



FESTIVAL OF THE BOOT

Thunderstorms, gale force winds and artic-like conditions – exactly what every old boy wanted to see predicted by the Bureau of Meteorology when they had committed to representing the old school in the annual Festival of the Boot (FOB).

For some old boys, hamstrings were tightening just at the thought of getting out from under the blankets on a Sunday morning. Yet again, the old boys' preparation for the FOB had been solid. For all of these old boy soldiers, the incentive of possibly being part of the first OBA team to win the FOB trophy, plus bragging rights, was enough to bring about a prompt search for boots and sticks.

On enemy grounds (which were surprisingly not under water for once), these committed old boys marched onto the fields to wind back the clock to their 'glory years' in their chosen sports of Football, Soccer, Rugby and Hockey. Previous years saw Old Scotch Collegians (OSC) keep the trophy on the 'wrong side' of the highway with a 4-0 win in 2015 and 3-1 win in 2016. This year, the OBA were seeking the improvement required to have the trophy returned to the 'river side' of the railway line.

In an unfortunate case of wide spread hamstring tightness, our OBA Rugby team were forced to take on OSC with just 10 players and despite an early and inspired lead, eventually lost by an unknown amount. However, it is believed to have been close.



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Following the School's recent successes in Soccer, combined with a narrow defeat in the FOB last year, there were high hopes for a point contribution towards the trophy from the OBA Soccer lads. In a tightly contested match with plenty of shots on goal, the OBA Soccer team went down narrowly again in 2017, losing by one goal.

Fielding a younger and fitter OBA football team compared to previous years, we were optimistic of a close game.

The Christ Church OBA held strong in defence and managed to kick a goal late in the term that put them ahead. When the final siren sounded the scores were level! A draw wouldn't help the OBA share the trophy so in a very bold attempt to do so, the OBA agreed to 'golden point' extra time kicking against the breeze. Sadly, the bold attempt backfired and

OSC kicked a goal to end what was a closely contested day and a great sign for the OBA and FOB going forward. After the match, a cool down and recovery session was held involving a BBQ, cold beers and plenty of banter as the enemies became mates again.

Thank you to all the sporting captains that helped organise the teams and a special thank you to Scotch College and OSCs for hosting another successful FOB. The OBA will host the FOB in 2018 and we encourage anyone interested in playing or getting involved to contact the Old Boys' Office.

The full photo gallery can be found on the **Old Boys' website**.

James Balfour ('02)

LIFE MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

SUNDOWNER

23 November 2017
Register at OBA100.com.au



CLASS OF 1987 30-YEAR REUNION

Nearly 60 fine looking gentlemen from the 1987 leaving class gathered at the Claremont Yacht Club on a Friday evening to recount times of old and new. The gathering was joined by chaps who travelled from country areas including Geraldton, Margaret River and Kojonup, Sydney and Melbourne, and as far afield as New York City.

The 30-year milestone allowed colleagues to reflect on common experiences shared in Claremont and Koorngal, ranging from social, academic and sporting heroics, in addition to catching up on the latest news of growing families, professional and entrepreneurial careers.

All in attendance paused during the evening as a mark of respect for those colleagues who have tragically passed since 1987.

The evening finished later for some than others, with at least one leaver trudging to Claremont for an early morning burger before sleeping aboard his vessel, conveniently penned at the Claremont Yacht Club.

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Toby Browne-Cooper

40-YEAR REUNION



"40 years ... no way!"

These are common words that flowed between 26 old boys that attended the recent 40th Reunion of the Class of '77 held at the Claremont Yacht Club on Saturday 26 August.

From 125 lads who experienced life at Christ Church back in the late 70s to the 26 that made the effort to attend the reunion, it still amazes how the times at school provide such a connection.

And it was those times that were shared in what could best be called a 'moment to reflect' – a time during the reunion where lads stepped forward to share an experience or two from their days at Christ Church.

There were certainly plenty of laughs, the most amusing when Clayton Lewis arrived and he was handed his name badge.

In his words: "Hey Pete, don't you think the boys will recognise me!!"

Forty years on, plenty of highs and lows were to be shared.

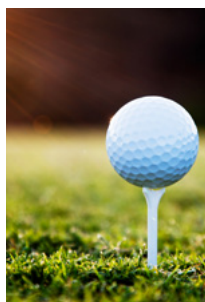
Some lads are no longer with us, others are living life in other states of Australia, and a number are now domiciled in different parts of the world.

The connection though, formed during our days at Christ Church, is still strong.

Planning ahead... in 2020 most of the lads will be in their 60th year... so another opportunity to connect, and perhaps ponder our 'retirement' years.

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Peter Bowman



OLD BOYS PSA GOLF - MONDAY 9 OCTOBER

Monday 9 October will see the Old Boys PSA golf teams battle for supremacy at Cottesloe Golf Club, playing a Stableford competition for individual and team prizes. Please contact the Alumni office for further details and a registration form. Registration deadline is Monday 2 October. Good luck boys!



OBA WEBSITE

Visit the Old Boys' website to contact friends, follow news and events, view publications, enjoy the photo gallery, take advantage of member benefits and more! This is a great platform to connect with the School and each other through a wide variety of social, sporting and career opportunities. Please click **here** for access.

WHY ARCHIVES MATTER

Archives are important because they contain the corporate, cultural and social memory of an organisation. In a school there are many records that must be retained for legal and administrative reasons to ensure transparency and accountability.

Other records collected record the history of the School and its growth and development. Council minutes tell of decisions made and why the school is the way it is. Photographs and personal stories gives life to the past linking students of today to those who attended the School in other times.

The archives provide a rich source of material for students, old boys and other community members researching the history of the School. Displays at reunions remind old boys of their time at school, and help to generate lasting friendships.



