

EASTERN CAPE / Port Elizabeth

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Many a plan has been made for the October recess, stretching from Namaqualand to witness the “hand of God,” where nature’s mysteries abound, to the far shores of Bali where a volcanic eruption is imminent.

While travel is foremost in most of our minds, there are some members who place fitness and endurance on top of their list of priorities. Graham Richards is such an inspiration. At 60 plus, he is still competing in a number of competitions including the Iron Man 70.3 held in Durban in June this year. Richards was also part of the Club Chambers team that beat the Oasim team in the Great Train Race which was held on 2 October 2017. Kent Williams captained the winning team. The Club Chambers

team included Helen Ayesert, Lodene Gagliano, Leon Volstous, Avian Barnett and Lionel Kroon (as the team’s designated driver). Oasim was represented by Tanya Zietsman, Pieter Marais, Ivana Bands, Hannes Le Roux, and David Bands. Zietsman graciously entertained everyone at her home afterwards. Club Chambers has now beaten Oasim three years in a row with hopes that this proud tradition continues.

The GCB Chairman took time out from his busy schedule to visit PE to report back on the issues raised at a meeting held earlier in the year. Those members who attended the meeting commended him for actually following up with relevant stakeholders in respect of the issues raised by

junior members of our Bar and then taking time out to report back on those issues. It was apparent from his feedback that he had the interests of junior members at heart, which was welcomed.

Our pupils did extremely well at the GCB’s Advocacy Training Weekend held in Stellenbosch in July this year. Their results are largely as a result of the dedication of Mechelle Beneke who single-handedly runs the Advocacy Training programme for our Bar.

From reporting on aspiring advocates to reporting on our more seasoned members - two of our members - Wabo Msizi and Nyameko Gqamana SC - held acting positions in the High Court in the Eastern Cape this term. [A](#)

Grahamstown

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NEW MEMBER

Chris McConnachie joined the Eastern Cape Society of Advocates and has taken up chambers in Equity House Chambers in Grahamstown alongside his father Jock McConnachie.

FUTURE LEADERS SYMPOSIUM

Tarryn Rossi and Thomas Miller attended the GCB Future Leader’s Symposium on behalf of the Eastern Cape Society of Advocates. The symposium was held in Bloemfontein and was hosted by the Free State Society of Advocates.

ACTING APPOINTMENTS

Sunil Rugunanan, Nicola Redpath-Molony and Margaux Beard held acting appointments as judges of the Eastern Cape during the second and third terms.

SHAUGHAN COLE

Shaughan Cole cannot claim to have been doing anything heroic, such as rescuing a baby elephant on his farm, but rather while he was pushing his 1978 Diesel Land Rover, named “the Lilac Breasted Rover”, he snapped his Achilles tendon and will be hopping to Court for the foreseeable future. [A](#)

