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"Its only Country Cricket"

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### *Cover Photo:*

The cover photograph was taken by Trevor Klose and depicts a collection of Lyndoch Cricket Club memorabilia. The basic club colours are blue and gold which have been associated with Lyndoch sport for many years, however the cricket club is distinguished by the green flash of a vine leaf built into the design of the hat badge. Below the peak of the hat is a life membership badge, issued to Rod Chapman in 1978, and just behind the hat is a program booklet from the 1968/69 season, the year of reforming the club. In the opposite corner are two other program booklets, one being the Para District Cricket Association 25 year anniversary edition, and one from 1992/93 Barossa and Light Cricket Association, our 25th year. The bat is from the era of the first premierships 1934, while the ball represents the 1947 premierships. The medallion was issued to all players of the last premierships 1992. The framed photograph is of Gordon Smith, his classic bowling action well captured, and the other photograph depicts Les Favell, Hedley Zerk and Tom Morris at the first presentation dinner.

# *"its only country cricket:"*

*a biographical and pictorial account of the Lyndoch Cricket Club and its achievements, interspersed with personal milestones and light hearted anecdotes.*

*This book is dedicated to all the players  
and supporters of the Lyndoch Cricket Club.  
Of the past, the present and those yet to come.*

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## FOREWORD

Cricket is not a game it is a way of life.

Some of the greatest battles in the history of cricket have not been waged on the pristine green swards of Lords, the MCG or even Adelaide Oval. They have been fought tooth and nail on a dusty oval in a thousand small towns all over Australia. This is what cricket is all about. Two teams of eleven battling under a hot sun for the honour of victory.

That is why cricket has become so important to the people of Australia - a nation of battlers. That battling spirit, that will to win, that fight for survival cannot be better epitomised than right here in the Barossa Valley. The Lyndoch Cricket Club, from its inception, has been a battler.

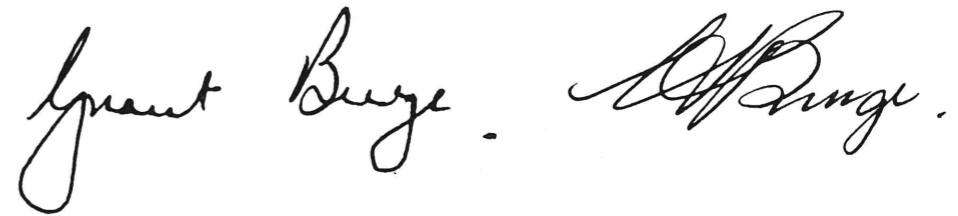
Triumphs and glory have come and gone, the club even 'disappeared' for a short time, due to a scarcity of players, but never dead.

For me, like many others, the Lyndoch Cricket Club has been an integral part of my life - from boyhood until today where I proudly serve as club patron.

Success has not been the driving force (even though I wish I'd made just one more run when on 99) - but the fellowship, the fun and the team spirit are the ingredients which make the Lyndoch Cricket Club an integral part of our lives.

This book will spark memories of the highs and lows of the Lyndoch Cricket Club in a chronicle which will delight all who read it after most of the protagonists immortalised in its pages have long left the batting crease.

It may only be *country cricket*, but to us its a way of life - long may the Lyndoch Cricket Club prosper.



GRANT & HELEN BURGE  
PATRONS

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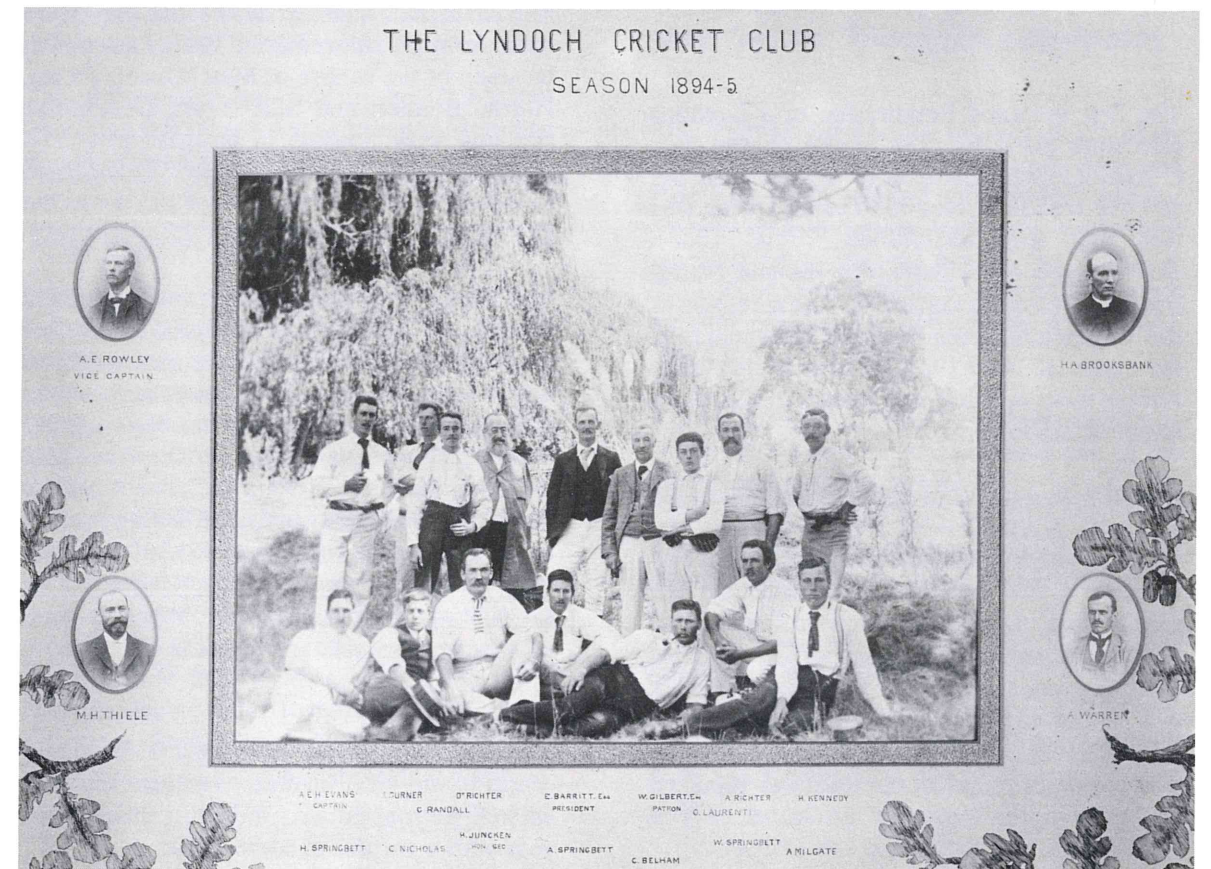
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## EARLY HISTORY

### The 1800's

The roots of the Lyndoch Cricket Club go back as early as May 1868 where it was reported in an early colonial newspaper, 'The Register', that, "On Saturday last, a match between the married and single members of the Lyndoch Cricket Club took place on the reserve. The married men in one innings scored 89 whilst the single men obtained 31 runs in 2 innings". The gold rush depleted the team for a while but by February 1875 results again appeared in 'The Gawler Bunyip'. There was no organised competition and it would appear that within this period matches were more of a social nature, even though quite a deal of pride was attached to the results.

It was not until 1891 that the first reference to an official formation of a Club was recorded in 'The Bunyip' newspaper. A meeting was held in Madsen's Hotel, later to become Evan's bakery (Gilbert street), in January 1891 for the purpose of forming a Cricket Club. "The officers were elected, and most of them present promised to support the Club, so that there is little doubt of a good eleven being got together". By 1893 more organised competition was taking place as scores were regularly published in 'The Bunyip' under the heading of the Barossa and Light Cricket Association. A photograph relevant to this period is displayed on the walls of the current Cricket Club at their premises at the Oval, Lyndoch.



*The hundred year old photograph of the Lyndoch Cricket Club*

Whilst considerable statistical data is available regarding match results etc for this early period and the years to follow, it has not been fully reproduced in this publication which is primarily dedicated to the last 25 years.

### The Turn of the Century

After the turn of the century, cricket was played some years but not others. Some of the reasons behind the cessation of matches in those early years were reported as being fuel shortages and the first world war. However, in November 1920, 'The Bunyip' published the following report, on the status of the game in Lyndoch. "After a lapse, cricket has been revived in Lyndoch, a Club has been formed and a keen interest has been taken in the national game".

### 1934 Premiership

The first recorded Premiership of a Lyndoch side took place in 1934 in the Gawler and District Cricket Association. By the time the 1933/34 season arrived the Lyndoch Club was well and truly established. The Club's performance, particularly from the mid 1920's, had been relatively consistent. Six members of this Premiership team had been team mates as far back as the 1923/24 season and they formed a strong nucleus of a team during these ten or so seasons.

Lyndoch won the semi final against Smithfield and met South Gawler in the final at the Gawler oval on 3rd and 10th March 1934. At the end of two intense hard fought days the match was unresolved as scores stood at Lyndoch 306, South Gawler 5-151. A third Saturday was required on 17th March, and it was on this day that South were dismissed for 192: The Club had won its first Premiership. The bowling strength of the team was reported as being in the 'spinning' attributes of Ted Crambrook, Ted Bitter and Les Harper.

Members of the 1934 Premiership Team were Les Harper (Captain), Colin Higgins, Harold Bennett, Max Fiebig, Rob Cameron, Angus Kalms, Ted Crambrook, Ted Bitter, Allan Rushall, Harry Bitter, Norm Reu. Unfortunately, no premiership photograph of this team is available, although, a Club photo' from this era has been located.

### 1947 Premiership

Thirteen years had passed since that first Premiership; the Second World War had disrupted the Club with no Lyndoch team competing between 1942/43 to 1945/46 inclusive. The Club reformed at the commencement of the 1946/47 season and entered a team in the Gawler District Cricket Association.

The Club had a great nucleus of players to draw from on reforming in 1947, top country batsmen of the calibre of Max (Count) Fiebig, Harold Bennett and Max Bitter; penetrating fast and slow bowlers in Graham Fuss and brothers, Louis and Allan Bitter. It was hard to make the final XI because of the talent the Club had at its disposal.

The team would travel to the other grounds, initially on Fiebig Brothers 'Fargo' truck, but later the services of Mr Hedley Pinson's 'Reo' utility was utilised. This latter service was provided at a cost of £1 for the day to either Gawler, Roseworthy College or One Tree Hill.

The Club could also boast of having its own umpire and scorer for each match. Mr Ross King would umpire, while Mrs King would do the scoring, both would arrive at the grounds on their motor cycle and side-car.

To raise finances the Club held a fortnightly dance in the local Institute, an event that was so well patronised that the Club finished the year with a surplus of some £100.

The team would call in for a pre-match drink (we are lead to believe only one) on the way to each game because more often than not the hotels would be closed by the time of the return journey. (Hotels closed at 6pm during this period).

Lyndoch won the semi-final against Gawler Central and met Railways in the final on 22nd and 29th March 1947. Railways 'had the wood on Lyndoch', defeating them on both occasions during the minor round. At the end of day one the score board showed Railways 174 and Lyndoch 0-18.

On the second day, solid Lyndoch batting saw the Club win its second Premiership in a most convincing manner. Final scores Lyndoch 1-176 defeated Railways all out for 174. A superb opening partnership by Max Fiebig (60) and Harold Bennett (90 n.o.) steered Lyndoch to this final victory. Both Graham Fuss (4/50) and Lewis Bitter (4/45) bowled well on the first day to set up the Lyndoch win.

This Premiership was won in the Club's first year back following a 4 year recess, history was to repeat itself in 1968/69.

### 1952 Premiership

Prior to the commencement of the 1952/53 season a revitalised Club, and, as a Bunyip newspaper article reported, "New Blood at Lyndoch", decided to re-enter a team in the Gawler and District Cricket Association. This followed two seasons in which Lyndoch failed to field a side. Jack Deer, the local publican, was appointed President, Max Fiebig returned mid-way through the season to play and Max Bitter was appointed captain of the side. Several other members of the 1947 premiership team also returned; a few new players made themselves available, the three Lee brothers and Robert Hankel from Jollytown, Rolly Haese from Gomersal and Peter Fiebig of Lyndoch. The team did appear to lack the skill level of the 1947 side and

Sunday afternoon matches were held throughout the season against Tanunda, Angaston and Nuriootpa to improve the team's competitiveness. These games, it is said attracted considerable interest locally.

