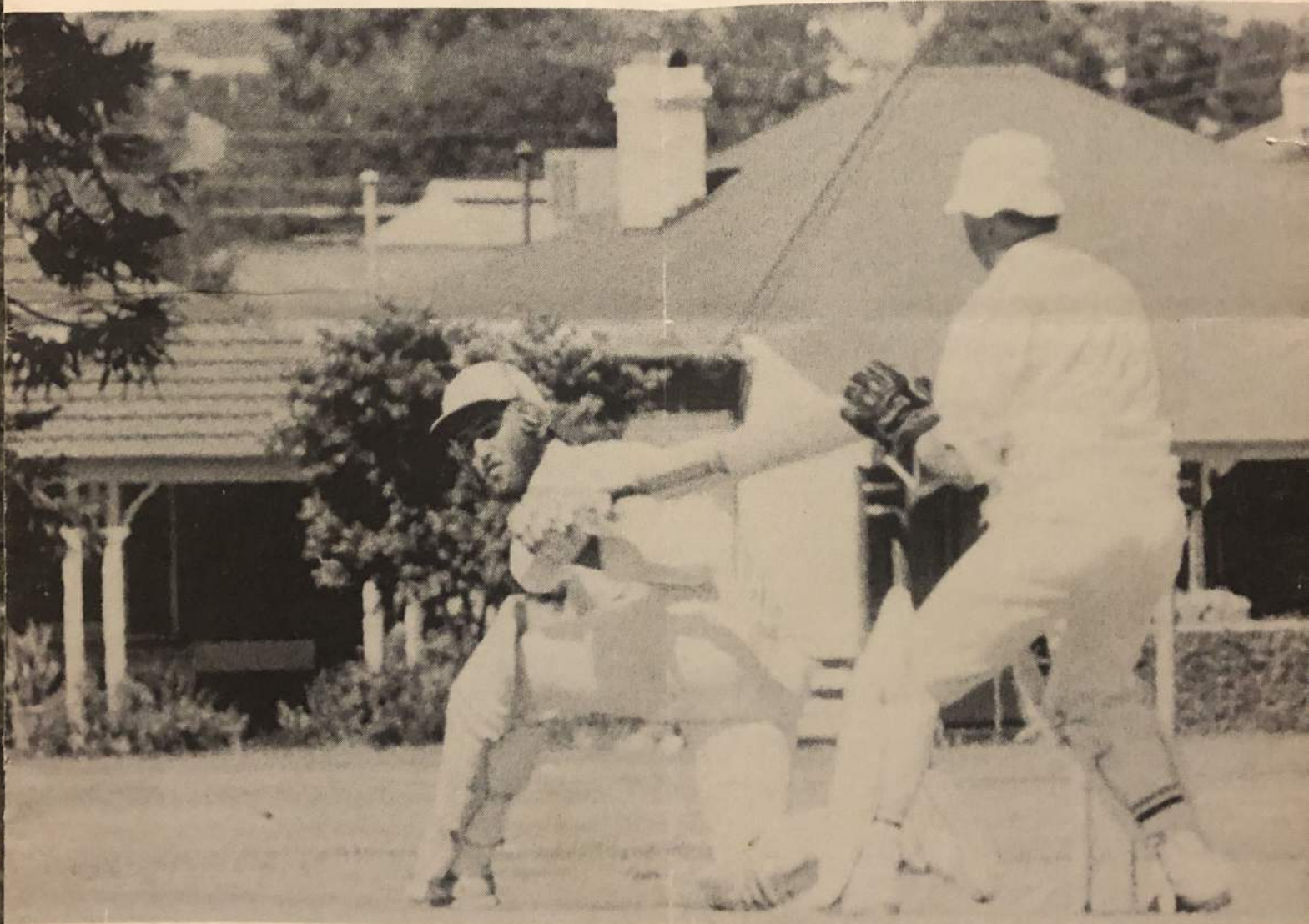


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Garry Tuckwell — a stunning 103 n.o. in 105 minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The nearing of the end to any cricket season always requires one last effort. Firstly to achieve the personally satisfying result to a hard summer. Secondly, as a team, to finish the season a little better than it started or perhaps with a view to winning out in the finals. Thirdly the Club has to strive to finish the season with a balanced budget and the promise of an even better "next season".

