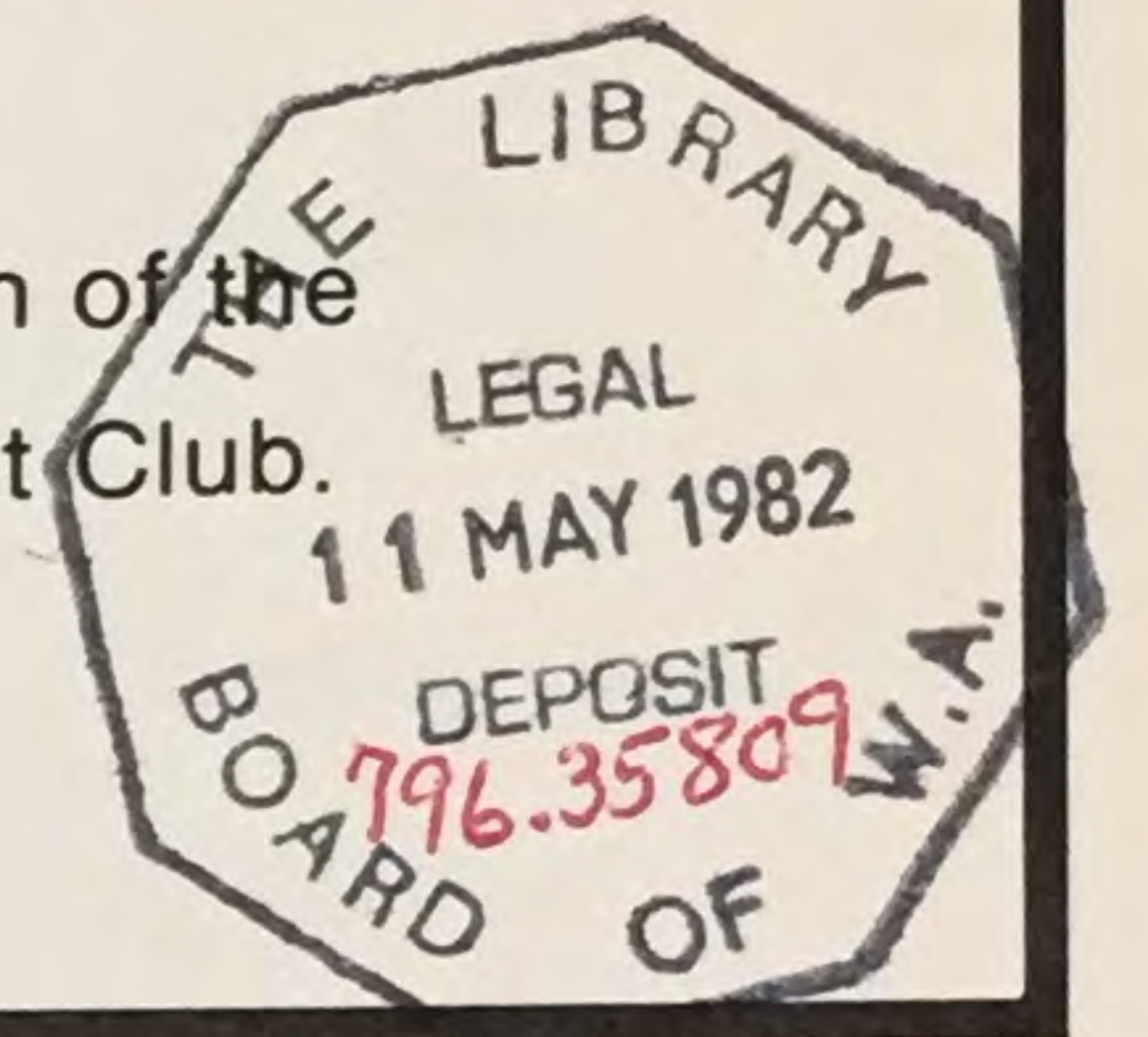


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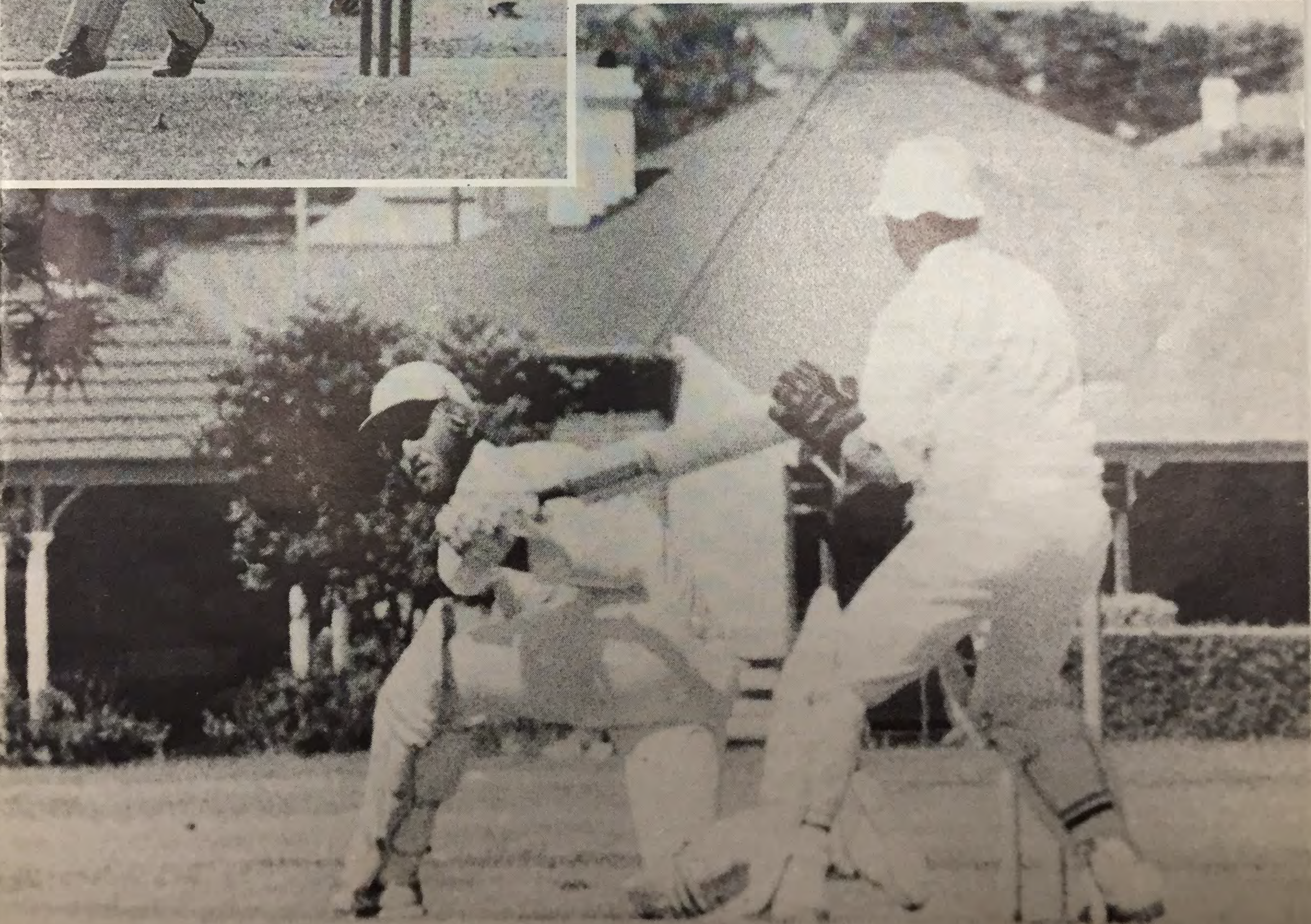
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John Spearing "hits out" first ton for the season.



Garry Tuckwell — a stunning 103 no in 105 minutes.





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*The executive wish to advise that Mr Mark Donovan of Joseph Charles Learmonth Duffy has consented to become our patron and no doubt will be seen drinking the odd ale or two down at Strickland this season.*

## President's Report

There is no doubt that the forthcoming season will see Applecross Cricket Club come of age as a vigorous professional club which will be among top achievers of the competition. We have all the ingredients for success. Two of our three sides (4th and 7th) have been promoted and they should do well in their higher grades. We should have more talented and experienced sixth grade this year and I am confident that they will be in the final four at the end of this season.

In terms of equipment, we have purchased a new kit bag, gloves, helmets, a large stock of balls, new pad and new wicket keeping gloves and we have repaired all the bats.

As well, we have arranged for caps to be available with a new A.C.C. logo. Club jumpers in Applecross colours are available and we have ordered logos to go on shirts and jumpers. We expect them to be available shortly.

We now have the use of three practice wickets at Shirley Strickland Oval and the Council has provided the finance for a further practice wicket to be built in the hollow to the south-west of the Clubrooms. Hopefully, next year they will provide two more practice wickets.

