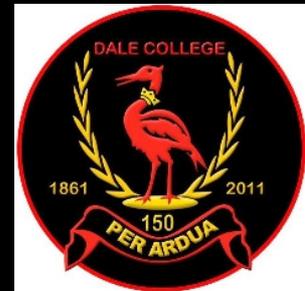


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A day of fun and challenge as Joburg Old Dalian golf hits new high

It's Craig and Dale again!

JOBURG Old Dalians staged a highly-successful Golf Day last month – its 12th in a row at Leeuwkop Golf Club. It was a day with a difference, a blend of fun, camaraderie - and focus on serious challenges ahead. Nearly 100 Old Dalians, wives and friends attended.

Instead of the usual prize-giving snacks, golfers enjoyed a festive braai, joined by non-playing Old Dalians and guests. Especially welcome were an enthusiastic group of YODAs – Young Old Dalians, now playing a growing role in OD activities on and off the field in Gauteng.

The golf competition was hotly contested with serial prize-winners Craig Clarke and the aptly-named Dale Ladner leading the field with 47 better-ball stableford points.

Dale is the youngest of three Ladner brothers who have been prominent among prize-winners in past golf tournaments. Brother Terence and his partner Hein Trichardt were second this year on 45 points.

Craig and Dale each won a “bring-it-home” rotisserie and shared the Transvaal Dalian floating trophy contested since 1986 – the days when Dale parents, Old Dalians and their friends enjoyed annual outings at Benoni Country Club.

This year the speakers focused on challenging topics – the build-up to the celebration of Dale's 150th anniversary in 2011, the upgrading of the Malcom Andrew Sports Centre and the develop-



Craig Clarke (left) and Dale Ladner hold their twin prizes, a rotisserie and the floating trophy

Another triumph for the old firm

ment of an Old Dalian website.

YODA leader and architect Darren Ogden (headboy in 1997) explained his design of an expanded MASC and the R1 500 000 financial challenges this presented.

Darren was awarded the LLF Wood floating trophy as the Joburg Old Dalian of 2010 for his part in launching YODA and as designer



Our Joburg Man of the Year, Darren Ogden

*** Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD**



AHA, AHA, AHA . . . from the young and older
Veteran Old Dalian Ivan Venter leads YODAs and others in the War Cry

of the upgraded centre.

Robin Cumming (1969) outlined plans for an expanded website linking Old Dalians at home and abroad.

From King William's Town Dale deputy head Warwick Osmond, who is driving Dale's 150th anniversary campaign, gave updated details of the programme of Reunion 2011, expected to attract thousands of Old Dalians from across South Africa and abroad. He encouraged Old Boys *To Page 2*

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A touch of glamour among the prizes after the golf



LADY GOLFERS (from left) : Elaine Pain (nearest the pin), Sandy Hobson (longest drive) , her sister Gill Sparks (best golf swing, Fiona Scott (best dressed) , Julia Hutchinson and Vicky D'Agnel (11th prize) and Lynn Dunford (10th)
* Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD

Rush for 2011 Reunion bookings

From Page 1 to attend this highlight of the memorable year.

Already there is heavy pressure on local and nearby accommodation over the weekend of May 19 to 22.

Many bed-and-breakfast lodges are fully booked and Old Dalians are switching to East London as an alternative.

The golf contest and the braai were convened by Joburg OD chairman David Sephton-Poultney. Former ODU national president Grant Turnbull handled the prize-giving.

Score cards were again carefully checked by Clive Manson, assisted this year by his brother Brent, both Old Dalians.

The Manson brothers finished third on a count-out with 44 points, followed by Robert Mellon and Jack Noble, close relatives of the Old Dalian Sutton family.

(Jack donated gifts for all entrants and his wife Alison, Joe's younger daughter, contributed four prizes for ladies.)

On fourth prize with 43 points were Grant Turnbull and his partner Bruce McAlister, a former winner, followed by Old Dalian John Kirkwood and his son Andy with 42 on a



NICE GUYS COME SECOND . . . Hein Trichardt and Terence Ladner

count-out from Old Dalians Rowan Hemphill and Darren Ogden.

Another ODU past-president, Ivan Venter, and his regular partner Anton Spence, an Old Selbornian,

were eighth. Ivan has called it a day after many years' service as treasurer of the Joburg ODU branch.

Nine lady golfers, wives or friends of Old Dalians, took part in the competition.

Four won prizes. Elaine Pain, wife of Old Dalian Barry Pain, was nearest the pin among the ladies on the par-three 18th hole. Sandy Hobson, related by marriage to the Sutton-Noble family, hit the longest drive on the 17th.

The other two ladies prizes went to visitors Gill Sparks for the best golf swing and Fiona Scott for the best-dressed golfer.

Among the men, contest winner Craig Clarke also hit the longest drive and Rowan Hemphill, another Old Dalian, was nearest the pin.

