THE GOLDEN 70’s: 1970 - 1979

The 70’s era made the Club the most successful Club of South Australian hockey both on and off the field. The Club won the coveted A1 Premiership in 1973 (undefeated), 74, 75, 76, 77 and 78; it opened its magnificent new Clubrooms and maintained the best kept grass playing fields in the Association, the venue for National Championships and Association A1 Grand Finals.

1970

1970 saw the Club nominate seven men’s teams in the SAHA competition.

Best & Fairest Trophy Winners:

District Grade: John Giblin
Most Advertiser Trophy Votes: John Giblin
A2 Grade: Gary Victory
A3 Grade: Neil Pentecost
C2 Grade: Ross Richards
Under 16 Grade: Ian Thomson
Under 14 Grade (Black): Barry Cibich
Under 14 Grade (White): Graham Coates
Best Club Member: Ross Tapping
Best Team: District Grade

State Representatives:

Seniors: John Blacketer, John Giblin and Dennis Meredith
Under 21: Trevor Cibich, Tom Meredith, Barry Willats and Bruce Baulderstone (Coach)
Under 16: Barry Cibich, Don Prior and Ian Thomson

1971

In 1971 the Club again excelled with five out of eight teams competing in the finals series, with premierships to the A2 and Under 16A teams. Bruce Baulderstone completed his first assignment as Senior Coach of the Club, a successful six-year period in which time he guided the A1 team to two premierships.

State Representatives:

Seniors: John Giblin, Ron Giblin and Dennis Meredith
Under 21: Trevor Cibich, Jeff Stevens, Barry Willats and Bruce Baulderstone (Coach)
Under 16: Greg Magnusson, Don Prior, Glen Sutton and Reg Thomson (Manager)

Best & Fairest Trophy Winners:

A1 Grade: Trevor Cibich
Most Advertiser Trophy Votes: Trevor Cibich
A2 Grade: Gary Victory
A3 Grade: Harold Martin
D Grade: David Griffin
Under 16A Grade: Don Prior
Under 16B Grade: Jim Pennington
Best Club Member: Tom Meredith
Best Team: Under 16A Grade
Although not ready for occupation, the new Clubroom structure was complete and regarded as unequalled in Australia in hockey circles. The old Nissen Hut, the old clubrooms built by Club members about 15 years earlier, was still standing and was somewhat in the way and an eye-sore compared with the new clubrooms. These premises had served the Club extremely well but the time had come for its removal.

1971 - THE CLUBROOMS, OLD AND NEW

The old and the new

The old clubrooms

The new clubrooms under construction

Club members held a memorable working bee to demolish these old clubrooms, ending the day with the biggest bonfire one would wish to see.

Rick French lighting the match to burn the demolished old Nissan Hut

L-R: Ross Tapping, Rick French and Peter Gardner on ‘fire watch’
1971 Premiers – Boy’s U16A Grade

Back (L-R): Donald Cormack (Captain), Peter Mogg, Don Prior, Dennis Meredith (Coach), Greg Magnusson, Steve Carpenter
Front (L-R): Glen Sutton, Barry Cibich, Ian Chalmers (Captain), Greg Cutt, Russell Whitehorn, Andrew Standen

1972

1972 was another milestone in the Club’s great history, with the official opening of the new Clubrooms. Mr. Roy Marten, Mayor of Port Adelaide and Patron of the Club officially opened the Clubrooms on Sunday, 28 May 1972.

1972 Official Opening of New Clubrooms

Club President, Bill Gardner  SAHA President, Colin Harding  Mayor of Port Adelaide, Roy Marten
Instead of just the traditional winter season, a full year of social and competitive activity was offered for members' enjoyment. In addition to the normal winter season, members participated in summer hockey, basketball, and the Club's own Seven-a-Side Twilight competition. Social highlights held in the new Clubrooms were the Annual Dinner and a great New Year's Eve Party.

Coached by Dennis Meredith, both the A1 and A2 teams played off in their respective Grand Finals, with neither team being successful. South Australia won the Australian Senior Championship with John Giblin and Trevor Cibich being members of the successful team.

