



**UNSW
CRICKET CLUB**

University of NSW Cricket Club Life Member Profiles.

Jim Dixon



1980

Roles and Honours

Senior Vice President	2009-13
Honorary Treasurer	2002-08

Chairman of Selectors	2001-05
NSWCA and SCA Delegate	1996-98
Club Coach	2003-07
Team Captain	PG 1980-81, 1st Grade 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95, 1996-97, 1997-98, 3rd Grade 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-01, 2003-04
Premiership Teams	1st Grade 1980-81
Sydney First Grade Captain of the Year	1994-95
Combined Universities	1981-82
UNSW Sporting Blue	1982
UNSW Sports Recognition Award	2000
Captain John Morris Fielding Trophy	1985-86
Barr-Turn Trophy	1987-88
Peter D Richardson Clubman of the Year	1997-98

Individual Profile

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

Born 30 Nov 1960 in Melbourne, Australia

Grew up in Goulburn, NSW from age of 5 to 18 years (before moving to Sydney for the next 28 years)

In Canberra since 2008

Where did you play your junior/local cricket or become interested in cricket?

Goulburn – with Goulburn RSL Club Juniors

When and why did you become involved with UNSWCC?

I had played a season of PG cricket at the Sydney Club (now defunct) in my last year at school (coming from Goulburn each time to play). I did enjoy the people I met there and thought that might be where I would play when I moved to Sydney for Uni. My dad thought I should play for the Uni I attended...and Jim “Jungle” Robson (a Goulburn boy who’s cricket talent was already well known to me) contacted me and sold me on the whole UNSWCC idea. I made what I believe was one of the best decisions of my life to rock up to those UNSWCC pre season (1979/80) practises.

What did you like about UNSW Cricket?

Initially because it was clearly an environment in which I would enjoy my cricket and challenge my abilities.

After that...it was the people involved in the Club. It is hard to put a value on being part of a cohesive and supportive family of that size. And the UNSWCC was a VERY unique kind of family. Such a massive part of my life.

What is your Club nickname (Explain who gave it to you and why – if not obvious)

Disco

I had acquired the nickname in my early days at Warrane College and it stuck with me particularly at the Cricket Club.

The basic (boring) story is that a bloke called Steve Cusack walked into my room at Warrane and I had my clock radio on with a disco song playing. He “accused” me of being a disco freak and it seemed to stick/gel with the other blokes at Warrane – possibly my surname meant it would last as a nickname because I was certainly never found at a Disco nor felt any attraction to “Discos” or that genre of music.

The Table above outlines some of your Club achievements, roles, and honours. Can you give us an insight into how you saw your contribution to UNSW Cricket, which do you consider the most important?

Played from 1979/80 to 2006/07

Almost entirely 1st grade from 79/80 to 97/98...Predominantly 3rd Grade from 98/99 to 2006/07

Captained at various times in 1st Grade from 1989/90 as well as in 3rd grade for a number of my seasons there

Started my Grade career as solely an opening bowler but “matured” into an allrounder (circa 83/84) and then predominantly a batsman (circa 90/91 or 91/92)

Pretty sure I was on the UNSWCC Committee from approx. my 3rd season at the club and held many different roles right through until my move to Canberra.

Treasurer; Chairman of Selectors; Coach; Assistant Coach; Club Administrator; Annual Report productions; SCA delegate.

What did it mean to you to be awarded life membership?

Being awarded Life Membership was clearly one of the proudest moments in my life as a UNSWCC member. I involved myself heavily in everything the Club was involved in (if I could) because I enjoyed it. To be recognised with Life Membership felt like a magnificent reward for doing the stuff I (mostly) loved doing. And very humbling to take note of the people I had joined as a Life Member of UNSWCC.

What is your greatest memory or memories of UNSW Cricket?

So many great (and fading) memories. It was such a massive part of 28 years of my life. Season 80/81 has to be up there...even if illness meant I failed to commit much of the finals' games to memory at the time. But a title in my second season at the Club was big. The “gotta be Happy” 1988 Tour of UK & Ireland.

But clearly, with a cricket career at UNSWCC like mine, the fondest and most significant memories are of the people. Just so many wonderful people that have been such a big part of this huge chunk of my life. Really wonderful friends – too many to name here. But they are my greatest memories because they are the club and they are why I love it.

In saying there are too many to name I think I am being honest but I also think I am potentially doing an injustice to two people whom I think personify UNSWCC for everyone – but particularly for me. Henry (Geoff Lawson) and Jebby (David Jebb)

In what profession or area of work are/were you mainly involved? What are your main interests outside cricket?

Studied Commerce/Law and went straight into a tax consulting role at one of the large Accounting Firms at the time – and spent the next 18 years in that role at, ultimately, 3 of the large accounting firms. Retired from that life and got myself qualified as a Primary School teacher with grand plans to contribute to society in that way – but circumstances (and lack of ability) curtailed that career (It lasted about 3 years). Have been on domestic duties since then. Now very obsessed with my golf and with (too many) social justice issues.

Where are you now?

Canberra

Anything else you would like to add

NO...enough from me!!!!

Playing Record

Jm Dixon									
Years Played		Grade		1976-2007					
		Shires		N/A					
BATTING									
Grade	Games	Inn.	NO	Total	Ave.	Highest	Caught	50's	100's
1	247	224	27	3650	18.5	106*	104	12	2
1LO	18	24	1	383	16.7	43	2		
2	19	18	1	389	22.9	72	4	3	
3	100	98	6	2873	31.2	139	43	18	3
4	22	23	5	524	29.1	60	5	2	
5	1	1	1	10		10			
PG	10	11	0	371	33.7	65	4	4	
Totals	417	399	41	8200	22.9	121	162	39	5
BOWLING									
Grade	Games	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average	5WI	Best	
1	247	3481	872	374	9380	25.1	11	5 for 44	
1LO	18	94	19	22	377	17.1		4 for 26	
2	19	211	60	27	477	17.7	1	5 for 36	
3	100	711	182	98	2047	20.9	1	5 for 58	
4	22	256	54	37	721	19.5	1	5 for 31	
5	1	14	5	0	39				
PG	10	127	36	20	341	17.1	1	5 for 40	
Totals	417	4894	1228	578	13382	23.2	15	5 for 31	



1980 final V Northern District



**UNIVERSITY OF N.S.W. C.C.
FIRST GRADE PREMIERS
1980-81**



Standing (L to R): D. Lemon (Scorer), A. Wijerante, J. Dixon, B. Handley, S. Campbell, G. Livingstone, P. Tout.
Seated (L to R): N. Jansson, G. Lawson, C. Chapman, M. Ray (Captain), N. Perger, J. Robson, C. Hanger.
Absent: T. Buddin, D. Meagher.



Back – Asoka Wijeratne, Nigel Perger, Neville Jansson, Bruce Handley, Geoff Lawson, Steve Campbell, Terry Buddin, Peter Tout, David Lemon

Front – Greg Livingstone, Chris Chapman, Mark Ray, Jim Robson, Chris Hanger, Jim Dixon