

Hi Steve,

Thanks very much for your quick response. When I visited the website, what struck me most was the Life Members. I only played a few A Grade games but I played from 1967/8 to 1972/3 and captained the Reserve Grade side in 1970/1, 1971/2 and 1972/3. So I played at the same time and with Frank Chaillon, Bernie Courtney, Dr John Morrissey, Mark Mulcahy, Doug Phillips and Frank Riley. Could tell a lot of stories about those guys.

Other notable players in my time were Bill Soutter (Captain A Grade premiers in 1970/1) Bill was an ex Richmond, Melbourne and Australian Universities (Captain?) player . Dave Applegarth (ex South Brisbane District CC (Life Member there I believe), Ray Kohn (Ray also played fullback for Townsville in Foley Shield), Wally Tallis – the unforgettable “Choco” – and many others some of whose names I forget.

Most of these guys were older than me and I am 73 so maybe not so many are still around but if they are perhaps you might pass on my best wishes. They may remember me as “Charlie” rather than John.

Great to hear the Club is still going strong and great to hear about the Juniors. Life blood of Clubs. We never had any in my day and finding players was always a struggle although in the last year or two we ended up with 3 sides.

My playing career wasn't particularly distinguished (no premiership) but I do claim to have scored the first hundred at what is now Norths home ground after we moved from the old Sports Reserve in North Ward. That would have been in 1972/73 I think.

Anyway keep up the good work.

Cheers

John Griffith