The longest-day prize was won by Bobby and David, whose surnames, perhaps understandably, were not disclosed. Two-club winners included Dale Ladner, Rowan Hemphill, Andrew Morris, John Kirkwood, Brian Crail and Bill Hockley.

* Our thanks to Leeuwkop Golf Club for again hosting our tournament and this year's braai.

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THE R1 500 000 CHALLENGE

BY DARREN OGDEN

THE Malcom Andrew Sports Centre has served us well over the years, but as most things do over time, it requires a major facelift.

This is not only a structural issue but also an operational revamp. Some of the objectives and problems identified with the school and the Old Dalian Union National Executive are:

- * An upgrade of the general look and feel of the external facade, something to be proud of.

- * A new-look interior that includes re-planning the current layout.

- * This would include an upmarket bar that can service the general public on regular social evenings and an events hall that can cater for about 100 seated patrons.

- * These areas are targeted to generate a monthly income for the ODU.

- * Lack of access and jamming up of doors, on busy occasions.

- * Relocation of the PTA tuck-shop. This needs to be done to alleviate the traffic from in front of the MASC and



to locate the tuck-shop in a more suitable area (away from the bar.)

- * The rugby fields need suitable female ablutions.

- * A lack of storage for sports gear.

The centre desperately needs structural support. Certain areas are cracking due to settlement of foundations and if left for extended period of time will only worsen.

We need to ensure that our solution is suitable for those using and operating the centre regularly and for this to be sustainable over a long period. It should also produce income.



A VIEW FROM THE FIELD . . . the planned upgraded Malcom Andrew Sports Centre

Designer Darren appeals to Old Dalians to back MASC revamp for 150th birthday

*** JOBURG Old Dalians have chosen a revamp of the Malcom Andrew Sports Centre as their primary project to mark Dale's 150th anniversary next year.**

In this article, Darren Ogden, an architect, outlines his design for a new-look centre and how the upgrading will be financed.

The preliminary fund-raising target is R1 500 000. Darren appeals to all Old Dalians to support this venture to "give something back to our school."

*** Darren has been chosen as the Joburg Old Dalian of the Year for his dedicated efforts in two fields: His work in designing the MASC project and his part in launching the YODAs. (See Page 5).**

Here is our solution:

- * To upgrade the external aesthetics, we propose to replace the awning in front of the centre with a new timber one that has some shape to avoid the centre looking like a shed.

- * To this we can add some Dale signage (see adjoining graphics) and a stone plinth around the building and an overall coat of paint and polish where needed.

- * Replacing all external doors with security cottage pane folding stacking doors.

This will enable operators to open up all sides of the centre to ensure an easy flow of patrons in and out of the centre.

These doors will also allow us to remove the existing security bars that are currently an eyesore.

- * A new upmarket bar where one can sit and enjoy a drink on regular nights.

This bar is to be shaped to ensure



maximum space to serve on busy occasions. The bar is to be located in the current PTA tuck-shop area.

- * Separated to this by folding dividing doors will be an events hall to seat about 120 patrons (the current bar and social area). These doors will allow separation or opening up depending on the event.

- * We also propose retiling, painting, new ceilings, dado rail, bathrooms and structural maintenance. Basically, this involves giving the old lady a full make-over.

- * Alongside the bar area we propose an external seating area through the folding stacking doors.

- * We propose removing

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THE NEW BAR . . . a place to gather for a quiet drink and chat

Seven choices on how to support Sports Centre upgrade

From Page 3 the derelict braai area and leveling it off so we can place an adjoining marquee to the centre to cater for large crowds such as Reunions.

* To house the PTA tuck-shop, female ablutions and the additional storage area it was decided to place these between the centre and the main entrance, with the outside seating area next to the bar separating the two.

* As we have to build a structure to house these facilities we decided to put a concrete stand on top of this. This will now be the ODU stand.

Preliminary costing has shown that this will cost about R1 500 000.00. This money will have to be raised by us as Old Dalians.

This is how we propose doing this.

For all those who didn't get their names on the college honours board, or who don't want to be shown up by their peers, now is your chance to get your name permanently embedded on the new bar counter in a brass plaque alongside your classmates.

* Old Dalians may buy a brass plaque, indicating your name and surname and the years you attended this great school. This will then be placed in yearly order of leaving on the bar counter from the oldest to youngest.

To add a bit of competitive Dalian spirit, we



will put a plaque at the end of each year to indicate how much each class raised.

How much will this cost you?

You can buy into five different categories. Each will be indicated by a crown (the one on the Heron's neck!) to show how much you have donated. The number of crowns then will be engraved under your name.

One crown will cost R1 500, two R2 500, three R5 000, four R10 000 and five R20 000 plus. We believe you will support us in this endeavour, to give back to this great school of which you were a part. Good luck and may the most dedicated class win.



YOUR NAME on the bar counter . . . you won't be forgotten

Buy crowns to raise R1 500 000 and more



**DARREN OGDEN . . .
designer of MASC
upgrade**

TWO further fund-raising categories have been added to the above:

* **Family boards.** Members of Dale families may contribute boards listing their members' years at Dale. These boards will be placed on walls of the Malcom Andrew Sports Centre and will each cost R5 000 per family.