The personal effort has been and always will be a challenge only the individual can take up and therefore it's up to you how your season is going to finish.

The team effort is often hard because of the success or failure of the season. It has always been easy to "put in" when you're in a winning team, but often you are called on to be part of a team that has had little success and has little to look forward to in the remaining weeks. To "put in" in that situation and to "hang in" without complaining and making excuses in the measure of a man's maturity — his club spirit — and marks him as a man the club, the other players, and most importantly he himself, can respect.

A winning side needs to beware of becoming complacent. When **THE** game is won and the season has been successful then and only then can the hero relax. Always be aware that somewhere there is a team that will be trying to knock you off your pedestal.

Winning teams are often only as good as the back up and support of the other teams and the individuals in those teams — remember, club spirit includes understanding the players that won't make it into a final.

The club effort is the hardest for the individual to remember and comprehend. It is also the hardest to describe because its basis and end requirement is money.

The effort can be assisted by the prompt payment of club fees of any kind. The track can be easier if the members support the fund raising ventures now and after the close of the season. Within the club effort is the effort of the members of the committee and other co-opted persons. You can ignore the efforts of individuals in the club but you can't ignore your individual obligation to YOUR Club.

For your final effort get behind your team-mates and your club, encourage other players and workers and avoid making unwanted waves.

Peter Hewitt
President

"UNDERARM"

Now that the furore over the Chappell "underarm" bowling incident has died down, it's an appropriate time to reflect on the long-term effects, if any, of the incident on international cricket.

To regular cricket fans, the most fascinating aspect of the whole event was not the incident, itself, but the almost lunatic response to it.

Individuals who had never before expressed interest in cricket, and certainly lacked any knowledge of the game were furiously lending advice to the Australian Cricket Board.

Greg Chappell was likened to a latter day Quisling, Benedict Arnold and Svengali. In some cases, these accusations were made by sporting commentators who had far from unblemished records in on-field behaviour. Some of brother Ian's on-field comments to umpires and opponents would make a shearing-shed team blush. Mike Brearley that arch-supporter of fair play and good morals, once fielded ten men on the boundary. Nobody, not even Tony Greig, called for his dismissal. He made a decision within the rules of the game, designed to ensure that his team won. Many people putting the boots in should reflect on the number of "unsportsmanlike" acts they have contributed in their own cricket careers.

For example:

1. Lifting the seam on the ball with your thumb nail to get more cut off the pitch,
2. Kicking the ball into the fence when batsmen run for a fifth run.
3. Wicketkeepers knocking the bails off with their gloves and appealing for a "bowled" decision.
4. Moving the sight screen three times in an over to play out a draw.
5. Batsman holding long conferences on politics and religion in the middle of the pitch between overs.
6. Appealing against the light (when the sun is in your eyes?)

No-one denies these things happen in International Cricket. Even Rickie Benaud, who described the incident as "gutless" got Solomon out against the West Indies in a very close series by appealing when Solomons cap dislodged a bail. A legitimate wicket, yes, but a moral one?

These critics sniping from glass houses should remember that Greg Chappell never sledges, never unnecessarily appeals when bowling and rarely shows disapproval of umpires decisions. Do any of these ex-players have that sort of track record.

Some of the critics should at least get their facts straight.

Tony Greig and others who called for Chappell's removal as captain should realise that there are no conditions for dismissal of a captain in the A.C.B. Constitution. Chappell might have had legal grounds for "wrongful dismissal".

Tony Greig will incidentally be remembered for buying English cricket players for World Series Cricket whilst he was the English team captain.

Others who have suggested that the game be replayed or awarded to New Zealand should remember that there had been no breach of the laws of the game. In the event of New Zealand winning a replay, the Australian players may well have sued the A.C.B.

The record should be set straight. Greg Chappell made a serious mistake on the spur of the moment. His action was legal, but in extremely poor taste. He subsequently expressed regret and the rule was changed. What more could be done?

