

The Shamrock

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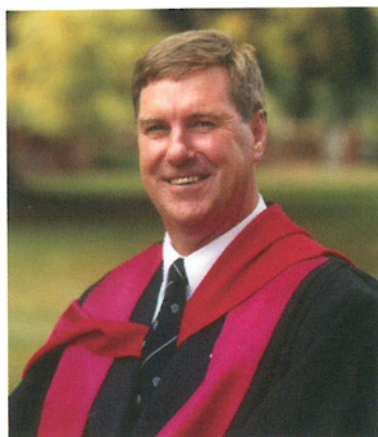
Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of *The Shamrock*. *The Shamrock* incorporates the Old Collegians Association's *Green, White and Blue* as well as providing an exciting range of news, photos, sports results and general happenings from around St Patrick's College. In particular *The Shamrock* will provide dates and details of the wide range of social, educational and sporting events of interest to members of the College community.

The name, *The Shamrock* was chosen because it is a symbol that St Pat's boys and their families have had a great affinity with over the generations. Today as much as ever, the shamrock remains an image that is regarded by all associated with St Patrick's College with great affection.

The Shamrock will be produced four times a year and sent to all current families within the College and Old Collegian Association members. To ensure you do not miss out on future editions of *The Shamrock* please complete and return the enclosed cover sheet if your details change or you are not currently an OCA member.

We hope you enjoy this first edition of *The Shamrock*.



Our New Headmaster and his vision for St Patrick's College

Bio

Born:
Coburg, 1949

Schools attended:
St Paul's School, Coburg
St Joseph's Preparatory College,
Pascoe Vale South
St Leo's College, Box Hill

Happiest memory of school life:
Being taught by great Christian Brothers including Brothers Peter Cole, Kevin Burke, Stan Crowle, Leo Doolan, Regis Hickey, George Frances, Gerard Kilmartin, John O'Halloran, Brian Brandon and Peter Negus.

Tertiary education:
Diploma of Teaching:
Christian Brothers Teachers College
Bachelor of Science:
University of Melbourne
Bachelor of Education:
University of Melbourne
Master of Education:
University of Melbourne
Doctor of Philosophy:
University of Melbourne

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What was the subject of your doctorate and how long did it take?

The Catholic School systems in Australia. Over the nine years it took I learned about organisation theory, Church law, politics and Australia, but most of all I met and learned about the incredible people who work in Catholic education across the country from Hobart to Broome, Cairns to Perth and most points in between.

Schools worked at and positions held:

1990-2001 Principal, Catholic College Wodonga, a co-educational school of 900 students.
1989 Head of Senior Campus, Catholic Regional College Traralgon, following the merger of the three Catholic secondary schools in Traralgon.
1986-1988 Principal of Kildare College, Traralgon, a Brigidine Catholic girls' school.
1980-1985 Senior Master at St Kevin's College, Toorak. Responsibilities included Headmaster's Delegate to the Associated Public Schools, Head of the Science Faculty and Year 12 Co-ordinator.



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1970-1979 Teacher at Christian Brothers' schools in Essendon, Geelong, Warrnambool, Brunswick and Moonee Ponds with responsibility for religious education, science (chemistry and physics), and sports co-ordination.

Family:

My family consists of my wife, Anna, and daughters Jennifer (First year Law/Arts at the Australian National University), Elizabeth (Year 12 at Catholic College Wodonga), Kathleen (Year 9 at Loreto College) and Lil the would-be corgi.

Football team:

Melbourne: long suffering but always hopeful.

Greatest sporting moment:

Coaching the St Joseph's Geelong team which included Fraser Murphy, Michael Kol, Nigel Kol, Tim Darcy and John Fitzgerald in the Herald Shield Grand Final in 1979: we went down fighting.

First impressions of Ballarat:

Beautiful city, great school, fantastic boys, lots of challenges.

Our new Headmaster and his vision for St Patrick's College

I add my welcome to this first edition of our quarterly magazine. It serves not to replace our Annual but to keep our wide circle of friends better informed of how we are progressing with Edmund's work in Jesus' name.

The Past

St Patrick's College has long held a pre-eminent place in Catholic education in Victoria. Its students have graduated to leadership in all walks of life from the leadership of Catholic families, the Church, the State, the Law, the Professions, Industry, Agriculture, Sport and the Arts.