Allan Drever was elected a Life Member of the Club.

The Playing Fees for the 1972 season were Seniors - $22; Under 18 - $16; Under 16 - $10; Under 14 - $5.

The South Australian Hockey Association instituted an award for individuals in recognition of their service to hockey in South Australia. The criteria for this award were:

- Over 20 years as a player.
- State player or official of a State team – 10 years.
- Member of the Executive Committee – 10 years.
- Member of the Management Committee – 10 years.
- Player and umpire – 15 years.

In 1972 Don Germein was the first Club member to receive this award.

**State Representatives:**
Seniors: John Giblin and Trevor Cibich (Australian Champions)
Under 21: Trevor Cibich, John McGrath, Don Prior, Jeff Stevens and Barry Willats
Under 16: Barry Cibich (Captain), Steve Carpenter and Peter Mogg

**Best & Fairest Trophy Winners:**
A1 Grade: Barry Willats
Most Advertiser Trophy Votes: Trevor Cibich
A2 Grade: Barry Cibich
A3 Grade: Greg Cutt
C Grade: Paul Beswick
Under 16A Grade: Steve Carpenter
Under 14A Grade: Mark McKenzie
Under 14B Grade: Russell Bament
Best Club Member: Don Butler
Best Team: A2 Grade
1973 was indeed the year of the *Magpies*. The Club set out a program to extend members’ facilities and to achieve success on the field. Both aims were achieved. The A1 team, coached by Dennis Meredith, achieved a history making achievement by being undefeated for the season. The team also won the Pakistan Cup.

Individual achievements during the year included:

- Trevor Cibich’s selection in the Australian Team, and winner of the Amateur Sports Club Memorial Award for Hockey.
- Dennis Meredith awarded an International Umpiring Badge.
- Jack McGrath elected a Life Member.
- The Club specifically acknowledged and commended the efforts of the women who worked in the canteen during this and previous seasons. In particular, Jean Baulderstone, Judy Gardner, Olga Meredith, Mavis McConnell, Joan Weinert and Joyce Redan made great contributions.

Following the financial success generated by the new Clubrooms the Playing Fees for this season were reduced to Seniors - $15; U18 - $10; Juniors - $5 (a reduction of 33% from the previous year).

*Australian/State Representatives:*

- **Australia:** Trevor Cibich
- **Seniors:** Trevor Cibich, Dennis Meredith (Umpire)
- **Under 21:** Trevor Cibich (Captain), Barry Cibich, John McGrath, Don Prior and Bruce Baulderstone (Coach)
- **Under 16:** Mark McKenzie and Reg Thomson (Manager)
- **Under 14:** Trevor Stockley and John Youngberry

*Best & Fairest Trophy Winners:*

- **A1 Grade:** Ron Giblin
- **Most Advertiser Trophy Votes:** Trevor Cibich
- **A2 Grade:** Harold Martin
- **B1 (Black) Grade:** Neil Pentecost
- **B1 (White) Grade:** Kevin Wood
- **C Grade:** Colin Doudle
- **Under 16 Grade:** Mark McKenzie
- **Under 14A Grade:** Trevor Stockley
- **Under 14B Grade:** Chris Mogg
- **Best Club Member:** Peter Gardner
- **Best Team:** A1 Grade
Team Results for 1973:

A1  Premiers
A2  3rd
B1 (Black)  2nd
B1 (White)  8th
C1  3rd
Under 16  5th
Under 14A  7th
Under 14B  8th

1973 UNDEFEATED PREMIERS – MEN’S A1 GRADE
(Played 24: Won 23, Lost 0, Drawn 1, Goals for 81, Goals against 15)

Back (L-R): Jeff Stevens, Barry Willats, Tom Meredith, Don Prior, Kym Holland, Ron Giblin, Bill Drewett
Front (L-R): Peter Germein, Trevor Cibich, Dennis Meredith (Captain-Coach), Barry Cibich, John McGath

1974

1974 was again remarkably successful. The Club won three premierships included the coveted A1 pennant (Coach – Ron Giblin). Other teams to win premierships were the B1 and D Grade teams.