The team of 1952 was never really considered a chance for a premiership, however, what was lacking in skill was made up for in enthusiasm. After defeating Gawler Centrals in the semi-final, Lyndoch went into the final to do battle with its closest neighbour and old foe, Williamstown.

The final was played at the Roseworthy College oval and scheduled for 7th and 14th March 1953. At the end of the second day no result had been achieved. The score stood at Lyndoch 294, against Williamstown 0-68. The match moved into a 3rd day, but still no result with Williamstown fighting at 5-212: A fourth day, March 28th was required and at the end of the final day Williamstown were all out for 253.

Max Fiebig's memorable innings of 174 along with great bowling by Graham Fuss, 3/80, and Eric Lee, 3/60, assisted the Lyndoch victory. The Blue and Golds had won their third premiership in the old era of the Club. A drought of sixteen years would follow before another pennant would be added to the local collection.

Arguably, this final could be considered as one of the hardest fought and certainly one of the longest in local cricket history.

The 1952 Premiership team was made up of Max Bitter (Captain), Max Fiebig, Ron Lee, Neil Ahrens, John Byrnes, Arthur Engel, Graham Fuss, Harold Lee, Eric Lee, Rolly Haese and Alfred Klose.

The Club continued to play until 1957 when it once again disbanded due to unavailability of players.

**TEAM MEMBERS, CIRCA 1930:**  
The photograph is taken in front of the Pavilion building.



L to R: Bert Springbett, Harry Bitter, Ted Crambrook, Bill Glasson, Frank Nicholas, Frank McDonald, Ted Bitter, Les Harper.

**1947 PREMIERSHIP TEAM**



Standing L to R: Max Fiebig (Captain), Harold Bennett, Graham Fuss, Bill Walker, Allan Bitter, Kneeling L to R: Jas Down, Max Bitter, Angus Kalms, Kelvin Klauber, Max Down, Louis Bitter.

**The Pioneers**

One cannot close the curtain on this era without giving recognition to some of the towns most highly regarded and talented players.

**LES HARPER** was the first Lyndoch captain to win a premiership, leading his side to victory in 1933/34. He was a very talented batsman and spin bowler and played for Lyndoch between 1922/23 and 1934/35. Les was admired by his team-mates, especially by a young up and coming local named Max Fiebig who would sit intently watching Les's every stroke so as to improve his own game. Les worked locally as manager of Kelly's winery (later Orlando) on Williamstown Road.

Another fine all-rounder of this early era was **TED CRAMBROOK**. Ted was the local carpenter at Lyndoch and played between 1923/23 and 1941/42. He was a long serving player and supporter of the early Club. Ted enjoyed his batting and was a penetrating medium-pace bowler of impeccable line and length. He was never flustered in a pressure situation and his reliability was one of the reasons the teams of the era were so competitive. Ted was also a member of the 1933/34 premiership side.

**MAX FIEBIG** was regarded by his peers as a batsman of incredible ability who regularly made 100's for his team and was instrumental in winning the Club's third and final premiership of the period. Max played in all three premiership teams from 1934 to 1952. He played his first game of senior cricket at aged 12. If not for his family business commitments and the difficulty in attending practice sessions in Adelaide, Max no doubt would have succeeded in District cricket. Many of his peers believed he could have played at State level.

**MAX BITTER** was a dedicated player and clubman of the 50's. He was a member of both the 1946/47 and 1952/53 premiership sides and in fact featured in a 100 opening

partnership with Max Fiebig in the memorable '53 final. Max will also be remembered for his administrative skills, carrying out the functions of secretary of the Club for many years. When Max moved away from Lyndoch, he took up umpiring and has enjoyed this aspect of the game for almost forty years.

There were many other fine players who donned their whites for Lyndoch and this book is dedicated to them all.

In 1847, the first Orlando vines were planted. 15 years later, 1862, An English Cricket Team first visited Australia

As fifteen years had passed since the first Orlando cuttings were planted in 1847, it is extremely likely that the healths of these visiting cricketers were toasted in luscious Orlando wines ...

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# THE LAST TWENTY FIVE YEARS

## The Reformation

From the mid 60's the talk around Lyndoch about reforming the Cricket Club began to intensify. Even during the cold winter's afternoon at the football, talk of the summer game could often be heard.

A new enthusiastic generation was keen to play while some 'oldies' had also pledged a return. David 'Crocket' Hausler would come from Williamstown, Tony Johnson had arrived in town as ANZ Bank Clerk, keen and doing early lobbying. Max Fiebig saw the need and offered patronage, Hedley Zerk was interested in Committee work, while Bill Balogh offered support in a way that only the local publican can.

Other prospective players were approached, John Koch would come from Tanunda, Mick Koch, the late Rod Bannister, Jeff Schwartz all ex Williamstown. Grant Burge had quit College Cricket and would play, so too would Rodney Chapman (playing tennis) and Bob Prime. David Hausler had also lined up John Deacon from Sandy Creek.

There was a will to reform, Lyndoch had been starved of cricket since the last team was thrashed by Gawler South by almost 300 runs on a late Saturday afternoon in 1957. So, on a cold winter's night on 14 August 1968, 17 people met at the Lyndoch Oval Pavilion in the Football Clubrooms and constituted what is now the Lyndoch Cricket Club. The first elected Committee of the Club comprised Hedley Zerk, President; Bill Gregory, Vice President; Tony Johnson, Secretary; Michael Koch, Assistant Secretary and Herman Thumm, (Yaldara Wines) official patron.

The new Club fielded one senior team in the Para District's Cricket Association in 1968/69 and set subscriptions for that year at \$4 per

adult and \$1.50 for students. In addition, ball levies were set at 20c per week for senior players and 10c per week for students.

## Undisciplined

On 15 January 1969, the minutes of the Club record that the matter of discipline was raised, but, after "considerable debate" the, "meeting got out of hand", and the President closed proceedings at 9.45 pm.

## The Les Favell Connection

At the end of the season the Committee were to organise its first Presentation Dinner and it was suggested that Les Favell be approached to present trophies at the inaugural end of year wind-up. The ladies of the Club were asked to cater for a dinner in the local Institute and local wineries were approached for donations of wine. This support from both the wives and girlfriends of the players and supporters, together with the assistance of the wineries was something that would continue over the next two and a half decades.

It was the late Tom Morris whom the Club can thank for the initial connection with the late and great Les Favell. Tom and his wife Daphne moved to the Barossa and settled in the Orlando House at Lyndoch. He was employed by Orlando Wines as Public Relations Manager, whilst Daphne became Secretary/Organiser of the Barossa Festival.

Tom soon developed a great love for Lyndoch, the town and its people. He was involved with the Progress Association, writer of the Blue and Gold News and was a devoted Rotarian. He introduced a fresh, new approach to the Community. His great love for cricket soon became evident when he offered his help and support to the then young Lyndoch Club.

Through the good offices of Tom Morris, many matches between a Lyndoch XI and a team of past and present State players led by Les Favell took place. The first match was held at the Lyndoch Oval on Sunday 3rd October 1972 and was won by the Les Favell XI.

Both Les and Tom stressed that no admittance charge be made to the ground as they wanted families and in particular the younger generation to be able to attend and watch the Test and Sheffield Shield players in action in their own home town.

The Club did however benefit from the generous response to the various raffles which were run on the day. BBQ lunches were available and wineries were always supportive with donations of wine. The Club catered a lunch in the Clubrooms for players and officials and following the game tea would be supplied before farewelling Les and his team. Mind you, his team had its share of 'stayers', who would not depart until well into the early hours of Monday morning. Terry Jenner and Rick Darling were always amongst the last to leave.

Following Tom's sudden passing in 1974, both the Club and Les agreed to dedicate the game as 'The Tom Morris Memorial Match' and a memorial trophy donated by Tom's wife Daphne and family was presented to the winning Captain at the end of each game.

The Club experienced the respect which was shown to Les Favell by the number of attendees at the game and by the players who offered to give up a Sunday each year and play cricket at Lyndoch. Well known identities including Greg Chappell, Rick Darling, Terry Jenner, John Causby, Ashley Woodcock, Barry Causby, Ashley Mallett, Bob Gilbourne, Ken Cunningham, David Hookes and 'Nugget' Rees to name but a few.

The Club continued to enjoy the social atmosphere of the Les Favell exhibition matches which were played at Lyndoch until 1986. They were great fun, the Club always competitive, pushing the visitors to the limit on

many occasions. Les was competitive and that is the way it should be. He always wanted to win, but he won in the right spirit and those that participated or had anything to do with Les and those matches were left with a valuable lesson on how the game should be enjoyed and played.

Les Favell passed away on 14th June 1987 and was sadly missed by the sporting community generally, not just Lyndoch.

## TOM MORRIS MEMORIAL CRICKET MATCH PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1974/75 D Kleeman  
1975/76 R Gilbourne  
1976/77 A Favell  
1977/78 J Nash  
1983/84 J Teusner  
1984/85 M Prime  
1985/86 B Slow

## The Introduction Of Colts

In 1975/76 the Club introduced a Colts team into the competition for the first time. Bob Prime was appointed coach of the Under 14 team, a position which he was to hold for several years. It is prudent to mention that it was during this year that the name D Lehmann appears in the Lyndoch score book as a member of the Under 14 team. Darren Lehmann went on to play cricket at shield level for South Australia and Victoria and is currently a contender for an Australian Test berth. The Club was to see many fine young players emerge from the colt ranks to take their place in the higher grades and beyond. In the early years as part of its colts promotion, the Club nominated and funded two colts players entry into the 'Scottish Amicable Cricket Scholarship' camps being promoted by S.A.C.A. that year. It is a tribute to those early young players like John Teusner, Brian Turvey and James Koch who have all

graduated from those early sides and are still playing for the Club at senior level.

In 1984/85 the Club transferred to the Barossa and Light Cricket Association and fielded an Under 12 and an Under 15 side for the first time. The Club had been encouraged by the age grouping in the Barossa and Light Association and this was one of the reasons it was keen to be accepted into the new competition.

The colts competition in the valley is well supported by the Association. The opportunity exists for any young player to develop their skills and go on to play at the level of their choice and ability. Lyndoch in particular has supported its youth by providing dedicated and qualified coaches over the years. The results of Club sponsorship and player aptitude are well documented, some highly talented players have been the product of our program. In the last few years Gerard Liddle, Jason Coe and Adam Bitter have all represented the Lower North Region on numerous occasions and all have been chosen to play in the State under 17 'Shell Shield' carnival.

The strength of our colts was never more predominant than in 1991/92 when the Club entered three sides in the local competition, two under 12 teams and an under 15 team.

### Management

The Club's administrative strength has always been one of the reasons why it has enjoyed a successful and relatively harmonious social and sporting existence. From the re-birth of the Club, its Management has provided strong leadership and direction both on and off the field.

The Club management has always endeavoured to encourage the youth of the club to be involved in, not only the game, but the administration as well.

Moreover the management has never lost sight of the importance of on-field performance.

The Club has been fortunate to have licensed facilities, but they in themselves have required a great deal of maintenance and attention over the years. Management of the bar, cleaning, catering and social activities are areas that now are largely delegated to members of the Club.

The stalwarts of the Executive over the last 25 years responsible for much of its drive have included Cyril Minge (President for seven years), Chris Bitter (President and Executive member for over nine years) and Steve Passmore (President and Executive member for eight years). These three alone boast nearly 25 years of sports' administration.

The Club has seen strong and enthusiastic administration. In fact, as testimony to that enthusiasm, the financial records of the Club show that the Committee, and Members, have raised over \$250,000 in the twenty five years that it has been in operation. All this money has been used by the Club to foster cricket both at a junior and senior level, and to provide clubrooms and social amenities for Lyndoch community.

## BARDELL EXCAVATIONS

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Lyndoch Cricket Club  
every success in their  
Jubilee season  
and in the future

### Fund Raising For Fun & Profit

The Club undertook its first structured fund raising activity in 1969 by running a '150 Club' with each ticket costing \$2, collected over 10 weeks at 20c per week. The money raised was used to offset the expenses incurred in fielding a second team that year. However, by the end of the season, due to the Club's outstanding successes on the field, local identities were approached and asked to donate trophies for individual performances. There was to be no respite over the years to follow with respect to fund raising. The '150 Club' was increased to 160 entries, then to 200 and later 250. A small barrel was constructed containing numbered tablets and the draws have continued for over 20 years.