Its role in the formation of young men on their way to seminary life and the priesthood has added immeasurably to its standing within Catholic circles as a place of legends. This reputation has been built on the work of great men of prayer, action, discipline and sacrifice.

The Present

St Patrick's College remains a Ballarat institution, a Catholic day and boarding school for boys, blessed with staff who are zealous for the good of their teaching area and their areas of responsibility. We have great goodwill in the general school community and a wealth of talent in our students who are genuinely welcoming and celebratory. Our challenge remains to harness the richness at our disposal to maximise the outcomes for all involved in this educational venture.

The Future

I dream of committed and competent staff who are inspired by Jesus, professionally skilled, publicly acknowledged and generously remunerated, working in facilities which actually facilitate learning, presenting relevant curriculum using emerging technologies appropriately and a variety of engaging methodologies suited to the age and stage of each adolescent learner who will be led to see the possibilities within himself and the beauty of a life illumined by the Jesus of the Gospels and nurtured by Jesus' living tradition in our Church-school community. Our inclusiveness in enrolment, in our curriculum and in our hospitality will mirror Edmund Rice's openness to welcome all regardless of class, race, creed or income. Our parents will recognise the vital role they play in valuing learning in the home, dialoguing with staff, encouraging the pursuit of excellence in their sons as they grow in personhood.

Please remember us kindly when you gather as families and as parish communities because there is strength, I believe, in the prayerful remembrance in the presence of the Lord who tells us his Spirit is present wherever two or three gather in his name. As we work with young men in seemingly hope-less times for many in our society, we need your support to bring hope but never forget, we live in exciting times for the College!

Dr Peter M Casey
Headmaster

Scholarships

Headmaster, Dr Peter Casey, along with the Colleges Board have resolved to reintroduce scholarships for boys at Year 7, 10 and 11 entry levels as a key goal for 2002. This decision is in line with the College's philosophy to encourage all boys to strive for personal excellence in a range of areas pertaining to school life.

On Saturday, 18th May, 151 boys sat the College's Scholarship Exam conducted by the Australian Council for Educational Research. This was a resounding vote of confidence for the College and its' current philosophy of recognising and rewarding excellence.

Whilst the College will offer scholarships in a range of subject areas, including art, music, performing arts, sport and leadership, all scholarships have an academic base.

A challenge faced by the College is to find donors who can support the operation of the Scholarship Programme. Many previous students of the College have benefited greatly from the award of a scholarship and have gone on to forge very successful careers.

Other Summer Sports Results

Tennis - runners up to Ballarat Grammar
Lawn Bowls - successfully defended their first IV title



If you feel that you are in a position to assist future SPC scholars, sportsmen and musicians by way of an annual contribution please contact the College's Development Manager, Mark Waddington.

The College is indebted to the support of the Hyland family who have indicated that they will sponsor an ongoing scholarship in recognition of the difference an SPC Scholarship in the 1980s made to the life of their family.

2002 Scholarship recipients will be announced in the next edition of *The Shamrock*.

College Leadership

- College Captain:** Daniel Dwyer
- College Vice-Captains:** Chris McBrearty and Gerard Brick
- Music Captain:** Gareth Bellchamber
- Music Vice-Captain:** Dean Peldys
- Band Leader:** Adrian Bruechert
- Public Speaking Captain:** Brendan Annear
- 1st XI Captain:** Liam Brady
- 1st IV Captain:** Daniel Dwyer
- Captain of Boats:** Nicholas Carey
- Swimming Captain:** Matthew Pay
- Volleyball Captain:** Shaun Finlayson
- Athletics Captain:** Michael Turkenburg
- Lawn Bowls Captain:** Brenton Coad
- Sailing Captain:** Jason Hegert
- St Vincent de Paul President:** Rufus Brokenbrow





PHOTO GALLERY

The Leo O'Brien Club

Leo O'Brien attended St Patrick's College in 1920 and 1921 and was a distinguished sportsman excelling in a number of sports at state and national level. Leo was a determined opening batsman who played for Victoria and Australia between 1929 and 1937 as well as participating in the infamous 'Bodyline' series against England making 61 in the final test of the series.