The Club recorded an incredible upsurge in membership with a total of 242, including juniors. The increase in non-playing members was also outstanding, with 114 members in that category.

Bill Gardner was elected a Life Member.

Following a lapse for several seasons, The Magpie was published again, with improved communications between the Club management and members. Dennis Meredith was the Editor at this time.

Two major amendments were made to the Club Constitution in 1974. Firstly, it was amended to provide for all senior members, male and female, to have a vote at General Meetings, and secondly, it was amended to bring the Ladies Committee within the structure and framework of the Club.
Organised by the Ladies Committee, the first counter teas for the season were served on Saturday, 20th April – available from 6 to 8 pm.

Menu:

- Soup $0.10
- T-Bone steak with chips and salad $1.10
- Fruit salad and cream $0.30

The counter meals proved extremely popular and on one occasion during the season a total of 117 meals were served.

From the August issue of *The Magpie*:

The following letter was received from the Patron of the Club, the Mayor of Port Adelaide, Mr. Roy Marten.

22 July, 1974

Dear Sir,

I refer to your News Brochure 'The Magpie' and Half Yearly Report – and state that such a compilation of information is indeed a credit to the committee and all others concerned – and is doubtless an invaluable document to your members.

May I take this opportunity to express my congratulations to one club in Port Adelaide that sets an example of what can be achieved through the cooperation of its members.

Would you please convey my best wishes to those members selected for interstate honours – also to your Ladies Committee which undoubtedly has achieved wonders – and your own committee for its forward thinking and sound administration.

Mrs. Marten and I wish the Club every success in the future and thank you for the courtesy extended in forwarding your Report.

Yours faithfully,

H.C.R Marten – Mayor

Excerpt from *The Magpie*:

Bill Drewett certainly likes to go to great lengths to gain attention from the spectators. He was showing off a bright blood red black and white shirt last Saturday. It seems that the A1's won the fights as well as the match. Bill only had 4 stitches in his head, whereas Richard Parry managed 7.

This year’s Annual Dinner was held in the Clubrooms during October. The South Australian Hockey Umpires Association also held its Annual Dinner at the Port Adelaide Clubrooms.

Club President Dennis Meredith expressed his concern in the Annual Report of lack of support from the Port Adelaide Council. He said:

'It would be remiss of me not to make mention and express my bitter disappointment and concern at the present attitude and lack of action of the Port Adelaide City Council. It would seem that the City Council is no longer interested in the wellbeing of sporting organisations in the district. Council charges to the Club for 1974 are $1,540 compared with $33 in 1971. Council has continued to refuse to enter into lease arrangements with the Club for the facilities used by the Club at the John Hart Oval. Council has ignored repeated requests and appeals for essential work to be carried out on the grounds.
If it eventuates that the Club only has one ground to play matches on in 1975, the blame can be put fairly and squarely on the shoulders of the Port Adelaide City Council. I firmly believe that because of certain axes members of Council have to grind with a well-known sporting Club in the district [Port Adelaide Football Club] sport as a whole in the district is suffering, and will continue to suffer if the present attitude persists.’

In an addendum to the Annual Report he said:

‘Since writing the above, the Port Adelaide Council has given approval for the work to be done on the northern ground. This followed an offer by the Club to pay the entire cost of the work. The Management Committee considered the work so urgent that it was forced into offering to pay the entire cost to ensure the work commenced immediately. The Club is now committed to pay $2,550 to the Council in the coming season.’

‘On behalf of the Club, I would offer our sincere thanks to the Mayor of Port Adelaide, Mr. Marten for his help in this matter. Without his influence and help, I am sure this matter would still not have been resolved.’

