

# OLD MUIRITE UNION

Newsletter: 4th Quarter 2019

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**Andrew Binning**  
OMU President

Dear fellow Old Muirites

Two school events that I have recently attended have rekindled the passion I have for our Alma Mater. To see the incredible bond amongst the matric Class – first at the Awards Evening and soon thereafter at the Valedictory Service. These men of Muir are proud of their school and after some old boys welcomed the matrics through the Gate all removed their own ties and donned the Old Muirite tie – given out as a gift to all matrics. Those of us in attendance were in awe of this gesture.

As proud of their Alma Mater were the old boys who recently attended Gettogethers in Port Elizabeth, Grahamstown, East London & Gauteng. Take a look at the photos within this Newsletter.

Legacy Projects planned to be complete by 2022 have been identified and will be announced in the OMU Newsletter in the first quarter of next year. The OMU Foundation is in the process of being established and an appeal will go out soon thereafter to old boys to consider contributing towards these Projects. The OMU is trusting that old boys from around the world will be generous in their support of these legacy Projects.

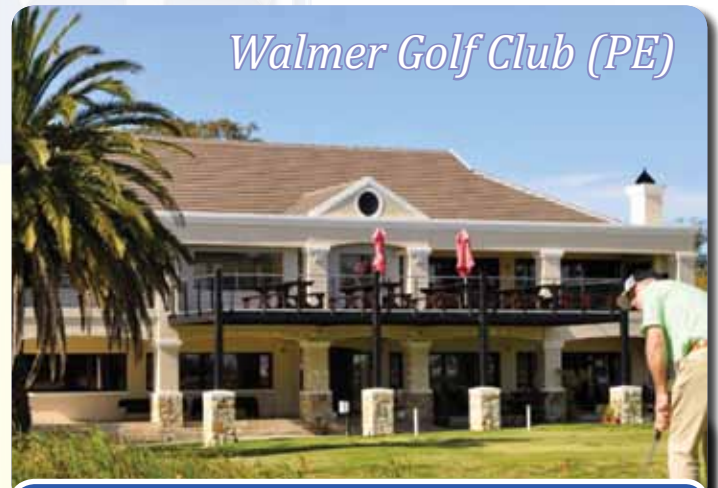
Closer to home plans for Founders Weekend (5-8 March 2020) are in full swing and Reunion Classes ( see in this Newsletter) are busy encouraging classmates from around the world to participate.

Thank you to all old boys who have verified their contact details – the OMU now has 60% of all living Old Muirites' contact details confirmed.

Andrew Binning

President

*Nec Pluribus Impar!*



*Walmer Golf Club (PE)*

## Breaking News !

The Walmer Golf Club ( Little Walmer) in Port Elizabeth has accepted the Old Muirite Union's proposal to become the Home of Old Muirites in the city. With just over 500 old boys living in the Friendly City a "home base" was sought and the Club has generously offered to erect an Old Muirite Union sign at the main Entrance, provide a wall in the Clubhouse for photos and memorabilia, discounts on golf membership and venue hire as well as a 10% discount on bar prices. All that's required is the purchase of a once off OMU / Walmer Golf Club membership card costing R150.

Please contact club manager Debbie van der Walt on 041 581 1613 or Email: [manager@walmergolfestate.co.za](mailto:manager@walmergolfestate.co.za).  
(See the application form at the end of this newsletter.)



**Robin Stephenson**  
Headmaster

Dear Old Muirites

The last few weeks have been really positive. The Valedictory Service and the influence of the OMU was heart-warming and was an example of what we can do if we work together.

Other positive events were the hosting of the Cape Youth Cricket Festival and the Bun Hopley Cricket Festival, together with the generous sponsorship from KFC. I can also report that Standard Bank has agreed to sponsor the U/13A and 1st XV next year. We are excited about attracting substantial sponsorships.

We are working hard at finalising projects for 2022 and beyond – we are discussing with the OMU committee. I am comfortable that we will make final decisions in this regard in the next few weeks.

My thanks to Andrew and the OMU committee for their energy and vision. I appreciate every “Old Boy’s” interest in the school.

