



**UNSW
CRICKET CLUB**

University of NSW Cricket Club Life Member Profiles.

Daniel Bowcock



Roles and Honours

Honorary Secretary	2010-2014
Team Captain	3 rd Grade 2006-2014, 4 th Grade 2014-15, 5 th Grade 2014-15, 2018-19, 2020-21, 2022-23
UNSW Sports Recognition Award	2014
Barr-Turn Trophy	2018-19, 2019-20
Peter D Richardson Clubman of the Year	2010-11

Individual Profile

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

Born in Paddington Hospital for Women Sunday 20 October 1974. I grew up near The Spot in Randwick attending Randwick Boys High.

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

I started my cricket when I was four years old with Waverley Junior Cricket, learning the game on Waverley Oval of a Saturday morning. I was fortunate to be somewhat decent with the willow and respected legend of Waverley Cricket, Mr. Phil O'Sullivan became my first cricket coach/mentor. I played all my junior cricket with Waverley (including Green Shield), starting senior cricket in the lower grades at 16.

When and why did you become involved with UNSWCC?

I left Waverley and joined UNSW when I was 20 in the 1994/1995 season. I recall in the 1991/92 year I had a strong season and had debuted in 2nd Grade that season. The following year (1992/93) I had a bit of a setback and was re-graded in 4th Grade. I played out the season and got back to 2nd Grade by the season's end, however, my love affair with Waverley Cricket had run its course and I sought new adventures and what a blessing.

My dad knew a respected old boy of UNSWCC "Neil" (forget his last name) and I was good mates with Michael Paine through school and he also shared good things about UNSWCC and encouraged joining. I worked in hospitality at the time and managing shift work and my love of cricket was difficult. Ultimately one had to give way to the other – thankful for me it was hospitality 😊

What did you like about UNSW Cricket?

My first game with the Club (4's) had Mike Gregg as Skipper and Jim Robson as supporting cast.

In the nearly thirty years since I've been with UNSWCC (except for living/playing overseas and on the Central Coast from 01/02 – 04/05) I treasure the friendships, culture, and passion of the Club.

The Club's values and the warmth of the camaraderie, inclusiveness, skill, effort, intelligence and humour are such happy memories, and despite

seeing much change and evolution in my playing career, these core traits are just as they were on day 1 if not more so.

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

Bowy / Bowie has been the main one.

Mick Mag, one of my favourite players/captains at UNSWCC anointed me Babcock and the way he said it always cracked me up.

There's been a few others that raise a smile, but I won't incriminate myself.

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?

Playing across all grades for the Club, except for 1's, is dear to me.

My contribution to UNSWCC is pretty much in two parts. From 1994 to 2001 I tried to be a cricketer, learn how to score runs (still working on that), play good cricket and win (elusive).

I look back on those years at the Club, turning up to play and then socialise with the Club mates as fun times. We had the Sam Crack, Racecourse Hotel, harbour cruises and pub crawls – we were a group driven by a very social culture.

We were blessed with so many contributors, off the field but especially on the field. Playing and training with Club legends who not only had time but made time to help every cricketer across the Club from firsts right thru to the 'train-on' squad.

When my life took a turn and brought me back to the Club in 2005. I felt indebted to give more back.

Returning to Sydney in the 2005-06 season I played with Jim Dixon and learned a whole lot more about the Club, and what is commonly known as "the art of cricket".

Disco had a lasting impact on my growth as a cricketer, he challenged and questioned me no end, I curse him for handing the reins of "3rd Grade Captain" to me, but I'm thankful he did. That is one role at the Club I hope I did honour too, and I often think about it.

By this stage living back in Sydney, I shared common bonds with David Jebb and his friendship, insight, and passion for the Bees. Jebby is a wonderful comrade and I'm most grateful for his enduring friendship.

Paul Serov, Matt Sanders, Darren Sue, and the wonderful players I've had in the sheds with me over the years have all inspired me.

I took these principles (I experienced) to heart, and have tried to share knowledge, give selflessly, grow friendships, encourage, and assist others, challenge, motivate and learn continuously.

I'm still trying to "give back" to UNSWCC, becoming Secretary was the perfect stitch up from Sneaky Serov. How could I say no. It was quite the challenge, captaining, dealing with an imperfect family/relationship, but I'm very proud to have contributed in this manner. Again, I often think back if I did enough/could've done more.

The icing on the cake has been the Club awards.