The advantage of having a practice wicket in the hollow is that batsmen waiting to go in will be able to see the game whilst practising, and be ready to go in. This was not possible where our other three nets are situated.

We have also secured the services of some excellent new and old players this year. It is great to see our ranks reinforced by talented players such as Eric Taylor and Darryl Preedy.

This season has also seen us finally obtain a home. We have been admitted on a trial basis to the Applecross Sportsmans Association and we have taken formal control of the bar and clubrooms. The A.S.A. is monitoring our bar takings and we are hopeful for a fair percentage of the total profits at the end of the financial year. Separate changerooms and showers will be available for our team and visitors. Shirley Strickland will be in use for every fixture.

Many of the sixth side games will be on Heathcote Oval although some will be at Mandala Reserve and Shirley Strickland Oval. Mandala Reserve will be the main ground for 7th grade, but they will also be playing on Shirley Strickland and Heathcote Ovals.

We are one of the very few clubs in the W.A.S.T.C.A. who have a ground per side. Heathcote Oval is available on the basis of making available to Heathcote second side one of our kits on Sundays. A number of A.C.C. players will also play for Heathcote.

Socially we have a full calendar for this year. Club members are urged to keep themselves informed of our functions and to come along to support the club.

Financially we appear to be presently in a better position than we have ever been before. An early raffle helped us to start the year off well and we were fortunate that last year's committee was able to make a profit.

