

## 20<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS, SLC SOCIETY DINNER, ASTROTURF OPENING & ST DUNSTAN'S SPORTS DERBY REPORT

It was a busy past weekend up on 'the mountain' as Stanford Lake College celebrated its 20th birthday with various festivities and fixtures. St. Dunstan's College from Gauteng joined Stanford in the celebrations with cultural and sporting fixtures from across the board being enjoyed by students from both Colleges. With activities ranging from debating and chess to rugby and hockey, the two schools did battle on the Friday and Saturday – reports below.

During the celebrations the Stanford Lake College Society was also launched at a lavish black tie dinner. The Society will consist of Alumni, past and current parents, past staff and board members and friends of Stanford. The Society aims to create a conduit through which those who have been involved with the school will remain in contact.



Alumni attending the SLC Society dinner



Mr Craig Carolan

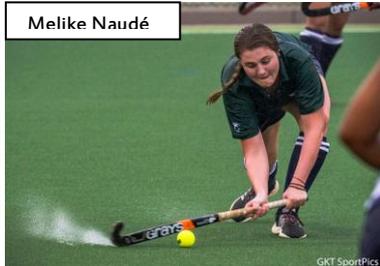


A view of the glittering dinner function



Founder Members (L to R) : Piet Prinsloo, Ed Hillary, Maggie Baleta, Gavin Scholefield (Founder Headmaster), Lauren Strever (née Blight – Founder pupil) , Howard Blight & Rodney Moore

Despite a damp Saturday, the two schools once again went toe to toe on the sports pitches with girls' hockey and rugby taking centre stage. A function to officially open the new state-of-the-art, water-based astroturf – the first of its kind in South Africa with full FIH accreditation – was enjoyed by those who have, over the years, helped ensure that this superb facility has become a reality. The two 1<sup>st</sup> team captains then cut the celebratory cake (bottom) before the Headmaster, Mr Craig Carolan and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr Don Westcott, cut the ribbon (below left). The 1st X1 girls' teams then concluded the opening as they played their fixture.



Melike Naudé



Nksuku Muyimane

To finish off a wonderful day and weekend of celebrations, the College hosted a 'Food and Music' festival where Jacques Mouton, Bad Peter, Barefoot Breeze and Rubber Duc played to a dedicated, hardy group of supporters who braved the cold and wet weather.

**We are grateful for the support of our sponsors who made the weekend the great success it was.**

**Golf:** Thomas Mayes and Owen Venter won their match 3/2. Lloyd Lombard and Luca Wasley lost theirs 9/7. Final result – all square!

**Chess:** The Chess players did really well, and although they underestimated the strength of the St Dunstan's players, they showed some great determination and focused to the very end. Overall, St Dunstan's came out on top, but great lessons were learnt and the team is keen to face their next opponents.

**Squash:** In the Squash matches, Casper Venter won his game 3-0 and Owen Venter, who stood in and played his first match of the season, narrowly lost 2 - 3. Overall, Stanford lost the squash 1-3, but a good fight was put up by our players.

**Hockey:** Friday's weather was beautiful and set up the backdrop for a good encounter. In the boys' hockey, 4 matches were played with SLC winning 2, drawing 1 and losing 1. The Alumni also played a match and it was a great way to let them see and play on our newly developed water based astroturf. On Saturday it was the girls' turn to make their mark on the hockey pitch. The weather conditions were cold and wet, but it did not dampen their enthusiasm and spirit and they came out firing. The 2<sup>nd</sup> team girls played Mitchell House and won; and versus St Dunstan's, played 4 matches, winning 1 and losing 3.

**Netball:** The netball games were played on the good weather day (Friday). The girls came out with great spirit and they gave their all on the courts. Unfortunately, all our teams lost, but it was a good display which revealed where their strengths were. The coach, Ms Motsepe, was really proud of them all. They never gave up and one important thing was that they thoroughly enjoyed the games.

**Rugby:** The Stanford rugby teams saw some mixed results on Saturday, winning 2 out of 4 matches. The two 7-a-side games were played in good spirits despite the cold weather, and all the boys enjoyed the games. The u/15 team played some good rugby in the difficult conditions to win their game comfortably. Unfortunately, the 1<sup>st</sup> XV had a poor game and went down 22-5 to St Dunstan's.

**Debating:** On Friday, St Dunstan's arrived to a warm welcome from both the Junior and the Senior Debating teams of Stanford. The Juniors opposed the colonization of Mars while the Seniors opposed that the cult of personality had affected democracy worldwide. After a spirited debate, the Juniors narrowly lost while the Seniors won. Tshepang Mokwena won best speaker and Llewellyn Rogers (Juniors) garnered compliments with his spirited opposition in the Mars debate. Well done, debaters!



Senior debaters L to R: Melike Naudé, Tshepang Mokwena & Lesedi Motumi with Mrs Margaret Freestone



Junior Netshituni (Gr 11) on the left

