

NEWSLETTER

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SYDNEY FOOTBALL RECORDS NOW ONLINE

As part of our cataloguing and storage process we are slowly putting various documents online. This means you can read them through the internet.

To access them you go to our website: www.nswfootballhistory.com.au At the bottom right is a box which says **CHECK OUT WHAT WE HAVE IN OUR COLLECTIONS**. Open that and scroll down till you find **Football Records**. Now granted not a lot are there at the moment, but it's a very slow and painstaking process slowly growing. You can do a Google search on a name in this manner: insert NSW Football History > "Football Record" > **THE NAME**. *It worked for me!!*

GREETINGS

We hope all is well with you. Well the History Society has been working flat out getting more material catalogued and preserved. The room really is looking good with Jenny Hancock, Bill Carey and Paul Macpherson all combining to sort, store and catalogue more objects into safe and secure places. To do this we are using the quite expensive acid free storage boxes recommended by NSW State Archives.

Gradually all those publications, letters, minutes, photographs and Football Records etc. we have which have been generated by one football entity or another, is being put away. This is not before its location and contents has been logged on our computer so that any inquiry on a particular subject can be searched and retrieved.

Talking about inquiries, we regularly get mail from relatives from a former player seeking details about his football career. We can't solve all the problems but we do find most.

AFL GRAND FINAL TICKETS



We sold those AFL grand final tickets that we mentioned in our last newsletter. A big thanks to those who showed interest in them.

OUR JOURNAL

OUR FIRST JOURNAL

Enclosed with this newsletter is our 2013 Journal—*our first*. We hope to publish similar journals on an annual basis. Most of the stories in this journal are taken from our various 2012 website articles.

The Journals will be sent to our members **free**; they will not be available for purchase. So the value of joining our Society will become more appealing and we encourage those many supporters of the game to enrol with us.

WELCOME NEW BENEFACTOR MEMBER

We welcome David Spence (Spanner) as a **Benefactor Member** of the Society. He joins a growing list of people who have shown the foresight and demonstrated the confidence in the organisation to become a lifetime subscriber. There are three such categories: Foundation—\$1000, Fellow—\$500 and Benefactor—\$250. Why not consider upgrading your membership. After all, you can't take it with you.



BAR-B-QUE

We had a particularly successful day at our July Bunnings Bar-B-Que taking over \$1400 and netting in excess of \$1000. The only issue on the day was the Secretary driving her car over a concrete island in the carpark where it became stuck requiring a tow, and yes, there was some damage. Our next Bunnings venture will be in January 2014.

MORE FOOTY TREASURERS

We have been fortunate in obtaining copies of photographs, forms, reports and other treasured football items from Bob Sterling, former St George legend and Chris Huon, one of Sydney's outstanding umpires of the 1960s & 70s.

Officials are in the process of copying the data and storing it along with other material. The originals will then be returned to the owners. If you have any old footy stuff in your treasurers, we would love to take copies to add to our collection.

NEWTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB REUNION

Don't forget the Newtown Football Club reunion on the 26 October 2013. The date is creeping up on us. **If you know anyone who might be interested in attending, let them know.** It will be held at the Alexandria Hotel, Henderson Road, Alexandria commencing at 12 noon. The cost is \$10 per head. Money can be deposited into the Society's Account: **National Australia Bank – BSB 082204 Account No. 176208454.**

If paying online please ensure your name is provided plus the word 'Newtown'. If paying by cheque or transferring at a bank confirm the payment by post or email. There is some limited accommodation at the hotel otherwise, Central Railway Hotel, 240 Chalmers Street, Redfern, phone: 029319 7800 OR Capital Square Hotel, Crn Campbell & George Streets, Sydney, bookings, phone 1800026370. Charges at both of these establishments is reasonable. **NUMBERS FOR THE EVENT ARE GROWING.**

FLAT SCREEN TV

One of our members has donated a 105cm flat screen TV for the Society's Rooms at Wests Club.



The TV has already been mounted on the wall and is scrolling various photos of Sydney football from over the years. These are contained on an SD card.

If you have any photos we can add, as we have said before, just send them in.



NEW COMPUTERS

As part of the *ClubsGrant* Scheme with Clubs NSW, the Society has been presented with two new computers from Canterbury Hurlston Park RSL. These replace two aging machines and now give the Society a more effective method of capturing and warehousing the growing list of material now coming into their hands. The Society is so fortunate to have such a keen and committed bunch of people who come along to their rooms each Tuesday and make it all happen. These new computers will be of tremendous benefit to us all.

AS OF TODAY
WE HAVE 70
MEMBERS

REP TEAM PROGRAMME BECOMES AN ISSUE

Many of you would be aware that the Society has undertaken to compile all NSW interstate matches, in all grades, including results, players and coaches etc. and then have them displayed on our website. The first attempt failed with the computer programmer saying it was all too hard. The second group who took on the project got part way, now appears to have stalled. Some pre-1900 games have been listed but access to them is restricted because certain aspects of the programme have not been developed to the Society's requirements. This is one project we desperately want to get up and running and will pursue its creation even if it means a cost overrun. Stay tuned. **STOP PRESS ...** The programmer has contacted indicating that he is about to upload our required amendments which means it MIGHT be working soon..

REGULAR INQUIRIES

The Society regularly receives inquiries from relatives of former players who participated in NSW football, more particularly in Sydney. With our resources we are nearly always able to pinpoint the person and provide a brief but accurate profile of their football career within the state. Sometimes this includes photographs and other information.

Recently we had a grand daughter of a player/administrator of the old Paddington Club (combined with East Sydney to form Eastern Suburbs FC in 1926) whose estranged daughter is still alive. The inquirer was able to show her mother photographs of her father plus information she had never seen nor been aware of. So the more material we can retrieve from people can be used to fill gaps in peoples' lives.

OLD FOOTY RECORDS

If you have a computer, how long is it since you checked the documents we have posted on our site?

We are concentrating on Sydney Football Records and now have a fair few online for you to view.

We have also worked out how to better edit these publications so they appear in a more professional fashion. There are more coming.



JIMMY STIFF'S TROPHIES

Jimmy Stiff was a fantastic footballer with South Sydney in the 1930s. He represented the state on many occasions at both a senior and junior level, played district cricket and also played rugby league for South Sydney. His reputation as a footballer was championed by three separate prominent Sydney football identities of the day.

Two of his trophies, one, the Major Condor Cup for the B & F in the 1933 ANFC All States Carnival in Sydney were found in pieces on a junk heap and subsequently offered to the Society.

At great expense, we have had them lovingly restored to almost better than new condition and now they hold pride of place in the trophy cabinet at our rooms.

GORDON BOWMAN DIES

If you can, cast your mind back to the late 1960s, early 70s. Gordon Bowman coached Newtown to consecutive premierships in 1967-68 and the 1969 grand final and again in 1973. Between this he coached Norths in 1971-2.

Gordon died recently at 85 in Tasmania. He played in premiership teams for Melbourne FC, and coached and played with Sandy Bay, Mayne (Qld) and Newtown in Sydney all to premierships.