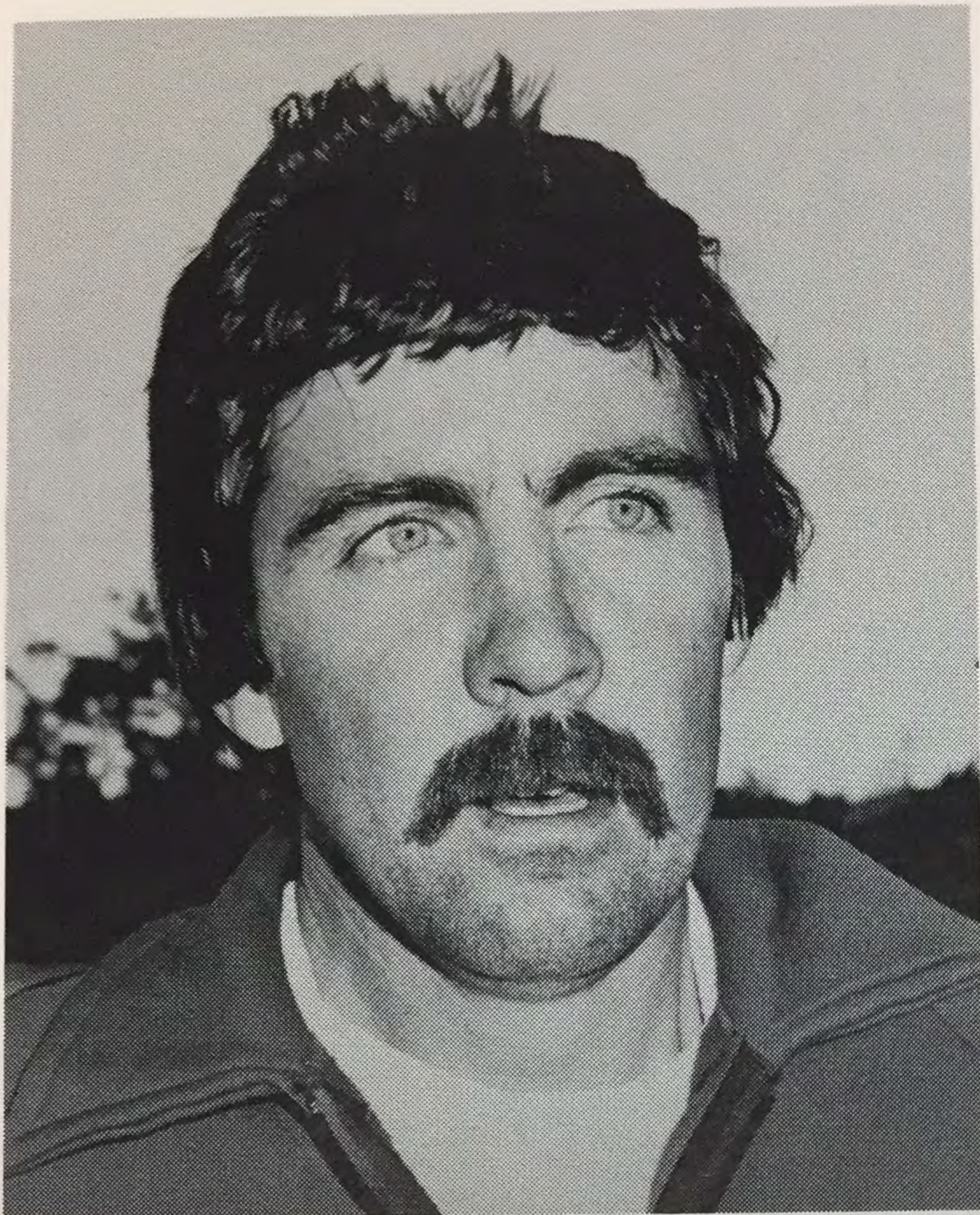
Since then, we have received numerous inputs, including \$581 from the Quiz Night. A special thanks to Mike Johnson for acting as Quizmaster. Committee members all agreed to pay their subs by the end of August to ensure we were financially sound to meet equipment costs at the beginning of this year. Much to the surprise of Meulemans Sports Stores, we were able to pay our first bills as soon as it was received. We have also secured a Patron. Mark Donovan has agreed to be a patron for the club and had donated \$200 to the club for this season. We are still anxious to obtain further patrons and sponsorship. We are also grateful to Paul DiGiorgio of Pizza Napoli, Applecross, for his donation of a pizza per match for a man of the match award.

There is a refreshing sense of enthusiasm and purpose in the Club this season and I hope to see the results of our determination to win not only at the end of the season, but after the one-day game on October 10. Lets notch up our first 3 victories on Saturday, 10th October.

A special thanks to all Committee members, especially Val Steenholdt for their strong support.

**Ross Harrison, President.**





*Stewart Rankin, Coach.*

## **Coaches Report**

With another season about to begin, the Club can justifiably look forward with confidence. With two of our sides being promoted this year, we have a real challenge on our hands especially the top side. I believe our 'A' side should perform very well, provided we realise that it will not be as easy as last year. We certainly came down to earth very suddenly in the finals last season, hopefully we will all learn from that experience.

With the exciting players we have such as Gary Tuckall, Allan Seubert and John Speering and a couple of 'Recruits' in Darryl Preedy and Eric Taylor we can go that one step further this year.

In closing, it is disappointing to see the lack of numbers at training. Hopefully, things will improve once the season commences. We now have first class facilities, so it's hard to understand.

Good luck to Vall Steeholdt and Chas Eadon-Clarke being named captains of the respective lower grades.

To the players, get behind your captains and let's put Applecross C.C. on the Map.

