

Natal

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Durban

Acting appointments

FOUR Natal advocates held acting appointments during the past year. Riching SC and Booyens SC acted in the Northern Cape Division, Aboobaker SC acted in Venda and Vahed SC acted in the Natal Provincial Division.

Silks

Kemp, Pillemer and Vahed took silk during the last year.

Members

A Berry, K Crozier, S Dayal, I Dutton, S I Humphrey, U Lennard, W T Majake, L Moodley, C Smark and J W B Wolmarans joined the Natal Bar after successfully completing their pupillage in December 1996 and July 1997 respectively. We wish them all every success at the Bar.

Comings and goings

Barrett and Markram left the Natal Society of Advocates during December 1996, and M Jacobs returned to the Bar, joined the sixth floor and is at present occupying the chambers that were made available as a result of the closure of the common room.

Pupils

Ten pupils in Durban commenced pupillage on 1 August 1997 in preparation for the National Bar examinations in November 1997. In addition to their ordinary curriculum, a structured series of lectures is being provided for them by certain members of the Natal Bar in an concerted effort to improve the results of the Natal candidates sitting the examination.

In addition, it is compulsory for pupils to undergo an advocacy training course based on the Inns of Court Advocacy Training Course introduced to South Africa in February 1996.

Bar Council

The Annual General Meeting of the Natal Society of Advocates was held at the Royal Hotel, Smith Street, Durban on Saturday, 13 September 1997. The following members were elected to the Council:

In *Durban* - J A Ploos van Amstel SC [Chairman], C J Pammenter SC, N Singh SC, V I Gajoo, S Gyanda, B L Skinner, A N Jappie and S Walker.

In *Pietermaritzburg* - J A Booyens SC [Vice Chairman], P C Bezuidenhout, V M Naidoo and R J Seggie.

Caroline Berry became the new sec-

retary to the Society of Advocates and commenced her employment on 1 August 1997.

Golf

On Saturday morning, 21 June 1997, the golfers played a matchplay competition at the Durban Country Club. Natal was represented by Judge Brian Galgut, Brian Acker SC, Johan Ploos van Amstel SC and Greg Harpur. Pretoria was represented by Sam Maritz SC, Lapa Laubscher SC, Dave Smith SC and Russel Beaton. Natal emerged victorious, no >



The bridge challenge between Pretoria and Durban [from left to right]: Vermeulen, Galgut J, Beaton and Levinsohn J.



A relaxing moment at the bridge tournament [from left to right]: Beaton, McCall J, Hurt J, Visser SC and Ms Di Quintall. In the background: Schumann and Collingwood.

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doubt due to their familiarity with the country's number one golf course. A return match will take place in Pretoria.

Investec Bank legal golf day

The second annual Durban Legal Association and Bar Council golf day was held on 31 July 1997 at the Durban Country Club/Beachwood golf course. It was a glorious sunny day with hardly a breeze to drive balls into the marsh-lands and soft sand. Eighty players from the Bar, attorneys' profession and Investec Bank took part in the competition, with B Acker SC leading the Bar. Attorneys Naidoo, Mohammed and Doorasamy won the day and Mr Justice Brian Galgut handed out the prizes. E Crots received the "nearest to the pin" award.

Special thanks to Kevin Waterson of Investec Bank for organising the day. We are all looking forward to the next event.

Bridge contest

Two teams of eight contested the first Pretoria/Durban Bench/Bar bridge challenge on 22 June 1997 at the Durban Country Club. The two teams were:

Pretoria - Laubscher SC [Captain], Visser SC, Maritz SC, Preller SC, Marais SC, Vermeulen, Kemp and Beaton.

Durban - Findlay SC [Captain], Page J, Galgut J, McCall J, Levinsohn J, Hurt J, Collingwood, Schumann.


Unfortunately Hartzenberg J was unable to represent the Pretoria team and Magid J the Durban team.

Two top local players, Mesdames V Stephenson and D Quintall, very kindly agreed to be tournament directors. The contest was played over four rounds.

Durban trounced Pretoria in the first round, and thought the rest of the contest would be a walk over. This was not to be, as Pretoria won round 2 almost as convincingly. Round 3 went to Durban who then had a healthy lead at lunch time, but were lucky after the effect of

lunch on the players that Pretoria did not beat them quite as soundly in round 4, thus giving Durban a narrow victory.

The contest was played in good spirits and only twice throughout the whole match were the tournament directors called upon to penalise players for infractions of the rules. The match ended with Preller SC noting an objection to the high Bench component of the Durban team and the Pretoria players supporting his sentiments. Had Pretoria won, they might not have considered playing again in order to preserve their impeccable average. However, since they lost there is no question that a second test must be arranged.

The return match has been tentatively set for a weekend in December 1997 in Pretoria, in order to avoid complaints of home advantage and capitalisation on local positions. Pretoria were confident that if the return match takes place on their home territory, they will have no difficulty in turning the tables. 

Cape

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New Deputy Judge President

HANNES Fagan retired as the Deputy Judge President of the Cape Provincial Division with effect from 4 August 1997. The position has been filled by Edwin King, who served as a judge of his division since 1986. See also p 97.

Waarnemende aanstellings

Fagan R (wat so vroeg diens doen as afgetrede regter as gevolg van die ongesteldheid van Van Deventer R), Bignault SC, Motala en Knoll tree op as waarnemende regters vir die derde kwartaal.

Lesotho Court of Appeals

Jeremy Gauntlett SC has been appointed to the Lesotho Court of Appeals. Quite a jump, from acting judge to a judge of appeal without any intermediary step.

Secretary of the Bar Council

June Webber retired as secretary of the Cape Bar Council after many years of loyal service. She has agreed to serve on the committee arranging the Bar conference to be held in Cape Town in 1999. Her place has been taken by Heima Porter who has worked for a pharmaceutical company for nine years prior to her appointment and is a keen hiker who can be seen trudging the mountain trails every weekend.

Aftrede

Dick Horn has retired as a member of the Cape Bar, to a quieter life in Fish Hoek.

Beattie Hansen van die 14e vloer – bekend as "die Zola Budd van die pad" vir haar flinke bodewerk – tree einde November amptelik af op die ouderdom van 65.

Passed away

On 31 August 1997, Charles Rosenthal, who was admitted to the Bar on 17 March 1970 and who practised as a member of the Cape Bar (sometimes unconventionally) since 1973. Our sympathy to his family.

Geboortes

Badie en Salome Badenhorst (dogter); Alwynen Carina Möller (seun); Piet en Adri Vivier (dogter); Belinda Askeland (dogter).

Selected

One of our immigrants from Gauteng, Brian Pincus SC, has been selected for the Western Province Veteran (over 50) men's tennis team and, by all accounts, is making inroads there as well as at the Bar.

New members

The following members joined in July: K Binedell, M Chin, M Costello, A de Wet, S Dix, M Eagles, R le Roux, B Marshall, N Massyn, C Moltano, A Sheehan, A Smallberger, L Venter, J Venter, J Vermeulen and J Vismer.

Pupille

Die inname vir die tweede helfte van 1997: Johannes Aldrich, Jeanette Buis, Nigel Delaney, Jacobus du Plessis, Brett Finestone, Millicent Ndlakuhlo, Chris Nel, Nomachule Oliphant, Hendrik Roux, Alvin Saptoe, Gary Selikowitz en Peter Volmink. 