Robin Stephenson

# Founders' Weekend

## Reunion Classes

Could all Class organisers of these 3 Reunion years please contact National Secretary Mark Bakker ([markbakker@bmi.za.net](mailto:markbakker@bmi.za.net)) so that your contact details can be shared.

	2020 (5-8 March)	2021	2022
10 Year	Class of 2010	Class of 2011	Class of 2012
20 Year	Class of 2000	Class of 2001	Class of 2002
25 Year	Class of 1995	Class of 1996	Class of 1997
30 Year	Class of 1990	Class of 1991	Class of 1992
35 Year	Class of 1985	Class of 1986	Class of 1987
40 Year	Class of 1980	Class of 1981	Class of 1982
50 Year	Class of 1970	Class of 1971	Class of 1972
55 Year	Class of 1965	Class of 1966	Class of 1967
60 Year	Class of 1960	Class of 1961	Class of 1962
70 Year	Class of 1950	Class of 1951	Class of 1952
			All Old Muirites

# Updated History of Muir College

Old Muirite Charles van Reenen is updating the book entitled “ The History of Muir College” and is calling for submissions to be considered. Interesting stories, hostel shenanigans, class and sports team photos are to be sent to Charles at [cren@isat.co.za](mailto:cren@isat.co.za). The publication will be available at the school’s 200 year Celebrations in 2022.



## The Old Muirite Union: Contact details - 2020 Reunions (5-8 March)

### **Class of 2010**

Organiser: Stuart Gillmer  
Tel +27 833010256  
Stuart.gillmer@gmail.com

### **Class of 2000**

Organiser: Brent Botha  
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beb.botha@gmail.com

### **Class of 1995**

Organisers: Warren Knott  
Tel +27 836620132  
wknott@data-afrique.com

Jason Henman

Tel +27 833652462  
henman@vwsa.co.za

### **Class of 1990**

Organisers: Patrick McCarthy  
Tel +27 834195249  
pmccarthy@toyfin.co.za

Michael Papamichael

Tel +27 833353275

### **Class of 1985**

Organiser: Laurie Wiid  
Tel +27 82 6544884  
LaurieW@nfb.co.za

### **Class of 1980**

Organiser: David King  
Tel+27 828008501  
daveking30051963@gmail.com

Michael le Grange

Tel +27 82 309 2866  
michael.legrange@vwsa.co.za

### **Class of 1970**

Organiser: Ronnie Kingwill  
Tel 0834526682  
kingwillr@mweb.co.za

### **Class of 1965**

Organiser: Ian Krain  
Tel 0832751817  
eagleworkwear@intekom.co.za

### **Class of 1960**

Organiser: David Geard  
geard@iafrica.com

Save the date: ANNUAL OMU DINNER -  
FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2020



# Muir College School News & Activities



The Grade 7's had their market day in our school hall during September. The learners were allowed to go and buy delicious food, tasty treats and even try out various games during their break time today. Thanks to all of the boys and their parents for all the effort.



Congratulations to Luke Van Aardt on being selected to represent the U/16 South African indoor cricket team. Luke enjoyed a coastal tour with the SA team during the September holidays. They won all their matches and Luke says it was a great experience. Well done Luke



Congratulations to the following boys on being selected for Eastern Province Rugby:  
 Rylan Armoed EP u/12 Elephants XV  
 Liam Damons & Chuma Bloouw EP u12 King XV  
 And also Congratulations to Mr. Justin Fourie for being chosen as Head Coach of the EP u/12 Kings XV



The acapella group - Roar Harmonies - took part in the Animato Acapella competition held this past weekend in George. It is the very first time that Muir took part in this competition. The boys performed exceptionally well and won the following awards:

- \* Most spontaneous group
- \* Best costumes and stage props
- \* Best musical arrangement in another language
- \* Best Afrikaans musical arrangement
- \* And a certificate for participation in the first Cape Region Competition



Senior Victor Ludorum 2019  
 Bunolo Plaatjie



S. Bashe scoring 134 vs Kingswood.  
 Siphamandla has also been selected to captain the U/15A EP cricket team.



Educator honoured by Muir  
 Long-serving educator Mr. Ernie Trenerry was awarded the prestigious "Honoris Causa Award" for excellent service at the annual Prize Giving on Thursday the 10th of October. Trenerry, who is a Senior HOD of the primary phase, started teaching at Muir College in 1994. Headmaster Mr. Robin Stephenson paid tribute to Trenerry, saying "Mr. Trenerry has been a loyal educator who has impacted the lives of many learners and teachers".