In 1945, Headmaster Canon Parry wrote in the Mitre:

“There is no greater joy in life that comes from the fellowship of those who are linked by ties of affection and memory to the same school, and through the association each of you will be able to do much for the welfare and prosperity of this school.”

If you have memorabilia, stories or photographs that you would like to contribute to our school archives, please contact Freida French at ffrench@ccgs.wa.edu.au.



UNFORGETTABLES GATHERING

It was wonderful to see our Unforgettables gather recently at Claremont Pavilion and hear from Liam Casson, Director of Christ Church Grammar’s Wynne Centre for Boys’ Health and Wellbeing. Liam spoke of the importance of gratitude in our lives and the positive interventions that have been introduced to the School curriculum to build happy and resilient students.



WALTERS HOUSE BOYS - 1985

If you can name any of these boys please contact Archivist Freida French at ffrench@ccgs.wa.edu.au.

OBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Old boys are encouraged to join the occasion of the OBA’s 100th AGM at 6.00pm on Thursday 26 October at the Claremont Yacht Club, followed by drinks. Please click [here](#) for the agenda.

STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR

A regrettable incident occurred towards the end of a recent reunion held at the Claremont Yacht Club. The past student has since formally apologised for his actions, however it is appropriate to remind all future guests to events held at the club to act honourably and respectfully at all times.

David Payne
President OBA



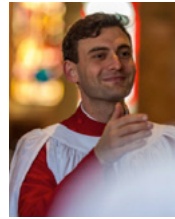
Jordan Love



Supawit (Boon) Mahaguna



Ashton Turner



Christophe Karas



Rob Towner



Mark Alderson

Gerrard Ansey ('16), has been chosen to play on the US college circuit for 18 months, where he will be watched by scouts from the NBL Superleague. Ansey was selected as a captain for the Team Oz Basketball 2017 USA Tour after a trial in March and flew to Los Angeles recently as the squad's only WA player. He was accepted into the Australian College of Sport in Melbourne this year following success with the Perry Lakes Hawks, an under-20 Melbourne Tigers basketball team.

Joseph Pedley ('16) is cast in the latest world premiere *Three Summers* directed by Ben Elton which opens in cinemas nationally on 2 November. Joseph is a current WAAPA student whose past performances include *Satellite Boy* (2012) and *The Turning* (2013).

Jordan Love ('16) has won the Jim Richards Endurance Trophy in the Porsche GT3 championship following 11 straight race wins. It's an extraordinary achievement in his debut year! Follow details of his success [here](#).

Supawit (Boon) Mahaguna ('13) recently returned from Stanford University's International Honours Program, an exclusive scholarship opportunity represented by 22 universities from 14 countries. Supawit studied Technology Entrepreneurship and met executives from the world's top venture capital firms. He has been offered an internship to expand business opportunities in Thailand.

Ashton Turner ('10) has been selected as the Vice-Captain of the Western Warriors cricket team. Ashton has remained actively involved with the School since leaving in 2010, appearing as a guest speaker and coaching.

Christophe Karas ('02) has been appointed Music Director of St George's College, UWA. Christophe recently graduated from the University of Cambridge with a Master of Music in Choral Studies, after qualifying with a Bachelor of Music from UWA in 2009.

Simon Growden ('90) has been named in *The Australian's 'Australia's Top 50 Financial Advisers'* published in the July edition of *The Deal*. This inaugural Top 50 is based on the financial performance of the advisers' practices, their credentials, their education and their philanthropic work. The goal of the ratings is to provide consumers with a selection of quality advisers and to establish a benchmark for a high standard of client care. Simon who has had 21 years financial planning experience and works with Shadforth Financial Group is ranked 31 in the Top 50. Simon is third ranked of the six planners in the list based in Western Australia.

Rob Towner ('86) together with his family who own Flametree Wines, is proud of the accolades awarded to the vineyard following the 2017 Perth Royal Wine Show and the KPMG Royal Sydney Wine Show. *The West Australian* recognised the winning Flametree Wines including best chardonnay, best West Australian white table wine, best single vineyard red or white varietal, best white table wine and best WA wine. The Flametree SRS Wallcliffe chardonnay 2016 was classed the best wine of the show. "This represents the incredible wine making skills at Flametree Wines and the greater Margaret River region," said Rob.

Mark Alderson ('79) is the director for three vaccine development programs at PATH, a global health organisation based in Seattle. His projects address

Streptococcus pneumonia (pneumococcus), meningococcal meningitis and Group B Streptococcus.

"Pneumonia is the number one killer of children under the age of 5 and Streptococcus pneumonia (pneumococcus) is the leading cause of pneumonia. New vaccines are needed that are more affordable and can provide either focused protection for children against strains prevalent in the developing world or broad protection across all pneumococcal strains. PATH is taking a two-pronged approach to accelerate the development of new pneumococcal vaccines that will be effective, affordable, and sustainably accessible in the countries that most urgently need them. Our lead pneumococcal vaccine is in a phase 3 trial in Africa," says Mark.

"The second project is to develop a polyvalent meningococcal vaccine for the meningitis belt in Africa. A vaccine against the meningitis A type has virtually eliminated disease caused by this bacterium in meningitis belt countries. In partnership with the Serum Institute of India, we are working on a second generation vaccine that will cover the C, W, X and Y types in addition to A. This pentavalent vaccine has the potential to eliminate meningococcal meningitis from meningitis belt countries. The vaccine is about to enter a phase 2 trial in Africa."

"Finally, we have just commenced work on a Group B Streptococcus (GBS) vaccine. GBS primarily causes disease in very young infants so the idea is to vaccinate pregnant women who will pass on protective antibodies through the placenta to their babies and protect them in the first three months of life. This project is preclinical at the moment."