Australian/State Representatives:
Australia: Dennis Meredith (Umpire – Australia v Netherlands, Adelaide)
Seniors: Trevor Cibich, Jeff Stevens and Dennis Meredith (Umpire)
Under 21: Trevor Cibich (Captain), Barry Cibich, Don Prior, Bruce Boulderstone (Coach) and Jack McGrath (Manager)
Under 16: Mark McKenzie (Captain), David McGrath, Paul Stockley and Reg Thomson (Manager)

Best & Fairest Trophy Winners:
A1 Grade: Trevor Cibich
Most Advertiser Trophy Votes: Trevor Cibich
A2 Grade: Jeff Wait
B1 Grade: Rick French
B2 Grade: Allan Carter
D1 Grade: Mark Gardner
Under 16 Grade: Peter Boulderstone
Under 14A Grade: Alan Harris
Under 14B Grade: Geoffrey Day
Best Club Member: Peter Germein
Best Team: B1 Grade

Team Results for 1974:
A1 Premiers
A2 3rd
B1 Premiers
B2 3rd
D1 Premiers
Under 16A 5th
Under 14A 6th
Under 14B 8th

1974 PREMIERS – MEN’S A1 GRADE
Ron Giblin (Captain-Coach), Barry Cibich, Trevor Cibich, Bill Drewett, Peter Germein, John McGrath, Mark McKenzie, Tom Meredith, Don Prior, Jeff Stevens, Barry Willats
1975

In 1975 the Club remained the Premier Club in the State winning its third consecutive A1 premiership, with Bruce Baulderstone back again as Senior Coach.

The Club expanded on the playing side from eight to ten teams (6 senior and 4 junior). Five of the senior grade teams made the final four, but none of the underage teams made the finals. As a result of a proposal put forward by the Club to the SAHA all junior matches were to be played on Sunday afternoons in 1976.

The Ladies Committee continued to provide Counter Teas at the Club on the night of every home A1 Grade match. The first date was 12 April with a similar menu and cost to the previous year.

Bill Brooks was elected a Life Member. The SAHA awarded State Awards (for service to hockey in South Australia) to Bruce Baulderstone, Allan Drever, Bill Gardner, Dennis Meredith and Ross Tapping. Don Germein was elected the President of the South Australian Hockey Association, a position that he held for four consecutive years.

Administratively the Club had a very successful season. The lease over the clubrooms for 21 years was finalised with the Port Adelaide Council. Further improvements were made to the Clubrooms. The Council negotiated with the Commonwealth Government for the sealing of the car park. This work was carried out under the R.E.D. Scheme. Prior to the commencement of the playing season the Council did extensive renovating work to the grounds, and although this was at the Club’s expense, was work very well done, and money very well spent.

A1 Grade finals were played at the Club grounds for the first time in South Australian hockey history. Experienced SAHA officials stated that the ground was the best prepared they had ever seen for hockey in this State. Admission charges were made by SAHA to the finals and the proceeds were used for State Teams in the following year.

The Annual Dinner, held at the Sportsmen’s Association Clubrooms, was for the first time in the Club’s history a mixed function.

Australian/State Representatives:
Australia: Dennis Meredith (Umpire – S.E. Asian Games, Djakarta)
Seniors: Barry Cibich, Trevor Cibich and Dennis Meredith (Umpire)
Under 21: Trevor Cibich (Captain), Barry Cibich, Mark McKenzie and Jack McGrath (Manager)
Under 16: Trevor Stockley and Reg Thomson (Manager)

Best & Fairest Trophy Winners:
A1 Grade: Trevor Cibich
Most Advertiser Trophy Votes: Trevor Cibich
A1 Reserve Grade: Donald Cormack
B1 Grade: Jeff Wait
C1 Grade: Rick Holliday
1975 PREMIERS – MEN’S A1 GRADE

Ron Giblin (Captain), Barry Cibich, Trevor Cibich, Bill Drewett, Peter Germein, David McGrath, John McGrath, Mark McKenzie, Tom Meredith, Don Prior, Jeff Stevens, Paul Stockley, Barry Willats, Bruce Baulderstone (Coach), Jack McGrath (Manager)

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1976

In 1976 the Club continued on its winning way, notching up its fourth successive A1 premiership under coach, Bruce Baulderstone.

