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THE LAST YEAR HAS BEEN A YEAR OF CONTRAST for the Briars Sporting Club. In some respects the Club has surpassed any previous performances whilst on the other hand, in some areas our performance raises questions that need to be addressed.

On the downside our Club has experienced its first financial loss over a trading year. The particulars of this loss appear in the accounts of the Club. Rather than give excuses or highlight unusual expenses, which contributed to the loss, the Board has committed itself to a complete review of the financial operations of the Club.

It is noted that our income streams are primarily limited to three sources being the return on our existing investments, rental from the retail shops and bar turnover. We recognize that we have come through an extended period of lower investment returns on our financial investments and accordingly we find that the income from such investments has diminished. A review is currently being conducted of our financial investments in an attempt to maximize future earnings. Clearly it is a question of balancing the need to have available funds for the Club's ongoing commitments and the prudence of having funds tied up for any extended period of time against the need to maximize the income earned on such investments.

Our rental income remains strong showing the prudence of the decision some years back to renovate and improve our premises. We have two good tenants who are promptly paying rent and in other respects complying with the terms of the lease. There is at present no indication that this will not continue into the future.

Bar turnover continues to be a problem. As has been reported previously, we have had to appraise the continuing change in people's habits which has led to a downturn and are happy to report that there has been an increase in turnover over the last twelve months. In addition, measures are being put in place to give people more reasons to attend the Club and hopefully we have stopped the slide in turnover. Additionally, steps are being taken to improve the Club's facilities and in particular the bar facilities. Funds spent in this respect over the last twelve months have increased the amount of tap beer being consumed and the continuation of this trend will undoubtedly improve the profitability of the bar.

While questions are continually raised in relation to further upgrade of the Club's premises the Board is mindful of ensuring that any expenditure carried out will ultimately increase the return of such investment to the Club. The Board sees little benefit will be gained from reducing our capital reserve by carrying out expensive improvements unless it can be seen that this will result in increased patronage and increased turnover. It is a tightrope that we walk in this respect.

Additionally the Board is having a review of all expenditure incurred by the Club with a view to, where possible, reducing our expenditure level. Areas such as Club communications (Focus, Annual Report etc.) represent a reasonably high percentage of our expenditure and we are reviewing these areas with a view to reducing expenditure in that regard. All areas of expenditure are being looked at.

On the sporting field we have had mixed results. Undoubtedly rugby has encountered its most difficult year for some time. At the start of the season we had a new Chairman, coaches and a large loss of player strength, particularly from our first grade team. The performances reflect these problems. On a positive note Matthew Waddington, who took over the Chairman's job, has committed himself to the Chairman's job for an extended period. Previously we have had approximately ten new Chairmen over the previous ten seasons. The lack of continuity in administration had undoubtedly led to a situation where at the commencement of each season we were less prepared than the season before. Early indications are that the steps taken in readiness for the year 2000 season will positively address the current situation.

Highlights on the sporting field have been through the performances of cricket and hockey. In cricket we have become the most successful Club in Shires cricket, having



President's Report

now won more Club championships than any other club. In particular, over the last decade there is no doubt that we have been clearly the most successful club. In addition to winning the Club championship during our last season, first grade and third grade were premiers with second grade runners up and fourth grade being beaten in the preliminary final. In addition our under 24 team had their best year to date. Congratulations are extended to Gerard Price and his players, coaches and committee.

As reported last year, hockey had been promoted to the Premier Division of Sydney hockey. Our first grade team finished the year in fifth position and we were sixth in the Club Championship – a result that had not been achieved previously by a club in its first year in the Premier Division. A strong junior Club and a successful female team rounded off a successful year. Congratulations should go to the Chairman, Dean Garland and a special note of thanks should be made to those involved in promoting the women's team and the development of the juniors.

Additionally after lengthy discussions with Concord Council a hockey field of international standard is to be constructed adjoining Concord Oval. The efforts of John Price and the financial assistance offered by the Briars Foundation have gone a long way towards ensuring that this will occur. We will be making use of this field and we will therefore be one of the few Clubs in Sydney boasting such a facility. It is hoped that this facility, together with the ongoing development of the Briars Hockey Academy, our junior teams and involvement in women teams will ensure a long and healthy stay in the Premier Division by our hockey teams.

Squash continued to perform reasonably in difficult circumstances. With the continuing disappearance of squash courts the efforts of Ron Marshall and his predecessor David Kable in ensuring that we continue having a viable squash club are deeply appreciated. Squash has now been operation at the Club for 30 years and we trust that through the continued efforts of Ron and his committee we can continue for another 30 years.

We also take this opportunity to acknowledge the support of Burwood RSL by way of donations they have made to the club which have been used in meeting costs of various junior development programs. This important contribution will help our continued development.

A further development during the year was the Board's decision to employ a Marketing and Development Officer. Luke McLoughlin was employed and commenced employment in October. The intention of the Board in making this placement was to ensure that there is a solid base of players in the future. In addition, we have seen a need to market the Club's activities to attract players and to also market the club premises itself in an attempt to increase flagging bar turnover. Luke's employment is in its infancy however initial indications show that we have employed a person who is very enthusiastic and we trust that such employment will prove beneficial to the Club.

At this stage I would also like to acknowledge the contribution and assistance of Board and Management Committees and the outstanding contribution of Bill Hooker as the Treasurer of our club. I also personally thank Harvey Ford for his continued involvement in the club as patron. Whilst Harvey's health is failing he is still available for his wise counsel or to offer an opinion on matters affecting the good of the Club.

Finally the support of the following bodies is acknowledged: -

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| - Concord Council | - Burwood Council |
| - Burwood R.S.L. | - Squash Racquets Association (NSW) |
| - Sydney Hockey Umpires Association | - NSW Cricket Association |
| - NSW Suburban Rugby Union | - Sydney Rugby Referees Association |

Paul Mattick
President



THE FOUNDATION RECEIVED DONATIONS OF \$22,500 for the year ended 30 June 1999 with overall funds of \$132,681 invested in gilt-edged securities and cash in hand.

There has been an increase in donations over the previous year and with interest less expenses, the Foundation is slowly achieving its target of \$200,000 after five years.

I would like to thank the Board of the Club for its support during the year.

The Foundation did not allocate any funds to projects this year.

As I write this report there are discussions with Concord Council in an exciting project with the Council. More will be forthcoming in the next few months and members will be updated as things progress.

I would like to thank the Directors and Treasurer of the Foundation for their help during the year.

If you know of any member or non-member who would like to help the Foundation financially, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I.G.S. Blair

President



Cricket Chairman's Report

THE 1998/99 SEASON proved to be the most successful in the history of Briars cricket after some absolutely amazing performances combined to allow us to capture the coveted Club Championship trophy for the fourth time in the past six seasons.

Our other results were as follows :

First Grade	Minor Premiers and Premiers
Second Grade	Minor Premiers and Runners-Up
Third Grade	Premiers
Fourth Grade	Semi-Finalists
Under 24s	Semi-Finalists

We were the first club in history to have all five teams in the semi-finals, an achievement of which we are enormously proud.

Throughout the season there were many outstanding individual performances that assisted us in achieving this level of success, including the following :

Ross Hardy	618 runs and 20 wickets in first grade
Brad Sculley	72 wickets for first grade, second grade and Under 24s
Garry Schomberg	190 against Epping in second grade
Darren Holley	530 runs in first grade
Gerard Price	55 wickets in first grade
Martin Oxley	50 wickets in fourth grade

During the season there were many individuals whose efforts were very much appreciated. Firstly, there were the four captains, Paul Price, Brett Howle, Anthony Clarke and Terry Murphy, who devoted many hours each week to selecting teams, making telephone calls, organising afternoon tea, and ensuring that the covers were put down every Friday. My thanks to you all on a job well done.

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Chairman's Report

Andrew Poole was of enormous assistance to me in the social area by organising the horse tipping competition with Andrew Blaikie, the ongoing sponsorship arrangement with Liptonice, and a number of other smaller activities.

Corie Dickeson did an excellent job in preparing our newsletter which entertained all of the players with plenty of news and information, as well as a lot of laughs.

The Under 24s performed extremely well this season with some extraordinary efforts from a good team. My thanks go to Gerard Abood for managing the team, and to the captain Robin Nandi. In the end they were "beaten" in the semi-final by the eventual winners due to a wash out, which was a disappointing end to a great year.

I would also like to thank John Platania for his efforts in ensuring that fees were collected, and Anthony Clarke for his assistance wherever and whenever required.

The staff at Concord Council once again did a fine job and I thank them for their efforts and assistance during the year. In particular, I would like to thank Robert Hook for his continued assistance and support, and Liz Jarrett for her administrative efforts in the office. It would also be remiss of me not to congratulate the groundsmen at Rothwell Park and Ron Routley for their efforts in providing us with excellent wickets to play on each week.

This season the club was fortunate to regain the services of Darren Holley. Darren, son of Kevin, played with the club many years ago as a teenager, and agreed to play and coach this year and his contributions, in conjunction with coach Peter Burkhart, were instrumental in the outstanding success we enjoyed this season.

Our sponsors, Pat Coles SMASHMASTER and LIPTONICE, were once again involved with the club and their financial assistance was greatly appreciated and very much needed.

During the season we once again conducted the annual schools seven-a-side competition at Rothwell Park with all of the schools in the area being invited to participate in the day. Wayne Scott did an excellent job in organising the day by liaising with schools and setting up a roster of players to umpire and score on the day. The day was a great success with Christian Brothers Lewisham finishing as the eventual winners.

Once again we competed with Epping for the Turnbull/Richardson Trophy, awarded to the club that secures the most club championship points in the matches between the two clubs. I am pleased to inform you that we were successful in winning the trophy for the seventh successive year by winning all four matches, and it was fantastic to see Peter Richardson travel to the presentation to accept the trophy on our behalf.

On 1 May we held our first presentation night for a number of years at Barnwell Park Golf Club thanks to the efforts of Paul Price.

Approximately one hundred people attended the evening and it was a resounding success. As well as the current players and their partners, it was a pleasure to see so many former players attend - people like Peter Mansfield, Ian Blair, Trevor Parker, Peter Richardson, Craig Hickey, Col Dennis and Ted Watt. Bill Hooker's masters team were also included in the night and it was great to see guys like Stuart Lind, Brian Kirk and Dave Wright in attendance.

On the night the following awards were presented:

First Grade Player's Player	Gerard Price
Second Grade Player's Player	Brad Sculley
Third Grade Player's Player	Andrew Poole
Fourth Grade Player's Player	Martin Oxley
Under 24s Player's Player	Brad Sculley
Masters Player's Player	Jeff Matchett



Cricket Chairman's Report

In addition to this there were two awards inaugurated, named in honour of two of the Briars' best ever cricketers, Ted Watt and David Walker.

The David Walker Trophy for services to cricket was won by Peter Richardson and presented to him by Craig Hickey on Dave's behalf as he was overseas. The Ted Watt Trophy for best new talent was presented by Ted to Ross Hardy who enjoyed a fine season in first grade.

My thanks go to all of those who attended the night and helped to make it such a memorable one.

The year would not have been complete without the annual Sydney Cricket Association presentation evening at Randwick Racecourse. Two table of very happy players were in attendance to see us accept our two premierships trophies and the Club Championship trophy.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the players who played during the season, whether just filling in or playing each week, and congratulate you on your fine performances and great sportsmanship during the year. You were a credit to your club.

If I have omitted anyone who deserved special mention I apologise and extend my thanks once again to all those who contributed during the year.

Gerard Price

Cricket Chairman



Cricket First Grade



Back Row : R Hardy, R Tregear, B Sculley, P Simpson, A Raymond

Front Row : S Ackmar, A Blaikie, T Aili, P Price (Capt), G Price, G Abood, P Tregear

IT HAS BEEN FOURTEEN YEARS since we last won the first grade premiership, but after much heartache and many hard-luck stories during this period, we achieved a dream and secured the title.

Cricket First Grade

AFTER AN ENCOURAGING FINISH TO LAST SEASON where we won our last eight matches, we lost four key players during the off-season and things looked pretty tough for us. We knew that we needed to recruit and we could not have chosen two better players than Ross Hardy and Darren Holley, Ross joining us following successful stints with Canterbury in Shires and Fairfield in grade, and Darren returning to the club after many seasons in first grade with Sutherland. Both players performed exceptionally well, both on and off the field and were a pleasure to have in the team.

In addition to these two players, a number of others stepped up and contributed when they needed to. The commitment and spirit within the team was fantastic and it was this that led to such a successful season. Unlike other clubs who pay thousands of dollars for players we rely on something different at The Briars and it is this that allowed us to win the competition.

Another reason for our success was our ability to win the close games, five in all during the season where both our batting and bowling succeeded in pressure situations.

The season started well with a good victory over our old rivals from Lindfield. Batting first we scored 233 thanks to a fine innings from Darren Holley (64), an aggressive 53x from Phil Adams and a useful contribution of 35 from Anthony Raymond. Phil Adams backed up with a fine performance with the ball, capturing 3-35 as Lindfield were dismissed for 197 in reply.

A comfortable victory over Strathfield followed. Darren Holley smashed 101 and was well supported by Terry Aili (61) as we declared with an imposing total of 8-292. Gerard Price (5-71) and Sarkis Ackmar (3-60) ensured that we came away with the six points, bowling superbly to dismiss Strathfield for 221.

We again batted first in our match with Canterbury-Bexley, posting a total of 219 against their strong bowling attack thanks to solid contributions from Ross Hardy (46), Paul Price (33) and Darren Holley (30). Phil Adams was superb on day two, capturing 5-17 to dismiss them for 112 and continue our great start to the year.

Our next match was against Epping and they started well to reach 4-212 at the end of the first day's play. Some fine bowling from Gerard Price (6-77) saw them restricted to 9-254 before they declared leaving us 68 overs to get the target. Fine innings from Darren Holley (76) and Terry Aili (56) put us in with a chance of victory before Phil Adams (25x) guided us home with one wicket and one over remaining.

After the bye we suffered our first loss of the season, going down to Holroyd in a gutsy performance. Chasing a massive total of 8-364, we fell just 29 runs short as Gerard Abood went on a rampage, scoring 98 from just 50 balls, with good support from Robin Nandi (54 on debut), Gerard Price (49x), Anthony Raymond (42) and Darren Holley (41).

The team quickly rebounded in the next round against Hills, only just falling short of an outright victory. Good bowling from Darren Holley (3-35) and Sarkis Achmar (3-33) restricted Hills to a total of 152 before Ross Hardy (75x) and Paul Price (36) secured the first innings points. Gerard Price (3-44) and Ross Hardy (3-13) combined to dismiss Hills for 121 in their second innings, leaving us eighteen overs to score the 120 runs required for victory. Unfortunately the loss of early wickets hampered our chase and we finished seven runs short at 6-113 (Ross Hardy 38x, Terry Aili 36).

An easy win followed over Pennant Hills in our one-day match. Anthony Raymond (4-16) and Gerard Price (4-14) did the damage for us and saw them dismissed for a meagre total of 75. Terry Aili (28) led the way as we took the six points for the loss of only three wickets.

Our winning momentum continued against Roseville after a great performance on the first day. Phil Adams (3-16) and Darren Holley (3-23) set up the win with some fine bowling to dismiss them for 126. Quick runs were the order of the day as we set about securing first innings points before the close of play. Thanks to 54x from Ross Hardy we



achieved this task, ending the day at 4-132. The second day saw Roseville set us a target of 179 from 29 overs, but the loss of early wickets ensured that we would not gain the ten points.

After losing the first day's play due to rain, we sent Lane Cove in to bat in round ten and started in devastating fashion, Gerard Price (5-23) superb as they crashed to a dismal 8-17 before recovering to post a total of 93. We got the runs easily, losing only one wicket along the way as Gerard Abood smashed an unbeated 56.

The weather continued to play a role as our next match against Warringah was abandoned leading in to our round twelve one-dayer against Auburn. Batting first we scored an imposing 8-271 with Ross Hardy leading the way with a magnificent 109 and receiving good support from Paul Simpson (43) and Gerard Abood (41). Auburn had few answers in reply as they struggled to 111, Gerard Price with 6-41 again starring with the ball.

A nail-biter followed against Blacktown. Bowling first, we worked hard all day to dismiss them for 190 thanks to some tight bowling from our spinners Ross Hardy (3-46) and Darren Holley (3-48). At stumps we were in trouble at 3-7, but Ross Hardy (74) and Gerard Price (29) guided us home, Richard Tregeagle hitting the winning runs with one wicket remaining.

The minor premiership was secured in the following game against Macquarie University. We lost the toss and were sent in to bat on a wet wicket and struggled to score 68 (Paul Price 25). In reply they were 3-33 at one stage but some superb bowling from Richard Tregeagle (6-39) and Gerard Price (4-18) got us home in a thriller as they were dismissed 11 runs short of victory.

Having won the minor premiership we were probably not as focussed as we should have been for our last match of the minor rounds against South Sydney and were convincingly defeated, scoring 118 (Ross Hardy 47, Paul Simpson 28) in reply to their total of 220 (Gerard Price 3-26).

This brought us to the first semi-final where we played Lindfield. Batting first we struggled for 90 overs to get 133 thanks to contributions from Phil Adams (29) and Terry Aili (25). However, in an amazing eighteen overs before stumps we gained the advantage as Lindfield collapsed to be 5-30 in the face of a great spell from Gerard Price (4-39).

Early on the second day they slumped to 6-32 before a stirring fightback saw them recover to be 7-104 and within sight of victory. However, Phil Adams (3-2) finished their season in the space of just three balls with an unbelievable hat-trick, the winning catch being a one handed diving effort from Gerard Price. We safely negotiated the rest of the day's play to post 2-122 (Gerard Abood 41, Darren Holley 32x).

The final against Strathfield must go down as the best game of cricket that I have ever played in. We lost the toss but bowled superbly to dismiss them for 95, Brad Sculley brilliant in taking 5-11. We struggled in reply and at one stage had slumped to 5-23 before Darren Holley (23) and Gerard Price (22) got us within sight of victory. We fell just short however, being dismissed for 92 and the side was reeling as Strathfield safely reached 0-32 by stumps.

A new attitude the next day, some excellent fielding and sensational bowling efforts from Brad Sculley (5-70), Gerard Price and Richard Tregeagle turned things around for us and we dismissed them for 171 which left us sixty overs to score 175 for victory. Paul Price (35) opened the batting and got us off to the good start that we needed before a steady loss of wickets saw the momentum continually shift from one side to the other.

Darren Holley (35), Phil Adams (23) and Gerard Price dug in to get us within sight of victory and at 8-172, after an unbelievable six from Andrew Blaikie, we needed three off the last over to secure the win. A dot ball, a leg bye and then a single to Brad Sculley brought Gerard Price on strike and with three balls remaining he pushed a



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memorable single to cover as the crowd, made up of all grades and our supporters, charged onto the ground to celebrate one of the club's greatest ever victories.