Leo also excelled in a number of other sports including football, amateur boxing and State level baseball. Leo O'Brien died in 1997 aged 89 and is recognised as one of the College's leading sporting ambassadors. Much of the success of St Patrick's College students on the sporting fields of the world is attributable to the first class facilities, programs and coaches that have in the past been available to students.

The Leo O'Brien Club will raise funds to enhance the College's sporting facilities, the first project being to dig up and replace the turf wicket on the Main Oval, which has become unsafe for play. It is also hoped to install an automatic sprinkler system on the Main Oval to keep it in first class condition for 12 months of the year.

A cricket match was played between a Leo O'Brien XI, captained by SPC Old Boy and current North Ballarat Coach Gerard FitzGerald and the College's 1st XI. After a spirited battle the Leo O'Brien XI prevailed, 10/194 to the 1st XI's 10/127. Man of the match was Nick Martino (SPC 87-92) with a sparkling 44. The match will become an annual part of the College's cricket fixture.

Foundation membership of the Leo O'Brien Club is \$500 and is available until November. Life membership of \$125 is also available. For membership details contact SPC Development Manager, Mark Waddington.

Head of the Lake

SPC crews were reasonably successful on that "one day" in March this year, just missing out on winning the Boy's Rowing Premiership by two points to Ballarat Grammar.

The 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th and 11th crew won races on Boat Race Day, with the 2nd crew coming a very gallant 2nd after leading for 95% of the race.

Our 1st crew whilst trying hard, had a difficult season, punctuated by illness and injury to key members of the senior rowing squad. All members of the crew gave their all and won the respect and admiration of Rowing Master Matthew Hanlon (SPC 91-96) and all members of the SPC community.

Thankyou to all members of the Rowing Club for their tireless efforts during the season.

Cricket

The College's 1st XI was extremely competitive all season under the excellent leadership of the Brady clan - captained by Liam, with father Peter, a Ballarat Cricket legend, as Coach.

Unfortunately the SPC 1st XI was outplayed on Grand Final day losing on first innings by 68 runs. Top run scorer for the season was Liam Brady with 202 runs @33.3. Alistair Gribble scored 162 runs @23.1 and Michael Loader scored 111 runs @16.0. Top bowlers were Leith Pellisier with 17 wickets @8.5 and Adam Jennings 12 wickets @10.0.

Swimming

Under the astute guidance of Brother Davis the College swimming team won its 23rd consecutive Boys Aggregate Swimming Title. Leading swimmers at the carnival were Jeremy Wirges, Leigh Weber, Nick Kissane and Josh Dew.

SPC Foundation - "Halls of History - Dinner with the Legends"

The SPC Foundation held its inaugural Dinner with the Legends on the 23rd February this year. The night featured a host of wonderful Old Boy speakers, all of whom have been extremely successful in different areas of life.

More than 150 people enjoyed a sumptuous meal, highly entertaining stories, and great company in the Old Assembly area.

Keynote speakers were four-time Olympian Steve Monaggetti (SPC 75-80), Richmond coach Danny Frawley (SPC 76-79) and former Assistant Commissioner of Police Gavin Brown (SPC 51-60).

A number of Old Boys were interviewed by the multi-talented Michael Kearney, including Dean Gerard Dowling, George Hamm, Michael Glenane, Geoff Torney and Anthony Edwards.

All speakers reinforced the positive influence that the College had upon their lives and the indelible mark that people such as Brother O'Malley and Peter Farley had left upon them.

The second Dinner with the Legends will be held on Saturday, 22nd February, 2003 at the College and will feature keynote speaker, Premier of Victoria, The Honourable Steve Bracks (SPC 68-71).



Danny Frawley

This dinner is sure to sell out very quickly, so please mark the date in your diary now. Details regarding other guest speakers and ticket sales will appear in the next edition of *The Shamrock*.

Student Achievements

Semester One
Congratulations to:

- Tim Pollard, selected to represent Australia at the World Secondary School Games in Pole Vault.
- Mitchell and Nathan Brown, selected for the Victorian Under 16 Basketball team.

- Ryan Marshall, awarded 1st place in the Victorian Karate Sparring Championships.

- Patrick Shaw, chosen for the Victorian Under 18 Cycling team.