* **Another option** is a donation of R200, 000 or more. This gesture would entitle the donor to naming rights of a Dale family. e.g. the Dale Pavilion, or it could be anonymous.

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Type of account: 32-day notice deposit account

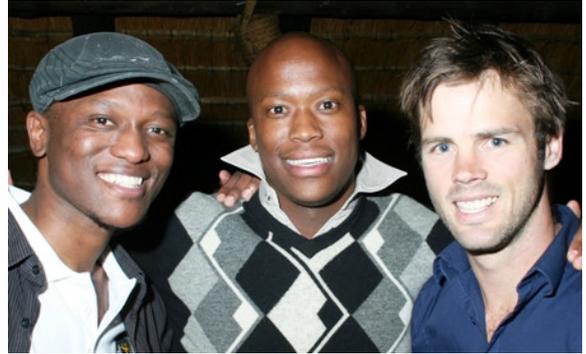


ANOTHER view of the revamped Malcom Andrew Sports Centre, showing the new stand on the right

Up and running . . . the YODAs



BEER AND BRAAI . . . Rowan Hemphill (left) , Darren Ogden, Nyameko Lusu, Francis Kingston, Darrell Edwards



ALL SMILES . . . Zizana Peteni (left), Vuyo Sishuba, Nick Eyre

After a busy year, they were there to back our Golf Day

A FESTIVE group of YODAs (Young Old Dalians) brought an encouraging youthful atmosphere to the Johannesburg ODU Golf Day last month. Young and older enjoyed a fun-filled evening after an afternoon on the course.

It was largely because of the YODAs that for the first time the golf was combined with a braai - to replace a YODA spit braai planned for mid-year. The young guys gave the venture their enthusiastic support.

Here committee secretary Jonathan du Plessis (matric 1999) reports on the year's activities on and off the field of this growing Old Dalian group.

They are now playing an increasing role in recruiting recent school-leavers and older ex-colleagues to the ranks of OD supporters in Gauteng.

BY JONATHAN du PLESSIS

Over the past year, since the start of YODA, our committee has been trying to boost our membership through activities that young Old Dalians are keen to attend.

Among our festivities, we have had very good turnout to most get-



OLD MATES . . . Lundi Mdingi (left), John Makgato, Vuyo Sishuba, Zizana Peteni and Xhanti Madolo

together held on the first Thursday of every month.

These have been held at a variety of places as we still have to find a permanent venue where all YODAs are happy to join us.

For us this year's St Stithian's Easter Festival was a great success with YODAs winning a seven-a-side match against Old Saints in April. Many young

Old Dalians turned up and the event and a lot of fun was had by all.

Once again the Herons touch-rugby team (made up entirely by YODAs) have been holding their own in the Super League.

With a new-look side we are still hoping to sneak into the semis. The Herons won the trophy in 2007.

When the Joburg ODU decided to upgrade the Malcom Andrew Sports Centre, YODA chairman Darren Ogden, an architect, offered to help get the project running. Plans have been approved and funds are being raised for the additions.

Darren has been awarded the LLF Wood Trophy for the Joburg Old Dalian of the Year, for his part in the MASC project and in YODA's revival as a young section of the ODU.



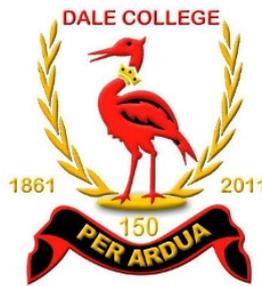
Dave Turnbull (left), a guest and Lizole Joka

*** Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD**

All set for a super Reunion 2011

THE RUGBY clash between traditional rivals Dale and Queen's, a match between Old Dalians and the Springbok Legends and a breakfast speech by Old Dalian rugby hero HO de Villiers . . . these will be some of the highlights of Reunion 2011.

Dale Deputy Headmaster Warwick Osmond gave Old Dalians a preview of new-look events planned for the Reunion weekend of May 19 to 22, when he spoke at last month's Joburg Golf Day.



These will include a Golf Day and performances by sky divers and a popular Eastern Cape band..

The weekend will "tee off" at the King Golf Club on Thursday morning with a competition between Old Dalians, Old Selbornians and Old Queenians and Legends for the Tri-College Trophy.

The matric class of 1961, back after 50 years, will be entertained by Headmaster Mike Eddy at his residence. This will be followed by the Old Dalian annual general meeting and an early-evening cheese and wine party at Dale Junior for parents, Old Dalians, partners and friends .

The Malcom Andrew Sports Centre will be open later for a festive celebration.

Friday will open with breakfast at Frank Joubert House for Old Dalians, partners and friends, followed by registration of ODS at Joubert and the President's Room.

