.

▪ Jurgen J Potgieter

Born of a lawyer father, the progression towards law was only natural for Jurgen. A real socialite, he needs people as much as the air he breathes. After studying at the University of Pretoria, where his favourite subject was criminal law, he joined the Pretoria Bar in 2003. Even though law of contract is his favourite area of law, litigation based on delict provides for his daily bread and butter. His father becoming a Silk in 2014 still brings intense emotions to Jurgen's face. His secret of success is to be in Court, help out, be seen and learn from others.

▪ Colin M Rip

This good-looking counsel could study anything under the sun but Mervin Rip SC would only pay for law. As a result, Colin ended up going to the same primary and high schools and university as his father. Fortunately, once Colin passed the Bar exams and joined the Pretoria Bar alongside his father there has been no pressure on performance from Rip senior. In fact, since Colin had "an SC on tap", attorneys were more eager to brief him. Even with all uncertainty juniors face today, Colin has to admit that his father was right with the choice of the career for him because at the end of the day it is not who your father is — this performance-driven career will throw the weaklings out soon enough. 

IN MEMORIAM

Oudregter met deernis onthou

Oudregter Johan Christian van der Walt (83), wat ná 'n beroerte en longontsteking oorlede is, was 'n "geliefde korrelkop-pa en liefdevolle oupa" en gedugte regsgeleerde wat 'n "meester op sy gebied" was.

Só is dié oudregter in die Noord-Kaapse Hooggeregshof deur familielede, vriende en kollegas onthou.

Hy is op 30 Maart 2015 in die aftree-oord Acacia oorlede. Sy twee kinders, Judi Jooste en adv Nico van der Walt, skerts dat hul pa binne en buite die Hof 'n meester van kruisondervraging was. Regter Van der Walt se vrou, Judie, is in 2010 oorlede. Hulle was 55 jaar getroud.

Anna Venter (84), Regter Van der Walt se suster, vertel hulle was agt kinders en het in Postmasburg groot geword. Vyf van hulle leef nog. "Ons was baie arm. Johan, wat 'n jaar jonger as ek was, moes saam met my skool toe gaan sodat die klas groot genoeg kon wees. Ons het saam matriek geskryf."

"Hy het by die landdroskantoor in Kimberley as klerk gewerk. Daar was nie geld vir studies nie. Hy het in Pretoria buitemuurs gestudeer."

Hy was aanklaer, prokureur, advokaat en senior advokaat by Pretoria Balie. Later was hy waarnemende Regter en Hoofregter in die destydse Venda. In 1996 het hy na Kimberley as Regter teruggekeer en in 2002 afgetree.

Willem van Drimmelen se stem nou stil

Die man wat gholf op die Afrikaanse senders van die radio en TV laat leef het, se stem is stil. Willem van Drimmelen, advokaat, radio- en TV-komentator, en kaptein van internasionale rugby- en krieketspanne, is op 18 April 2015 in Bela Bela (Warmbad) oorlede. Hy sou op 22 April 2015, 73 jaar oud geword het.

Hy was 'n groot kampvegter vir uitsendings van die sportsoorte in Afrikaans. In 'n onderhoud verlede jaar met Volksblad het hy die vraag gevra: Waarom word daar so min Afrikaanse kommentaar oor die sportsoorte gelewer? Die vraag het onbeantwoord gebly. Hy is die man wat altyd gesê het hy speel gholf met verwagtinglose blymoedigheid.

Nadat wyle Bosman de Villiers se boek "Gholf saam met die Boere" verskyn het, het van Drimmelen hom beywer om Afrikaanse woorde vir al die gholfterme te kry. Hy het met die taal-indoenas van die radio en koerante gesels en woorde geskep wat sprekend van Afrikaans was.

So was daar 'n hewige stryery oor 'n Afrikaanse beskrywing vir 'n 'perfect fluke' wanneer 'n speler die balletjie met 'n enkel hou van die bof af in die putjie slaan. Die koerantskrywers het met allerlei name gekom en Willem het hom die toorn van die FAK se mense op die hals gehaal toe hy dit 'n 'gatslag' genoem het. 'Volmaakte geluuskoot' was te lomp en eindelijk het Willem met 'kolhou' gewen.

Hy is in Turffontein in Johannesburg gebore en was 'n leerling aan die Hoërskool Fakkell en het in die Johannesburgse junior stadsraad gedien voordat sy ouers na Kimberley verhuis het. Hy was 'n goeie leier en was kaptein van Fakkell se eerste rugbyspan.

Ná skool is hy na Stellenbosch waar hy ook die Maties se o.19-rugbyspan aangevoer het. Hy het in die regte studeer. Ná sy studentejare het hy eers by die SAUK gewerk voordat hy as advokaat begin praktiseer het te Pretoria. By die SAUK het hy onder meer in Nederland in Hilversum vir Wêreldomroep gewerk. Nederland het nogal 'n bruikbare rugby- en krieketspan gehad. Willem het in albei sportsoorte die nasionale span aangevoer. 'n Paar jaar nadat hy na Suid-Afrika teruggekeer het, het hierdie land se krieketspelers hom na 'n geselligheid genooi en aan hom 'n ruiker oorhandig omdat hy "die beste kaptein was wat Nederland nog gehad het".

Sy vrou, Rosa, 'n geesdriftige gholfspeler, is sewe jaar gelede oorlede. Willem laat 'n seun en twee dogters agter. 