This brought us to the grand final against our arch-rivals South Sydney. Heavy rain saw the start delayed until 3:30pm and we successfully negotiated the 32 overs until stumps, finishing at 3-30. The rain continued throughout the night and meant that no further play would be possible. After years of heartache we finally got our just rewards, our higher place on the ladder securing a long-awaited premiership. The celebrations that night and the next morning were long-awaited and very enthusiastic.

My congratulations go to all members of the team on a wonderful season. To captain them was an honour and a pleasure. We have only had four first grade captains during the past 21 years and I believe that it is the most prestigious position in the Club. To captain them to a premiership has been a lifelong ambition of mine and one that I am happy to have now achieved. Some of the highlights of the season were :

Gerard Price being voted Players Player after a fabulous season in which he scored 214 runs and captured 55 wickets (including five wickets in an innings on four occasions)

Phil Adam's hat-trick against Lindfield in the semi-final

Ross Hardy scoring 618 runs and taking 13 wickets in his first year for the club

Darren Holley scoring 530 runs and taking 18 wickets in his return to the club

Brad Sculley taking 5-11 and 5-70 in the final against Strathfield

Ross Hardy finishing runner-up in the Municipal and Shires Player of the Year

Some career milestones achieved during the season included :

Gerard Price – 503 wickets in first grade (556 overall)

Gerard Price – 4,230 runs in first grade (4,840 overall)

Paul Price – 5,076 runs in first grade (6,111 overall)

Paul Simpson – 3,532 runs in first grade (5,679 overall)

Richard Tregeagle – 472 wickets in first grade (609 overall)

Phil Tregeagle – 1,470 runs in first grade (3,657 overall)

Gerard Abood – 1,335 runs in first grade (3,074 overall)

Terry Aili – 1,914 runs in first grade (4,024 overall)

Paul Price has now captained first grade premiership winning sides in cricket and hockey for the Club.

I would like to congratulate Anthony Clarke and the third grade side on their premiership, as well as second grade, fourth grade and the Under 24s on their efforts this season. To win the Club Championship again and achieve our best ever season is an amazing performance – well done to all the players for helping to achieve this.

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow captains – Brett Howle, Anthony Clarke, Terry Murphy and Robin Nandi – for their efforts during the year. My thanks also go to the wives and girlfriends of the players for their patience during the year and to our supporters and helpers, in particular Kevin Price, for all of their work during the year.

For once again consistently producing a quality wicket, I would like to thank the groundsmen from Concord Council. Finally, to our chairman Gerard Price, congratulations on another amazing season in terms of both personal and Club success.

Player Profiles

Gerard Abood – Gerard is always good with his talk on the field and was a valuable member of the team. He had a pretty good year with the bat scoring 398 runs, the highlight being a swashbuckling 98 against Holroyd.

Terry Aili – "Champ" started the season well but fell away during the latter half of the year. He recovered with a valuable contribution in the semi-final against Lindfield but dislocated his shoulder in this game, thereby ending his season. Terry enjoyed finally being a part of a premiership team.

Ross Hardy – Ross had a magnificent season scoring 618 runs and taking 13 wickets. A great team man, he was a great acquisition to the club and one of the main reasons that we won the competition.

Darren Holley – Darren is a fierce competitor and it was great to have him back at the club. He scored 530 runs and took 18 wickets during the year and his performances were one of the major factors behind us winning the premiership.

Paul Simpson – Paul was always a valuable member of the team although this was not one of his best seasons with the bat. Nevertheless, this would probably be his most satisfying year as he finally enjoyed premiership success.

Paul Price – Without a doubt this was his most satisfying season and he enjoyed captaining a premiership winning team. Paul contributed some valuable innings in pressure situations, particularly in the final against Strathfield and the grand final against South Sydney.

Phil Adams – Phil had his best ever season for the club and made too many vital contributions to mention them individually. He scored 214 runs with the bat, getting us out of trouble on many occasions, and bowled superbly throughout the year to capture 26 wickets including a sensational hat-trick against Lindfield in the semi-final.

Gerard Price – Gerard seems to get better with age and enjoyed probably his most satisfying season ever. In a brilliant year, he scored 214 runs and captured 55 wickets, taking five wickets in an innings on four occasions. These outstanding performances made him a very deserving winner of the Player's Player award.

Andrew Blaikie – Andrew had a great year behind the stumps and took the most dismissals in the first grade competition with a total of 31 catches and four stumpings. He did not enjoy a great season with the bat but his six in the final against Strathfield will long be remembered.

Brad Sculley – After some sensational performances in second grade, Brad was promoted to the side late in the season where he was nothing short of outstanding. He captured 5-11 and 5-70 in the final against Strathfield and looks set for a huge 1999/2000 season.

Richard Tregeagle – Age does not seem to affect Richard who timed his run beautifully to come into the team in round twelve. He took 6-39 in round fourteen against Macquarie University and picked up two wickets in each of the other five innings that he bowled in. Richard really enjoyed being a part of a premiership winning side.

Sarkis Achmar – Sarkis chipped in with some good spells during the year and took 20 wickets for the season. He was bowling well without a lot of luck before moving to second grade in round fourteen and although disappointed, he was a valuable member of the team.

Anthony Raymond – Anthony performed pretty well with both bat and ball, capturing a best of 4-16 and making scores of 35 and 42. He will play a lot more first grade in coming years and was an important part of our success this season.



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Robin Nandi – Robin scored 67 runs in the three games that he played, the highlight being a fine 54 on debut against Holroyd.

Dan Rojo – Dan took four wickets and scored 13 runs in the few games that he played.

Phil Tregeagle – Phil scored 22 runs in his few appearances this year, including a vital 17 in the semi-final against Lindfield.

Richard Freeman – Richard kept extremely well in the two matches that he played.

Paul Price

Captain

Season Statistics

Matches	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost 1st	Lost O/R	Drawn	Wash Outs	Points	Position
18	1	13	2	1	1	-	72	1st

BATTING (min 10 innings)

Batsman	Innings	NO	HS	Aggregate	Average	100s	50s	Catches
R.Hardy	20	5	109	618	41.20	1	3	10
D.Holley	18	3	101	530	35.33	1	2	7
G.Abood	20	1	98	398	20.95	-	2	5
T.Aili	14	-	61	276	19.71	-	2	6
G.Price	14	3	49x	214	19.45	-	-	6
P.Price	17	4	36	233	17.92	-	-	6
P.Adams	14	2	53x	214	17.83	-	1	10
P.Simpson	16	2	43	188	13.43	-	-	6
A.Blaikie	11	1	16	87	8.70	-	-	31/4st

Also batted

R.Tregeagle	6 for 12
B.Sculley	5 for 20
S.Ackmar	5 for 17
A.Raymond	4 for 80
R.Nandi	4 for 67
P.Tregeagle	3 for 22
D.Rojo	2 for 13
R.Freeman	1 for 7



BOWLING (min 10 wickets)

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Best	Averages
B.Sculley	49	9	155	13	5-11	11.92
G.Price	238.3	56	703	55	6-41	12.78
R.Tregeagle	80	15	219	16	6-39	13.69
P.Adams	140.2	35	440	26	5-17	16.92
S.Ackmar	153.1	39	402	20	3-33	20.10
R.Hardy	101.1	23	274	13	3-13	21.08
D.Holley	140.3	37	411	18	3-23	22.83

Also bowled

A.Raymond	6 for 19
D.Rojo	4 for 91
P.Simpson	0 for 38



Cricket Second Grade

"NEXT YEAR – WATCH THIS SPACE!!!!" So ended the second grade cricket report in last year's annual report and how true those words were, well almost. The records for the 1998/99 season will show that the side finished minor premiers and runners up for the premiership. What they will not show however, is the spirit and determination that saw the side gel into a formidable team as the season progressed, only to ultimately fall, not at the last hurdle, but in a semi final that in the end cost the side the premiership.

The season did not start well at all with an outright defeat at the hands Lindfield. We were dismissed for 78, Lindfield declared 6-179 and we batted again to post a total of 173. Lindfield reached the target for the loss of only two wickets, the only positive coming from the match being a 100 run last wicket stand between Gary Schomberg (75x) and Richard Freeman (42).

That was the last time the side lost during the regular season. From that game onwards the side did not look back and started on its winning way through a combination of fine individual performances and team effort.

Round two saw a victory over Strathfield when we dismissed them for 109 (Dan Rojo 3-23), and finished with 9-138 in reply (Garry Schomberg 53). Canterbury – Bexley were next up and we rolled them for 51 after they were 7-18, Andrew Poole taking 5-9 on debut and Steve Schomberg finishing with 3-5. We replied with a total of 178 and then dismissed them in their second innings for 205, before finishing the match at 1-22.

This took us into round 4 against Epping. Winning the toss we batted ... and batted and batted. At 3-49 the match was evenly poised until the arrival of Garry Schomberg at the crease. Our next wicket fell with the score at 272, Garry combining with Robin Nandi in a memorable partnership of 223 before Robin was dismissed for 82.

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With light rain falling, a declaration would have stopped play and so Garry continued on, slaying the bowling with 12 sixes and 16 boundaries on his way to a record score of 190, one of the finest innings ever played at Rothwell Park. At the close of play we had reached a total of 6-388 and suffice it to say that we beat a shell-shocked Epping the next week, rolling them for 124 (Steve Schomberg 4-32), and then having them 1-37 after following on.

Paul Simpson's 57 saw us reach 183 against Holroyd in the next round and we were able to dismiss them for 138 in reply, before batting again to reach 1-136. However, we suffered a minor hiccup in our last match before Christmas against Hills despite setting a formidable score of 307 thanks mainly to 112 from Paul Simpson. With Hills one player short and struggling at 8-172 with some 19 overs left to play, things looked good for another victory, but they managed to bat out time for a frustrating draw.

This result saw us enter the new year in third position some 12 points or two wins behind the leaders, South Sydney.

A string of wins followed. We secured the points against Pennant Hills but not without some anxious moments, passing their total of 162 for the loss of eight wickets thanks to a fine all-round effort from Brad Sculley (5-35 and 39x).

Roseville were our next opponents and after setting them 183 (Brett Howle 64), we dismissed them for 88 with Richard Tregeagle 6-22 the main destroyer. We then declared at 2-103 to set them a target, but an outright win was beyond us as they batted out for time to reach 5-148.

After a wash out against Warringah in round ten, we came up against Lane Cove and rolled them for a paltry 73 (Brad Sculley 4-37) before declaring at 7-206 (John Platania 53). A great bowling performance then secured our first outright points of the season as we rolled them again for 81 (Steve Schomberg 4-18).

A win in the one dayer against Auburn followed as we scored a seven wicket victory after dismissing them for 85 (Brad Sculley 3-7, Steve Schomberg 3-23). This took us into round twelve and another outright victory over Blacktown. Batting first, Blacktown were out for 96, with Brad Sculley capturing 6-42. We replied with a total of 166 (Jason Harris 54) before dismissing them for 109 (Dan Rojo 3-42) and wrapping up the ten points with a short stint at the crease.

A washout followed in our match against Macquarie Uni which took us into the last round against the defending premiers South Sydney.

This was a very important game for us on several fronts. Firstly, because a win would guarantee us the minor premiership, but more importantly because a first innings win in any grade would secure the club the Club Championship for the fourth time in six seasons. Winning the toss we batted and set a very competitive total of 270 (Phil Tregeagle 84, Steve Hudson 40, Terry Aili 46). South Sydney were never in the hunt, being dismissed for 153 thanks to 5-30 from Anthony Raymond. The minor premiership and the Club Championship had been secured, the win made even more important by the fact that the other sides suffered losses in this round.

The first semi final saw us pitted against sixth placed Holroyd and in an extraordinary decision, the match was allocated to Monty Bennett Oval, the only instance in both grade and shires cricket where a semi final was played on the home ground of one of the competing sides. Losing the toss we bowled and dismissed Holroyd for 216 with Dan Rojo, Sarkis Achmar and Steve Schomberg taking three wickets apiece each on the postage sized ground.

The game was evenly poised at stumps as we finished the day at 4-79 but a collapse the next morning saw us dismissed for 95. Holroyd batted out the match to reach 6-181 (Dan Rojo 4-66).

A minor premiers, the new semi-final format afforded the side a second chance, although we were relegated to fourth position amongst the remaining teams. This saw us drawn to meet our old foes South Sydney at Woollahra Oval for the chance to play in the final.

After winning the toss and batting, we struggled to score a disappointing total of 121, but with runs on the board and confidence in our ability, we set about bowling them out, a spell of 3-13 from Adam O'Keefe seeing the match evenly poised at the close of play with Souths at 5-57.

Souths progressed to 8-97 the following morning, before a memorable one handed catch by Greg Wallace on the deep mid wicket boundary saw them dismissed for 105. Adam O'Keefe finished with 6-37 on debut amid great elation amongst the Burwood players.

There was still plenty of cricket left with 81 overs remaining in the day, but we knuckled down to reach 4-97 when stumps were drawn.

This took us into the final against Warringah over the easter weekend. In yet another mind boggling decision the Sydney Cricket Association deemed that Weldon Oval, the home ground of Warringah, would be the venue. Consistent rain late in the week and over the weekend led to the inevitable with the final being abandoned with out a ball being bowled and Warringah being awarded the premiership due to their higher position on the ladder courtesy of our earlier loss against Holroyd.

To lose a final is disappointing, however to lose without even being able to compete is worse, but our congratulations go to Warringah on their achievement.

My congratulations go to all of the players that competed and contributed to second grade's success throughout the year, in particular to the core of players who were mainstay of the side during the year. I would also like to offer my congratulations to Paul Price and first grade, and Anthony Clarke and third grade for their hard fought premierships. Well done also to Terry Murphy for fourth grades' semi final appearance and the Under 24's for their finals appearance.

A very special mention must be made of Gerard Price whose untiring efforts were well rewarded with these premierships and the Club Championship. The fabulous success that we have achieved in recent years can be directly attributed to the amazing amount of time, effort and perseverance that Gerard dedicates to the running of our sport.

To my fellow captains, Paul Price, Anthony Clarke, and Terry Murphy, and Gerard Price as Chairman of selectors - the many Saturday night selection meetings were all worth it with the results the club achieved this season.

Lastly thanks to the ground staff at Rothwell Oval for their preparation of the great wicket that greets us every week.

Player Profiles

John Platania - This was not one of John's best or most consistent season. He finished with 316 runs at an average of 18, some early season form not carrying into the latter half of the year. However, with three half centuries and some other promising starts John certainly has the temperament and ability to remain at the crease for long periods and play the anchor role in partnerships. He was under bowled - but only in his opinion.

Phil Tregeagle - Phil was with us for most of the season until a late promotion to first grade. He did not enjoy the most consistent of seasons apart from a fine 84 in the last round against South Sydney which was the foundation of our innings but he has the temperament to bat and concentrate all day. He should be aiming for long innings and more runs next season.

Robin Nandi - Robin's top score of the season was 82 in a fantastic partnership with



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Garry Schomberg and this earned him his first grade debut for the club. During the season he was frustrated with some umpiring decisions throughout the year, however he must learn to put this to one side. He has obvious talent and must aim to cement a spot in the top grade and continue to develop his handy off spinners for the benefit of the team.

Jason Harris - With 327 runs at an average of 25, Jason should be only moderately pleased with his year as he has the ability to achieve better. Jason's biggest enemy this year was himself as he often did the hard work and got starts, only to inevitably lose his wicket after the opposing captain changed the field to accommodate his aggressive style of play. This fact is evidenced by seven scores in the 20's or 30's and a top score of 54. I am sure that Jason will overcome this and score heavily next season.

Garry Schomberg - Put simply, Garry was the difference between several wins and losses early in the season, scoring 75x, 53, 72 and 190 in succession, before we lost his services after Christmas due to work commitments. His 190 against Epping was a magnificent display of aggressive cricket as he pulverized the opposition attack with some huge sixes. Garry completed the season with 494 runs at an average of 62, rewriting several club records in the process.

Brett Howle - The captain returned to Briars cricket after three years in the Port Macquarie wilderness, and although he did not enjoy a brilliant year with the bat, he derived great satisfaction from the success of the team. He was given the undeserved title of Captain Cranky by his teammates, probably for the same reason as a red headed fellow is called Bluey, and won as many tosses as he lost.

Stephen Hudson - At only 16 years of age Stephen has a bright future in front of him. He spent the season divided between second and third grade but showed that he has the natural ability to secure a permanent spot next year after scores 40 and 43 during the year. Naturally he was a class above the rest of us in the field.

Dan Rojo - Dan is an intense competitor which is a perfect trait for an opening bowler. In the 17 innings in which he bowled he only failed to take a wicket once and that was in the first innings of the year. He could always be relied upon to get the crucial breakthrough in either his opening spell or a returning spell and ended the season with 33 wickets at an average of 15 as part of the best opening combination in second grade without doubt. Dan is capable of better things with the bat than he showed this year.

Brad Sculley - If Garry was the mainstay of our batting, then Brad was certainly it with the bowling, as 45 wickets at an average of 14 would testify. These performances earned him a well deserved promotion to first grade where he continued to perform. He bowled with pace and swing to take five wickets in an innings on three occasions with a best of 6-42 against Blacktown. At his young age Brad has a very promising future ahead of him.

Steve Schomberg - If you look through past annual reports there would be some common themes used to describe Steve, with words like "competitive", "can always be relied upon", and "inspirational" being repeated over the years. Steve topped the association bowling averages with 31 wickets at an average of 10 and a best performance of 4-18 against Lane Cove. He can always be relied upon to rally the team if things are not going well on the field, his only blemish coming in the one day match against Auburn when he forgot it was a one dayer and turned up two hours late after a spot of window shopping. I suppose there is a first time for everything!

Richard Freeman - Richard was as solid as a rock behind the stumps and enjoyed a very consistent year taking 22 catches and two stumpings, being rewarded with a stint in first grade due an injury to Andrew Blakie. He was not happy when batted at number eleven in the first game of the year and responded with 42x. A great competitor and team man, Richard is an integral part of any team.



Anthony Raymond – Anthony joined us in the second half of the year and immediately hit his straps. He took 5-30 in the crucial round game against South Sydney and could always be relied upon with the bat when needed.

Sarkis Achmar – Sarkis also joined us in the latter half of the year and formed an integral part of our attack. By having the ability to swing the ball and get movement off the wicket, Sarkis proved more than a handful for the opposition batsman.