A highlight of the season was the staging of the Australian Under 21 Championship at the Club ground. This event was an unqualified success and the Club’s National reputation for first class fields and clubrooms was greatly enhanced. The Club had a turnover of approximately $5,000 from the bar and canteen with an approximate profit of $2,000.

Excerpt from the June Edition of *The Magpie*:

*With the financial year more than half way through, the Club is in a sound financial position. However, like other people, the Club is greatly concerned with the spiraling costs. It is now costing about $10,000 a year to run the Club, that is from both a playing and administrative point of view. Of that amount only about $2,000 is raised from subscriptions.*

Dennis Meredith’s administrative, coaching and playing abilities were recognised with his election as a Life Member of the Club.

The policy of the Club to improve both playing and clubroom facilities continued. A 30” Scott Bonnar lawn mower was purchased. The acquisition of this mower resulted in a tremendous improvement in the playing surface of the grounds. In addition, various improvements to the clubrooms were carried out.

An application for approval to extend the clubrooms was lodged with the Port Adelaide Council. Approval in principle was granted and the Club had to wait on approval from the Minister of Local Government to approve the loan moneys required to finance the project. To enable this project to proceed, the Management Committee decided to raise money from Club members by way of debentures. A total of $4,000 was raised through this debenture issue.
At the beginning of the year it appeared that the Ladies Committee would not function. However, Pat Collett and Marj Germein took on the task and ensured the valuable work done by this Committee continued, with assistance from Fiona Martin.

Excerpt from the September Edition of *The Magpie*:

‘Dear Sir,

Firstly, Mrs. Marten and I extend to you, your Club officials, players and all associated with your Club sincere congratulations on winning your fourth successive premiership. What an achievement!

Secondly, please thank your President, Mr. Dennis Meredith, for his comments and also the polite attention to Mrs. Marten and myself and to his other important guests during the success of a magnificent dinner last Saturday night.

The whole atmosphere was surrounded with a warmth of happiness and good fellowship, and we both agreed it was without doubt one of our best yet engagements.

May I also thank your Club for its contribution in assisting the younger members of our community in a healthy sport that will stand them in good stead as future responsible citizens.

May your Club continue with many future successes, and once again, many thanks for the privilege of being with you all on Premiership Day.

Yours very sincerely,

H.C.R. Marten - Mayor
*CITY OF PORT ADELAIDE*

Don Butler was recognised with a State Award for his service to South Australian hockey.

In umpiring, Dennis Meredith was upgraded to International Grade 1 and Peter Germein and Tom Meredith were awarded Australian Badges following their performances in the Australian Under 21 Championships. Brian Jordan and Don Prior gained their A Grade Badges and David Jamieson and Rob Giblin B Grade Badges. Since that time Don Prior has gone on to an outstanding record of umpiring covering Australian Championships and International Tournaments, including World Cup and Olympic Games.

*State Representatives:*

Seniors: Barry Cibich, Trevor Cibich, Brian Jordan, Don Prior and Dennis Meredith (Umpire)
Under 21: Don Prior (Captain), Barry Cibich and Jack McGrath (Manager)
                  Peter Germein and Tom Meredith (Umpires)
Under 16: Alan Harris and Reg Thomson (Manager)

*Best & Fairest Trophy Winners:*

A1 Grade: Trevor Cibich
Most Advertiser Trophy Votes: Trevor Cibich
A1 Reserve Grade: Paul Stockley
B1 Grade: Gary Victory
C1 Grade: Rick Holliday
D1 Grade: Neil Pentecost
E1 Grade: Mark Moore
Under 16A Grade: Alan Harris
Under 16B Grade: Robin McMahon
Under 14A Grade: John Petruzzelli
Under 14B Grade: Paul Magnusson
Best Club Member: Greg Borg
Best Team: A1 Grade

Team Results 1976:

A1 Premiers
A1 Reserve 5th
B1 3rd
C1 3rd
D1 5th
E1 8th
Under 16A 2nd
Under 16B 5th
Under 14A 5th
Under 14B 2nd