Good Luck

**Stu Ranken**

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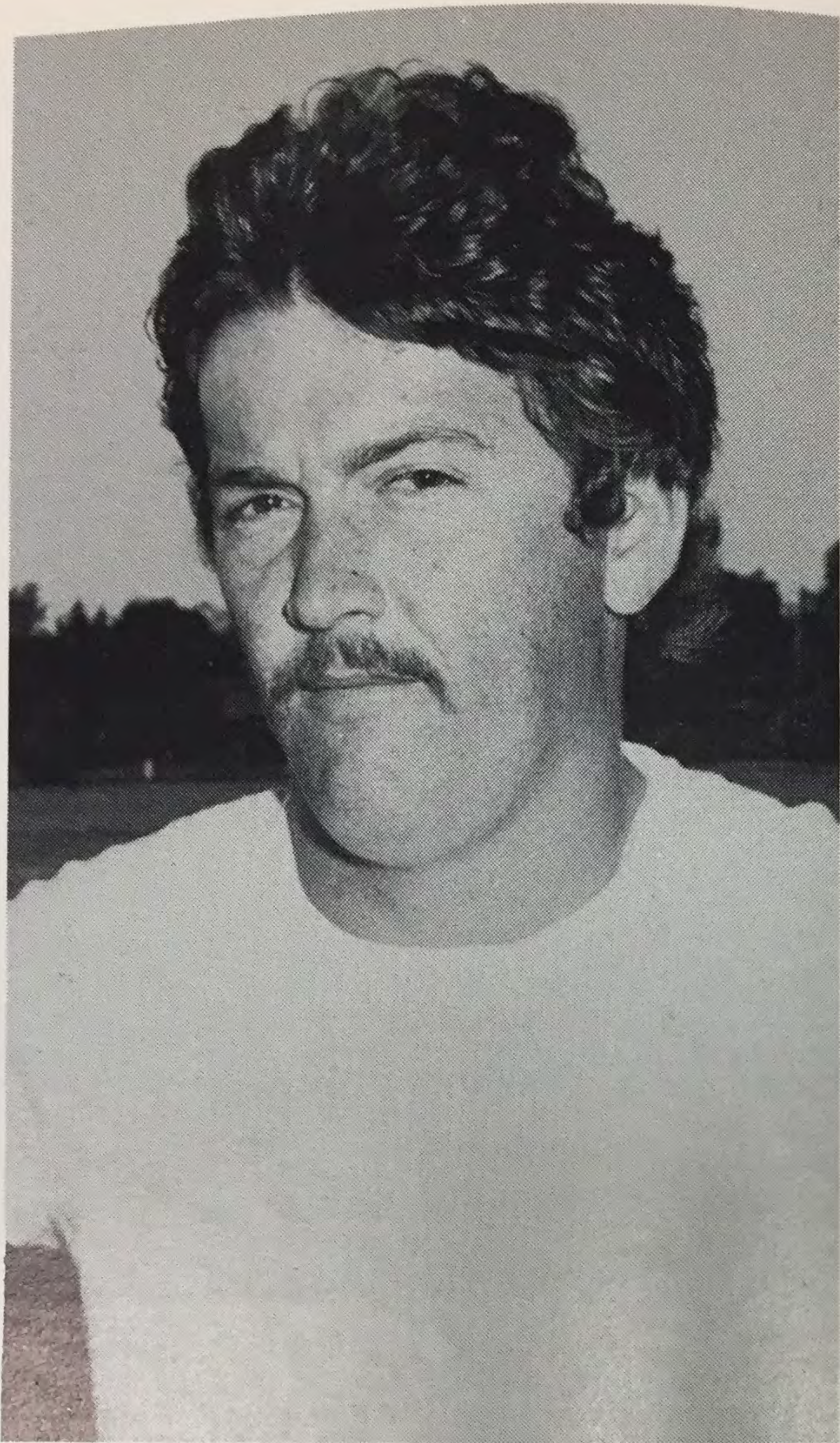
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Peter Hewitt

NAME: Peter Hewitt  
 L.H.: Leg Spinner & R.H. Batsmen.  
 AGE: 31  
 MARITAL STATUS: Married to Cherie,  
 2 boys, 2 girls.  
 NICKNAME: Nuey  
 FAV. PAST TIME: Cricket & Gardening  
 FAV. DRINK: Beer  
 LIKES: Honest Loyal Friends  
 DISLIKES: Destructive criticism of anything  
 BIGGEST CRICKET DISAPPOINTMENT: Any  
 Team Loss  
 BIGGEST CRICKET HIGH: 3 for 1 v's Mosman Park  
 78/79 and batting with Rob Adair in same match  
 when he hit Maiden Century for the Club (Umpire  
 Warren Carter).  
 BEST PERFORMANCES: 3 for 1 and compiling a  
 defiant 39 not out v's Murdoch Uni. 1980/81.

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### **Incentives**

Incentives — Top Grade  
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 — 100 runs or 7 wickets in an innings — \$20.  
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 wickets.  
 — 40 wickets — \$200 and \$5 a wicket  
 thereafter.  
 Catches — 15 catches — \$15 and \$2 a catch thereafter

Second and Third Sides  
 100 points — \$10  
 1 point a run  
 10 points per wicket  
 10 points per catch  
 100 points in any one game — \$10

Man of the match awards — \$10 top side, \$5 2 & 3  
 Sides. Encouragement awards 2 x 24oz glasses of  
 beer etc. both payable only if back at Club Rooms  
 after games.