Brett Howle

Captain

Season Statistics

Matches	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost 1st	Lost O/R	Drawn	Wash Outs	Points	Position
17	2	9	1	1	1	3	74	2nd

BATTING (min 9 innings)

Batsman	Innings	NO	HS	Aggregate	Average	100s	50s	Catches
G.Schomberg	11	3	190	494	61.75	1	3	11
J.Harris	14		54	327	25.15	-	1	10
B.Sculley	11	6	39x	119	23.80	-	-	3
R.Nandi	14	2	82	272	22.67	-	1	6
S.Hudson	9	1	43	147	18.38	-	-	5
J.Platania	20	2	54	316	17.56	-	1	3
P.Tregeagle	12	1	84	189	17.18	-	1	8
S.Schomberg	11	4	17	115	16.43	-	-	10
B.Howle	16	1	64	237	15.80	-	1	11
R.Freeman	13	3	42x	134	13.40	-	-	22/2st
D.Rojo	10	1	15x	67	7.44	-	-	5

Also batted

G.Wallace	5 for 25
A.Raymond	4 for 48
P.Simpson	3 for 243
A.Logan	3 for 51
S.Ackmar	3 for 6
N.Rojo	2 for 14
A.Poole	2 for 5
T.Aili	1 for 48
A.O'Keefe	1 for 7
R.Tregeagle	1 for 6x
S.Castle	1 for 0
A.Blaikie	DNB



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BOWLING (min 10 wickets)

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Best	Average
R.Tregeagle	57.0	11	103	15	6-22	6.87
S.Schomberg	183.2	58	322	31	4-18	10.39
A.Poole	81.2	28	185	14	5-9	13.21
B.Sculley	227.3	61	648	45	6-42	14.40
A.Raymond	84.1	26	165	11	5-30	15.00
D.Rojo	171.2	37	503	33	4-66	15.24

Also bowled

S.Ackmar	7 for 137
A.O'Keefe	6 for 37
R.Nandi	6 for 224
J.Platania	3 for 50
S.Castle	2 for 85
G.Schomberg	1 for 15
P.Simpson	0 for 4
S.Hudson	0 for 20
N.Rojo	0 for 38



Cricket Third Grade



Back Row : S Castle, A Marsh, C Billard, B Paterson, A Hudson, A Squire, A O'Keefe, A Poole

Front Row : P Fraser, C Doskeson, G Wallace, A Clarke (Capt), A Beranger, S Hudson, A Logan.

Absent: P Beacroft, M Docherty

PREMIERS !!!! WHAT ELSE CAN I SAY except thank god for the six team semi-final format introduced this season.



We started the season indifferently with an outright victory, two first innings wins and a tie, balanced by three losses to leave us just outside the top six at the Christmas break.

This left us in the position of having to win our last seven games to ensure a semi-final berth. We went close, winning six in succession before suffering defeat at the hands of South Sydney in the final round. This left us with an anxious wait for results that night, but luck was on our side as we scrapped into sixth position.

The next week saw us get an immediate opportunity to avenge this defeat as we met the minor premiers, South Sydney in the qualifying final. After winning the toss and electing to bat, we struggled throughout the day to reach a total of 140, Michael Doherty the only bright light with a fighting unbeaten 47.

With forty overs still remaining, early wickets were imperative, but never in my wildest dreams could I have foreseen what was to come, South Sydney collapsing to 5-19 before being dismissed for a paltry total of 61 in just 24 overs (Adam O'Keefe 5-24, Andrew Poole 3-13, Scott Castle 2-8).

We finished the day at 3-61 and our plan was to bat for as long as possible on the following day. Fine contributions from Paul Beacroft (74) and Corie Dickeson (32) ensured that we were able to achieve this objective before eventually being dismissed for 201, leaving South Sydney a target of 281 for victory.

A fantastic bowling and fielding performance saw a carbon copy of the first innings with our opponents in early trouble at 5-61 before being dismissed for 106 in just 32 overs. Anthony Clarke (5-29), Adam O'Keefe (2-29) and Scott Castle (2-27) were the stars with the ball in what was an enormously satisfying win.

This brought us to a semi-final against Holroyd and we had three forced changes to the previous week's team due to unavailability.

Holroyd elected to bat after winning the toss and were soon struggling at 3-40. Tight bowling and brilliant fielding continued to apply pressure and we were able to eventually dismiss them for 137 (Chris Gillard 3-40, Anthony Clarke 3-38, Scott Castle 2-13 and Andrew Poole 2-35).

With 59 overs remaining we were in early trouble at 3-20 until a great partnership between Michael Docherty (29) and Corie Dickeson (35) got us back on track. However, the loss of two quick wickets saw us slide back into trouble at 6-90 before Paul Fraser (20) and Paul Beacroft combined in a fine partnership to get us within sight of victory at 6-131.

Two wickets then fell for the addition of one run to edge us closer to the precipice until Chris Gillard (72) joined Paul Beacroft (49x) to break the third grade record ninth wicket stand with a stand of 102, Chris bludgeoning 68 runs in boundaries to break Holroyd's spirit.

With a lead of 105 runs we entered the second day determined to secure an outright victory. Andrew Poole led the way with 5-51 and was well supported by Chris (3-55) as we rolled Holroyd for 175, leaving us just 71 runs for victory. The loss of an early wicket was our only hiccup as Michael Docherty (31x) and Brent Paterson (34x) combined to see us safely home and into the grand final against Lindfield.

After overnight rain delayed the start of play until 2:30pm we won the toss and sent Lindfield in to bat hoping to make some early inroads. Lindfield did not know what hit them and were rolled for a miserable total of 40 in 32 overs, all the bowlers performing outstandingly and being backed up by a brilliant display of catching (Andrew Poole 4-11, Adam O'Keefe 3-9).

Needing only 41 runs to win we got off to a great start as Andre Berenger and Michael Docherty (20) put on an opening stand of 30, before losing five wickets for ten runs to be 5-40. Chris Gillard (34) and Corie Dickeson (38) combined in a stand of 60 to see us safely to 6/100 and the tail added a further 40 runs before we were dismissed with a lead of 100 runs.



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More rain followed on Sunday morning and no further play was possible. Outstanding performances throughout the semi-final series and in the grand final were rewarded by a quite unbelievable, but very well deserved premiership.

I would like to thank everybody who has assisted me throughout what was sometimes a hard, but always enjoyable season. To Paul Price and the first grade side, my congratulations on your premiership, and to Brett Howle my commiserations on going so close and having the opportunity to contest for the title. In particular, I would like to thank Terry Murphy for his help and players throughout the season – undoubtedly he has the most difficult job in the club.

Finally I would like to thank all of the players for a great effort. I told you that all we needed to do was get into the top six and we would win the competition – your spirit and support ensured that we did.

Player Profiles

Andre Berenger – Andre fielded marvellously in close all year and had a solid season, scoring a total of 319 runs. His top score was 44 against Holroyd in round six and he made many other promising starts but failed to go on with them. An improvement in his concentration will see Andre score a lot more runs next season.

Allan Logan – Allan batted at number three and did a very good job throughout the year, scores of 77 against Lindfield and 40 against Strathfield being the highlight of a year in which he amassed 280 runs at an average of over 25. He kept well during the year, taking 16 catches, and at just 17 years of age he is a player with some promise.

Paul Beacroft – Paul is a great batsman when on song and he scored 333 runs for the season, although it was only in the final three matches that we saw his real ability with scores of 74 and 49x. He was also a valuable contributor in the field, taking 14 catches and saving many runs in the covers.

Greg Wallace – Greg joined the team in round six and provided some valuable advice and support during some tough times until he was promoted to second grade for the finals. He scored 220 runs and took twelve catches during his time with us.

Corie Dickeson – Corie scored 369 runs for the year, the highlight of which was a magnificent 123 against Roseville in round nine. However, these innings were few and far between as he failed to take advantage of many good starts. He also proved to be a very capable wicketkeeper when called upon, taking twelve catches behind the stumps.

Michael Docherty – Michael came into the team as a replacement for Greg and did a great job at the top of the order in all of the finals matches. He scored 159 runs at an average of 22 and took six catches in the field in a very solid contribution to our success.

Brent Paterson – Brent joined the team late in the season and started with a bang, scoring 94 against Blacktown. He batted well on a few other occasions to score 160 runs for the year and top the team averages.

Andrew Poole – Andrew gave his best at all times, whether with bat or ball. He captured 32 wickets for the year with a best performance of 5-51 against Holroyd in the semi-final but did not get too many opportunities with the bat during the year.

Adam O'Keefe – In his first year of Shire's cricket Adam performed outstandingly to take 33 wickets with a best effort of 5-24 against South Sydney in the qualifying final. He bowled with great pace throughout the season, but needs to think more about what he is doing with the ball.

Scott Castle – Scott started the season with the new ball but soon proved more effective at first change, a move he accepted without complaint. He bowled really well to capture 32 wickets for the year, his best being 4-35 against Holroyd in round six. Scott's batting was below his usual standard this year but I know that he will work hard on this aspect of his game – he wants that number ten spot back.



Anthony Clarke – The skipper had a good season with the ball taking 41 wickets with a best of 6-18 against Macquarie University in round 14. Anthony also scored 205 runs for the year, the highlight being 71 against Canterbury-Bexley, but a lack of patience saw him fail to capitalise on some promising starts. He certainly enjoyed fielding in the slips, taking fifteen catches during the season.

Anthony Clarke, Captain

Season Statistics

Matches	Won	O/R	Won 1st	Lost 1st	Lost O/R	Drawn	Wash Outs	Tie	Pts	Pos
18	3	8	4	-	1	1	1	1	61	1st

BATTING (min 7 innings)

Batsman	Innings	NO	HS	Aggregate	Average	100s	50s	Catches
B.Paterson	7	1	94	160	26.67	-	1	1
P.Beacroft	16	3	74	333	25.61	-	1	14
A.Logan	11	-	77	280	25.45	-	1	16
M.Docherty	11	2	47x	159	22.71	-	-	6
C.Dickeson	18	-	123	369	20.50	1	-	18 (12 WK)
A.Hudson	8	1	41	131	18.71	-	-	2
G.Wallace	13	1	38	220	18.33	-	-	12
A.Berenger	1	1	44	319	15.95	-	-	5
A.Clarke	16	2	71	205	14.64	-	1	15
A.Poole	9	1	26	103	12.87	-	-	7
A.O'Keefe	12	4	21x	83	10.37	-	-	2
A.Squire	8	-	19	65	8.83	-	-	2

Also batted

S.Castle	7 for 40	R.Gerney	1 for 77
S.Hudson	6 for 189	A.Raymond	1 for 37
D.Abood	4 for 23	B.Anderson	1 for 26
P.Tregeagle	3 for 116	N.Rojo	1 for 25
C.Gillard	2 for 106	R.Tregeagle	1 for 7x
G.Schomberg	2 for 24	C.Dillon	1 for 7
P.Fraser	2 for 21	W.Scott	1 for 6
S.Harris	1 for 90	A.Marsh	1 for 5
M.Oxley	1 for 4		

BOWLING (min 10 wickets)

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Best	Average
A.Poole	231.4	40	332	32	5-51	10.37
A.Clarke	180	38	499	41	6-18	12.17
A.O'Keefe	159.5	42	416	33	5-24	12.60
S.Castle	161.5	36	423	32	4-35	13.21
A.Squire	78.3	9	299	13	6-74	23.00

Also bowled

P.Beacroft	8 for 228	B.Anderson	5 for 166
C.Dillon	4 for 31	R.Gerney	4 for 79
A.Hudson	4 for 102	C.Gillard	3 for 40
A.Raymond	3 for 67	M.Oxley	2 for 14
S.Hudson	2 for 53	R.Tregeagle	1 for 15
D.Abood	1 for 24	G.Wallace	1 for 37
N.Rojo	1 for 53		



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Fourth Grade

FOR MUCH OF THE SEASON we appeared to be on track to defend our premiership, extending our unbeaten run to 25 matches before losing late in the season to South Sydney in very unpleasant circumstances. It is clear that in the absence of umpires, the normal route against that club must be to bat second.

After an emphatic outright win over Canterbury-Bexley in the preliminary semi-final, we had to play another semi under the new six team format against Hills. Hills were not in the same class as the leading teams, finishing 36 points behind the minor premiers. A four team final series requires quality over the entire season whereas this format allows luck to play a larger part in the outcome. However, we can only participate under the rules implemented by the SCA, irrespective of how irrational they may be.

A win in this game would have given us the premiership as the final was washed out on both days. This was not to be the case however, the side going down after having a number of regular players unavailable for these crucial matches.

In the last couple rounds, unavailabilities in the higher grades meant that Michael Docherty and Brent Paterson were promoted to third grade without any players coming down. Then in the week before the Hills game, Chris Gillard and Paul Fraser joined their team mates in third grade, again with no players coming down to replace them. How many teams lose four of their top seven in the batting order and still be expected to win ???

That we could go so close despite scoring 1100 fewer runs than the previous season is a tribute to the quality of the bowling attack. In 22 innings no opponent totalled 200 and ten failed to score more than 100. Our five regular bowlers averaged between eight and twelve runs per wicket and the team's bowling average of 11.9 is a record that is unlikely to ever be bettered. It is also worth noting that although the batting totals were lower, the skill level of the batsmen in the team this year was on average, significantly higher than in the premiership season.

One highlight for me was watching Roseville import, Jeff Banks bat through 49 overs for 44 runs. Clearly he had a more enjoyable season when batting with, rather than against Burwood.

Congratulations to the other premiership winners in the club and to all the players who contributed to the Club Championship that came our way for a record ninth time.

Player Profiles

David Abood – David is an experienced player who passed 20 in four of his five innings. I thank him for answering the SOS when the club could not produce 44 regular players for the semi final.

Babar Khan – Babar put in some quality performances with both bat and ball, a highlight being his performance against Roseville where he bowled 24 consecutive overs in the heat in spite of religious fasting commitments.

Jim Carroll – After being the leading wicket keeper in the competition the previous season, Jim finished second this year with 23 catches in only 10 games, including a record 7 catches against Lane Cove. Jim had limited opportunities with the bat this year, but when he did his results were disappointing. Always maintained a chirpy approach.

Michael Docherty – Michael is a useful opening batsman who made a significant contribution to the club gaining the third grade premiership, ironically finding it easier to score runs in the higher grade. He displayed skill in the field and was always willing to bowl when called upon. I believe that his decision to retire at 25 years of age is grossly premature.



Paul Fraser – Paul is a competent wicketkeeper, excellent fieldsman and occasional off-spinner. He played infrequently due to work commitments, but showed his class against South Sydney and Holroyd where he scored an outstanding 140.

Chris Gillard – Chris played first grade sub-district cricket in Melbourne as a middle order batsman who could bowl a bit. Infrequent practice resulted in a lack of runs until he was promoted to third grade where he found the bowlers very inviting. Bowled well throughout the year but was generally too quick for most batsmen at this level.

Terry Kershaw – Terry is a former opening batsman now batting in the middle of the order. He still managed to produce one match winning innings in his twilight years and demonstrated his versatility when he assumed the responsibility for rolling the pitch for that game after the groundsman called off the match without telling anyone.

Adam Marsh – Yet another wicketkeeper !! Adam played a number of quality innings after starting in January and somehow manages to fit cricket, golf and work into each weekend.

Terry Murphy – The captain attempted to stay enthusiastic despite passing 20 only three times during the season as opposed to passing that mark in ten consecutive innings last year. Fortunately, one of these occasions was against Holroyd where he combined with Paul Fraser in a club record partnership of 167 for the seventh wicket. He had some consolation in achieving the leading bowling average in the competition and perhaps if he had bowled himself earlier in the semi-final, his 5-17 off sixteen overs may have reversed the result.

Nadeem Sheikh – Nadeem is a sensational slip fielder and occasional wicketkeeper. As a batsman he is blessed with a good technique, soft hands, and a terrific pull shot, but 414 runs at an average of less than thirty in this grade was a poor return for a player of Nadeem's ability. The obvious flaw in his game is appalling running between wickets and he was run out on four occasions. Nevertheless, I would hope that in the future his talents might be viewed more positively by the other selectors.

Martin Oxley – Martin was the product of a tough regime at Sutherland, where he was selected only 3 times in 2 seasons. Although signing on as a batsman, on first sighting the captain informed him that he would be a successful bowler in Shires. The captain's opinion was vindicated as he took at least three wickets in all but two games, the highlight being match figures of 11-47 against Blacktown. He batted impressively a number of times despite being shuffled up and down the order as the team was subjected to a rotation policy.

Brent Paterson – A top order batsman who looks equally comfortable in either attacking or defensive mode. His main claim to fame is having shared a triple hundred partnership with test player, Murray Goodwin in WA. He scored 94 in his initial appearance when promoted to third grade and could play first grade if non-cricket activities cease to affect his availability.

Saeed Khan – Saeed is underrated by many people in the club. He bowls a good outswinger and has a vicious off cutter which he can bowl at will, destroying Canterbury Bexley in the preliminary semi-final. He has extraordinary belief in his batting ability but this was rarely backed up by his results.

My thanks go to all of the other players who played with the side less regularly, including Richard Tregeagle who captured 7-34 against Holroyd in his only game.

Terry Murphy

Captain



Cricket

Fourth Grade

Season Statistics

Matches	Won	O/R	Won 1st	Lost 1st	Lost O/R	Drawn	Wash Outs	Points	Position
16	3		8	2	-	-	3	78	4th

BATTING (min 7 innings)

Batsman	Innings	NO	HS	Aggregate	Average	100s	50s	Catches
A.Marsh	7	1	76	217	36.17	-	1	2
P.Fraser	8	1	140	243	34.71	1	-	-
N.Sheikh	15	1	60x	414	29.57	-	3	14
T.Murphy	15	5	56	196	19.60	-	1	6
M.Docherty	8	1	37x	131	18.71	-	-	4
M.Oxley	15	1	60	242	17.29	-	1	4
B.Khan	10	1	33	145	16.11	-	-	5
T.Kershaw	12	1	49x	170	15.45	-	-	7
A.Squire	7	-	23	55	7.86	-	-	6

Also batted

J.Carroll	9 for 35		
B.Paterson	6 for 135	A.O'Keefe	2 for 37
C.Gillard	6 for 61	J.Ferguson	1 for 31
S.Khan	6 for 36	I.Hood	1 for 15
D.Abood	5 for 128	N.Rojo	1 for 10
B.Douglass	4 for 72	W.Scott	1 for 10
W.Hood	4 for 27	P.Georgione	1 for 8
C.Dillon	3 for 81	B.Graham	1 for 4
D.Haikin	3 for 36	B.Anderson	1 for 2
S.Hudson	3 for 12	R.Tregeagle	1 for 1

BOWLING (min 10 wickets)

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Best	Average
T.Murphy	127	46	199	23	5-17	8.65
C.Gillard	96	32	187	20	4-25	9.35
M.Oxley	259	83	520	50	6-13	10.40
B.Khan	117	37	219	21	5-48	10.43
S.Khan	179	59	322	27	5-12	11.93

Also bowled

R.Tregeagle	8 for 44	D.Haikin	3 for 87
J.Ferguson	8 for 93	P.Fraser	2 for 13
C.Dillon	6 for 89	P.Georgione	1 for 14
B.Anderson	5 for 17	N.Rojo	1 for 88
A.O'Keefe	4 for 35	D.Abood	0 for 6
A.Squire	4 for 165	A.Marsh	0 for 7
M.Docherty	3 for 36	B.Graham	0 for 72



THE UNDER 24s ENJOYED THEIR MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON for some time. The team played seven preliminary games against quality opposition, managing to win six and earn a place in the semi-finals for the first time in twelve years. Much to our disappointment, we were denied the opportunity to display our wares in the semi-final due to the inclement weather and were eliminated at the expense of Strathfield, who had finished higher in their group.

