GOOLWA F.C. Interviewed by Jan Bache 15/8/17.

After meeting with David Winn and Jeff Green from the Port Elliott F.C. I thought it was important

that I interviewed guys from the Goolwa F.C. as both these clubs merged in the year 2000.

The gentlemen I chatted today to were Ken Wall, Bryn Bridges and his son Ryan Bridges.

Bryn Bridges commenced playing for Goolwa in 1977 and his career continued on until 2005, playing approx. 186 ‘A’ and 200 ‘B’ grade games. He played ‘A’ grade for 33 years and ‘B’ grade for 15 years. During his career Bryn was Captain Coach for ‘B’ grade for 4/5 years, and played in the last ‘A’ grade premiership. Bryn was made Life Member of the club in 1994 and served as Treasurer and on the Social committee for many years. He sustained an injury of a Crushed Pubis bone which kept him out of the game for a full season. Bryn was posted to Victor Harbor as a Teacher to the High School and was recruited to play with Goolwa, as the coach Wayne Johnson was also a teacher at the school. History shows all teacher’s posted to Victor High were recruited to play for

Goolwa. Bryn played under some great coaches: Dick Kleinig, Charlie Wintle and Wayne Johnson.

Players within in own team he respected were Ken Wall, Neil Haren,and Steven Lundstrom, really too many

to mention all. Opposition players, Brenton Smith, Ian Basham and Ron Jessup. One great memory Bryn

has was playing a match with both his sons in the ‘B’ grade.

Ken Wall commenced playing in 1980 and played for 6 years. Ken played more games in ‘A’ grade, as a forward flank, centre player, and was Captain Coach in 1982 of the ‘B’ grade. In 1981 he won the GSFL B&F for ‘B’ grade.

Ken’s opinion of the oval when he commenced playing was excellent but since the establishment of wetlands near the oval, drainage is a problem. To raise funds of upgrading the clubrooms, people bought a $2 brick. There are 150 names on bricks on the building. Ken broke a leg during a game, brave man, his team mates ran past and said’ gee Ken you look like you have broken your leg’, as he was carried off on a stretcher. Players that Ken respected from his own team were Keith Allan, Randall Jolly, Kevin Poulter and Neil Haren. Opposition players were Brenton Smith, Peter Simonds? and Robert Muir.

Ken was President of the Goolwa F.C. for 6 years, Vice President and on the Committee. Ken is still on the

committee and today he classes himself as the ‘Maintenance Man’. A wonderful outstanding contribution to the Goolwa/Pt.Elliott F.C.

Ryan Bridges is a youngster compared to the other players I have interviewed. Ryan is the son of Bryn and he commenced playing at Goolwa when he was 4.1/2 years old, playing his 1st ‘A’ grade game at the age of 17 years. An approx. total number of games played by Ryan, is 358 covering jnr and senior games. He thinks he has played 167 ‘A’ grade games. Ryan’s first Mini league coach was Ken Wall, and today we are here they are sharing memories.

Ryan played Half Foward Flank and Ruckman. He was appointed Capt of the Senior Colts in 1999 and was B&F that year. Played in finals 2003/2004 without success. He Broke his leg in 2005 and in 2016 snapped his finger. Ryan coached the junior colts and in 2008 team which was undefeated until they lost the final. The side also played in the finals 2009/10.

GSFL Association Coach juniors 2008/9/10. Ryans opinion of the best coaches are Adrian Settre, Bryn Bridges and Jim Lihou. Players he respects in his teams were Grant Mills, Adam Lundstrom, Troy Bond, Phil McGuinness, Simon Dennis. Opposition layers, Randall Follett (wonderful footballer) David Hams and Matthew Thomas.

Ryan was on the football committee 2010-2015. He is still playing ‘B’ grade footy.

The boys chatted about some memorable moments and drew attention to the match a player jumped the fence and chased the supporters around a car, the supporters retaliated fighting him off with a chair.

After an interesting afternoon chatting to the boys mention is was made of 2 ladies who worked in the Canteen for over 60 years at their club, Cheryl Cox and Maureen Dugmore. Her husband Brian was the oval curator for just as long as she was in the canteen and the Goolwa Oval is named after him. Wonderful dedicated commitment by the girls, also Brian. Also mention was made of Dean Ostigh, a Trainer for 30 years awarded Life Member of the club.

General discussion re the merger of the two clubs. A considerable amount of time and energy went into the

amalgamation and unfortunately it was not supported 100% by people from both clubs. Time goes by and the matches continue and I guess the people that love the GAME will come along and the support the

Goolwa/Pt.Elliott Football Club.

