



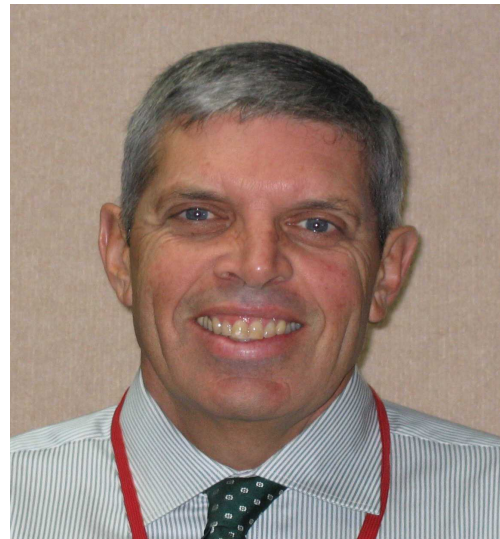
**UNSW
CRICKET CLUB**

University of NSW Cricket Club Life Member Profiles.

Glenn Clark



1988



2017

Roles and Honours

President	1990-91
Chairman of Selectors	1998-2002
NSWCA and SCA Delegate	1994-2001
UNSW Sports Association Delegate	1978-80
Team Captain	3rd Grade 1982-83, 2nd Grade 1987-88, 3rd Grade 1990-91
Premiership Teams	5th Grade 1995-96
Ted Davis Player of the Year	1984-85

Individual Profile

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

I was born in Sydney & spent my early years in Lakemba until age 8. After 2 years in Brisbane due to my father's work, we settled in Carlingford for my teenage years of schooling & cricket.

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

I played in a Churches competition from U12s from the age of 10 & initially played for Carlingford Pathfinders, then transferred to St Barnabas Westmead in U14s & U16s. This side was very talented, winning premierships & defeating the Kings school A team age groups. Eight players from this side went on to play at First or Second grade level. My interest in cricket was generated by my father & most Saturdays in my early teenage years I would play in the mornings in my age team & in the afternoon in my father's side. Dad provided great coaching & support. I also had another great coach at Westmead, the Rev. Molesworth (father of David Molesworth from Central Cumberland & UNSWCC)

When and why did you become involved with UNSWCC?

I started at UNSW in 1976 as a 19 year old & wanted to progress in cricket after the great enjoyment of playing with my father for 6 or 7 seasons. As I was at UNSW it was just a natural progression, but I did not know then the impact it would have on my life, via the experiences & cricket, but mostly the friendships established that have lasted a lifetime.

What did you like about UNSW Cricket?

My first engagement with UNSWCC was uplifting as I was met at my first pre-season training by the late Tony Epstein. He enquired about my cricket, but mostly made me feel welcome & included from that very first meeting. I started in 5th grade captained by Peter James, a wonderful skipper, who loved the game & his players. It was a great start playing 5s & 4s in that first season.

It was a heady time with Firsts going so well in '76/77 season & it was a privilege just to go to training. I trained 3 days a week Tuesday & Thursday & invited myself to First grade training on the Friday as a net bowler. In the first few seasons the club organised a lot of Sunday social games & I signed up for most. UNSWCC was a wonderful egalitarian atmosphere, with loads of cricket & great social opportunities.

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

My nickname was bestowed on me on the 1978 tour to New Zealand. Richard Campbell & I were the 'juniors' & not allowed to drive the bus. During our travels if we were near a beach I would nag all drivers to head to the beach for a body surf. On this tour I had quite a tanned back but was a little white on my stomach. Splinter McMaster christened me ORCA (wanting to swim all the time with a white tummy & black back) plus most players wanted me more aggressive when I bowled ... hence the Killer Whale!

On return after the tour I thought I would never get called that again, but as I walked in to practice Mark Ray (who was not on the tour) said .. "Orca I heard you have had a big tour" & the name has stuck for 45 years.

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?

There were many highlights in my playing time at UNSWCC & these included on field exploits & off field contributions. Off field I assumed a committee role from 1978, initially assisting John Carmichael & taking on a variety of roles in administration. I was lucky to be President of UNSWCC for a short while, before I had to step down for a job posting to Melbourne in 1991. I am proud I was involved in defending the club twice when Cricket NSW & some powerful clubs tried to remove UNSWCC from the competition. I believe I supported the great efforts of Chris Chapman initially & then Andrew Jones to defend our club's position in the Premier Sydney competition.