Our achievements this year were the result of a number of years hard work and development but with the talent and enthusiasm we had, coupled with the experience of recent years, being one of the contenders was not overly surprising. It was nevertheless, enormously satisfying to see the guys develop into one of the best teams going around.

Whilst everybody in the squad contributed in some way, there were a number of outstanding individual performances throughout the year.

Our young gun, Steve Hudson batted with maturity beyond his years to score 185 runs at an average of 37. His 81 against Macquarie Uni was awesome and he showed that he can bowl a bit too, taking seven wickets at an average of under 12 runs each.

Brad Scully was his usual self, reaping havoc amongst opposition batsmen. Many times he was simply too quick and if some of the opposing batsmen had been good enough, he would have picked up more than the 14 scalps that he got. Bowling 80 overs at less than 2 runs per over is testament to how well Brad bowled this year.

Corrie Dickeson, knocked up 130 runs at an average of over 21, and his fielding in the circle, with Paul Beecroft, was sensational, saving us at least thirty runs per game.

The revelation of the year was Adam "Johnny" O'Keefe who bowled with pace and movement to capture eleven wickets at an average of about 14 runs per wicket, highlighted by his spectacular 3-5 against Macquarie Uni.

And then there was the ever-reliable Robin Nandi, who scored 236 runs at an average of nearly 40, the highlight being his 87 against Macquarie Uni. His bowling was not as successful this year as it has been, but having said this he was desperately unlucky not to have captured more wickets.

I must also thank Robin for captaining the side for what seems like the 25th year in a row. His tactics and leadership were exceptional at all times and he has the ability to draw the best from every player in his team - a trademark of any good captain.

With virtually all players eligible again next year, if we can maintain the enthusiasm, and build on the positives from this year, there is no reason why we can not go the extra step next season. My congratulations go to all the players for a super year.

A brief summary of our performances appears below :

Game 1: Pennant Hills

We bowled first and dismissed them up for a meager 162 with Brad Scully (3-18) and Ash Squire (3-41) doing most of the damage. The team started the chase well thanks to Brad Scully (35) and Robin Nandi (46) but a late collapse caused some very anxious moments before we passed the target with nine wickets down.

Game 2: Macquarie Uni

This was a game that we dominated in all aspects to score a resounding victory. Batting first, we scored an imposing 6/270 with Adam Hudson (51), Steve Hudson (81), and Robin Nandi (87), all outstanding. In reply our opponents were never in the hunt as Scott Castle (6-30) and Adam O'Keefe (3-5) wreaked havoc to send them packing for a paltry total of 66.



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Game 3: Roseville

Bowling first, we secured early wickets but let our opponents off the hook a bit to allow them to post a total of 189. In reply we raced to victory with five wickets and seventeen overs to spare, with Brad Sculley (43), Adam Hudson (36), and Robin Nandi (46) getting amongst the runs.

Game 4: Epping

Another tremendous all-round performance as we dismissed them for 111 (Brad Sculley 3-25) and passed them three down with thirty overs to spare.

Game 5: Lane Cove

After bowling first again, we restricted them to 107 thanks to some great bowling from Brad Sculley (3-30) and Steve Hudson (4-28). After losing some early wickets we cruised to victory with six wickets down.

Game 6: Warringah

A game that marked our poorest performance of the year and one that is best forgotten given that we lost.

Game 7: Lindfield

The team returned to the winners circle in this game with another dominant performance. We bowled first in difficult conditions and restricted them to 138, Adam O'Keefe (3-21) being the pick of the bowlers. Once again we reached the victory target easily with four wickets and plenty of overs to spare thanks to Steve Hudson (37) and Corrie Dickeson (49).

Gerard Abood,
Manager

I NOW KNOW WHY most of the guys who have taken on the role of Rugby Chairman in recent years have only agreed to stay in the role for one season as even that short amount of time has been enough to ruin marriages, careers and mental stability. However, at least in the last few years we have been winning and given our results this season it was sometimes extremely difficult to stay motivated. Funnily enough though, it was still quite an enjoyable season. Perhaps we all looked at the bright side of every situation to help us get through.

I promise not to use any pie graphs or charts of meaningless numbers in this report because I'm going to write about rugby!

The season started at the rugby AGM in November '98 with the forming of the Rugby Committee. This committee worked feverishly during the pre-season and come March when the trials started, I thought that we were the most prepared out of any rugby committee I've sat on.

We fared well in the trials even though we were waiting for all our players to traditionally come down for the last one. This hid from us the question of what we would do if they did not come? We just presumed they would come as they always did. This year not many came, and hence we concentrated a lot of effort to get those missing numbers.

By the start of the competition, 110 different guys had either trained or played a trial for us. When the time came to select sides we should have been turning guys away, but strangely this was not the case.

Numbers at training were at best poor even though the drills that John Hurley had us doing were excellent (except for the walk-jog-sprint one - I hated that !!) Often there was less than one full side at training on Tuesday nights and not all of them were from the same team. Thursday night was supposed to be the night the sides trained together, but more often the coaches were still trying to think of players that they needed to contact on Friday to fill in the gaps. It was little wonder that after only playing 5 games, I made the decision to forfeit Colts for the year. This at least lessened the instances of first graders playing two games in the one day and freed up some players for the lower grades.

Things started to look a little bit better. Numbers had improved at training, on Thursdays anyhow, and our rugby was getting better. A couple of sides had draws and a couple actually won some games. However, it was not long before it started getting cold and wet down at Ron Routley and the training numbers started falling again. This coincided with a period where some guys were struggling with injuries and there were a couple weeks where I really thought we would have to forfeit a grade game (in Second Division, Colts are not compulsory but four grade teams are). But the Briars spirit burned in all of us with some of the blokes backing up and playing two, three and even four games in a day and showing more guts than any crybaby Knox Old Boy ever did!

The home game against Waverley, which was diverted on the Friday to Waverley Oval, was one of our biggest tests. We had been washed out of our training oval all week, and were not sure whether we should play or not. But once the decision was made to go ahead, everyone helped with the re-arrangement and it ended up one of our biggest turn-outs on game day. A herculean effort!

Another big day was the Vice Presidents Day at Rothwell Park. Everybody in the club knew that we were not travelling well, but all those spectators came down to the park, in the rain, and gave us your support. It was a big lift. We are sorry that we did not win that game, but thank you to all those who were there as well as Milton Howell and Terry O'Kane who made a lot of phone calls.

Towards the end of the season we held a plethora of functions at the club. The tequila appreciation night was well attended and left a few people speaking Spanish in the wee hours of the morning. Karaoke is always a different type of event, especially at a rugby



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club - Cold Chisel, AC/DC, and Tony Luck with BC singing that great karaoke hit Funky Cold Medina made for a memorable or should I say unmemorable night. My thanks go to James Munroe for organising them both.

The presentation night was also held at the club. Thanks go to Aussie Lifting Products for the donation of some of the awards.

The serious awards were as follows: -

First Grade Best & Fairest	Steve Davis
First Grade Player's Player	Ben Murphy
Second Grade Best & Fairest	Tim Callaghan
Second Grade Player's Player	Reg Taiata
Third Grade Best & Fairest	Anthony Clarke
Third Grade Player's Player	Mark Tindale
Fourth Grade Best & Fairest	Neal Coyte
Fourth Grade Player's Player	Ian Thomas
Rookie of the Year	Andy Balak
Most Improved Player	Aaron Boyter
Outstanding Service	Anthony Gill

My congratulations go to all of those who received awards.

I must also thank our coaches - John Hurley, Garry Pearce, Paul Viglienzzone, Neal Coyte, and Andy Craig. It was an extremely tough year to be a coach, but these guys had made the commitment at the start of the year, and never gave up hope. Unfortunately that 'bus load' of players got lost on the way to training.

Thanks must also go to our sponsors, McGill & Co., Guinness, Chilcotts Meats, Kingstons Bread & Cakes, Multinational Body Repairs, and Dynamic Physiotherapy. Without their generous support, running rugby would be impossible.

To the team managers (Alex Palmer, Milton Howell, Anthony Gill), the committee members (Greg Black, Ian Thomas, Andy Craig, Reg Taiata, Matthew Grace), our Club Captain, James Steele, and everyone else that helped out during the year - thank you for all your hard work and support.

Matt Waddington

Rugby Chairman

WHEN I WAS APPROACHED TO TAKE ON THE COACHING JOB this year, my mind went back to those heady days when I was fit enough to take part in the Briars pre-season training programme, consisting as it did of wind sprints and road runs followed by some fairly light-hearted touch football on one evening each week.

My approach was going to be a little more intense and I was looking forward to running some pretty interesting 'skill-work' followed by some energetic tackling drills and then some fairly seriously structured touch football. Having been away from the club for a few years, I was also looking forward to renewing the acquaintances of a few former team mates who I knew were still running around for the Briars.

The thing I had forgotten about Briars Rugby was the almost sacred observance of one tradition - 'Don't train too early in the pre-season!'. I left my first training session a little disappointed but at least secure in the knowledge that "It's still the same old Club!". The three of us who were there were at least able to introduce ourselves and confirm we were at the right venue!

I was assured that numbers would pick up as we moved closer to the first trial match a little over a month away. This was just how Briars approached the pre-season... some guys NEVER did the pre-season thing and others dodged the training by saying they would not be playing this season... but no-one ever believed them! 'They will all show up once the trials start!' was the common cry.

Well they did not show up and the season was pretty much hamstrung from the start due to complacency about numbers and recruitment and a lack of real commitment from the players that eventually began coming along to training.

The point to be made by this portion of the report is that we are no longer The Briars of a few years ago and we now must reinvent ourselves as a committed and competitive new group of players and administrators in a new and more competitive competition!

Anyway, it was obvious very early on that numbers were going to be our main problem this year. Our lack of success as a club can largely be put down to this... and a far too casual attitude to training and fitness! A rather deadly combination!!

The associated problem of having so few really tried and tested first graders left in the Club had to be addressed and so it was that a number of talented but raw youngsters were given an entry into First Grade a season or two earlier than many of us would have liked! The upside of this occurrence will hopefully be felt in the seasons to come as these players continue to mature and improve. Almost to a man these youngsters showed great ability and will all develop into good first graders - and some have already made that step!

I really do not want to labour the statistics this year for obvious reasons, but the major statistic that needs reporting is that the team only won one match - against Blacktown away. In this match our forwards were ferocious and combined well to win scrum, ruck, maul and lineout ball throughout both halves and our backs were effective and defended strongly. In short we played to our ability and came away deserved winners.

Coming towards the end of the first round, it was hoped that this game would serve as a turning point for the team and, as a consequence, the club. However, attendances at training did not improve, personnel continued to drift in and out of the ranks and we failed to win any further matches.

I feel a number of players deserve a mention for their efforts and consistent support of the club as first graders this season :



Player Profiles

Scott Carey - "Scary" was at times inspirational this season and was a most valuable 'old head' in our side this season. When he concentrates he is a very good hooker forward and one we look forward to seeing go around again next winter!

Matthew Crippa - 'Crips' really proved himself this season! He is a strong and committed prop who 'made pain his friend' in 1999. He played with some real discomfort for most of the season but was still one of the most committed trainers, earning the respect of all his team mates almost from day one!

Terry McFarland - Terry just turned up one weekend and found himself propping in first grade! He was a whole-hearted performer all year and did some horrendous things to younger opposition props just about every week.

Lincoln Clifford - Lincoln was the type of lock who all the other forwards rated but most of the crowd never saw! A tireless worker in tight, a good defender and a useful runner of the ball, he was committed and fit and should be a fixture in the team next year.

Rod O'Neill - Rod was extremely consistent all season and I am sure that he enjoyed the opportunities he was given this season. He will play an integral part in our success next season.

Greg Guest - Greg was coaxed out of premature retirement and played some solid football again this year. He was unhappy with his inability to commit as much time to training as he would have liked, but nevertheless still trained and played more than many other club members in 1999! His efforts were appreciated and any time you want a run.....

Johnny Kuavai - Johnny has tremendous potential as an impact player in the backrow and proved this on many occasions during the year. He must work at his ball retention and tackling technique if he is to realize this great potential in 2000.

Ben Murphy - 'Murph' had an outstanding season in all respects, showing all the skills required to be a quality half-back. He should be looking forward to a really big winter in 2000, and with a pack that consistently goes forward he should be dynamic.

James Nott - James has great skills and this season should be a building block towards some outstanding seasons in the future. A good listener and a very good kicker out of hand!

Steve Davis - Steve is amazing! He is not the fastest centre going around but is consistently able to make a break or a half-break and his defence remains legendary - an absolute rock in the midfield. He is a player we really need to see in Briars colours in 2000!

James Steele - His pace (or lack of it) finally drew him away from the wing and into the centres this season but James remained the singularly most enthusiastic and inspirational player in the club in 1999. He made us much more competitive whenever he could drag himself onto the field and will again be a lynch pin in 2000 although I still do not understand how he could go to New Zealand mid-season, but there you go.....!

Mick Oxley - Mick was a true utility player ... enough said!

Chris Lamond - Chris was our most experienced back again and had a full season in the team, playing with his customary commitment and enthusiasm. He scored one of the season's outstanding tries and continued to help out anywhere he could in an effort to lift the team.

Tony Jenkin - Tony played firsts for the majority of the season just on pure guts and desire to play. Must work at improving his skills (and training attendance record) in 2000 if he is to continue to progress as a rugby player.



There were many, many other players who helped out the firsts in 1999 and I thank them all for their contributions.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Scott McGill for his work as manager this year. He was well organised and always cheerful (and even had a run at one stage to help us out!). His work on the sidelines was most appreciated.

All in all it was not a good season, but the proof of this pudding should come in it eating in 2000 and on into the future. Lots of valuable lessons were learnt by all concerned, and everyone associated with the team this year should turn up for 2000 fully committed to putting Briars rugby back on the map.

The good old days are gone! We must approach 2000 as the start of a new era in Briars rugby - developing our own traditions of hard work and committed training and a reputation as a consistent producer of attractive and innovative rugby in the Subbies community.

John Hurley

First Grade Coach

1999 WILL BE LOOKED UPON AS A VERY POOR YEAR if measured purely by our position on the competition table. However, our standing was certainly not a true indication of the effort put in by the players and their performances on game day.

One of the major factors behind this was the fact many individuals failed to turn up to training each week. This was coupled with the fact that many players were not available on a regular basis. Nevertheless there were a number of players that turned up each week and gave their all, and they turned out some really good games. Indeed, if we had maintained some consistency throughout the year and trained, there is no doubt we could have won more games.

In most games the team was filled with third and fourth graders and I would like to thank them for their assistance during the year - they jumped at their chance to play in the higher grades and played some great football.

One of the low points of the year was Andy Sills breaking his wrist early in the season. The other was the disappointing turn out against Drummoyne in the second round when there were only seven fresh players, with the rest backing-up and not having a single reserve.

On the positive side, there were a number of new players who acquitted themselves well and a brief profile of each appears below.

Rugby First Grade



Rugby Second Grade



Player Profiles

Simon Woods – Simon was a new recruit to the club this year and had a solid season, which was only hampered by a lack of training as a team.

John Woods – Like his brother, John was new to the club this season and he also enjoyed a solid year, which would have been improved by a better team effort at training.

Lindsay Sinclair – It was great to see Lindsay back at the club after a few years in the wilderness with his aggressive play a trademark of his performances.

Chris Sinclair – No relation of Lindsay's, Chris was a useful player during the year who played with a lot of aggression.

Darryl Hannah – Darryl is certainly not as attractive as his famous namesake but he can tackle a whole lot better.

Shane Teau – Shane reads the game extremely well but unfortunately he did not play as many games as we would have liked.

James Vianellos – James played a lot of prop this year and learnt plenty, but perhaps the highlight of his year was him tearing his calf as the referee blew the whistle to start the game.

James Munroe – "Munners" wanted to play on the wing this year but ended up playing prop - try again next year mate !!

Andy Moar - The world's worst trainer but when available he showed that he has not lost his ability to take the short-cuts - needs to loose the accent though.

Mathew Grace – Matthew had another solid year but he needs to concentrate more on where the team is trying to go.

Les Cousins – Les was one of our two captains and he played consistently all year in seconds and proved his ability when selected to play firsts.

Matt Waddington – "Waddo" was our other captain and begged the coach to play him at hooker, all to no avail. He failed to recover from an injury sustained in the first trial ... and anyhow he is fat enough to play prop.

Tim Callaghan – Tim was a worthy winner of the Best and Fairest award and although he was often frustrated by the teams performance, he gave 100% in every game.

Reg Taiata – Reg was voted Players' Player almost unanimously. Younger players will learn a lot from watching him play as he just does not stop.

Aaron Boyter – Aaron was a deserving recipient of the club's Most Improved Player award and he has the potential to play first grade if he gets fitter.

In closing, I would like to thank Milton Howell for managing the team, the coaching staff, and James Steele and Genna, for all of their help and understanding.

Garry Pearce

Second Grade Coach.



THE "THIRSTY THIRDS" STARTED THE YEAR looking like world-beaters and led by a young and enthusiastic coach and some extra-curricular recruiting from UTS, we believed that we were going to win the competition. Unfortunately not everything went to plan.

A lot of players were unable to train on Thursday nights, so the decision was made early in the season to only train on Tuesdays. This was a good option while players attended training but that amazing old phenomenon, known only to the few who have been around a while, called Briars Droop kicked-in. That is when people think they do not need to train. As a result we finished the season with only a solitary win and a draw to our names, a long way from winning the title.

Our results were not always a true reflection of how our games were played as we were competitive for large portions of them before wilting in the second half where our lack of team training became evident.

There were, however, some player contributions worthy of special mention and these are listed below.

Player Profiles

Anthony Clarke- Anthony was one player who could be relied upon to give 100% effort and commitment no matter what state of the game. This drive made him the team's most consistent performer and he was a well-deserved winner of the Best and Fairest.

Mark Tindale- "ZZ" was one of the team's better performers (or should I say enforcers) and was a worthy recipient of the Players Player award.

Andrew Balak- Andy played very well during the season but became frustrated on occasion with the team's performance. His efforts were rewarded later in the year when he was named the club's Rookie of the Year.

Simon Pollard- Simon loves playing rugby and his on field and off-field contributions reflected this.

Terry O'Kane- Terry was great for his talk on the field as well as his enthusiasm. He did not play as many games as he would have liked, but in those he did play he more than made up for the ones missed.

