Jack Taylor Biography

J C Taylor DOB 1924

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At the end of the 1945 season Jack had played 100 Club games with 50 of them being first grade games. In 1945, 1946 Jack was the Club's Assistant Treasurer and was on the Club's Social Committee. He resigned in 1947 from the Assistant Treasurers positions, but continued on as a Member of the Social Committee.

In 1946, 1947, 1950,1951 Jack made the Metropolitan Hockey Association Representative team.

In 1948 (1953) Jack married his girlfriend June.

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pot and help stop the tea cooling down too quickly. The Glebe Cricked Club cap was Jack's signature piece of playing kit.

First child Greg born in 1954.

1955,1956 Publicity Officer

Management Committee in 1957, 1958, 1959, not in 1960

Club Vice Captain in 1960.

300 Club Games in 1957.

Jack still playing first grade in 1960 (365 Club games) not in first grade in 1961 replaced by Graeme Gilmore.

J Taylor a son in 1961.

In 1962 Jack reached the 402 Club game mark and Jim Kenny reached the 501 Club game mark. Jack was the second Club member to reach the 400 Club game milestone.

Not mentioned iin 1963 Annual Report.

Bill and Jack played together in the Glebe first grade teams of 1959 and 1960.

First grade from 1943 to 1960, 18 years and won 12 First grade premierships in this time.

Bill was on a trip on the gold coast and called in to say hello.

This photo was taken in mid-September 2013. The GDHC's Patron Bill Stubbs was holidaying on the Gold Coast and called in to see ex-Glebe man Jack C Taylor, Bill is the chap in the dark shirt. I am told they shared a few laughs and reminisced about the good old days.

Bill (73) and Jack (89) played together in the 1959 and 1960 Glebe first grade team. This article is about the contributions and involvement of Jack C Taylor with the GDHC.

Jack was born in 1924. He lived in Sydney for the first 45 years of his life and then moved to the Gold Coast where he currently resides. In Sydney Jack lived at 2 Fowler Street Camperdown overlooking Camperdown Park, moved to 29 Darling Street Glebe and in his late 30s moved to Beacon Hill.

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By 1943 Jack played some games in first grade and won the W J Taylor Cup for being selected as the Club's Most Improved Player. In his early years with the Club Jack was known as Jack junior to distinguish him from J W Taylor, no relation, who was a prominent Club man of that era. J W Taylor died suddenly of heart disease in 1946.

In 1944 Jack cemented a place in the first grade team and played full-back with Tom Taylor, J W Taylor's brother. Jack played full-back in the Club's first grade team for 18 seasons and close to 300 games.

At the end of the 1945 season Jack had played 100 Club games with 50 of them being first grade games. In 1945, 1946 Jack was the Club's Assistant Treasurer and was on the Club's Social Committee. He resigned in 1947 from the Assistant Treasurers positions, but continued on as a Member of the Social Committee.

In 1946 Jack was selected in the Metropolitan Hockey Association Representative Team for the first time and made the team every year until 1951, a period of six years. In 1952 the Metropolitan Hockey Association merged with the North Shore Hockey Association to form the Sydney Hockey Association. Jack made the Sydney Hockey Association Representative Team every year from 1952 to 1960, a period of nine years. Jack played for New South Wales at the 1955 Australian Championships.

In those times NSW Representative players had to fund their own expenses to the Australian Championships, as well as take time off work, and cover their family's outgoings. Not all club players, Jack included, were always in a position to seek NSW Representation. Jack could probably have represented NSW in more than one year, if it were not for work and family constrains.

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In 1953 Jack married his girlfriend June and their first child Greg born in 1954 and a second son was born in 1961.

Jack held many Official positions with the GDHC. In 1945, 1946 Jack was the Club's Assistant Treasurer and was on the Club's Social Committee. He resigned as Assistant Treasurers in 1947, but continued on as a Member of the Social Committee where he served for many years.

He was Publicity Officer in 1955, 1956, on the Club's Management Committee in 1957, 1958, 1959 and Club Vice-Captain in 1960.

In 1960 and 1961 he served as the Secretary of the Sydney Hockey Association.

Jack played first grade for 18 years from 1943 to 1960, eventually losing his first grade spot when aged 37 years, to the emerging Graeme Gilmore.

Jack played in the Club's second grade team in 1961 and 1962. At the end of the 1962 season Jack had played 402 games for Glebe. He was the second Glebe man to reach the 400 Club Game Milestone after Jim Kenny, who, by the end of the 1962 season had played 502 Club games.

In the early 60s Jack and his family moved house to Beacon Hill and he found the travel to Jubilee Oval for training and playing an arduous task. Jack continued playing hockey for some years with the Manly Hockey Club, which was based close to his home. While playing for Manly Jack won a couple of lower grade premierships.

By the time Jack stopped playing for Glebe aged 38 years, over 50 years ago; he had played close to 300 first grade games and had won 12 first grade premierships. He played in the Club's golden era when the Club's first grade team won seven MHA/SHA first grade premierships on the trot from 1947 to 1953.

Jack still follows the fortunes of the GDHC closely, and has regular contact with players of his era and some players that followed after his time. He mainly follows the activities of the Club on the GDHC Web Site.

He is still playing golf regularly, and enjoying the Gold Coast lifestyle. His wife June died some years back.