The Clubman Award is humbling. There are guys, to name a few like the above-mentioned Darren Sue, David Jebb, Matt Sanders, and Andrew Jones, who year on year go way over and beyond, and deserve this award annually. I've tried (failed) to emulate them as much as possible.

The Barr-Turn is special. How can this not be my most infamous achievement, along with my 222, that I dine out on now and again. How can the only player to have held the jacket for 2 years not be the one that in 50 years will be most talked about. Equally controversial is the manner in which I was awarded this coveted jacket (don't say won!) 😊

But seriously, the contribution I most value is to have played for this great Club for as long as I have, to have shared the field with so many wonderful guys who I name as friends and to have had the opportunity to give back and grow our Club spirit.

What did it mean to you to be awarded life membership

It is an honour I'll treasure. I am so grateful that I am playing in a great era of our cricket history, where I continue to have long lasting friendships that will go beyond the game, and I am amongst such great cricketers and even greater men humbles me.

I'm indebted to UNSWCC for all it has given me.

What is your greatest memory or memories of UNSW Cricket?

It feels like it has all gone by in an instant, so much change over the last 30 years.

The people first and foremost.

In no particular order, I miss the Village Green, the old DP North and South (the old shed's /the balcony) those grounds in the old layout were wonderful. And what's happened in the last decade really stings.

The memories of victories, heartbreaking losses, home games, away travels, 'The Saturday Sledge', the Racecourse Hotel, the Regent, the Donny, the gatherings/the stories....

Watching our Club in big games, the wins and the close losses

Personally, some of my past innings still get played in my head. There's the 222 in 5s against North Sydney sometime last century; my Nan kept a news article that had said the innings was 185 minutes 35 boundaries, 2 sixes.

Hitting St George 4s for 5 sixes in a row with my good mate Tal Fleming at the other end when chasing 260 odd.

Jebby telling me I was doing it on my pecker, scoring 80 odd n.o. against Mosman out of 120 odd chasing 130

Batting with JP Gavan and trying to outdo each other with bombs/boundaries with as few singles as possible

And,

Any victory against, Manly, St George, Northern District, Sydney Uni were special because they generally were the hardest to beat over the past 3 decades.

Losing multiple semis and two grand finals across lower grades so far ... time is running out to win one!

Mark Leahy running 3 metres outside the boundary to take a winning catch against hated opposition Hawkesbury to win a 1 dayer on DP North.

Watching David Gainsford bowling throat cutters on Fairfield Oval and winning outright,

Playing with demountables on deconstructed DP North during the transition to the ground it is today,

Mick Mag, 4th grade "off spin" who won't mind me saying he turned the ball straight, to first grade wizard.

Playing with Henry, seeing him bowl and sledge batters and umpires alike at Cahill; running around with Jim Dixon, Jim Robson, Matt Sanders...eternal memories.

Going to South Australia to watch Tim Lang make his SA debut against the travelling Poms, and sledging Graham Manou to give "Tappy" a bowl at KP.

Dan Christian, David Dawson, Chris Tremain were also playing a different game - awesome.

It's all been memorable!

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

Thankfully hospitality ran its course and I'm now in life insurance.

Whilst still putting on the whites, I also play a bit of tennis, squash to keep active. Next up to work on the golf game.

I'm giving my nephews a bit of coaching, but I think their interests lie away from Cricket at this stage.

Where are you now?

Still playing (albeit not as regularly), keep giving back as the game and the Club give to me.

Anything else you would like to add

I'm proud to call myself a Bee and can't thank enough all the friends and those who made inputs over the years I've been at the Club.

I wish all current and future Bees the very best experiences and enjoyment with the Club and the game and hopefully some success along the way.

Playing Record

Daniel Bowcock									
Years Played		Grade		1995-?					
		Shires		N/A					
BATTING									
Grade	Games	Inn.	NO	Total	Ave.	Highest	Caught	50's	100's
2	6	7	1	91	15.2	31*	0	0	0
3	173.5	180	15	4343	26.3	106	71	27	1
4	82.5	85	5	2502	31.3	145	26	16	2
5	46	44	5	1297	33.3	222	13	5	2
6	5	5	1	206	51.5	79	1	2	0
Totals	313	321	27	8439	28.7	222	111	50	5
BOWLING									
Grade	Games	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average	5WI	Best	
3	173.5	19	0	1	63	63.0	0	1 for 15	
4	82.5	26	3	5	122	24.4	0	2 for 21	
5	46	36.5	2	6	126	21.0	0	1 for 3	
Totals	302	81.5	5	12	311	25.9	0	2 for 21	





3rd Grade Captain 2009-10