



BRIARS AT GREENLEES LTD



7th Annual Report and Balance Sheet 2011 – 2012

**Presented to Members at the Club Rooms
Cnr Ian Parade & Wellbank Street, Concord 2137
on Sunday 24th February 2013**

**Briars at Greenlees Ltd
ABN 710 010 295 45**

BRIARS AT GREENLEES LTD

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D A Walker
K Free OAM



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P Doherty
G Price

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I Blair

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Member for Drummoyne

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I Blair	T Cribb	B Howle	C Hickey
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General Manager

G Taylor

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Solicitors

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G Price	Cricket
J Fordham	Hockey
D Johnson	Rugby
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H Burton	Women's Bowls
E McPhee	Netball

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB

Founded 1918



PATRONS

H W Whiddon	1935-1956
E J Siddeley	1956-1965
H G Whiddon	1969-1972
R B Clark BEM	1972-1994
H C Ford	1995-2000
D V Prowse	2000-2005
D A Walker	2005

PAST PRESIDENTS

J H Stone	1918-1919
H W Whiddon	1919-1920
J C Meeks	1920-1921
H W Whiddon	1921-1924
E J Siddeley	1924-1925
E Love	1925-1926
H W Whiddon	1926-1928
E J Siddeley	1928-1929
R W May	1929-1931
E J Siddeley	1931-1932
H W Whiddon	1932-1933
R G Herford	1933-1935
J E Holmes	1935-1936
R W May	1936-1939
E J Siddeley	1939-1942
R W May	1942-1943
H G Whiddon	1943-1948
E E Watt	1948-1953
R S Jones AOM	1953-1957
A J Land	1957-1960
R J Thomson	1960-1962
W A Elder	1962-1965
B U Williams	1965-1967
H G Whiddon	1967-1969
H C Ford	1969-1972
R D Vanderfield	1972-1973
D A Walker	1973-1976
C K Dennis	1976-1980
J H Edmonds	1980-1983
I G S Blair	1983-1985
P D Richardson	1985-1988
R I G Richard	1988-1991
C R Hickey	1991-1996
J F Threlfo	1996-1999
P G Mattick	1999-2002
M Weber	2002-2005

PAST LIFE MEMBERS

1947	H W Whiddon
	E J Siddeley
	R W May
1958	R B Clark BEM
	H G Whiddon
1968	E G Stockdale
1985	H C Ford
1993	P C Murray CBE
1994	R S Jones AOM
1995	D V Prowse
1995	I R Vanderfield AO OBE
1996	P D Richardson
2002	J Balmforth BEM

LIFE MEMBERS

J Alford
I G S Blair
C K E Dennis
C R Hickey
S Hipwell
W F Hooker
C G Jones
R I G Richard
J F Threlfo
C D Walker
D A Walker

VICE-PRESIDENTS

R Anstey
J F Crockart
P England
G Heggarty
M Howell
G Ireland
C J Jones
K R Kable
H W Lennartz
P Mansford
P G Mattick
R Pontifex
G Price
J Price
A C Reid
G Rolleston
S Schomberg
J Staniforth
R Streeter
K E Wearne

GREENLEES PARK BOWLING CLUB

Opened 1950



PATRONS

E Hinks	1950-1959
C London	1960-1962
A Giblett	1963
F Billyard	1964
A Giblett	1965
C London	1966-1967
N Lowe	1968-1969
R Toogood	1970-1973
G Durie	1974
C House	1975
G Durie	1976-1978
T Murphy	1979-1980
J Spargo	1981
A Billyard	1982-1988
A Huttly	1989-1992
J Jackson	1993
K Gordon	1994-2005
K Free OAM	2006-

CHAIRMEN

B Fumberger	1988-1990
R Skehan	1991-1992
R Buchanan	1993-1996
R Crew	1997-2000
R Skehan	2001-2002
B Huttly	2003-2005

PRESIDENTS

W Dunlop	1950-1956
C London	1957
J Henderson	1958
R Wiggins	1959
A Giblett	1960-1962
C London	1963-1964
N Lowe	1965-1967
R Toogood	1968
T Murphy	1969-1970
G Durie	1971-1973
C House	1974
J Spargo	1975-1976
C Piercy	1977-1978
A Lee	1979-1991
J Vale	1992
A Lee-C Pratt	1993
C Pratt	1994-1995
R Arnold	1996-1998
S Lesslie	1999-2001
R Arnold	2002-2004
A Cribb	2005-2007
D Coleman	2008-2010
B Huttly	2011-2012

LIFE MEMBERS

J Jackson
L Coleman
R Buchanan
K Free OAM
E Knight
R Skehan
B Huttly

PAST LIFE MEMBERS

C House
R Wiggins
L Barry
A McLeod
J Arantz
A Lee
N Tozer
H Wicks
R Riley OAM
J Vale
A Fleeton
M Davis

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Club has performed well in the past twelve months not only financially but in areas such as administration and the sporting arena. Financial achievement is highlighted in the Treasurer's Report but it was a successful year mainly attributed to the renovations in 2011 attracting more members and guests to use the Club.

The senior sports have had a mixed season in regards to premierships with only Cricket 3rd Grade and Netball becoming Premiers, and Squash in the autumn competition winning the Club Championship. Rugby, Cricket, Hockey and Squash played in the grand finals but unfortunately were unable to create premierships. Bowls were unable to progress further after the Pennant season.

Our Juniors in Cricket and Hockey had a far more successful season. Between them they won seven premierships which augurs well for the future of these sports.

In the case of Junior Cricket, the Board has donated a trophy in the name of Gerard Price to recognise the dedication and work by Gerard over his many years as Cricket Chairman of Briars. Gerard came to Briars from Ashfield Croydon juniors and has supported this club for a long time. Many of those juniors came and played cricket for Briars. Gerard also helped form Concord Briars Juniors with Anne and Chris Burt in 2011.

The inaugural winner of the R B Clark Scholarship was Alex Gonano who played Rugby for the Club this year. This scholarship is now becoming popular and next year should see more winners of this award.

Many thanks to Paul Price and the Foundation for supporting the sports during the year.

We all felt the tragic loss of two young ladies, Whitney Lane who came up through the junior hockey ranks and Natalie England, daughter of Phil and Beth, who ran the Trivia Night at the Club for six years. Both were sudden and unexpected. The passing of two Briar icons John Edmonds and Steve Keir, are both acknowledged in the Annual Report and their contribution over many years should not be forgotten.

The Board is now reviewing further improvements to the Club and some if not all will take place during the next financial year. The kitchen is to be upgraded with a better layout and replacement of some furniture in the lounge. The major extension which includes replacing the toilets and change rooms will be reviewed during the year but this will depend on finances.

The technology revolution is with us whereby the members can gamble online for just about anything so members do not have to go to clubs for their enjoyment but stay at home in their lounge rooms.

To encourage more members and guests to the Club, the Board has decided to use one of the greens as a multipurpose zone. The reason for this is that all clubs need to change with the times and become family friendly. If they do not, they will have a difficult time in becoming relevant. Bowls tournaments will still be played when allocated but will allow parents to access the green at other times as a children's play area. Our Club has already grown to include juniors in hockey and cricket and it would be hoped that in 12 months time junior netball will be up and running.

Thank you to Glen, Shontal and staff who have carried out their work in an efficient and professional manner and made the Club appealing for members and guests.

Finally, thank you to the Directors who give their time generously in a very busy world.

Ian Blair - President

TREASURER'S REPORT

The year ended 2012 was a successful year not only in profit \$215,520 (2011-\$50,881) but also the cash flow was positive to the point whereby the loan reduced to \$99,755 as at the end of September.

Income from gaming was well up on the previous year after the renovations were completed as well as TAB and Keno. George Street rentals were below last year as a tenant vacated and the shop was vacant for four months. The property is now fully leased and the income will be well up on last year.

Income from Cintra Park was up on last year and credit should go to Emma Ratcliffe and her committee to maximise the rentals.

Interest on the loan was \$22,498 and would have been higher had it not been for the reduction in the interest rate by 0.7% over the year as well as our repayment plan to reduce the debt as fast as possible. The Club is 12 months ahead of schedule with the repayments.

Depreciation increased (\$44,459) due mainly to the poker machine purchases (\$184,000) during the year. Licenses for these machines cost \$58,000.

The Board has been diligent in trying to reduce costs but costs such as water, electricity and gas are becoming harder each year to control, 2012 (\$73,202), 2011 (\$63,424) and will be greater next year.

The carbon tax for which the Club is unable to receive carbon credits, will cost the Club between \$5,000 and \$6,000 a full year.

The Board decided during the year to offer grants to the sports. A formula was provided by Ray Crew and the amount granted was \$70,300. The aim is to help reduce costs for the sports such as playing fees. The grant system will be ongoing as long as the Club is financially able to do so. The total amount may vary from year to year.

The Sporting Chairpersons are to be congratulated on having a tight control on budgets. All sports except Rugby finished in the black.

Renovation costs that appeared in last year's accounts were not applicable this year so a saving was made of \$25,409.

Jo Merrick is to be thanked as our Consulting Accountant and for providing up to date information to Glen and myself.

Glen and his team have done an excellent job in providing monthly and yearly reports and accounts to the Board. This information is vital and allows decisions to be made confidently enabling the Club to grow and prosper.

The Club is trading well for the first two months of the financial year.

Ian Blair - Treasurer

THE BRIARS FOUNDATION LIMITED

Directors: Paul Price (President), Peter Dunlop, John Price, Warwick Williams, Phil England, Paul Mattick.

The Foundation committee has remained the same for the past twelve months.

The Statement of Financial Position for The Foundation to the year ended 30 June 2012, shows net assets of \$236,204 compared with \$231,095 for the 2011 year. During the year Richard Tregeagle resigned as a director and we thank Richard for his support and contribution.

Five years ago negotiations were finalised with the Australian Sports Foundation which created an opportunity for donations to be tax deductible. This outcome has been responsible for the significant increase in membership and donations and a number of existing members have taken the opportunity to upgrade their membership status through additional donations. Members have continued to be very creative in the way they have pledged their support. Some have pledged a monthly amount, others an annual donation, a few one-off payments and some bequests. The lack of a major project has seen the amount of donations and pledges fall over the past few years however that is about to change. The Australian Sports Foundation holds \$61,000 on behalf of the Foundation for future Capital Projects.

Over the past 3-4 years the Foundation have donated over \$12,000 to Hockey for a new electronic scoreboard and security cover at their home ground at Cintra Park and even more significantly we donated over \$23,000 to the club for the extremely impressive memorabilia cabinet at the newly refurbished premises. Additionally we donated \$3,800 towards the scanning of all The Briars past reports/records which will allow every member to easily access their past and present administrative and sporting achievements online. More recently we donated \$3,000 to Rugby for goal post pads and corner posts and we held our inaugural (what will now become annual) luncheon at the Club on the 25th October. It was a sensational day with over 120 attending and we raised in excess of \$10,000. Kerry O'Keeffe was the guest speaker and we had various auctions and raffles during the afternoon. This luncheon was organised to raise funds for the new cricket nets which will be located next to the club and will be used by the clubs 9 senior and 26 junior teams.

The next year could be our most exciting yet as the club is currently negotiating the potential upgrade of The Rothwell Park change rooms and should this project proceed The Foundation will undertake some major fundraising to assist in improving the facilities for Rugby and Cricket. For various reasons the project has crawled at snail pace this year but we hope to have some developments over the next couple of months and hopefully make some real progress in 2013.

You will notice the new Foundation Board at the club and we thank Greg McPhee for doing such a great job with that.

A big thank you again to our treasurer Bill Hooker who did a fabulous job on the administration and finance side this year - thanks Billy! Thanks also to the Directors for their support and constructive advice and we look forward to an exciting 2013.

Below is the current list of Members of the Foundation. We thank each and every one of you for your past and ongoing support. As you know we lost three of our long term members during the year - Steve Keir, John Edmonds and Laurie Routley and we will miss you guys!!

Ray Ackerman (decd)	Steve Keir OAM (decd)	Laurie Routley (decd)
Ross Anstey	Bob Kersey	John Singleton
Jack Balmforth BEM (decd)	Peter Mansford	Cec Stevens
Ken Bell	Bill Marshall	Kerry Trollope
Ian Blair	Mike Mathews	F Tsang
Andy Clifford	John Metcalf	Geoffrey Tweeddale
Richard Crookes	John Mortlock	Peter Unwin
Colin Dennis	Greg McPhee	Matthew Waddington
John Edmonds (decd)	John Price	Chris Walker
Philip England	Paul Price	Don Walker (decd)
Doug Guest	Doug Prowse (decd)	Don Way (decd)
Mal Goldsmith	John Randle	Warwick Williams
Garnett Green	Col Rankin (decd)	Tony Wozniak
Bill Hooker	Ian Richard	George Wright
Ken Kable	John Richards	Roger Vanderfield AO OBE (decd)

Paul Price - President

VALE

John Edmonds

John died on Wednesday January 11, 2012, after a brief illness. There will be hundreds of Briars who will be saddened by his death.

John, or Ed or Edo was born to be a Briar. He joined the club straight out of Newington College and became instantly immersed in the club's culture, ethos and standards as they were in those days. The Briars was invented for blokes like Edo.

John joined to play cricket and rugby and became an itinerant cricketer in the B Juniors and the City & Suburban, but a committed rugby member.

The first note about Edo that I can see in the Annual Reports is in the 1960 edition, when the coach of the Burke Cup side, Cliff Dodds, wrote that he was "generally asleep or yawning". In jest maybe?

That laconic style didn't prevent Edo from progressing to the Five Eight's position in the Kentwell Cup side in 1963, and he went on to play with distinction in the premierships winning sides in 1964 and 65. By then he was described as having "deceptive speed, change of pace well concealed and a long stride hard to hold". He had good hands and a prodigious boot. John won the Gordon Bevan Shield in 1964.

John's total immersion in the club's operations saw him occupy positions on several committees over the years. He was Social Chairman and produced many memorable events. He sat on the Management Committee and was a Director for several years, culminating in his accepting the Presidency in 1981. He was one of the driving forces behind the club's first rugby tour of the USA.

The decades of the 60's and 70's were, sport aside, highly memorable for the camaraderie at 30A George Street. It was a mecca for an after work beer, and no matter where John was at the end of the day he would turn the famous VW towards Burwood. Mixing with his peers and with senior members on those nights, is where John's love and respect for The Briars was nurtured, and where so many of us became his lifelong friend.

As he aged, he became cantankerous and argumentative (just like the rest of us old buggers) but he was never dull and he kept up the rage against the forces of change.

Good on you Ed. See you later.

Col Dennis

Steve Keir OAM

Steve Keir passed away on 25th May 2012. Steve joined the Briars in 1955 to play Rugby which he did with distinction. Playing in all grades during his playing career culminating with being a member of the undefeated Kentwell Cup side in 1964.

Steve also coached Rugby during his time at the Club and was unlucky not to be a premiership coach in Burke Cup in 1966 when Briars lost in extra time.

Steve won the Gordon Bevan Shield in 1963 with Mike Mathews, the only time the trophy has been shared in the one year.

Being a great clubman, Steve was on the Rugby Committee, was member's representative on the Management Committee and was an honorary steward serving behind the bar at George Street for a number of years.

Steve's brother Graham also played Rugby for Briars but passed away in 1987.

When the Briars Foundation was formed in the 1990's Steve was one of the first benefactors to support the Foundation with a cheque of \$50,000.

In 1989 Steve was awarded the OAM for services to manufacturing and horse racing.

The Keir Family are the makers of an Aussie icon, the Akubra Hat. The company was founded by the family over one hundred years ago and is now run by Steve's son, Stephen who is a fourth generation Keir.

CRICKET CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Another successful season for the mighty Briars with the 3rd Grade victorious Premiers for the 2nd year in succession and 1st Grade going down narrowly in the Grand Final also for the 2nd year in a row. We also had our 2nd, 4th, 5th and Under 24 Grades contest the semi finals only to record narrow losses just before the big one. In fact we became the first club EVER to have every team contest the semi finals in the same year! A remarkable achievement. The Club also improved on last season to record a narrow 2nd place in the race for the coveted Club Championship trophy. We will win it back!

Our challenge each year is to improve on the previous season as all Clubs regard us as the yardstick and definitely lift when they play against us. We have set the standard for many years now but seem to perform brilliantly and for this we must congratulate all the players for the season.

To be one of the leading clubs for such a long period of time can be very difficult but we have regularly managed to have all 5 teams in the semi finals and invariably win a Premiership as well.

This season our 3rd grade team were outstanding in the way they dominated their competition and eventually won the decider. The team began very well on day 1 to rip through the North West team to dismiss them for just over 100. We batted defiantly over the next day or so to be dismissed after lunch on day 2 with plenty of batsman batting years beyond their experience to lead by about 100. The bowlers then came out to dismiss the opposition again with the mighty Briars winning by an innings. An extraordinary performance in a Grand Final. The crowd of supporters erupted when the game was called off and the celebrations began. Well done boys.

On the other side of town at Strathfield the 1st graders were also contesting a Grand Final against Lane Cove. This would prove to be a tough one after 2 very good semi final victories and on a batting paradise the opposition mounted a very good performance to score over 300. We didn't perform to our potential with the bat as we had only 70 overs to score the runs and unfortunately we were not good enough on the day. It was a magnificent performance by the 1st grade team who surprised many outsiders to reach the GF yet again and they will be a better team for their efforts. Congratulations boys.

The Under 24's promised so much pre season however with so many guys unavailable during the season and a season marred by poor weather they finished 6th prior to the semis. The semi final was against Warringah and once again rain interrupted the game. We were certainly playing well but the cruel nature of the rules with the use of the Duckworth/Lewis system to decide the winner saw us 'lose' the game by a few runs. Warringah were the eventual Premiers!. The 5th grade team suffered each week with unavailables in the higher grades and fell just short of the Grand Final as well but there are plenty of young players who were given an opportunity who will benefit from their first turf experiences.

The teams this year were very well led by the skippers being Jason Holley (1st), Cameron Beames (2nd) Gareth Robsen (3rd), Warwick Giblin (4th), Michael Taberner (5th), and Max Squire(24's). This can be a very difficult

task with the teams usually not able to be selected until Wednesday at the earliest and many times being finalised late on a Friday however their patience was constantly tested and their goals were to ensure all grades were selected fairly. Well done guys for your time and effort throughout the season.

