

Old Scotch Football Club  
CRACKERS CHRONICLES – CLUB PRESIDENTS 1980s (1985 – 1990)

Welcome back to this week's edition of "***Crackers Chronicles***".

Each week in this column we will trace some of the history of the *Old Scotch Football Club* by recounting the contributions made by our great club presidents.

This week we focus on our club presidents of the 1980s ...

**W. M. William "Billy" Pinner 1985 – 1986**

Bill Pinner is an old boy of *Scotch College* who joined the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in 1961 to play with our Warriors, but also played one Reserves game for the club in 1961. Later, upon completing his legal studies, Bill took up boundary umpiring for our club for 25 years from 1968 – 1992.

Bill then went on to be the twenty-first Secretary of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* for four years from 1980 – 1982 and again in 1984.

He was awarded Life Membership of our Club in 1981.

Later, he served as the tenth President of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* for two years in 1985 & 1986.

**B. A. Bryan "Gibbles" Gibbs 1987 – 1990**

Bryan Gibbs was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1955 and played 107 games with the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1955 – 1962 & 1973, debuting in our Seniors on 18 May 1957, and playing in the number "21" jumper. He was our club's leading club goalkicker in 1960. After retiring from playing, Bryan coached our Juniors from 1969 – 1971.

During his playing career, Bryan was also Treasurer of our club from 1957 – 1963, committee member from 1964 – 1966, Vice President of our club in 1972 and then went on to become the twentieth Secretary of our club for eight years from 1973 – 1979, and again in 1997. During his term as Secretary, he was a Reserves premiership secretary in 1973 and a premiership secretary in 1977 & 1978.

Bryan was awarded Life Membership of our Club in 1978.

Since then, Bryan has served as Chairman of Selectors from 1978 – 1979, Vice President of our club from 1980 – 1981, Treasurer again in 1983, eleventh President of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* for four years from 1987 – 1990, Vice President in 1992 and Chairman of the Match Committee from 2009 until 2016. During his term as President, Bryan was an Under 19 premiership president in 1989.

Our annual award to a club member for "Distinguished Service" to our club is named after Bryan Gibbs.

From 1974 – 1977, Bryan also served as OSCFC Delegate to the VAFA. Later, he joined the VAFA Executive Committee from 1980 – 1982 and acted as VAFA Under 18 Team co-ordinator from 1981 – 1983. He was awarded a VAFA Certificate of Merit in 1992.

In 2011, Bryan was awarded an OSCA Certificate of Merit for his services to our club.

Bryan is the father of former OSCFC player and fellow Life Member Stuart Gibbs (1989 – 2000).

Next week we will look at our club presidents of the 1990s ...

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