The Reunion Assembly and Memorial Service will be held in the Hallowed Courtyard. After lunch at the Malcom Andrew Sports Centre the Dale rugby Under Eights will take on Queen's Under Eights on the main CB Jennings Field, followed by the Eastern Province Sky Divers' performance.

Later that afternoon there will be a resurrected Dale Cadet parade and a police

Highlights: Rugby for breakfast and on the field, golf, sky divers and a popular band



DRIVING THE SHOW . . . Deputy head Warwick Osmond

will be held at 7am at the Old Dalian Assembly Hall.

Senior and junior rugby matches between Dale and Queen's will dominate the Saturday programme except for a match between the Springbok Legends and an Old Dalian side, starting at 12.30 pm.

The Dale-Queen's first team game, starting at 3.30 pm, will be broadcast live as a Supersport Classic Clash.

There will be a beer fest that evening in the tent adjoining the MASC with the Centstage band performing from 7pm.

Said Warwick Osmond, who is driving the campaign for the 150th celebration year: "This promises to be a most memorable weekend.

"Those planning to be here should start making their arrangements now. Accommodation in the town is limited and filling up fast."

*** And, no doubt, there'll be partying all weekend. SEE YOU THERE!**

mounted unit and dog show. Queen's and Dale first hockey teams will meet on the astro turf.

The MASC will be open at 7pm followed by the Old Dalian dinner. Prof Grenville (Andy) Andrews will be the MC.

Saturday morning breakfast with former Springbok fullback HO de Villiers as guest speaker

Where are they now? Steve and his coaches at Harrow



REMEMBER Dale cricket coach Peter Morris? Old Dalian former South African wicketkeeper Steve Palframan sent us this picture. From left: His son Richard, Peter, Steve and his former Border coach, Stephen Jones.

The picture was taken at Harrow School. London, which shared with Dale the coaching services of legendary Percy Davis for 28 seasons. Jones is now professional coach at Harrow, where Peter is estates manager, cricket.

Richard was on tour with the Rondebosch "Cubs" team that played 12 games in 14 days against Eton, Harrow, Oundle and other British cricket schools.

Says Steve: "Peter and I spent a few hours rolling back the years of cricket in King - Dale, Alberts etc. He has fond memories of 'our special place in the sun' and sends his regards to all who know him - as a coach, ex-team-mate or 'town friend.'"



THIRD PRIZE . . . Manson brothers Clyde and Brent



THE MOST GOLF . . . Booby prize winners Bobby and David



FOURTH . . . Jack Noble (left) and Rob Mellon

Prizes for golf winners - and losers



1st HAMPER WINNER: Old Selbornian Andrew Cromhout



FAMILY FRIENDS: Tony and Pat Boesch (left) with Barry and Elaine Pain

Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD



2nd HAMPER WINNER: Retiring treasurer Ivan Venter with prize



ENCORE! Craig Clarke (longest drive) and Rowan Hemphill (nearest the pin)



HUSBAND AND WIFE . . . Mike and Sandy Hobson



FATHER AND SON: John and Andy Kirkwood

My five years as an MP

Parliament has changed since the days of elderly whites in dark suits

*** Old Dalian Leslie Labuschagne (1955 to 1959), ex-diplomat turned politician, tells of memorable, dramatic and occasional lighter moments in his career as a Democratic Alliance MP. Parliament has changed, he says. Les is now a member of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature.**

By LES LABUSCHAGNE

AT midnight, April 22, 2009, I ceased to be a Member of Parliament after five interesting and sometimes frustrating years. For family reasons I decided not to stand for Parliament in Cape Town, but to make myself available for the Gauteng Provincial Legislature which meant living at home in Pretoria.

Fortunately I was elected and embarked on my third political career out of the usual sync. The traditional “curses honour” (for those who had Russell Searle for Latin at Dale) was City Council, Provincial Legislature and finally Parliament.

When I was originally elected I thought of another ex-Molteno Old Dalian who had preceded me in Parliament a number of years earlier. Jack Wainwright, MP, had in the late 1950s stimulated my interest in politics.

- * Now it's a kaleidoscope of colour
- * And more women, too
- * The old chamber is today a place of ghosts
- * And more women, too

Parliament, as I originally envisaged it, had changed, no longer emulating the Westminster system.

Our original Chamber was based on the House of Commons layout: the same green

benches with the “table” separating Government and Opposition.

The intimacy of the historic chamber of about 180 members had been replaced by a modern large chamber of 400 seats with which, due to TV, we are more familiar.

The old Assembly Chamber, scene of history and drama, declaration of war, assassination and resignation is now a place of ghosts although still used on occasion as a committee, informal prayer or meeting room.

I did consider it a privilege to make my maiden speech in this Chamber during an extended committee on the Foreign Affairs budget. Speaking from the traditional Leader of the Opposition's



LES LABUSCHAGNE . . . In black-tie attire for formal occasions

seat facing the Minister, at least gave me a feeling of what it was like in the days of my original aspirations.