The club is fortunate to be able to play on some of the best turf wickets in Shires being Rothwell Park, Ron Routley Oval, and St Lukes Oval. The groundsmen do a wonderful job each week with Adam and Jeff in charge at the respective grounds. Rothwell Park was once again voted in the top 2 grounds and was constantly praised by opposition teams who enjoyed playing on such a good ground and wicket. Well done and thanks guys.

Off the field there are many guys who assist in the cricket administration throughout the year and in no particular order I will mention them. Anthony Clarke, who although retired, served on the Shires Rep Committee, assisted in fees collection and other odd jobs etc, Paul Price for his regular 'advice' and feedback on all issues, Terry Murphy for his representation of the Club at the various SCA meetings in town, to Scott Brennan for his time and effort compiling/updating the cricket stats on the website which we all take such an interest in each week during the season, Mark Smyck for his general assistance when needed and management of the Under 24's team, and finally to all those who regularly assisted with the laying of the covers on a Thursday or Friday afternoon. They were very much appreciated. To anyone I have failed to mention I apologise but your efforts are also much appreciated.

To be able to effectively operate a successful club you must also have your finances organised and managed efficiently. For the last decade or so we have been very fortunate to be associated with a wonderful company called VENUS PACKAGING who have provided us with valuable financial support during this period. Their involvement with our Club has coincided with the incredible success we as cricketers have enjoyed and I believe their association with us has helped us concentrate on our cricket and ensure sensational results. On behalf of all the cricketers I would like to thank IAN VENUS for his generous support and assure him we are very pleased and proud to have his company name emblazoned across the back of our playing shirts.

Throughout the season there seems to be plenty of occasions when we are in need of a fill in player to assist us in 1 or more of the grades. To this end we are very fortunate that we have many former players who are prepared to help out from time to time and so I thank you all for this. There were plenty who helped throughout the season by playing a game or 2 when required and will for seasons to come I am sure. Thanks guys.

Each season the club competes with Epping for a trophy called the Turnbull/Richardson Trophy and is awarded to the club who receives the most Club Championship points in that round. For the past 20 years we have won this trophy and I know how much it meant to Peter Richardson to be honoured on the trophy in this way. After some hard fought games the Briars once again were victorious and have yet to lose this trophy. Ever!

This season the Club participated in the Pink Stumps Day for the first time ever. It is the charity that Glen and Jane McGrath are involved in to help fund nurses for patients affected by breast cancer. We were very proud to support such a charity through the sale of pink bat grips and pink caps as well as various donations from Club members and players. We raised over \$500 and hope to be able to participate in years to come.

This season also saw the first time we have had a 'Back to Briars' Day where we invited as many former players as possible to come down to Rothwell Park to watch a game and enjoy some food and drinks courtesy of the cricketers. It brought many former players out and was excellent to see so many in attendance. We hope to make this a permanent fixture in the future as well.

On behalf of all the cricketers I would like to thank the staff and management of Briars at Greenlees for their assistance and service to all the cricketers during the season.

At the end of the season we held our Annual Presentation evening at the club and with over 100 past and present players including some partners we had a very enjoyable evening. Amongst some of the ex players included David Walker, Peter Mansford, Bob Streeter, Aldo Cantori and Ian Blair. We also had Nick Rojo travel down from the North Coast to attend and Corie Dickeson attended after arriving from Ireland in the week before. During the off season we were saddened to hear of the passing of our other Club legend in Ted Watt after a lengthy illness. Ted was almost an institution at this Presentation evening and I know how much Ted and Ruby enjoyed being our guests. We will certainly miss his unique stories of yesteryear as he frequently gave accounts of what it was like in his era. On a positive note we were honoured to have Ted's son Michael and his wife as our guests for the evening. Michael was very pleased to be able to be there to represent the family and present the trophy named in Ted's honour. It was fantastic to catch up with them all and we hope to see them as regulars in future years.

The various award winners were;

David Walker Trophy - 'Services to Cricket' - Brett Howle

Ted Watt Trophy - 'Best New Talent' - Ben Van den Nienwenhof

1st Grade Players Player - Marc Seymour

2nd Grade Players Player - Vijay Sharma

3rd Grade Players Player - Orry Kirkham

4th Grade Players Player - Ben Van den Nienwenhof

5th Grade Players Player - Michael Taberner

Under 24's Players Player - Jack Kovacic

Masters Players Player - Greg Matchett

To all these award winners we congratulate you and thanks to Paul Price and Scott Brennan for their assistance with the evening.

If there is anyone else I have forgotten to thank I apologise but I thank you as well.

Gerard Price - Cricket Chairman

CRICKET FIRST GRADE

Season 2011/12 for the 1st grade will go down as the "one that got away". The side finished 2nd on the table at the end of the home and away season. We played Lane Cove in the GF and we were comprehensively beaten by the better side on the day. I can only hope that the pain all the players felt over the past two seasons gives each person the added starch to go one better in season 2012/13.

In going forward, each player has to set some higher standards of themselves with bat, ball and in the field if we are to win the title, premierships are not easily won, a lot of hard work and practice goes into them and this has to improve from every individual if we are to win.

On an individual level it was great to see players such as Marc Seymour and Stevie Davis lead the way for us this year with ball and bat.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank the club and the cricket committee for all the assistance they provided the team this year. To the ground staff at Rothwell Oval, without doubt the best ground all year and I congratulate you on your efforts. To all the players at the club, lets get the Club Championship back to Burwood Briars, where it rightfully belongs. The fellow captains, whilst it isn't an easy job you all did very well leading your teams each week and I know I valued your help and assistance when required so thank you.

Special mention to Gareth Robson and the guys in 3rds – congratulations on winning a 2nd straight premiership this year, a fantastic effort and well deserved.

Finally, I would like to thank all our sponsors for supporting our great club and I look forward to the 2012/13 season.

Name	Mts	Inn	NO	HS	50	100	Avg	Runs	Ovrs	Mdns	Runs	BBwl	5	10	Avg	Wkt
Brett Bastow	12	11	2	61	1	-	29.44	265	55.0	6	217	6-56	1	-	18.08	12
Steve Davis	17	9	7	17*	-	-	19.50	39	210.0	50	549	6-45	1	-	13.72	40
Chris Hart	16	18	-	68	2	-	20.22	364								
Jason Holley	17	16	1	57	3	-	24.47	367	38.2	11	99	2-10	-	-	33.0	3
Andrew Jalalaty	17	18	2	62	1	-	16.75	268								
Sanjiv Khalko	17	13	4	33*	-	-	11.56	104	159.0	29	412	3-20	-	-	24.24	17
Adrian Neligan	16	16	2	70	1	-	18.71	262								
Will Service	14	9	1	48	-	-	15.62	125	148.5	23	528	6-43	1	-	17.60	30
Marc Seymour	15	17	4	186	2	-	40.23	523	221.4	58	617	5-26	3	-	14.69	42
Max Squire	15	16	3	53*	1	-	22.92	298								
Derek Welsh	14	11	2	34	-	-	13.33	120	91.0	20	286	4-20	-	-	15.05	19

Also Batted: C Beames 1-41, S Brennan 2-1, A Eichholzer 2-10, C French 1-1, J McKay 3-48, P Murphy 3-8, R Nandi 2-19, P Pannuti 1-6, J Rogers 3-18, V Sharma 1-20.

Also Bowled: A Jalalaty 0-4, J McKay 0-33, P Pannuti 2-43, V Sharma 1-31, M Squire 0-12.

Jay Holley

CRICKET SECOND GRADE

Firstly congratulations to all Briars cricketers in being involved in a successful season where all 5 grades and the under 24s teams all played in the finals. In particular, to Jason Holley and first grade for finishing runners up and the Gareth Robson and 3rd grade in winning the premiership for the second successive season. To the 21 players who played in the second grade team during the season I thank each of you for your input and effort in winning all but 2 games. Unfortunately not playing for 9 whole days due to rain meant we missed out on the opportunity to gain valuable premiership points and finish higher than our 3rd placing. However playing finals again is an achievement and one that we will all learn from in future seasons. Just as important is that everyone that played contributed to an enjoyable team environment that facilitated success and enjoyment on a weekly basis within the spirit of the game.

Generally the team was a better bowling than batting side however there were a number of individual performances that are worth recognising:

Vijay Sharma's 61no in round 1 - which basically single handedly won the game chasing 157 and his 75no vs Lane Cove which set up the round 6 win chasing 175.

In his first season with the club Albert Eichholzer's 82 vs Strathfield in a 114 run partnership with Steve Hudson that gave us some hope in our only loss during the regular season.

David Cox's 70 vs Georges River to give us an eventually defendable 235.

Paul Simpson's cameo 62 vs Warringah in one of only 3 appearances.

Cameron Beames's 106 vs Warringah out of 313 declared, 182 vs Lindfield and 62 vs Warringah in the first final with a season average 48.

Gerard Price's 112 runs for the season at an average of 37.3 and a top score of 35. Dismissed only 3 times this does not include roughly the same number of leg byes contributed.

As a team there were fewer individual bowling highlights than batting highlights - which only shows how well the bowlers did as a group.

There were numerous 3 wicket hauls from Mick Towells, Paul Murphy, Ian Gibson, Adam O'Keeffe and Gerard Price and each of these players averaged less than 22 for season.

In addition: Gerard's match figures of 7-39 from 23 overs in an outright win over Roseville, 4-17 in the T20 game vs Pennant Hills, 3-5 vs Southern Districts in round 1 from 19 overs; Adam O'Keeffe's 4-34 vs Epping and match figures of 5-22 from 16 overs vs Roseville; Peter Catalovski's 4-56 vs Warringah.

Special mention to Gerard and Jack Kovacic's 10.2 maiden overs at the start of the second day in round 1 - 62 dot balls that was probably the most boring 45 minutes of the season in the field!

Finally the season's best figures (and only 5 wicket haul of the season) was Gerard's 22 overs, 9 maidens 5-34 in the first final. These bowling figures are especially important as Gerard's 4th wicket was also his 1000th Shires wicket. After beating the bat on numerous occasions the inevitable straight ball delivered an LBW.

A big thank you to the supporters who came down and watched parts or all of games at Rothwell during the season. The players certainly enjoy seeing some of the previous players and current supporters during the season and have a chat about past games and how we are going at the moment.

To Gerard Price, a massive thank you for all the hard work you put in off the field as Club President and Chairman of Selectors to ensure 54 other players can play and enjoy their cricket each week for a successful Cricket Club. Your tireless efforts are without peer and everyone in the club knows that without your input the season would not be as enjoyable or successful as it is.

I look forward to another successful season in 2012/13 and striving to achieve greater success and enjoyment as a club.

Name	Mts	Inn	NO	HS	50	100	Avg	Runs	Ovrs	Mdns	Runs	BBwl	5	10	Avg	Wkt
Cameron Beams	11	10	2	182	1	2	48.75	390								
Scott Brennan	8	8	-	35	-	-	13.12	105								
David Cox	7	5	-	70	1	-	23.80	119								
Ben Critchley	11	12	2	47	-	-	25.40	254								
Albert Eichholzer	7	6	-	82	1	-	25.17	151								
Ian Gibson	6	3	1	18	-	-	14.50	29	60.4	12	193	3-14	-	-	21.44	9
Jeremy Haikin	6	6	-	34	-	-	13.50	81								
Paul Murphy									56.5	5	208	3-15	-	-	17.33	12
Adam O'Keeffe	9	4	1	49	-	-	19.67	59	94.0	16	283	4-34	-	-	12.86	22

Gerard Price	12	7	4	35*	-	-	37.33	112	146.5	52	275	5-34	1	-	9.17	30
Jack Rogers	5	5	1	48*	-	-	20.50	82								
Vijay Sharma	11	12	3	75*	2	-	37.11	334	59.3	6	255	2-17	-	-	23.18	11
Mick Towells	7	6	2	23*	-	-	10.75	43	54.2	3	170	3-22	-	-	17.00	10

Also Batted: L Andrews 3-4, B Bastow 2-51, P Catalovski 2-0, B Chapman 2-4, K Currie 1-18, S Hudson 2-48, B Hurford 4-31, J Kovacic 1-0, J McKay 3-43, P Murphy 3-1, P Simpson 2-62, M Squire 1-20.

Also Bowled: L Andrews 2-22, B Bastow 1-59, P Catalovski 4-56, B Critchley 1-35, K Currie 1-21, S Hudson 4-60, J Kovacic 0-65, J Rogers 0-2, P Simpson 0-17.

Cameron Beames - Captain

CRICKET THIRD GRADE - PREMIERS

To begin at the same point as every match, many thanks to the other captains - Jason Holley, Cameron Beames, Warwick Giblin and Michael Taberner. Wednesday nights generally involved accusations I was taking too long over every discussion and decision, so thank you for all your patience gentlemen not simply your support and advice.

A particular mention to Jason and his team, it is a fine achievement to have contested two First Grade grand finals in a row. The manner in which Jason and his players support and involve themselves with everyone in the club, regardless of what team they play in, is integral to why Briars is a great place to play cricket. It also a reason I'm sure all players join me in backing First Grade to be again competing strongly as the 2012/13 season reaches its end.

Everything about cricket at Briars requires acknowledgement of Gerard Price, even my questionable appointment as a captain for which I am very thankful. A life member of our club, taker of 1000 Shires wickets and a tremendous servant of the game generally, Gerard makes an unparalleled contribution to Briars. I wish all players would reflect on this more often and ask what more they might do for our club?

Thoughts upon becoming skipper of the team that won the Third Grade premiership in 2010/11 were not so much about any pressure to defend the title, but the realisation the side had lost its skipper and fine leader Will Hood. Also the expectation players of the stature of Critchley, Harris, Hart, Loth and Sharma would figure in other teams or forms of semi-retirement.

The season began strongly through an outright victory over Southern Districts and easily accounting for Epping. Round 3 was the undeniable blight on our season, losing outright and by an innings to Roseville. I have never quite understood irony, however there was a remarkable contrast between the side which continued to struggle with bat in hand throughout the season and the one which batted for 103 and 107 overs in the Semi and Grand Finals respectively.

That is not to say before the finals one or two individuals did not stand up in every match to provide a score on which we could assemble a victory. However other than an innings to mention later, Mark Smyck's even 50 against Strathfield and Jack Roger's 74* against Warringah were the only milestones reached during the season. The foundation of our success and then overwhelming strength was a bowling group in which each member averaged less than 10 - ultimately comprising Peter Catalovski (27 wickets at 6.22), Jack Kovacic (26 wickets at 9.54), Ian Gibson (22 wickets at 7.27), Niaz Bhuiyan (24 wickets at 8.50) and Orry Kirkham (21 wickets at 9.05). Spurred on by such quality bowling, importantly the side fielded with great intensity, enjoyment and belief that any score or match situation could be defended.

Clashes against our expected premiership rivals were indicative of these qualities. Meeting our opponent from the previous Grand Final in a Round 4 clash with Warringah, we struggled to 125 on a good wicket before dismissing them for 67, Jack and Niaz taking 5 apiece. In the following round, our eventual Grand Final opponents North West were asked to bat in a one day match and routed for 64. One day bonus points were secured against both Lane Cove and Strathfield, the latter dismissed for 72.

Other notable matches included dismissing Pennant Hills for 37 in Round 7, Peter taking 7/13. In a spot of bother having posted 78 after being put in by Macquarie University, we responded with 49 overs of sustained pressure to dismiss them for 63 - Lloyd Andrews conjuring two early run outs while Peter was easily the least economical but the most destructive with 5/24 off 17. Lindfield won the toss and batted in Round 13, only to be bowled out for 55 with Ian taking 5/19 off 11.

The only one day match in which a bonus point was not earned and only other defeat of the season was against perennial Third Grade contender Auburn in Round 11. Though they reached 69 without loss, we then hit back to restrict them to 104 - particularly thanks to Orry's 5/8 off 8. In a difficult run chase we came up 5 runs short, Auburn going on to claim the Minor Premiership from us by a point.

Following the abandonment of the first week of the finals, we met third placed Lane Cove in the Semi Final. Though electing to bat, it was tough going early on. Coming in at 2/37 in the 27th over and while wickets fell steadily around him, Declan Kennedy would be last man out for a superb 104 taking the side to a competitive total of 218 in the 103rd over. Lane Cove's reply never recovered from a shaky start, when Jack tormented then removed their opening and best batsman for an 18-ball duck to end play on day one. Lane Cove capitulated prior to lunch on day two for 43 - Peter with figures of 5/18 off 17.4.

The Grand Final was played on Auburn's George Parry Oval at Mona Park, possible after the Minor Premiers were unable to chase down a competitive total posted by our opponents North West Sydney on the same ground the previous weekend. North West won the toss and chose to bat and were immediately reeling as Jack took early wickets, making sure of it himself through a caught and bowled with his first delivery then bowling two others, leaving them 3/3 in the 6th over. Having limped on to 36, Ian began his spell with a double wicket maiden bringing a pair of new batsman to the crease who would produce the most ominous partnership in the match for North West. Soon after being introduced however, Niaz removed their top scorer when the total was 94 before taking all the remaining wickets for good measure, dismissing North West for 113 in the 47th over. In a player of the match performance, Niaz claimed 5/22 off 6.5 overs.

Tom Dapice (30) had us away to a bright start, adding 46 for the first wicket with Mark (27) who himself would not be out until the score was on 75 - a great start from the openers. Declan (18) and Dave Young (29) were assured steering us to the vital first innings points with seven overs remaining on day one, though two late wickets fell. A strong position became dominant on the second morning, as Atul Mahajan (19) and Jack (14) combined well with our top scorer Peter (37), who personally oversaw taking us from 7/142 to be last man out with the score on 220 from 107 overs.

To their credit North West did not yield, providing us a welcome opportunity to take the match together as a team. While Peter removed an opener early, their aggressive approach proved successful being well on their way to overhauling the deficit reaching 72 in 12 overs with only 2 wickets down. Ian then produced a fine spell of bowling (5/36 off 8), memorable for Atul holding on to two soaring catches at long on and the first ball removal of their danger player (and a rather long winded fellow in the field). Orry (4/7 off 5) shut down the other end, eight wickets fell for 31 runs and the premiership was defended.