Scott Kerr- Scott had a very consistent season, but needs to be more aggressive.

There were of course a large number of other players who contributed to the side throughout the year and they are too numerous to mention individually. To all those who did represent the side, I thank you all very much for the season.

There was also a need for most of the third graders to back-up for the other grades, some being required to run straight on for the seconds, and the efforts of those players were greatly appreciated.

In closing, I would like to thank my numerous special guest managers, especially Milton Howell who was also the second grade manager and Daniel Sherer whose playing season was cut short through injury. To the other coaches, thanks for punishing my guys for not training by making them play several games each weekend.

Thank-you all for your efforts, and I look forward to returning to the field next year as a player, see you all then.

Matt Waddington

for Paul Viglienzzone, Coach





OUR OBJECTIVE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR was to reach the semi finals and as we did not meet this objective, the year could be classed as somewhat disappointing. Nevertheless we took some consolation in being the most successful team in the club, winning five matches during the year, four of which were in the second round.

We were also unlucky to lose a couple of games by the odd point and have injuries to key players such as Richard Vosper and Peter Robinson. A number of players played with injury and this not only helped the side but the club as well, and the fact that players did back up in other grades, made it harder to recover from injuries, especially when most of these players are north of 35.

Other highlights for the side were Ken William's 100th game for the club this year and his 200th game together with Alex Palmer.

The side developed a strong camaraderie, despite Tim Entwistle continually provoking arguments, and this was not only displayed on the field but off as well. We have now got a good balance to develop a very successful 5th grade.

I would also like to thank Alex Palmer for doing an excellent job as the team's manager and playing 15 - 20 % better than he has in previous years. Alex's knees and shoulders are not improving with age so his performance was a credit to him.

Player Profiles

Ken Williams - People may not realise this, but Ken does have deceptive speed - he is slower than he looks. Ken helped the side by playing at tight head without complaint and, as usual was solid in the scrum, doing a lot of things people did not see to help the side such as slowing other teams down by keeping their ball in mauls longer than normal, thus helping our defence align and go up meet the attack.

Peter Robinson - Peter was kept out most of the year with a shoulder injury, however his contribution to the side was enormous. He certainly would have been a candidate for either Player's Player or Best and Fairest had he not been injured.

Anthony Gill - Anthony was plagued with injury throughout the year and this kept him from training. Despite this he managed to clock up 2.5 games a week and his contribution to the club and McDonalds cannot be under-estimated.

Scott McGill - Scott decided on a different approach to his rugby this year and think he enjoyed the year. He looked to run the ball more often and this helped him to become the highest try scorer in the club. I will not forget his game-winning try against St Ives for a long time.

Tyron Mangahakia - "Mango" was an unexpected bonus for the side and assisted the side by playing in the second row when his normal position is number 8 or flanker. He gave the side the mobility that it lacked and was a great asset to us. I hope that he comes back to play next year.

Aaron Boyter - Aaron played mainly in second grade but did play a few games for us during the year. He is a great lifter in lineouts and has great enthusiasm, invariably receiving points or a Player's Player award when he played. He has great potential and I hope he stays with the club for many a good year.

Greg Black - "Windmill" was always reliable and played some good games, making numerous line breaks with his effective dummies. I thank him for being one of the regular trainers who always enjoyed his rugby.

Brad Thomas - Brad was our main lineout jumper and had some very good games, the second game against Knox standing out as he looked to run the ball at every opportunity.

Ian Thomas – "ET" was probably our best forward when he played, giving the side much needed aggression but injuring himself continually in the process - I don't know how much blood he lost but it was substantial. "ET" has indicated that this year was his last and on behalf of the club I would like to thank him for his great service over many, many years. He will be sorely missed but hopefully the honeymoon will soon be out of his system and he will be back on the paddock by March.

Mark Parker – Mark had a great year and it was just a shame that he started so late. He troubled the opposition with his speed every time he played, the only problem was that the rest of the side could not keep up with him. Mark's defence was also very good and he saved a certain try in the first game against Lindfield that was the difference between winning and losing.

Tim Entwisle – "Don't kick it" Tim invariably stuck by the game plan and was a good leader for our backs. His combination with his outside centre was interesting !

Mark Berryman – Mark was a good find for us and he was good in defence and showed great speed. His early games were memorable, the first game against Canterbury being a stand out. His composure under a barrage of head high tackling needs to be worked on.

Scott Myhill – Scott had some great games, often making long searching runs down the right wing. He picked up points in a couple of games which is unusual for a winger in fourth grade and demonstrates his high involvement in the game.

Steve Heir – Steve was learning the game this year and as he becomes more accustomed to rugby and gains confidence he will be a great asset to the club.

Rob Owen – Rob was solid in the fullback role and never let the team down. He was a great help to the wingers assisting them with their positional play and could sniff out a try, finishing as one of our leading try scorers.

Grant Hansen – "The flea" is always looking to get involved and plays with plenty of ticker. He was always looking at ways to assist the side and improve his game and his enthusiasm made him a pleasure to be in the side.

Peter Gambrell – Peter did not play too many games with us due to work commitments and injuries. However, he fits the fourth grade mould – old and slow – although, perhaps not as old and perhaps not as slow as the average. Peter was a reliable player and he organised the backs fairly well when Tim was not taking charge.

Wayne Groneweg – "Lumpy" only played two games, four if you count fourth grade, and did not pay his fees. We were the fifth side that he played for this year, however he made a contribution to us nonetheless, gaining points in each of the games he played. Wayne is a lot thinner but still plays it just as hard as when he was fat. Thanks for the assistance.

I would also like to thank all of the other players who assisted us throughout the year.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of James Steele and Matthew Waddington. Your jobs are thankless ones, however I am sure that most people realise the effort you guys put in.

Neal Coyte

Coach



Hockey

Chairman's Report



1999 PROVED TO BE YET ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR for Briars Hockey. Having been promoted to the Premier Division in Sydney, arguably the highest division of Club Hockey in Australia, we faced an awesome challenge just to be competitive. When the dust settled not only did we finish a magnificent sixth in the Club Championship but our First Grade side also finished in equal fifth position alongside Glebe.

With the off season spent securing several new players we set about the task of ensuring our Club's future in the top division. Many had tried before and failed miserably. Although not able to field the most skillful players in all grades, some excellent coaching from Warren (Busta) Birmingham, John Suraci, Brent Diprose, Brett Graham and others ensured we competed well in all grades each week.

We continued the vision and goals set some three years ago with Busta and proved a threat to every side we played week in week out. Undoubtedly one of the highlights of the season was our first grade win over defending premiers Sutherland 1-0 in round 5 and arch rivals Glebe 1-0 in round 16. These wins were never expected by anyone in Sydney Hockey. First grade proved that they are capable of semi final contention next season - amazing how a good coach beats a good player for results. Special congratulations to Alan Charleton on gaining selection in the Australian U/19 squad.

Second grade struggled to realise their full potential all season and were a disappointing seventh overall. Once they believe in themselves they will definitely perform better next year. The guys trained well all year but just could not reproduce the results on field. This team saw the welcome return of some old Briars in Greg Dunn, Ian Reynolds, Jono Head, Alex Head and even Chris Head. Who knows maybe even Bobby Streeter will make a comeback next year? Special thanks to John Suraci for yet another great year as coach.

Third grade tried but if you do not train as a team it is hard to play as one. This year proved to be frustrating for coach Brent Diprose who tried his best but with little support. Oh well, there is always next year.

Fourth and fifth grades got out there and tried each week. Although competitive, we struggled against the top guns. Special thanks to Brett Graham, Jesse Borthwick, Lachlan Boa and James Whalan for keeping things together all year.

Finally, we owe a big thanks to all who contributed off the field this year including Dean Garland our Chairman. If it was not for Dean where would our juniors and the future of hockey be? Thanks big fella. To Bob Tagg, Rob Bracey, Alan Jones, Jesse Borthwick, Brett Graham, Lachlan Boa, Marc Burns, Tim Pike and the rest of the committee, a special thanks. Unfortunately most players do not appreciate how much work goes into running the sport and you guys are the silent heroes of our hockey. Well done guys.

What happens next year?

Is Concord Council building us a New Waterbased Synthetic Field? Yes.

Is Busta coming back to coach? Yes.

Are we getting another coach who has also coached at National level? Yes.

Are we recruiting more top line players? Yes (Know anyone?)

Do we need more help on the committee? Yes

Year 2000 will be the biggest ever for Briar's Hockey

John Price, Assistant Chairman

I WAS EXTREMELY HAPPY with the entire squad during 1999 and to still have 22 guys training hard with one week left in the competition goes to show how far we have come as a team this season. The impact that we had on the competition this year shows that we are doing lots of things right which should allow us to make a progressive step next year.

Having said this however, I firmly believe that we did not do enough fitness work to begin the season properly and as a result we lost a few matches because our mental control broke down.

I would like to thank John Siraci for his great efforts, guidance, advice and friendship throughout the season and I look forward to having him around next season.

Before any rumours begin, I will be with Briars next season – we have not yet achieved our goals! I am delighted to announce that the club has approached me to become club coach for next season. This role will allow me to attend both training sessions and assist individuals with their techniques rather than focus upon the whole squad.

We are also in the process of speaking to the best coach in N.S.W, a player who was instrumental in assisting me to crack the Australian squad. If we are fortunate enough to secure his services I am certain that we will enjoy a big season in the year 2000.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the players for their efforts this year – you did achieve!

Results

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	+/-	Points	Position
18	8	1	9	35	44	-9	25	eq 5th

Award Winners

Best and Fairest	David Crosser
Coach's Most Valuable Player	Bernard Hemmy
Player's Player	Alan Charlton

Player Profiles

Nathan Sharrock (Goalkeeper) – Nathan played well, especially when he was aggressive in his mental approach. He certainly won the team many games during the season and next year should seek consistency in performance.

Alex Head (Fullback) – Alex fought his way into the team during the second half of the year following some consistently excellent performances in second grade. During his time with the team he played strongly and consistently and proved a valuable addition to the defence.

Alan Charleton (Fullback) – Alan has great skill and has an opportunity to gain future Australian selection if he works on his speed of movement from offence to defence. He plays exceptionally well when he controls his belief in his own ability.

Aaron Fryer (Half) – Aaron plays with great maturity and is an example for any hockey player with regards to competitiveness and mental control.

Josh Muir (Half) – Josh started the competition brilliantly and sustained that performance until he fell ill late in the season. He would benefit greatly from improved aerobic capacity but has the ability to become the best defender in the competition.



Hockey

First Grade



Bernard Hemmy (Centre Half) – "B.J." is a great guy to coach but he needs to get serious about his hockey if he wants to really excel. If he trains six days a week he could be right up there.

Alan Alderson (Fullback/Half) – By his own standards, 1999 was a tough year for Alan. He started the season in poor physical condition and found it difficult to reproduce his previous form, causing him to lose his position during the year. To his credit however, he fought his way back into the team and finished the last five rounds very well.

Silas Moss (Wing) – This was definitely Silas' best year of hockey. He brilliantly carved up many defences with his speed and attacking skills but also developed a great defensive game. Despite this, Silas could be much better if he learns to prepare well and control his thinking on the field.

Nathon Fryer (Inside Forward) – This was an introductory year for Nathan and he should be very pleased with his progress. Nathan is a very exciting prospect and 2000 should be a super year for him as he has the physical ability and attitude to take the next step.

Scott Commens (Inside Forward) – Scott enjoyed a very consistent season and proved that he is up to this standard. He needs to manage his emotions on occasions as they sometimes cause him and others some problems.

Matthew Smart (Centre Forward) – As captain, Matthew led from the front and was our leading goal scorer. He finished runner-up in both the MVP and Best and Fairest awards which was fitting reward for his whole-hearted efforts. Matthew is returning to Albury next year and will be sorely missed. I wish him well for the future and thank him for his outstanding efforts over the past two seasons.

Adam Bannister (Inside Forward) – Adam won selection in the N.S.W. Country side this year and played well for us all season. I thought that Adam had an excellent year but I would be disappointed if he was not at least 40% better this time next year as he has enormous potential and proved to other teams that he is a player on the way up.

David Crosser (Wing) – If only someone had identified this guy's ability when he was eighteen as he is the closest player I have ever seen to Grant Mutton (best right wing in the world 1985-1988). Dave was our Best and Fairest this year and I congratulate him on his skills, determination and attitude.

Michael Banks (Fullback/Half) – Michael started the season slowly but worked well during the second half of the year. There is definitely a spot somewhere in first grade for Michael but he needs to take it and that means getting supremely fit and showing us what he can do. I have a lot of faith in his ability but he needs to answer the challenge.

Jonathon Head (Inside Forward) – Jonathon is the second best ball player in the club and has come a long way since re-introducing himself to hockey. As Jonathon already recognises, he needs to become aerobically fitter but he is a special player and I am hoping that he starts next season super fit – in fact I am relying on it.

Warren Birmingham

Coach

STEPPING UP A DIVISION was a big adjustment for second grade and it took a while for the team to actually believe in themselves and their ability to win.

On their day the team could compete well against all opposition however, in the end they more often let themselves down. With a full season in Premier Division under their belts, I am sure that they will benefit from the huge learning curve and enjoy greater success in 2000.

Results

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	+/-	Points	Position
18	6	0	12	37	53	-16	12	6th

Award Winners

Best and Fairest	Jonathon Head
Coach's Most Valuable Player	Ian Reynolds
Player's Player	Rod Smith

Player Profiles

Derek Wolfenden (Goalkeeper) – When available Derek proved that he can be a very good goalkeeper and kept pressure on a first grade position for part of the season, losing out to injury or unavailability. If Derek gave 100% on and off the field next season he has the ability to play first grade.

Tim Pike (Fullback) – Tim came to us from the A.C.T. and proved to not only be a nice guy but also a very good hockey player. His experience and desire to win really helped the team and I look forward to an even bigger contribution from him next season.

Michael Banks (Fullback) – Michael had another consistent season and went close to making first grade on a regular basis. Perhaps fullback is not his true position but he does play well there and with some fine-tuning he will develop into a good first grade player.

Kurt Miller (Half) – Kurt not only learnt to swear profusely on the hockey field (and in front of his mother) but continued to develop as one of our future first grade players. He is a very skilful player who gets 110% for commitment and he will improve even more next season. Well done Kurt.

Rod Smith (Half) – Rod was voted the Player's Player and this summed up his season perfectly. Disappointed at his failure to win a regular spot in first grade, Rod knuckled down and played his heart out each week. Rod is a great clubman and can look forward to even bigger things next year.

Ian Reynolds (Centre Half) – Like the prodigal son, Ian returned home this season after years of pestering from yours truly. It was great to have him back and contributing each week in the way he did. Congratulations on a fine fine season – perhaps next year you will also wear a mouth guard !!

Jonathon Head (Inside Forward) – Jonathon was another who returned from the wilderness this year and he enjoyed a fantastic season dominating in almost every game that he played only to be bagged by his biggest Critic – himself. He could be the missing link (he even looks like it !) in the first grade side if his fitness improves.



Hockey Second Grade



Hockey Third Grade

Nathan Fryer (Inside Forward) – Nathan came to the club this season with a huge wrap and he did not disappoint. He took a while to settle in but improved substantially as the season went and ended the year as a regular first grade player. He should continue to strive for his goals in hockey and perhaps channel his aggression into his game rather than the umpires on occasion.

Greg Dunn (Centre Forward) – About 50 kilos heavier, this former junior also returned to Briars this year. As captain, Greg was the team's leading goal scorer and gave his best all season. One wonders what he could do if he was a little lighter.

Rohan Mascarenhas (Wing) – Rohan dazzled everyone who tried to dispossess him all season with some of the best skills that you will ever see. However, like many others, he lacks a high level of fitness and so tends to be lazy on occasion. With greater fitness and some work on his shooting, Rohan could do anything in the game.

I would also like to thank those who played on a number of occasions for the team during the year – Chris "I'm getting younger" Head, Adam "I'm gonna get sober" Baker, Nick "I forgot" Pervushin, Simon "I've got to study" Orbell, and Dave "the enforcer" Cannon.

In closing, a special thanks must go to John Siraci who gave of his time and knowledge to all. We really appreciated your efforts and hope to see you back in some capacity next season.

John Price

1999 WAS A VERY DISAPPOINTING YEAR for third grade and at no stage during the season did they look like a tight unit.

The season started with some heart-breaking last minute losses that set the trend for the year, and once the heart was lost it was not found again. Two wins early in the second round provided some hope of a revival of fortunes but this was misplaced as the season progressed.

Fitness was identified as a cause of the team's fading late in games and so we commenced fitness training on Thursday nights with games of touch football and soccer. However, attendance was poor, the sessions being enjoyed by the four or so players who made the effort to attend with their friends.

Training was also identified as a cause but two factors conspired against us. Firstly, there was the fact that the ground at Ryde was unavailable for a large part of the first half of the season, and with no alternative available the skills and team based drills required to be successful could not be completed. Secondly, when Ryde became available, half of the team were training with the higher grades, while some were not training at all, meaning that the remaining three or four players had to make the best of things.

Early in the season the forwards found goals hard to come by, but by the end of the year when they were scoring some, the defence were finding goals hard to stop. A serious change in mental approach is required if this team is to improve next season, and improved attendance at training together with arriving at games in time to properly prepare, (both physically and mentally) will be essential.

In closing, I would like to thank Jesse Borthwick, Lochlan Boa and Brett Graham for assisting in the organisation of the team each week, and John Price for notifying me of all the last minute changes each week.

Results

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	+/-	Points	Position
18	2	0	16	18	73	-55	4	10th

Award Winners

Best and Fairest	Simon Orbell
Coach's Most Valuable Player	Dave Ratcliffe
Player's Player	Dave Ratcliffe

Player Profiles

Dave Ratcliffe (Goalkeeper) – Dave is a very good young goalkeeper who made some excellent saves throughout the season. The team made sure that he had plenty of practice during the year.

Brent Diprose (Fullback) – The captain/coach played mostly at fullback this season and was frustrated by the team's performances this season.

Daniel Tagg (Fullback) – Daniel is a young player who will improve as he gains more experience. He stopped playing in June to concentrate on his HSC.

Michael Taylor (Fullback) – One of the veterans of the team, Mike played with skill and aggression during the season.

Lochlan Boa (Fullback/Half) – Started the season filling in but ended up staying for the entire season.

Simon Orbell (Centre Half) – Simon is an outstanding young player and won the Best and Fairest award this season. He will certainly play higher grades next year.

Damian Fortuna (Half) – Damian was the youngest player in the team who has the potential to play higher grades with more training.

Tim Pike (Centre Forward/Fullback) – Tim started the year in the forward line and later moved to the backline to help improve our leaky defence. Some fine performances saw him promoted to second grade where he performed with distinction.

Dave Cannon (Half) – Dave played well in the half line, often having to take on two or more players.