- Stephen Nolan, selected for the Victorian Junior Polocrosse team.

- Bill Driscoll, Ben Dean and Ashley George, selected for Victorian Country Under 15 Squad.

- David Ranger, awarded the Victorian Under 14, 1.5 km Race Walking title.

- Michael Tolhurst, placed third in the National Minnows Sailing Championships.

- Jason Dyer, inducted into the World Karate Federation Hall of Fame.

- Nathan Cavanagh, selected in the Victorian Under 18 Basketball squad.

Boarding

At St Patrick's College March Board meeting, the Board resolved to continue the operation of boarding at the College, under the guidance of the College and with the full support of the Christian Brothers.

The resolution passed at the Board meeting states:

"In light of changing circumstances and given a model that appears viable, the Board recommends that the College continue to accept responsibility for boarding. The College looks to the support of the Shamrock Boarding Association.

The Board recommends that the College continue with boarding while it is financially viable and that reasonable notice will be given to all stakeholders of any change in direction."

The decision to commit to the future of boarding at St Patrick's College comes after a comprehensive review of all boarding operations. This has led to the development of an exciting new model for boarding that will see boys receive more individual attention and assistance and the opportunity to live within a friendly, caring community in first-class accommodation.

Boarding students will live in small communities on the property in houses, purpose renovated to cater for the needs of teenage boys living and studying away from home.

Students will also develop independent living skills through being involved in weekend catering arrangements for members of the boarding community.

A full feature on boarding will appear in the next edition of *The Shamrock*.

Green White & Blue

St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association Inc.



A Journey from the Dairy to the Diocese

The amazing life of Bishop Brian Finnigan (SPC 60-62) was celebrated by the school community with a Mass at the College on Tuesday, 30 April. Bishop Finnigan came to St Patrick's College as a 21-year-old after initially leaving school at the age of 14 to work on his parents' dairy farm near Port Fairy.

A calling to religious life meant that he had to return to school to study Latin and gain his matriculation. Despite being older than other boys he made a full and active contribution to the College and to the Boarding community.

After three years at SPC he went on to study at Corpus Christi College and has served Catholic communities throughout Australia including a period as Parish Priest at Sebastopol. He is currently the Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.



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The Association is pleased to support the reintroduction of scholarships at the school. We have pledged finance of up to six half-scholarships annually as part of this program. We believe this commitment compliments the Association's stated purposes which include:

- To act as a vehicle for fellowship and contact between the Old Collegians of SPC Ballarat
- To provide financial assistance to SPC for any of its purposes through the funding of specific projects considered beneficial to the College community
- To provide active support to the College through participation in College events
- To facilitate contact between Old Collegians and the College
- To actively encourage membership of the Association
- To develop a feeling of philanthropic support towards the College
- To recognise and celebrate significant events in the lives of Old Collegians
- To foster a spirit of Christian service as faithful members of the Edmund Rice Family

Finally, could I take this opportunity to invite any Old Collegians to attend our meetings, now held on the first Wednesday of each month during the school term, at 6.00 p.m. We welcome all members' suggestions and correspondence and would value any assistance with furthering the Association's goals.

Chris J Conway
SPCOCA President

Mass for Brother Linus Kelty

The OCA invite all past and present members of the St Patrick's College community to attend a Memorial mass to honour the life of Br Kelty, SPC Teacher (1947-55), Headmaster (1962-66), Province Leader of the Christian Brothers (1966-72) and Congregational Leader of the Christian Brothers (1972-78). The Mass will commence at 7:30 p.m in the College Chapel. Supper will follow in the College Dining Room.

To assist with catering arrangements please RSVP to the College Reception (03) 5331 1688

1920's -1960 Reunion

On Wednesday, 13th March over 150 Old Boys from the 1920's-1960 gathered at the College to renew acquaintances and reminisce about their boyhood escapades and achievements at the College. A highlight of the day was the reunion of the 1952 football team, arguably the College's best ever team, boasting Brownlow medallists John James and Brian Gleeson. Thirteen members of the '52 team were in attendance thanks mainly to the efforts of John Deane in tracking them down.

