

DUBLIN HISTORY GROUP

Sports -

The Hundred of Dublin Past & Present

28th May 2017

The Dublin History Group's contribution to the South Australia's History Festival, **Sports: The Hundred of Dublin. Past & Present** was held on Sunday 28th May at the Dublin Institute, it was a wonderful afternoon of photos, histories and memories of sports in the local area. Dublin History Group's President Ian Telfer, did a great job as MC, and put a personal touch on the memories of Len Webb and Lew Roberts, two local footballing legends. In fact it was the Len Webb's 1930's Dublin Football Club guernsey that Len donated to the Group back in 1998 that sparked the theme for the event. Len Webb's nephew Lyndon Jenkin and niece Donna Griffiths, wife of MP Steven Griffiths attended and were happy to see the guernsey pride of place on the stage. Later in the afternoon Robert Barr from Balaklava, shared his recollections of football on the Adelaide Plains 1945 – 1961, much to the delight of all.

With the research, the memories, photos and items that have been donated, the Dublin History Group is looking at compiling a book in the future. We thank those who have already contributed and would welcome more if you would like to contribute.



Robert Barr from Balaklava sharing his stories



Merlene Ralph enjoying her families album in the DHG Collection and later got Bill Field to scan a photo for her collection



Bryn Trussell sharing some Sports Memories with his Dad, Michael



Jan Telfer & Angela Yuen playing quoits, Angela got all six quoits on in one game



Bev Jones & Sue Adams DHG Members going through some research



Darcy Trussell having a break after a busy session of colouring in the BMX bike picture

The earliest Sport report the Dublin History Group could find on Trove. Ian Telfer read this out on the day.

PORT WAKEFIELD, April 6 1874

Good Friday was observed as a general 'holiday in this township, and, but for the excitement of a cricket match, it would have been a very dull day indeed, there being so few visitors in the place, and the wheat traffic being now at a standstill, there are but few vessels in the creek. There was an early morning service at the Church of England, conducted by Mr. McClenaghan, the lay reader. — A cricket match was played on the Port Wakefield cricket ground between the Dublin and Light Cricket Club and the Port Wakefield Club. The Dublin cricketers were the first at the wickets, and, although they played a careful game, they were all disposed of for 29 runs, several, being too eager to make runs, being stumped out, owing to the smartness of the fielders and the wicket-keeper, who certainly did not sleep at his post. The Port Wakefield men then handled the willow, and succeeded in making a score of 77 runs. They then adjourned for luncheon, which was provided by the courtesy of the Port Wakefield Club at the Rising Sun Hotel. After lunch the Dublin Club commenced their second innings, and, although they made a better stand, than in their first innings, they were all, disposed of for 47 runs— the Port Wakefield Club, thus being the victors in one innings and one run to spare. The captain of the Dublin Club, in presenting the ball to the victors, after remarking on the kind reception they had met with and the courtesy with which they had been treated, and which they would be very glad to have the opportunity of reciprocating whenever the Port Wakefield

Club should pay them a visit said they did; not come with the expectation of defeating the Port Wakefield Club, for they were only young beginners. They had not a good bowler in the Club, or he felt sure they would have made a much better figure that day. He trusted they might turn the tables yet. Three cheers were then given for the Dublin cricketers, which was very heartily taken up by the spectators, and the friendly gathering broke up. The highest scorers were B. G. Hill, 19, on - the Dublin side; and T. Smith, 18, and H. Smith, 15, on the Port Wakefield side. No other players got into double figures.

South Australian Chronicle (Adelaide, SA: 1868-1881) , Saturday 11 April 1874, page 5 <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article93304149>



Ron & Bernice Welke and former Dublin residents Mary and Kevin Bubner from Balaklava are on their right enjoying the sports memories



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Len Webb

Extract from Memories of Dublin Book - The Webb Family by Len Webb

My football career commenced when I was attending Dublin School, then I joined the Dublin Football Club. In 1949 I was presented with the 'Mail Medal' for the fairest and most brilliant player in the Adelaide Plains Football Association. Previously Jack Huxtable had won the identical award, also while playing for Dublin.

1950 saw me playing for Long Plains Football Club, until I returned to Dublin for one year. Then I broke my leg, and that was the end of my football career. While playing for Long Plains, I won another two Mail Medals, one in 1955 and the other in 1959. For the record I was runner up four times as well.

Then my cricket career commenced in earnest, playing for Windsor, with Ray (Spog) Prime as my captain. He was an excellent captain who took us to five premierships straight.

Len Webb's nephew Lyndon Jenkin (right) and niece Donna Griffiths (below), wife of MP Steven Griffiths attended and were happy to see the guernsey pride of place on the stage.



Len's 3 'Mail' Medals, Len also twice won 'Junction News' Trophy 1954 and 1955 from the Junction News and Owen Post.



1937 Dublin Football Club with Len's brothers - Allen and Eric, one of which is wearing the guernsey