



**UNSW  
CRICKET CLUB**

**University of NSW Cricket Club Life Member Profiles.**

## ***Greg Livingstone***



***Player 1980***

***PG Coach 2020***

## ***Roles and Honours***

<b>Senior Vice President</b>	2001-09
<b>NSWCA and SCA Delegate</b>	1987-91
<b>Blues Committee</b>	1991-2010
<b>Club Coach</b>	1995-98, PG 2019-21
<b>Team Captain</b>	PG 1977-78, 1st Grade 1986-87, 1987-88,
<b>Premiership Teams</b>	<b>1st Grade 1976-77, 1980-81, PG 1976-77</b>
<b>Combined Universities</b>	1979-80
<b>UNSW Sporting Blue</b>	1988
<b>UNSW Sports Recognition Award</b>	2021
<b>Ted Davis Player of the Year</b>	1985-86

# Individual Profile

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

**Born and raised in Albury NSW**

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

**I was always interested in cricket, much more so than the football codes, hitting something with a bat was much more natural to me. I often played cricket in the back yard and at my grandparent's place in Ebdon, near the Hume Weir.**

**Played for the East Albury Crows from the age of about 10, progressed to the firsts in my last year in Albury in 1975, we won the premiership that season.**

When and why did you become involved with UNSWCC?

**I came to Sydney in 1976 to attend UNSW as an undergraduate in the School of Surveying. It was really Uni first and cricket second at that stage, but the bonus was UNSW gave you a chance to play for a grade cricket club, unlike other Universities offering Surveying.**

**I knew Henry (Geoff Lawson) and Jacky (Peter Jourdain) from playing against them in Wagga V Albury games and ended up in the same residential accommodation (the Endeavour migrant hostel, a whole other story), and subsequently a flat in Bondi Junction together with Steve Armstrong (Coolamon origin). Nigel Perger was in amongst all this and was a mate of mine from Albury.**

**Originally graded in 5ths as a left arm spinner but worked my way up off the back of good performances in Poidevin-Gray Shield. which we won in my first year 1976-77 (thanks mainly to H scaring the living daylights out of everyone, including the fielders).**

What did you like about UNSW Cricket?

**A very inclusive and friendly Club right from the start. People like Tony Epstein, John Ingleson, Peter James, Roger March, plus lots of others, welcomed everyone and there was not really a divide between teams or people, from whatever backgrounds.**

**I was basically a naive young country boy who didn't know the difference between a GPS, CAS or public school and didn't much care. UNSWCC was just about whether you played and enjoyed cricket and what sort of a person you were. Still the case today.**

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

**Livo, not very original but was always the same since I was about 12.**

**Splinter (Andrew McMaster) called me Larry but I don't really know why, only one who did.**

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?

**My role in the Club has transitioned from player (19 years) to coach and now to assisting with old boys functions and importantly documenting some of the history of UNSWCC. This started with the development of the first player statistics database (now enhanced to be state of the art by Darren Sue) and the Life Member profiles (of which this is one) and premiership photographs and memorabilia, which is still a work in progress. All have great importance to me.**

**The majority of my friends are from UNSWCC, so it is not difficult to be motivated to be involved in the organisation of functions and reunions.**

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

**It was a great personal honour, which was unexpected but greatly appreciated. It seemed a bit odd though, to be given life membership for doing the things you loved, with all your friends.**

What is your greatest memory or memories of UNSW Cricket?

**The premierships (2 in first grade, 1 in PG) are obviously the highlights.**

**The 76-77 flag was a bit surreal; the final was only my 3rd first grade game and while I was in the team, I did not have the same 'buy-in' as the rest of the guys. Don't get me wrong though I was extremely proud and excited by what we achieved.**

**The 80-81 premiership was much more real to me as I was in the team for the whole season and we were dominant, expertly led by Mark Ray. We had a great all-round team, complemented by Henry when he was available. We knew we were the best team in the competition all year, and so did everyone else. We doubled the score of Northern Districts in the final, comprehensive.**

**But mostly it is the friendship of so many people and the fun times we have had along the way. There have been country tours, overseas tours, golf days, reunions, test breakfasts, all with the aim of enjoying each other's company and telling stories, some of which are even true.**

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

**Worked for 34 years in Local Government at City of Sydney and then South Sydney Council. Started in surveying but progressed to infrastructure asset management and computerised mapping.**

**Retired in 2018 but was then involved in coaching UNSW Poidevin-Gray team for 3 years, an extremely enjoyable experience.**

**Currently coaching Newington College 2nd XI in the GPS competition (I now know what a GPS school is). The program is run by Ross Turner, a former opponent from Northern District and a great mentor for the students and the coaching staff alike.**

**I am a member of Eastlake golf club and play there fairly regularly.**

**One-eyed Swans supporter but don't want to discuss that in light of the 2022 Grand Final drubbing.**

**Glenda, my wife, and I do like travelling but it has been a bit curtailed by Covid, hope to pick it up again.**

Where are you now?

**Glenda and I have lived in Coogee at the same address in Brook Street since 1992.**

**Our two daughters, Kate and Nicola, live close by with their respective husbands, Sam and Jack.**

Anything else you would like to add


**Only that I feel lucky to have been involved with UNSWCC. The current players and administrators have the same attitude and values as we did when I started back in the 70's. Sadly the University does not but that doesn't change our experiences.**

# Playing Record

<b>Greg Livingstone</b>									
<b>Years Played</b>			<b>Grade</b>			<b>1976-1995</b>			
			<b>Shires</b>			<b>N/A</b>			
<b>BATTING</b>									
<b>Grade</b>	Games	Inn.	NO	Total	Ave.	Highest	Caught	50's	100's
<b>1</b>	251	273	27	7628	<b>31.0</b>	201*	105	42	7
<b>2</b>	5	5	1	481	<b>120.3</b>	204*	3	2	3
<b>3</b>	13	14	3	577	<b>52.5</b>	114	2	3	3
<b>4</b>	3	3	2	128	<b>128.0</b>	81*	1	1	
<b>5</b>	3	3		62	<b>20.7</b>		3		
<b>PG</b>	10	10		234	<b>23.4</b>	74	2	3	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>9110</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>204*</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>BOWLING</b>									
<b>Grade</b>	Games	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average	5WI	Best	
<b>1</b>	251	31.2	8	3	90	30.0		2 for 16	
<b>2</b>	5	29	11	3	80	26.7		3 for 20	
<b>4</b>	3	18	3	2	58	29.0		2 for 58	
<b>5</b>	3	31	9	7	65	9.3	1	5 for 15	
<b>PG</b>	10	9	0	3	37	12.3		3 for 37	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>118.2</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5 for 15</b>	



Final V Petersham 1976-77

 UNIVERSITY N.S.W. C.C.  
FIRST GRADE PREMIERS—1976-1977 



Standing (L to R) M. Ray, J. Robson, G. Lawson, G. Watson, S. Campbell, G. Livingstone.  
Sitting (L to R) P. Grafton-Smith, C. Chapman, J. Rogers (Capt.), J. O'Brien, M. Watt.



**Premiers 1980-81**

*Back: Asoka Wijeratne, Nigel Perger, Neville Jansson, Bruce Handley, Geoff Lawson, Steve Campbell, Terry Buddin, Peter Tout, David Lemon*

*Front: Greg Livingstone, Chris Chapman, Mark Ray, Jim Robson, Chris Hanger, Jim Dixon*