One wonders why it was necessary for the Prime Minister of New Zealand and Australia to comment. Surely they have better things to do. If the same degree of interest was shown in funding junior sport in Australia and New Zealand, we would all be better off.

Perhaps the Tony Greigs, Henry Blofelds, Bobby Simpsons, Richie Benauds, and other superstars will by now have fallen off the wave of hysteria they have been riding and begin to see the incident in perspective again.

Perhaps, by now the justified anger of the Kiwis will have subsided and Australians touring and living in New Zealand will not be refused service or overcharged. After all, Greg Chappell's action was condoned neither by the ACB or the Australian public.

Ross Harrison



Kevin "Ned" Kelly — "Must be able to take Higgys's place somehow."

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Tim Searson

Problems in the Second Side

Mike Saporita is under a lot of fire as captain of the second side. His recent string of ignominious defeats places it in danger of relegation after only one season in sixth grade. There is feeling within the unhappy side that Saporita should be replaced as captain by the former 8th grade captain, experienced Charles Eadon-Clarke. Others say that Bob Preedy, a newcomer to the club and current successful 8th grade captain, should be promoted to the position.

This is not the answer. A bad workman blames his tools but in Saporita's case he has had no tools to work with.

The side has no penetrating bowlers and lacks depth in the batting. Bearing in mind the amazing success of the 5th grade side which has tumbled every opposing side this summer, one wonders why. The answer is not bad captaining. It goes deeper than that.

The demise of the sixth grade saw a contrasting success story in the eighth grade. Down there disenchanting talent such as quick bowlers Basil Hanna and Burt Baetson registered their ill-feeling with the selectors by playing in grades below their ability. Other players such as that fabulous run-machine John Speering played down there after financial clashes with unsympathetic club officials. All the time the team selectors have remained strangely distant to the problem.

8th grade captain Bob Preedy has welcomed this build up of talent in the bottom side. However his joy has been Saporita's despair. 8th grade players have been coming up to 6th grade who did not really deserve promotion. A further drain of talent into the 5th grade after promotion or injuries left precious little of 6th grade standard in the second side.

The hard pressed Saporita now feels that the 6th grade side would be hard pressed to beat the bottom side.

Current club policy is to find players who are good,

anywhere around Perth, and, by offering generous incentives, enticing them to play for Applecross. Very few of the top side players live in or near Applecross.

Incentives are not paid to second or bottom sides. This is still a contentious issue within the club and must be a source of worry to President Peter Hewitt. Feeling is that without incentives we would not have our much wanted top side.

There has been little effort to advertise in Applecross for new players. Apart from incentives the club has grown by word of mouth. Friends ask friends to come down. A lot of current players have learned to play cricket through the club this way. Darryl Haley, the talented 5th grade wicket keeper is a prime example.

However Haley is an exceptional example. Most of the others have only reached 8th grade standard. This is another reason why the second side lacks really experienced players.

Since the club started I have seen a steady drain of talent. Fine players such as Ross Tozer, Eric Taylor, Geoff Johnson, Bob Mulcahy, Peter Clifford, Chris Cooper, Hannes Gebauer and other who no longer play with us are sadly missed. What would Saporita do for them now.

It is almost traditional to criticise the captain of our second side. Last year's successful captain Geoff Johnson took so much flak he gave the game away and now plays bridge. The captain earlier this year veteran Peter Hewitt also came under criticism even if a lot of it was self criticism.

The side however is getting better as the general standard of the club improves. At training, when you see Alan Seubert, the club's master fieldsman, teaching John Oliver the finer points of long distance catching, you see the future of the club.

6th grade won't take a premiership this year. But by mixing with the top players some of their skills will rub off. The very wide gap between 5th and 6th grade will narrow. So, if for no other reason, I hope the top side has a resounding win this year. It will give them the confidence they need at training to become teachers. The second side will improve and maybe then it will stop deposing its captains. In the meantime let's see the selectors do something about getting those good players back into the second side. Have a talk.

