



NSDRLRA

Life Member Profile

Colin Jones

Life Member 27: 1989

Membership: since 1976



Honours

Life Membership: 1989

Graded Referee: 1981 - 2002

Test Matches: 1995 1st test Australia v NZ at Lang Park
1996 Australia V Fiji at Newcastle

State of Origin: 1991 2nd SoO at SFS
1998 2nd SoO at SFS

Grand Finals: 1990 President's Cup
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1995 Reserve Grade
2000 1st Division & Metro Cup Reserve Grade
2001 1st Division & Metro Cup First Grade

John Quinn Trophy: 1982, 2014

Refereeing Accreditation: level 5 - Referee and level 2 - Referee coach

Executive Positions Held

President, Senior Vice President, Vice President, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Coaching and Development

Association Positions Held

Delegate to the NSWRL Referees, Delegate to the North Sydney Junior League, Delegate University Cup, Controller of Payments, Coaching Coordinator, Coaching Staff, Gear Steward, Golf Captain, Golf Team, Appointments Board, Advisory Board, Representative to the Judiciary, Life Membership Committee, Sponsorship Committee, Constitution Review Committee, Jubilee Committee, 75th Anniversary Committee, Past & Present Committee and the John Quinn (Bob Purcell) Trophy Committee

Comments

I decided to go for my referee's ticket in 1975 when I was at Macquarie University. My family lived in the city at the North British Hotel, where my father was the publican, and the NSW Leagues Club was a short walk up the road. I attended one lecture, which was conducted by Cyril Wigzell B.E.M. on a Thursday night at the club, and purchased a 'Laws of the Game'.

I studied the book closely for the next week and a half and returned to the club for the examination on a Tuesday night. My examiner was the first grade referee Laurie Bruyeres, who asked me rulings for 40 minutes. Candidates passed if they made fewer than five mistakes and I made three, so I passed.

Following congratulating me on my success, Laurie asked me for my address. Now this was the tricky part as in those days you had to referee in your district of residence. I lived at Circular Quay which was in Eastern Suburbs territory, so I gave my grandfather's Wahroonga address. I did this because I was a 'North's Man'; born in Wahroonga; raised in Thornleigh; played for Penno; Grandfather, Father and Uncle Harry Taylor played first grade for North Sydney; and, Bill Lalor who was a member of NSDRLRA was a regular at our hotel and suggested to me that I get my ticket in the first place.

When Laurie heard my address he said, "Father Quinn will take good care of you". No truer words have ever been spoken.

My favourite song: 'Non, je ne regrette rien'.