Since 1994 our democracy has now an expanded franchise and a Parliament for 40 million (not 4 million as in the past), resulting in a present House of 400 MPs. No longer predominantly elderly white males wearing dark suits, but a kaleidoscope of colour (physical and attire), language, culture, religion and a goodly number of women.

Unfortunately the exuberance of the new democracy, while vocal in terms of clapping, *To Page 9*

Molteno, Vienna, New York, Beverly Hills, Beijing, Gauteng



ENVOY LES . . . with US President Ronald Reagan

LES LABUSCHAGNE entered politics after more than 30 years in the Diplomatic Service, first under the Nationalist and then the ANC Government.

Born in Molteno, he matriculated at Dale in 1959, graduated in law at Pretoria University and later obtained his LLB and a master's degree in international law.

After joining the Diplomatic Service in 1968, he served in Vienna, New York and in Beverly Hills as consul-general for 12 western states. His last

overseas post with ambassadorial rank was when he was sent to open the first SA Mission in Beijing, China (1992-96).

He then became chief director for Asia and Oceania (the area from Pakistan to Japan and from Mongolia to New Zealand. In 2000 he accompanied President Mandela on his first visit to China.

He retired as a diplomat in that year and has since served as a Democratic Alliance city councillor in the Tshwane Metro, an MP in Cape Town and now as a member of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature.

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- * There is no real debate
- * Speeches are read
- * Spontaneity is lost

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singing (on occasion) and attire, did not result in a correspondingly high-quality of debate.

Sadly, there is no real debate. Speeches are now read from the rostrum (sometimes read with all the amazement of someone seeing a road map for the first time in his/her life).

Previously it was forbidden to read a speech, now it is *de rigueur*; spontaneity is lost.

The House did, of course sometimes have lighter moments and the current resident humorous character was Koos van der Merwe of the IFP, also the longest-serving MP. His classic *bon mot* included, on being asked by the Speaker to withdraw a remark, answered, "Madam, I will always withdraw if you ask me".

Koos also got into trouble for smuggling a cake with one long candle into the House to designate the anniversary of his request for an appointment with President Mbeki which was still outstanding.

The Deputy Speaker lost it during exchanges and Koos was kicked out.

The size of the massive chamber of course inhibits clever interjections. You really have to shout, and that venerable tradition of witty exchanges - part of a great parliamentary tradition -

Flashback to 2000 in Trans Dale **MADODA, EWE, SAYS MADIBA**

WHEN Les Labuschagne accompanied President Nelson Mandela on a state visit to China he asked him to sign a Dale rugby ball. "Amadoda ewe." Mandela inquired what the purpose was.

Told it was part of the college War Cry, he said the wording was incorrect. It should be "Madoda, ewe," he said, and signed it with those words.

"I often wonder if that signature could not be interpreted as a presidential decree to amend the Dale War Cry," says Les.



ENVOY LES . . . with President Nelson Mandela

- * Koos van der Merwe's classic gaffe
- * High drama when Mbeki was sacked

is being eroded. A clever interjection loses something if it has to be bellowed.

Apart from the front benches accommodating two persons, the back benches are very long, accommodating about 12 MPs.

Mine had a slight broken spring that was never fixed.

The compensation was that for part of the term I was forced "hip-to-hip" with an attractive bench mate, but less so after she was replaced with a pleasant, but male MP from Limpopo!

Sitting on the spring origi-

Flashback to 1997 in TransDale **ON TOUR WITH MANDELA**

"I WAS privileged to spend almost two hours with President Mandela over two meetings. He was unique. At our first meeting (in 1997) he recalled that Zola Budd's coach in the early '80s was a Labuschagne and asked me whether we were related (we are not).

He had the capacity to be both regal and humble; stern and compassionate. His memory was profound. On meeting some 40 African Ambassadors accredited to China, he was able to ask each one how their president, was, referring to each president by name.

It is possibly one of our country's greatest losses that this man of vision and reconciliation was only at the helm for one term of office. His respect for the law, democracy and the spirit of the Constitution was invaluable."

-LES LABUSCHAGNE

nally made me wonder how people could fall asleep as is often alleged by the public.

However, a long, badly-read monologue by an ANC Member in the late afternoon does have a soporific effect.

There were, however, interesting times. Tony Leon was always a delight to hear.

His intelligent, well-crafted, excellently delivered speeches were intently listened to even by the ANC, judging by the intense silence.

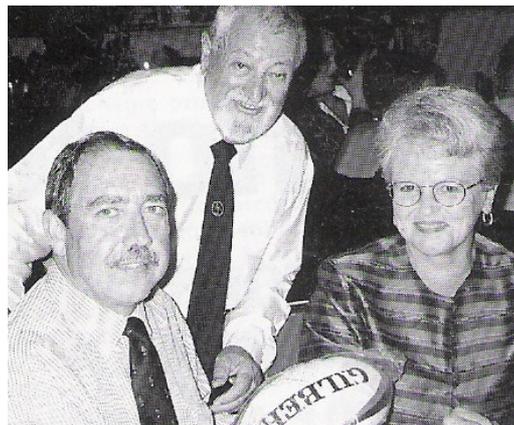
At the first debate of the 2004 Parliament, when he ended by saying to President Mbeki that "we both want the same for South Africa" and that the DA were opponents and not enemies, followed by going to shake Mbeki's hand, flummoxed the ANC.