Human wins Scholarship  
 Head Prefect Lyden Human received the prestigious Trevor Winer Scholarship, a four year scholarship at any South African university at the annual prize giving which was held on Thursday 10th of October. Lyden also received the prize for the school Dux.



# Muir College School News & Activities



**Congratulations to the Senior Prefect body for 2020.**  
 Head Prefect: Sonwabile Mbini  
 Deputy Head Prefect: Darius George  
 Prefects: Allesandro Berry, Ross Fuller, Robert Hendriks, Mas'ood Ismail, Ahlumile Kungwayo, Khanyisa Lizwane, Sive Majweta, Brandon Mirams, Linathi Mqulwana, Skye O'Connor, La'eeq Salie, Lyall Scharnick, Devon Wicks, Gershin Williams



The annual Grade 6 leadership camp was hosted by DV Adventure at their Forest Glade campsite in Elands River. The boys enjoyed the one day camp which was filled with various team-centred activities. The camp was a success with valuable leadership skills and lessons learned



Matric Farewell 2019



Grade 4 outing to Shamwari Game Reserve.



Matrics of 2019 and members of the OMU just before Valedictory assembly.



**Primary Prefects for 2020:**  
 Congratulations to the new Primary Phase Prefects for 2020.  
 Zingisa Mdimba (Head Prefect 2020)  
 Blake Raw (Deputy Head Prefect 2020)  
 Rylan Armoed, Chuma Bloouw, Ezekiel Booysen, Kaiden Clarke  
 Josh Dantu, Jude Dantu, Niyaaaz Dollie, Neil Else  
 Isa Gopal, Numaan Jappie, Raihaan Kayat  
 Sharif Khan, Matthew Lawson, Luke Ownhouse, Franco Voges



KFC sponsored the Bun Hopley Cricket festival as well as the Cape Youth Cricket Week. Muir hosted both festivals during the month of September. Herewith Headmaster Robin Stephenson is Mr. Douglas Duthie of KFC.



Siya Mdlankomo is on his way to Bloemfontein to play for the SA u19 TAP team. They will be playing against the senior FreeState provincial team. Siya has also been selected for the U/19 EP Coke week team.



## Feature on the Muirite Striders

The Muirite Striders – although not run under the auspices of the Old Muirite Union – carries the name of the school and thus featured here for your information. There are many old boys who belong to the Club – but it is open to all – men and women, young and old, old boys or not! Should you be considering joining an athletics Club please consider joining the MUIRITE STRIDERS. The OMU plans to keep in contact with the Club and encourage old boys to support and participate if you are considering putting those running shoes on.



For further info, please contact: Neil "Bones" Grobler (Class of 1977)

Tel 083 779 8579 • E-mail: bone.grobler@gmail.com

### Costs to join are:

R210 per year for an adult and R80 for a student / learner

A portion of this is paid to Eastern Province Athletics (EPA) to be affiliated to the Province.







# MUIRITE STRIDERS





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# National OMU Representatives:



**Gauteng**

**Lance Hilliard-Lomas**  
Class of 1988



**Gauteng**

**Asanda Singata**  
Class of 1999



**East London**

**Chris Lategan**  
Class of 1994



**East London**

**Khaya Makaza**  
Class of 2001



**Durban**

**Craig Miles**  
Class of 2003



**Cape Town**

**Buchule Sibaca**  
Class of 2009

**Kevin van Tonder**  
Class of 1987



**Durban**

**Mpumzi Plaatjie**  
Class of 2000



**Port Elizabeth**

**Mark Manlee**  
Class of 1988

**Runeshan Moodley**  
Class of 2002



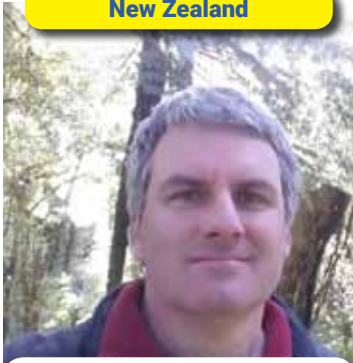
**Grahamstown**

**Craig Cuyler**  
Class of 1996



# International **OMU** Representatives:

**New Zealand**



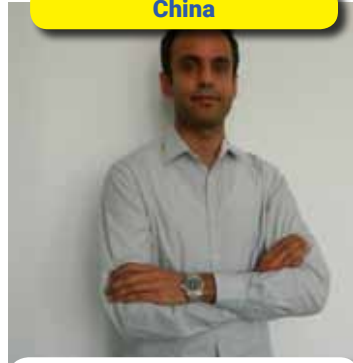
**Andrew Ramsbottom**  
Class of 1983

**Australia**



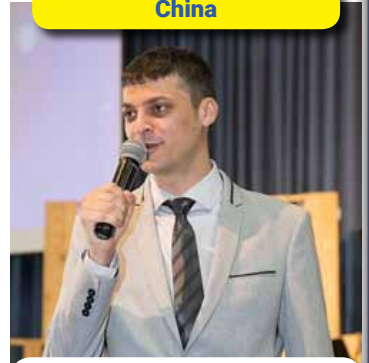
**Craig Potgieter**  
Class of 1989

**China**



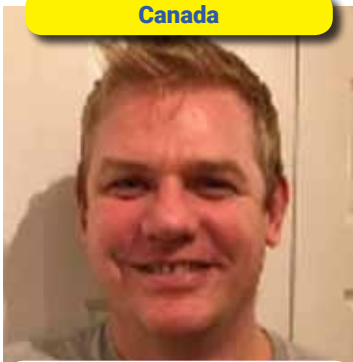
**Sikander Peer**  
Class of 2008

**China**



**Roscoe Ratangee**  
Class of 2008

**Canada**



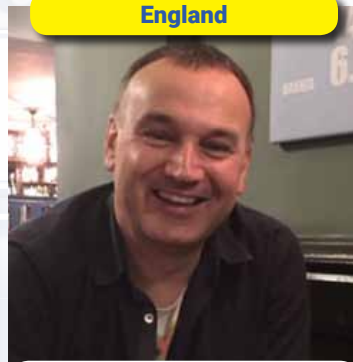
**Paul Frew**  
Class of 1991

**USA**



**Jonathan Hamp-Adams**  
Class of 1989

**England**



**Carl Harrison**  
Class of 1988

**Germany**



**Ricardo Suarez**  
Class of 1988

**United Arab Emirates**



**Neil Hamp-Adams**  
Class of 1987

**Scotland**



**Mark Beckett**  
Class of 1989

**Namibia**



**Graeme Ingram**  
Class of 1988

**Indonesia**



**Mark Sims**  
Class of 1978



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Executive



**Andrew Binning**  
OMU President  
Class of 1988

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**George Yerolemou**  
OMU Vice President  
Class of 1987

Executive



**Mark Bakker**  
OMU Secretary  
Class of 1988

Executive



**Joel Katz**  
OMU Treasurer  
Class of 1988



**Mark Manlee**  
Class of 1988



**Ross Heynes**  
Class of 2008



**Riaan Claassen**  
Class of 1987



**Lyntin Gouws**  
Class of 1998



**Jason Henman**  
Class of 1996



**Thomas Terblanche**  
Class of 2008



**Leo Doria**  
Trustee



**Justin Fourie**  
Class of 2008



**Clayton du Plooy**  
Class of 2005



**Robin Stephenson**  
Headmaster



**Ricky Wedderburn**  
Trustee



**Vuyolwethu Dyan**  
Class of 2007



# Q & A:

The Old Muirite Union posed some serious and some light-hearted questions to selected Old Boys... (You may be next!)

## The Interview Questions: 2nd Edition:

- In which year did you matriculate from Muir?
- Which sports or cultural activities were you involved in?
- Where do you currently live?
- Have you ever attended a school reunion?
- What is your profession?
- What is your funniest school memory?
- Who was your favourite teacher and why?
- Which quality did Muir instil in you, that you are most proud of?
- Tell us a bit about your Family.
- What are your hobbies or interests?
- What is your favourite movie of all time?
- If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go to and who would you take along?
- Golf or rugby?
- Coffee or beer?
- Tell us something that very few Old Muirites would know about you.