Tim Searson

MEDIUM FAST BOWLER

Name: Basil Hanna **Age:** 27

Marital status: Married and 2 girls

Club Nickname: Irish or Bazza

Favourite Drink: Tea

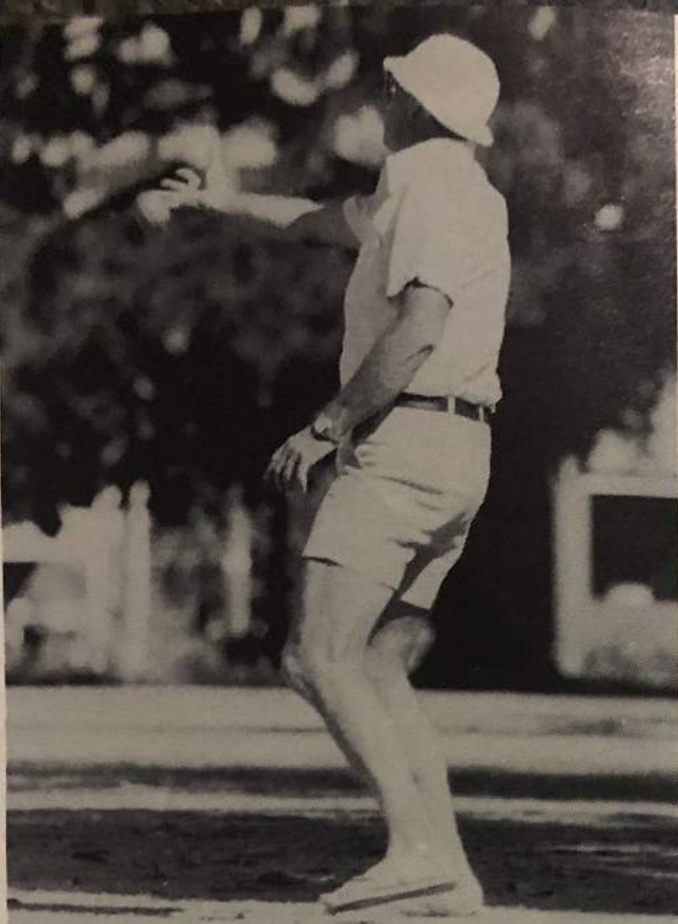
Likes: Big tits and small bums

Dislikes: Batsman, inconsistent umpires and losing

Previous Experience: Tuart Hill S.T. Sunday GECL Lancashire U/16

Biggest Cricket High: HNCC 78/79 premiership 39 wickets this season (aiming for 50)

Biggest Cricket Disappointment: HCC 79/80 premiership loss.



Jack Gregan — The mad man of Pingelly giving Trevor Chappell a few tips.

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WICKETKEEPER/BATSMAN

Name: Robert Preedy **Age:** 20
Marital status: Single
Club Nickname: Unprintable
Favourite Drink: Beer, Beer & more Beer
Likes: Reading, music & Willie Nelson
Dislikes: People who continually bitch to team captains
Previous Experience: South Perth U/14's as Leg Spinner/Batsman.
Biggest Cricket High: Making a top score of 69 not out against Nedlands College.
Biggest Cricket Disappointment: Losing matches and dropping catches.

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Shirley Strickland Oval

In our last magazine we mentioned that the Melville City Council agreed to lay the cricket pitch at Shirley Strickland Oval funded by us. Since then, as you all probably know, the pitch is now in and games have already been played there.

Negotiations will be re-opened with the Applecross/Mt. Pleasant Sportsmen's Association and these will probably be finalised by the end of the season. In view of this it is requested that members keep in contact with the committee so that once negotiations are complete you will be informed. Perhaps our wind up will be held there.

The facilities at Shirley Strickland are wonderful and for those who haven't seen the complex yet, it is licensed on a restricted basis, has ample tables and chairs for functions, a dance floor and other facilities. The hall can also be hired for private functions.

Becoming a member of the Sportsmen's Association is the same as a football or bowling club. A membership fee is required which entitles members usage of the facilities available. Guests are welcome with members and similar rules apply as in a footy or bowling club.

During the off season, the club will be looking hard at the prospects of entering Juniors in the WASTCA, hopefully U/16's and U/14's. I hope that eventually because that is the future of the club.

That's about it except I think we have a home at last.