Player Profiles

The Club - In all thirty-four Briars took the field for Third Grade during the season. Up to six changes had to be made per game in matches approaching the finals, circumstances requiring three changes in the week of the Semi Final. Without mentioning everyone, Mick Towells (17 wickets at 6.29) and Ben Van den Nieuwenhof (13 wickets at 5.15) were outstanding with the new ball early in the season. Wet weather not only made batting a challenge during the year, undoubtedly Ben Hurford and Joe McKay would have featured in the finals if qualification issues had not intervened.

Niaz Bhuiyan, Mark Smyck and David Young - As the noted player changes indicate, a premiership is a club achievement. However these three have contributed individually not only throughout both seasons but in both Grand Final victories. As a proud fourth member of this cohort I'll always consider these guys teammates. I am certain Smycka and Youngy were as happy as I was to see Niaz presented a very worthy Grand Final Player of the Match medal.

Lloyd Andrews - Happily started a family this season, though he and Kat's timing was a little off. Hence Lloyd missed out on taking his rightful place in the Grand Final XI, but his influence over the side from the moment he joined it cannot be underestimated and was undoubtedly a part of the win.

Peter Catalovski - From all but 100 overs, Peter bowled 42 maidens, took 27 wickets for 168 runs at an average of 6. Everyone in the club should know Cata is a superbly talented bowler and slipper. As his top score in the grand final shows he leads with actions, but as those in the team learned also with words. There is an economy to the advice he will dispense a skipper or other bowlers ready to listen but it is invariably worthwhile.

Tom Dapice - Was welcomed back to the club after Christmas and with particularly open arms in Third Grade. Calm, humorous but with steel when it matters, Dap provided solid scores at the top of the order in both finals games.

Ian Gibson - Often saddled with the hard yards, so it was a well-earned premiership in his first year with the club. Bowling long spells in not simply about his heart, it's because Gibbo is also very controlled and effective.

Declan Kennedy - Has manifest talent and can play a long innings and under pressure as his heavy scoring in other teams and century in the Semi Final shows. Declan's 554 runs for the club in 2011/12 is unlikely to be the last time he reaches this great mark.

Orry Kirkham - Made himself an indispensable part of the attack, Orry also has an unsurpassed approach and understanding of contributing in a team environment. Possessing athleticism enough for two players in the field, in acknowledgement of his individual performances throughout the year Orry was a very worthy recipient of our player's player.

Jack Kovacic - Ripping the top order apart in a Grand Final is something Jack can provide as a great new ball bowler for many years to come. Just as importantly Kova is a great team mate and club man and I regret the limited opportunities I will have to be in the same team as him in the future.

Atul Mahajan - A quiet achiever among an often boisterous group, Atul was always very assured in the limited opportunities he had with the side during the season. Other than his catching in the Grand Final, a patient partnership with Cata on the second morning turned into an aggressive cameo that did much to seize all the initiative our way.

Yours truly - Struggled with the bat but with all due credit to having the best attack at my disposal ended the season again as the leading wicket keeper in Third Grade with 30 dismissals.

Without too much pride it is fair to say we dominated the finals this season. Bringing a modicum of shame both personally and to the club, I was also chuffed the team led the Spirit of Cricket points for the year. There are always frustrations or moments of conflict we shouldn't back away from but the bright and positive manner in which we enjoyed playing made me thankful to lead a great bunch of mates.

Player	M	In	N	50	10	HS	Run	Avg	Ovr	Md	Wkt	Run	Best	5	10	Avg
L Andrews	12	11	2	0	0	46	177	19.67								
N Bhuiyan	13	7	3	0	0	16	32	8.00	76.5	16	24	204	5/22	2	0	8.50
P Catalovski	7	5	0	0	0	37	85	17.00	99.5	42	27	168	7/13	4	0	6.22
T Dapice	7	7	0	0	0	41	101	14.43								
I Gibson	7	5	2	0	0	26*	40	13.33	82	26	22	160	5/19	2	0	7.27
D Kennedy	6	7	1	0	1	105	171	28.50								
O Kirkham	15	15	4	0	0	35	158	14.36	94.4	30	21	190	5/8	1	0	9.05
J Kovacic	13	10	4	0	0	20	62	10.33	111.5	34	26	248	5/24	1	0	9.54
A Mahajan	7	5	1	0	0	22	72	18.00								

G Robson	14	15	1	0	0	48	181	12.93									
M Smyck	10	13	0	1	0	50	210	16.15									
M Towells									39.3	5	17	107	5/27	1	0	6.29	
B Vanden Nieuwenhof									46.1	14	13	67	5/13	1	0	5.15	

Also Batted: B Hurford 4-81, J McKay 4-78, J Rodgers 4-156, Towells 5-39, B Van den Nieuwenhof 4-19, D Young 5-59.

Also Bowled: L Andrews 3-27, T Dapice 1-37, A Mahajan 2-16, J McKay 1-6, J Rodgers 1-27, M Smyck 5-91.

Gareth Robson

CRICKET FOURTH GRADE

Firstly, congratulations to the Third Grade side well lead by Gareth Robson for winning the premiership for the second year in a row. Well done boys! And congratulations to Lane Cove on winning the fourth grade title. I am pleased to report that our team finished in the top four, a creditable result. A feature of the season was the wet weather that interfered with almost all games in the second half.

Comments on the performance of the most regular players selected are as follows:

Shayne Billings - A loyal trooper. Displayed a huge amount of guts and determination. Gave the side some excellent starts plus is a handy tweaker. Scored 158 runs @ 15.8, with a top score of 58. Also took 9 wickets @ 15.5 including 5/35.

Arvi Barua - Loves playing the expansive cover drive; sometimes to his detriment. He is an exciting batsman to watch when in full flight, however just needs to learn to play the odds, especially on damp, seaming wickets. Played several very good innings. Scored 184 runs @ 20.4.

Mark Smyck - A very helpful team man and handy with both bat and ball. Is now an experienced player who makes useful contributions. I think he is yet to deliver to his full potential. 78 runs @ 15.6 and 1/45.

Declan Kennedy - A young talented number 1 or 3 bat who delivered heaps. Has a solid technique and good powers of concentration, hence is able to play long innings. The team's best bat. Scored 105 no versus South Sydney to go with his 70 no versus Georges River (214 runs in total @ 71.3).

Guy Smith - A real gentleman, Guy supported Declan very well at number 4 in the lineup. Had some very good scores and is a handy medium pacer. Scored 149 runs @ 29.8.

Ben Van Den Nieuwenhof - An exceptional young talent. Bowls fast, full and straight. Has great poise and no challenge is beyond him. Thinks he can bat too. In the latter half of season he scored 76 runs in four digs for no loss of wicket. Opening the bowling he took 16 wickets (equal most) @ 9.25 apiece.

Surya Sriram - A man you want in the trenches with you. Played many responsible, solid innings and helped build key partnerships. Performed well behind the sticks and always offered encouragement. Scored 203 for the season @ 20.3 plus involved in the one and only century partnership.

Atul Mahajan - Quiet and calm, Atul is a fantastic fighter with bat and ball. Someone you always want alongside you. Played many a decisive innings to dig the side out of trouble. Scored 139 runs @ 27.8 and took 5 wickets @ 27.8.

Bray Stoneham - A talented, young quick bowler who toiled manfully. Also a handy bat. Holds a lot of promise. Took 11 wickets @ 13.5 including 5/41 and scored 82 runs @ 11.7.

Ki Currie - One of the more experienced players who, on his day is a match winner with the ball. Not his best season with the bat. With consistency offers much more. Took 14 wickets @ 10.4 including 5/32.

Brad Whitfield - Played only a handful of games but is a huge talent as a fast bowler. Hopefully will be available for a full season next year. Took 8 wickets @ 9.3.

Nasif Choudhury - Another young talent with both bat and ball. Played a match winning innings against Pennant Hills on a wet deck. Needs to keep learning about the game. Scored 76 runs @ 15.2 and 2 wickets @ 22.5.

Rochak Bhutta - A dangerous leg spinner when on song. Bowled exceptionally well at times (16 wks). Needs to strive for greater consistency. Took 16 wickets (equal most in the team) @ 16.6 including 5/13 and scored 44 runs @ 11.

Dave Young - A talented Pommie bat and experienced team man who didn't have his best season but never gave up trying. 57 runs @ 9.5.

Jack Rogers - Quickly promoted after a couple of games. Took 7 wickets @ 6.1 including 5/17 and 93 runs @ 31.

Greg Long - Promises much but is yet to learn to play controlled, long innings. Scored 123 runs @ 15.4.

Jack Styles - A young cricketer with plenty of enthusiasm for the game. Took 4 wickets @ 12.3.

Jack Thomas - A season he'd prefer to forget. 37 runs @ 12.3. Has ability far beyond this.

Seb Kalos - Not one of his better years. Scored 33 runs at 5.5.

Warwick Giblin - Scored 144 runs @ 20.6 and took 11 wickets @ 9.2.

A thank you to other players who contributed including Peter Catalovski, Steve Warren, Kale Barton Bissaker, Dylan Edwards, Michael Taberner, Paul Panutti, Dan Haikin, Andre Berenger, and Ben Chapman. I wish to give special thanks to Tony Van Den Nieuwenhof for scoring and managing the team and for encouraging Ben to reply to my emails. Thanks also to the five other selectors; you were great to work with.

Lastly a huge thank you to Gerard Price for the amazing and unstinting job he did yet again in running the cricket club and training and chairing selections. His service to the Briars as an administrator includes 25 years as Cricket Chairman, highlights including 31 premierships and 12 club championships. The club is unbelievably lucky to have him.

Name	Mts	Inn	NO	HS	50	100	Avg	Runs	Ovrs	Mdns	Runs	BBwl	5	10	Avg	Wkt
Avi Barua	8	9	-	68	2	-	20.44	184								
Rochak Bhatta									63.0	11	206	5-13	1		13.73	15
Niaz Bhuiyan									36.0	21	43	3-12	-	-	8.60	5
Shayne Billings	10	10	-	58	1	-	15.80	158	49.1	5	140	5-35	1	-	15.56	9
N Chowdhury	5	5	-	43	-	-	15.20	76								
Ki Currie	6	4	1	17	-	-	15.67	47	57.0	16	145	5-32	1	-	10.36	14
Warwick Giblin	14	10	3	40*	-	-	20.57	144	60.5	23	98	2-1	-	-	8.91	11
Dan Haikin									44.4	13	95	3-42	-	-	15.83	6
Declan Kennedy	5	5	2	105*	1	1	71.33	214								
Greg Long	9	9	1	32	-	-	15.38	123								
Atul Mahajan	9	7	2	31	-	-	27.80	139								
Guy Smith	5	5	-	49	-	-	29.80	149								
Mark Smyck	5	5	-	28	-	-	15.60	78								
Surya Sriram	12	12	2	66*	1	-	20.30	203								
Bray Stoneham	7	7	-	21	-	-	11.71	82	51.0	10	142	5-41	1	-	12.91	11
Ben VanDenHof	8	4	4	28*	-	-	-	76	80.4	23	148	4-18	-	-	9.25	16
Brad Whitfield									38.0	10	74	3-9	-	-	9.25	8
Dave Young	6	6	-	22	-	-	9.50	57								

Also Batted: K Barton 1-10, A Berenger 1-0, R Bhatta 6-26, N Bhuiyan 3-62, P Catalovski 1-24, B Chapman 1-23, D Edwards 2-26, D Harkin 1-1, S Kalos 6-33, P Pannuti 2-9, J Rodgers 3-93, J Styles 2-1, M Taberner 1-7, J Thomas 3-37, S Warren 2-2, B Whitfield 1-1.

Also Bowled: A Barua 1-1, P Catalovski 3-22, N Chowdhury 2-45, D Edwards 0-13, S Kalos 0-21, G Long 0-7, A Mahajan 4-121, P Pannuti 1-23, J Rogers 5-17, G Smith 0-3, M Smyck 1-45, J Styles 4-49.

W Giblin

CRICKET FIFTH GRADE

The 5th Grade All Stars had an incredible season that continued the high winning standards set by the top 4 grades. A top four finish was great reward for a side that had over 30 players contribute throughout the season. The senior players matched the younger players enthusiasm while the young guys matched the maturity of their more seasoned teammates. While not trying to exclude anyone from my thanks and congratulations, a special mention must be made to the young guys who really stepped up this season - most playing their first season of senior cricket and on turf. A special mention to all the young guys who played with us this year. They displayed a maturity beyond their years and playing experience that extended beyond turning up. They provided solid contributions on the field and were always reliable to give their best efforts. It was great to see so many young guys develop in their cricket and really enjoy it. The turning point for the season was after playing a game with only 8 players in the 40 degree heat at Warringah. It was one of the few times we batted through our allotted overs, and we never gave up defending a respectable total on a lightning outfield. From that game, the side only lost two games for the rest of the season. One was against the defending champions on their home ground, the other against grand finalists, Balmain Inner Sydney Tigers. Did I mention that game was before Christmas?

In particular, I want to congratulate a few guys who really stood out and will be welcome in higher grades in the upcoming season. Scoring over 600 runs in the season, Kale Barton is destined for higher grades in the

upcoming season. Pat Rogers who only played half the season took 17 wickets and averaged under 10 with the ball - and he is a batsman! Jack Styles in the few games he played with us showed some great potential in all facets of the game and was too good with the ball for even the most seasoned of 5th graders.

A big thanks to the leadership and dedication shown by some guys who helped out at various stages during the season. Greg Long, Dylan Edwards, Dave Young, Ben Gersbach, Raj Kapoor, Bray Stoneham and Jack Thomas and many others were all invaluable to the success of the side and are welcome back at any time. Last but definitely not least, I would like to thank Gerard Price and all the other captains for their support during the year. It was great to have such amazing support from the rest of the club, especially helping the young guys at training and it definitely showed in their development.

Name	Mts	Inn	NO	HS	50	100	Avg	Runs	Ovrs	Mdns	Runs	BBwl	5	10	Avg	Wkt
Kale Barton	13	13	-	68	2	-	23.69	308	32.2	1	147	3-29	-	-	18.38	8
Shayne Billings	4	4	1	58	2	-	42.67	128	23.0	6	73	2-13	-	-	12.17	6
Dylan Edwards	8	6	1	11	-	-	8.40	42	55.0	5	197	3-22	-	-	28.14	7
Ben Gersbach	11	5	-	13	-	-	6.20	31	23.4	3	92	1-12	-	-	30.67	3
Raj Kapoor	5	5	-	50	1	-	15.00	75								
R Koorey	2	2	1	57*	1	-	75.00	75								
Arjun Kumar	14	6	2	5	-	-	1.50	6	71.0	8	230	4-6	-	-	16.43	14
Greg Long	5	5	1	92*	1	-	39.50	158								
Tim Maling	12	6	3	8*	-	-	6.33	19	27.4	4	130	2-16	-	-	26.00	5
Robbie Ovseev	13	9	4	17*	-	-	9.60	48	81.0	12	256	3-10	-	-	17.07	15
Keegan Powell	14	11	3	24	-	-	16.12	129								
P Rogers	8	7	1	54	1	-	30.50	183	48.5	9	169	3-1	-	-	9.94	17
Bray Stoneham	4	4	1	37	-	-	19.33	58	26.0	4	54	2-13	-	-	9.00	6
Jack Styles	6	4	2	25	-	-	32.50	65	32.0	5	80	3-17	-	-	10.00	8
Micael Taberner	15	13	2	48	-	-	30.00	330	41.0	4	168	2-23	-	-	33.60	5
Jack Thomas	3	3	-	46	-	-	22.00	66								
Steve Warren	6	5	1	15	-	-	9.50	38								
Dave Young	4	4	-	83	1	-	37.50	150								

Also Batted: A Barua 1-9, R Bhatta 2-12, T Burt 1-1, R Cassano 1-0, N Chowdhury 2-27, J Dimas 1-9, W Hood 1-0, S Kalos 1-5, G Kumar 2-0, R Morshed 1-3, L Parnell 1-1, G Smith 1-0, M Tahsin 1-2, B Van Den Newhof 1-0, B Whitfield 1-0.

Also Bowled: R Bhatta 0-34, T Burt 2-17, R Cassano 0-13, N Chowdhury 2-31, W Hood 4-16, C Kumar 3-81, G Long 0-21, R Morshed 1-18, L Parnell 0-12, K Powell 2-76, G Smith 1-4, M Tahsin 0-23, J Thomas 1-16, S Warren 2-16.

Michael Taberner

CRICKET UNDER 24S

The 2011/2012 season turned out to be the season that almost was, with the boys making it to the Qualifying final where their season ended in the hands of Warringah. The past couple seasons had seen the boys luck out with only little success, but we hoped that lessons learnt should see the boys with much more success this season.

Our bowling line up was one of the best in the comp with four opening bowlers in the squad, but they hadn't made the impact they should have in previous seasons. In most cases our bowlers were too quick for the opponent's batsmen. Our own batting was a mix of experience and youth but it was yet to consistently make the big scores we needed.

This season we managed to snap up Crust Gourmet Pizza as an exclusive sponsor of our under 24s side, which gave us the opportunity for our own under 24s shirts. We are very thankful for their sponsorship and hope it will continue into the future.

To all teams that played this season, our biggest enemy wasn't each other, but the weather. In all the seasons I have played for Briars, I have never seen a wetter season than the one we had. It greatly affected the many clubs whose grounds were prone to washouts, but in the eight games we played (including the qualifying finals) we were lucky to only have one match drawn after 46 overs against Strathfield and one completely washed out at Pennant Hills. No surprises there.

Our first game was against North-West Sydney at Bruce Purser and we were presented with a deck that was quite flat throughout most of the day but we did not take advantage losing easy wickets, especially in the lower order. Top scorer was Jack Rogers with 65. 207 was a tough score to defend but we gave North West Sydney a run for their money but were able to chase it in the 48th over. Our bowlers realised the potential it could have for the rest of the season.

Our season officially started with a rain affected match against Roseville. Making 6/187 in 41 overs, it was shortened to 34 with more rain but Roseville was unable to reach their revised target. Declan Kennedy top scored with 88 followed by Max Squire with 54. Round 3 against Strathfield was called off after 46 overs when a massive storm hit Sydney and the game was called off.