Old Boys in the News

Tony Hickey (SPC 79-81) was recently profiled in the Sunday Age Sports section. Tony is perhaps the most decorated country footballer in Victoria having played in eight Sunraysia League Premierships, won 12 club Best and Fairest awards, five League Best and Fairest Awards and was awarded the 1994 Victorian Coach of the Year Award.



Bishop Brian Finnigan

GREEN, WHITE & BLUE

Official Publication of the OCA

Welcome to our new look *Green, White and Blue*. In an effort to ensure members are fully informed of happenings around SPC it has been decided to incorporate *Green, White and Blue* within the new school publication, *The Shamrock*.

This will mean that you receive four publications from the College per year and thus obtain even more news about what old school colleagues are up to.

The first two editions of *The Shamrock* will be sent to all past students of the College. To ensure you continue to receive future issues of *The Shamrock* after this you will need to become an OCA member.

Full details of how to join the OCA are contained on the reverse side of the address label. Please complete, and return this form, together with your payment, so we can continue to bring you all news relating to SPC via *The Shamrock* and your traditional, *Green, White and Blue*.

President's Report June 2002

The SPC Old Collegians Association is delighted to be part of the exciting developments currently happening around the College. Developments which include, but are not limited to, new leadership directions under Dr Peter Casey, the investigation and implementation of different teaching methodologies appropriate to our young men, and the planning of buildings and facilities to support all of this.

The establishment of the role of Development Manager, and the subsequent employment of Mr Mark Waddington to fulfil the position, has already proved to be of enormous benefit to the Association through the completion of ongoing tasks and the development of some new and exciting ideas.

You will have noticed that *Green, White and Blue* is now incorporated in the College magazine, which will be published four times a year. We will retain our editorial independence and continue in our aim of supplying information particular to you Old Boys. In addition, we believe that the more general information in the remainder of this magazine will also be of interest to you.

The Association was deeply saddened by the sudden death of Brother Justin Linus Kelty. Joining many of Brother's former students, Old Collegian committee members represented the Association at his funeral. Br Kelty will not only be remembered for his huge contribution to Catholic education and his leadership of the Christian Brothers, but as a highly respected and admired staff member and Principal of the College over a long period of time.

The SPCOCA, in conjunction with the College, are looking to set up a series of regional dinners in areas where there are considerable concentrations of Old Boys. We believe this will give an opportunity for you to meet, reminisce and catch up with what is happening at the College. We look forward to seeing you at one of these functions - see the OCA Calendar of Events for further details.

Weddings in the SPC Chapel

Kennedy-McCarty (Current SPC staff) - Gabe and Sharyn on 16 March 2002.

Cosgriff-West - Ben (SPC 94-99) and Rebecca on 6 July 2002.

SPC Births

Nolen- to Leon (SPC 85-87, current staff) and Jo, a daughter Isabella Jane.

Whitehead - to Dr Tim (SPC 82-87) and Gabby, a daughter Isabella.

SPC Weddings, Engagements & Births

We need your news for future editions!! Don't be shy!

SPC Deaths

Brother Justin Linus Kelty (SPC Headmaster 1962-66, SPC Teacher 1947-55) died April 3, 2002 .

Frank Frawley (SPC 1944) died January 30, 2002.

Bill Gallagher (SPC 39-41) died at Mt Martha February 19, 2002.

Lars Drendel (SPC 80-85) died in a motorcycle accident March 22, 2002.

Father Richard Lamaro (SPC 48-49) died in Italy June 3, 2002.

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Newman College coached by Nick Vogels (SPC 96-97) won the Melbourne University Intercollegiate Football Premiership.

Luke Grimmond (SPC 91-96) is currently serving on the HMAS Adelaide which has been patrolling in the Arabian Gulf. Luke was featured in an article in The Courier in January.

Dr Andrew Clark (SPC 84-89) has presented his work at the prestigious Second Symposium in Vito Analytica Scientia in Bordeaux, France.

Brendan Allan (SPC 89-94) has been accepted in the demanding Officer Training Course at an Appointment Ceremony conducted recently at Victoria Barracks.

Paull Jeffrey (SPC 85-90) won the prestigious E.J. Cleary Medal for the best cricketer in the Ballarat Cricket Association for season 2001/2002. Paull scored 560 runs @80 and effected 21 dismissals as wicket keeper. He polled 19 votes to win by seven votes.