1976 Premiers – Men's A1 Grade
Trevor Cibich (Captain) Barry Cibich, Bill Drewett, Peter Germein, Ron Giblin, Steve Harris, Brian Jordan, John McGrath, Mark McKenzie, Tom Meredith, Don Prior, Jeff Stevens, Paul Stockley, Barry Willats, Bruce Baulderstone (Coach), Jack McGrath (Manager)

1977

In 1977 Port Adelaide continued to be the envy of all other Clubs. It won its fifth consecutive A1 premiership, as well as winning premierships in C1, D1 and Under 14A Grades. Trevor Cibich commenced a long and distinguished coaching career with the Club in this year.

The Club staged the Australian Summer Hockey Championships at the John Hart Reserve grounds.

The extensions to the Clubrooms, involving a new kitchen, storeroom, committee room and bar facilities were completed. These additions and alterations were a tremendous improvement to the overall Club facilities. John Collett was instrumental in coordinating this project and was the Club’s liaison between the Port Adelaide Council and the builder during the progress of the work. All the electrical work for the extensions was done by member volunteer electricians.

In recognition of the outstanding performances in 1977 the Port Adelaide Council honoured the Club with a Civic Reception, the first sporting organisation in the district, apart from the highly successful Port Adelaide Football Club, to be accorded such an honour.

Don Germein was elected to Life Membership of the South Australian Hockey Association.

Best & Fairest Trophy Winners:

A1 Grade: Barry Cibich
Most West End Medal Votes: Trevor Cibich
A1 Reserve Grade: David McGrath
B1 Grade: Don Cormack
C1 Grade: Jim Pennington
D1 Grade: Michael Agar
Under 16 Grade: Geoff Allen
Under 14A Grade: Phillip Allen
Under 14B Grade: David Curtin
Best Club Member: Ladies Committee
Best Team: A1 Grade

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**1977 Premiers – Men's A1 Grade**

Back (L-R): John McGrath, Steve Harris, Barry Cibich, Don Prior, David McGrath, Jack McGrath (Manager)
Front (L-R): Tom Meredith, Peter Germein, Jeff Stevens, Trevor Cibich (Captain-Coach), Mark McKenzie
Absent: Bill Drewett (Vice-Captain)

**Australian/State Representatives:**

Australia: Dennis Meredith (Umpire – Intercontinental Cup, Rome)
Seniors: Barry Cibich, Trevor Cibich, Brian Jordan, Don Prior and Dennis Meredith (Umpire)
Under 21: Barry Cibich, David McGrath, Mark McKenzie, Paul Stockley and Jack McGrath (Manager)

**1978**

In 1978 the Club won its sixth successive A1 premiership, proving beyond doubt it was the force of the 70's in South Australian hockey. Although winning only one other premiership in the Under 14A Grade, the remaining five senior teams and Under 16A team all played in the final series. The Club also won the inaugural Indoor Hockey Association A1 Grade premiership.
All members were saddened by the untimely death of the Club President, Peter Gardner, who suffered a heart attack and died on 23 October 1978, only 34 years of age. His leadership and comradeship was a great loss to the Club.

Barry Cibich was selected for Australia to compete in the World Cup in Argentina and the Champions Trophy in Lahore. Dennis Meredith continued his rise in the International umpiring ranks, umpiring at the 8th Asian Games in Bangkok. He had the unique distinction of umpiring both the Gold Medal and Bronze Medal play-off matches (on the same day) at this Tournament.

Barry Cibich – Australian Player 1978

Bruce Baulderstone, one of the most successful coaches in South Australia (both for the Club and the State), having coached the Club to four of its six A1 premierships at that stage, was elected a Life Member. He had made significant contributions to the Club, both as a player, coach and administrator.

Trevor Cibich won his first West End Medal for the Best and Fairest player in the A1 Grade. Trevor went on to win another five South Australian Hockey Association Men’s Best & Fairest Medals – a truly remarkable record.

Trevor Cibich – West End Medal 1978
(Best & Fairest – A1 Grade)

Club Life Member, Arthur Weir, was honoured with the Merit Order of Australia for his contribution to the sport of Hockey.