Ryan has supplied following History of the Goolwa F.C. 1878-2000 Established 1878

Inaugural meeting held at Spencer’s Goolwa Hotel on July 3rd, 1878

Premierships A Grade: 1925, 1932, 1953, 1975, 1976, 1977. B Grade: 1978, 1981

Senior Colts: 1967, 1971, 1996 Junior Colts: 1967 Mail Medalists A Grade:

1967 Ken Follett ,1971 M Sullivan,1975 Michael Rabbitt,1980 Kevin Poulter 1982/84 Neil Haren

1985 Mark Symonds, 1994 Randall Jolly, B Grade:1958 D Sumner,1964 Barry Bonner,1981 Gary Crouch,

1982 Ken Wall 1985 Trevor Prior, Senior Colts:1967 G Baker,1972 G Miksza,1973 Neil Haren,1987 Darren Drake,

1991 Aaron Irvin,Junior Colts:1983 Greg Drake,1989 Sam Wall.

Life Members: (\* Deceased)

D Bessell, G Lawrence\*,R Fergusson\*J McHuhes\*,D Evans\*,H Rigney\*,R Woodrow\*,R Davis,D Bricknell,

G Fergusson\*,M Smith\*,T Bedford,P Taverner\*,R Squires,A Lundstrom\*,R Skewes\*,G Lundstrom,D Ostigh\*

B Cox,D Skewes,K Wall,B Bridges,M Davis,B Dugmore,G Michelmore\*,C Ostigh,M McCardle,M McKinlay,

I Dunbar,N Haren,T Griffen,R Bridges

GSFL Life Members: Trevor Prior, GSFL Life Member – Trainer Dean Ostigh

GSFL Life Member – Player T.Prior 1984, N.Haren 1987,D.Skewes 1991

Key dates and moments:

Established 1878 on July 3rd, 1878

First match was the following Saturday between 30 players

Goolwa originally not black and white. Referred to as “The Blues”

Regular matches played in 1882

First match at Port Elliot v Port Elliot (Ports). Port Elliot won 1-4 to 1-0. Match umpired by Mr Flynn

A return match was played at Goolwa on the borrowed Goolwa Cricket Oval. Match was a draw 4-2 to 4-2. Best players for Goolwa were J Davidson and D Cremer. Captain was TA Johnston

In 1882 we played our first junior match against a Middleton side with 12 per team

Through the late 1800’s there was no league or associations so secretaries arranged matches. Goolwa played against teams from Port Elliot, Middleton, Port Victor, Milang and then later Strathalbyn, Mt Barker, Macclesfield and Point McLeay

May 24th, 1887 v Milang “The Blues” (Goolwa) allowed aboriginal players to play

On July 28th 1887 a scheduled match v Port Elliot didn’t go ahead, as Goolwa had aboriginal players. Leading through to 1900, this seemed to be a continuous issue

Through the early period, Goolwa seemed to be a make up of local residents and visiting men from the river boats

First premiership was in the season of 1925

1953 was the official opening of the current oval where it stands today after the council purchased the land (allotment 117) in 1952

On the 16th of April, 1955 the northern and southern gates were officially opened. These gates were donated by Mr. Napier Birks and Mr. RD Scott

1960 saw the flooring and roofing of the new change rooms

1978 was the introduction of our first min league side. The side consisted of R.Pedlar (manager), D Squires and W.Brown (coaches), J. Bonner, G. Squires, M. Lockett, D. Morton, R. Seeley, T. Baggs, P. Keefe, B. Pedlar, M. Bonner, D. Newell, P. Brown, I. Maul, D. Dugmore

1978 the coaches boxes were constructed

In 1980 the 2-storey clubrooms where completed. A large list of people donated 402 bricks at a cost of $2.00 each brick for the construction. The down stairs section was enclosed in 1986

Last season as the Goolwa Football Club was round 18, 2000

Goolwa / Port Elliot Football Club History:

Established 2000

Home Ground: 2001 Goolwa Oval & Port Elliot Oval, 2002- Goolwa Oval

Colours: Red, Black & WhiteLogo: The Saints, 2009 – Reverted to black and white, Logo: The Magpies

Foundation Members: Ampol Goolwa - Martin Elliot, Ashleigh Barnett, Cole crash - Terry Fox, Corio Hotel - Rob & Sarah Hill,

 Des McNamara, Dodd & Page - Phillip Dodd,GB construction - Graham Barnes,Goolwa Foodland - David Reynolds, Goolwa Hotel - Ian and Terry Cross, Goolwa Pharmacy - Julie Bedford and Paul Simmons, Ken Wall Fencing - Ken Wall,Kevin Whelan, Mccardle Motors - Mick Mccardle,Middleton Tavern - Garry and Vicki Mack, Mt Compass Liquor Store - Andrew and Maxine Kies,Rivers End Landscape - Ivan Shrimpton,Royal Family Hotel - Craig and Kerryn Scudds,South Coast Hair Care - Vicki Woods,Weeksand Macklin - Tommy Kerr

First Game: Round 1, 2001 at Goolwa Oval

Goolwa / Port Elliot 17-17 (119) def. Yankalilla 7-5 (47) Coach: Ashleigh Barnett,Assistant Coach: Bryn Bridges and Anthony Parmeuter,Captain: Grant Mills,Vice Captain: Dustin Hirst, Runner: Shane Davis

First game in black and white 2009:

First Game: Round 1, 2009 at Goolwa Oval

Goolwa / Port Elliot 17-8 (110) def. Yankalilla 10-16 (76)

Premierships: ‘A’ & ‘B” nil, Senior colts 2012, Jnr colts nil.