Brett Graham (Half/Inside Forward) – Brett started the year as a fill-in player but finished the year well with some good performances.

Adam Bracey (Wing) – Adam is another young player whose game will improve with increased strength.

Nick Pervushin (Wing) – Nick is one of the original Briars players who played the game in the traditional Briars style.

Michael Baines (Inside Forward) – Michael is a very enthusiastic player who was new to the club this season. He gave some very good performances during the year before being slowed down by injury.

Lyndon Tully (Inside Forward/Centre Forward) – Lyndon is a highly skilled player who showed good commitment to training.

Brad Fussell (Inside Forward) – Brad made only occasional appearances this season but was very dedicated to the cause.

Jesse Borthwick (Wing) – Jesse was a much improved player this year and provided some good performances on the left side of the field.

Brent Diprose, Captain/Coach



Hockey Fourth Grade



AFTER AN OUTSTANDING SEASON IN 1998 where we were one of the dominant teams in the competition, the team entered the year full of confidence.

However, for the first half of the year the team could only manage two draws from nine games, and the resulting loss of confidence saw them struggle for consistency.

The first few games of the season really set the tone, with the team leading several games at half time only to lose in the final ten or fifteen minutes of the match. Perhaps the major reason for this lack of success and inability to concentrate for the full match was the team's poor attendance at training and lack of fitness. One notable exception was our 6-4 loss to Sutherland where we played the entire match with ten men and came back from a 5-1 deficit to be in with a chance victory until the dying minutes.

However, things turned around in the second half of the season and the team was able to win four matches and draw another. Undoubtedly the highlight of the season was defeating second-placed Glebe 4-3 at home in front of a large and vocal contingent of their supporters.

These performances demonstrated that we were a very competitive outfit, and if we had been able to win a few of the close games in the early part of the season we would have approached the rest of the year with much greater confidence and contested a semi-final berth.

Results

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	+/-	Points	Position
18	4	3	11	36	60	-24	15	8th

Award Winners

Best and Fairest	Brett Graham
Coach's Most Valuable Player	Ben Garland
Player's Player	Jesse Borthwick

Player Profiles

Kurt Ravn (Goalkeeper) – Kurt tried hard all year and made some good saves. I would like to thank him for turning up week in week out, even when sick.

Sean Forsyth (Fullback) – Sean was generally solid and reliable at the back despite the burden of having to back up from fifth grade for much of the year.

Lochlan Boa (Fullback) – The captain did not always lead by example but was solid at the back throughout the year, earning the chance to double up in third grade on most weeks.

Graeme Moat (Fullback) – Graeme only played the first part of the year due to work commitments, but in those games demonstrated his value to the team as he was always willing to put his body on the line.

Brett Redmond (Half) – Brett was promoted half way through the season after some outstanding performances in fifth grade and continued this form in fourth grade. He was very strong in defence and made an excellent contribution to our improved performance in the second round.

Brett Graham (Centre Half) – Brett played in a very tough position and had a reasonable year as evidenced by his taking out the Best and Fairest award. Scored two goals in the memorable first round clash with Sutherland but the "highlight" of his year was undoubtedly his memorable dummy-spit in the second last game.

Marc Burns (Half) – Marc always did his job by marking his opposing winger tightly and harassing him. His game would be improved by combining this with a great ability to make the tackles and dispossess his opponent.

Terry Natt (Half) – Terry is a very experienced player with a lot to offer the team. Unfortunately his season was decimated by a number of niggling injuries.

John Wurtz (Centre Forward) – John left us during the second part of the year after joining the navy, but was a tireless worker in every game that he played as well as scoring a few goals.

Ben Garland (Inside Forward) – 1999 was undoubtedly the best year of hockey that Ben has produced. He turned up to training regularly and played every game and showed some very good skills. To be a better forward next season, Ben needs to work on putting the ball in the back of the net more often as one goal was a poor return for his efforts.

Bjorn Hook (Inside Forward) – Bjorn is a very good player with an abundance of skill. The only thing holding him back from higher grades is the night before.

Nick Pacheco (Inside Forward) – Nick played only a limited number of games in fourth grade this year but always tried extremely hard when he appeared.

Lyndon Tully (Inside Forward/Centre Forward) – Lyndon started backing up from third grade half way during the season in a bid to strengthen the side and he added some much needed spark to our offence and pressure on the opposition defence.

Jesse Borthwick (Wing/Inside Forward) – Jesse was one of our most consistent players this season and deservedly finished as our leading goalscorer.



Lochlan Boa

Captain

Hockey Fifth Grade

1999 SAW A LARGE INFLUX OF PLAYERS arrive at the club and resulted in the formation of this additional team.

Whilst their overall results may appear to be a little disappointing at first glance, I feel that the team served a very useful purpose for the club in assisting to blood some younger players into senior hockey and in unearthing some exciting new players who went on to play in the higher grades.

It was very pleasing to note the commitment to training from the team and they certainly surprised me with the numbers that appeared every Thursday night. In many ways this was indicative of the spirit in the team which, despite results, remained high.

The first half of the season saw some mixed results with a couple of good wins and some very large losses to the top teams, and although the win-loss ratio was much the same for the second part of the year, the scores were certainly closer, which was a measure of their improvement, particularly given the unavailability of many players late in the year.

Many of these players have aspirations to play in higher grades and certainly some have the ability to do so. To those players I would urge you to make that little extra effort at training and in fitness and you will achieve your goals.

Results

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	+/-	Pts	Position
18	6	-	12	24	57	-33	12	8th

Award Winners

Best and Fairest	Sean Forsyth
Coach's Most Valuable Player	Allan Lollback
Player's Player	James Whalan

Player Profiles

James Whalan (Goalkeeper) – James, as captain, enjoyed a fine year and I personally believe that he was a little unlucky not to force his way into fourth grade. He made many fine saves to help win the team some close games (and save real embarrassment in others) and his efforts were deservedly recognised by his peers who awarded him the Player's Player award.

Sean Forsyth (Fullback) – Sean was undoubtedly the outstanding performer in the team this year. His tenacity and aggression helped to defuse many dangerous attacking raids and he was an inspiration to those around him. This saw him earn a rapid promotion to fourth grade, but such was his value to the side, he was also required to play the full game in fifth grade. A very deserving recipient of the Best and Fairest award, his loss to the club next year due to work commitments will be very hard to cover.

Chris Detjen (Fullback) – I believe that this was Chris' best season of hockey and he played with plenty of enthusiasm and commitment. He would benefit from a little more tactical nous in his game but will be an important contributor next year.

Allan Jones (Half) – Allan was dragged from behind his trusty barbecue on a number of occasions when the team was short of numbers and always gave a whole-hearted display. Thank you from everyone for your help this year.

Chris Zol (Half) – Chris has good skills and used them to good effect on a number of occasions during the year. To reach his full potential he needs to continue to work at being more selective in their use and a little more patient.

Derek Welsh (Centre Half) – Derek joined us from the juniors this season and showed an abundance of talent and toughness in his debut year, particularly with some of his tackling. He will play higher grades in the near future but needs to continue to work on his positional play and the consistency of his hitting.

Jay Hook (Inside Forward) – Jay has a lot of skills and the ability to play in higher grades but he needs to improve his attitude and remove some of the high risk elements of his game.

Allan Lollback (Inside Forward) – I was very grateful for Allan's mature and thoughtful contribution to the team this year and his value should not be underestimated. After an early stint at fullback he moved to the midfield to provide some direction to the team and a steadying influence. He did both jobs admirably and I congratulate him on a very fine year.

Brett Redmond (Inside Forward) – Brett was lost to the higher grades mid-way through the season, which was a fitting reward for a very talented player. I believe that given the opportunity, he would make a valuable third grade player as he has very good stick skills coupled with being a tremendous defender.

David Jones (Wing) – David is only 13 and he came on in leaps and bounds this year. He is a member of our very talented junior teams and he benefited greatly from the experience of playing against physically stronger and faster players. Often he demonstrated brilliant skills but unfortunately his legs were not long enough to capitalise. I look forward to seeing him back next year.

John Wurtz (Centre Forward) – John was another who played fourth grade regularly after backing up from fifth grade. He worked tirelessly in both defence and attack all year and finished as the team's highest scorer, a fitting reward for a great year.

Sandor Kovacs (Centre Forward) – It was great to see Sandor back this year and the younger players in the team certainly benefited greatly from his advice. He created a lot of opportunities for his teammates and displayed some skills of yesteryear in the process. Thank you for answering the SOS this year and for your support during the year.

Adam Palmer (Wing) – Adam tried very hard all year and I was pleased with his workrate and attitude. He needs to work a bit harder at training on developing his skills and goal scoring though.

Michael Franklin (Wing) – Michael showed some ability this year but he needs to work hard at training next year on improving his skill level and positional play as he is only new to the game.

In closing, I would like to thank all of those other players who assisted during the year, and Chris Poll from AMP for umpiring most of our games. I look forward to seeing you all back next season.

Brett Graham

Coach





Team: Top Megan Turnbull, Dean Garland (Coach), Tijen Ahmet, Alana Tagg, Mandy Mahoney, Kelsy Williams, Minnie Richards, Kate Throwden, Bob Tagg (Manager)
Front Judy Still, Yvette Rossiter, Megan Dobbs, Therese Nguyen, Vy Nguyen, Emily Powell, Kym Ravn.



IN THEIR FIRST SEASON the Briars women's hockey team achieved what most teams in their first season can only dream about, finishing the season as joint premiers in their division.

From their first training session it was clear that they had a great team spirit and desire to do well in their first year. The team's enthusiasm at training and on game days, plus their support for each other as team mates was a credit to them all and an inspiration to their management and supporters.

It was also pleasing to have three members of the team nominated and selected to represent the area at the half state Under 18s championship at Lismore. My congratulations go to Alana Tagg, Kelsy Williams and Mandy Maloney on a great achievement and one that I am sure will be of great benefit to them and the team in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bob Tagg for a great job in managing the team this season. It was never going to be an easy task to set up an entirely new team, and much of their success can be attributed to his outstanding efforts as manager.

Finally, I would also like to thank John Wurtz for his assistance on training nights and to all of those who supported the team throughout the year.

Player Profiles

Kelsy Williams (Goalkeeper) – Kelsy came up from our junior sides and her performance in her first season as goalkeeper was simply outstanding. She played well right from the start and kept getting better as the year progressed, finishing as one of the better goalkeepers in the competition.

Judy Still (Fullback) – Judy came to the team as our only player experienced at this level of hockey and was a great help to the team, not only on game day but also at training. Her strong play in defence and attack was an inspiration to a relatively young and inexperienced team.

Mandy Maloney (Fullback) – Mandy had a very good season at fullback, being very strong in defence, albeit a little unorthodox at times. Her ability to turn defence into attack with one hit was a great asset to the team during the season.

Kym Ravn (Half) – Kym has played a lot of hockey in our junior teams and she always gives her best. With some hard work at training and plenty of encouragement from her team mates, she finished the season a much more solid and confident player.

Theresa Nguyen (Half) – Perpetual motion would be the best way to describe Theresa's performances this season. She gave her best in every game and was a great team player.

Vy Nguyen (Half) – Vy has a non-stop, give all attitude to her games, much like her sister. She played well all season and will only improve as she gains more control and experience.

Emily Powell (Centre Half) – Emily played very well at centre half, and sometimes at fullback, this year. She is a very strong and motivated player who reads the play well and her game will improve even more when she learns to rely on other players to share the workload.

Tijen Ahmet (Inside Forward) – Tijen was the quiet achiever of the team and performed well all season from scoring four goals in one game to an outstanding effort in defence in the grand final.

Yvette Rossiter (Inside Forward) – Yvette just kept getting better as the season progressed. She was always looking for work in defence and attack in a great effort during the season.

Alana Tagg (Inside Forward) – Alana played inside right and played it very well. Another of our junior players to come into the side, her good skills and solid play made her a very valuable member of the team.

Kate Throwden (Centre Forward) – Kate always played with great determination and her efforts on game day and at training were an inspiration to the team and her coach. She needs to relax a little and as her skills improve she will become an even better player than she already is at the moment.

Megan Turnbull (Wing) – Throughout the season Megan's enthusiasm on game day and at training proved inspirational to the team. Her determination to improve her skills and understanding of the game really paid off and she finished the season as a very capable player who even managed a couple of goals.

Megan Dobbs (Wing) – Megan is a very capable player with some good skills. She needs to have more confidence in her own ability and will than become an even better player.

Minnie Richards (Wing) – Minnie was a great asset to the team this season with an outstanding effort on the right wing. She is a very confident and skilful player and will only get better as she gains more experience.



Dean Garland

Coach

1999 WAS A CONSTRUCTIVE YEAR FOR JUNIOR HOCKEY, both within the local community and on the field of play. We continued to be an active member of the Sydney Junior Hockey Association, with approximately sixty registered players competing in all grades of the competition, but it is imperative that we not only maintain this standard, but improve numbers and playing depth if we are to assist the senior club with their long-term ambitions in Premier Division.

With this objective in mind, the junior club continued to actively promote hockey within schools in the local community and we thank the Board of Directors and the Burwood RSL Club for their generous financial support of our programmes.

During the first school semester we enlisted the assistance of a development coach from NSW Hockey and conducted five introductory programmes at the following public schools :

- Concord
- Concord West
- Homebush
- Mortlake
- North Strathfield

These six week programmes are designed to safely teach the students all the basic skills and allow them to progress from never having played the sport to safely participating in a modified version of the game.

At the culmination of the six weeks, all of the students from these schools were invited to participate in a Gala Day at the Olympic venue at the State Sports Centre. The day was a tremendous success with over 380 students aged between six and eleven participating in a series of eight games over six sessions during the day.

Each game was supervised by two members of the senior club for safety, and went for twenty minutes with six players per team. A number of complimentary letters were received from the schools thanking the club for such a well organised day and expressing the hope that we could continue to offer this on an ongoing basis. My thanks go to John Price, Silas Moss, David Ratcliffe, Michael Baines, Nathan Fryer, Alan Jones, Bob Tagg and many others for their efforts in making the day such a resounding success.

All of this hard work in developing playing talent and improving our playing numbers paid off on the field this season with two premierships being won and the following representation in representative teams for 2000 :

- School Zone Teams - 6
- North Area Teams - 7
- Sydney - 5
- NSW - 1

Two of our coaches, Brad Fussell (Under 17s) and Silas Moss (Under 15s), were also selected to coach Sydney teams for 2000.

In closing, I would like to thank all of those seniors and parents who provided assistance and support throughout the season, in particular Brett Graham, Alan Jones, Lachlan Boa, Dean Garland, Megan Turnbull, John Price, Bob Tagg, Brad Fussell, Andrew Watson, Silas Moss, Allan Charlton, Graeme Moat, and Nathan Fryer.

I look forward to seeing all of the players and parents next season and having an even more successful year.

Jesse Borthwick
Junior Hockey Convenor



Team: Simon Orbell, Derek Welsh, Sami-Ullah Khan, Shan Rana, Chris Zol, Jay Hook, Simon Callander, Daniel Tagg, Tim Llewelyn, Andrew Clayton, David Ratcliffe

Coach : Brad Fussell

Manager : Bob Tagg

THE TEAM'S RESULTS THIS SEASON were a reflection of the hard work put in by both the players and their coach.

After competing in the B Division the previous year, the competition was reshuffled and all teams played each other before being divided into three equal divisions of five teams. Strong wins against the weaker teams and some good results against the quality teams enabled us to gain the final position in A Division ahead of clubs such as Ryde (Club Champions in the Premier Division Competition).

This was a remarkable result and much of the credit should go to Brad Fussell the coach. Unfortunately the boys were unable to put many wins together but they were extremely competitive against all teams and earned a great deal of respect for their performances.

Some of the individual highlights for the year included :

Representatives: Simon Orbell (Sydney, NSW)
Shan Rana (Sydney)
Chris Zol (Sydney)
Derek Welsh (North Area)

Best & Fairest: David Ratcliffe

Most Valuable Player: David Ratcliffe

Player's Player: Simon Orbell

Jesse Borthwick



Hockey excell Under 15s



Team: Top Silas Moss (Coach), Stephen Turk, Matthew Moroney, Andrew Kilazoglou, Lee Miliatis, Scott Fernando, Peter Miliatis, Nick Brassel.

Bot Sam Candino, David Jones, Jessica Ellem, Ben Jackson, Max Mason, Matthew Small, Katrina Saad, Laura Griffiths

Also Played: Jay Stevenson, Theresa Nguyen, Ryan Hollis, Lisa Malik.

Manager: Alan Jones



WE STARTED THE SEASON struggling to field a side. With only five players eligible from last season a completely new side needed to be developed but the addition of three new players and the continued back up of the Under 13s side meant that we were constantly able to fill a full strength side.

From what started as a team hoping to remain competitive with the rest of the competition, we were able to develop and improve every week and eventually finished second during the regular season.

We then went on to defeat the minor premiers twice to win the competition, a result that says a lot about the commitment of the players and their parents, who on occasion had to drive players from one venue to another halfway across Sydney in order to fulfil commitments to their Under 13s and Under 15s commitments.

Some of the individual highlights of the year were :

Representatives: David Jones (School Zone, North Area, Sydney)

Scott Fernando (North Area, Sydney)

Peter Miliatis (North Area)

Best & Fairest: Peter Miliatis

Most Improved: Laura Griffiths

Encouragement: Katrina Saad, Matthew Moroney

In closing I would like to thank all of the players for their hard work and dedication during the year, their parents for all of the sacrifices, and Alan Jones for a great job as manager. If we can all continue the hard work and commitment we will continue to improve and will enjoy a successful season in 2000.

Silas Moss, Coach



Team: Top Brett Graham (Assistant Coach), Sam Candino, Matthew Small, Lee Miliatis, Ben Jackson, Andrew Kilazoglou, Lachlan Boa (Head Coach),
 Bot Ryan Hollis, Jessica Ellem, Lisa Malik, David Jones, Rachel Stevenson, Carly Fernando, Max Mason, Jason Turnbull

Also Played: Jean Girdler, Brendon Churton

Manager: Alan Jones



THE UNDER 13s WERE THE MOST SUCCESSFUL JUNIOR SIDE in 1999 and went just one game shy of an undefeated season. Fortunately this occurred half way through the season and not at the end, and thus the team were able to claim both the minor premiership and premiership titles.

This was a fantastic result for a team that did not win a single game the previous year, and it just goes to show what results the addition of a few new players and a dedicated attitude can bring. I really can not speak highly enough of the effort and support that I received from the team with every member consistently turning up to training and making every possible endeavour to be the best players that they could be.

To this end I must also thank all of the parents for their fantastic support both at training and on match day – without your support the team's achievements would not have been possible. I would also like to thank my assistant coach Brett Graham, and the Under 15s coach, Silas Moss, for their input and help during the year, and in particular Alan Jones who as manager was absolutely sensational.