They were not sure how to react and only on the second day did a Minister comment that a shake of a hand doesn't mean or change anything.

There was high drama when President Mbeki announced Zuma's sacking as Deputy President and again when he, in turn, was "redeployed." Tony Leon's farewell and the tribute to Helen Suzman after her death were moving and memorable. Of course, the *To Page 10*

LUCKY WINNER

Les Labuschagne holds the Dale rugby ball that Nelson Mandela later signed. He won it in a raffle at the 1999 Reunion dinner. With Les are his wife Rae and Old Dalian PRO Jack Rosenberg.



Boring speeches, endless travel

From Page 9 controversial “crossovers” and the subsequent repeal of the Act, as well as the public chastisement of the few Travelgate (small fish) MPs, as opposed to prosecution, also stand out.

The House is a place for speeches and grandstanding today. The real work of the country is done in the Portfolio Committees, which I gather, have assumed a more powerful role than the committees of the previous Parliaments.

It is in these committees where public hearings are held and the public - whether as individuals or representing firms and organisations - comes to comment on Bills and make inputs, where they are heard and are questioned by Members of the Portfolio Committee.

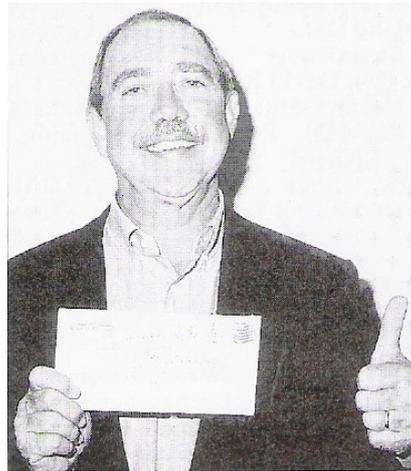
This is where the civil servants of government departments appear for interrogation as part of Parliamentary oversight.

It was very interesting to see during my last year, after Mbeki was deposed, how much more critical and enquiring ANC MPs had suddenly become of departments.

Previously they often seemed to see the department as an extension of the Minister and criticism would be tantamount to criticising the ANC.

No doubt all this was linked to whether the relevant deployed cadres were seen as pro-Zuma or pro-Mbeki.

The establishment of COPE just before the end of 2008 and virtually no sessions between late January and March 2009 before the elections meant that we could not have as much fun as we could have with embarrassed MPs, who were also busy polishing their



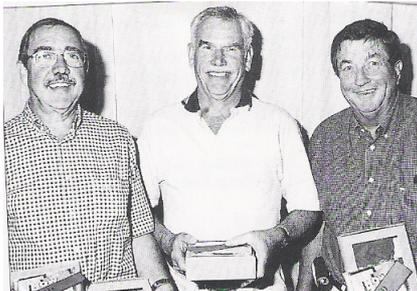
LES, LOYAL OLD DALIAN GOLFER

AMID his duties as an MP and now MPL, Les Labuschagne remains a staunch Old Dalian - and a keen golfer. He has taken part in many Old Dalian and Dale parents' golf days and won prizes, too, one them in a lucky draw.

Here seen (above) at a Dale parents' prize-giving in 2002 after winning the draw for a two-day stay for two at the Coach House luxury resort near Tzaneen.

Below he is pictured with his Pretoria guest and friend, Eric Broekhuysen (centre), and Old Dalian Don Burton after they and Dave Turnbull won second prize in a four-ball alliance Dale parents' competition in 2002.

*** Pictures: KEVIN WHITEHEAD**



marbles and more concerned whether the Party would drop them or not.

I found that if one built up a position of mutual respect with committee members and avoided grandstanding then one could actually get legislation changed.

But for all that . . . a wonderful experience

The challenge was to get the majority of ANC MPs not only to listen to you, but actually to hear you (or vice versa) and avoid forcing a political or ideological standoff and I did in fact succeed in amending legislation.

I served on the Trade and Industry Portfolio Committee for the full five years and considered it my main responsibility.

I also served on Foreign Affairs, Home Affairs and Labour for different periods.

Before 1994, when Parliament sat for the traditional January to June session, wives and families and also the diplomatic corps went down and set the Cape Town social scene.

Now Parliament sits from late January to early December and most MPs commute for the week.

From the DA side only about three non-Western Cape wives and no families spend time in Cape Town permanently.

From Johannesburg to Cape Town was roughly a 4½ hour door-to-door journey twice a week for five years.

Now I live at home and the 49km to the legislature in Johannesburg (the old City Hall) takes me not quite as long.

But I can't wait for the finalisation of the road works, and hopefully the removal of the truck that is always stuck between Allandale and New Roads on the N1 every day.