Round 4 against Macquarie Uni was one of those matches where what you hope would happen, did happen. Our top three batsmen made a strong start with Kennedy in the runs again with 72, Maxy with 53 and Jack Rogers with 39. These scores along with a few other starts got us to 219. And then our 4 strike bowlers shared the wickets between them to get the Visitors all out for 75 in 25 overs. This total could have been far less with extras totalling an astounding 32! The pick of the bowlers was Jack Kovacic with 3/15 from 6.3 overs.

We came back after the Christmas break for round 5 against Auburn. The game turned into a complete nightmare after being put in to bat and managed an embarrassing 69. Auburn made very easy work of the total by reaching it 2 down in the 13th over. It's a match that left us all completely embarrassed and one to erase from our minds. Round 6 was against Pennant Hills and that match was called off the day before due to rain from previous days hitting their home ground; a ground very susceptible to wash outs from any sort of shower.

Round 7 against Lindfield, became our make or break match. A win would get us into the finals, especially if other results went our way, but a bonus point would guarantee the chance. But turning up to the ground we weren't prepared for what was to be our 'pitch'. Heavy rains in the previous couple days should have had the game called off, as what greeted us was a very, VERY soft pitch; like sticking your finger in a pile of rice and putting a hole the shape of your finger in it. It seemed unplayable but the umpires gave the pitch some time to bake. By the time we started we had only lost 5 overs. Batting first, we were faced with some wayward bowling but we lost three early wickets to be 3/18. A 166 run partnership gave us a total that we could defend of 184. This partnership was anchored by Joe McKay with 39 and Adrian Neligan who belted a mammoth 115 not out, with his last 60 runs coming from the last 5 overs and 3 sixes coming from the last 4 balls of the innings, a match changing innings. Lindfield's attempt at the chase never got started as we were able to take wickets at regular intervals to get them all out for 136. Best bowling was from Orry Kirkham with 4/22 and Will Service with 3/37.

This win, which included a bonus point, placed us 5th on the table and in line to face defending premiers Warringah, at Warringah. We won the toss and elected to bat. Once again we lost early wickets but this was saved by last game heroes Nela (47) and McKay (44) who put on 71 for the 4th wicket. After both fell we had a collapse to see us at 8/133. The score was restored to a slightly more respectful 8/167 after 50 overs with bowlers Jack Kovacic (18*) and youngster Ben Van Den Nieuwenhof (16*) getting us to the end. We also had Warringah on the ropes at 3/33 but a couple of partnerships got them to a good position until they also had a collapse to lose 3/1. While this was all happening threatening clouds came over and the game was stopped for rain bringing Mr Duckworth-Lewis into the equation. The game was revised to 166 in 49 overs, but in the tenseness of the game Warringah wavered on and under the targets set for each over until a loose over put them over the target. A Will Service sitter at short fine leg was the luck they needed with their captain surviving the missed opportunity and eventually got them over the line 8 down. Warringah did go on to become premiers once again.

It was a valiant effort by all involved to get as far as we did. We had struggled in past years to get to this stage but this season we had players that provided stability to the side and runs and wickets that were needed. We know that most of the players have the potential to make a big difference in the competition. And I hope that they display these performances in future seasons and continue to become wiser and better players.

A big thanks to Scotty Brennan who provided constant support, in sometimes the most appalling of shirts. Also to Jeremy Haikin who assisted myself in pre-match preparation and support to the side. Both guys made my job a little easier. Also a big thanks to those who came to support the boys including Gareth Robson, Dan Haikin and Tony Van Den Nieuwenhof, the father of Ben, whose support of his own son trumped the effort of both sides that played each game.

But the biggest thanks of all goes to Gerard Price whose continuous work never goes unnoticed within the club and entrusted myself and Maxy to take control of this squad.

Name	Mts	Inn	NO	HS	50	100	Avg	Runs	Ovrs	Mdns	Runs	BBwl	5	10	Avg	Wkt
Ki Currie	5	4	2	11*	-	-	13.00	26	24.2	-	105	3-23	-	-	11.67	9
Steve Davis	7	2	1	4*	-	-	4.00	4	50.0	6	182	2-20	-	-	20.22	9
Declan Kennedy	7	7	-	88	3	-	34.43	241								
Orry Kirkham	7	5	2	7*	-	-	7.00	21	34.4	3	137	4-22	-	-	17.12	8
Jack Kovacic	8	5	3	18*	-	-	13.50	27	53.0	6	189	3-15	-	-	13.50	14
Greg Long	4	3	-	13	-	-	11.00	33								
Joe McKay	4	4	1	44	-	-	43.33	130								
Adrian Neligan	7	7	1	115*	-	1	35.67	214								

Jack Rogers	7	7	-	65	1	-	22.71	159									
Will Service	7	5	-	4	-	-	1.40	7	56.3	6	191	3-37	-	-	19.10	10	
Guy Smith	4	3	-	25	-	-	15.33	46	16.0	1	86	1-49	-	-	86.00	1	
Max Squire	6	6	-	54	3	-	28.83	173									
Jack Thomas	4	4	-	16	-	-	10.50	42									
Ben VanDenNew	4	1	1	16*	-	-	-	16	29.0	5	114	2-47	-	-	28.50	4	

Also Batted: S Sriram 2-9 **Also Bowled:** A Neligan 0-17, J Rogers 0-42.

CRICKET MASTERS

With the completion of the 20/20 match in late March season 2011/12 drew to a conclusion. As a team we improved marginally from the previous year with 2 wins, 4 wash-out draws plus several close losses from 13 rounds, finishing in 15th position on the table containing 20 teams from Sydney and the Central Coast. It proved to be a rather frustrating season whereby in several matches after seemingly being in a winning position we somehow let the opposition off the hook and ended up on the wrong side of the ledger at the end of the match.

As one of the original teams in the Masters Competition our approach has always been one of participation and fair play rather than win at all costs. This was the original intent from the competition founders which has gradually changed as the seasons pass with new teams entering the competition. An interesting development this season was the introduction of Umpires; this initiative has taken the heat out some team's attitude.

Whilst the results on the park could have been better we always enjoy pulling on the Briars cap and representing our club. Somehow we need to find a younger playing group to rebuild our playing stocks to ensure we can maintain a competitive side in the competition. We were led by Greg Matchett again last summer. Greg displayed excellent leadership throughout, the balance in keeping everyone in the game can be difficult to achieve and we would all agree that Greg did this with astute poise.

Notable batting performances last season:

Greg Matchett 246 runs at an average of 61.5 from 8 innings

David Abood 161 runs at an average of 53.6 from 6 innings

Steve Rous 101 at an average of 25.3 from 5 innings

Steve Lucas 98 at an average of 19.6 from 6 innings.

Bowling honour:

Steve Lucas capturing 10 wickets at average of 8.50

Jeffrey Matchett 9 wickets at average of 19.1.

Stuart Lind 6 wickets at average of 13.6.

Congratulations to Greg Matchett in winning the Players Player Award for the 4th successive season.

CRICKET CLASSICS

Season 2011/12 saw Briars Cricket enter a team into the relatively new Classics Competition where each player must be over 50 years of age to be eligible to play. This was a natural progression for quite a number of the playing group who have been active Masters players for well over 15 years. It was a season of relative disappointment with 5 of our scheduled 12 games washed out. Overall we won 4 for the 7 games completed, finishing in the middle of the 12 team league table.

From a Briars perspective it was extremely satisfying seeing great club stalwarts such as Richard Tregeagle and Greg Wallace returning to the paddock to once display their great skills. We were ably led by Jeffrey Matchett who had to content each match with at least 10 other captains whom always provided their opinion of what we should or should have done at any given stage of the match.

Notable batting performances last season:

Greg Matchett 91 runs at an average of 45.5 from 3 innings

Greg Wallace 75 runs from 2 innings, both retired not out.

Sadanand 72 at an average of 72 from 2 innings

Steve Lucas 70 at an average of 17.5 from 4 innings.

Bowling honour:

Aldo Cantori capturing 10 wickets at average of 7.80

Jeffrey Matchett 8 wickets at an average of 10

Brian Kirk 6 wickets at an average of 15.83

Stuart Lind 5 wickets at average of 12.4

Steve Lucas 5 wickets at an average of 18

Congratulations to Stuart Lind in winning the Players Player Award.

Finally from both the Masters and Classics teams a huge thanks you to Briars Cricket, especially Gerard Price for the support provided to our teams overall, playing at Rothwell is always an honour.

CRICKET JUNIORS

Under 8s Black

Tyrone Pannuti - In his first year of cricket, Tyrone has developed in all areas of the game. He worked hard on his bowling, catching and fielding, developing some great touch as a batsman, playing some textbook cricket shots.

Toby Cohen - Full of energy, Toby contributed much to our team. The left arm spin bowler is an excellent all round fielder epitomised by an extraordinary one handed diving catch off his own bowling at his home ground, Cohen Park.

Rian Surti - A tall imposing left arm bowler, Rian bowls with good pace, is a more than capable fielder and possesses great natural talent as a free swinging batsman, hitting a memorable six and many fine fours.

James Hewgill - A talented cricketer, James has a great arm in the field, good batting technique, but really shines when it comes to bowling. He bowls with rhythm and pace and will terrorise batsmen in years to come.

Mathew Tzoukos - Starting later in the season Mathew worked hard, improving all areas of his game. He played some fantastic cricket shots and has an excellent technique, his resilience, confidence at the wicket and toughness was admired by all.

Ryan Crane - A keen cricketer, Ryan trained hard, he executed learnt techniques with precision and a temperament beyond his years. Moving house during the season Ryan continued to play and was an invaluable part of our side.

Jivan Naganathan - Ever reliable with a can do attitude, Jivan turned into (the smiling assassin) when bowling, with a Jeff Thompson like action, he surprised batsman with pace and in the field was always in the game.

Declan Cannon - An unorthodox cricketer with some outstanding raw talent, Declan could produce some real flashes of brilliance either with the bat, ball or in the field. Some concentrated effort will see him develop into a fine cricketer.

Thomas Landas - A greatly improved cricketer, Thomas worked hard on all aspects of his game and became a standout in the catching department. His greatest attribute was his positive attitude in the face of all challenges.

The boys were an absolute pleasure to coach and I look forward to catching up with them in their future endeavours.

Paul

Under 8s Gold

Had a very successful year both on and off the field. While the focus was on enjoyment, participation and skills, the boys were also very competitive, winning more than half of their games. Most importantly, they had lots of fun making some strong friendships along the way. It was also very pleasing to see how many friendships formed off the field within the parent group and player siblings.

Player Summaries:

Alex Del Poppolo - Alex won the team's MVP award. He is a natural cricketer who has exceptionally strong skills in batting, bowling and fielding. Alex had many highlights throughout the season including a hat trick and a run out that had to be seen to be believed.

Jack Eccelston - Jack has a great enthusiasm for cricket. This was most evident in his fielding, where Jack took some great catches and affected many run-outs. It was also pleasing to see the development of his bowling later in the season.

Jonathan Stuart - "Jono" is a gifted athlete. He has a very good eye and pull shot that he uses to great effect. Jono is also a good leg spin bowler. He should continue to develop this valuable skill.

Thomas Allsopp - Thomas was the team's most improved player throughout the year. He quickly developed a love of cricket and through his own hard work and practise, developed impressive skills in all facets of the game.

Oscar Parle - Oscar worked hard on his game throughout the season. He improved in all areas however it was his bowling where he showed the most development becoming the team's most improved bowler.

Alexander Turner- Jensen - Despite being his debut year, Alex soon became the team's most consistent and accurate bowler. Bowling with good rhythm and pace, a bright future awaits for this budding opening bowler.

Declan O'Brien - With his good hand-eye co-ordination and athleticism, Declan was a natural when it came to wicket keeping. He affected many catches and diving saves. He is also a powerful hitter of the ball.

Jimmy Gilroy - Jimmy tried hard throughout the season. He is an enthusiastic batsman and continued to develop his bowling and fielding skills.

Cooper Morris - "Coops" is one of few children of his age that plays straight naturally. While not hitting the most runs or fours, he has a good foundation for a solid batting technique. Coops is also developing into a handy medium pace bowler.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank our dedicated manager, Fiona Parle who kept everyone up to date with the game details throughout the season and the fantastic group of parents who made my job so easy through their support and co-operation

Under 8s Maroon

We started with a team of players who played the season before at Concord and there were great friendships that carried forward to the rest of the new team. It was always about having fun with the boys and having a go on Saturdays and especially at training. The boys had to sometimes push a bit harder to eat the mars bars on offer on the wickets at training, but we all made sure the sugar hits were evenly spread. I now know why some of the children lost their teeth this season.

Our young super stars line up was as follows:

Nicholas - 28 club matches. The all rounder and would always have a joke to make the team laugh on Saturdays. He was kind enough to share his cricket bat with the team and be proud of the runs scored from it.

Julian - 15 club matches. We called him the SMASHER, as he managed to get a few 6's this season and always come home with grass stains on his shorts.

Jeffrey - 28 club matches. Another all rounder and always giving all he has at bowling and batting. I'm sure Cricket NSW will see more of him in the future and possibly Australia.

Nakil - 28 club matches. The SNEAKY SINGLES player. He would always run a no ball, leg bye, wide delivery, missed catch, you name it. Nakil was hungry for runs and it was always fun to watch and listen to his team cheer him on.

Tyler - 28 club matches. Our SPINNER. He would always mix up his bowling with off/on spins and sometimes confuse our wicky keeper. He would also like to sneak some singles in every now and then as well.

Jordan - 28 club matches. He could throw 30-40 metres away and crack the stumps. Jordan had an amazing throw on him and we always needed 7 players to back the wicky when the ball was coming in.

Jake - 28 club matches. Another great all rounder and would never give up and would always want more from himself. He would tactfully look for gaps in the field when batting to ensure the team picked up runs.

Lucas - 15 club matches. The youngest in the team and sometimes the most trouble on the field when rumbling his team players whilst fielding. He would love to take a 30 metre run up to bowl and slowly make his way back 5 more times.

Harrison - 15 club matches. What an improvement Harrison made from throwing a bowl to bowling the stumps off the pitch. He always put in 110% for the team and enjoy a laugh on the field.

It was a pleasure to have such a great bunch of boys and supporting parents both on Saturdays and training nights. We wish them all the best in their cricket careers and remember boys to always "watch the ball".

Vanessa the manager, special thanks for looking after the team's weekly roster, scoring and congratulations on the birth of a baby boy Max in March. Praneil, thanks for stepping in when I was unable to make training and game days. Rest of the parents, thanks for keeping the children busy during their Saturday batting sessions and

your ongoing encouragement to your children. You should all be proud of them and what they have achieved this season at Concord Briars.

Under 8s White

Only had seven players in the squad and so we were at least a player short each match but nevertheless the team performed well throughout the season and lost only three matches. The team started particularly well and showed great concentration and focus in fielding and batting. With more match practice the bowling also improved and no balls were a rare occurrence as the season wore on. Team behaved impeccably well during their matches and were modest in victory and brave in defeat. Unfortunately the second half of the season was interrupted by bad weather which hampered development of the team but the raw skills and talent of the players continued to show through. A good understanding of the game also meant running between wickets was never a problem.

Jamie - Started exceptionally well and powerful hitting meant he scored lots of fours and sixes. Took some solid catches and adopted a slower style of bowling after the Christmas break which took time to refine.

Spiro - Started slowly with the bat and ball but both progressed over the season. Defensive style of batting meant he scored mostly one's and two's but values his wicket. Lots of questions and a real interest in cricket.

Pranitpal - Bowls a mixture of slow, spinning and hard, fast deliveries with accuracy. Grew in confidence in batting and was hitting the ball with real intent. Real passion for the game.

Alex - When he timed the ball scored impressive fours and sixes and showed improved awareness of running between wickets. Bowling action also improved with practice and became a real threat.

Jacob - Started well, struggled a bit with timing in the middle with batting and then finished the season strongly. Developed a sound accurate bowling technique.

Dhairya - Initially struggled to bowl accurately or make runs but with perseverance, his accuracy improved and he was able to score runs in our last few matches, always smiling and polite.

Dane - Technically very strong from the start. Quiet but dependable with great timing and knowledge of the game. Always looking to score runs and always threatened to take wickets with his accuracy.

Sam Nagra

Under 9s Black

I must start this report by thanking our manager Maria Canclini for doing such a stellar job for us this season. With so much rain since Christmas, Maria has spent countless time sending emails and text messages as the rain played havoc with training and games. I for one particularly appreciated her help this season.

All the boys in our team were playing their first season of cricket and were very keen to learn and develop. It has been such a pleasure to see them develop their skills throughout the season. I just hope they mention their first coach if they one day get to wear the baggy green! All of the boys improved during the season with the difference between the start and end of the season easy for all to see. Particularly pleasing was the improvement in the bowling of Will Perkins, Finn Gray, Jack Mayne and Fabian Di Mento. During our training sessions we put a large emphasis on fielding and the improvement in Nicholas Pignone, and Marco Zavone was very evident. Of course all the boys loved batting and Tom Buchanan, Louis Manenti and Julian Canclini were always strong contributors with the bat. It was also pleasing as a coach to see Finn and Tom handle themselves very well in the IWJCA rep trials recently. I must also thank our young gun Archie Gray for filling in when we were short on a few occasions. Most importantly all boys played the game with great sportsmanship and enjoyment.

Finally I would like to pass on my thanks to the parents for the help and support throughout the year. I would also like to thank the club particularly Chris and Anne Burt for all their tireless hours of work. The opportunity they provide the kids to play cricket is greatly appreciated by all.

Gerard Buchanan - Coach

Under 9s Gold

We had a fun year with a number of the boys improving. The longer form of the game was challenging to some of them. However all in all the year was quite good. The wet weather also didn't help this year with a number of the games and training cancelled due to the rain. Underneath I will write a line about each player :

Marcus McDevitt - Unfortunately only played half a season with us as his family moved back to England. A very talented young cricketer very strong in all facets of the game in particular batting and his running between the wickets.

Liam Gordon - Very naturally talented in particular his fast bowling. Probably the quickest in the comp. also quite a good striker of the ball. Had a good year.

Ethan Marshall - Great team player who always tries his best. He got some nice run outs this year. Good to have in our team.

Dominic Lane - Had a great year in particular his batting. Scored a number of runs and was very competitive against all sides. Also very good in the field shows a lot of enthusiasm. Great to have in our side.

Nicholas Jones - Our Hat Trick boy. Performed that feat in one of our games this year which was pleasing to see. A Handy Bat and very good runner between the wickets. Lucky to have him.