Apart from a sensational team effort to win the premiership, there were also a number of fine individual performances and these are summarised below :

Representatives: David Jones (School Zone, North Area, Sydney)
 Max Mason (School Zone, North Area)
 Matthew Small (School Zone, North Area)
 Ben Jackson (School Zone)
 Sam Candino (School Zone)

Best & Fairest: David Jones

Most Improved: Jessica Ellem

Encouragement: Sam Candino, Andrew Kilazoglou

I look forward to seeing a number of these players returning next year to help defend our premiership, and wish those moving up to the Under 15s all the very best for a great year.

Lachlan Boa, Coach

Hockey

Under 11s



Team: Jesse McMillan, Shane McMillan, Jason Turnbull, Carly Fernando, Rachel Stevenson, Ritika Dubey, Gilbert Gough-Fuller, John Gough-Fuller, Jack Hetherington, Matthew Hetherington, Sarah Thompson, Matthew Thompson, Aarman Wright, Scott Montgomery, Brendon Churton, Tina Girdler.

Coaches : Dean Garland, Nathan Fryer, Graeme Moat

Manager : Megan Turnbull

ALTHOUGH THEY FINISHED MID-TABLE the Under 11s were far from disgraced. They were competitive throughout the season winning a number of games and drawing a good many more, including a fantastic effort against the eventual premiers.

Many of these draws were 0-0 which reflected the inability of the team to convert possession into goals, despite creating many opportunities. This was a very good indication of the number of players who were new to the game this season and there is no doubt that they will improve dramatically over the next few years.

A summary of the main performances appears below :

Representatives: Rachel Stevenson (School Zone)
Jason Turnbull (North Area)

Best & Fairest: Rachel Stevenson

Most Improved: Brendon Churton

Encouragement: John Gough-Fuller
Ritika Dubey

I look forward to seeing all of the players back next year and witnessing their improvement.

Jesse Borthwick

OPENING OUR REPORT THIS YEAR, I would like to convey special thanks to the people within squash who spend many hours of their own time performing the necessary tasks that enable squash members to enjoy the game without too much fuss.

Darren Peisley and his trusty sidekick Chris Leung did a great job with the treasury matters, as did all the team captains in organizing players and supplying the information required for Focus. A special thanks should go to Dave Kable for his efforts as Squash Chairman before another overseas jaunt (he wonders where the money goes !!!) and to Jim Farrell for his continuing support – I am sure that Squash would struggle without it.

I would also like to congratulate Roger Shewell and Tim Corrigan, for their efforts in winning the performance trophies for the Spring 1998 and Autumn 1999 comps respectively; and Paul Jones, who was awarded the Doug Vanderfield trophy.

Although we have managed to consistently maintain eight to nine teams in each competition, recruiting players is becoming increasingly difficult and juniors in the Inner West district are in real danger of becoming extinct. The continuing trend of court closures in the Inner West, and in Sydney in general, leaves the court owners free to charge exorbitant prices – and they do. Briars are now paying \$25 per court per hour so it is little wonder juniors and older squash players are turning away from the sport in droves. Performances during the past year were not up to our usual standard with only two pennants for Spring and one pennant for Autumn being added to our now aging cabinet of pennants.

I appeal to all our players to encourage more players to Briars and remember – age will not weary us!

Ron Marshall, Squash Chairman



FOUR OF THE EIGHT TEAMS ENTERED in this competition reached the finals, with two teams winning pennants and one finishing as runners-up. My congratulations go to the B2 and D5 teams for their pennant wins.

Indeed a brief analysis of the final points totals for all teams playing in the Western District appears to show that we were the best performed club in the district, perhaps making us club champions. We might hear more on this eventually, but nevertheless this Pennant has been our best for some time.

The performance trophy was hotly contested in this competition. Roger Shewell, in his first competition for the club took out the award with an average of 5.67 from nine games, just shading Brett Howle who finished with an average of 5.57 from nine games after his brief stint on the Central Coast. The performances of Brett Townsend and Stuart Santer are also worth mentioning as they were the other two players in the club who recorded 100% for the competition.

A couple of club stalwarts have been muttering about this being their last competition. Included in this group is former Chairman, and current Secretary, Jim Farrell, who is finding increasing difficulty in getting his knees to maintain enthusiasm for the game. Jim has had an enviable playing record for the club, winning at least four pennants over a period of about eight years, and is going out on a winning note as part of the victorious B2 team.

Also threatening retirement is Ross Mitchell, who has been a terrific contributor, particularly in recent years where he has been happy to provide an experienced head in teams often featuring rookie players. He assures me that he has never won a pennant in many years of trying, and as he is giving the game away now, I guess that it is appropriate for me to reveal a closely guarded, and possibly related, secret - his full name is actually Albatross !!!



The presentation night was held at Trevi's restaurant in Norton Street, Leichhardt and was an enjoyable night with the exception of a number of "no-shows". Information dissemination is a continuing problem and I would like to take this opportunity to remind all players that part of a team captain's responsibility is to inform their team of impending events and other information that is distributed to them from time to time.

Notes on the format of the detailed results:

Most of the columns in the detailed results are self explanatory but there are two columns that do require some explanation – Score and Grade Score. This grading system was originally designed by Jim Walsh, a former Briar of many years ago, and provides an approximate method of measuring a player's performance in relation to other grades and positions. The "Grade Score" is the expected score for the player's grade and position whereas the "Score" is what was actually computed from the games the player played.

Sydney 2

In a somewhat remarkable twist of fate, this team regained their Sydney 2 (formerly known as 3rd Grade) competition place in exactly the same manner that they lost it - the team nomination sheet went in a week late. In another time warp, Matthew Hewson rejoined the team, after enjoying an extended stay at a Southern Highlands holiday camp not too far removed from Goulburn Gaol.

With fate obviously on their side the boys went about giving the pennant a good shake, and they were disappointed to be in sixth position after eight rounds, despite winning five of them. A series of six tight losses followed and prevented the team from making up any further ground, leading to a sixth placed finish.

Rodney Doig had a rare poor competition, against good opposition, winning just three from thirteen matches, while Christian Hennock did not play much and won only one of his six matches. Bruce Graham started well by winning his first three games, only to then drop his next three before rallying to take out his last three, while Lindsay Hetherington (5/11) lost five matches but also rallied to win five of his last six. Matthew Hewson (9/13) had a great competition, winning nine of his first ten matches before dropping his last 3.

Unfortunately the Major Grades checker does not keep records as the district checker does so I am unable to report the detailed results of the Sydney 2 team.

Pos	Name	3-0	3-1	3-2	2-3	1-3	0-3	Pld	Won	Pts	Pct	Avg	Score	Gde Score
1	Rodney Doig							13	3		23%			
2	Christian Hennock							6	1		17%			
3	Bruce Graham							9	6		67%			
4	Lindsay Hetherington							11	5		45%			
5	Matthew Hewson							13	9		69%			

A2

This side can blame a poor start on player unavailability, using nine subs in the first six weeks despite having six registered players, and seventh place at this point was not surprising, despite some sterling performances from the many reserves.

The forty point gap from fourth place proved too great to bridge and despite an improved second half of the competition, the team finished in fifth position. Dave Kable took a while to overcome a nasty flu and never really hit his straps, winning just one of his eleven matches. Against strong players most weeks, Paul Byrne had a reasonable competition once he started turning up, winning seven of his nine matches,

while Tony Porter (3/5) was disappointingly unable to play very many matches, but was competitive despite that.

Victor Holubinskyj's results (4/12) suffered from playing as high as number one, but he deserves applause for being available every week and for stepping in as captain. Paul Jones had a solid competition, winning six of his nine matches, while Joe Elias, the original captain, did his best work on the phone, arranging all the substitutes before going overseas after round 5, having lost his only match.

Pos	Name	3-0	3-1	3-2	2-3	1-3	0-3	Pld	Won	Pts	Pct	Avg	Score	Gde	Score
1	David Kable	0	0	1	3	1	6	11	1	11	9%	1.00	66.80		76.80
2	Paul Byrne	2	5	0	1	0	1	9	7	39	78%	4.33	78.76		75.04
3	Tony Porter	0	0	3	1	0	1	5	3	14	60%	2.80	71.54		73.28
4	Victor Holubinskyj	2	2	0	1	3	5	13	4	27	31%	2.08	68.13		71.52
5	Paul Jones	1	4	1	1	1	1	9	6	33	67%	3.67	72.58		71.52
6	Joe Elias	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0%	2.00	67.28		71.52
7	Dominic Maggs	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	3	0%	1.00	62.69		71.52

B1

This team was surprisingly dropped to B1 by the grading committee, and we thought they looked unbackable favourites. Sure enough, they went straight to the front of their grade and increased their lead almost every week, despite Jason Dawe's early withdrawal from the side. Perhaps their concentration lapsed slightly as they stumbled to their only loss in round 12 and then managed a tie in round 14, but they still finished minor premiers by 48 points.

Brett Townsend dominated throughout, winning all of his 10 matches, Paul Burgess won seven from ten, but lost a couple near the end, as did Barry Hannelly who finished with six wins from nine matches. In a very solid team performance, Alan Cameron won six from eight, and Ellis Patterson had only one loss in his eight matches.

Justifiably confident, the boys headed for the major semi-final, but had to play without Barry Hannelly, who was injured. Unfortunately the momentum they had held earlier in the season was definitely lost, as Alan Cameron lost 3-0 and Brett Townsend crashed to his first defeat (3-2), leaving Ellis Patterson to complete the rout by losing 3-1. As a result, the team had to play in the final the following week to keep their chances of winning the pennant alive.

With Barry Hannelly still out, the team attempted to rescue the comp, but 3-0 defeats of Paul Burgess and Alan Cameron proved to be fatal, and they were out of the competition in a very disappointing finish to an otherwise excellent pennant despite Brett Townsend scoring a 3-1 victory.

Pos	Name	3-0	3-1	3-2	2-3	1-3	0-3	Pld	Won	Pts	Pct	Avg	Score	Gde	Score
1	Brett Townsend	4	5	1	0	0	0	10	10	53	100%	5.30	76.08		68.88
2	Paul Burgess	2	1	4	1	1	1	10	7	36	70%	3.60	67.87		67.12
3	Jason Dawes	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	4	50%	2.00	59.36		65.36
4	Barry Hannelly	3	1	2	1	2	0	9	6	35	67%	3.89	67.31		63.60
5	Alan Cameron	0	5	1	1	0	1	8	6	31	75%	3.88	66.20		63.60
6	Ellis Patterson	4	2	1	0	0	1	8	7	38	88%	4.75	68.60		63.60



B2

This side were often their own worst enemies, struggling to get players on court despite having a long lineup - clearly taking their lead from the A2 side. Jim Farrell's knees proved to be a week-to-week proposition and others produced a range of similarly feeble excuses. Further self-inflicted damage was caused by playing out of order, and yet they were still placed second at the mid-point of the competition.

They had slipped to fourth position by round 11, but eventually reached the final match having to play Dural, with second place on the ladder the reward for victory. The boys duly took the match and headed into the finals with the important double chance.

In the semi-final Eile Melke was undone by Tony Williams' lethal mixture of dropshots and nicks, before Nenad Dobrijevic responded with a good win. Jim Farrell was next up and he played a very hard match, being behind 2-1, and down 14-4 in the fourth, before recovering brilliantly to level at 2-2, only to unfortunately go down in the fifth. John Contarino needed a win to keep the team in the hunt, but he was beaten, with the result that the side headed home to plan for the final and Jim Farrell apparently spending most of the intervening week in a wheelchair.

In the final Nenad won 3-0, Eile got home 3-2 in a very tight match and the captain, Ed Alcaino won a nailbiter 3-2 to propel the team into the grand-final and leave Jim to rest his sore knees for another week.

In what was the bravest selection move I have ever seen for a squash grand-final, Ed 'Captain Courageous' Alcaino issued an ultimatum to Eile Melke, principally being to play by the captain's instructions or leave - he left. Once the dust settled, Nenad's speed and lethal mixture of dropshots and nicks proved to be irresistible and got the team off to a great start with a 3-1 victory. Jim Farrell played as hard as he could, but was hampered by his knees, and undone by an opponent who was on fire for the first game and a half, and who just managed to outlast him for the remainder of the match to win 3-0.

A captain's knock was required, and Ed delivered, winning a tightly contested match, played at a high standard, 3-1. Any sort of win from Clayton Mayfield would secure the pennant for the team, and he did not disappoint, coming out of the blocks fast and leaving his opponent very little chance, to win 3-0. Congratulations to the B2 team on a fantastic pennant victory.

Pos	Name	3-0	3-1	3-2	2-3	1-3	0-3	Pld	Won	Pts	Pct	Avg	Score	Gde	Score
1	Eile Melke	4	1	1	2	0	0	8	6	37	75%	4.63	70.74		66.24
2	Nenad Dobrijevic	3	4	3	2	0	1	13	10	54	77%	4.15	67.77		64.48
3	Jim Farrell	0	2	0	2	2	0	6	2	16	33%	2.67	61.15		62.72
4	Ed Alcaino	1	1	0	0	4	2	8	2	15	25%	1.88	56.66		60.96
5	John Contarino	0	1	1	2	1	0	5	2	14	40%	2.80	59.92		60.96
6	Clayton Mayfield	1	2	7	0	2	0	12	10	46	83%	3.83	62.73		60.96

C2

The C2 division proved to be extremely tight and competitive with three of the team's first five matches being decided on points. Despite winning three of their six matches (plus the bye in a seven team comp) they were placed sixth at halfway point of the competition. A mixture of wins and losses continued, unfortunately not featuring enough wins to make up any ground on the top four sides, and sixth place was the end result for them.

Michael DiMonte won only two from nine, perhaps suffering a letdown from his performance trophy for the Autumn pennant, while Greg McManus produced a similar



mixture of results to the team as a whole, winning five of eleven. Mick Jaroszewicz (6/9), as captain, led by example most weeks, although Steve Humphries' results (3/8) also mirrored the team performance.

Greg Anderson did not play many matches and could only win one of his four, with Ed Moore not playing at all, as best I can tell.

Pos	Name	3-0	3-1	3-2	2-3	1-3	0-3	Pld	Won	Pts	Pct	Avg	Score	Grade	Score
1	Michael DiMonte	1	0	1	3	1	3	9	2	17	22%	1.89	49.24		55.68
2	Greg McManus	0	4	1	1	2	2	10	5	28	50%	2.80	51.47		53.92
3	Mick Jaroszewicz	1	1	3	1	0	2	8	5	25	63%	3.13	51.10		52.16
4	Steve Humphries	3	0	0	0	2	3	8	3	20	38%	2.50	46.84		50.40
5	Greg Anderson	0	0	1	0	1	2	4	1	5	25%	1.25	43.16		50.40
6	Ed Moore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0.00	0.00		50.40

D1

After proving to be strong contenders last time, and strengthened by the John DeGeorge's return to the club's playing ranks, the smart money got on this side early. In round four they flogged the early front-runners 27-1 to put themselves 20 points in front of the field and never looked back.

Ten weeks later they had amassed 308 points from a possible 392 and won all 14 matches, only one of which was even close. Greg Kelly, backing up from a great Autumn comp, had another good one, winning eight of his eleven matches. Fred Bharucha only played once, and lost but John DeGeorge proved to have lost none of his skills, winning nine of his eleven. Chris Leung (7/10) had a good competition, and might consider himself unlucky to be buying drinks as the worst-performed regular member of the team. Darren Peisley (10/11) had an excellent comp as too did Ron Marshall who won nine from eleven.

The team's understandable confidence probably took a bit of a dent in the semi-final when Darren was somewhat unexpectedly beaten 3-2, and the job lay ahead of the team when John then also lost 3-0. Ron played well to win 3-1, generously leaving Greg one game to play with. One game was enough, as he triumphed 3-1, and the team got home by a comfortable 5 points to secure a berth in the grand final.

With an undefeated, pennant winning competition within their grasp, a stumble at the last hurdle was a savage disappointment for our likeliest winners. Greg played a very good opponent, and was unlucky not to pick up an important game in losing three very close ones. John evened the match with a good 3-0 win, but unfortunately Chris was unexpectedly beaten, leaving Ronnie needing to win 3-1. The first game was comfortable, and the second well in hand, but a slip led to a minor leg injury that took a while for him to overcome. Eventually he reached 2-1, but then dropped the fourth game and that was the end of the team's pennant aspirations.

Pos	Name	3-0	3-1	3-2	2-3	1-3	0-3	Pld	Won	Pts	Pct	Avg	Score	Grade	Score
1	Greg Kelly	2	2	3	2	1	0	10	7	39	70%	3.90	44.08		42.48
2	Fred Bharucha	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0%	2.00	34.72		40.72
4	Chris Leung	4	2	1	3	0	0	10	7	44	70%	4.40	43.62		37.20
5	Darren Peisley	4	5	0	1	0	0	10	9	51	90%	5.10	44.83		37.20
6	Ron Marshall	4	4	0	0	1	1	10	8	45	80%	4.50	41.38		37.20



Squash
Autumn
Pennant



D5

This team started by forfeiting the first week of the competition, but then set about overhauling the other seven sides. In week seven they belted the first placed side, closing to within one point of them. The second round proved to be an unbroken succession of one-sided wins, leading to them being placed comfortable minor-premiers with 286 points.

The semi-final started with Troy Jefferies being defeated 3-0, but good 3-1 wins to Stuart Santer and Roger Shewell left Brett Howle requiring any sort of win to wrap it up. He delivered the goods with a good 3-0 win and the team headed for the grand-final.

This match was played at the same venue as the D1 grand-final, but happily this match gave us the right result. Troy was defeated 3-1, but Roger won his match 3-0 and Brett also prevailed 3-1, leaving Stuart requiring little more than a few points. He eventually got up to win 3-2, and the pennant was ours.

Pos	Name	3-0	3-1	3-2	2-3	1-3	0-3	Pld	Won	Pts	Pct	Avg	Score	Grade	Score
1	Troy Jefferies	1	4	1	3	1	0	10	6	37	60%	3.70	32.72		31.92
2	Stuart Santer	2	3	1	0	0	0	6	6	31	100%	5.17	35.95		30.16
3	Roger Shewell	7	1	1	0	0	0	9	9	51	100%	5.67	38.83		28.40
4	Tony Vergos	1	3	0	1	2	0	7	4	25	57%	3.57	29.94		26.64
5	Brett Howle	5	4	0	0	0	0	9	9	50	100%	5.56	35.64		26.64
6	Rene Smeets	3	2	1	0	3	0	9	6	35	67%	3.89	29.17		26.64

E2

Several players were blooded in this side in the Autumn pennant, and early performances showed that some of them had benefited from the experience. Again led by veterans Ross Mitchell and John Siounis, this side registered two good wins, lost a couple of rounds in Ross' absence, but bounced back to be placed third after seven weeks, and second after nine.

