

# Glebe District Hockey Club

## Life Membership Biography

### William (Bill) John Stubbs

Glebe District Hockey Club Life Member

Elected Life Member 1973

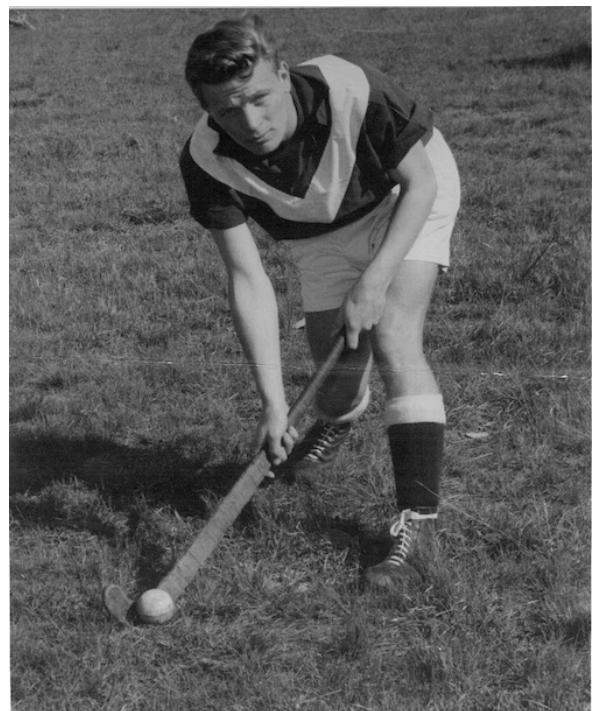
Born on the 24th November 1939

William (Bill - Billy) Stubbs was born on the 24th November 1939 at the Buxton Private Hospital, 22 Wigram Road, Glebe to Arthur Leslie Ashburn Stubbs of Hereford Street Forest Lodge and Margaret Eva Goodman of Glebe near Bridge Road. Bill's Father Arthur Stubbs was a plumber by trade and worked on major projects such as the construction of the Kurnell Oil Refinery and the Sydney Opera House.

Bill Stubbs attended Glebe Primary School from 1945 - 1951 (ages 5-11) before furthering his education at Drummoyne Boys High School from 1952 - 1954 (age 12 - 15) where he completed his intermediate certificate.

The Stubbs Family originally lived on Eglington Rd, Glebe Point, Before moving to 13 Alexandra Road Glebe Point, before finally settling at 242 Glebe Point Rd, Glebe Point. In January 1955, when Bill was at the aged 16 the Stubbs Family moved to 1A Hillcrest Avenue Greenacre (Formerly Chullora). Bill's father Arthur built the majority of the Stubbs family house.

In August 1956 Bill Stubbs meet a young lady named Beverley Joyce Quinn, whilst he was on holiday from his Accountancy Studies at the Sydney Technical College. Beverley Quinn was born on 16th November 1940 at Northmore, 532 Chapel Road, Bankstown. A relationship was struck



and romance followed. Bill and Beverley were engaged to be married on 5th February 1960. In 1960 Bill completed his Accounting Degree at the Sydney Technical College and followed that with a degree in Cost Accountancy which he completed in 1962. In 1962 Bill was accepted into the Professional Accounting Organization which in modern society has been renamed to Certified Practitioners Associate (CPA) of Australia. Bill is a 50 year member of the CPA but has now retired. Bill also completed his Secretarial studies and was accepted into the Chartered Institute of Secretaries (now The Governance Institute of Australia) in approximately 1967 and is still a member but has since retired.

Bill and Beverley married on 11th March 1961 by Rector Percy William George Twine at St Paul's Anglican Church (formerly the Church of England Church) in Bankstown. After marrying Bill and Beverley resided for a period of 6 months at the Stubbs family residence in Greenacre. In September 1961 Bill and Beverley moved and lived in Ashfield and then Summer Hill before they purchased land and a house at 83 Gregory Street Pendle Hill (South). During this time Bill and Beverley had five children: Karen Louise Stubbs (Born 19th May 1962, deceased 7th July 1962), Craig John Stubbs (Born 10th July 1963), Tracey Louise Stubbs (Born 3rd August 1965), Melissa Jane Stubbs (Born 4th March 1968), Brett William Arthur Stubbs (Born 19th March 1972). In 1974 they moved to Baulkham Hills and in 1980 moved to Box Hill where Bill still resides.