Patron, Bill Balogh sold beer tickets on behalf of the Club which was to return a considerable profit during the summer months. This trend continued with the Club selling pontoon and bingo tickets from its own licensed clubrooms in the mid eighties.

A players incentive scheme was introduced, courtesy of the Lyndoch Hotel. Any player taking 5 wickets, a hat trick, 50 runs or 3 dismissals in the field, was eligible for a litre of beer. Since the establishment of clubrooms Lyndoch Motors has continued to provide this player incentive. In addition, other sponsors, including the Lyndoch Butcher and Gawler Datsun, and, individuals such as Dick Filsell, Duncan and Sandy Irving, Lindsay Turner and Lloyd Batty have pledged financial support to the Club on a regular basis.

Thanks also to the generosity of many other supporters the Committee has been able to maintain a valuable cash flow over the years through the conduct of many and varied small raffles. For years a Christmas dinner hamper was donated by Doris Liebich and, more recently, meat platters have been provided by the local butcher, first David Steinborner and then Chris Flamank, to raise funds for the Club. In the early years, Gus Liebich too

would do his bit for the Club with donations of Rovalley wine for use at the presentation dinner and other social events.

However, by far the Club's greatest fundraisers were the many major raffles undertaken. Over time, the Club has conducted raffles for a trip for two to the Wrest Point Casino, a VHS video recorder, a keg of port and two pool tables. One of these tables was won by the Club president, Cyril Minge. This proved a bonus for the committee, because future Committee meetings that year were held at Cy's house, complete with supper and a game or two of 8 ball. More recently a wheelbarrow of premium Barossa wine has been a major raffle attraction.

The Club has taken an active role in the Lyndoch Gemutlichkeit since the inception in 1977 (The Gemutlichkeit is the opening event of the Barossa Valley Vintage Festival). The Club has been involved in the administration of the event and also provided a work force on the day. It has usually worked in the area of catering. The Gemutlichkeit has been hard work and a valued source of funds for the club.

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*"It's enough to make a ewe turn."*

By 1980 the Club had reached the pinnacle of social activity. It decided that a quick way of raising big money to fund the Clubrooms would be to organise a Sportsman's Night. You know, one of those last bastions of male supremacy (some would call it male fantasy), a manly, macho type evening. Through 'connections' we were able to obtain some assorted entertainment, a female review and the odd gaming activity. Liquor was an optional extra with the night being advertised as a BYO so as to avoid unnecessary criticism and breaches of the law.

First we had to find a venue fitting of such a classy function. A shearing shed seemed appropriate, after getting rid of the sheep all we had to do was bring in the lambs, we were in the big time. By 10.00 pm the crowd was getting restless, the strippers, eh, sorry the ladies hadn't arrived. Later we discovered they were lost 'en route'. The Super 8 Home Movie Projector was smoking and the beer had run out. A rescue mission was dispatched to the pub but in the end we even drank that dry! What a night, some of the guys wouldn't remember a thing! They got sick and tired of waiting, or had done their dough in the Two-Up School and on the Crown & Anchor Board. The 'ladies' arrived just in time to prevent a lynching of the organising Committee.

In order to protect the guilty and the participants, no further mention can be made of the activities that transpired. Some stayed until the end, with cash stuffed in glove boxes and under seats. The night was never to be repeated, in fact until now it had become somewhat of a forgotten rung in the Club's ladder of success. Most of the stories that could be told will go to the grave by those who supposedly didn't attend. It does make you wonder what all the fuss is about over the introduction of poker machines.

### Stone Mountain Music

When it came to contacts, the Club had them. We had PR coming out of our ears! Or, more to the point, coming out of the bottle. Yes, the local wineries certainly provided an excellent passport to fame and fortune. After all, Barossa Valley wine was a great common denominator and nobody liked his seven year old Hermitage (yes, you could get seven year old Hermitage in those days) more than Big Jim Hermel.

Through Rovalley winery connections Big Jim was to come to town. The Club's first Country & Western Cabaret was held in the Lyndoch Institute and it was a full house.

Big Jim Hermel and his Stone Mountain Band undoubtedly were one of the most exciting groups to hit the Lyndoch music scene for a long time. Big Jim had just completed a fairly arduous tour of South Australian country centres including Ardrossan, Port Broughton, Crystal Brook and Millicent just to name a few. The Band's on stage gear consisted of stetsons, fringed buckskin jackets and shirts, cavalry outfits, knee-high boots, leather vests etc. There is no doubt that, inspired by the Cricket Club Cabarets, Big Jim went on to record such hits as 'In the (Barossa) Valley' which featured on his album 'Stone Mountain Music'. The album never went 'platinum', but Jim doubled his distribution at Lyndoch.

The Cabarets were held for five consecutive years, but we couldn't hold Big Jim and his Band forever and after accepting a lucrative contract, Jim went off to America to try the big time. However, all was not lost because through the band connections, Big Jim was replaced by an up and coming country band by the name of 'Company Blue'.

## CLUB MEMBERS 1977



Back Row L to R: John Koch, Bob O'Callaghan, John Alexander, Jeff Chinner, Allan Mackenzie, Andrew Bitter. Middle Row L to R: Ron Liebich, Bruce Thiele, Dave West, Dave Hausler, Allan Turvey, Dave Baverstock, Bob Prime. Front Row L to R: Trevor Klose, Geoff Bannister, Rod Chapman, Cyril Minge, Terry Sachse, Chris Bitter.

## INAUGURAL LIFE MEMBERS



Standing L to R: John Koch, Bob Prime, Gary Rosenzweig, Andrew Bitter, Ron Liebich. Sitting L to R: Rod Chapman, Dave Hausler, Cyril Minge, Allan Turvey, Allan Mackenzie.

## Club Logo and Cap

In 1976 Trevor Klose and Chris Bitter designed a Club logo and cap. The logo consisted of a green vine leaf, reflecting the grape growing and wine manufacturing reliance, with the Club insignia of 'L.C.C.' depicted within it. The cap was blue with a gold flash, symbolic of the colours of Lyndoch.

The cap and motif was readily accepted by the membership and was officially endorsed by the Committee and is proudly displayed and worn today. All playing members of the Club were issued with a cap at the end of that season.

## The Clubrooms

In the late seventies the Club reached a new level of maturity and many members wanted a place of their own. Trevor Klose and Chris Bitter started filling their eskies with a few cans packed with ice and sold them after training and each match.

At the beginning of the 1979/80 season the committee approached the Lyndoch Recreation Park Committee seeking the hire of a small meeting room on the left hand side of the pavilion for use during the season. This room, now the licensed bar, was subsequently used to display club trophies, a notice board, and was used as a storage area for Club equipment. Trevor Schmerl built what is now affectionately known as Joel Garner's coffin, (because of its shape) as a storage area for our gear. The room was made available to the Club at an annual fee of \$30.

At about the same time the Club also participated in discussions with other local sporting bodies and the District Council with the aim of building a combined Sports Facility at the Lyndoch Oval. The Club had advised of its requirements in such a complex, which should include an area for cabaret style functions accommodating 200 persons, kitchen facilities and a recreational area. A draft plan

was later produced by the organising committee depicting all of these suggestions.

The plan was never proceeded with, so a few years later the Club Committee drafted its own plans to extend the pavilion area to include toilets and a kitchen and this was submitted and subsequently approved by Council. The Club contributed countless hours of labour to the project.

Ian Strachan got his first taste of bar life when he commandeered the Club's first fridge and there was considerable discussion during the year as to whether it was breaking the law with social beer sales being made out of an esky at the end of each game.

It was decided that the Club should endeavour to obtain the necessary liquor licence to overcome any breach of State regulation. The membership of the Club endorsed a club constitution to pave the way to incorporation. High on the Committee's agenda was the construction of clubrooms for the membership.

In 1982/83 the Club began planning more comprehensive clubroom facilities. Wayne and Nancy Carter had agreed to fund the cost of the new bar servery, and had pledged a further \$2000 to the Club on an interest free basis so that all other necessary work could be completed early.

In 1983/84 it was back to major raffles and other fund raising activities to give the Clubroom Development Fund a real boost.

Several work details were organised, carpenters, electricians, 'Jacks' and 'Jills' of all trades, and slowly the rooms took shape. Finally it took a sledge hammer to make way for the bar servery. The old ironstone wall of the building could not be intimidated by even the might of a jack hammer. Many man hours and beers later the clubrooms were open for business. Long time patriot and mentor Les Favell officially opened the new rooms on 24th January 1984.

After this first stage of refurbishment was complete the Committee set about increasing its term of lease on the pavilion and at the same time looked to upgrade the clubroom area further through a program which included replacing the iron shutters at the front of the building with plate glass windows and doors. This stage of the works was completed in 1990 and in recognition for his work in fundraising and organising, was dedicated to Chris Bitter at that year's Annual General Meeting.

### Developing Our Youth

In the early Years the on-field success and premierships were celebrated with the same 'give-it-all' approach off the field. No clubrooms, meant that social venues were quite varied, from player's homes, Cyril Minge's shed, the Lyndoch Hotel and, of course, the Institute. Players like Tony Johnson, Michael Koch and Andrew Craig knew the importance of social team building. Mixing at these occasions also gave the teenagers an opportunity to develop more adult social skills. So what's changed you might ask?

In those early years the lads would kick up their heels in a custom not seen today. Andrew 'Mimm' Bitter will never forget the infamous white washing spree which followed the 69/70 Premierships.

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Mimm's AP5 Valiant looked like a North Melbourne mascot and while this was done in the name of fun the local district clerk was not amused at the paint job the teams had given the newly constructed Council Chambers. (We are told the culprits cleaned up their handy-work next day).

We continued to develop our youth socially, the Club was on a high during the 80's, made up of families whose children were of that age where they did what their parents told them to do. Consequently Club functions were very much designed to cater for parents and young (ish) children. Teas were always the go at the Clubrooms every Saturday night after a match. After a meal and the dishes done, the playing cards and the darts would come out and Mum, Dad and the kids would settle down for the evening. 'Mickey Duck' was the darts favourite, with a mad scramble for partners before the wagers were set. The card games were restricted mainly to euchre and there was no limit on age or gender, members would play for a round of drinks.

It was at the euchre table that our youth were to improve there social skills beyond those normally experienced by the average U12. With this sort of background it's no wonder that Jason Coe is now an avid horse punter and that Adam 'Chicken' Bitter was outlawed from Primary School discos for running the odd pontoon school.

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## More Social Activity

The Club has never lost its enthusiasm for social organisation ever since the first presentation dinner.

Before the clubrooms were constructed Bill Balogh, the local publican, would look after the players after a match. When we played at Lyndoch we would always go down to Bill's pub and have a few drinks and if we lost we would coax the opposition to go down there too. Bill would provide a few platters of local mettwurst, a few slices of cheddar and some Jatz to help soak up some of the amber. The early seventies also saw many gatherings and barbeques at the Orlando, Rovalley and Krondorf wineries.

Shortly after the opening of the first stage clubrooms, a trip to Wayne and Nancy Carters' new restaurant at Murray Bridge was organised. A bus was chartered and departed from the Lyndoch Pub just as the sun was setting. The entire aisle was cluttered with eskies of wines and champagne on ice. By the time the bus was over the Barossa Hills things were really ticking over. A magnificent meal was provided by 'mine hosts', so much so that many were moved to sleep on the return home. Somewhere, some time in the hills (about 5 kms from Williamstown), the bus decided that it had enough and gave up the ghost, refusing to go any further. A group of intrepid travellers hoofed it to the next town to phone for help. At about 2am in the morning a replacement bus arrived to the rescue. It was only then that quite a few revellers found out that there was something amiss, when they had to change to another bus. It was a wonderful night out, made more memorable by adversity, as so often is the way.

1983 saw a new format in the first of many presentation 'Fun Days' being held at the oval. These outings were in the form of a family barbecue and sports day and consisted of a spit roasted pig and drinks all being included in a family cover. They were a great success.

1987/88 was another milestone for the Club, celebrating its 20th year since reformation in 1968. A 'Return to the Club' Christmas party was organised, consisting of a three course meal cabaret style evening. Over 150 past and present players and supporters attended to meet old acquaintances, reminisce and discover how the Club had changed.

In 1992 the Club held the first of the 'wine and steak' nights at the Orlando cellars at the end of its' cricket season. For two consecutive years over 100 attended these great evenings of wine and food thanks to the most generous support of Bruce Thiele and Orlando Wines. Wine competitions with much sought after prizes of excellent wines were held to supplement the proceeds.