**Answers!**  
**Neil**  
**Hamp-Adams**  
  
**Class of 1987**

- 1987
- Hockey, Gymnastics, Rugby, Cricket, Interact
- 2012 and 2018
- Being part of the first Matric class at the new school and creating and setting up some of the new traditions.
- Tom Ferreira
- The friendships I made at school are some of the most cherished in my life and I am so grateful to have made them at Muir. I owe a lot to the school and my class mates.
- Dubai
- Married to Rachel (British) and we have two daughters, Constance (4) and Beatrice (2.5).
- Self employed in the events and brand activation sector
- Surfski, Golf, Running, Classic Cars
- I don't have an all-time favourite.
- A 2 year, round the world trip with my wife and 2 daughters in a camper van
- Golf
- Beer
- With reference to questions 13 and 14 above, I once "loaned" Tom Lehman, the Captain of Team USA's golf buggy from the K-Club Hotel on the night Europe beat the USA at the 36th Ryder Cup in Dublin in 2006. I drove the buggy out of the golf course and 4km down the public road to the house we had rented. I returned the buggy to the club the next Monday morning during rush hour traffic much to the bemusement of the general public, security and hotel staff, possibly because Europe had won!



**Answers!**  
**Buchule Sibaca**  
  
**Class of 2009**

- 2009
- Rugby (1st Team, 2nd Team) , Cricket (3rd Team)
- Yes
- First team rugby tours
- Mrs Tyhali, she really pushed me to strive for excellence at all times. I was 15th in my class when in grade 10 and I was school dux in grade 12, this is thanks to Mrs Tyhali. Another teachers that deserve a special mention is Mr. Stevens, he pushed me to achieve colours in academics while still playing rugby.
- Leadership.
- Cape Town
- Married, 1 son in CTU studying MCSD.
- Outdoor Person
- CEO of SMTAX Group
- I've recently taken a keen interest in Golf.
- Lord of the Rings & Braveheart
- I would love to do a Europe tour, with my family. Also would love to see other African countries.
- Playing Golf and Watching Rugby.
- Beer
- I'm pretty much an open book.

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**Answers!**  
**Runeshan  
Moodley**

**Class of 2002**

- 2002
- 1st XI Cricket 99-02
- 1st XI Hockey 20-02
- 1st XV Rugby 01-02
- Yes a couple
- Days in the Boarding house were always full of memories!!
- Mr Cloete – Meticulous with his teaching & coaching, always had time to assist
- Being a boarder taught me time management skills and how to live with others and to appreciate the finer things in life
- Port Elizabeth
- Happily married to Elizabeth & have a 3-yr old daughter
- Biokineticist/Strength & Conditioning Coach
- Watching sport, family and training
- Con Air
- Euro Tour with my wife (Paris, Sweden, Switzerland)
- Both
- Both but I prefer the one more
- Biokineticist for the South African U19 cricket team



**Answers!**  
**Mark Manlee**

**Class of 1988**

- 1988
- Tennis, Cricket
- Yes
- Being a part of an amazing family
- No favourites but enjoyed Mrs Kriel and Mr Vermaak's classes. Always interesting
- Leadership, Ownership and Responsibility
- Port Elizabeth
- Married, 1 son in CTU studying MCSD.
- Outdoor Person
- Regional Aftersales Manager – Volkswagen. Marketing and Sales
- I am a keen cyclist and also build model boats, cars. Farming with Koi Fish. Dabble in home projects wood working
- All Marvel Movies.
- We are fortunate to travel extensively. Barcelona is a Favorite then Singapore and Malaysia. Been to many European countries
- Both
- Neither
- This is a tough one as most things about me are essentially not known. I suppose the most important is my value system and beliefs. I would love to learn to pilot a helicopter and be able to get my pilots licence





Past OMU President, Ricky Wedderburn with Bertie and his son Eric at Muir.



Bertie at a Reunion in March 2015

## Who is the OLDEST Old Muirite alive?



Bertie Cook, Class of 1937 lives in Johannesburg and is 98 years young!