The Club recorded its appreciation for the co-operation and assistance that it received from the Port Adelaide Council. Apart from the day to day maintenance work carried out on the grounds by the Council (which continued to be an absolute credit to both the Club and the Council), it agreed to carry out other substantial work on behalf of the Club. The access area to the new storeroom adjacent to the relocated double gates was sealed and the spectator mound on the eastern side of the grounds was extended by joining it with the soccer mound, with the cyclone fence being relocated on the top of the newly formed mound.
Following a decision of the Executive Committee of the South Australian Hockey Association to reject the opportunity to host two International teams to play matches in Adelaide on the 1979 Easter weekend, the Club, in the interests of Hockey generally in South Australia, applied for and was granted permission to fully promote the visit of the International teams to Adelaide.

During February a cricket match was played against Campbelltown Hockey Club. It was a very successful day with Port Adelaide winning by a convincing margin of 18 runs – 199 to 181.

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Counter Teas were again served by the Ladies Committee on the Saturdays when A1 matches were played at home.

A Club Award was instituted by the South Australian Hockey Association in 1973, known as the Japan Trophy. The criteria for winning the award was based upon the results of the Club in all grades, the number of State representatives and badged and player umpires. The Club was the inaugural winner of this award.

Kevin Thompson received a State Award this year.

Ken Doudle made a comeback as a player and his performance was described as ‘steady as a rock’. We understand that he also moved like one.

The following article appeared in the June 1978 edition of The Hockey Circle:

**Don Germein elected a Life Member of South Australian Hockey Assoc.**

Hockey has played a large part in the life of South Australian Hockey Association President, Don Germein, and so it was fitting that he became the 20th Life Member of the Association at a recent Annual General meeting.

54 years old, Don began playing hockey with the Largs Bay Hockey Club (now Port Adelaide) in 1938 and continued playing until 1961. From 1947 until 1960 he played regularly in the Club’s senior team. A highlight of his playing career was winning the ‘Advertiser Newspaper’ Trophy as the State’s Best and Fairest player in 1959 at the age of 36.

Don held most official positions in his Club at various times and in conjunction with his playing service he was rewarded with Life Membership in 1964.
Retiring as a player, Don took up umpiring and continued in that capacity until he became President of the South Australian Hockey Association four years ago. He achieved an Australian Badge as an umpire.

He turned his administrative talents to Association affairs in 1964 and this service included four years as Treasurer, five years as Vice-President and for the last four years as President. He has also represented SAHA at Australian Hockey Association Annual General Meetings.

In addition to assisting with the organisation and conduct of National Championships at all levels he was a State Selector at both Senior and Under 21 levels for several years.

During the summer months Don ‘relaxes’ by crewing in a rescue boat at the Largs Bay Sailing Club and incidentally has helped to rescue a number of Hockey players also taking part in their summer sport.’

Australian/State Representatives:
Australia: Barry Cibich (World Cup, Argentina and Champions Trophy, Lahore) and Dennis Meredith (Umpire – Asian Games, Bangkok)
Seniors: Trevor Cibich (Vice Captain), Bill Drewett, Brian Jordan and Mark McKenzie (Australian Champions) and Dennis Meredith (Umpire)
Under 21: David McGrath, Mark McKenzie and Jack McGrath (Manager)
Under 16: John Petruzzelli and Bruce Baulderstone (Coach)

Best & Fairest Trophy Winners:
A1 Grade: Barry Cibich
Most West End Medal Votes: Trevor Cibich (Winner)
A1 Reserve Grade: Warren Cosh
B1 Grade: Jeff Wait
B2 Grade: Paul Littledyke
C2 Grade: Richard Robb
D1 Grade: Kym Williams
Under 16 Grade: Geoffrey Day
Under 14A Grade: Paul Sieben
Under 14B Grade: David Curnow
Best Club Member: Kevin Harvey
Best Team: Under 14A Grade