These are just a few of the many stories and incidences that could be told. There were also the Christmas dinners and Jenny Coe's fruit puddings. The seafood nights, all you could eat calamari, abalone and garfish as caught by Laurie, Jenny and family. Crayfish and snapper from Pt Turton all beautifully prepared by the suppliers. Then there was the Pizza Hut after S.A.C.A. practice, the curry nights, the New Years Eve parties, the infamous 'Aussie' night and Beach party complete with 20 tonnes of sand, not to mention the Rock n' Roll nights. The list is endless but a pleasant reminder of the camaraderie that has existed in the Club.

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## The RAAF Alliance

Then there were the games with the RAAF base. They were something else! The Club was to maintain strong ties with the RAAF base at Edinburgh for many years, or at least until the Liebich family sold the Rovalley Winery. The best part about going to the RAAF base was that you didn't have to pay for any drinks. It was a rule of the Sergeant's Mess that all invited guests were to be treated as royalty by their hosts. The games were torrid but we didn't seem to mind who won or whether any particular side even claimed victory on the occasions that they were held. They were simply an excuse to hold a BBQ from 10am in the morning until 10pm at night!

Inevitably they would provide a pig on a spit as the main meal, now, whichever generation you are from, when you conjure up the thought of a pig roasting on a spit, you assume that the pig's rotation is somehow mechanically driven. Not so at the RAAF base. We were never sure quite what crimes these lads were guilty of, but on every occasion, the spit would be turned at ten minute intervals on a continuous basis by a group of raw recruits. It was not uncommon for a pig to take up to five hours to cook in this way.

During the years in Para Districts, when playing in the Salisbury area, it became part of the ritual to stop off at the RAAF base on the way home, to renew old acquaintances at the Mess. This relationship bore fruit in the form of additional players for Lyndoch; Merv Auger, a thumping left hand bat who played over several seasons and was a good Club member, Neil Waghorn, a quickish bowler with an extraordinary arm, Peter Tossell and Gary Simpson to name a few.

The RAAF teams had other attributes. Apart from their culinary skills, they were also mean golfers. We would play cricket down there, they would play golf up here. The rules, however, were pretty much the same. We would supply the wines, they would bring the

tucker, and great tucker it was too! Nothing but the best. Eye of fillet beef, fish, crisp salads, hot potatoes, deserts, and this was all somewhere between the ninth and tenth hole at Tanunda.

## The Golf Days

The organised golf days with the RAAF became a forerunner to a mid year golfing extravaganza, which saw no less than 20 Cricket Club golfers participating every winter. We had some great golf days and we had some great golfers. In the latter years, Gordon Smith would inevitably win the longest drive, the best off the tee etc. But he was a bit of a maverick as he used to play in competition every Sunday. Every year we would play at Tanunda, and every time we would complain like hell over the unfairness of the scrapes. We ventured to Mount Pleasant once or twice, but it really didn't have the same atmosphere as Tanunda. Hack golfers, need lots of trees, especially just after lunch!

Dave Harding had joined the Club and took his golf fairly seriously. In 1990 he organised a mid year golf day at the Loxton Club Course. We set off Friday night after work for a weekend of golf, gambling and debauchery. Darryl Jericho, the local bank manager, was the pick of the group. Das really let his hair down once he got out of sight of bank clients. The food was fantastic and the hospitality was great. 'Gordie' cleaned up again.

## Crabbing At Pt. Parham

The golf was for the winter months, but in summer the corresponding outing consisted of a trip to Pt Parham. When it came to crabbing the Kloses, Coes and Werners seem to have it wrapped up. Mind you, whenever there was a scheduled meet at Parham, Laurie and Co always seemed to beat everyone else to those elusive white patches.

Then there was the time that the Club had organised to meet at Lower Light after practice one Thursday night. It was fairly late when we arrived and some of the group thought that a fire should be lit on the beach to act as a beacon if some stragglers returned in the dark. However being in the middle of summer most thought it not a good idea. A few hours later in pitch darkness two members could be heard arguing as to which way was 'in'. They decided to walk in opposite directions and a few minutes later Bob Prime found himself almost out of his depth as he stepped into a leading channel.

One year, the RAAF joined us at the annual crabbing day, and they arrived towing a trailer which was painted out with squadron logos and colours, and complete with simulated aircraft tail: it was an engineering marvel. Once positioned, doors were opened to reveal a BBQ plate, a central region salad bar, and of course plenty of beer on ice. It was a self contained picnic supply wagon.

Then there was the year that John Teusner and Cyril Minge won the crabbing competition, without using a rake. They caught them by hand, mind you, have you seen the size of Cy's hands!

### Busy Bees At The Oval

During 1975 the Club had been successful in arranging for the construction of two practice nets and pitches at the eastern end of the oval. By the end of the decade it was necessary to strengthen and repair the practice area. A retaining wall was constructed to prevent mud and water from flooding onto the pitches from the pavilion side of the nets. Malthoid was laid on the centre pitch to replace a permanent carpet surface which had proved inefficient. Concrete slabs were also positioned on the approach to the practice area to cope with the extensive use of this facility.

Needless to say the Club always had need to arrange a number of busy bees over the years.

Each season would normally kick off with some form of work detail to clear the pitch, repair equipment and the like. The tempo of these gatherings increased dramatically during the period of Club refurbishment and more often than not there was always time for a few ales at the completion of the work.

During this period a group of loyal workers were carrying out extensive renovations to the front of the pavilion; Wayne Williams was in charge of all the wood stuff, Bob Prime was in charge of repairing the practice nets (all that metal stuff) and John Teusner was clearing the pitch. (all that dirt stuff) All in attendance were busy, or nearly all; Bruce King seemed to be at loose ends and he gladly volunteered to light the barbecue.

The Club barbecue was a 'big mother', kindly donated by Monier Quarries a few years earlier when Brian (BG) Davies was contracting through the quarry. Anybody experienced in using it would know that the lighted match needs to be held in place before turning on the gas. Any reversal in this order can have disastrous results. Kingy was certainly not experienced with the Club BBQ, and after turning the gas on discovered that he had no form of ignition. He appeared in a doorway and exclaimed that he hadn't been able to light the barbecue because he had no matches. The workers at this stage thought that the snags would have been half cooked and it was not surprising that Dave Harding, out of frustration, stormed into the kitchen to get the food cooking. Dave knew the barbecue and knew that for safety sake the match should be in position before turning on the gas. By the way Dave had no sense of smell and so crouched over the barbecue he thrust a lighted match into the burner. The sound and smell experienced in the next room defies explanation; with one almighty WHOOOSH! Dave had lost every skerrick of facial hair in a flash. When he staggered into the next room he was greeted with riotous laughter, it was only later that we realised how serious it might have been. Somehow that day the barbecue just wasn't the same.



*"So who likes their T-Bone well done?"*

## Time-Out

Speaking of burnt toast, skipper Dave Hausler well remembers the day he arrived at the match at Lyndoch where the home side were just about to take the field and the fire sirens sounded. Eric Mattner arrived with the news that it was Dave's barn that was on fire. Dave and the Lyndoch team promptly left the game, with some of the opposition players, and headed to his home. The cricketers were put to good use forming a chain and emptying Dave's wine collection. The match was held in abeyance. In true *country cricket* style, the opposition agreed to an extended afternoon and the game went on until dark to be completed. The other fact that makes the day remarkable, was that it was the first fire to be attended by the newly formed Lyndoch Country Fire Service, and they were proud to have beaten seasoned Williamstown CFS to the scene.

## What Next?

We also had our share of light hearted moments on the field. Some of these related to over-exuberant bowlers who would do anything to keep that ball shining. Those who knew Bob Prime (snr) will always remember his advice to other bowlers not to 'stuff', er sorry, scuff up his ball before he had a chance to use it. There were some games when the ball in Bob's care would appear to get a new lease of life between matches, and often between innings would disappear completely.

In 1969, Bill Gregory thought he had the answer, he decided to soak the slightly used ball in linseed oil to rejuvenate it. The only problem was it transformed it into a 'piece of soap'. On the way to amassing a huge score the opposition got a chance to oil their bats with our ball.

There was also an incident in a game where Cyril Minge, the 'Brylcream' boy, had an umpire confiscate his ball and rub it in the

sand after noticing that Cyril seemed to run his fingers through his hair after every delivery. Players today have replaced Brylcream with 15+ sunblock!

## Lost & Found

There was an occasion where a Club bat went missing and was given up as lost. Two years later we were playing against Angaston, when one of their batsmen came to the wicket with an 'LCC' branded bat in his hand. After recovering the implement we were told that it had made many runs for their club in the two seasons that had elapsed since our last encounter.

## Owzat!

Whilst playing in the PDCA, official umpires were made available to adjudicate in Club matches in the higher grades. Rumour has it that two such gentlemen who liked the social activities associated with the game would always hold out to umpire at Lyndoch! Peter Roberts (Snr) and Peter Jones were always welcome at the ground, as well as their umpiring skills they would allocate \$5 from their fees for the day to a player of the match and lay the rest on our bar.

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## Playing Conditions

Playing conditions vary considerably in *country cricket*. Sometimes it is due to the standard of the grounds. For example, in 1985 the C Grade used Keynton as its home ground. Prior to the first match the ground cover was reaped and the bails of fodder were dragged in line to form a boundary.

At Tarlee they have a different solution, the sheep leave a much better playing surface, except the droppings sometimes provide an inconsistent bounce. It gives a whole new meaning to the term 'sticky wicket'! In the early days, the bowlers' run-ups featured red clay bricks as the approach to the wicket.

Tarlee is also notable for the ball disappearing into a large reed bed on one side of the ground, and extracting it can be fun while keeping an eye out for the big black wriggly things with fangs.

At the Virginia school ground there was no grass at all, just baked clay. Andrew Bitter can attest to this after the lower part of his arm popped out of its socket when he attempted to take a diving catch in 1985.

Sometimes it is due to the climatic conditions. Consider the day when 'Captain Blood' lost the toss at Ingle Hills just as the temperature hit 45°C. Drinks breaks were taken every 30 minutes and consisted of a fully clothed drenching under a shower. Ingle Hills won the match by 100 runs and 15°C.

Of course it is not always hot during a game. During a game at Stockwell on a very cold day when Lyndoch was fielding, most of the players had many layers of jumpers on. Ian Werner, who had not brought any warm clothing went missing from the field. He was spotted waving from the children's playground where he was sheltering in a pine cubby house!

A game at Salisbury North was interrupted whilst the players paused to watch an all in brawl in the street outside the ground.

A match at Nuriootpa also held distractions. Topless sunbathers from the nearby caravan park located themselves just on the boundary. Young bloods like Mike Prime and John Teusner could not concentrate on the game, and kept pestering to field at deep mid wicket. It was never clear whether the sun bathers were Nuriootpa supporters.

Cyril Minge was well known for having a stentorian voice. During a match at Lyndoch he noticed his young son playing on the nearby railway line. He bellowed "Leroy, get off that railway line" so loudly as to stop the game in its tracks.

Laurie Coe remembers the small ground used by Salisbury East, a small square shape with a brick wall forming part of the boundary on one side. The ground is remembered for quite a remarkable one day fixture. The B Grade were away to Salisbury East, and in a whirlwind match, almost 450 runs were scored off 46 overs, 300 runs in boundaries (sixty three 4's and eight 6's). John Koch scored his maiden century (103) for Lyndoch in this match and later that night after celebrating vigorously, broke his arm on the way home and that was the end of his 72/73 season.

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### What's in a Name?

John Koch was always referred to as 'Clubber' for the way he played the short ball. He tended to face it square on, and bring the bat over his head and swat the ball down the pitch. Not effective for run scoring, but quite unique. John once scored 58 (ret) out of a partnership of 190 with Mark Pfitzner (v's Virginia at Virginia, 1992/93 B Grade), and John's innings was all singles except for six 2's.

Speaking of nicknames Trevor Klose had a habit of hanging labels on people. Two players picked up labels on the same day, 'Handbag' and 'Powderpuff'. As the story goes, it was a dirty day for Lyndoch, Trevor was skipper, and the team was toiling hard. Finally a lofted ball went to fine leg, but was put down (by a hapless Bruce Thiele). "You should have used your handbag," (an outdated sexist way of implying a bloke was a bit of a sheila for dropping the catch, which was a derogatory reference in the repressed times), came the cry from the skipper. Later in the same day, a similar situation occurred (involving Rod Chapman), which incurred the Skippers wrath, "You b...y powderpuff" came the acid comment (with similar sexual implications). These names were often used in later matches when Trevor felt their endeavour was less than 200%. Trevor is also credited with Dave Hausler's other nickname of 'Lipstick', in reference to Dave's use of lip balm (before the days of ozone holes).