Despite the up-and-down, boring speeches and interminable travel, it was a wonderful five-year experience which I shall always cherish and remain humbled at the privilege of having been a Member of Parliament.

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Sportsman, flyer, farmer, boatman

NEVILLE (Vleisie) PHILLIPS, who has died in Howick, KwaZulu-Natal, aged 82, was one of the finest all-round sportsmen produced by Dale in the 1940s era.

At Dale he played First XV rugby in 1945 and 1946 and First XI cricket from 1944 to 1946. He represented Border Schools in the first Nuffield Cricket Tournament since 1941 during the Second World War. His brilliant bowling at the Nuffield provincial schools week saw him selected for SA Schools in 1946.

In what a newspaper report called a "phenomenal performance," Neville took eight wickets for 11 runs in nine overs, including three maidens, against North Eastern Transvaal.

He also broke the record for the SA junior javelin championships.

Born in Matatiele on August 5, 1927, Neville did not shine academically at Dale. After leaving school mid-year during 1946, he went to Rhodesia with fellow Dailians Bill Beckley and Arthur Jardine to "seek their fortunes."

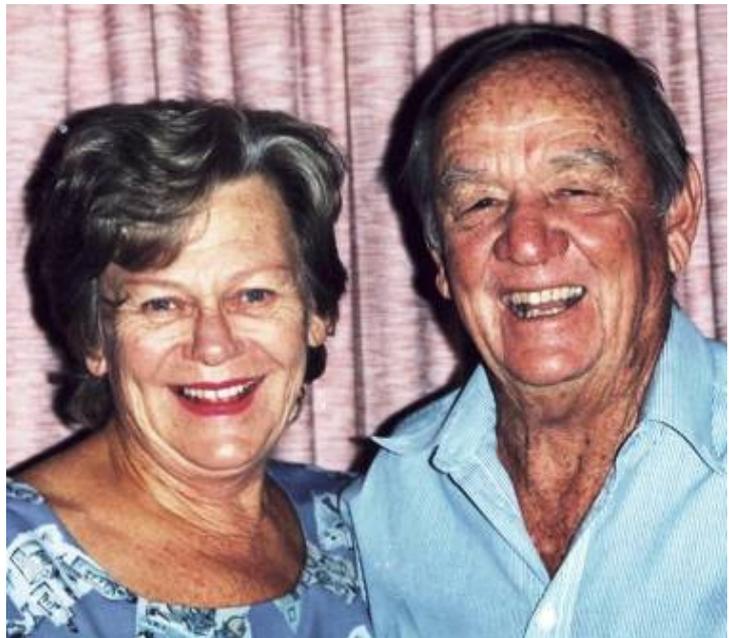
Neville followed the advice of legendary Dale teacher EW (Drollie) Rowles (father of former Dale headmaster Bill Rowles):

"You can do anything you want to achieve by the Power of Your Mind." or to put it simply "You can achieve anything you set your mind to."

He farmed in the Rusape area and married Margot Graham in 1951. They had four daughters, ten granddaughters and one grandson.

Shortly before Neville died on Christmas Day, December 25, 2009, he and Margot had a great-grand-daughter.

Neville and Margot... great-grandparents



Cricket and rugby star Vleisie took Drollie Rowles' advice

Back in 1963 they had moved to a farm in Karoi, Northern Zimbabwe, and eventually owned several farms growing tobacco, maize and raising cattle. Their daughters married farmers and lived nearby, so Vleisie and

'You can achieve anything you set your mind to'

Margot saw all their grandchildren born and grow up.

In 1974 Neville bought a Cessna 180 before he had ever had a flying lesson. He became a pilot in the Rhodesian Police Air Wing, doing reconnaissance and patrolling convoys during the "bush war" until 1980. He flew 3500 hours.

Fed up with being fired at from the ground, he found two old machine-guns in a police station and had them fitted behind his aircraft seat.

From there his observer and gunner fired back through the open door behind Neville's head, surprising those below.

"I don't think Neville had a scared bone in his body - he thrived on the excitement," says Margot.

From the early 1970s to mid-1980s he was an active member of the Lions Club and became a zone chairman. Neville represented Rhodesia at Lions clubs at the International World Convention in Atlanta, US in 1982.

He lost his pilot's licence towards the end of 1980 after becoming deaf from the noise of guns going off behind his head.

Neville was a four-handicap golfer and represented Rhodesian/Zimbabwe Country Districts, touring SA and Malawi.

Bored after having bilateral hip replacements in Johannesburg (a legacy from his fast bowling), he built a 80ft-by-28ft houseboat with massive floats constructed at the Kariba Dam.

Other structures were built in kit form on the farm and assembled at Kariba.

In 1981 he was invited by Farm Mechanisation to join a six-week tour of America, touring

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Neville ('Vleisie') Phillips as a schoolboy cricketer ... an exciting, eventful life



Marathon man, sportsman, rugby fan

DERRICK ELS (1960), who passed away tragically in Durban on January 9, 2010, spent his entire school life at Dale. Born in King William's Town on June 19, 1942, he was nicknamed named "Pinky" at an early age and the name stayed with him.