### **Social Calendar 1981/82 Season**

**Oct. 10th** Committee's Welcome Night. Late license  
 till 1 a.m. Music by D.J.  
**Oct. 24th** Wine Tasting Night, Beer on Sale. \$3 per  
 head. Ladies Afternoon Tea Re Faber Wear Display.  
**Oct. 29th** Players game night after training.  
**Nov. 7th** Players Trip Night.  
**Nov. 21** Games Night "Club Bookie" Music by D.J.  
 Late license to 12 midnight.  
**Dec. 19th** Xmas Show, Music by D.J.  
**Dec. 31st** New Years Eve Party "Fancy Dress"  
 Late license 1.30 a.m.  
**Jan. 23rd** Old 55 Night.  
**Jan. 30th** Players trip to Busselton. Ladies Chicken  
 and Champagne Tea, Faber wear display.  
**Feb. 9th** Players Trip Night  
**Feb. 20th** Gambling Night  
**March 6th** Beer Festival — Bar Open  
**March 14th** Semi-Final B.B.Q.  
**March 21st** Grand Final B.B.Q.  
**March 27th** Club Wind-up  
 Shirley Strickland B.B.Q.'s and Bar will be open on  
 Saturday's, meat on sale at Club.





*Rolf Mulder*

R.H. Batsman

NAME: Rolf Mulder

AGE: 23

CLUB NICKNAME: Hollywood

FAVOURITE DRINK: Beer, Bundaberg & Coke

LIKES: Women, Pink Floyd

DISLIKES: Fast Rising Balls

CRICKET HIGH: Batting through both Innings without being dismissed against Leeuwin last season.

CRICKET LOW: Continually being dismissed L.B.W.

CRICKET AMBITION: Not to get injured this season.

NAME: Charles Eadon-Clarke

R.H. Batsman

Foundation Member of Applecross Cricket Club

AGE: 26

MARITAL STATUS: Single

CLUB NICKNAME: "Flagon"

LIKES: Sport, Beer & Rum plus Chasing Women (Avg. Age Group)

DISLIKES: Running around Shirley Strickland Reserve.

CRICKET HIGH: Scoring a 138 in 90 min. v's Doubleview 79/80 Season.

CRICKET LOW: Losing 7th Grade Semi-final to Hammersley in 79/80.

CRICKET AMBITION: To win the Premiership this Season.

NAME: Fred Grasso

R.H. Batsman & R.A. Medium

Pace Bowler

AGE: 24

MARITAL STATUS: Married

CLUB NICKNAME: Rocky

LIKES: Beer, Rock Music & Winning.

DISLIKES: Training & Losing

CRICKET HIGH: Scoring 58 and taking 6/18 (both last season) and serving as Sec./Treasurer from 74/75 to 80/81.

CRICKET LOW: Being dismissed for a Duck, 2nd ball in Semi-final against Doubleview 80/81.

CRICKET AMBITION: To score a 'Ton' for Applecross

## **Sub-Committee Functions & Members**

### **Social Sub-Committee**

Members — Val Steenholdt, Chas Eadon-Clarke (plus as many non-committee members as deemed appropriate).

Functions:—

To present a social and fund-raising calender to the committee.

To maintain the responsibility for bar duties, use of S.S. Oval Clubrooms.

To organise social and fund-raising events for the Club.

To seek sponsorship for the Club

Other duties as directed by the committee.

### **Council & Grounds Sub-Committee**

J. Gregan & D. Wells

Members — Ross Harrison, Mike Johnson (plus non-committee members)

Functions:—

To liaise with Melville City Council and other relevant bodies on matters pertaining to hire and maintenance of grounds

To liaise with Applecross Sportsmens Association on matters relating to the Association

Other duties as directed by the executive committee.

### **Property and Purchasing Sub-Committee**

Members — M. Saporita, M. Johnson & V. Steenholdt

Functions:—

To be responsible for the purchase and maintenance of club equipment.

To keep a record of club equipment and to store it during the off-season.

### **W.A.S.T.C.A. Delegates — Bob Preedy**

Deputies — G. Prince, M. Johnson

To attend monthly W.A.S.T.C.A. Association meetings and report to the committee on those meetings.

M. Saporita to be responsible for material for magazine.

G. Prince to be responsible for clearances and registrations.



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As Club Caps (all Red) and Jumpers are readily available this season it would be nice to have players wearing our colours and not those of other Clubs they may have played for previously.

It is an association ruling that you must wear only your Club colours in a game, so lets look professional and wear only Red and Black.

The committee wishes to welcome to the Club the following new players and hope they enjoy success in the forthcoming season.

Daryl Preedy  
John Hancock  
Allan Charlton  
Mike Blakiston

**Special Note:**

George Prince has been appointed Official Club Comedian (following his Quiz Night success) on the proviso that he doesn't tell any jokes.

We now have the services of Mr P. Glanville as the Hon. Club Solicitor.