Nicholas McMahon (SPC 93-98) attended the National Theatre Music School and has been accepted into the renowned WA Academy of Arts.

Luke Jarvis (SPC 93-98) and Luke Madden (SPC 93-98) competed in the Australia Post Stawell Gift.

Danny Maher (SPC 94-99) has won the 2002 VFF Grains Apprentice of the Year award and will contest the VFF Farm Apprentice of the Year Award in July.

Steven Trotter (SPC 96-01) has been awarded an International Peace Fund Scholarship to represent Australia at the Asian-Pacific regional conference of the Children's International Summer Villages.

Gerard FitzGerald (SPC 1973) and current North Ballarat Football Club coach has been pre-selected for the State seat of Ballarat East. Gerard also coached the Victorian VFL team to victory against the SANFL in June.

David Bourke (SPC 81-84) this year stepped down as a VRC Committee member. He has been Secretary of the Pakenham Race Club, a driving force on the Victorian Country Racing Advisory Committee and VRC Chairman.

Ben Cahill (SPC 97-01) will represent Australia at the Under 18 World Eight Ball Championships in England.

Brian Hogan (SPC 44-49) recorded a hole in one at the 10th hole at the Eastern Golf Club on the 23rd March with a sweetly struck seven wood on the 147-metre par three.

Bob Dixon (SPC 58-68) is currently working with Father Michael Mason (SPC 51-58) in Social Research for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

OCA Membership - New members and renewals

To join the OCA or renew your membership please complete the membership form included with *The Shamrock* and return with payment as soon as convenient. Remember you will need to be an OCA member to receive future editions of *The Shamrock*, incorporating *Green, White and Blue*.

New Members/Renewals

Dan Arundell (SPC 45-48)
Peter M Barbeta (SPC 44-46)
Chris J Barry (SPC 96-01)
Fr Laurie Bissett MSC (SPC 50-52)
Denis M Bourke (SPC 49-53)
John M Bourke (SPC 45-49)
Hugh T Burchell (SPC 1940)
Glen M Butler (SPC 56-64)
Brian J Carroll (SPC 44-45)
Kevin F Casey (SPC 1951)
Geoff Clynes (SPC 56-57)
John L Connell (SPC 34-39)
Frank S Conroy (SPC 46-48)
Bryan A Conway (SPC 43-47)
Edward D Cotching (SPC 47-49)
Ernie M Cribbes (SPC 66-69)
Anthony J Crowe (SPC 87-90)
Fr John B Crowe (SPC 1937)
Robert E Dixon (SPC 58-68)
Don N Durant (SPC 43-47)
Brian J Feery (SPC 43-44)
Noel J Flanagan (SPC 32-36)
Chris D Foley (SPC 66-73)
James Foley (SPC 95-01)
William E Foley (SPC 50-52)
Frank Frawley (SPC 71-76)
Ambrose Galvin (SPC 1936)
Laurie B George (SPC 31-35)
Damian P Godfrey (SPC 76-81)
Jason P Harney (SPC 86-91)
Michael J Healy (SPC 32-33)
Bernhard A Heemann (SPC 96-01)
Brian J Hogan (SPC 44-49)
John Houghton (SPC 66-68)
Anthony P Joyce (SPC 54-60)
Mark B Kenna (SPC 96-01)
Ted Long (SPC 35-38)
Martin P Malone (SPC 63-64)
Anthony J McIlwaine (SPC 90-95)
James E McMahon (SPC 37-40)
Les Mogg (SPC 42-48)
Bradley J Molloy (SPC 96-01)
Fr Frank Monaghan (SPC 42-46)
Liam J Murphy (SPC 96-01)
Des W Nolan (SPC 36-39)
Maurice O'Donoghue (SPC 53-55)
Kevin P O'Hagan (SPC 41-44)
Salvatore Pinzone (SPC 54-55)
Michael M Scott (SPC 50-51)
Michael Tyquin (SPC 63-70)
William Watson-Ley (SPC 46-49)
James J Wise (SPC 33-40)
Benjamin P Zala (SPC 96-01)

We would love your input into the next edition of *The Shamrock*. Please mail, fax or email details to Mark Waddington prior to 30 August 2002.

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