Team Results 1978:
A1 Premiers
A1 Reserve 3rd
B1 4th
B2 3rd
C2 2nd
D1 3rd
Under 16A 3rd
Under 14A Premiers
Under 14B 6th
Back (L-R): Jack McGrath (Manager), John McGrath, Steve Harris, Dennis Meredith, Brian Heyer, David McGrath, Brian Jordan, Kevin (Perc) Harvey (Assistant Manager), Barry Cibich

Front (L-R): Tom Meredith, Peter Germein, Jeff Stevens, Trevor Cibich (Captain-Coach), Mark McKenzie

Absent: Bill Drewett, Bob Harvey
1979 saw the end of a magnificent run of A1 premierships. The A1 team was unable to produce its Premiership winning form and finished in 3rd position. The only premiership was won by the C2 Grade team.

The Club again staged the Australian Summer Hockey Championships at its grounds on the January long weekend.

In March 1979 the Club fully promoted and staged an International match between New Zealand and South Australia at the John Hart Reserve grounds. It was an outstanding success. In staging this International match, the Club took over what should have been a SAHA responsibility. The Club believed at that time the South Australian Hockey Association’s refusal to be involved in the match typified the poor administration Clubs were receiving from SAHA. The Club received a $1,600 subsidy from the South Australian Government to cover expenses for the staging of the match. These funds were received even though SAHA obstructed the Club’s attempts to receive backing from the Government.
An Honour Board was donated to the Club by member John Irvine and was mounted on the wall in the Clubrooms. It lists Presidents, Secretaries, Life Members and Australian representatives. Don Germein was also responsible for the construction of the first Trophy Cabinet that was also mounted in the Clubrooms.

Club supporters Syd O'Halloran and David Harris organised an Incentive Club for the 1979 season. The details of the scheme were as follows:

A maximum of 40 members or syndicates were required, each contributing $1.00 per goal scored by the A1 team. The average goals hit during the season is 50. This would result in an overall total of $2,000 for the season (40 members at $50 per member for the season) which was distributed in the following manner:

1. $1,000 donation to the Club.
2. At the Annual Dinner there were three major prizes drawn:
   - 1st Prize $300
   - 2nd Prize $150
   - 3rd Prize $50
3. Each Sunday morning after each weekly match there were two draws:
   - 1st Prize $20
   - 2nd Prize $5

The Club was successful again this year in winning the Japan Trophy as the leading Club in the Association.

Trevor Cibich won the West End Medal for the Best and Fairest Player in the A1 Grade for the second successive year. Club stalwart, Ross Tapping, was elected a Life Member of the Club.

Dennis Meredith umpired at the Esanda World Tournament in Perth, and as a result of his performances was upgraded to the World Cup/Olympic List of FIH umpires and appointed to officiate at the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow.

Club Sponsors:
South Australian Brewing Co, ANA Building Society, Qantas Airlines, NHSA, Solomon’s Carpets, Port Mower Service, Germein Pharmacy, Brambles General Transport, Maincraft Marine, Ron Heath Tyre Service.
Australian/State Representatives:
Australia: Dennis Meredith (Umpire – Esanda World Tournament, Perth)
Seniors: Barry Cibich, Trevor Cibich, Brian Jordan, Mark McKenzie and Dennis Meredith (Umpire)
Under 21: David McGrath, Mark McKenzie and Jack McGrath (Manager)
Under 16: John Petruzzelli, Phillip Allen, Andrew Partington and Bruce Baulderstone (Coach)
Indoor: Trevor Cibich (Captain), Barry Cibich, Brian Jordan, Mark McKenzie and Jeff Stevens.

Best & Fairest Trophy Winners 1979
A1 Grade: Barry Cibich
Most West End Medal Votes: Trevor Cibich (Winner)
A1 Reserve Grade: Nick Frankcom
B1 Grade: Colin Stevens
B2 Grade: Paul Littledyke
C2 Grade: Andrew Johansen
D2 Grade: Jonathon Johansen
Best Club Member: Stephen Carlstrom
Best Team: B2 Grade and U16A Grade

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