Grand Finalists: Senior Colts: 2004, 2012 (premiers),Junior Colts: 2001, 2009, 2015

Life Members:

2016 Neil Haren

2016 Travis Griffen

2016 Ryan Bridges

Other Awards:

Ryan Griffen – 3rd pick in the 2004 National Draft – Western Bulldogs

Ryan Bridges – 2009 GSFL Junior Coach of the Year

Michael Kilsby – 2012 GSFL Junior Coach of the Year

Honour Board President Secretary Coach

2001 Jason Maynard Jason Kerr Ashleigh Barnett

2002 Michael McCardle: Jason Kerr Ashleigh Barnett

2003 Mick McCardle Jason Kerr Darren Mansell

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2005 Matt Jamieson Jason Kerr Jim Lihou

2006 Matt Jamieson / Stephen Elliot Jackie Wilkin Jim Lihou

2007 Stephen Elliot H Faulkner Leigh Pope

2008: Stephen Elliot Mick McKinlay Leigh Pope

2009 Brett Pedler Mick McKInlay Simon Dennis

2010 Brett Pedler David Cawthorne Simon Dennis

2011: Brett Pedler David Cawthorne / Helen Jones Steve O’Connor

2012 Brett Pedler Stephen Costello / Helen Jones Zac Ewer

2013: Dene McKinlay Steve Costello Michael Small

2014 Dene McKinlay : Shaun Durward Michael Small (replaced by Daniel Lees after Round 4)

2015: Shaun Durward Lydia Miller Daniel Lees

2016: Shaun Durward / Josh Koop Roweena Evans Vinnie Rugolo

2017: Shaun Durward Roweena Evans Vinnie Rugolo

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| Year | President | Secretary | Treasurer | Coach | Captain | B&F |
| 1878 | J.P.Hill | A.C.Gill | A.C.Gill |   | F.Fergusson |   |
| 1940-1946 | Club did not compete |   |   |   |   |   |
| 1952 | R.Fergusson | R.Fergusson | H.Jenson | L.Grantham |   |   |
| 1953 | A.Fergusson | B. Skewes | D.Bessell | D.Byrnes | D.Byrnes |   |
| 1954 | A.Fergusson | D.Bessell | D.Bessell | R.Fergusson |   |   |
| 1955 | A.Fergusson | D.Lovell | D.Bessell | D.Evans | F.Tester |   |
| 1956 | A.Fergusson | C.Grantham | A.Fergusson | F.Tester |   |   |
| 1957 | A.Fergusson | A.Egan | D.Bessell | R.Schmerl |   |   |
| 1958 | P.Fergusson | M.Minns | D.Bessell | R.Fergusson |   |   |
| 1959 | P.Fergusson | D.Bessell | D.Bessell | F.Jarman |   |   |
| 1960 | R.Woodrow | B.Jarman | D.Bessell | F.Jarman |   |   |
| 1961 | P.Fergusson | B.Dugmore | T.Bedford | B.Grantham |   |   |
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| 1974 | R.Harkness | Mrs.M.Molony | D.Ostigh | R.Bonner |   |   |
| 1975 | R.Harkness | G.Lundstrom | D.Ostigh | W.Johnson | W.Johnson |   |
| 1976 | P.Tavener | G.Lundstrom | D.Ostigh | W.Johnson | W.Johnson |   |
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| 1981 | J.Veenstra | C.Barclay | M.Lewis | W.Johnson | N.Haren | N.Haren |
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| 1989 | K.Wall | R.Jemson | W.Cox | T.Hill | T.Hill | T.Hill |
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| 1991 | C.Wintle | T.Carter | T.Bentley | S.Farrell | M.Davis | R.Davis |
| 1992 | K.Cummings | C.Wintle | T.Robinson | B.Trenorden | M.Davis | D.Rumbelow |
| 1993 | K.Wall | C.Ostigh | M.Elliot | S.Jackson | S.Jackson | R.Jolly |
| 1994 | M.Fuller | C.Ostigh | M.Elliot | S.Jackson | S.Jackson | K.Allan |
| 1995 | M.Fuller | C.Ostigh | M.Elliot | S.Jackson | S.Jackson | K.Allan / M.McKechnie |
| 1996 | C.Ostigh | K.Burr | A.Freestone | S.Clifford | M.Davis | K.Allan |
| 1997 | R.J.Drake | K.Carpenter | M.McKinlay | S.Clifford | B.Pearce | K.Allan |
| 1998 | R.J.Drake | D.Tischer | M.McKinlay | P.Rea | S.Davis / D.Wood | G.Mills |
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