**Bill Stubbs and Bob Taylor enjoying a quiet beer during their East - West Road trip in 2014.**

All Children have since married Craig to Amanda Stott, Tracey to Daniel Forde, Melissa to Mark Blackman and Brett to Penny Moore. Bill is also the proud Grandfather to nine Grandchildren: Matthew Craig, Courtney Lee, Paige - Craig and Amanda; Daniel Mark, Jake, Jayden - Melissa and Mark; April Beverley Lyn, Kayla, Alessandra - Brett and Penny.

Bill has had a colorful and varied working life. After leaving School at the age of 15 years Bill's employment history is listed below:

- Sydney County Council –Relief Clerk and then Insurance Clerk – 1955 to 1959
- Drug Houses of Australia Limited – Accountant – 1959 to 1964
- Visser and Company – Accountant – April 1964 to September 1964

- Comalco Aluminium – Assistant Cost Accountant – September 1964 to February 1966
- Pfizer Pty Ltd – Cost and then Financial Accountant – February 1966 to March 1970
- Rothmans of Pall Mall (Australia) Limited – Finance Director – March 1970 to February 1985 – Committee Member – Executive Committee
- O'Brien Glass Holdings Pty Limited – Finance Director – February 1985 to 31 May 1987
- Self Employed Providing Management Consulting Services to Companies - May 1987 to November 1987
- Amalgamated Holdings Limited.
- Controlling 100% of the following subsidiary Companies operations.
- Greater Union Theatres
- Rydges Hotels
- Kosiosko Thredbo Ski Resort.
- Position Status:
  - ✦ Finance Director/Chief Financial Officer and also:-
  - ✦ Director of all Subsidiary Companies shown above.
  - ✦ Director of Village Roadshow Limited on behalf of Amalgamated Holdings Limited.
  - ✦ Staff at Corporate Finance Head Office approximately 10.
  - ✦ Period of employment – November 1987 to December 1990.
- Consultant – period from January 1991 to January 1994.
- Main Consulting role was to the Australian Tourist Commission as a Finance Consultant plus a Finance Consulting role to a Singapore/International Hotel Group, being Thakral Organisation Group
- The Hannan Group
- Later the Independent Print Media Group Pty Ltd Company.
- Covers the main businesses of:-
  - ✦ Hannan Print (Sydney, Melbourne)
  - ✦ Offset Alpine – Printing Operation.

- ✦ InPrint – Printing Operation
- ✦ Eastern Suburbs Newspapers.
- ✦ Federal Publishing (Magazines)
- ✦ NDD Distributions (Magazine Distributors to Newsagents).

The second largest print media group in Australia.

- Position Status – Group Chief Financial Officer
  - ✦ Period of Employment – 31 January 1994 to 15 December 2000
  - ✦ Turnover in excess of \$500 million.
- Retired from full time employment in December 2000 and Assisted Craig (son) in his financial planning business until early 2003.
- From 2003 Bill has carried out part time/casual work as a Tax Agent, work that he still does. Since 2004 Bill has had part-time/casual work with H&R Block Limited.



**A young Bill Stubbs playing for the GDHC at St Paul's Oval Sydney University.**

Bill Stubbs started his a long and illustrious involvement with the Glebe District Hockey Club in 1954 at the age of 14 years, playing for Glebe in the Sydney Under 16 competition during the 1954 season.. Bill was originally enticed to play hockey by Daryl Fishenden who himself was coaxed to play by Victor Westacott. Bill picked up the game quickly and represented Sydney in the U/16 teams of 1955 -, and represented NSW in the U/16 team of 1955. In 1956 Bill played in the Glebe premiership winning 1st grade team at inside left. Glebe defeated Northern Districts in the Grand-final. The 1956 annual report had the following to say - "Bill broke into A - grade and after a very good season and very good grand-final should, with a few more years' experience, become one of Sydney's outstanding Inside Forwards". Bill played in the Glebe 1st grade side from 1956 to 1963 winning premierships in 56, 58, 62, and 63. Bill was a consistent, unselfish player who always put his team first, rather than pursuing the miraculous solo run. He had the ability to win matches with his deft stick work and circle craft.

Bill's representative honours include representing Sydney U/21's for four consecutive years from the age of 17 till 21. Bill did not nominate for NSW State U/21 team selection due to his study and exam commitments. Bill represented Sydney Senior men's team in 1962/63. Work and family

commitments meant Bill could not devote the time required to pursue further representative honours.

