Port Elliott Football Club Interviewed 11/8/17 by Jan Bache

An interesting afternoon spent with 2 gentlemen of the Port Elliott Football Club, Jeff Green & David Winn,

Not much is known of the clubs early history because information and records from this era have been misplaced.

History recorded show that Pt Elliott started 1881. ‘A’ Premierships won 1927,29,31,32,33,35-36-37-38,39.

Port Elliott amalgamated with Goolwa 2000 wearing red,black and white, combining the red and black of the

Pt.Elliott Bloods with the Black/White of the Goolwa Magpies. Late in 2008 the members of the GPEFC decided

on a return to the traditional colours the Goolwa Football Club, The ‘Magpies’ were born. Mail Medalists for

Port Elliott are: 1925 Ralph Green, 1928/29 Clarrie Green, 1933/35 K.Rose, 1939 J.Barton, 1949 K.Dodd,

1955/56 J.Green, 1962 J.Hawkes, 1964 B.Mudge, 1976 G.Wickham.1989 B.Miller,1998 D.Whitbourne

Port Elliott F.C. was a Family club: Brothers/cousins who played over 1920-1965; Rose Bros, Green Family,

Bartons, Overall, Moyles, Marnies, Virgin Dodd & Harding (please excuse if we have missed any).

Jeff Green played his first game at 15 years of age in 1948. His career spanned 17 years playing approx. 320 ‘A’ grade games. Jeff played Centre and Half Forward and was successful in being named Captain for 2 years, also winning two Mail Medals, 1955/1956 (tied),runner up in 1954 (more votes than when he won the medals). Jeff represented the League for 6 years and was selected for the SA Country Championship Team in 1956. He played in a couple of Grand Finals, in particular 1961 most memorable against Encounter Bay. ¾ time Pt Elliott were 9 goals down but at the end of the match they lost by 2 points, great last ¼ but too late. 1962 the side were successful winning the Premiership for the first time in 23 years.

Jeff Green coached senior colts for 2 years, also was President of the club in 1964/65. Only injury Jeff sustained was a shoulder which kept on dislocating, and to this day pain still reminds him of his footy career.

The oval when Jeff first started had a big slope, but volunteers with Tractors and Graders over a 12

month period upgraded the oval for them to start playing on. Whilst this work was being done the matches

were played on Basham’s Paddock which met the standard required. Jeff lived at Port Elliott so on home matches

was able to walk to oval, away games mates got together and drove. After a big win boys would go to local hotel

and have a schooner or two. Upon Jeff turning 21 the Hotel Owner bought him a beer, knowing full well that

he had been serving him a beer or two prior to legal age!

Recruiting players was a challenge, Goldsbrough Mort lads who worked for them knew who they had to play for Pt.Elliott, otherwise the local farmer would not sell wool to them.. The boys who worked in the local Banks played for Victor Harbor. Respected players: Jo Barton (best drop kick ever seen) and Ted Hending. From the opposition Don Bartel, Frank Joy, Alan Field, Ian Millard (another great drop kicker) were well respected..Families who played were the Rosser, Mahoney & Squires. One of the best coaches for Pt.Elliott was Reg Masters who also played for Glenelg F.C.

Jeff had some humorous stories to tell, one in particular about a player who could bend a threepence with his

teeth, upon playing, a ruckus nearly occurred and an E/Bay player pointed his finger at this gentleman and he took one big bite and nearly bit his finger off.

Recently Jeff has been presented with Player Life Membership of the Pt Elliott Football Club, a wonderful

tribute to his outstanding contribution to his beloved Port Elliott F.C.

Biggest influences on Jeff, with correct fundamentals, were Primary School Teacher Eric Gann and his father

Don Green.

David Winn. David played footy on the plains firstly with Henley O.S. and West Adelaide F.C., Colts and

Reserves. When he commenced playing with Pt. Elliott he only played about 35 games in 1986-87 but then stepped into the role of Vice President in 1989 (his wife was Assistant Secretary ). Following years different coaches came to the club, i.e. Noel Teasdale and Ray Huppatz both recognised AFL Players. In 2000 the two clubs amalgamated, David picked up the roles of Runner he was also sponsor 2000-2002 and on the football committee 2012.

In 2015/2016 David was Vice President of the GSFL and now is one of the coordinators of the GSFL Junior Football Academy,appointed 2015-2018. David works alongside John Griffin, Rob McKinnon Darren ?? and Coach Tristain Mulhoon who are developing the juniors who will represent their league in Interleague matches and may progress thru the ranks to reach the highest accolade, AFL. This academy is very well supported by Member clubs and the 50 lads train over a 6 week period at the Mt.Compass Oval.

David is a strong supporter of the Pt.Elliott/Goolwa F.C. and still continues to research for the history of both identities, another gentleman who holds his club with great pride and respect.

This story will continue because of the Amalgamation. Interviews with a couple of Goolwa F.C. players/Admin is to be arranged.

 ( subject to amendment)