Derrick completed two Comrades Marathons in the 1980s and many other marathons. He played hockey, cricket and rugby at Dale College and first team hockey for King William's Town.

In recent years he supported Dale at annual school rugby festivals in KwaZulu-Natal with his Old Dalian friend, Dave Cochrane, met Old Boys and caught up with the news.

After leaving school Derrick joined Good Hope Textiles and did his Army service in Oudtshoorn.

He remained in the textile industry all his



DERRICK ELS ... a life-time career in textiles

working life.

After leaving King in the late 1960s he worked at Hammarsdale, Natal, in Johannesburg and Uitenhage before returning to Natal.

In 2006 he started his own company, Linen World, in Durban and supplied linen to bed-and-breakfast and guest houses, holiday apartments and frail care centres.

He played social golf for many years. A Springbok rugby fan, he travelled to England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales to support touring 'Boks. He was an avid reader and loved music and animals had a special place in his heart.

Derrick leaves his partner Morag, son Greg, daughter Cathrine (in Australia), four grandchildren, his sisters Denise Mann and Jennifer Becker and their families.

Kariba raffle raised R12 000 for Dale

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extensively and attending agricultural shows, farm machinery factories and farms.

He gave up growing crops, but still farmed cattle and took 12,000 tourists out on Kariba until 2000 when he and Margot were evicted from their farm as were the rest of the family and most local farmers.

Before this, through Neville's old Dale friend, (the late) Bill Beckley, he donated a week's Kariba cruise holiday on his houseboat for four people. Bill passed this on to the East London ODU branch who used this in a raffle fund-raiser.

The raffle, won by Old Dalian Mike Russell, raised about R12, 000, which was used to finance the enlargement of the Malcom Andrew Sports Centre.

Neville and Margot lived on a golf course estate in Harare until 2006 when they retired to Howick, where he died. He was in bad health during his last two years.

"Life was never the same for him with our children and their families scattered all over the world," says Margot.

"Neville fulfilled his dream of living an exciting, eventful life, thanks to Mr Rowles's advice that one can achieve anything you set your mind to - good advice for youngsters today. He showed that someone who didn't shine academically at school can still be a great success in life."

Neville last attended the Dale Reunion in 1986 with Arthur Jardine, Bill Beckley and Jack Rosenberg. Earlier he piloted his plane to King with Arthur and flew over Dale College before landing at a nearby airport.

* Dale records show that during the 1945/46 seasons Neville's statistics were: Batting, 14 overs, 244 runs including 109 not out against a Christmas Vale XI Bowling, 116 overs, 17 maidens, 51 wickets for 305 runs, an average of 5, 7 runs.

During the season spectators saw some phenomenal Phillips bowling when playing against Selborne, comments Old Dalian statistician Barry Turner.

"Neville produced outstanding figures. In their first innings Dale scored 117 runs. Selborne in reply scored 24 all out (Phillips 5 for 7) and in the second innings they were again all out for 24 runs (Phillips 6 for 6). Such was his ability as a bowler."

* Neville and Margot's daughter Jenny Bales Smith is trying to compile a family history and would be grateful for help. Her mail address is nuttybales@lantic.net and her postal address P.O. Box 8041, White River 1240.

An ancestor, John Phillips, came out from Britain in 1820 on the "La Belle Alliance" and settled near Bathurst on the Eastern Cape coast. He married Sarah Hayhurst, who died in 1892 in Bathurst.

Nine children were listed on John's death notice, including Richard, John, Thomas, Joseph, Elizabeth (who married Patrick Howard), Julia and Amelia, who married Major John Paine at Fort White. He died aged 102 and is buried at Bathurst.

They also had two adopted children Henry Lyons Dawson (Phillips) and Johanna Fitzroy Mary Dawson (Phillips). Jenny is particularly in the dark about Neville's grandfather, James Henry Wildermere Phillips. Except that he married a lady believed to be named Edith. He owned the Mt Fletcher Hotel, which he sold to cover racehorse gambling debts. "He seems to have been a bit of a dark horse!" says Jenny."

'A tremendous fellow'

OLD DALIAN PRO Jack Rosenberg, who played rugby and cricket with Neville Phillips in 1945, Jack's matric year, writes:

"Neville was a tremendous fellow - a real man's man, I never heard him say a bad word to anyone. A very good sportsman, he never lost his temper even when he bowled badly.

"Vleisie played wing for the first half of the rugby season then he was switched to flank. He was very quick, a very good fast bowler and a hard-hitting batsman.

"He was a good athlete, especially the javelin event and played first team tennis, partnered by Keith Kirton."

* Rugby coach Monkie Lazarus, in his critique, commented that Vleisie developed into a first-class loose forward. "Tackles well, is dangerous on attack and very speedy for a flank," he said.