Bill played senior hockey for the Glebe District Hockey Club from 1954 - 1980 a period of 26 years amassing 561 games for the Club. During the late 70s Bill was approached by the Club President Charlie Brown to player/coach a 6th grade side with the bulk of players being Glebe juniors. Bill remembers fondly being able to play alongside senior players such as Ken Wark Snr, Bennet Dunn and Paul Rogers intermingled with Glebe juniors players. This sixth grade team side won two premierships, during the three years that Bill was captain coach. The team gelled well and all players young and old had a happy, enjoyable, rewarding experience playing in the team.



**GDHC 1982 1st Grade Premiership winning side at Primrose Park North Sydney.**

**Back Row L to R: Keith Pritchard, Tony Cowan, Ken Wark Jnr, Les Wark, Ian Mutton, Craig Stubbs, Garry Manou, Fredd Letts (Manager).**

**Front Row L to R: Bill Stubbs (Coach), Colin Rochester, Danny O'Brien, Geoff Paterson (Capt), Warren Birmingham.**

In 1981 Bill was appointed as the Club's first non-playing coach. In 1981 he coached the Glebe 2nd grade team which defeated North Sydney in the grand-final, after finishing 3rd at the end of the competition round games. In 1982 Bill progressed to coaching the Glebe 1st grade team in which his son Craig played. The 1982 Glebe first grade team defeated St George in the final at Primrose Park and won the Sydney Hockey Association Premier Division Competition. The team entered the game as underdogs against the highly fancied St George outfit but Keith Pritchard hit the winning goal to give Glebe a memorable 2 - 1 victory. Prominent Glebe player Robert Diviney's death at the beginning of the 1982 season going home from training at Jubilee Oval Glebe added to the emotional atmosphere among players and supporters alike. Bill stayed on in a managerial role in the 1983 and 1984 seasons.

Bill has also been involved in the GDHC Management Committee Serving as Club President for five years from 1967 - 1971 and also as Club Treasure for three years from 1960 - 1963. Bill is currently the Glebe District Hockey Club Patron a position which he has held since 2009,

succeeding the late Martin Howe. The Patron of the GDHC is an honorary position held by a member of the Club who supports, protects, champions and upholds the true traditions of the Club.

Bill has also made a substantial contribution to the wider hockey community. In the period from the late 1970's to 1984/85, a period of 8 years, Bill was a Board member (holding varying positions) of NSW Hockey Association. In early 1990 Bill was asked and duly accepted the role of Honorary Managing Director of the 1994 Hockey World Cup held in Sydney November/December 1994. The role covered a five year period which concluded late in the first quarter/early second quarter of 1995. The World Cup was run at a small profit (\$5000). Up until this 1994 Men's World Cup Competition no International Tournament (men's or women's) in Australia was run at a profit. The profit could have been larger as certain FIH international costs were imposed (foreign exchange variations) and FIH international income (TV rights income) was not able to be collected.

In May 1995 Bill was appointed a Director of the Australian Men's Hockey Association. He remained on the Australian Men's Hockey Association Board until the Men's and Women's Associations were amalgamated in late 2000, a period of service to the Australian Men's Hockey Association of five and a half years. The ten years from 1990 to 2000 Bill was heavily involved with the affairs of the Australian Men's Hockey Association

Bill was Chairperson at the Meeting when the NSW Men's Hockey Association and the NSW Women's Hockey Association voted to amalgamate into one Association, to be called the NSW Hockey Association.



**GDHC 1978 Glebe sixth grade team which won the 2nd Division C Grade Premiership photo taken at Heffron Park Maroubra.**

**Back Row L to R: Peter Casey, Michael Gilfeather, Shane Brown, Graham Shirley, Craig Stubbs, Charlie Cremen, Benet Dunn, Michael Murphy**  
**Front Row L to R: Pat McMahon, Peter Cremen, Craig Kennedy, Peter Matti, Terry Diviney, Bruce Pink, Bill Stubbs (Captain), Ken Bennett, Craig Kirkland.**

Outside of Hockey Bill is still a member of the Wanda Surf Lifesaving Club. He has been a Member of this Club for over 50 years. From the age 15 (in January 1955) Bill was an active Member for 8 or 9 seasons. He has not done patrols for many years and is now classified as a Long Service Member.