Garry Gregan

THE SLEDGER

One of the problems facing Cricket Clubs and Associations in recent times is "sledging", not the mild form but the heavy form.

The mild form could be described as good natured ribbing about a players ability and generally never strays from that line.

The heavy form is not only directed at a player's ability but is also personal, can be downright insulting, and is generally constant.

What is the end result? Well, the heavy sledger thinks he is putting the opposition off their game and also considers himself to be funny. If only he knew, poor fellow, that all he achieves is:

Upsetting his own concentration resulting in a poor on-field performance

Putting his own team mates off, upsetting their concentration

Embarrassing his own team mates

Creating ill-feeling between the two sides

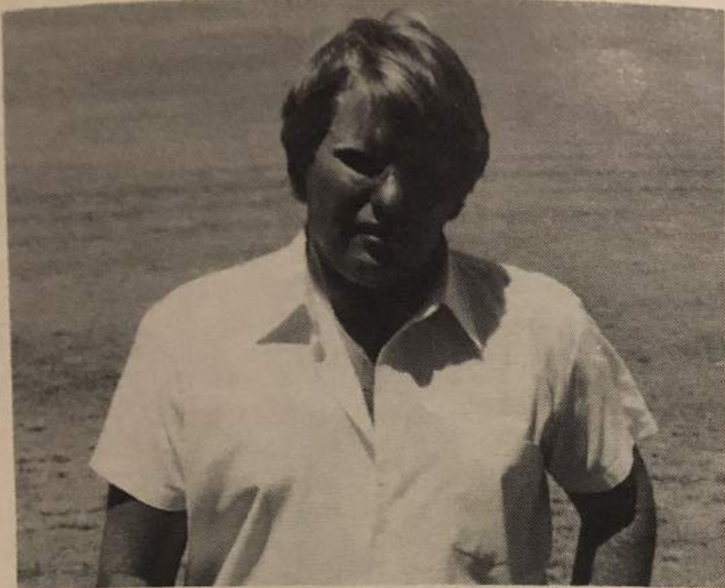
Doing a dis-service to the great game of cricket

Leading with his chin for easy retaliation.

The last point is ironical. The heavy sledger cannot cope with the same treatment when it is doled out to him. He becomes furious, loses his concentration, then gets out.

The good and/or keen cricketer doesn't sledge heavily. He's too smart.

Jack Gregan



Chas Eadon-Clarke, Batsman, spinner (?) and founding member.

Committee Carries Some Members

Next year players should take more care when picking their committee. The committee this year has been conspicuously quiet. Besides Jack Gregan and Val Steenholdt who's on it anyway?

Voters should hide their petty grievances, ignore their "mates" who try to influence the voting and pick the men they really know are the best for the job.

You cannot keep guys like Charles Eadon-Clarke or Mike Johnson out of the club's administration. They are strong characters and like all leader-types, brew discontent when not in positions of responsibility.

Eadon-Clarke founded the club five years ago with help from me and Ross Tozer. I have witnessed first hand the enormous work he has done for the club since.

We originally applied to the W.A.A.C.A. but they did not want us. We met the late Des Penman and found that the S.T.C.A. were very keen to have us. Des Penman was then secretary of the association and he showed us how to set up a club in the S.T.C.A. They even found us a ground to play on. There was no such thing as Mandala Reserve then. Mr Penman was more than co-operative with us and we as a club owed him a lot in those early days.

Last year's president Mike Johnson joined the club a few years later. He suffered the aftermath of emotions aroused by his controversial brother Geoff. This year the voters ignored Mike Johnson's great work for the club and the former president did not even get on the committee.

How the mighty have fallen! Well! It's a tribute to these two blokes that they have stayed with the club. There was talk of Eadon-Clarke forming another club next year. God knows! He could do it. A lot of guys have said they'd follow him. But deep down we all know the future is bright and it lies with Applecross.

Tim Searson

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COUNTRY TRIP

The visit to Pingelly 24, 25 and 26 January can only be described as a roaring success and enjoyed immensely by the 13 guys and 2 birds that participated.