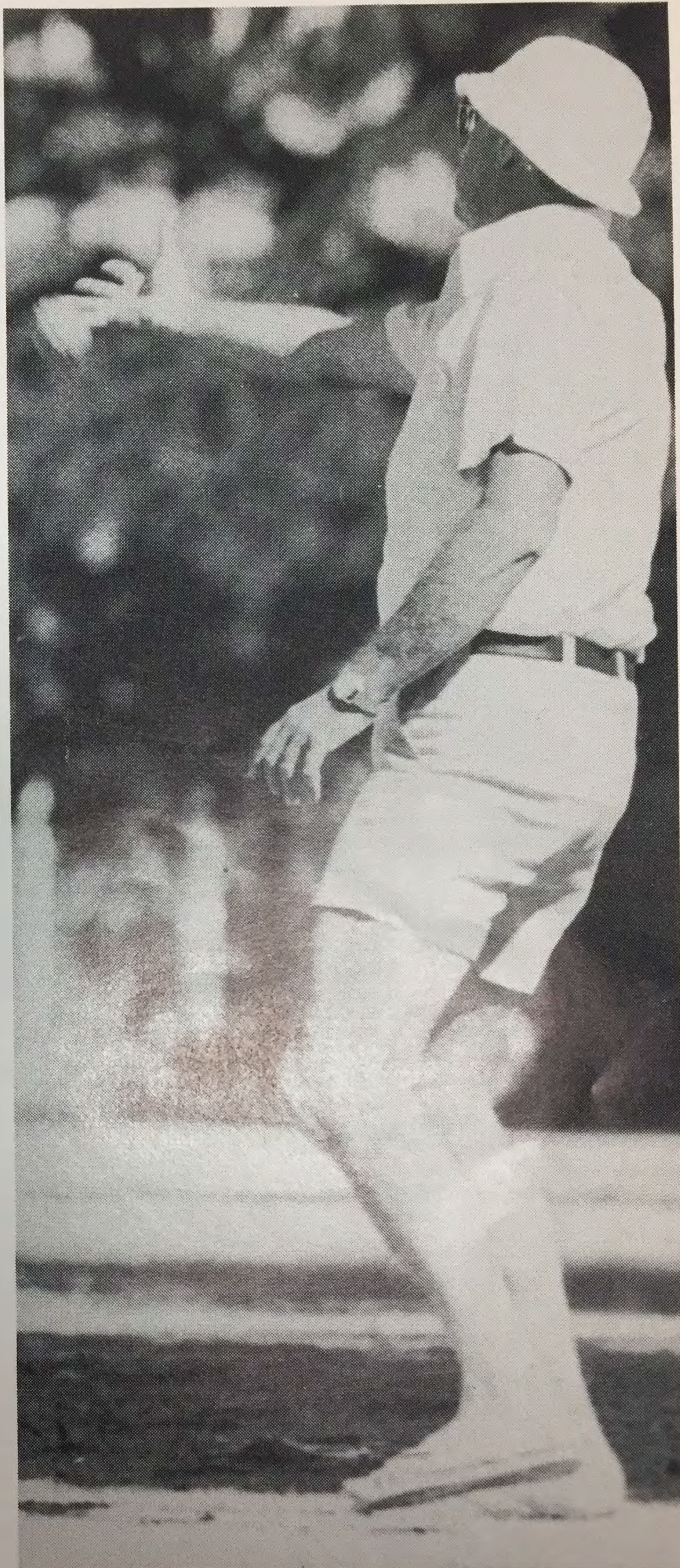
Steve Melville has accepted the position of Club Auditor. Steve's Studying Accountancy at W.A.I.T. so he should be not stranger to the job.

**Coming Attractions:**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chas Eadon-Clarke's in depth probe into the clubs finances.

SOCIAL REPORT: A personal insight into the social life of the club by one of the clubs most respected writers.

PLUS: Many more special guest writers, match reports and much more in the next bumper issue.



This years groundsmen at Shirley Strickland Oval Dave Wells (left) and Jack Gregan.



## The Greatest Test Match

The Australian team that toured England in 1882 played only one test. It was played at the Oval, and completed in only two days, 28 and 29 August. It was the ninth test match between the two counties — the most famous test match of all.

Australia were first bowled out for 63 in 2¼ hours by the left-handers Barlow and Peate on a pitch which had absorbed two days' rain. In England's reply, Spofforth bowled Grace for four, and six wickets fell before a lead was obtained. Spofforth, "The Demon", took 7 for 46, and bowled with fire and guile. England totalled 101, a lead of 38.

On the second day, with the ground wet after further downpours, Massie and Bannerman began the task of putting Australia back into the match. Bannerman was all vigilance, while Massie played one of the great innings of test cricket. He hurled his bat at every ball the slightest loose, and his hits crashed ponderously to the boundary.

With Australia leading by 28, Massie was blowed by a break-back from Steele. The crowd, much relieved, roared with admiration for Massie. His innings was worth 55, made out of 66 in less than an hour. Bannerman made 13 and Murdoch 29, but no-one else reached double figures, and Australia's total of 122 left England a mere 85 to win. Peate took 4 for 40 finishing the match with 8 wickets.

During Australia's innings, the youngster Sammy Jones was run out by W.G. Grace, while he was attending to a divot in the pitch. This immoral action did nothing to reduce the grim if seemingly farfetched determination of the Australians.