## Bertie Cook



## Update your Contact Information



The OMU is on a mission to update contact details of all old boys. Please send a mail to [marketing@muircollege.co.za](mailto:marketing@muircollege.co.za) with your Name, e-mail address, mobile number, city/country of residence, profession and name of employer ( Do it now !)

## Contact the Old Muirite Union:



Secretary Mark Bakker: [markbakker@bmi.za.net](mailto:markbakker@bmi.za.net)  
 Reunion Classes / Letters / Updates / Obituaries / News of Old Muirites / Suggestions  
 Website: [www.muircollege.co.za/OMU](http://www.muircollege.co.za/OMU)

## Next Edition!

Investigations are underway to look at setting up a Foundation in order to support the school!

More in the next Edition in early 2020!

## Join Old Muirites, family & friends and watch the Rugby World Cup Final this Saturday



Date: Saturday 2 November  
 Time: From 10.00 onwards (Final starts at 11.00)  
 Venue: Walmer Golf Club (The new home for Old Muirites in Port Elizabeth)  
 Refreshments: Cash bar and restaurant available

To know approximate numbers please RSVP to Joel Katz (Tel 083 631 4100 by the end of Thursday)



Share this Newsletter with fellow Old Muirites!

PS: Please give us any feedback and any suggestions :D!

## Old Muirites in Japan!



There are many old boys currently in Japan supporting the Springboks. Seen here are 2 OMU Committee Members – George Yerolemou ( middle), Riaan Claassen ( right) – together with fellow Classmate of 1987, Lance Flanagan ( left).

# Recent Old Boys' Gettogethers!



*Gauteng*



*Port Elizabeth*





# Recent Old Boys' Gettogethers!



*East London*



*Grahamstown*

## OMU Fundraiser (NZ vs SA)





# OMU members welcomed the Class of 2019 into the Union!



## Valedictory Service

15 October 2019  
11:00

"And more, much more than this, I did it my way..."  
(Paul Anka)



Thank you to all the Old Boys who sponsored pages in the School's Muirite magazine





# Walmer Golf Club Application Form



## WALMER GOLF CLUB

Cnr 10th Avenue & River Road, Walmer, Port Elizabeth

P O Box 5354, Walmer, 6065

E-mail [golf@walmergolfestate.co.za](mailto:golf@walmergolfestate.co.za)

Tel 041 581 1613

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Version 2020-01

Club Number	<input type="text"/>
SAGA Number	<input type="text"/>
Card Ordered	<input type="text"/>
Join Date	<input type="text"/>

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

*Membership Subscriptions - 2020*

*No Entrance fee will be charged for New Members from January 2020*

*Subscriptions include VAT, Affiliation Fees to EPGU, ECWGA, SAGA and HNA membership cards*

*Members get 10% discount in the Bar & Halfway House ON PRESENTATION OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD*

*Membership is for a period of 12 months, from 1st January to 31st December*

#### 1. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

- |  |            |   |            |
|--|------------|---|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum Member                 | R 9 660.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Member      | R 500.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum Senior Member          | R 9 140.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Student            | R 800.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Member / Senior Member     | R 2 900.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholar            | R 600.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Member / Senior Member   | R 1 400.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Old Muirite Member | R -        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Member (All - In)        | R 7 640.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Achilles           | R -        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Senior Member (All - In) | R 7 120.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> PLU Member         | R -        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Member - Non Affiliated  | R 1 000.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership  | R 1 700.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Member                | R 6 500.00 | (1 Adult and 1 Scholar)                     |            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Owner All-In Member        | R 6 760.00 |   |            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Owner Member               | R 700.00   |   |            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Owner - Non Affiliated     | R -        |   |            |

#### BANK DETAILS

WALMER GOLF CLUB  
 ABSA BANK  
 BRANCH CODE: 632005  
 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 407 515 2492  
 ACCOUNT TYPE: CHEQUE

#### 2. PERSONAL INFORMATION

ID Number	Title	Initials	Gender
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
First Name	Surname		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>		

#### 3. CONTACT INFORMATION

Residential Address	Home Phone	Work Phone
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Postal Address	Mobile Phone	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
E-Mail Address	<input type="text"/>	