The match commenced at 12 noon controlled by the superb umpiring of "Trigger" Wells and "LBW" Gregan. The result was:

APPLECROSS (35 over match)		PINGELLY	
Prince	46	Marshal	20
Oliver	7	Greay J.	6
Melville	10	Edmondson	52
Gregan	10	Greay R.	1
Kelly (Ret)	33	Hathaway B.	1
Hewitt	1	King	17
Saporita (Ret)	27	Hathaway P.	17
Rankin (Ret)	23	Oeding	16
Butcher (Ret)	10	Fairhead	9
Steenholdt (n.o.)	7	Dew	8
Harrison	6	Greay R.	4
Sundries	10	Sundries	13
	190		164

After the match a double wicket competition was held, two players representing each club. The stake was a carton. Kelly and Gregan v Greay and Greay. This was serious stuff, the stake being so valuable. The result:— Applecross 0/7 Pingelly 2/6.

It was then to the barbecue and an eighteen on the balcony of the Pingelly Pub, at which Kelly and Edmondson were named as "man of the match" for their side. Both received a bottle of "Bombo".

It was a great night. George Prince found a joke opponent in "Digger". George told the best joke but "Digger" had more staying power. "Stewie" finally got "Claudes" keys off him so he could drive "Claude", "Harro" and "Sap" home.

Kelly, at 2am, wandered around with a jug and glass trying to find a drinking partner.

Pingelly have indicated that, hopefully, they will travel to Applecross for a return match later this season. We hope so too. We'd like to meet that great bunch of guys again.

MEDIUM FAST BOWLER

Name: David Peter Butcher **Age:** 23

Marital status: Single

Club Nickname: Butch

Favourite Drink: Beer & Pina Colada

Likes: Having a good time

Dislikes: Darryl Haley's photo in club magazine

Biggest Cricket High: Being made captain of Applecross on tour.

Biggest Cricket Disappointment: Running out of batting partners

Best Cricket Performance: 4/16 against Churchlands College 79/80 season.

Claim to Fame: Temporary National T.V. Star (appeared four nights running on Letterbox)



6th Grade (L to R) Back Row: P. Hewitt, T. Searson, W. Ellis, S. Melville, J. Noonan, J. Hogan (umpire). Front Row: D. Turner, C. Eadon-Clarke, M. Saporila (capt.) J. Trueman, D. Butcher.

NICKNAMES by Udelsy

GEORGE PRINCE.....	EGGS or PARCELS
VAL STEENHOLDT	GUNNER or I
DARRYL HALEY	DAZZLE
GARRY GREGAN	BREWER, FISH-HOOK, GARBAGE
PETER McLEAN	TRAMPS or DOGCATCHER
MIKE SAPORITA.....	MACARONI BOY or THE DUD STUD
CHAS EADON-CLARKE.....	SLUG
KEVIN KELLY	BILLY BUNGARRA
ALAN SEUBERT	ROO DOG
JOHN SPEERING	SPEARGUN
STUART RANKIN	ACE
ROLF MULDER ...	HOLLYWOOD or LIGHTHOUSE
BILL ELLIS	GUS GOUT
FRED GRASSO	ROCKY
DAVE BUTCHER... BIRD, BLUEBEARD or BUTCH	
ROSS HARRISON	HARRO
DAVE HIGGINSON	HIGGO
DAVE TURNER	GUTSY
CLIVE HANSEN	HANNO
STEVE MELVILLE.....	ROWDY
JOHN TRUEMAN	FRED
GARRY TUCKWELL	TUCK or CAR
ALLAN BURROUGHS.....	RABBIT
MIKE JOHNSON	BUDDHA
BASIL HANNA	BAZ or JOHN ARLOTT
JOHN OLIVER	COMMIE
PETER HEWITT	POPS
JACK GREGAN	SHERIFF LOBO
JOHN NOONAN	EARLY or TIDY
TIM SEARSON.....	DONKEY D....
JOHN RAYKOS	TWO CENTS
STEVE LUFF.....	FLUFF
BOB PREEDY	ROBERT
BURT BAETSEN	SPARKS
JOHN SNEDDEN	YOUR TURN NEXT
ROB PARKER	YOUR TURN NEXT

