



**UNSW
CRICKET CLUB**

University of NSW Cricket Club Life Member Profiles.

John Rogers



Premiership Captain 1976-77

Roles and Honours

NSWCA and SCA Delegate	1976-79
Team Captain	1st Grade 1975-76, 1976-77, 1977-78, 1978-79
Premiership Teams	1st Grade 1976-77
Sydney First Grade Captain of the Year	1976-77
UNSW Sports Recognition Award	1978

Individual Profile

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

Born in Gosford 1943

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

When 13 I played in 1st ever junior cricket competition in the Gosford/Central Coast area - Premiers; 3rd grade next year – Premiers; and 3 years of 1st grade in Gosford. Then aged 18 I played in the Newcastle competition, two seasons for Belmont – Premiers 1962-63.

Transferred to Sydney Grade team Paddington for two years then St George from 1965-66 till 1974-75 – Premiers 4 times, plus a Sunday League title in 68-69 – captained the team in the Final which was telecast in full.

While playing for St George, played four times for NSW (one against the West Indies) between 1968 and 1970, and was 12th man a further eight times.

Joined UNSW in 1975-76 as 1st grade captain for the next 4 years – premiers in 1976-77.

Very fortunate that in 23 seasons to have played in premiership-winning teams 8 times.

When and why did you become involved with UNSWCC?

As a 1st grader with St George, I persuaded UNSW to choose me for inter-varsity matches in 1965-66 and 1966-67 as I'd recently begun studies at Wollongong University which was then a college of UNSW. Played matches against combined NZ universities, UWA and toured to Tasmania and Monash.

What did you like about UNSW Cricket?

The quality of the people in the club.

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

Always known as JR - just seemed to evolve.

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 previous club St George had long been regarded as being Sydney Grade's benchmark. At UNSW I found players from 1sts to 5ths wanting to play the same way and they thrived when shown how.

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

I was very pleased and honoured.

What is your greatest memory or memories of UNSW Cricket?

Initially the club's successes at P-G, 1sts, 2nds and club championship, but ever since it's been about the people who have contributed to the club no matter what year and kept friendships going.

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

I left UNSWCC to become General Manager of the WACA in Perth. I'd held positions in business and teaching. As my son Chris began a career in cricket, I was able to stay close to the game as a mentor/coach – and at the time of writing, I still am.

Where are you now?

Spent the years 2013-2021 as owner/operator of The Village Green cricket ground and accommodation/hospitality complex in Strath Creek in north-central Victoria. Having sold it, from July 2021, we are living nearby on a 30-hectare woodland property and building a new house.

Anything else you would like to add

I have thoroughly enjoyed communicating with the UNSWCC community writing about cricket and travel experiences associated with test cricketer son Chris Rogers – and receiving wonderfully interesting feedback.

The creation of two books about UNSWCC premierships as a way to alleviate COVID lockdown boredom, turned out to a hugely enjoyable process.

Playing Record

John Rogers									
Years Played			Grade			1975-1979			
			Shires			N/A			
BATTING									
Grade	Games	Inn.	NO	Total	Ave.	Highest	Caught	50's	100's
1	62	68	4	1268	19.8	106	37	3	1
BOWLING									
Grade	Games	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average	5WI	Best	
1	62	2	1	0	4				





JR batting in the 76-77 semi-final, Lenny Pascoe bowling, Mark Ray non striker