### The Unsung Heroes

Some of the unsung heroes of the Club are made up of the wives and girlfriends of the players who have worked tirelessly at the many and varied functions and fundraisers over the years. The women who have played a part in the success of the Club have been Ann Bitter, Jenny Coe, Brenda Mitchell, Bronwyn Plate, Joy Passmore, Gloria Minge, Janet Davis, Margaret Mold, Diana Prime, Pauline Ball, Val Werner, Barb Alexander, Eileen Strachan,

Anne Hausler, Carolyn Whiteman and in more recent times, Andrea Earl.

In the early 80's, out of appreciation and gratitude for the effort the feminine component of the Club had contributed, the Committee hosted a series of 'ladies nights'. All the women of the Club involved in functions throughout the year were wined and dined at Club expense and by the male members who stood most to gain from the ordeal. The men would wait on their loved ones, first champagne, then hors d'oeuvres, followed by seafood cocktails, surf & turf and a large helping of good old apple strudel for dessert. But it wasn't the food, it was the way it was presented that really mattered. Chris Bitter was doubling as cordon bleu chef for the night and had received a complaint from one of the patrons, in his exhibitionist style CB strutted out to the dining area wearing nothing but an apron. At least he had somewhere to hang the tongs!

On one occasion the ladies were treated to a night at the 'Lyndoch Casino' where they were entitled to gamble the night away with 'Monopoly' money to their hearts content. This type of evening was repeated on several occasions over the next two to three years and were a lot of fun and were, no doubt appreciated by those 'unsung heroes' of the Club.

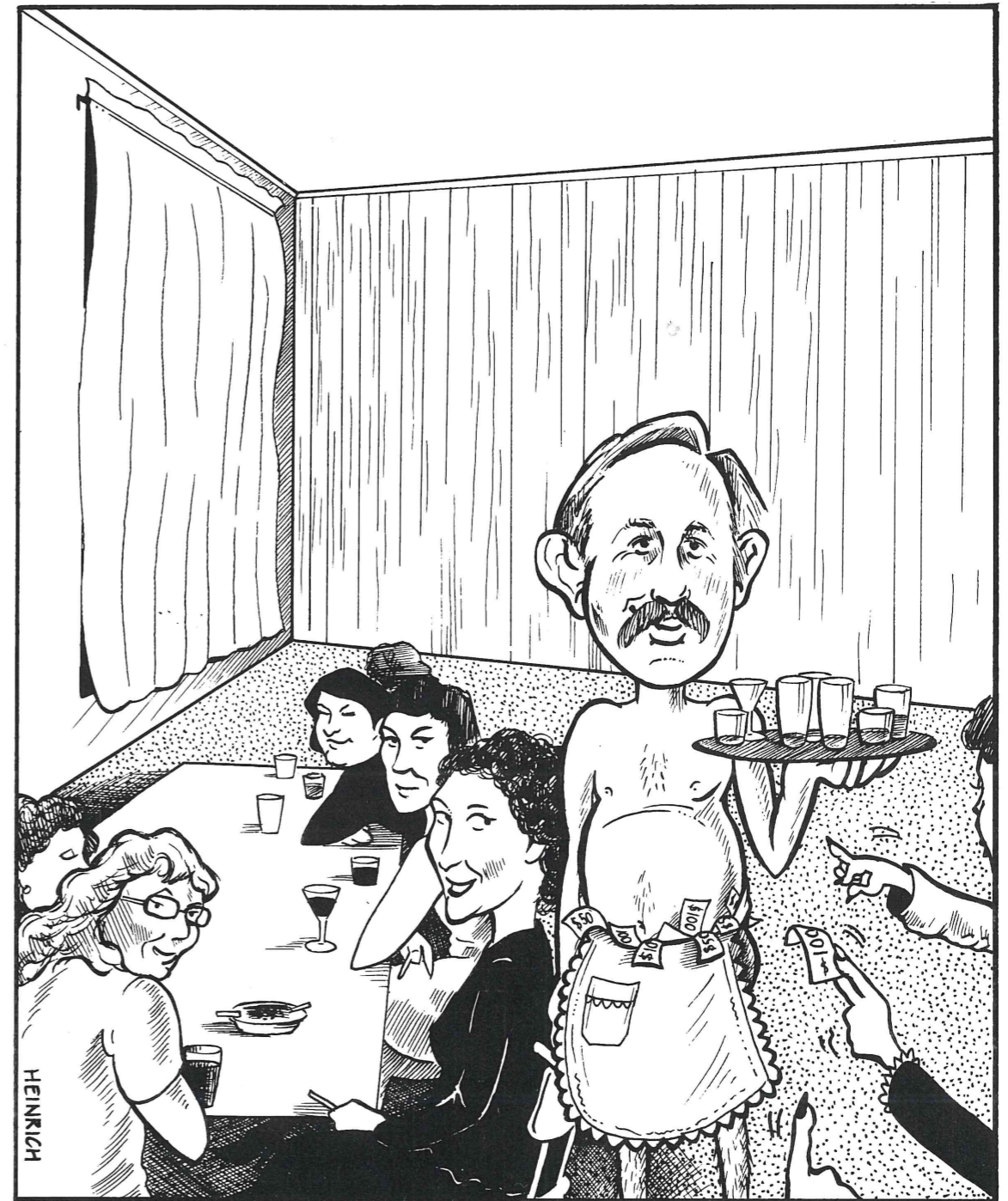
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## The Characters

In 25 years the Club has had many players and supporters who display an odd sense of identity, character or certain idiosyncrasies.

Of course, anyone that played cricket with Pat Bova will remember his 'mankad' incidents. Pat attempted no less than eight 'mankads' in his first year with the Club, and, was successful on three appeals. It wasn't that the batsmen weren't out of their crease on each occasion, its just that most umpires were reluctant to walk the poor batsman, who were in shock at the time. Dave Harding will go down as being given out lbw more than anyone else in the Club, while most were astonished at the way Bob Prime would play the short ball, turning his body on the ball and have it hit him on the rump.

For a small piece of trivia, both John Koch and Alan Turvey are renowned for having their false teeth broken during match play.

Down in the C Grade we do not always get the most experienced of players and Bob 'Chook' Henderson certainly fitted into that category. He loved donning the whites and going out for a hit (and do not try to get the gloves off him when fielding), but some of the finer points of cricket law were unknown to him. He was however sensitive to the friction generated on the field during a match against Truro, when the Truro umpires were not making decisions to suit Lyndoch. After one such decision, and much loud dispute, the Truro team suggested that Lyndoch leave the umpiring to them and get on with the game - which is fair enough.

When it was Lyndoch's turn to bat, and hence umpire, Chook was positioned at square leg and had obviously heard about the leg side rule. After a few balls had been bowled he approached the other umpire and asked how many fielders were allowed behind square leg. The more experienced umpire explained that no more than two were permitted. After the next delivery Chook bellowed out confidently

from square leg "NO BALL" as the bowler delivered. This shocked everyone and Truro wanted to know what was wrong. Chook replied that Truro had too many players behind square. A count was taken and Chook pointed to one at fine leg, one backward of square leg, the wicket keeper and all the slips. Much argument followed and as tempers flared, Wayne Williams was heard to call from the boundary, "just leave the umpiring to us and get on with game", attempting to bring some humour back into the proceedings. Chook was disappointed not to have'em, and was educated on the interpretation, and the game continued, as it always will.

Another player, whose little idiosyncrasies will forever be embedded on our minds is Ronny Liebich. Ron inevitably opened the batting and would always be running late for the match, in fairness to him it must be mentioned that Ron worked long and hard as a winemaker at the family business and didn't get much sleep during vintage, which of course, clashed with the cricket season.

With monotonous regularity Ron would front up to the match and be late in getting to the crease to face the first ball. Before a ball would be bowled he would call for a groin protector which he had forgotten to put in place and while this was going on he would clean his spectacles and after several minutes would be ready to face. It didn't finish there, after one or two deliveries he would call for the 'Aerogard'. To this day the opposing sides always believed he had some motive for his behaviour, only they couldn't fathom what it was.

There's an old saying, like father like son, and in this case it fits. Years later Ron's son, Jason, phoned his A grade captain and explained he would be a "little late" getting to the match which was scheduled to commence at Eudunda at 1.15pm. Jason was seen travelling towards Adelaide at about 12.30 that day - he arrived at the game at 4.45 that afternoon.



*"Once I'm ready I'd like to appeal against the light, Ump.."*

## Cricket Politics

On the day of the proroguing of Parliament prior to the 1993 State election, the Leader of the Government in the South Australian Legislative Council, the Honourable C J Sumner, was giving an address to his fellow Parliamentarians, thanking them for their contribution to the Parliament over the past fourteen years.

The Attorney-General particularly thanked the President of the Council for sharing with the Parliament, the views of his local sports club on political issues. The Attorney went on to acknowledge that he too had his sources in this regard. The following is a quote by the Attorney (Hansard dated 2 November 1993).

"I used to have another soundingboard. Some years ago, one of my staff was also a participant in the Lyndoch Cricket Club and, if I wanted to know what was happening in the political world, what the public opinion was on a particular topic, I would ask him what the view of the Lyndoch Cricket Club was, and that was unfailingly accurate as well. So, between the Lyndoch Cricket Club and the Broadview and Brighton Bowling Clubs, I got a better view of what was happening in the opinion of the public and the political scene

in South Australia than from the best conducted political survey."

Chris Sumner spent much of his early years as a resident of Lyndoch. His father was the manager of the then ESANDA Bank which, in later years, was demolished and now houses the present ANZ Bank. The staff member referred to in his speech was Chris Bitter, who served as Official Secretary to two Attorneys-General in the 1980's.

## Cricketer of The Year

1973/74 saw the introduction of an award for cricketer of the year, and 'Darkie' Leibich, generously provided a perpetual shield and annual trophy for the recipient of this award. There had been a cricketer of the year nominated for the two previous seasons and their names were added to the shield.

Over the years the shield was to fill with the names of some of the Club's most talented players and in 1989/90 Doris Liebich graciously donated a second shield to the Club which was dedicated to the memory of her husband. Both shields are proudly displayed at the Lyndoch clubrooms.

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1971/72	G Bannister	1979/80	P Bergen	1986/87	W Inkster
1972/73	C Minge	1980/81	T Klose	1987/88	J Teusner
1973/74	M Koch	1981/82	R Prime (jnr)	1988/89	James Koch
1974/75	A Mackenzie	1982/83	I Werner	1989/90	J Teusner
1975/76	A Mackenzie	1983/84	P Bova	1990/91	James Koch
1976/77	D West	1984/85	G Hawes	1991/92	T Klose
1977/78	L Coe	1985/86	R Prime	1992/93	G Smith
1978/79	T Klose				

## In Memory

This publication celebrates the success of the Club over the years, it is also a tribute to those many players and supporters who have contributed but who are no longer with us to celebrate. We will not forget their contribution.

We have already paid tribute to Les and Tom and their influence on the Club will never be forgotten, but we will not forget players like, John Gerhardy. John came to Lyndoch from Light Pass and very much enjoyed his cricket. He was young but nevertheless an experienced opening batsman and was a member of the 1969/70 premiership team. His early death was a blow to all members of the newly formed Club.

Bill Gregory, captain of the Clubs first B grade side will be remembered for his dry wit and will be never forgotten for his linseed oil ball soaking theory. Bill was the first B Grade Captain, steering the Club's inaugural B Grade team to a Premiership in 1969/70. Bill was in his late fifties at the time and had many firm theories about cricket.

Both Arty Engel and Peter Fiebig played in the two eras of the Club. Arty was an exceptional fielder whether in the outfield or behind the stumps. Peter, on the other hand, was predominately a bowler who could extract prodigious swing out of the ball. Both batted in the middle order for their respective teams.

Laurie (Spider) Mitchell was a great clubman and while he didn't play many games, was always around to arrange a social event or sell a raffle ticket or two. Laurie's life was cut short and he will always be sadly missed.

Rodney Bannister's untimely death was also a personal blow to all that knew him, Rod had played in the first two A grade premierships sides between 1968 to 1970. Rodney was an excellent all round sportsman and a true friend to many at Lyndoch.

Just as tragic was the death of Shane Taylor. Shane was a most colourful character who loved the Club atmosphere. Shane was a very handy swing bowler popular with his team mates, and was liked by all who knew him.