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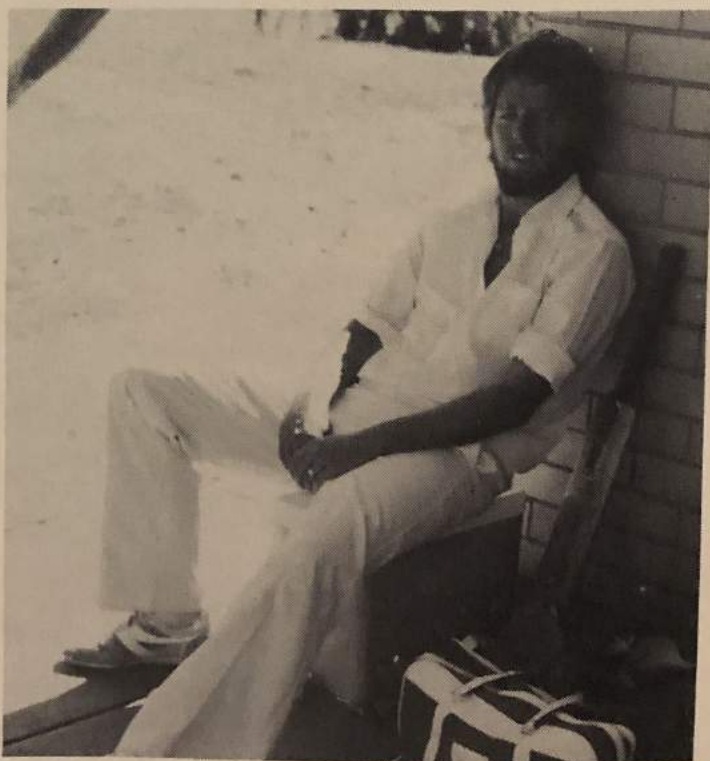
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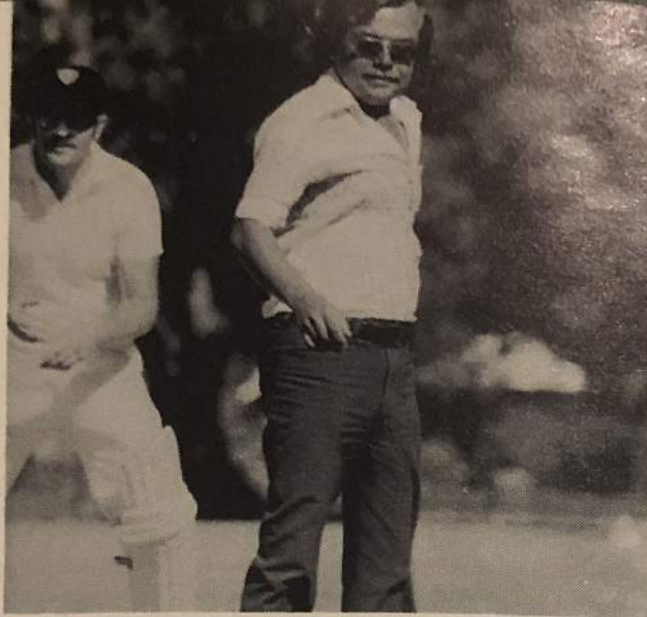
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Jack Hogan — umpire for first Applecross game at Shirley Strickland.



Four hours to go. Is that ALL?



Once again the crowd invades the pitch, Dave Wells (Udellsy) Chief supporter.

More Social Life Needed

For the single men our club is socially impotent. Each week we play cricket on Saturday and go back to the Raffles after the match. A few bring their wives but most prefer the animalistic behaviour they can indulge in when wives and girlfriends are not around. Certainly it can be pretty uncomfortable for a nice girl down there when the boys run riot. I gave up bringing them down a long time ago.

Perhaps things will be different with our own club rooms at Shirley Strickland Oval. The committee will then have to decide whether the club rooms are a retreat from the opposite sex or the opposite. I'm worried. There are a lot of married men on the committee.

Why don't the girls come down en masse and stake their claim in the club. I know they are out there somewhere. We need them to promote a healthy social climate.

Tim Searson

I tell you I ran out of partners.



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