

Old Scotch Football Club
CRACKERS CHRONICLES – OSFC TROPHIES

Welcome to season 2017, and welcome back to **“Crackers Chronicles”**. This week we trace more of the history of the Old Scotch Football Club by recounting the naming of the club's trophies after prominent members of our club.

Jack McGregor Memorial Trophy

Inaugurated in 1978 and named after then OSCFC **president Leigh McGregor's father**, John “Jack” Gordon McGregor, it is awarded annually to the **“Best & Fairest” player** in our Club's 1st XVIII that year.

Leigh McGregor played 82 games for the OSCFC from 1961 – 1965, debuting in our Seniors on 22 April 1961.

He was also captain of our Reserves in 1964 & 1965, captaining the team to a premiership in 1964. He then went on to coach our Reserves from 1969 – 1974, coaching the team to premierships in 1969 & 1973.

Later he was President of our club for ten years from 1975 – 1984, when we won the B Section premiership in 1977 and the A Section premiership in 1978. Following the club's 1978 A Section premiership, the club named its Best & Fairest trophy after the then president's father.

Leigh was awarded Life Membership of our club in 1979 and a VAFA *Certificate of Merit* in 1985.

Ian Wilson Encouragement Award

Inaugurated in 1999 and named after the then recently deceased former **club captain Ian Wilson**, it is awarded annually as **encouragement to an emerging senior player** of our club that year.

Ian played 175 games for the OSCFC from 1961 – 1981, debuting in our Seniors on 22 April 1961, and also playing in all our club's senior teams.

He was a Reserves Premiership Player in 1961, 1967 & 1970.

He captained our club from 1963 – 1966, winning the B Section premiership in 1965.

He was a VAFA Representative in 1963, and later Club Secretary in 1988 & 1989. Ian died in 1998.

Bryan Gibbs Distinguished Service Award

Inaugurated in 2000 and named after **club legend Bryan Gibbs**, it is awarded to a club member for **“Distinguished Service”** to our Club that year.

Bryan played 107 games for the OSFC from 1955 – 1973, debuting in our Seniors on 18 May 1957, and also having played in all our club's teams! He was the club's leading goalkicker in 1960.

Also, he was Club Treasurer from 1957 – 1963 & 1983, a Club Committee Member from 1964 – 1966, OSFC Under 19 Coach from 1969 – 197, Club Vice-President in 1972, 1980 - 1981 & 1992, Club Secretary from 1973 – 1979, OSFC Delegate to the VAFA from 1974 – 1977, and Chairman of Selectors from 1978 – 1979 & 2009 – 2015.

Bryan was awarded Life Membership of our club in 1978.

Later, he was Club President from 1987 – 1990.

Bryan also served as a VAFA Executive Committee Member from 1980 – 1982, and VAFA Under 18 Team Co-ordinator from 1981 – 1983. The VAFA awarded him a *Certificate of Merit* in 1992.

Andrew “Gus” Taylor Promising Player Award

Inaugurated in 2001 and named after the then recently deceased former **Under 19 ‘Super coach’ Andrew “Gus” Taylor**, it is awarded annually to our **“Most Promising Young (Under 19s) Player”** that year.

Andrew Taylor played 21 Under 19 games for the OSFC from 1953 – 1955. Later he coached our Under 19s in 1989 & 1990, and to an Under 19s Section 2 Premiership 1990 where he inherited the additional nickname “Super coach”. Gus died in 2000.

Manson Russel Perpetual Award

Inaugurated in 2006 and named after **club legend Manson Russel**, it is awarded annually to a senior player of our club for his courage and **“Most Sacrificial Acts”** that year.

Manson Russel played 235 games for the OSFC from 1948 – 1962, debuting in our Seniors on 14 August 1948 whilst still at Scotch College and Captain of Football in 1948.

He was our club’s Best & Fairest in 1950 and Club Best Team Player in 1953, 1955, 1956 & 1957.

Manson was the VAFA A Section Best & Fairest in 1950, and a Victorian State Representative 1952, 1953, 1956 & 1959.

He was also our club’s Leading Goalkicker from 1949 – 1954 & 1956 – 1959, kicking over 400 goals.

He was Club Secretary in 1955 & 1956, and Club Coach from 1958 – 1960 and again in 1963.

Manson was awarded Life Membership of our club in 1970.

Later in 2000, he was named as Deputy Vice-captain of our OSFC *Team of the Century*, and made a Patron of our club in 2015.

He also acted as OSFC Delegate to the VAFA from 1949 – 1971.

Later on, he was VAFA Chairman from 1971 – 1977, and VAFA President from 1978 – 1980.

He was awarded Life Membership of the VAFA in 1978, and an *Australian Football Foundation* Merit Award in 1979. He was made a Patron of the VAFA in 1984, and named a VAFA *Legend of the Big V* in 2008.

Ewen “Ginner” Davidson Perpetual Award

Inaugurated in 2006 and named after **club legend Ewen “Ginner” Davidson**, it is awarded annually to a senior player of our club for his team spirit and his **“Most Team Acts”** that year.

Ewen “Ginner” Davidson played six seasons for the OSFC in 1927 and from 1932 – 1937, debuting in our Seniors in 1927. He was an A Section premiership player in 1932, and captained the club in 1936 & 1937.

Ewen was awarded Life Membership of our club in 1972. Ginner died in 1989.

Bill Pearson Most Valuable Club Person Award

Inaugurated in 2006 and named after **club legend Bill Pearson**, it is awarded annually to a club member deemed our **“Most Valuable Club Person”** for services to the Club that year.

Bill played eight seasons for the OSFC from 1931 – 1937 and again after the War in 1946, debuting in our Seniors in 1931. He was an A Section premiership player in 1931, 1932, 1933 & 1934, our club’s Best & Fairest in 1934, 1935 & 1937, and our club’s leading goalkicker from 1931 – 1937, kicking 1,023 goals.

He was also a Victorian State Representative in 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936 & 1937.

Later in 1939 & 1940, he coached our club. Bill died in 1987.

Next week, we will trace more of the history of the *Old Scotch Football Club* by recounting the contributions made by some of our greatest players ...

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