Darcy Cohen - Another one of our boys who did improve in particular his bowling which completely turned around from the start of the year. Also a natural stroke player will be a good'n in a few seasons I tip.

Zac Cohen - A pleasure to have this boy in our team great trainer and team player. Did very well with both the bat and ball this year being one of our more consistent players.

Marcus Bongiorno - Had his first season with us this year. Did extremely well for a lad who hadn't played before bowled quite well and has a very good eye playing some massive shots this year. He did well.

Usman Zahid - Another lad who improved a lot this year. Bowled and batted quite well. His fielding really improved towards the end of the season. I'm tipping him to make a handy keeper in the future.

Coach - Adam Gordon

Under 10s Black

Let me start by saying that this team were undefeated premiers for 2011/2012. So without a doubt it has been a great season for the Under 10 Black Concord Briars cricket squad. We had 13 outstanding players who, from the first training did not hide their passion and enthusiasm for cricket. We were very fortunate to have a squad who were all equally skilled in all aspects of cricket - bowling, fielding and batting. They displayed this so eloquently in their matches. Initially, there was only one message as we embarked on the first game - "once you're out, you're out".

We never set any goals as a team at the beginning of the season. As a coach I wanted their first year in competition to be about experiencing this wonderful game in its entirety not trying to achieve for anything in particular. As Round 7 came to pass the squad clearly showed that they were very competitive and wanted to strive for more than just playing for each Saturday so I really set them in the direction of improving their skills further. This would allow them to develop their repertoire in bowling and/or batting more precisely, and for some change the style in which they bowled for example. This gave greater depth and variety to our team and each player felt they could contribute more individually again.

What I think worked well for this squad was not only the team spirit they displayed during training and matches but also the good sportsmanship towards other teams. They should be congratulated for going into each game and seeing it as a challenge and then humbly shaking their opponents hands. They always wore the Concord Briars strip with pride.

Lastly the season rap-up can't be short of a few words to the team parent base. They have been such a cooperative, loyal and supportive group. Their enthusiasm to take on the roster for scoring and morning tea and various game day roles from the very beginning was faultless. And of course a huge thanks to Mick our umpire week in, week out - having this consistency on the field for the boys really helped them enjoy the game and develop more maturely throughout the season. So proud to have been part of all this.

Manager - Abby Turner Jensen

Coach - Georgie Arrow

Under 10s Gold

The Gold Briars had a tough start to the season, losing two games to every win. Still, their spirits remained high every time they took the field and there were always some good individual performances even during the difficult games. Then came a string of three losses in a row and the boys had to re-examine their approach to the game. They trained harder and worked tirelessly on their batting skills. Their bowling, usually a strong suite, became even more focussed and aggressive. But the biggest change came in the way they worked together as a team. Finally gelling as a unit they began to play for each other, instilling a real sense of pride in the team. The difference was remarkable as they piled on three impressive wins in a row. A chance at the finals beckoned, but the weather conspired against further advancement. The boys showed great character in turning their season around. It was a privilege coaching them and observing them grow and mature into tough young cricketers.

Shane Wells - Coach

Under 10s Maroon

The boys had a fantastic season together making it all the way to runners up in a hard fought Grand Final. They played with great spirit during the season and all improved markedly. The boys always wanted to win but did so with a good sense of sportsmanship and goodwill to their opposition and fellow team mates. Thanks must go to all the parents for their help and assistance throughout the season.

Best and Fairest - Mathew Maronese

Player Profile

Mathew Maronese - Matt is a tall and strong batsman who likes to hit big shots on the leg side, first player to score 25 runs not out this year.

Adam Brooks - Adam is a fast and accurate bowler with a great throwing arm, capable of throwing down the stumps from the boundary.

Dean Capraro - Dean is a talented cricketer who can bat and bowl very well; could be a real force in years to come.

Thomas Winter - Tom is the team's speed demon bowler and is the most technically correct batsmen in the team. He captured 7 wickets in one match!

Jackson Herring - Jackson is a genuine all rounder who can bat, bowl and field very well.

Lachlan Lee - Lachlan is a powerful batsman and technically very correct. He also has great variety with his bowling.

Nicholas Ellul - Nicholas has continued to improve throughout the year. A deep thinker who at times has shown real leadership.

Jared McKenna - Jared is a pocket rocket and like every great wicket keeper you can't keep him out of the game. Jared was also our best runner between wickets.

Daniel Tomarchio - Daniel is one of our quiet achievers often chipping in with vital wickets and valuable runs at crucial times.

Rohan Whitting - Rohan is a great example of concentration and dedication to training and practicing his skills. He developed into an attacking batsman with a solid forward defence.

James Lopes - James is a talented batsmen and an attacking bowler. One of our most consistent performers throughout the year.

Jaali Goodwin-Ward - Jaali has continued to improve throughout the year and was a popular team member with an enthusiastic attitude.

Antony Eussen - Antony has the best batting defence in the team and bowls with real variety from genuine spin to medium pace in each over.

Steve and Paul

Under 11s Maroon

The mighty U11 Maroon's began the season with a mixture of players from two prior year under 10M teams and some new players. Focussing on participation, there was always 11 batsman and 11 different bowlers in every game played this season. Finishing mid table in a group of 13 teams, all the boys have developed skills that will see them pushing for the semi's next season. Most of all their enthusiasm continued throughout with the greatest disappointment being the washed out last couple of rounds.

Impressive performers with the willow included Aydin Bremner the season's top run scorer (145), Ethan Jamieson (135 runs) who was only dismissed twice all season, and Michael Lopez (113) who found the boundary regularly. Aniket Sharma (14) led the wicket takers, with Trent Stanmore (10) and Ben Wood (9) not far behind regularly grabbing important breakthroughs. Nathaniel Horseman was the star catcher taking 8, with a couple of superb 1st slip grabs. It was great to see the catching practice paying off with Harry Pain and Zac Malakellis snaring catches in the latter part of the season. The defensive batting techniques of both Rushan Alam and Connor Landas developed throughout with them both now being difficult boys to dislodge. Domenic Oliverio's big hits were a delight and the improvement in Matthew Manning's bowling over the summer was great to see. All the boys improved over the season, with the bowling and fielding showing the greatest benefit from the training sessions. This led to our last comp game being a sterling outright victory taking 20 wickets for just 126 runs - what a way to finish the season!

Under 12s Gold

The "happiest team" (and the loudest!) in the Comp had another successful season. The strength of the team this season was in the field. They had a well-balanced bowling attack and were sharp in the field. Jacob Mousin, our captain, lead the team very well on the field with little help from the coaches and manager. Batting was not as strong but in the semi-final the team excelled by scoring 150 against the best performing team of the season. Ryan Miklich found his best form as an opener in this match.

Everyone contributed to the season. Miles Cheetham was outstanding as wicket keeper and deserved his more improved award for his reliability at training. Sanjan Naganathan bowled some outstanding tight spells and shared a few key batting partnerships. Lachlan Hayward and Madhav Sunderram bowled superably in tandem helping win a few matches on the strength of their spells. Sean Miklich was a revelation with his great spin bowling that continually got a good batsman out. Michael Gordon continues to be our "star" leg spinner who showed how good he really is in the semi-final. Jullian Ellul has developed into a really good pace bowler and had a great second half of the season with the ball. There is no better hitter of a cricket ball in the team that Dimitri Scanlon. Bouchan Sreenath has good first year in club cricket and took some key wickets at just the right time. Tom Brooks played the first half of the season and his last innings with us was a testament to his development as a cricketer. Linus Draper played the second half the season and it was a pleasure to have him back. With his height he was able to bowl some awkward deliveries that troubled batsman. Harry Manetti and Mat Kazzi had limited opportunities because of school sport commitments but made valuable contributions when they played and added that something "extra" when in the team.

The parents and players appreciate the commitment of the coaches, particularly Claus Mossin who continued to commit to the team despite working away from Sydney. David Hayward did a great job as manager when asked to step into the role just before the season began.

Under 13s

Team - Darian Tomasiello (c), Dylan Lee, Jeremy Lopes, William Hewgill, Anthony Melnyk, Jamie McLeod, Jason Casey, Rehan Kharadi, Rishad Kharadi, Parth Padhye, Osman Kayani, Alex Painter, Alex Al-Shamiry.

Coach: Phil McLeod **Manager:** Leanne Hewgill **Scorer:** Pat Tomasiello

This was always going to be a very interesting season. It was the second year for the squad, a new association (Northern Districts) and hence new oppositions and a much stronger competition - being the stronger division of the U13s in Northern Districts. Hence no soft wins and no cheap runs for batsmen. And so the first match against Carlingford proved - an outright loss with 20 wickets crumbling on one day, mostly to spin bowling. The riot act was then read and the players knew they needed to lift considerably if they wanted to be competitive in this new environment.

And so another season has come and gone. I think every player can look back on it and say he is now a better player than at the start of the season. There were some very fine individual performances - the openers Anthony and Jamie lead the way with the bat and Osman showed he has much potential. Darian suffered heavily for

playing winter cricket but his talent is still there and he got better as he went, finishing in style. Dylan, William and Alex P finally started playing straight and the result was much more time at the crease and more runs. There were many great performances with the ball - especially Anthony, Jeremy, Darian and Osman. Jason got better as we went, William showed guile and cunning with his off-spinners. Rishad and Rehan both bowled accurately and the others all improved steadily. The wicketkeepers were solid (Jamie and William) and the fielding was much improved from the previous year - Rehan and Rishad leading the way.

For me it was a very satisfying season, knowing that the team had not just survived in the harder competition but had beaten everyone except Carlingford. I look forward to seeing these players mature into even better players as the move into the U14s next year. Thanks also to Bob Melnyk for assisting with coaching and also Viraf Kharadi for assistance when I was away.

Phil McLeod

Under 14s

Congratulations to all the Boys on a great season and for winning the Competition!

We started the season with a mix of 12's and 13's from last season and a couple of new players to the club. I must say the boys got on like a house on fire and really applied themselves to their chosen summer sport. After a very good start to the season winning our first 4 games, we begun to struggle a bit which really showed in our loss of the last game of the calendar year, we simply didn't score enough runs. The boys had a break over Christmas holidays and in late January were back where they started the season beating Ryde Hunters Hill and Balmain Tigers in February, this showed to me that the talent the team possessed was going to take them to the Grand Final. It also goes to show that when you dig deep and believe in yourself you will achieve. The Grand Final was a low scoring game, with the boys bowling extremely well and getting the runs required with plenty of wickets in hand. This pleased me most, as our batting hasn't been our strong point this year.

The standout players for the team were: Tom Threlkeld with 18 wickets including 5/26 and leading wicket taker in the competition, batted well also. Kaya Bremner with highest score of 59 for the season and his effort as wicketkeeper with 9 catches and 5 stumpings. Jeff Burt performed well with an outstanding 4/1 with accurate bowling and 10 wickets for the season, along with reliable batting. Ben Breen with his opening pace bowling taking 14 wickets, Ruairi Fleming led the team very well as Captain and took 10 wickets with the ball, Alex Favotto took 8 wickets also with accurate bowling.

In the field the boys did a great job, in particular Yash Kasbekar and Daniel Carmody, nothing got past these two and they were quick as a flash with returning the ball, also bowled well Yash 6 wickets and Daniel 7 wickets. All Rounders Dalian Ivelja and Nicholas Jorgensen showed their value to the team in particular with their reliable batting in the middle order, they might not realise it, but these 2 players are a big reason why we got through to the Grand Final. Zac Foster has cemented his spot as an opening batsmen, showing if you work hard on something you get there, bowled well also and always a threat with his left arm - medium fast bowling. Our spinner in the team Matt Mitsopoulos troubled many a batsmen, especially when he gave the ball plenty of air, a very good leg spin bowler. Hugh Black was handy with the bat and the ball and really showed his value in the field. Alex Stephenson in his first year of cricket has come a long way, well done Alex. Special thanks to Manager Steve Black, Dion Bremner and Matt Threlkeld for their assistance.

Thanks Boys on a great season and look forward to seeing you all next season!

Coach - Kevin Breen

Under 15s

The Under 15s had a very good year and this was reflected in the fact that they only lost one game during the season and were minor premiers. There are a number of games where the boys "toughed out" a win by commitment and playing to their ability. It was pleasing to see that a number of boys stepped up to the mark, particularly in the batting but the main reasons for success, were the consistency in the bowling and the really noticeable improvement in the standard of the fielding.

I have been with some of these boys since Under 10s and it is very rewarding to see their development over the last six years. While it was disappointing to lose the final by one run, the boys should be really proud of their efforts and congratulated on the way they represented the Briars Club.

I thank the boys for their commitment and attitude for the 2011/2012 Season and also thank the parents for their assistance and support. Well done to all.

Wayne Williamson

Under 16s

The Concord Briars Under 16s have received the best compliments from opposing teams throughout the season for the way they played each game, improved as team and behaved on and off the field. The boys have been a great bunch to be around, they have played the game in the right spirit, supported each other and have embraced all of the good things about cricket. The boys and their coach Jez Hall are to be congratulated for the way they have played each and every game.

Our team was a combination of players coming from two clubs to form the first Concord Briars U16. Jez Hall instilled a very supportive culture early and nominated two team captains. Nathaniel Lea and Aditya Voleti were very comfortable in sharing the captaincy and were well supported by all members of the team. The Under 16's were competitive against every team in the competition and were able to finish the season with two bowlers and two batsmen rated in the top 10 of the Northern District JCA, a fantastic achievement.

Everyone was given the opportunity to contribute to the team. The stand out performers with the bat were Lachlan Bennetts and Aditya Voleti who both played match winning innings during the season and finished the season in the Association Top 10 for batting. Aditya also opened the bowling on many occasions. In addition to his co-captaincy, Nathaniel Lea was able to provide some excellent batting performances as well as contributing with the ball. Robert 'Bobcat' Lopes was very consistent with the ball and was our leading wicket taker. He and Aaron Connolly were in the 'top 10' Association wicket takers, well done to both of them.

Alec Council had the record of bowling the most number of overs in the competition and always troubled batsmen with his consistent spin bowling. Praveen Angammana and Lachlan shared the wicket keeping duties and Praveen made a significant contribution with the bat and the ball and he returned the season's best figures of 7-13. Richie Connelly finished the season as an opening bowler, having bowled a few overs earlier in the season, his bowling and that of his brother Aaron really added to the team. Aaron was very handy with the bat and contributed strongly opening the batting on a number of occasions. Vasu was our big hitter and opening bowler and the boys enjoyed his contribution in big games. Hamish McKenzie was new to the team and was able to learn a lot from the boys. He was always available and took two wickets as well as having the most number of 'not outs'. Sachin Joseph was a pleasure to have in the team and finished the season strongly taking 5 wickets in his last two matches and contributing throughout the season.

A big thank you to our coach Jez Hall, parents and supporters and to Catherine Lea who scored with excellence and was ably supported by Trish Hall. Thank you all for being part of a wonderful team. The boys now have the opportunity to graduate into senior cricket and we wish them well with their future cricketing endeavours.

Andrew Council - Manager

RUGBY

It was a challenging 2012 season for Rugby at the Briars, with a string of injuries and retirements in the higher grades. 1st and 2nd Grades suffered and the net result of this is that Briars Rugby has been relegated to 3rd division for the 2013 season as we could not make up the necessary club championship points to remain in division 2. As a highlight 3rd Grade made it to the Grand Final, but were beaten in extra time by a well drilled Petersham side. We also had a few new players join the club who in a difficult year for the Briars really shone as future clubmen and players. The focus is now on 2013.

There has been a substantial amount done and still to do:

Secure coaches for 2013 season, again welcome Brad Sculley and Mike Wilde we are looking forward to your coaching input.

Recruitment of players elite and colts to revitalise Rugby numbers at the Briars. 28 schools have been contacted in the local area advertising the Briars Sporting Club. We are yet to see the fruits of these labours but the opening season will tell if this early marketing ploy to bring people to the club has worked.

Three new banners - advertising Briars around the Concord area.

Branding of Rothwell Park with the Briars Foundation funding new Briars branded, goal post pads, corner posts, line flags.

There is no denying there remains plenty of work to do as 2013 will not be a walk in the park for Rugby, but the mood is that we have been the most prepared for some years now. We still need people to assist on committee as it is still the same people on whom Briars Rugby consistently relies year in year out.

The annual trophy, the Gordon Bevan Shield for Briars Rugby, is awarded to Tony Kerle.

Ben Edwards

HOCKEY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2012 saw a record number of players register to play hockey with Briars: 124 women, 143 men and 105 juniors. This resulted in Briars fielding 7 junior teams, 8 womens teams and 10 mens teams. We also had a record number of Minkeys (Under 9s) register to learn all about the sport - 26 in total.

The club overall saw varying success this year, but in particular our juniors performed amazingly. All 7 teams made the finals, 6 made grand finals and we brought home 4 premierships. Congratulations to our Under 11As, Under 13Cs, Under 15Cs and Under 17Cs for their premiership achievements this year. Having such a strong and large junior base is a key to our club being successful in the future as these kids get older and move into senior teams.

On the senior front, we had 3 womens teams and 4 mens teams make the finals but were unlucky not to bring home a premiership despite 3 of these teams making it to the grand final. Congratulations to womens 1st grade, womens 5th grade and mens 4th grade for your hard work to make it to the biggest game of the year.

Off the field, we saw some dramatic changes at our home field, Cintra. We sadly said goodbye to Alan "AJ" Jones after many years as caretaker of the field and clubhouse. During the season the clubhouse received a makeover which included the addition of a Just Hockey outlet making our clubhouse and field one of the best equipped in Sydney. A massive thank you must go to David Ratcliffe, Emma Ratcliffe and Wal Zol for their help improving these facilities and ensuring Cintra is an asset to our club and its players.

