



**UNSW
CRICKET CLUB**

University of NSW Cricket Club Life Member Profiles.

Peter Jourdain



Player



President

Roles and Honours

President	2001-09
Honorary Treasurer	1986-97
Team Captain	2nd Grade 1988-89
Premiership Teams	PG 1976-77, 2nd Grade 1977-78

Individual Profile

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

Born Sydney, but adopted from birth. My parents drove from Albury to pick me up. Only in Albury 2 months. Moved to Maryborough Victoria and lived there until about 13yo and then moved to Wagga Wagga.

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

Played cricket in the backyard since I can remember. Being in a small town meant that the first age group for competition cricket was under 18's. I can't remember what age I joined a club, guessing about 11yo. Went to training twice a week and played at least two seasons before I got a bat, just fielded to make up the numbers.

Moved to Wagga at start of 1972. They had under 14's. Joined Lake Albert CC as a 13yo and got to bat and bowl and we won the comp. Progressed with Lake Albert until I finished school.

When and why did you become involved with UNSWCC?

Somehow got into Uni and started in 1976. Henry (Geoff Lawson) and I drove to Sydney together. Our captain at Lake Albert was Derek Rogers, JR's (John Rogers) brother. He recommended us to JR. We moved in to Endeavour Hostel at the same time, coincidentally, as Livo (Greg Livingstone) and Nigel (Nigel Perger). We had played rep cricket against them (Wagga v Albury) a few times, so knew each other a bit.

We all rocked up to practice together, I think.

What did you like about UNSW Cricket?

When we first rocked up as a group of country kids we didn't know what to expect joining a club that was in the premier competition in NSW. We received a very warm welcome and quickly felt at home. The Club was basically country kids or private school educated guys. Back then you had to attend UNSW, be a graduate or work there to be eligible to play for the Club. That meant there were common interests other than cricket. Socially we were one club no matter what grade you played, it was great and unique to grade cricket as I eventually realised.

What is your Club nickname (Explain who gave it to you and why – if not obvious **Jacky or Jackie, not sure which way to spell it. Jungle (Jim Robson) “gave” it to me as he did to so many at that time. Early 1977 the Cricket Association decided to have a snooker competition between clubs held at the Cricketers’ Club in the city. I was our club representative. It was a long night and plenty of drinks had by all who came. I eventually won but in the final there weren't many sober people left, so Jungle ‘commentated’ the final and started, “It’s Jackie Jourdain about to shoot.” Somehow from there it stuck.**

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?

I somehow became involved early with the committee. I was Treasurer for about 10 years from 1986, and President for 9 years from 2001. I played all grades from 1976 to 1991 (except 1980/81 which I didn't play, bad decision)

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

To be made a Life Member of such a great club really made me quite emotional. Until it happened I hadn’t even contemplated it, I was just very proud to be able to contribute and be part of the Club.

What is your greatest memory or memories of UNSW Cricket?

Too many to recall. The Club was such an important part of my life for so long. I don’t think that I would have survived in Sydney in the early years without having such a strong attachment to the Club and the people involved. I am lucky to have made many lifelong friendships. Also enjoyed playing cricket!

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

I did Commerce at Uni and then became a Chartered Accountant. Started out doing auditing. Went to Newscorp. Ended up involved in sports management in rugby league. My last role was CEO of North Queensland Rugby League Club.

Main interest now is golf, which is very character building.

Where are you now?

In Sydney, happily retired.

Anything else you would like to add

No

Playing Record

Peter Jourdain									
Years Played			Grade			1975-1991			
			Shires			N/A			
BATTING									
Grade	Games	Inn.	NO	Total	Ave.	Highest	Caught	50's	100's
1	44	41	5	632	17.6	63	15	4	
2	53	58	2	1057	18.9	67	18	4	
3	60	65	9	1410	25.2	87	13	7	
4	21	23	2	406	19.3	59	5	3	
5	8	9	0	245	27.2	46	3		
PG	10	8	0	152	19.0	47			
	196	204	18	3902	127.2	87	54	18	
BOWLING									
Grade	Games	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average	5WI	Best	
1	44	3	1	0	7				
2	53	5	2	0	13				
3	60	46	6	9	196	21.8		1 for 6	
4	21	4	2	2	6	3.0		2 for 6	
5	8	14	0	2	72	36.0		1 for 2	
PG	10	1	1	0	0				
Totals	196	73	12	13	294	22.6		2 for 6	

PG premiers 1976-77



Back: Nigel Perger, Neville Jansson, Dave Meagher, Greg Livingstone, Geoff Kirkwood, Mick Watt, John Carmichael
Front: Peter Jourdain, Mick Bryce, Jim Robson (c), Geoff Lawson, Steve Howard