Ed Davies was a student of the game of cricket, and would offer advice when he thought it appropriate. He had been a scorer for Salisbury District Club prior to fulfilling that role with Lyndoch and his score books are a work of art. His habit of putting dot balls into a batsman's tally was a trade mark of his, and it gave a much clearer picture of the status of an innings.

Regardless whether it was the A grade, B grade or the C grade, Pat Dahlitz would always be parked at the north western end of the oval and would always stay there until the completion of the last over of the day. Pat probably saw more cricket at Lyndoch than any of the players.

"Lest we forget"

## ON THE FIELD

### 1969 Premiership

In common with all clubs, the Lyndoch Cricket Club sets its goals each year on achieving the ultimate prize, a premiership. Premierihsips are treasured because they are usually hard won, and are extremely elusive. This is the story of how finals are won and lost.

In the first season of the new club, 1968/69, Lyndoch's only team was placed in Para Districts Cricket Association, Grade 3. Nobody knew how the fledgling club would fare. Dave Hausler was appointed Captain, and the season was underway, with a one day game against Gawler. Mick Koch showed early form with the bat (79) and Tony Johnson with the ball (4/27), but it was all to no avail, as the game finished in a tie. Round two was marked by Dave Hausler returning 7/13 against Mallala and Lyndoch's first win. As the season progressed Riverside emerged as Premiership favourites, securing top spot after six matches, while Lyndoch languished in 5th ahead of Mallala. This, in spite of magnificent feats like Rod Bannister's hat trick against One Tree Hill, not too mention Johnny Deacon's pair of ducks against Riverside.

In the new year, Lyndoch knuckled down and with solid performances against the lower sides, moved ahead of Elizabeth and into the four after eight rounds. Deacon was batting solidly to compliment his bowling and Lyndoch was threatening top side Riverside by making 176. Rain washed out the second day, and it took until the last minor round match for Lyndoch to register a win against the stronger performers, when it beat One Tree Hill out of the finals and secured 3rd spot. The challenge was there, and Lyndoch had to come up against Riverside in the semi final.

The semi final got off to a good start, Lyndoch batting first, John and Mick Koch put on a solid start. Grant Burge followed in this

mould, but the wheels fell off for Riverside when Johnson (129) and Deacon (67) put on a record for the 4th wicket. Lyndoch finally amassed 8/293, which it successfully defended the following week; Hausler 4/36 and Johnson and Deacon three wickets each. In the other semi final Elizabeth also saved the best for last and from 4th spot, plundered Gawler's bowling to make 340. The scene was set for a big showdown in the grand final.

Lyndoch ruined Elizabeth's weekend, when, batting first they made their highest score, 6/317, thanks mainly to another 'ton' from Johnson (105), 75 from John Koch and 65 from Grant Burge. Elizabeth replied with a whimper, being dismissed for 125, Deacon 4/18. Lyndoch had won the reformed club's first Premiership.

### 1970 Premierihsips

As a result of their 1968/69 Premiership win the clubs First XI was promoted to Grade 2 the following year. It's success also attracted further players and the club decided to enter two teams into the Para Districts Cricket Competition during 1969/70. The year also saw the appointment of Tom Morris as the first official coach assisted by Tony Johnson. Dave Hausler again captained the A side. New players Allan Mackenzie, Cyril Minge and Andrew Craig added extra depth to the team.

Bill Gregory was appointed Captain of the Club's second XI, which was to play in Grade 6 in it's first year. Similar in balance to the A Grade, the B Grade side had a strong batting line-up of James Zerk, the late John Gerhardy and Gary Rosenzweig, combined with the all round abilities of Rod Chapman and Mike Semmler. The team was also favoured by the experience and prowess of the late Arty Engel as wicket keeper. Arty had returned to play for the Club after an eleven year lapse and

figured in many controversial decisions during the season while keeping close to the wicket. Rod Chapman scored the only century for the season, and finished on top of the batting aggregate (313), from Gary Rosenzweig.

As the season unfolded, Lyndoch was surpassed only by one other team, Sandy Creek, who won both minor round encounters, the last of which was a thrashing, and the last game of the minor round. As luck would have it, Lyndoch had to play Sandy Creek in the semi final. In what was to become a characteristic come finals time, Rodney Chapman produced something special, blitzing the top five batsmen for 43 runs. Sandy Creek was held to 122. Then disaster; Lyndoch all out for 112 (Chapman top scored with 40), but it was still early on the second day.

Sandy Creek had to bat a second time and this time Mick Semmler and Rodney Chapman picked up 4 wickets each, Rodney getting the danger man again, and Sandy Creek could only muster 115.

Lyndoch had about 90 minutes to get 125 runs. History shows the task was completed in less than 60 minutes, Mick Semmler leading the way with a powerful 59 not out.

After such a remarkable comeback in the semi, it was plain sailing to knock over Virginia in the grand final. The highlight being a fine 81 from James Zerk. Lyndoch 160 and 4/98 d. Virginia 129.

### 1971 Premiership

As a result of their Premiership win the B Grade was promoted to Grade 5 the following year. Rodney Chapman was appointed Captain and the season started well with an outright win, dismissing Gawler C twice for less than the Lyndoch first innings score (4/218). Geoff Bannister picked up 9/35 for the match, and this multiple wicket form was a feature of his game for the season, restricting the winning opportunities of all the other sides. The

batsman were doing their bit with Ronny Liebich heading up the season aggregate from Rodney Chapman and Gary (Jock) Rosenzweig. Geoff Bannister made a ton and Rodney Chapman was dismissed on 99. Lyndoch lost only one game for the minor round and in a touch of deja vu, found it had to meet Sandy Creek in the semi final. Rodney Chapman had to miss the major round due to work commitments and Alan Turvey led the team into battle. Sandy again won the toss and batted first, Geoff Bannister was once again the wrecker, taking 5/36 off 14 overs. Sandy Creek was restricted to 154, an awkward score to chase in the pressure of a final. Without Chapman, the Lyndoch batting was inevitably weakened, lacking that steady middle order influence he had. Gary Rosenzweig wanted to leave nothing to chance and made 163 going in at first drop. Lyndoch batted through the remainder of the day, and into the next, amassing a record final score of 348, which was enough for victory.

On to the Grand Final, and Alan Turvey won the toss and with a dash of daring, asked Para Hills to bat first. Although toiling manfully Geoff Bannister failed to take a wicket, and so the fielding had to make up for this inexplicable lapse of form. Three runouts were achieved. The rest of the wickets were shared around, and Para Hills was dismissed for 148. Johnny Koch (28) and Ron Liebich (61), set the scene with a 90 run opening stand, followed by another fine 52 from Gary Rosenzweig to put the matter beyond doubt. Para Hills threw in the towel with Lyndoch 4/185, and another premiership was won.

### CLUB PATRONS

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**1968/69 A GRADE PREMIERSHIP TEAM**



Back Row L to R: Jeff Schwartz, Grant Burge, James Zerk, John Koch, Bob Prime, Michael Koch, Rodney Chapman, Tony Johnson, John Deacon. Front Row L to R: Rodney Bannister, David Hausler (Captain), Paul Kackenzie.

**1969/70 A GRADE PREMIERSHIP TEAM**



Back Row L to R: Cyril Minge, Allan Mackenzie, John Deacon, Michael Koch, Andrew Craig, Rodney Bannister, Tony Johnson, Allan Turvey. Front Row L to R: John Koch, David Hausler (Captain), Paul Mackenzie.

**1969/70 B GRADE TEAM MEMBERS**



Standing L to R: Geoff Bannister, Geoff Schwartz, Michael Semmler, Gary Rosenzweig, Bob Prime, Andrew Bitter, Rod Chapman, Robert Zerk, James Zerk, Ossie Hebart, Andy Engel, John Gerhardy. Kneeling L to R: Les Favell, Hedley Zerk (President), Bill Gregory.

**1978/79 A GRADE PREMIERSHIP TEAM**



Back Row L to R: Bruce Thiele, Frank Earl, Allan Mackenzie, John Alexander, Grant Burge. Front Row L to R: John Rundle, Peter Zerk, Rod Chapman, Trevor Klose (Captain), John Koch, Mark McNeil.

**1986/87 C GRADE PREMIERSHIP TEAM**



Back Row L to R: Lindsay Mitchell, Bob Prime, Chris Bitter, Robert Whiteman, Winton Inkster, Wayne Davies, Ian Chattin, Front Row L to R: Mike Ball, John Mold, Laurie Coe (Captain), Andrew Bitter, Trevor Klose, Jason Coe (Mascot).

**1989/90 C GRADE PREMIERSHIP TEAM**



Back Row L to R: Mike Ball, Colin Haines, Bruce Thiele, Chris Teusner, Michael O'Loughlin, Darryl Werner, Chris Chattin, Mark Andrews, Trevor Klose. Front Row L to R: Laurie Coe (Captain), Peter Jarvis.

**1987/88 U12 COLTS PREMIERSHIP TEAM**



Back Row L to R: Jeff Woods, Chris Bitter (Coach), Gavin Werner, Nathan James, Gerard Liddle, Ben James, Darren Hinkley, Laurie Coe (Coach), Mark Woods. Front Row L to R: Andrew Kokot, Nigel Coe, Jason Coe (Captain), Quinn Gifford, Adam Bitter, Jason Mold.

**1991/92 B GRADE PREMIERSHIP TEAM**



Standing L to R: Darryl Werner (Captain), Jason Liebich, Mark Bulmer, Craig Reinders, Gavin Werner, Darryl Jericho, Paul Martin. Kneeling L to R: Scott Harding, Matthew Harris, Adam Bitter, Rod Chapman, Steve Passmore.

## 1979 Premiership

In 1978/79 the Association carried out a restructuring of all grades from 10 teams to 8 and included two new grades. As a response to pressure from the stronger clubs a first past the post system in lieu of a finals series was also introduced. Lyndoch's A Grade were placed into Grade 2, the B Grade remained in Grade 3 and the C grade went to new Grade 7 as the result of the restructure. The Lyndoch Committee appointed Trevor (TK) Klose as club coach and A Grade captain and the season was underway.

The A Grade team had experienced a fairly ordinary season and was a middle runner (5th out of 8) with four games to go and virtually no chance of reaching top spot. Trevor had done his homework, and called a special team meeting at practice. As Rod Chapman tells the story, he arrived a little late for practice and was surprised to find no one out in the middle. The only person visible was Trevor standing at the pavilion. On approaching Trevor, Rodney was told "Your late! inside", and he went into the clubroom (now the bar) and found the rest of the team seated, and hushed, as Trevor followed him in and shut the door.

Nobody will ever admit as to exactly what Trevor had to say but history records that the team won its last four games including an outright win in the last match of the season to give it a premiership. The outright win was achieved with clinical precision. Para Hills, batting first, were dismissed for 138 (Trevor 4/29 off 9), and Lyndoch chased this with vigour, scoring 1 declared for 153 off only 20 overs (17 fours). Para Hills wilted under an irresistible force in the second innings to be dismissed for 61 (Peter Zerk 4/19 off 7). The necessary 48 runs were inevitable.

Trevor was a man who led from the front, topping the season batting (380) from Mark McNeil (338) and the bowling (33 wkts) from

Rod Chapman (25 wkts). Obviously, what he said had worked.

There were several changes to the playing conditions in the 1979/80 season. Perhaps the most significant being the introduction of the 6 ball over which had been adopted by the Australian Cricket Board and the S. A. Cricket Association. Locally, the Para Districts Cricket Association reintroduced a finals round.

The 1978/79 A Grade premiership was the last for the club in the Para District Cricket Association. Five years later, for the 1984/85 season, the Club transferred to the Barossa and Light Cricket Association.

## 1987 Premiership

The Barossa and Light Cricket Association offered five senior grade and in the first year Lyndoch fielded two teams, in A2 and A4. Both teams made it to the finals, but were unsuccessful. The following year a third side was entered into A5, and Laurie Coe, who had announced his retirement from A Grade cricket was appointed captain. This side had a mixture of up and coming younger players and some older players. The team did not fire during the season, winning only three matches.

The 1986/87 season started with a forfeit for the C Grade. Laurie Coe was again Captain, and as the season unravelled, he gradually assembled a nucleus of senior, experienced players. Bob Prime was spelling from A Grade cricket, and Trevor Klose and Robert Whiteman came out of semi-retirement to join the fun. Laurie had honed the skills of Winton Inkster who started his cricket career with Lyndoch the previous year. Winton was a natural athlete, who had only just stepped off the State hockey scene, and in this second year of his, he notched up three consecutive centuries. This team lost only one match for the season and was therefore shaping up for finals at the end of the minor round.