My greatest playing achievements at UNSWCC, I would nominate three. First - captaining the UNSWCC Cricket Tour to England Ireland & Wales in 1988. This provided an opportunity for me to lead my beloved club, & lifelong friends, in games against Cambridge, Oxford & Trinity College, as the highlights from among many other games on that tour. Secondly - after a few seasons I was able to represent my club at First grade & play with & against my heroes. This provides many memories of great cricket battles against Randwick at full strength & Wests with 8 Test & first class players in the side. It was a dream fulfilled for me to play in games of this stature. My chance to gain First grade representation came about after a full season in England with the Hythe CC, also a wonderful experience. Thirdly - I am very proud to have won the UNSWCC Player of the Year in 1984, against a very strong contingent across the club. This was my standout season (post playing in England) delivering my highest score (121) & best bowling performance (9 for 18) both in second grade.

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

It was obviously a great honour & I hold this very dear to my heart. As I can attest, I love this club & everything it stands forcamaraderie, playing experiences, but mostly the enduring lifelong friendships I have made from my cricketing life at UNSWCC. I have many friendships that have endured for over 40 years & my closest friends are within this fraternity.

What is your greatest memory or memories of UNSW Cricket?

I have outlined many above & can only endorse the ongoing friendships & engagements that come from playing with this club. Over the last 10 years I have tried to support & maintain interaction with past players & friends through Old Boy games & quarterly sessions at a city hotel, so the memories continue to be recalled!!

A few memories I would like to list are in my latter playing years at UNSWCC. I was lucky to be in lower grade sides with one Rob Stark as captain, who made these seasons wonderful & enjoyable on all fronts. This culminated in that elusive premiership in 5's in 1995 & a semi final loss in 1997, again with Starky & James George Robson.

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

In my initial years with UNSWCC I spent 10 years in area management with Shell & BP. Then after my return from Melbourne in 1994 I worked 15 years for Coca-Cola Amatil & 5 years with Fosters in middle management sales positions.

Outside of cricket I love spending time with my family & that is not easy with my daughter now in Canberra & son in the USA.

Since finishing playing at UNSWCC in around 2000 I joined the North Bondi Surf club; mainly because my daughter started Nippers. I am still an active patrolling member & a keen participant in their education team, as well as a Lifesaver Trainer & Assessor. This is another great club & I am proud of my involvement over the last 20 years.

Finally, I am a keen supporter of the Sydney Swans, since the mid 1980s when Livo & Henry dragged me to the SCG post cricket practice to stand on the hill. I have been to 4 of their grand finals – 2 wins & 2 losses, so I hope to see more wins.

Where are you now?

About 5 years ago I left corporate life & started swimming & cricket coaching & worked as a First Aid Instructor casually. Over the last 3 years I have worked full-time as a First Aid Trainer with Royal Life Saving NSW & Surf Life Saving NSW.

Anything else you would like to add

I would highlight the importance of this club to me as a person over many, many years.

The personal interactions, learnings & friendships I have gained cannot be measured.

This club has supplied so many great memories from playing, touring & administration.

I had no idea as a 19 year old starting with the club in 1976 the profound effect it would have on my life. It has shaped my life, and, has supplied so many enduring & life long friendships that I believe are as strong (maybe even stronger) today & have remained in place for over 45 years.

Playing Record

Glen Clark									
Years Played			Grade			1976-2000			
			Shires			N/A			
BATTING									
Grade	Games	Inn.	NO	Total	Ave.	Highest	Caught	50's	100's
1	15	12	3	108	12.0	33	3		
2	65	63	13	1044	20.9	121	19	2	1
3	63	60	13	719	15.3	63	21	2	
4	47	40	19	488	23.2	42	12		
5	43	41	9	498	15.6	55	11	2	
6	2	2	0	11	5.5	5	1		
CS	1	1	0	0	0.0				
Totals	236	219	57	2868	17.7	121	67	6	1
BOWLING									
Grade	Games	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average	5WI	Best	
1	15	123	29	3	337	112.3			
2	65	912	203	119	2394	20.1	3	9 for 18	
3	63	738	149	91	2076	22.8	2	5 for 42	
4	47	641	163	93	1586	17.1	3	6 for 50	
5	43	471	144	82	1177	14.4	3	6 for 26	
6	2	4		2	13	6.5		2 for 13	
CS	1	6	1	1	18	18.0			
Totals	236	2895	689	391	7601	19.4	11	9 for 18	



The 1988 US/UK/Ireland Touring squad led by Mart Palin in the only bumble bee jacket that existed at that time. This photo taken just prior to our game vs Mike Atherton's Cambridge side at the Fenner's Ground.

UNSW Cricket Club
New Zealand Tour 1978



Back: Paul Deegan, John Carmichael, Murray Archer, Ralph Merrell, Glen Clark, Greig Robinson, Richard Campbell, Clayton Jones, Tony Epstein
Middle: Patrick Thompson, Paddy Grattan-Smith, Jim Robson
Front: Peter Tout, Jim O'Brien, Andrew McMaster, Tom Grattan-Smith