On the representative front, we had many players feature in representative teams including the following players who had the honour of representing at state and national level:

Mens

Josh Miller - Australia Kookaburras team for the 2012 Champions Trophy, NSW Waratahs

Matt Dawson - Australian Junior World Cup Squad, NSW Waratahs, NSW U21s, NSW U182

Scott Garner - NSW Waratahs

Josh White - NSW Waratahs

Adam Imer - NSW Waratahs

Nick Hills - NSW CIS Opens, NSW U21s, NSW U18s

Oliver Flack - NSW U15s

Womens

Jocelyn Bartram - Australian Junior World Cup Squad, NSW Arrows, NSW U21s

Tori Scanlon - Australian Under 16 Schoolgirls, NSW All Schools U16s

Jo Rowlands - NSW Arrows, NSW U21s

Tamsin Lee - NSW Arrows, NSW U21s

Alice Burrell - Australian Country U21s

Emma Clifton - NSW U21s

Lauren Chew - NSW U21s

Alysha Borg - Tasmania

Jess Esslemont - Tasmania

Briars also included a number of support staff at representative level including:

Anthony Thornton - NSW Arrows coach

Danielle Quoy - Umpire at Australian Country Championships, Womens Opens State Championships, U13s Girls State Championships

David Alexander - Mens Opens State Championships, Mens O45s State Championships, U13s Girls State Championships

Mark Holman - Mens Opens State Championships

Briars Hockey enjoyed a series of the usual annual social events - Season Launch, Trivia Night, Derby Days, Annual Luncheon, Ladies Days, Junior Presentation Day and the end of year Presentation Night. All were a huge success and the club was able to achieve budgets for fund raising which greatly contributed to a profitable 2012.

A number of players were honoured with club awards at this year's formal Presentation Night recognising their contributions to our club:

AJ Robinson Trophy - Danielle Quoy

RD Vanderfield Trophy - Tom Vastani

Col "Hockey" Jones medallions - David Ratcliffe, Clay Scanlon, Cassie Allsop, Gary Bieser
Rising Stars - Maddy Stewart and Oliver Flack

On behalf of the Briars Hockey Committee we would like to thank our sponsors Mortgage Choice Concord, Concord Road Physiotherapy and Firths Compensation Lawyers for their continued support of our club. Without the support of such sponsors, our club would not show such success both on and off the field. The Committee would also like to thank John Price and Michael Imer for their continued support and contributions this season, as well as Glen and the staff at Briars@Greenlees.

Briars Hockey will now look to the 2013 season with excitement for an ever growing player base, player satisfaction within our club and increasing successes both on and off the field.

2012 Briars Hockey Committee

President: James Fordham
Vice President: Emma Ratcliffe
Secretary: Janet Adams
Treasurer: Gary Bieser
Umpires Coordinator: Danielle Quoy

Social Coordinator: Amanda Hese
Club Captains: Alana Durance & Blake Durance
Junior Coordinator: Clay Scanlon
Uniform Coordinator: Andrea Stewart / Cassie Allsop

HOCKEY JUNIORS

Minkeys (Under 9s)

What a year for Juniors! The sheer force of enthusiastic Minkeys took us by surprise. We meandered around on the field in the beginning weeks not really sure what to do with a team of between five and nine-year-olds (as the eight and nine-year-olds were recruited by U11s most were closer to the bottom end of the spectrum - one four-year-old even snuck in!). However, talk about a baptism of fire; the week before our first game about sixteen kids turned up (we were used to a weekly bunch of about 8 up until this point). We were spurred into action by becoming very organised and on top of things and it certainly helped that Cassie is knowledgeable of all things Briars.

This year saw the inaugural Minkey competition played at Pennant Hills and Ryde. After a bit of a chaotic start our Minkeys showed us what they were made of. A comparison of the scores (not that we were counting!) at the beginning and end of the season showed an improvement of mammoth proportions. This was particularly impressive as the opposition often physically dwarfed our players.

Thanks to all the parents who made coaching such an enjoyable experience. I cannot express how greatly appreciative we are of all the kind parents whose positivity and general good outlook on life (even when we had to be at Pennant Hills by 7am!) clearly rubbed off on their kids making it a very pleasant experience for us.

A run-down on the future of Briars:

Amy - As our youngest player on the team Amy had some great runs down the field when she wasn't busy finding friends on the other team.

Anastasia - Another young player, Ana showed great determination and potential.

Elliot - Elliot was quiet and hard-working at the beginning of the year and by the end of the season was one of our strongest and smartest players.

Henry (The Rock) - Without Henry's brilliant defence the scores would not have been what they were (not that we were counting!)

James and Katerina - James would eagerly start up front but always circle back to help his sister (the goal-saver extraordinaire) in defence. Obviously they have the Reynolds hockey gene and the foundations of absolute stars.

Jazmine - Allsop by name and clearly by nature. Jazz attacked the ball in a way reminiscent of her Uncle Derryn showing she'll have an exciting hockey career.

Jordan - Jordie was a solid and reliable player who even roped her brother into helping us out when we were short.

Kai - A regular at training, Kai showed good skills progression each week.

Kyzie - Another mid-season recruit. Always keen to train but hesitant to play the games. Thankfully he did as he turned out to be great on the field.

Lola - When this girl was on her feet (and not falling over) she had some strong runs down the field.

Marco - Marco had a great season. When he put his mind to it he did a great job on the field and at training.

Oskar - Oskar was another great defender and one of our strongest players who worked hard each game.

Sabrina - Another Briar with the hockey gene. Sabrina was brilliant in defence. I guess stopping goals runs in the family.

Sanjana - A mid-season recruit who picked up the game quickly and established herself as a strong player (and hopefully had some fun along the way).

Torrin - An enthusiastic, energetic and passionate player. A great tackler too!

Zofia and Georgia –These two had a great season. They developed their skills and understanding with each game they played.

Under 15s Metro Team

The Metro competition is contested by the top under 15 teams across the whole of Sydney with teams from both North Area and Central Area. Competing in the Metro competition gives Briars juniors the chance to test their skills against the best under 15 players and hopefully further develop. This was the second year for Briars in the Metro Comp and our aim was to build on the previous year's experience. With many players returning we were hopeful of finishing in the top 4 and giving the more fancied teams tough games.

The team all year played a strong passing game with all players getting involved. At times we were hindered by school commitments and injuries with one notable game we played the eventual grand finalists with 10 players including an under 11 player and only lost 3 nil.

In the semi final match we were at a major disadvantage when the match was scheduled for a Saturday morning that ruled out key players. This contributed to a disappointing end to the season with a loss to a team we had beaten in our last encounter but the effort showed great character.

The highlight match of the year was against eventual winners Ryde who we led 1 nil with 30 seconds to play after an amazing effort only for them to score a very lucky goal to equalize. It demonstrated what this team was capable of against a "star studded" line up.

Overall, all players improved during the year and importantly seemed to enjoy their hockey - games and training.

Players:

Jessica Stewart - Time and time again Jessica was able to keep us in the match with great goal keeping. Jessica has matured as a player and leader and is a great asset to the team. Jessica was invited to play with NT in the under 15 National Championships after being unlucky to miss NSW selection.

Lucas Bickerton - Worked hard all year and definitely showed continued improvement. Lucas was able to score some key goals for us this year that was pleasing to see. Always a pleasure to coach.

Tim Trouw - Was one of our most consistent players and developed his distribution skills this year. Was able to pull off many goal saving tackles. We will miss him at the club next year as he returns to Holland with his family.

Niels Trouw - Developed his play this year and was able to play a number of positions in the forward line. We will also miss Neils next year.

Oliver Flack - Led the team tirelessly throughout the year and was unselfish in his play trying to get all teammates into the game. Spent a lot of time at full back this year guiding the team around the park. Oliver was selected for the NSW U15 State Team that competed and won the National Championships.

Christopher Schasser - Chris was dogged by injury this year but he was able to contribute strongly when fit. He played a number of games at 70% fit and still worked hard. Chris hates to come off even when just moving was tough. Chris represented Sydney 2s at the State under 15s championships.

Tom Vastani - All year Tom worked hard and continued to improve. He has developed his tackling ability and is working hard on having a greater impact on the game. Represented Sydney 2s at the State Championships. Hopefully Tom will play men's next season to further develop his play.

Jack Bieser - Jack worked hard all year and showed great determination in all games. With growing confidence Jack was a great contributor all year.

Kaitlin Nobbs - Kaitlin joined the club from WA this year and she was a great recruit for us. A gifted and determined player Kaitlin worked well with the team from day one and was a major influence on our final results. Kaitlin was selected in the NSW U15 State Team that competed and won the National Championships.

Christian Skoulogenis - A new player to Briars Christian was always enthusiastic and willing to learn. With more work on his core skills he will have a big 2013. Christian represented Nepean at the U15 State Championships.

Jasmine No - One of the team's biggest improvers over the season. Jasmine worked hard at training and during the games and it was great to see her get more into the games as the season went on. Jasmine represented Sydney U15s at the State Championships.

Katherine Sloane - Very quiet by nature Katherine at the end of season started to show some aggression and attitude. It was good to see her skills progress and hopefully she enjoyed the experience against pretty tough opposition.

Lachlan Oag - Lachlan worked hard all year using his pace and dribbling skills to great affect. A great prospect for the club if he can work even more on his core skills. Lachlan will be a leader for the 2013 U15 Briars without a doubt.

Liam and Riley Flack - At 13 and 11 respectively they filled in a number of times when our numbers were down. I am not sure what the other teams made of Riley harassing kids twice his side but their efforts were appreciated.

To Louise Bickerton, our fantastic manager, again a big thank you for making sure all the paperwork was always under control and managing our changing training program. It is always a pleasure to work with you. To all the other parents who supported their kids and the team your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Finally, to the club committee for their continued support it is appreciated.

Mark Flack - Coach

Under 17cs

A great year for the youth of the Briars club, with our under 17s team Grand Final winners for 2012. Undefeated in the regular season, and only losing the major semi final 1 nil due to half the team 'missing in action' that week. From the start we could tell that this young group of players were not just going to be a good team to coach, but a group that would have a blast playing the sport they love. They performed to the best of their ability in all situations, yet even in tough moments there was always time for a laugh or a well timed joke, usually targeted at their handsome coaches.

For all participants of the team, there is potential to take their hockey to any level they want, and hope to see many of these faces with Briars club for many seasons.

Evie Packett - Solid defender and good hockey brain. Would have been great to see her attend more trainings as definite potential, understanding that there were many other sports and things Evie does after school to share her hockey time. Let's hope hockey becomes her main hobby!

Jack Bieser - The larrikin of the team, but an integral part of it as well. Jack was able to play in all positions we asked him to with great skill. He got a few knocks during the year including a black eye from his coach, but they were all deserved. His abilities will continue to improve and cannot wait to see him fly up through the grades.

Jasmine No - Half way through the season Jasmine was not allowed to play, being too qualified for 17Cs, which was a major upset as Jasmine's skills in the forward line was sorely missed. Amazing skills and a great attitude, even playing goalie once when we were short.

Crysta-Ann Skoulogenis - We started Crysta in the half line due to her passing skills, but soon realized her 'stand and deliver' style of tackling worked well alongside Dan 'El Lanko' Graham. Her ability to shut down our opponents counter attacked proved invaluable.

Megan Wren - Megan continued to amaze us all year with her dives, stacks, falls, trips, slides etc. Apart from that her ability as a player to cut through opposition was something the whole team was grateful for. We are not sure if Megan is just a quiet one, or maybe she doubts herself, but she shouldn't, we are very proud of her. What a talent for our club to have!

Clarissa Gordon - Absolutely deserved the team's most improved award. Her smiley attitude and her attendance at nearly all trainings were not left unnoticed, with coaching staff and fellow players more than willing to assist her improve.

Dyonne Bettenga - So glad to have her in this squad, seeing her play last season. Controlled the game playing as centre half, her sneaky ability to drag all players had no rival on the pitch. Superb passing game and work ethic of the highest quality, so important to the team, never laughed at the coaches jokes though so lost some points there, only points that could have been lost really.

Ben 'Shamwow' Schimscal - When we first saw Ben play hockey we didn't know what to make of him. He played left handed and would make passes and shots that were not actually possible. Fortunately, the oppositions defence didn't either and Ben quickly became our most reliable goal scorer.

Kristian Skoulogenis - Little Kristian would often be put up against players twice his size, though through his tenacity he never seemed to be phased. Also a great utility player, playing well whatever his position.

Daniel Graham - Otherwise known as 'El Lanko' or 'the better Graham', Daniel was a rock in defence. Making a lot of crucial saves throughout the year and also picking up a few goals.

Grace Le Marquand - Grace became our default manager, but if the extra duties troubled her, she did not show it on the pitch as she always played to a high standard with a big smile. She will be missed when she moves overseas this year.

Matthew Lowry - Matt was a very skilful, talented player, who has a fast developing drag flick. His fast paced game worked well against all defences. We hope he can take Derryn's spot one day, but not as soon as he thinks.

Lana Shaba - To be honest, we were scared of Lana after she gave me my first death stare. But not nearly as much as the strikers she marked. Often being able to shut them down well before they could become a threat.

Maddy Stewart - Thank god we had Mads! She must have saved our behinds more times than not. Often surprising the opposition players that she took out when they found out she was a girl. A player that we will be following the progress of.

Tabea Kedziora - The token international that every team needs, Tabea could play defence as good as attack. And we often had her playing fullback as much as inner. With great tackling skills, and a hit that was way better than Dan's she was the complete package.

Jessi Stewart - Normally know as a goalie, Jessi played striker for us. Even if she looked like a young foal learning to walk whenever she ran, she was easily the most eager to get back on the pitch whenever she came off. Also putting her goalie knowledge to good use scoring a few.

Lewis Mike and Derryn Allsop - Coaches

HOCKEY WOMENS 2ND GRADE (ML2)

The second grade women team had a bumpy start to 2012 with a draw and a 4-0 lose to UTS in the first couple of games. This year's team saw the return of some familiar faces and with the addition of some new faces plus some youth, the girls set the goal to make every game an improvement on their last and that's exactly what they did. The girls skills as a team were tested over and over again but no team could truly keep them down as from the jaws of defeat the girls continuously fort back and took victory. (Must have been our team building boot camp sessions!).

With four games to go the girls had cemented themselves in the top four improving every game as they set out to and even on their last year's performance with the team finishing 3rd for the 2012 season overall - Well done girls!

The final was against UTS and the battle at both ends was fierce. Our young rising star goal keeper was put to the test and passed with flying colors. The game was tied at 1-1 at half time and UTS scored first in the second but with the goal of the year from our half/ new striker Jules, one timing a bouncing ball into the top of the net the girls struck back. The strength of our experienced back line held up to everything they threw at them and our determined centres were unlucky not to capitalise on some terrific runs into UTS's twenty five. The game went into double overtime, drop off to 7 players, and golden goal before with 40 seconds to goal UTS managed to seagull a loose ball and take the win. One thing is to be said, it was a great game to be a part of.

No girl who played that night should never put their head down over the result as UTS went on to win the comp that year. You improved on every result this year so use what you have learnt and improve on next year. Who

knows the result may be different next year because they say victory favours the brave but it also favours the experienced and girls you have both.

Thank you to all that have help out through the session in playing up plus coaching and for the girls who played up and want to be there next year push yourselves.

Finally to the girls of ML2 this year, know I am so proud of what you have accomplished. Each and every one of should be proud of yourselves and each other and I look forward to seeing what the 2013 session brings.

David Ratcliffe - Coach

HOCKEY WOMENS 3RD GRADE (ML4)

2012 was a season of change with various players returning to the grade and a handful of new players being selected to form the newly appointed Briars 3rd grade women's team. The aim for this year was to finish in first position come the end of the regular season and automatically qualify for promotion to ML3. This would give Briars the strong position of having 3 consecutive grades in the premier Sydney League, something we have planned for a while.

The season started well with the team picking up 17 points in the first round and improving on our goal scoring rate and conversion from 2011. Some close losses to the frontrunners when we perhaps did enough for a better result, gave indications we were tracking well.

The second round of the season unfortunately did not replicate the first with the team struggling to replicate the consistent performances they had shown. This led to the team narrowly missing out on the finals, having to rely on results outside of our control in order to qualify.

That being said, there is a tremendous amount of ability and potential within the group of players. Their enthusiasm and dedication at training was fantastic and made the job of being coach easier. The ability to transfer the training intensity to games and applying a concentrated effort for 70mins will serve them well looking forward to 2013.

Thanks go to Alana who gave her time to perform manager duties for 2012 and supplying the infamous lolly jar and to those players who regularly and seamlessly slotted in from other Briars teams; the ML4 team thanks you for your commitment.

Jessi Stewart - A promising goalkeeper who played well in 2012. Representative and school commitments prevented her from training as often as would be liked however clearly demonstrated her vision, skills and responsibility as Goalkeeper for the team and directed the defensive group well.

Fiona Gilvear - Fiona developed well in 2012 showing glimpses of her potential which led to several call ups for the ML2 team. An injury to her knee affected this progress but she will be better off for the exposure in higher grades and the level of performance.

Nicola Firth - Nicola once again demonstrated her reliability and commitment in the defensive group, sometimes even being injected into the midfield when required. A consistent season which she should be proud of in 2012.

Kerri Anne Gudmunson - KA was once again a rock in defense in 2012. A consistent performer who often was an option at short corners her level of performances lead to the Best and Fairest award for 2012. Congratulations on this award.

Sam Bray - Sam was another member of the defensive group and slotted in seamlessly into the team. Her tackling and distribution allowed us to get on the front foot often and had a great season in 2012. Heavily involved in the social side for the broader club as well.

Briony Tyree - Bri was a consistent performer in any role she was asked to play in 2012. Whether as a defender or midfielder her commitment in winning the ball for the team is invaluable and an asset to the team.

Sofie Schreuders - "Shofie" was a newbie to the team and vindicated her selection with some good performances in the defensive group. Her energy at training and games was an asset to the team. A good first season in ML4.

Judith Stones - Judith returned to the team in 2012 and performed well. Her ball carrying skills constantly started attacks and she chimed in with a few goals this season. Her passion was infectious for the team and resulted in the player's player award, congratulations again.

Alana Durance - Played in a new role as inner in 2012 and performed very well, becoming a successful short corner option and scoring several field goals ending as top scorer for the team. Recipient of the MVP award, congratulations again.

Sarah Seaman - Sarah played in several roles in 2012 and always gave committed performances. Perhaps a victim of her own flexibility, however the team would be poorer off without her ability to play anywhere. Scored her first goal towards the end of the season and celebrated accordingly.

Monique Imer - Monique is a technically competent player who showed glimpses of this which led to call ups to the ML2 team. A very good dribbler of the ball and was an option at short corners. A promising player who will look to improve in 2013.

