



OUABC Alumni Newsletter

Michaelmas Term 2017

New academic year, new committee.

OUABC is proud to introduce the following committee members to the team:

Paul Sapper (IT Officer): Paul started boxing in the summer of 2017 and started at OUABC in Michaelmas 2017. He is a second year undergraduate at Keble College, studying philosophy and theology. In his spare time, Paul enjoys reading short stories, especially those of Kafka as well as watching classic films.

Gabriele Abbati (President): Gabriele is a second year D.Phil. student in Machine Learning and the current President of the OUABC. He's been boxing for 4 years but never competed until his moving to Oxford in 2016. During his fresher year, in 2017 he fought at Town vs Gown and boxed light middleweight at the Varsity match in Cambridge.

Alex Gabel (Vice President): Alex is a fourth year at Keble College studying math and physics. When he isn't helping the committee out, making sure that everything in the club is running smoothly and running around the gym making sure that all the equipment is out, he enjoys

watching and discussing movies and TV shows.

Jam Krprayoon (Men's Captain): Jam is the men's captain for the OUABC this year. He is a second year MPhil student in Politics (Comparative Government) at Nuffield College. He started boxing competitively last year, where he boxed for the university at Town vs. Gown and Varsity. He has also competed in Muay Thai and Taekwondo in Thailand and in the USA. He enjoys spending time in the outdoors, reading, and listening to soul music in his spare time.

Lydia Welham (Women's captain): Lydia is an undergraduate reading French and Russian at St Edmund's Hall. She has been boxing for a year now and loves it; but if she's not in the boxing gym, chances are you can find her practicing her footwork on the dancefloor.

Rachel Wheatley (Welfare Officer): Rachel is a DPhil student at University College. She started boxing 2 years ago, and boxed in last year's BUCS & Varsity events. She is very enthusiastic about geese, cake and bicep curls.



Rachel never forgets her bicep curls when at the

Georgia Walker (Social Secretary and Secretary): Georgia is at St John's College and is in her second year of studying PPE. She began boxing at OUABC in January 2017. As Secretary, she deals with registration of boxers and the club. Her role as Social Secretary involves running social events throughout the term such as drinks, crewdates and brunches. In her spare time Georgia enjoys cycling and (attempts at) baking.

Ex-Club President achieves further boxing success!

A word from Claudia Havranek, Club President in 2016:

"This year has been a fantastic year in my boxing career. Off a Varsity victory in 2016, as Club President, I was excited to apply to a national talent ID scheme "Discover Your Fight".

I have been training with Team GB now for 6 months, as a part-time athlete. Both Ellie Scotney and Ben Whittaker, who have come to training camp in Tenerife with OUABC outreach are on the squad too - I was lucky to come up and see some familiar faces here.

In the past 6 months I have had my first GB competition, medalling in Poland, training camp in Italy, and I am now looking forward to the GB Championships in December, where I will be fighting to be the GB light-welterweight champion! If anyone is based near Sheffield, and would like to come along to support, tickets are available here:

<http://www.ticketsdirect.org.uk/gbchamps/EntryForm.aspx> "



Varsity Match and OUABC Reunion Dinner

It's been great to see so many positive responses to the announcement of the next dinner – it's already shaping up to be a night to remember!

Just when you thought the weekend couldn't get any better, it has. The date of the Varsity Match has changed to Friday 9 March in Oxford Town Hall, so if you want to make a full OUABC weekend of it then now you can! Tickets for the VM have not yet been released but to enquire about purchasing please contact current Club VP Alex Gabel – alex_gabel@hotmail.com

Festivities on Saturday 10 March will commence with a drinks reception in the Iffley Road Sports Centre at 5.30pm. Percy Lewis and Henry Dean will be the guests of honour. Bag gloves and skipping

ropes will be available to those who still think they could be a contender!

Then, a short walk to St Hilda's College for a pre-dinner drink, followed by a three course meal with half of bottle of wine each and

coffee. The cost of the evening is £72 and tickets are now available to purchase through the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ouabc-reunion-dinner-tickets-39167474972>

Please book your tickets early, particularly those of you travelling from overseas. Partners are very welcome. Dress is Black Tie or Blues Blazers.

This will be a unique occasion, one of the biggest in the Club's history. Henry Dean's 80th birthday is on 7th March – he couldn't have a better present than seeing as many of you as possible on the night.

Finally, a note on contact details. The OUABC Alumni Association keeps contact details for Old Blues. Over the last few years we have traced many more old members, indeed all the way back to those who fought in 1946. Although best practice limits us from sharing these freely, if anyone wants to get in touch with a former team mate to encourage them to come to the dinner, if we have their details we are happy to pass on a message and your contact details.

Rachel Wheatley named Oxford University Sportswoman of the Year

Rachel Wheatley, a member of OUABC, was recently named Oxford University Sportswoman of the Year.

The previous year's winner, Isra Hale, also comes from OUABC, and recently won the ABA National Development Championships. Congratulations to Rachel and Isra!



Rachel at the award ceremony (center) accompanied by Gabriele Abbati (right) and Alex Gabel (left)