At 3.45 p.m. Grace and Hornby walked out to begin the most tense and dramatic innings in Anglo-Australian cricket history. They began confidently, and the crowd relaxed. However, with the score at 15, Spofforth uprooted Hornby's off stump, and with his next ball clean bowled Barlow. George Ulyett came to the wicket, and the runs began to flow. The fifty came up, and the crowd of 20,000 were convinced the match was all over. With the score at 51, Spofforth and Ulyett caught being by Blackham. Lucas joined Grace, and 2 runs later WG was caught at mid-off off Boyle. Australia was in with a chance.

Lyttelton, the wicket-keeper, joined Lucas, and, in almost total silence, the match fell into an eerie stalemate. The crowd groaned as the batsman played out over after over. After 12 successive maidens, a deliberate misfield got Lyttelton opposite Spofforth, and he was bowled by Australia's master fast bowler. Five for 66.

Lucas hit a four, then A.G. Steel was caught and bowled Spofforth for a duck. 70 for 6. "Incredible" say 20,000 people in dismal unison. Barnes hit a two, 13 to win. Blackham amazingly allowed byes, and the crowd roared as Lucas and Barnes ran 3. The next ball by Spofforth was smothered by Lucas, but the ball rolled onto the wicket and disturbed a bail. England 75 for 8. Barnes was caught off his glove off Boyle's bowling. 75 for 9.

Last man Peate jointed C.T. Studd, and accomplished batsman who had been kept back to number 10. Peate swung wildly at Boyle and scored 2. He tried again next ball, and was bowled. England, all out 77, Australia won by 7 runs.

Spofforth was chaired off the ground. Only Bob Massie in 1972 had surpassed his figures for 14 for 90 for Australia in a test against England. "The Demon" was chiefly responsible for the upset win, but credit must also go to the great innings from H.H. Massie. He made possible by his strength and audacity a victory that was to be celebrated in prose and verse for decades to come.

Following England's defeat, the "Sporting Times" published a mock obituary of English cricket. It concluded "The body will be cremated and the ashes taken to Australia". This notice was to have unforeseen widespread effect. Following the third test of the next series (Sydney 1883 — England won by 69 runs), some Melbourne ladies burnt a bail, sealed it in an urn, and presented it to the England captain, the Hon. Ivo Bligh. Lord Darnley (as he became) who died in 1927, bequeathed the ashes to Lord's, where they now remain as an eternal symbol of England v Australia competition.

Through the extraordinary contest at the Oval in 1882, The Ashes were born.

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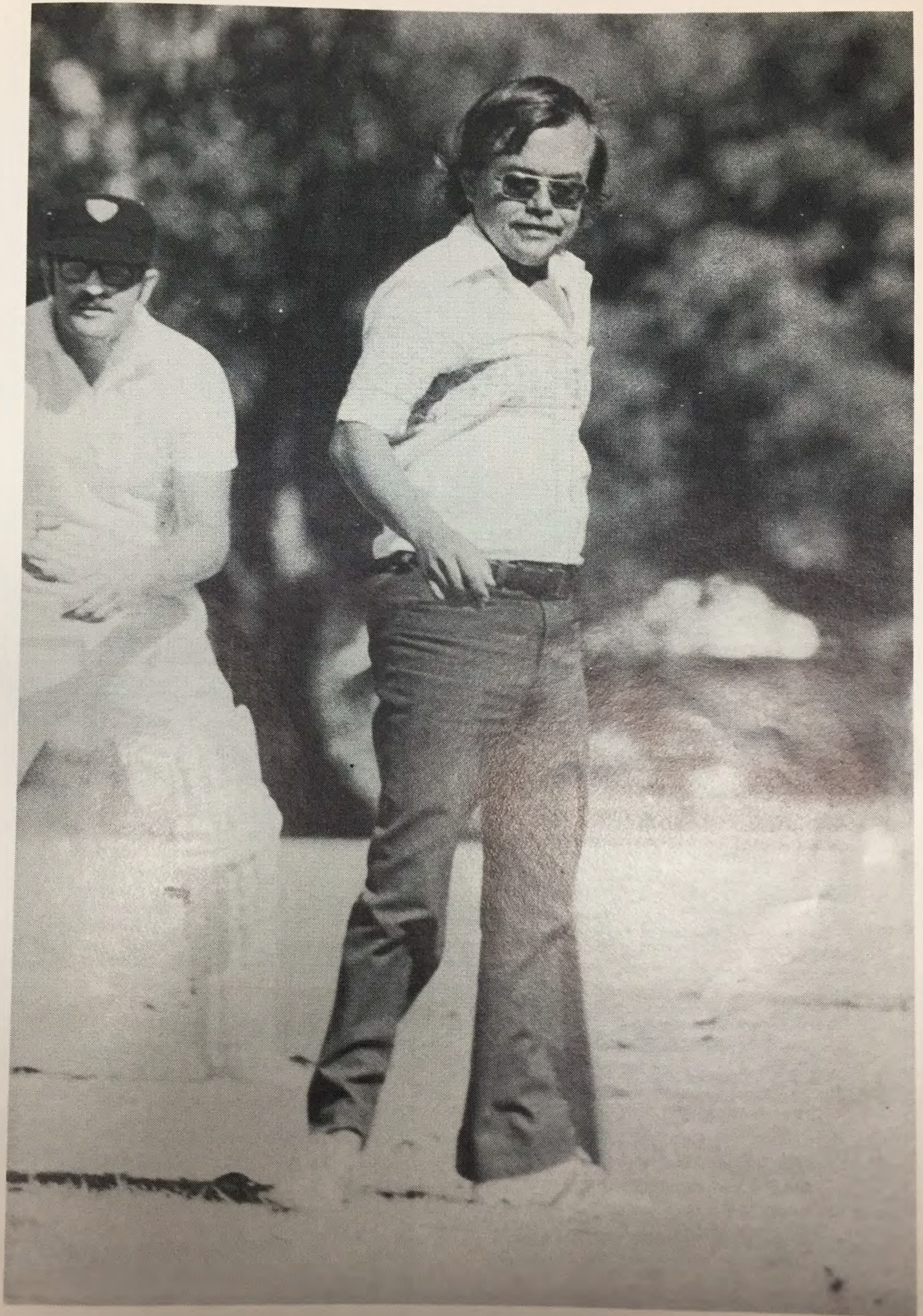
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*D. Wells*