Lee Carruthers - Another newcomer to the team, Lee was a threat in the forward line with her speed and ability to get into good attacking positions. She scored a few nice goals and will look to continue this form in 2013.

Katie Ellem - Katie was always a threat in the forward line with her effort in closing down fullbacks a feature of her game. She led the team admirably when required and provided a goal threat close to the goals.

Anna French - Anna returned to the team and played an important role as trapper at short corners. Her ability to score from close areas was an asset and resulted in a few nice, unconventional goals.

Maddie Hall - Maddie's speed often asked many questions for the opposition defense. Her ball carrying skills improved in 2012 and were often an instigator for many attacking raids for the team. A very good season in 2012.

Blake Durance - Coach

HOCKEY WOMENS 5TH GRADE (SN2)

We started the season with a fresh team and a great positive attitude that would continue all season. It was evident early on that this was a team that would make the finals and had the potential to go all the way. We did hit a few bumps along the way and suffered the most number of injuries I have seen in a season, but the team stayed together and even those who were injured and could not play came along to the games and showed their support for the team, which is truly something special.

The season can best be reviewed by looking at our games against Sydney Uni. They show how much a change in your mental attitude can change a result:

Game 1 - Loss 2 -0. This was the first game of the season and Uni blew us away. After this loss there was no doubt that Uni had the mental edge. After that first game, the team did not think that Uni were beatable. I knew we had the skill to do so, but that it was just a matter of the team believing in themselves.

Game 2 - Loss 3-1. We went into the second game against Uni thinking we would lose and so of course we did. However, this was the first time all season that Uni had conceded a goal, which proved to be the turning point for us. The team now knew they could score against Uni and if you can score goals you can win games.

Game 3 - WIN 1-0. The third game against Uni was the semi final and because the team believed they could win they did so, with a phenomenal game resulting in a 1-0 win. Uni were in a state of shock. The win meant that Uni had to fight it out in another final while we were straight through to the grand final.

Grand Final - Loss 2-1. On grand final day everyone was nervous but we played one of the best games of the season. At full time it was 1-1 so we went into extra time drop off with 9 players. This was our undoing as 30 seconds into extra time, before we had set our structure properly, the dream was over with a great goal to the divisions leading goal scorer.

The whole season was remarkable for me because of the overall attitude of the team. I have coached a few teams over the years, and this has been one of the most enjoyable teams I have had the privilege to coach. Even with an age range from 15 to 55, everyone got on really well, both on and off the field, which shows in the end result.

Unfortunately two of our rising stars are leaving next year. Grace is moving to Dubai and Tabi will only play one game next year before returning to Germany. Tabi and Grace we wish you all the best. Your youth, skill and speed will be missed next year.

For the rest of the team - next year I know we can go that one step further. I have a gap in my trophy cabinet that needs filling!

Marcus Fung - Coach

HOCKEY WOMENS 6TH GRADE (ML6)

2012 for the ML6 team will go down as the one that got away. The team has plenty of talent and early signs were good starting the season off with a win however in the games to come the team had some disruptions which made it hard to gel and string the results together.

Early on in the season due to an inadvertent clerical error the team lost 3 points on the ladder which didn't help our cause. Despite this, and once we able to settle the team, the players lifted and started to trouble even the undefeated premiers of the comp but sadly the finals were already too far out of reach.

Some great positives to take out of the season were the emerging talent in the club by way of our younger players Amelia White, Catherine Penrose and Isla "Scotland" Fisher. Amelia was our top goal scorer for the season in addition to being voted Players Player; Catherine pulled out skills and speed each week that surprised all of us (sometimes even herself); and Isla was simply as solid as a rock and got the team moving forward each week. The discovery of a new goalkeeper in the club was also a massive bonus with Anke Vermeulen putting on the hockey pads for the first time and showing incredible natural ability.

With a shortage of forwards this season and plenty of full backs, Bernie Chua's aggression in the forward line more than scared a few of the opposition defenders although the goals she was searching for unfortunately remained elusive.

Steph Wise was our workhorse in the forwards and never took a backwards step while Rachel Haley dazzled defences with some great stick skills and sneaky goals.

Liz Parker continued to improve throughout the season, as did her confidence and our half line was as solid as ever lead by captain Kylie Beckhouse with the flanks more than adequately covered by the fiery red headed sisters Andrea Motbey and Kristy Beaumont.

Flick Steuhowe and Kat Willebrands at the back often held the opposition out of our 25 and were solid all season long.

Then there's Soraya Campagna, who was pushed and pulled all season from the front to the back of the field but she played her heart out wherever she was, cementing herself as a true utility player.

Ultimately it was a season where our solid defence laid the foundations for what could have been a terrific year however we too often struggled to put the ball in the back of the net and were left to watch success slip out of our hands.

Without question the girls worked their guts out all season, pushing hard and lifting at every opportunity. Despite the 7th place finish on the ladder the girls won more games than we lost but unfortunately drew more games than we won. Overall it was a season where a few small things going differently would have made all the difference.

On to next year where I hope to see most of the girls back and pushing for the 2013 finals! Well done ladies and thanks for an entertaining and extremely enjoyable season!

Stephen Beggall - Coach

HOCKEY WOMENS 7TH & 8TH GRADES (SN3 & SN4)

SN3 and SN4 this year was coached by Simon Greenwood and Peter Miliatis. I'll start by saying that we are both proud of all our girls and what they have accomplished. We started the year with a lot of beginners and barely had enough girls to make two teams. Throughout the year we learnt the rules, positioning, strategies, and how to play as a team. Early on we had some issues with a turnover in coaches for the 7th grade team which resulted in a delay in team selections and because of this, team morale and fun levels were down.

Once the teams were taken over and run as a squad by the 8th grade coaches these issues were addressed and the teams were finalised. The girls started bonding and playing as a squad and much of the fun returned to training and games. We also received support from other club members with whiteboard sessions on the rules of the game.

Unfortunately this was around the halfway point of the season and both teams were sitting on the bottom of the ladder. After a few training sessions and close games the girls started to regain their confidence and they showed it. They played harder than before, they had hunger for the ball, and they kept going after they were tackled or made a mistake. They wanted to win, and they did. Both teams won four games this season, and they held their ground against some of the more difficult teams that were obviously too good for their grade. By the

end of the season both teams had made it off the bottom of the ladder to finish in 7th and 8th position respectively.

I would like to thank the girls from both teams for helping each other out every week with doubling up to fill both teams. I would also like to thank all the girls from 5th and 6th grades who came down to play when our numbers were particularly low. We appreciated all the help. Especially as it showed our girls some skills that higher grades have and made them curious to learn new skills.

Thank you to Aileen McCulloch, Cassie Allsop, Janet Adams, Emma Ratcliffe, Danielle Quoy, Mark Holman and all the other Briars members that helped us out during the year. Thank you to all the girls from both SN3 and SN4. You made coaching very enjoyable for us. Keep practicing and learning. Keep that hunger for the game. You all have the potential to get better and move up the grades.

The award winners for the season:

7th grade

Best and Fairest - Emma Bryden-Brown

Players Player - Milena Da Silva

Most Improved - Michelle Yu

8th grade

Coaches Award - Sarah Milne

Players Player - Lauren Hood

Most Improved - Marina Garcia

Simon Greenwood and Peter Miliatis - Coaches

HOCKEY MENS 2ND GRADE (SYDNEY CUP)

This year was always going to be tough to back up on the premiership success of 2011 with about half a dozen player changes to the team from the year before. The boys definitely had their sights on defending their title as best they could, so the new players that came into this side needed to step up to the teams expectations immediately. By the halfway mark of the year our form was waning and we looked like we could drift quickly down the ladder, but with some soul searching and a good review, the boys had a stellar first month of the second round, which set the rest of the season up really well.

With four weeks to go in the season the team had already qualified for finals (thanks to the new 6 team finals structure) for the second year running. The final three weeks were games against top 4 sides so our results would directly affect where we finished on the ladder. By seasons end we sat in 5th place and 3 losses in 3 rounds, but the team morale was at its highest point for the year. Although the results were not going our way we were able to implement tactics and structures that if maintained for longer periods of matches stood us in good shape to compete in finals hockey.

Our final came against Moorebank who had belted us 4 nil first up, and 4-1 the week prior to the finals. By half time we were up 2 nil and had disrupted their game play considerably. Our defensive stocks had already taken a hit pre-game with Al Charlton and Andy Maxwell unavailable, but by half time we had Troy Prescott in no condition to play, having been sick for the past few days, and Lewis Mike (having just played in an intense final for 1st grade) we were starting to feel the pinch.

To our credit we dug in and held on for as long as we could, with Moorebank throwing everything at us, finally putting in the equaliser 1min 30 from full time, putting us into extra time. Our fitness was now being really tested, and like the second half of the match we were able to hold on defensively, but were having very few attacking opportunities. We entered the golden goal period and once again, with about 2 mins remaining, Moorebank scored from a penalty corner to end our season.

The most pleasing aspect for the entire season came in this match. The boys played in a positive mind frame, and didn't let each other down the entire game. We were able to implement a plan that we stuck to for the most part and took our chances from the opportunities that were available. With more guys carrying less injuries/niggles and a better base fitness, we showed that we could once again turn this competition on its head.

We had three award winners this year with the Best and Fairest going to our youngest member - Oliver Flack. Oli gave us youthful enthusiasm and at times showed he has a good grasp of the game by his contributions on and off the field. 2013 should see Oli develop his midfield game further and add more to his running capacity, and he will be a dominant player at this level fairly quickly.

Players Player was Chris Coombes. Thrusto has been an integral part of this side for a number of years and his contribution is always solid. He is well respected and appreciated by his team mates so it is no surprise that his peers voted regularly for him.

The Coaches Award this year went to Nic Candido. We had little choice but to select Nic this year as his form and fitness in 3rd grade were well above what was required there. Nic gave us good run and pace and he was

able to do this for the full 70 mins. By the seasons end, Nic was able to play very specific roles for the team, which will help him develop into an excellent midfielder/striker at this level.

Thanks to all the guys that played throughout the year and contributed to this side. The culture in this team is brilliant and a great thing to be a part of. The boys are always good fun off the field but with the return of that winning culture makes it all the better. Thanks to Michael Imer for everything!! To all the coaches and assistance that ran sessions or looked after the side on game day - Anthony Thornton, Buckets, Addy B, Donga. Thanks!

Sam Everist and Ben Hurford - Coaches

HOCKEY MENS 7TH & 8TH GRADES

Results: 7ths - 8th out of 8 teams with 2 wins, 2 draws and 12 losses
8ths - 8th out of 8 teams with 2 wins, 1 draws and 13 losses

The statistics above do not paint a pretty picture. Another statistic that is a contributing factor to these results is that, even after calling on our support network to obtain extra players, we averaged 16.8 players per week for two teams. On top of this, the competition in both grades was the strongest it has been for a number of seasons. Even with these hurdles to overcome, we did not do ourselves any favours by making simple mistakes and turning over possession to opposing teams who regularly capitalised. Although this was disappointing, we were buoyed by the odd win/draw and even hard games that resulted in a narrow loss.

The guys who played for 7ths and 8ths (regularly both) during the season were:

Geoff Atkins	Joe Ferrer	David Paul
Daryl Baihn	Joe Lyons	Viv Paul
Martin Campbell	Hugh McGlone	Jamie Pottie
Rennie Colaco	Paul Monaro	Mark Rodgers
Kealan Coleman	Shane Murray	Tom Sanderson
John Denniss	Joel Osmond	Jonathon Sikkens
Nick Duignan	Adam Palmer	

There were also a number of players from Vets and other grades who helped out by making up the numbers on occasion.

Simon Bergfield - Manager

HOCKEY MENS VETS DIVISION C

Results: 8th out of 10 teams with 5 wins 2 draws and 11 losses

Whilst not a brilliant result, it was a significant improvement over the previous year. Although we had a slow start with our first points not coming until the 6th round, we then strung several good results together with our 5 wins and 2 draws coming from the next 11 games. This included the highlight of the season which was defeating the minor premiers (Sydney Uni) 5 - 3.

As four of our losses were only by one goal we demonstrated our competitiveness and with improved consistency next year we have the potential to make the finals.

We welcomed some new players to Briars Masters (Mick Tanna, Don Ball, John Hall). They made a major difference to our capabilities especially Mick Tanna in combination with Andrew Boutchard up front giving us much more scoring power, and John Hall and Don Ball making us more solid in midfield. Well done also to Mike Imer who comfortably put away every penalty stroke opportunity presented to him.

Mike Tanna was a well deserved Players Player who made a major contribution at inner in attack (7 goals) and defence. Don Ball (Best and Fairest) was outstanding in defence and also in running the ball right into the opposition's quarter and pressuring their defence.

David Osmond (Most Consistent) in conjunction with a more settled and consistent defensive line helped keep us in the game with many excellent saves.

Our goal difference in 2012 (32 for and 44 against) was far better than in 2011 (14 for and 63 against). It was great to see quite a few players putting the ball in the net (Shah Alam, Daryl Baihn, Sean Bermingham, Andrew Boutchard, John Clarke, Mike Imer, Gavin Jones, Paul Monaro, Mick Tanna).

Thank you to those players who backed up for another masters season (Shah Alam, Geoff Atkins, Daryl Baihn, Chris Baldwin, Sean Bermingham, Gary Bieser, Andrew Boutchard, Ian Brown, John Clarke, Mike Denniss, Joe Ferrer, Mike Imer, Gavin Jones, Joe Lyons, Paul Monaro, David Osmond, Dave Paul, Clay Scanlon).

Congratulations on your awards and your invaluable contributions during the season to Mick Tanna (Players' Player), Don Ball (Best and Fairest) and David Osmond (Most Consistent).

Thank you to Mike Imer and Mike Denniss for helping out on those occasions when I was not available. Thank you to all players for your contribution during 2012 and we will see you again in 2013.

Ian Brown - Manager

SQUASH CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2012 has been a fairly successful year. We finished 2nd in both the autumn (Division 7) and Spring Comps (Division 6). We were joined by Jim Farrell for the Spring comp which saw our team grow to six players, which is what we need as some of us are getting on in age.

Our Autumn grand final was watched by quite a few of our past players and young future squashies (see below) of which we were most thankful. Travelling from afar were Ken Kable from Jindabyne, Joe Caristo from Blue Mountains, Gary Phillips from Newcastle and others from Sydney were Paul Jones, Greg Kelly, Steve Jones, Jim Farrell and Chris Leung. Tony Porter's brother and Mick's brother Tony were also there to cheer us on. Dillon Jones, Nick and Olie Jaroszewicz brought up the junior support. It was great night to catch up with all the ex players and as a bonus as we gained an extra player with Jim Farrell joining us for the Spring comp.

Autumn 2012 - Division 7	Win	Loss	Avg (out of 6)
Tony Porter	12	1	5.07
Greg McManus	9	9	3.11
Mick Jaroszewicz	9	5	3.78
Steve Wildisen	8	4	3.8
Alex Jaroszewicz	4	3	3.57

Finished 2nd on 289 points with 14 wins over the season. Reached the semi finals and had a good win over Wenty LC8 with Tony winning 3-0 and Mick 3-2 registering good wins and a close loss to Greg (in 5 sets). At our committee meeting we decided to bring Alex in for the GF against Wenty LC10. He is a young player on the rise and got us off to a great start with a good 5 set win. Tony went on next and recorded a 3-1 win against their no. 1 player. Wenty were able to manipulate the rules and played their number 2 player twice who was able to trounce Greg 3-0 which left Mick the task of beating their undefeated number 3, which he was unable to do. If it sounds like sour grapes you'd be right. All up, a very good season for Ports, Steve and Mick and we saw the emergence of Alex. Both WLC10 and us were promoted to higher divisions for the Spring comp.

There was a rumour going around that we had won the Western Districts Club Championship with our 289 club points. Although we only had one team this is still an achievement that should be celebrated, well done team. It is the first time we have won the championship since KK was chairman in 1993.

Champion Club for 2012 Autumn West

Club	Combined Points	Number of Teams	Average Comp Points per Team
Briars	289	1	289
Premier	991	4	247.8
Windsor	924	4	231
Hawkesbury	459	2	229.5
Wentworthville Leagues	4395	20	219.8
Ryde Eastwood Leagues	418	2	209
T.L.C. Health & Fitness	205	1	205
Springwood GC	399	2	199.5
Olympic	398	2	199
Concord	575	3	191.7
Werrington Kings	1526	8	190.8
Bodycourt	1701	9	189
Northmead	1463	8	182.9
Dural	179	1	179
Club Marconi	137	1	137



Champion Club for 2012 Autumn West

Briars (L-R) Alex Jaroszewicz, Mick Jaroszewicz (Capt), Greg McManus, Tony Porter, Steve Wildisen

Spring 2012 - Division 6	Win	Loss	Avg (out of 6)
Tony Porter	12	2	4.75
Alex Jaroszewicz	7	4	3.55
Jim Farrell	1	3	2
Mick Jaroszewicz	6	7	2.8
Steve Wildisen	7	5	3.58
Greg McManus	2	8	2

2nd place on 240 points, 9 wins from 15 matches. Losing the Minor Premiership on a count back hurt us with 3 losses in our last 5 games which meant we went into the semi-finals without Alex (non-alcoholic schoolies) and Jim (didn't play the minimum number of games) and a rule change as a result of Wently LC doctoring their side in Autumn. There's that sour grapes taste again. Tony played first and was up against a former Olympic Badminton player. It was an extremely high quality squash match with Tony going down in 4. Mick was next going down in a close 4 setter. We are now teetering and it was up to our sub, Sol Tutaki from the Northmead club. He tried his hardest but his opponent played good squash to beat him 3 - 0. Night over and time for a well-earned beer. This was a strong and very social grade (leading to some late nights and nervous trips home) and we performed quite well in both departments. Tony again was outstanding and there has been great improvement in Alex's game and he moved up to number 2. Steve again was strong with some impressive wins, especially early in the season. We are very thankful for Jim returning and hopefully he can get some more game time next comp. Both Mick and Greg suffered injury during the comp and may be age and weight are catching up with them. I will leave it up to you to decide who is 'old' and who has an 'oversize belly'.

We would like to thank Mick for all the admin, Tony for his coffin full of beer and having the local Pizza shop as a speed dial. I also propose we ask Telstra to sponsor us due to the trash talking SMS in the early hours of the morning from all over the world.

