



# UNSW CRICKET CLUB

University of NSW Cricket Club Life Member Profiles.

## *Matt Sanders*



**1999**



**2016**

## *Roles and Honours*

<b>President</b>	2014-18
<b>Senior Vice President</b>	2013-14, 2020-24
<b>Honorary Secretary</b>	1998-2003
<b>Chairman of Selectors</b>	1990-92
<b>NSWCA and SCA Delegate</b>	2002-14

<b>Team Captain</b>	5th Grade 1996-97, 4th Grade 1999-2000
<b>UNSW Sports Recognition Award</b>	2003
<b>Peter D Richardson Clubman of the Year</b>	1998-99

## *Individual Profile*

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

**Born in Sutherland but left there age 7 to move to a rural property outside Bowral. Grew up there attending Chevalier College as a day student and boarder. Left Bowral for University in Canberra for 2 years before transferring to UNSW.**

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

**First ever game was actually on Bradman Oval as a 9 year old. Loved it from that day and played junior cricket in Bowral and school cricket for Chevalier College. From a young age we would play Juniors in the morning and then normally fill in for 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Seniors in the afternoon.**

When and why did you become involved with UNSWCC?

**Transferred to UNSW from Canberra in 1989 to complete my Bachelor of Building degree. My flatmate played for Randwick so I thought I'd have a crack at Grade cricket. Just lobbed at pre-season and went from there. From the first day I just loved the club and got involved in the Committee soon thereafter. Started in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade with Jock Martel as skipper.**

What did you like about UNSW Cricket?

**The people mainly. The Club attracted such an eclectic group of individuals, many of whom are lifelong friends. The "no dickhead" policy has rarely been compromised. I also feel as a Club we are far more inclusive across the grades than other clubs. Its great seeing 1<sup>st</sup> Grade guys show genuine interest in lower grades.**

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

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?

**The years as Honorary Secretary were busy and vital to the running of the Club (as all past secretaries will attest) but I look back on my time as President both fondly and with sheer frustration. The UNSW hierarchy have let the Club down so badly, let's hope in future they do more for performance sport in general. It is incredibly disappointing that I was unable to do more, but know we all did everything we could. The fact the Club is not only surviving but improving through this time is a testament to everyone involved.**

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

**Very humbling at the time as I have always felt the Club has given me more than I have given it.**

What is your greatest memory or memories of UNSW Cricket?

**Captaining 5<sup>th</sup> Grade final against Penrith will always stick firmly in my mind. We lost the game narrowly but it was probably my best game for the Club. We got stitched up playing them at Howell (still not sure how that happened).**

**Jock Martel and Bowie's 200's are fondly remembered as well.  
Anytime keeping wickets to the great Rob Stark.**

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

**I started an office fit-out company called Insight Projects around 1994 and we continue to operate today (albeit on a COVID impacted reduced scale).  
Outside cricket, I love all things outdoors, especially fishing and golf.**

Where are you now?

**Have lived in the same house in Kensington for 22 years.**

Anything else you would like to add

I met my wife through the Club so owe it a lot.

Stats below have robbed me of a 5th Grade wicket – caught Greig Robbo at DP North. Pretty sure Starky yelled at him to drop it whilst it was in the air.

*EDITORS NOTE: the wicket has been discovered, 1991-92. Story is still valid.*

## Playing Record

Matt Sanders										
Years Played			Grade		1989-2007					
			Shires		N/A					
<b>BATTING</b>										
Grade	Games	Inn.	NO	Total	Ave.	Highest	Caught	Stumpings	50's	100's
2	1	1	0	12	12.0	12	0			
3	25	22	3	284	14.9	29	25	8		
4	56	53	10	904	21.0	57	75	26	1	
5	34	34	3	885	28.5	72	42	9	7	
6	3	2	0	21	10.5	6	1			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2106</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>BOWLING</b>										
Grade	Games	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average	5WI	Best		
4	56	1	0	0	18					
5	34	6	1	1	33	33.0		1 for 0		
6	3	3	0	1	12	12.0		1 for 12		
<b>Totals</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>31.5</b>				



Matty Sanders being awarded the UNSWSA Sports Recognition Award for many years of invaluable service as secretary and player.



2002