... and his cousin's friend lives next door to a chap whose sister almost got engaged to Greg Chappel's uncle ... "

Mike Watkins

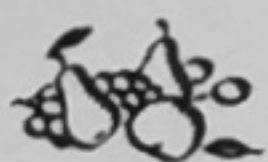
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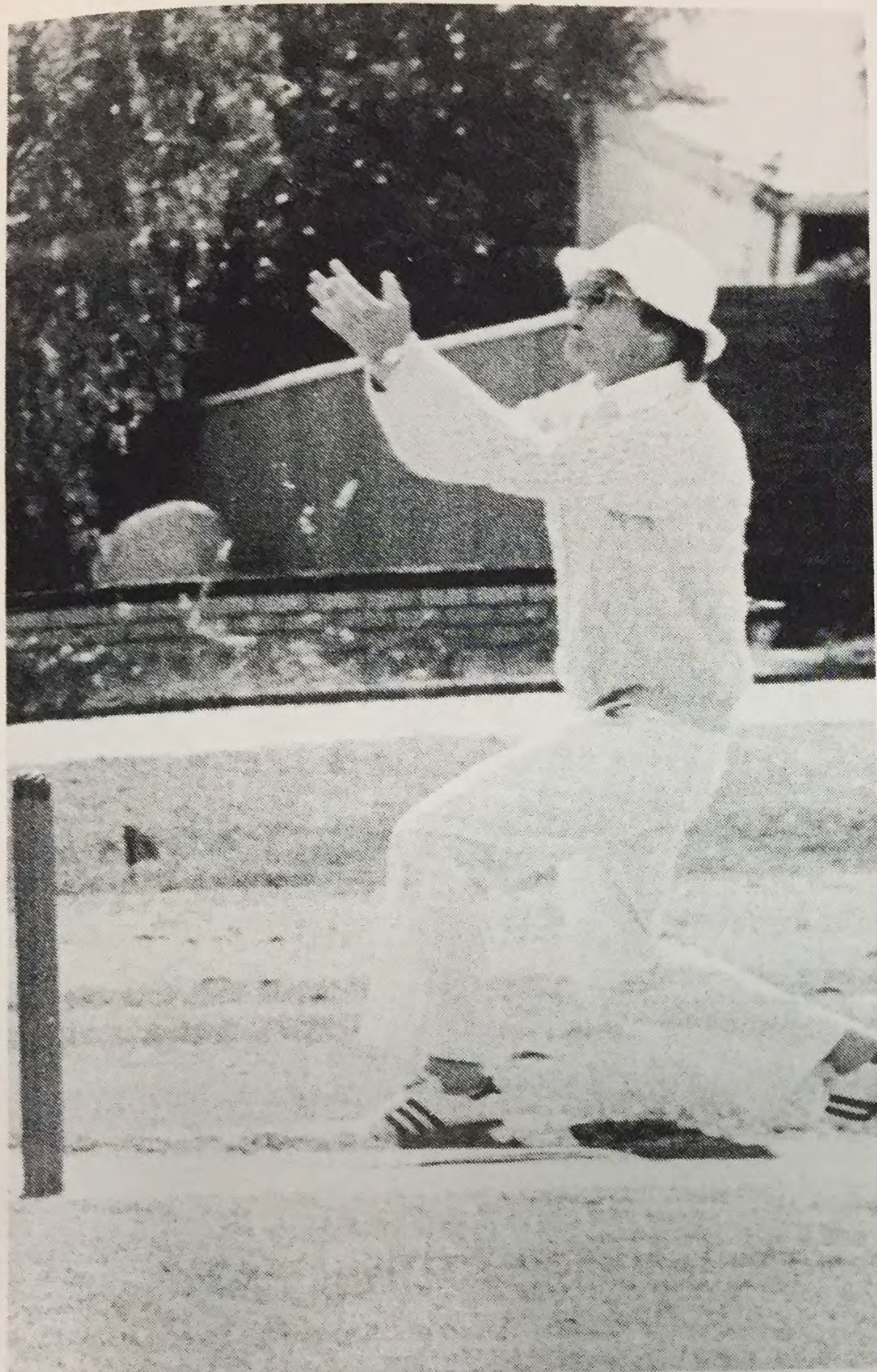
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*Any player who has an old Scorebook somewhere at home could they please hand them over to Chas Eadon-Clarke. Chas in his official capacity as Club Historian is compiling a complete history of Applecross and in order for him to have this task completed before the end of the season he needs those old books, so please help.*

*Bob Preedy is our Club Staticisation to be ably assisted no doubt by Rolf Mulder.*

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