Battle was joined with Nuriootpa for the semi-final. Nuriootpa succumbed to the bowling of Winton Inkster (3/33) and Bob Prime (3/30) to be dismissed for 98. Laurie Coe (57 n.o.) made short work of this tally, and it was on to the grand-final against Kapunda. Lyndoch batted first, and struggled to dominate with wickets falling in a steady trickle all day. Laurie Coe (53) and Trevor Klose (33) were largely responsible for a reasonable total of 163. On to day two, and Kapunda's turn to bat. Bob Prime and Wayne Davis snared three early wickets between them, but the 4th and 6th wicket partnerships took the score to 5-152, only eleven runs behind, things looked grim. It is said that Kapunda tapped a keg at this juncture, and started the victory celebrations. Winton made the breakthrough, to dismiss the 6th wicket, however, even at 6-152, who would back Lyndoch? Answer: Wayne Davies. All of a sudden, Wayne picked up three l.b.w. decisions in the course of 2.4 overs for 1 run, and Winton chipped in for the other wicket. Kapunda were inexplicably dismissed for 158 runs, 6 runs short of victory with their best batsman stranded on 42 n.o. and Laurie carved another notch on his bat.

## 1990 Premiership

In the years following, up to the 1989/90 season, Lyndoch sides played well in minor rounds but were unable to find the winning formula in the finals. Laurie Coe had enough of being bridesmaids, and not brides, and he decided that the club needed a shot of enthusiasm, that only a premiership can bring. He once again offered his services as skipper of the C Grade. This was a very different team to last time, with many new players and a higher turnover (23 players were used during the year). Laurie was in fine form with the bat, amassing 423 runs for the season, and Mick O'Loughlin (17 wkts), Bruce Thiele (16) and Colin Haines (17) were the main bowlers. The team showed good batting depth through the year, scoring 300 plus on two occasions, and in the main won comfortably against all other sides, with the notable exception of

Eudunda/Robertstown. Eudunda caused Lyndoch to lose both games against it in the minor round, and were the other form side in the grade. We were destined to meet in the finals.

The semi-final against Riverton was won, but far from convincingly. Dismissed for only 122, after being 5-32, Lyndoch had to bowl well, and Mick O'Loughlin (4/19) put the issue to rest, cleaning up the tail by taking 3/0 off two overs in his second spell. Riverton threw in the towel with Lyndoch 3-86 in the second innings. Eudunda also won its semi-final, and the scene was set for an absorbing grand-final at Freeling oval. Given that Lyndoch had not registered a win against Eudunda in the minor round, one could be forgiven for starting Eudunda favourites. Eudunda batted first, and were dismissed for 148, which can be an awkward score to chase in a final. Bowling honours were fairly even, Mick O'Loughlin again turned in a fine performance with 3/30. Laurie Coe opened with Peter Jarvis, who was bowled for a duck. Colin Haines and Laurie steadied the ship with a 76 run partnership, but at about half the score required it was disconcerting, to the by-standers, when a further three quick wickets followed Colin. Laurie was not fazed however, and with clinical precision, he went on to make an emphatic 83 not out, securing another premiership. Eudunda conceded with Lyndoch 6/149.

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## 1992 Premiership

The Club fielded a record six teams in 1991/92, three colts sides and three senior teams.

At the end of the season all three senior sides found themselves with a chance of taking out a premiership. The Cs had battled hard to make the final four, and, under the guidance of Andy Bitter came close to snatching victory from the previously undefeated Truro. The A's and B's had dominated all season, both finishing minor premiers and had won their respective semi-final and were preparing for the final.

In the finals the As had Riverton 9 for 108, but a rear guard action gave Lyndoch 213 runs to chase, a target which with the pressure of finals proved too big a task.

The B's hadn't lost a game all season, although most had been hard fought and assisted by some great individual efforts at just the right time. The year had commenced with a century from Grant "Hi, just dropped into make a ton", otherwise known as 'Grunter' Rosenzweig, who showed up out of the blue when his wife Tracey was over for a spot of reproduction. Dave Harding and Brian Turvey (on loan from the A's) also chipped in with tons during the season. Butch Werner and Daryl Jericho had been more than reliable with the bat while Paul 'Benny' Martin and Adam 'Chicken' Bitter had been to good for the opposition with the ball.

In the final the B's batted first and a great opening stand by Steve Passmore (45) and Jason Liebich (27) saw the team two for 100 at tea. A middle order collapse assisted by four consecutive lbw decisions found them wasting their chance to accumulate a big score. Rodney Chapman's and Benny Martin's 30 run partnership saw the tail wag and the team finished in the rain with 154 runs.

Nuriootpa started confidently on Sunday and were two for 48 at one stage after Benny

Martin had knocked over the first two wickets earlier in the piece. Adam Bitter got his chance and snared three quick wickets and all of a sudden Nuri reeled to be 6-66, after that it was just a matter of picking off the tail. The opposition were all out for 116. Ironically the last wicket fell to an lbw decision.

It was a most memorable final and the last premiership for a Lyndoch team.

## First Colt's Premiership

In 1987/88 the Club was to record its first Colts Premiership. A very talented Under 12 side coached by Laurie Coe and Chris Bitter finished on top of the ladder at the end of the minor round (there being no finals round of matches played in this grade).

The Under 12 side had a strong batting component with players like Jason Coe, Gerard Liddle and Adam Bitter with the same trio also providing a solid bowling attack. By the end of the season Jason and Gerard had amassed aggregate scores of 279 and 307 respectively, while Adam and Jason shared the Association U12 bowling trophy with 16 wickets apiece.

A further four boys, Gavin Werner, Mark Woods, Nigel Coe and Adam Bitter also had a batting aggregate of over 100 runs for the season.

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## The Masters

The Club nominated four players to participate in the Australian Masters Competition which were being hosted in Adelaide during October 1991. Trevor Klose, Chris Bitter, Rodney Chapman and Bob Prime all reported a most rewarding week of cricket although they were glad the games are only held every seven years. (They may have been over 40, but the guys didn't lose their sense of having a good time, returning with a memento of the week which is still held in the clubrooms).

## Captains and Coaches

Apart from those early years when Tom Morris was appointed coach, the task generally had been a responsibility assumed by the respective Captains. However in 1976/77, Trevor Klose was formally approached to coach the Club to end the drought of premierships. Two years later and still coaching, TK led the As to a memorable pennant.

Since then the Club has only formally appointed one other player to coach the senior teams. It has not been through lack of endeavour that this situation has occurred, but through the unavailability of suitable personnel. In fact the Club had approached various players over the years. In 1991 Barry Causby, former South Australian state batsman and Salisbury District captain joined the Club as Senior Coach and A Grade captain for the season.

Barry came to the Club with a most professional outlook, and it wasn't long before the elders reminded him that this was, in fact, only *country cricket* and that he should consider this in his dealing with the coaching and leadership responsibilities of his appointment. With Barry, the Club determined a practice and player policy for the 1990/91 season. This included a minimum level of fitness being maintained as well as addressing attire and discipline. A colts development policy was also

drafted and respective coaches were made aware of the Club position.

While senior coaches and captains alike were floundering, the Club continued to enjoy the rewards of a settled and dedicated colts program. Bob Prime had started it all while the Club was in the PDCA; he was followed by such competent mentors as Brian Davies, Laurie Coe and Chris Bitter.

Generally, all coaches were approved by the Committee and their respective appointments ratified at a formal committee meeting. Team captains on the other hand, were selected by various means. In the seventies captains would be elected by the team at the commencement of the first game; this process progressed to them being elected by the membership at the first selection evening. (normally accompanied by a players tea). More recently the leaders have been appointed by the Committee after a register of interest from the player themselves.

The system of captain selection has had its share of dilemmas; during the 80's the B grade commenced the season without a nominated captain. One notorious player was running late for the first match and by a show of hands both Chris Bitter and David West had received an equal support for the position of captain. When the eleventh member of the side arrived he was reluctant to cast the deciding vote; in the end both candidates 'tossed' for the Leadership.

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The Club, like many other sporting bodies has had many varied Captains. Differing Characters like:-

**David (Crocket) Hausler** was the Club's first Captain when it reformed in 1968/69. He came back to Lyndoch after having played at Williamstown and was one of the early instigators of the Club's reformation. On the field Crocket was a swing bowler of high class although he finished his career bowling off spin after experiencing considerable trouble with his knees in the latter years of his cricket life. Crocket would bat at number 6 or 7 and did not give his wicket away easily. As a Captain he was very well respected and one of the Club's great tacticians.

**Allan (Macka) Mackenzie** took over from David Hausler and became the Club's second A Grade Captain. As a player, he batted at 3 or 4 and was a prolific run scorer for Lyndoch, his strength being off his pads. Macka had been playing cricket in Gawler before he came to Lyndoch for the 1969/70 season. He was also a good medium pace bowler and very much led by example.

**Trevor (TK) Klose** was a fierce competitor. He was one of only two A grade captains ever to win a premiership for the Club in the last twenty five years. Trevor's success as a captain was very much a reflection of his own playing ability and coaching skill. When Trevor spoke, either on or off the field, players listened.

**Cyril (Yabba Dabba Doo) Minge** was an old style Captain and probably one of the greatest out fielders the Club has had. He had huge bucket like hands and was never ever known to have dropped a catch. He was a good opening batsman and medium pace bowler and, like many captains before and after him, led by example. Cyril will be remembered for his encouragement to his bowlers and fielders whilst on the field, particularly for his bellowing of 'Come on boy, dive on it' and, of course his victory cry of 'Yabba Dabba Doo'.

**Rodney (Rocket) Chapman** was considered to be one of the most inspirational players ever to play at Lyndoch. His commitment to the game is bourn out by the fact that he has played continuously for the Club for twenty five years. A great thinker as a Captain, and a penetrating medium pace bowler. More often than not he would also be called upon to bat the team out of trouble. Chappie, however, will be remembered by his team mates for his encouragement and advice given to the younger members of the team, particularly in pressure situations.

**Chris (Captain Blood) Bitter**, or CB, captained the B Grade for five seasons. He was a deep thinker and always willing to try something new. He would encourage bowlers by working intently on how to get various batsmen out, studying their weaknesses and strengths whilst the game progressed. As his nick-name suggests, CB was somewhat of a pirate and did not take defeat easily.

**Daryl (Butch) Werner** was a quiet, unassuming type of player. He was a solid middle order batsman, and more times than not would be called upon to 'steady the ship' after an early collapse of his team. He captained a youthful B Grade side to the 1991/92 Premiership and will be forever remembered as a Captain who gave his younger players an opportunity to perform. Butch also spent many seasons as the coordinator of practice on Thursday nights.

Best wishes to members of  
the Lyndoch Cricket Club  
in their 25th anniversary year.

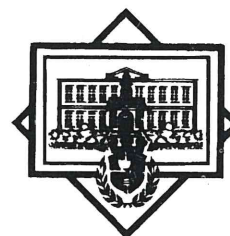
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**John (Farmer) Teusner** was a product of the Lyndoch juniors, and took on the A Grade Captaincy at a very young age. Technically John was one of the Club's best batsmen and has been a consistent performer both as a Colt and senior player over the past ten or so years. In fact, he is rated by his peers as probably the Club's best batsmen over its twenty five year existence. On the field, John would always endeavour to motivate his bowlers and fielders. John was also one of the most popular players of the modern era, having a deep, sensitive love of the game of cricket and the Lyndoch Cricket Club.

**Laurie (Coey) Coe** as a Captain, will be remembered for his ability to recruit invincible C Grade sides. He captained the Club C's on four occasions winning two Premierships. He was a player who really enjoyed his Saturday afternoons and was a compulsive 'cutter' and 'puller' which was often his downfall, although they were also the source of many of his runs. Laurie will also be remembered for his uncanny but accurate knowledge of the progress scores of each individual player as well as the overall team score while either in the field or batting.



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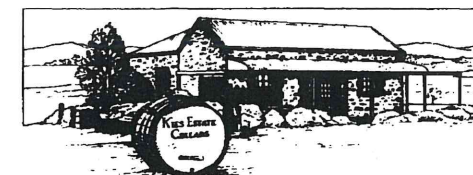
**Brian (BG) Davies** joined the Lyndoch Club after transferring from the Williamstown Cricket Club in the late seventies. His nickname of BG is derived from his somewhat stout build. Whilst BG was not one of our fittest players, he always managed to show some pace over 22 metres (especially when he had a bat in his hand)! He was a determined middle to lower order batsman and bowled well looped off spin which opposition batsmen always found difficult to cope with. He captained the A Grade for two seasons.