NETBALL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In 2012 Briars Netball Club once again entered three Senior teams in the Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Winter Competition held at Cintra Netball Court in Concord. Last years' first grade team was divided in two teams, A1 Rosebubs and A2 Sparkling. After a successful previous year the Chardies jumped two grades to play in B2.

2012 proved a tough year for A1 Rosebubs and B2 Chardies unfortunately not making the semi's. A2 Sparkling however had a hugely successful year. This was the first year the girls played together as a team. A number of players previously played A Grade however others played up from B and C. The team also included new additions to the Club.

Briars Sparkling had one of the most successful seasons in Briars Netball history having had only the one loss by 1 point. Both these teams went on to play in the Grand Final with our Briars claiming victory with a 44-23 win.

WINNERS



L-R Back row – Nicole Andrighetto, Natalie Scott, Belinda Clarke, Alison Reynolds, Tegan Richardson
Front row – Kate Ives, Emma Allport, Shontal Reynolds, Jo Reynolds, Vanessa Back

I would like to congratulate the 2012 Players Player for each team:

A1 Rosebubs – Lucinda Hurst
A2 Sparkling– Emma Allport
B2 Chardies – Amy Winstanley

Unfortunately after the 2012 season Elissa McPhee resigned as President of Briars Netball Club. We will not only miss Elissa as Club President, she will also be missed on the court as a player. I would like to thank Elissa for her time and dedication to the Club. A lot of personal time goes into running a sport and Elissa has volunteered many hours over her three years. On behalf of the girls at Briars Netball Club I would like to wish Elissa all the very best and thank her once again. After working closely with Elissa as Vice President during her time I have been asked and accepted the President position.

I would like to congratulate Tegan Richardson and welcome her to the Committee as Vice President and Nicole Anrighetto as Secretary. Tegan has played with Briars for four years and has been part of our 3 x Grand Final winning team. Nicole has played for Briars for two years, playing with the A2 Grand Final Winners Team in 2012.

Briars Netball Club was established in 2005. In the Club's short existence we have had a team in the Grand Final for the last six years with five out of the six victorious. We are looking to add another GF to this in 2013.

Shontal Hudson - President

BOWLS WOMEN - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with great pleasure to say that another year has passed and that my time as President has been very exciting. We have welcomed five new members to our club which will benefit us when Pennant season comes around. On behalf of all our members I would like to say a big welcome to Rosalind Lightfoot, Maureen Kearney, Jill Young, Joan Fitzpatrick and Rebecca Murphy as well as Jean Richardson rejoining after a short break away.

Our President's and Officers' Day held on the 14th June was a great success. We had the pink theme of cyclamens and pink tablecloths as the theme of the day. The room looked absolutely fabulous and many of the

visitors commented on how wonderful it looked. We had approximately 42 Ladies and 8 gentlemen to enjoy the day. The weather, after so much rain prior to the day decided to shine down on us. The bowls were great and you could hear plenty of laughter coming from all the rinks. Mrs Edna Arnold also presented some Macquarie Friendship Badges to Helen Haggerty, Lorraine Park, Margaret Truesdale and Deanne Cooper. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who gave up their time to help set the tables and provide assistance on the day.

Our Friends' Day on the 4th October was a great day. It was great to see new faces in the crowd. Gladesville and Brush Park were represented.

It was also great to welcome back Merle McCarthy after a long illness.

District and Club Results

Since the beginning of the year we have had some great success with our bowls. Two of our teams fought out the final of the District Fours with the decision going to Rosalinds' team. Unfortunately they were beaten by the narrowest of margins in the Regional playoffs. Rosalind and Jill also won the Club Pairs which eventually took them to Warilla to play in the Pairs Champion of Champions. Well done girls, you did us proud.

Major Singles	Winner	Runner-Up
	Lorraine Park	Pat Stewart
Pairs	Jill Young	Pat Stewart
	Rosalind Lightfoot	Gladys Barnes
Triples	Gai Shirvington	Jill Young
	Helen Burton	Maureen Kearney
	Pat Free	Rosalind Lightfoot
Fours	Lorraine Park	Helen Haggerty
	Gai Shirvington	Judy Coulson
	Helen Burton	Shirley Duckworth
	Pat Free	Gladys Barnes
Minor Singles	Jill Young	Maureen Kearney
Consistency	Rosalind Lightfoot	Pat Stewart

I would also like to say thank you to all my committees who worked tirelessly throughout the year. It makes things a lot easier when everyone works together. A job well done.

On the sick list this year, several missed a few Thursdays including Mary Anderson, Marj Smith, Joan Fitzpatrick, Jean Richardson and Wynn Mashman. I wish all members good health for the coming year. On a sadder note, we lost one of our older members. Mary Toohey passed away on the 15th June 2012 after suffering for some time with cancer. At the time of writing this report I have received word that Mary Anderson passed away 29th November 2012.

As always a big thank you to Ben Williams and his Bar Staff; our Greenkeepers Peter and son James, as always the greens are in perfect condition; Albert and Vivien for our lunches and the great meals we have had at our functions. Finally, our many thanks to Glen Taylor, Melissa Simonetta who left us mid way through the year and a very big welcome to Shontal Reynolds who is Melissa's replacement, and last but not least to Wayne Comber who provided much assistance throughout the year.

Helen Burton - President

BOWLS MEN - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is my second and final President's report and it is with pleasure that I advise the following:

Congratulations to all club championship and tournament winners, and to all those who were not successful, congratulations for having a go.

During the year (September 2011), your club sponsored Robert Zrillic who travelled to Wagga to compete in the NSW Qualifying Singles Tournament and was very successful in this event. As a result of his success after qualifying, Rob then travelled to Melbourne to compete in the Australian Open Singles and is now rated very highly in NSW. "Congratulations Rob".

Your bowling committee has done an excellent job running the club championships, pennant selections, various tournaments, and of course organisation of social bowls and as such, I wish to offer my sincere thanks to the committee generally and in particular to Bowls Secretary Wayne Comber and Treasurer Ray Crew. These two fellows have put in a tremendous effort over the past twelve months and were rewarded with a Merit badge at the recent Present and Past President's Day held on Saturday 1 September 2012. Other reward recipients of Tie

bars were Chairman of Games and Selector Andy Gliddon and Vice President and Greens Maintenance Chairman Kevin (Doc) Kilday.

Four ladies received merit brooches for their efforts and contributions to the Men's club namely, Shirley Duckworth, Gai Shirvington, Pat Stewart and Lorraine Park. Congratulations ladies.

I would also like to thank the wise one Club Patron Keith Free O.A.M. for his assistance and valuable guidance during the year. On many occasions I sought Keith's advice and he was only too willing to oblige. Thanks very much Keith.

During the past year your committee negotiated, debated and finalised eight new bye-laws which will assist all future bowlers. Please refer to the notice board or to Bowls Secretary Wayne for a copy of these bye-laws.

Our ladies under the leadership of President Helen did a magnificent job designing and decorating the tables for our inaugural Present and Past President's Day. I have received numerous accolades from those who attended saying what a great day it was. Attendees were Ron King (Treasurer Bowls NSW), John McDonald, Tony Rowe and Allan Burton representatives from Zone 11, Greenlees Park Ladies, Burwood Diggers, City Tatts, many Zone 11 Bowling Clubs, Greenlees Park men, Briars at Greenlees Ltd and several past members of Greenlees Park. 146 in total.

Our No 3 green was renamed the Morry Goldberg Green and this attribute was ably carried out by Past Chairman Ray Skehan. Many of Morry's family and friends were in attendance for this important celebration.

It was great to see our five Past Presidents in attendance to receive their Past President's badge of honour. (Clyde Pratt, Richard Arnold, Stephen Lesslie, Anthony Cribb and Donald Coleman).

In 2012 we entered pennant sides in grades 1, 2 and 4 but unfortunately none were successful. Our No 1 side finished last and was relegated, however with Kensington closing down, we might remain in the No 1's. This is still under negotiation. Our No 2 side has been relegated to No 3's and our No 4 side has been relegated to No 5's. Final advice of these gradings will come through hopefully sometime in December.

On 22 September we successfully held our annual Open Pairs tournament with prize money totalling \$4,000. Hopefully this event will continue in 2013.

2012 Club Championship results:

Major Singles - Winner Tony Monda, Runner Up Ray Coombs.

Minor Singles - Winner John Houteas, Runner Up Steve Leslie.

Major Pairs - Winners John Cleverly Tony Mandato, Runners Up Rob Zrillic (sub for Col Hodges) Guy Mandato.

Minor Pairs - Winners Sandy Rossello Steve White, Runners Up Ken Leven Andy Gliddon.

Mixed Pairs - Not completed at this time.

Triples - Winners Wayne Comber Tony Cribb Don Coleman, Runners Up Terry Starr Garry Chant Tony Monda.

Fours - Winners Ben Williams Gino Borg Kevin Kilday Ray Coombs Runners Up Rob Zrillic Guy Mandato Tony Mandato Tony Monda.

As a result of Ray's financial accounting skills we remain a strong financial competitive sub club under the Briars at Greenlees Ltd banner and will conclude the financial year 30 September 2012 with a moderate surplus.

The success and financial gain of barefoot bowls has played a big part in our financial viability of the men's club and I ask for your assistance and patience with these barefooters when you see them on the green enjoying themselves. Green No1 is our nominated bare foot bowlers green.

Unfortunately our greens were the subject of further vandalism (poisoning) during the year, however our insurance will cover the cost of repairs.

During the year your committee purchased 12 sets of smaller children's bowls which will no doubt be an asset in assisting the younger barefooters.

To assist our bowlers and raise their bowling skills and ability, your committee sponsored and organised the accreditation of our registered club bowls coach Ray (Tiger) Coombs. Don Coleman and Eddie Truesdale were also sponsored and accredited with their coaching certificates. The Tiger is available for coaching tuition to all Greenlees Park bowlers women and men free of charge. To avail yourself of this opportunity simply place your name on the coaching sheet on our notice board. Coaching is available to members of other clubs and they can negotiate directly with Tiger as to the coaching cost.

Our affiliation with our colleagues from Burwood Diggers remains strong and we value their commitment and dedication to bowls at Greenlees Park.

We continue to enjoy the company of the City Tatts Bowling Combination every 2nd Tuesday and we all look forward to a long and happy association with them. It is with regret that President Wally Duvall passed away in November this year. Secretary Phil McAulay remains at the helm and should be contacted for any City Tatts dealings.

To our new bowling members, a very hearty Greenlees Park welcome, and please avail yourselves of all of the clubs facilities.

Our Greenkeepers Peter Neary and son James continue to provide excellent surfaces for us to play on as well as maintenance of the surrounds. Well done Pete and James. Our Caterers Vivian and Albert are doing a sterling job and their efforts are appreciated by all bowlers. To all of our sponsors, a very special thank you, and we look forward to a strong and healthy relationship next year.

Our application to Bowls NSW to host one of the pennant playoffs in 2012 was not successful, but as stated in last year's report, our application is good for the next two years and we have it on good authority our chances in the future are strong.

To those members who are not well I wish you a speedy recovery, and to those members who lost loved ones during the year, please accept my deepest sympathies.

To the members of the new bowling committee, I wish you well in 2013 and to those retiring committee members, thank you very much for your efforts over the last 12 months, they have not gone unnoticed.

To all members of Greenlees Park Ladies and Men's Bowling Clubs, I sincerely wish you well in the future.

Brian Huttly - President

TROPHIES

J H STONE TROPHY

The J H Stone Trophy named after the first President of The Briars Sporting Club, the late John Stone, was first awarded in 1950. The name of John Stone's home was called "The Briars". This Trophy can only be won by a club member under the age of 25 years who made an outstanding contribution to the club's welfare during the year.

This trophy is not awarded this year.

THE TED STOCKDALE TROPHY

This trophy has been donated by the Board of Directors in recognition of the outstanding contribution made to the Club by Ted Stockdale. It is awarded to a Club member who has made a continuing contribution to the welfare and administration of the Club over a number of years.

This year's winner is Janet Adams. Janet joined Briars in 2003 and after sitting back quietly for 2 seasons and just enjoying playing hockey and taking in the social aspect of being a Briar, Janet willingly volunteered to take on the role of Secretary for the Women's Club. Back in 2003 the three areas of the club were split with separate committees for the Men's, Women's and Juniors. When we merged in 2007 one committee was formed and Janet also willingly took on the role as Club Secretary which meant she went from organising 100+ people to dealing with the problems of 300+ people. She has continued to fill this role until now and has done a phenomenal job at it.

R B CLARK SCHOLARSHIP

R B (Bob) Clark, the founder of The Briars Sporting Club, bequeathed money on his death to the Club. This bequest is to help young Briars with their education.

The inaugural winner is Alex Gonano. Alex is studying a Bachelor of Construction Management at the University of Western Sydney and has one more year to qualify for his degree. Alex plays Rugby for Briars 3rd Grade and is on the Social Committee. Well done Alex.

CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

The trophy is intended as a remembrance of those who lost their lives during service in World War II. The trophy was donated by the late H G Whiddon. The basis of arriving at the winner is as follows:

Value to team as a cricketer	-	35 points	
Conduct	-	15 points	
General keenness	-	15 points	
Value to Club as a member	-	25 points	
Neatness of dress	-	10 points	Total 100 points

This year's winner is Ben Critchley. Ben played 2nd Grade and proved to be a valuable team member as a steady batsman and excellent fieldsman. Ben always volunteered to help whenever needed in particular laying the covers down on Friday nights across our home grounds. Well done Ben.

GERARD PRICE JUNIOR CRICKET TROPHY

This trophy was donated by the Board of Directors in recognition of the outstanding contribution by Gerard Price over many years as Cricket Chairman of Briars. The trophy is awarded to a member of Briars Concord Junior Cricket who has contributed to junior teams.

This years inaugural winner is Jai Iveliga. Jai has played for the Club for ten years including over 180 junior games. Jai is a talented allrounder representing the District as well as playing Green Shield.

A J ROBINSON SHIELD

The shield was donated by the late A J Robinson ("Robbie") in 1958 and is won by the hockey player obtaining the most points in the following manner:

Value of team as a member	-	35 points	
Value in Hockey Administration	-	20 points	
Value to Club other than Hockey	-	20 points	
Conduct on field of play	-	15 points	
Neatness of dress	-	10 points	Total 100 points

This trophy is awarded to the person who has contributed the most to Briars Hockey during the year and has been won by Danielle Quoy.

Danielle devotes hours of her own time for the benefit of our club and our players. Danielle ensures our players have a fair and safe game, that we comply with the requirements of the Association and our juniors have access to learn the rules. Danielle is the umpire coordinator and ensures as many teams as possible have an umpire - this is on top of her own playing commitments. Danielle is a member of the 4th Grade Womens Hockey team.

GEOFF ARCHIBALD TROPHY

The Geoff Archibald Trophy is awarded to the Rugby player who has made the greatest contribution to the Club in his first year playing Rugby for the Club.

The trophy was not awarded this year.

GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

The Gordon Bevan Shield is awarded to the player who, in the opinion of the Club, has contributed the most during the year towards Rugby and the Club in general. It is presented in memory of a young "Briar" who was tragically killed in a road accident. The criteria for selection is as follows:

Attendance at training	-	20 points	
Value to the team	-	20 points	
Most improved player	-	20 points	
General keenness	-	15 points	
Value as a Club member	-	15 points	
Neatness of uniform	-	10 points	Total 100 points

This year's winner is Tony Kerle. Tony played all grades during the season and was on the Rugby Committee. His duties were setting up the ground for home games as well as supervising the canteen. Well done Tony.

R D VANDERFIELD TROPHY

The R D Vanderfield Trophy is awarded to a member of Junior Hockey who has contributed most to the junior teams. This award carries the name of a past President who showed interest in the formation of junior teams.

This trophy is awarded to Tom Vastani.

Tom played with the 15 Metro Team in 2012 as well as representing Sydney Hockey at the U15 State Championships. Tom assisted with coaching the Under 11 teams and regularly umpired throughout the season. He often umpired up to 2 matches per weekend and over the second half of the season, as many as four matches per weekend for Briars when we were struggling for umpires in junior matches. This contribution is on top of his own playing commitments and often at a variety of locations each weekend.

DOUG VANDERFIELD TROPHY

This trophy was donated by the late R D Vanderfield who was instrumental in commencing Squash in the Club and having it recognised as a major sport. The Trophy is presented to the squash player who has contributed the most to Squash and the Club in general.

Points are awarded as follows:

Value as a team member	-	20 points	
Value as a member of the Club	-	20 points	
Keeness as a player	-	20 points	
Improvement as a player	-	15 points	
Conduct on the Squash Court	-	15 points	
Neatness of dress	-	10 points	Total 100 points

This year's winner is Michael Jaroszewicz. Mick has been a valued member of Squash since 1989. Over his time he has been heavily involved in all aspects of playing, training, admin and now junior development. He is a most 'passionate' member of the Squash team and is a deserved winner of this award.

BRIAN HUTTLY TROPHY

This trophy was donated by Brian Huttly and is awarded to a lady bowler who has given meritorious service to Women's Bowls over the year in a voluntary position. Brian has been involved in bowls at Greenlees Park for many years as an administrator and player. The award can only be won once in a lifetime.

This year's winner is Gai Shirvington. Gai has been a member of our Womens' Bowling Club since March 2005 and in this time has proven that she is not only an asset but a valued member of this Club. Gai has held various positions, including Chair of Match, where she created computer printouts for all our matches. She is currently on Committee where she has proven to be handy in creating various items used in the Club. Gai is our official photographer as well as Club Umpire which entails a considerable amount of time.

PHIL MCAULAY TROPHY

The Phil McAulay Trophy is awarded to a male bowler who over the year has given meritorious services to Men's Bowls in a voluntary role. Donated by Phil McAulay, who has been involved in Bowls at Greenlees for many years as an administrator and player, this award can only be won once in a lifetime.

This year's winner is Andy Gliddon. Andy joined the Club in 2007 and in that time has held many positions on the committee. Currently Andy is Chair of Games Committee, Selector and Treasurer. Well done Andy.

BRIARS FOUNDATION AS AT JUNE 2012

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Ross Anstey	Peter Mansford
Jack Balmforth BEM (Decd)	Mike Mathews
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John Edmonds (Decd)	Cec Stevens
Garnet Green	Kerry Trollope
Mal Goldsmith	Warwick Williams
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