**Gordon (Smithy) Smith** joined Lyndoch from Sandy Creek and has captained the A Grade for the 91/92 and 93/93 seasons. Gordon is a fiery, fast bowler and one of the quickest to play for Lyndoch. He is regarded by his peers as technically having one of the most correct bowling actions of his type, certainly in *country cricket*. Gordon is also a superb fieldsman and a better batsman than he is willing to admit.

A photograph which appeared in local newspapers depicting Gordon's bowling action appears on both the cover of this publication and the label of the Anniversary Port.

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### SENIOR GRADES

#### Over 2000 Runs

4112	John Koch
4055	Gary Rosenzweig
3631	Trevor Klose
3418	Laurie Coe
3390	John Teusner
3149	Allan MacKenzie
2934	Ron Liebich
2672	James Koch
2563	Rod Chapman
2280	Dave Harding
2156	Steve Passmore

#### Over 100 Wickets

572	Rod Chapman
432	Bob Prime
325	Trevor Klose
205	Geoff Bannister
203	Pat Bova
195	Dave Hausler
169	Gordon Smith
145	Bruce Thiele
142	Allan Mackenzie
140	Brian Davies
121	James Koch
113	Darryl Werner
105	Cyril Minge

#### Best individual batting

184 James Koch  
vs Marrabel/Ngapala (A2) 2/3/91

#### Best individual Bowling

9/64 Danny Whiteman  
vs Tanunda 22/3/93 (A5) semi-final

#### Club hat tricks

Rod Bannister 4/26  
vs One Tree Hill 30/11/68  
Andrew Craig 6/14  
vs Two Wells 22/1/72  
Trevor Klose 4/8  
vs Salisbury East 23/2/74  
Trevor Klose 6/28  
vs Riverton/Tarlee 7/11/87

### U15 COLTS

#### Over 500 Runs

1265	Jason Coe
1220	James Koch
818	Scott Davies
643	Brian Turvey
602	Anthony Roostenburg

#### Over 25 Wickets

42	Anthony Roostenburg
38	Scott Davies
34	Damon Wilson
31	James Koch
27	Mark Andrews
27	Jason Coe
26	Adam Bitter

#### Best individual batting

201 Jason Coe  
vs Tanunda 2/2/91

#### Best individual bowling

6/26 Mark Heinrich  
vs Riverton 2/3/85

### U14 COLTS

#### Over 500 runs

589	James Koch
574	John Teusner

#### Over 25 Wickets

47	Michael Prime
37	James Koch
36	Rob Prime
30	Mark Bulmer
28	Simon Strachan

#### Best individual batting

142\* John Teusner  
vs Sandy Creek 5/1/80

#### Best individual bowling

6/13 Michael Prime  
vs Sandy Creek 18/10/80

### U12 COLTS

#### Over 500 Runs

833	Nigel Coe
738	Jason Coe
643	Scott Davies
543	Gerard Liddle

#### Over 25 Wickets

53	Jason Coe
37	Adam Bitter

#### Best individual Batting

75\* Nigel Coe  
vs Greenock 30/11/91

#### Best individual Bowling

5/20 Jason Coe  
vs Nuriootpa Gold 13/2/88

## CLUBMAN AWARDS

1976/77	C Bitter & T Klose
1977/78	C Bitter
1978/79	C Bitter
1979/80	R Prime (snr)
1980/81	B Davies
1981/82	S Passmore
1982/83	G Dahlitz
1983/84	C Bitter
1984/85	I Strachan
1985/86	M & B Plate
1986/87	M & B Plate
1987/88	I & E Strachan
1988/89	C Bitter
1989/90	S Passmore

## Partnership Records

### A GRADE

1	180	[B Slow (108)-James Koch (81)] vs Light Pass 7/12/91
2	248	[James Koch (184)-D Harding (128)] vs Marrabel/Ngapala 2/3/91
3	103	[A Mackenzie (75)-T Klose (48)] vs Riverside 21/2/76
4	175	[A Johnson (129)-J Deacon (67)] vs Riverside 1/3/69 semi final
5	209	[James Koch (164)-Adam Bitter (56*)] vs Riverton 9/10/93
6	130	[Rob Prime (103)-L Coe (57)] vs Marrabel/Ngapala 24/11/84
7	158	[P Rosser (108)-M Aunger (85)] vs Gawler Centrals 16/10/82
8	94	[G Smith (117)-M Prime (29)] vs Freeling 28/2/87
9	94	[G Werner (57)-C Hams (38*)] vs Eudunda 6/2/93
10	87	[A Roostenburg (76)-D Nicholl (12*)] vs Freeling 14/3/92

### B GRADE

1	223	[P Underwood (126)-J Koch (71)] vs Riverside 18/2/78
2	111	[P Tossell (64)-James Koch (57)] vs Angaston 16.11.85
3	141	[O Hebart (90)-Gary Rosenzweig (74)] vs Two Wells 9/2/74
4	134	[J Koch (89)-R Liebich (61)] vs Tanunda 23/3/85

5	205	[P Bova (120)-G Burge (99)] vs Riverton/Tarlee 15/11/86
6	105	[G Simpson (102)-R Chapman (39)] vs Riverton/Tarlee 18/1/86
7	118	[R Chapman (99)-Bob Prime (38)] vs Willaston 16/1/71
8	67	[T Sachse (57)-Bob Prime (25)] vs Virginia 16/10/76
9	95*	[D Wilson (81*)-Adam Bitter (10*)] vs Nuriootpa 4/1/92
10	63	[Bob Prime (47*)-C Johnson (28)] vs Virginia 22/11/69

### C GRADE

1	130	[C Chattin (51*)-J Liebich (65)] vs Riverton 3/2/90
2	124	[L Coe (77)-B Turvey (55)] vs Riverton 29/11/86
3	105	[L Coe (107)-M McNeil (32)] vs Sth. Gawler 7/1/78
4	169	[W Inkster (123)-T Klose (75)] vs Angaston 14/3/82
5	129	[J Lindner (67)-W Inkster (100*)] vs Eudunda 1/11/86
6	157	[C Teusner (62)-C Hams (109*)] vs Freeling 14/3/92
7	75	[M O'Loughlin (65)-A Russell (34)] vs Eudunda 10/3/90
8	45	[J Mold (15)-W Inkster (136)] vs Kapunda 22/11/86
9	140	[D Wilson (57*)-I Chattin (88)] vs Riverton 5/3/88
10	16	[J Mold (18)-C Menz (13)] vs Riverton 9/1/88

### UNDER 15 YEARS

- 1 149 [J Koch (107)-B Turvey (59)] vs Angaston 4/1/86
- 2 127 [S Davies (62)-J Liebich (50\*)] vs Kapunda 4/2/89
- 3 128 [J Coe (+201)-S Harding (22)] vs Tanunda 2/2/91
- 4 64 [J Coe (+201)-D Whiteman (16)] vs Tanunda 2/2/91
- 5 54 [J Coe (+201)-C Reinders (11\*)] vs Tanunda 2/2/91
- 6 140 [J Coe (174\*)-G Werner (34)] vs Nuriootpa 2/3/91
- 7 38 [C Hams (12)-C Reinders (21)] vs Kapunda 16/2/91
- 8 73 [D Wilson (72)-A Plate (11\*)] vs Truro 16/1/88
- 9 20 [Q Gifford (17)-J Mold (8\*)] vs Tanunda 18/12/92
- 10 12 [K Sommerville (1)-J Woods (19)] vs Riverton 30/11/91

### UNDER 14 YEARS

- 1 203\* [M Prime (112\*)-S Strachan (68\*)] vs One Tree Hill 31/10/81
- 2 92 [J Koch (70)-M Heinrich (18)] vs South Gawler 19/12/84
- 3 74 [M Prime (85)-S Rodgers (32)] vs South Gawler 6/3/82
- 4 36 [S Strachan (5)-J Teusner (+34)] vs Elizabeth Turf 27/10/79
- 5 27 [P Katsambis (15)-J Teusner (+34)] vs Elizabeth Turf 27/10/79
- 6 26 [M Bulmer (12)-A Rehn (31\*)] vs Gawler 15/10/77
- 7 17 [M Andrews (2)-M Heinrich (28)] vs Elizabeth 12/11/83
- 8 18 [T Mifflin (3)-S Strachan (12\*)] vs Virginia 8/3/80
- 9 16 [S Secomb (2)-N Lienert (11)] vs Riverside 12/11/77
- 10 10 [S Davies (2)-M Hurst (6)] vs Salisbury West 13/3/82

### LIFE MEMBERS

Bob Prime (snr)	Trevor Klose
Rod Chapman	Gary Rosenzweig
John Koch	Paul Mackenzie
David Hausler	Steve Passmore
Allan Turvey	Bruce Thiele
Andrew Bitter	Ian Strachan
Alan Mackenzie	Dave Harding
Ron Liebich	John Teusner
Lauri Coe	Darryl Werner
Chris Bitter	Pat Bova
Grant Burge	Ann Bitter
Cyril Minge	

### UNDER 12 YEARS

- 1 139 [G Liddle (66)-N Coe 43]-M Woods (33)] vs Angaston White 29/10/88
- 2 108 [Scott Davies (42\*)-J Liebich (42\*)-J Coe (38)] vs Eudunda 15/2/86
- 3 112 [A Bitter (23)-J Coe (58\*)-G Liddle (69\*)] vs Angaston 20/2/89
- 4 59 [S Dekousemaeker (31)-J Coe (35)] vs Truro 31/1/82
- 5 51 [G Werner (45\*)-N Coe (28)] vs Light Pass 28/11/87
- 6 61 [N Coe (31)-D Hinkley (18)] vs Riverton 12/12/88
- 7 44 [J Woods (30)-A Elliott (22\*)] vs Light Pass 18/2/89
- 8 46 [J Zerk (25)-M Regan (16)] vs Nuriootpa Black 30/10/93
- 9 30 [A Russell (1)-Scott Davies 41)] vs Tanunda 9/12/84
- 10 26 [K Andrews (12)-Ben James (6)] vs Truro 22/10/84

### LYNDOCH CRICKET CLUB HONOUR ROLL

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	A CAPTAIN	B CAPTAIN	C CAPTAIN
1968/69	H Zerk	A Johnson	D Hausler	*	*
1969/70	H Zerk	A Johnson	D Hausler	W Gregory	*
1970/71	H Zerk	A Johnson	A Johnson	R Chapman	*
1971/72	H Zerk	R Chapman	A Mackenzie	R Dixon	*
1972/73	H Zerk	R Chapman	A Mackenzie	C Minge	*
1973/74	B MacLean	R Chapman	A Mackenzie	W Gliddon	*
1974/75	B MacLean	T Klose	T Klose	W Gliddon	*
1975/76	B MacLean	R Prime(snr)	R Chapman	C Minge	*
1976/77	C Minge	C Bitter	A Mackenzie	C Bitter	*
1977/78	C Minge	C Bitter	J Alexander	C Bitter	L Coe
1978/79	C Minge	C Bitter	T Klose	G Rosenzweig	*
1979/80	C Minge	C Bitter	T Klose	C Bitter	*
1980/81	C Minge	R Liebich	T Klose	B Davies	*
1981/82	C Minge	S Passmore	B Davies	C Bitter	*
1982/83	C Minge	S Passmore	B Davies	R Prime(snr)	*
1983/84	C Bitter	S Passmore	D Harding	C Bitter	*
1984/85	C Bitter	D Harding	R Prime(jnr)	R Chapman	*
1985/86	C Bitter	D Harding	M Aunger	R Chapman	L Coe
1986/87	C Bitter	D Harding	J Teusner	D Werner	L Coe
1987/88	C Bitter	A Bitter	J Teusner	A Masters	J Lindner
1988/89	S Passmore	L Mitchell	J Teusner	R Prime(snr)	M Ball
1989/90	S Passmore	D Harding	B Causby	R Chapman	L Coe
1990/91	S Passmore	M Bulmer	J Teusner	D Werner	T Chattin
1991/92	S Passmore	M Bulmer	G Smith	D Werner	A Bitter
1992/93	S Passmore	M Bulmer	G Smith	D Werner	M Green
1993/94	C Bitter	M Harris	J Koch	D Werner	A Bergen

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