Unfortunately a series of defeats, in a close grade, saw them slip to fifth, which was where they finished. Ross completing a good year with six wins from his ten matches, while John could only manage five victories in his twelve outings. Chris Wilkins (6/12) had a solid competition, and Danny O'Brien (10/13) was impressive, winning seven of his matches 3-0. Steve Pleasants and Damian Santer played a handful of matches between them for only a single win each.

Pos	Name	3-0	3-1	3-2	2-3	1-3	0-3	Pld	Won	Pts	Pct	Avg	Score	Gde	Score
1	Ross Mitchell	3	2	1	1	1	2	10	6	35	60%	3.50	24.00		24.00
2	John Siounis	4	0	1	1	2	4	12	5	32	42%	2.67	19.49		22.24
3	Chris Wilkins	3	1	2	1	4	1	12	6	37	50%	3.08	19.55		20.48
4	Danny O'Brien	9	0	1	0	1	2	13	10	59	77%	4.54	23.96		18.72
5	Steve Pleasants	1	0	0	0	1	5	7	1	7	14%	1.00	8.97		18.72
6	Sean Mitchell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0.00	0.00		18.72
7	Damian Santer	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	7	50%	3.50	18.72		18.72

Jim Farrell
Secretary

THE SPRING PENNANT was only moderately successful for the club with only one bit of silverware being added to the cabinet courtesy of the D3 team, although the B1 and D1 teams also made the finals only to just fall short of the elusive pennant.

Tim Corrigan, in his first competition with the club, recorded an average of 5.5 from ten matches without a loss, and was a worthy winner of the performance trophy. I should thank Danny O'Brien for bringing Tim and the rest of the successful D3 team to the club for this competition.

Brief details of each team's performances appear below.

Sydney 2

Unfortunately the Major Grades checker does not keep records as the district checker does, so I am unable to report on the detailed results for this team. To add to the confusion, it would appear that the score-sheets have also disappeared – not a very good comp for record keeping.

A slim trim Rodney Doig in his second competition at number one, led a team which sparkled early only to just miss out on a semi final berth due to unavailability of regular players throughout.

A2

This was not the best result this team has ever produced. Paul Byrne could only manage to play 5 games due to other commitments and his results reflected the lack of court time. David Kable, suffering from the stress and strain of missing the management meetings he was supposed to attend, obviously had his next overseas trip already in his mind and could only manage three wins from ten outings.

Victor Holubinskyj (2/10) struggled as well, as did Dominic Maggs (3/8), who was called in at the last moment due to team problems. Paul Jones (3/6) did what was required while Nenad Dobrijevic (4/7) confused his opposition with talk of one-eyed Martians at the same time as bamboozling them with his non-stop running.



Pos	Name	3-0	3-1	3-2	2-3	1-3	0-3	Pld	Won	Pts	Pct	Avg	Score	Gde	Score
1	Paul Byrne	1	0	1	3	0	0	5	2	16	40%	3.20	75.60		76.80
2	David Kable	1	1	1	2	2	3	10	3	21	30%	2.10	70.32		75.04
3	Victor Holubinskyj	0	1	1	1	4	3	10	2	15	20%	1.50	66.16		73.28
4	Paul Jones	1	2	0	0	2	1	6	3	18	50%	3.00	71.87		71.52
5	Nenad Dobrijevic	0	2	2	1	1	1	7	4	21	57%	3.00	71.78		71.52
6	Dominic Maggs	1	2	0	0	3	2	8	3	19	38%	2.38	63.50		71.52

B1

An excellent performance in the rounds saw the team end up as minor premiers, but as so often happens, they faltered at the final hurdle.

Paul Burgess (8/12) proved to be harder to pass than the rock of Gibraltar and led the team in a way that belied his age. In fact, rumour has it that they were close to the oldest team in the competition, although Clayton Mayfield brought the average age down significantly by virtue of the fact that he is a mere thirty-something.

Alan Cameron (9/10) continued his good form from the last pennant and headed the team averages, proving that there is some truth in the old adage that practice makes perfect. He was supported by very solid performances from Barry Hannelly (7/10) and

Squash Spring Pennant



Ellis Patterson (8/11) but a pennant was not to be despite the predictions of the pundits.

Pos	Name	3-0	3-1	3-2	2-3	1-3	0-3	Pld	Won	Pts	Pct	Avg	Score	Gde	Score
1	Paul Burgess	1	6	1	1	0	3	12	8	42	67%	3.50	68.88		68.88
2	Barry Hannelly	3	1	3	0	2	1	10	7	37	70%	3.70	68.10		67.12
3	Clayton Mayfield	0	3	1	1	1	3	9	4	22	44%	2.44	60.16		65.36
4	Ellis Patterson	2	5	1	0	1	2	11	8	42	73%	3.82	66.15		63.60
5	Alan Cameron	3	5	1	0	0	1	10	9	47	90%	4.70	68.40		63.60

B4

A team with seven registered players normally means a team with problems and this was no exception.

The original number one Toggie Moodle came to the club hoping to play A Grade, but was content with B2. However, after the Western Districts selection panel dropped the team to B4 he departed in an unceremonious matter. Steve Madz was rushed in at number one to fill the gap but could only manage five games, his lack of court time showing in his results.

Of the remaining players, only John Contarino (6/12) was able to achieve the magical 50%, which is actually quite remarkable given that he was required to play at number two for so many games. Well there is always next comp...

Pos	Name	3-0	3-1	3-2	2-3	1-3	0-3	Pld	Won	Pts	Pct	Avg	Score	Gde	Score
1	Steve Madz	1	0	0	0	1	3	5	1	7	20%	1.40	60.48		60.96
2	Toggie Moodle	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	100%	5.00	74.88		59.20
3	Ed Alcaino	0	2	0	2	3	1	8	2	17	25%	2.13	62.72		57.44
4	John Contarino	0	3	3	0	4	2	12	6	31	50%	2.58	63.16		55.68
5	Grant Heggarty	0	0	0	0	3	2	5	0	3	0%	0.60	53.41		55.68
6	Stuart Santer	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0%	1.00	55.36		55.68
7	Reg Richardson	0	0	0	1	1	3	5	0	3	0%	0.60	53.76		55.68

C2

A cursory glance at the results reveals two things. The first, and most obvious, is that the team did not do very well and was possibly over graded. A closer look will also reveal that no member of the team played more than nine matches. Court time is essential for a successful competition and this team obviously did not have enough.

Pos	Name	3-0	3-1	3-2	2-3	1-3	0-3	Pld	Won	Pts	Pct	Avg	Score	Gde	Score
1	Michael DiMonte	0	1	1	0	0	4	6	2	9	33%	1.50	47.68		55.68
2	Greg McManus	1	1	1	0	0	6	9	3	15	33%	1.67	47.37		53.92
3	Mick Jaroszewicz	1	0	1	1	1	3	7	2	13	29%	1.86	46.59		52.16
4	Steve Humphries	1	0	1	1	0	5	8	2	12	25%	1.50	43.94		50.40
5	Greg Anderson	0	2	1	0	1	4	8	3	15	38%	1.88	44.34		50.40

C5

Old stalwart John DeGeorge (2/5) was back for this pennant, but lacked his usual commitment and wily ways to post a very modest result, but one that was still the best in his team. Greg Kelly (1/8) had an unenviable time at number one while the rest of the team matched him.

This was certainly a pennant to forget but it did not go unnoticed that, as with the C2 team, the most matches played by any player in this team was nine.

Pos	Name	3-0	3-1	3-2	2-3	1-3	0-3	Pld	Won	Pts	Pct	Avg	Score	Gde Score
1	Greg Kelly	0	0	1	2	2	3	8	1	10	13%	1.25	38.76	47.76
2	John DeGeorge	0	0	2	0	0	3	5	2	8	40%	1.60	39.10	46.00
3	Fred Bharucha	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0%	1.00	36.00	44.24
4	Darren Peisley	0	0	0	0	3	2	5	0	3	0%	0.60	34.75	42.48
5	Chris Leung	2	0	1	3	3	0	9	3	25	33%	2.78	41.94	42.48
6	Ron Marshall	0	0	1	5	1	2	9	1	15	11%	1.67	35.93	42.48

D1

"Smokin" Joe Caristo would have played more except for the fact that all of his old mates gave him so much flack about playing D Grade after his heady days at number one in A1, and he resigned from the team early in the piece (actually I do not think Dave Kable actually told him what grade he was going put him in, so it was a bit of a shock to the system).

Newcomer to the club Roger Shewell (10/12) revelled in the challenge of number one in Joe's absence and performed exceptionally well to head the team averages. Double club representative Brett Howle (5/11) struggled a bit in his return to the sport but will be better for the experience, while Rene Smeets (5/10) posted a commendable 50% result at the rear of the team.

Pos	Name	3-0	3-1	3-2	2-3	1-3	0-3	Pld	Won	Pts	Pct	Avg	Score	Gde Score
1	Joe Caristo	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	100%	6.00	52.48	42.48
2	Roger Shewell	6	2	2	1	1	0	12	10	57	83%	4.75	47.33	40.72
3	Troy Jefferies	1	0	1	4	3	2	11	2	21	18%	1.91	34.52	38.96
4	Brett Howle	2	2	1	2	1	3	11	5	31	45%	2.82	36.87	37.20
5	Andrew Fowlds	1	1	0	2	1	3	8	2	16	25%	2.00	32.52	37.20
6	Tony Vergos	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	4	100%	4.00	35.68	37.20
7	Rene Smeets	2	1	2	1	2	2	10	5	29	50%	2.90	35.15	37.20

D3

Oh what a start to the club for this team !!

Recruitment specialist Danny O'Brien brought in four of his mates and a winning combination to boot. Tim Corrigan (10/10) was awesome in his stride to the club performance trophy for this pennant, but hot on his heels were his teammates Allan Browne (11/12) and Guy Amedee (7/8), who also posted excellent results.

This team eventually finished as our only pennant winners which was quite fitting as they not only showed good performances on the court, but also showed true Briars spirit off the court, being one of very few teams who made the effort to patronise Briars for supper. Well done guys and welcome to the club !!



Squash Spring Pennant

Pos	Name	3-0	3-1	3-2	2-3	1-3	0-3	Pld	Won	Pts	Pct	Avg	Score	Gde	Score
1	Allan Browne	5	4	2	0	1	0	12	11	59	92%	4.92	42.87		37.20
2	Guy Amedee	5	1	1	0	1	0	8	7	40	88%	5.00	41.66		35.44
3	Tim Corrigan	5	5	0	0	0	0	10	10	55	100%	5.50	42.56		33.68
4	Karl Miller	3	1	1	0	1	3	9	5	28	56%	3.11	31.73		31.92
5	Danny O'Brien	2	2	0	1	2	3	10	4	26	40%	2.60	28.32		31.92

E1

Playing in this grade can be a bit of a lottery and this competition proved to be no exception - one week there may be an easy win but the following week may produce a team which should be playing grades higher.

Ross Mitchell (1/7) struggled at number one, which set the scene for the rest of the team. Fill-in, K Kavanagh (7/10), ended up playing ten matches and was the only well performing player in a team which found it hard to get a team on the court.

Pos	Name	3-0	3-1	3-2	2-3	1-3	0-3	Pld	Won	Pts	Pct	Avg	Score	Gde	Score
1	Ross Mitchell	0	1	0	0	3	3	7	1	8	14%	1.14	17.21		26.64
2	K Kavanagh	3	4	0	1	0	2	10	7	40	70%	4.00	26.53		24.88
3	John Siounis	0	1	0	3	3	1	8	1	14	13%	1.75	17.88		23.12
4	Chris Wilkins	0	1	0	0	0	3	4	1	5	25%	1.25	13.68		21.36
5	Scott McCullochs	2	0	0	0	4	4	10	2	16	20%	1.60	13.94		21.36
6	Michael Santer	1	0	0	0	0	3	4	1	6	25%	1.50	16.44		21.36

Jim Farrell

Secretary



THE 1998 BRIARS OPEN was played at Cessnock Golf Club on 11 October 1998 with a slightly disappointing 23 players vying to get their hands on the trophy in addition to six participants who played under Callaway handicap conditions.

On a fine day and on a slightly damp course, Graham Moore played consistent golf to emerge as the winner, closely followed by Steve Weager and Chris Lamond rounding out the top three. Jeff Andrew won the Callaway section and the best "value for money" golfer I have ever seen, Stuart Santer, won the Bradman prize.

As a matter of recording for the sake of history, Stuart has made this prize his own over many years and his dedication to extracting every ounce of play out of whatever course is acknowledged, even if we have to draw straws for his playing partners. As a matter of fact, the stewards were so sick and tired of giving the prize to Stuart, the prize was given to a delighted (and humble) Terry O'Kane.

The previous game for 1998 was "played" at Wentworth Falls in March. I have learnt my lesson now and accept that a higher body is determined to ensure the boys from Briars do not play under anything like normal conditions at Wentworth Falls. Besides being rained upon from a great height, the intrepid golfers went out wearing miner's lamps, such was the thickness of the fog. Suffice it to say, club handicapper Peter Bowyer was the winner on the day.

The 1999 Open Tournament was played at Bowral Country Club on 10 October 1999. Again 23 players faced the starter for the trophy with two additional players under Callaway conditions. Terry Fisher was the winner on the day, with Greg Kelly showing great improvement to finish second and Chris Lamond again finishing third. Chris Kable showed his father how to win a prize by winning the Callaway section and Andy Craig shot the best scratch score. A fellow who vowed never to win the Bradman prize ever again and who was grateful for emergence of Stuart Santer, a very sheepish Jim Farrell, accepted the Bradman Trophy in most gracious fashion.

The other game for 1999 was played at Kiama with 33 starters. We were hoping to make this an ambrose round but the course professional did not agree to these playing conditions. Paul Jones was the winner on the day, with Tony "Legend" Porter finishing second and Andy King a close third on a countback.

My thanks go to Peter Bowyer for helping to organise things on the day (and for coping with the comments about being hard done by at the hands of the handicapper); Greg Kelly and wife, Debbie, for buying prizes; Joe Caristo for helping to organise numbers; and last, but not least, Ray Pontifex for his generous donation of prizes.

John Threlfo



J. H. STONE TROPHY

Administration & Trophies

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS met on 13 occasions and the Management Committee met on 12 occasions during the period 1 October 1998 to 30 September 1999. Attendance by members was as follows:-

Board

P. Mattick	12	
I. Richard	11	
M. Howell	12	
P. Guest	8	
W. Hooker	5	(resigned AGM Feb 1999)
J. Threlfo	12	
P. Richardson	11	
B. Howle	8	
S. Schomberg	7	(elected AGM Feb 1999)

Management

P. Mattick	8	
J. Threlfo	11	(appointed Hon Exec March 1999)
B. Graham	2	(resigned Hon Exec Feb 1999)
T. Worner	0	(appointed Personnel July 1999)
M. Waddington	10	(appointed Rugby Oct 1998)
C. Lamond	12	
A. Clarke	12	
G. Price	9	
D. Kable	3	(resigned Squash Feb 1999)
R. Marshall	4	appointed Squash March 1999)
W. Hooker	9	
A. Chu	0	(resigned Hockey Oct 1998)
D. Garland	10	(appointed Hockey Oct 1998)
G. Heggarty	12	
D. Wright	10	(appointed Asst Hon Exec Dec 1998)
G. Guest	1	(resigned Rugby Oct 1998)

J. H. STONE TROPHY

The trophy is named after the first President of The Briars Sporting Club, the late John Stone. It can only be won by a club member, under 25 years of age, who has made an outstanding contribution to the club's welfare during the year.

The trophy has not been 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.

Bill Hooker is a very worthy recipient of this trophy. Bill is currently the Treasurer of the club and has previously been a Cricket Chairman; Hockey Chairman; Director; and Assistant Treasurer. Bill has been involved in the negotiation, co-ordination and active participation at major golf tournaments in which the club has provided manning for some 18 years and is closely involved with The Briars Foundation. Bill also found time to play Cricket, Hockey, Rugby and Basketball for the club (but not Squash - your record is safe Dave Jamieson).

Bill is one of those rare breed of people who are the "givers" in life - to his family, friends and luckily, The Briars Sporting Club. He spends plenty of time at the club (not only socialising) doing a myriad of jobs connected with the Treasurer's role and an inordinate amount of time at home (mainly fielding phone calls from John Price) to ensure the finances of the club are well oversighted. He will offer an opinion, when asked, and is respected throughout the club as a person who knows lots of things and can give wise counsel.

Personally, he has been of great support to me over many years and I call him "Billy Briar" - I reckon that says it all.

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
	<hr/> 100 points

The winner of this trophy is Andrew Poole. Andrew is one of those many cricketers who is willing and able to do any task asked of him - and he does it well. He was involved in the social organisation last season, played second grade, was involved in the premiership winning third grade team, and performed very well. Andrew was also involved in organising the ongoing sponsorship arrangements with Liptonice and is a deserving winner of this award.



GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

The Gordon Bevan Shield is awarded to the player who, in the opinion of the Club, has done the most toward football and the Club in general.

The criteria for selection is as follows:

Attendance at training	20 points
Value to the Team	20 points
Most improved Player	20 points
General Keeness	15 points
Value as a Club Member	15 points
Neatness of Uniform	10 points
	<hr/> 100 points

The recipient of this year's award is Matthew Waddington.

Matthew is our current Rugby Chairman, who this year took up the challenge to provide stability in Rugby administration, after having five different Chairmen in as many years. 1999 was, as anticipated, an extraordinarily difficult year, with the unavailability or retirement of most of the previously successful senior side, and a complete change in the committee and senior coaching staff.

It is a tribute to Matthew that he was able to combine the toughest job in Briars, with his usual aggression, determination and neatness of uniform playing in the higher grades. His leadership this year, combined with his commitment to the rebuilding of Briars Rugby, make him a very worthy winner of this year's award.

A. J. ROBINSON SHIELD

The Shield was donated by the late A. J. Robinson ("Robbie") 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 the Club other than Hockey	20 points
Conduct on field of play	15 points
Neatness of dress	10 points
	<hr/> 100 points

This year's winner is Dean Garland, current Chairman of Hockey. Whilst there is plenty of "behind the scenes" work in being a chairman of any sport, Dean has been absolutely outstanding in his contribution to junior hockey over many years. It would not be overstating the fact by saying that junior hockey would not be where it is today except for Dean.

He would modestly deny that and acknowledge the contribution of others, but Dean has been the "glue" which has brought junior hockey to being a vibrant sport in it's own right within the club. He has organised and coached at numerous minkey programmes, represents the club on the executive at Junior Hockey Association level, and was instrumental (along with Bob Tagg) in ensuring the Women's Hockey team was successful in it's first year.



The fruits of Dean's hard work are now starting to come through the current junior hockey programme and it is very pleasing to recognise his contribution to Hockey by awarding him this trophy.

DOUG VANDERFIELD TROPHY

The 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. This 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
	<hr/> 100 points

The winner this year is Paul Jones. Paul has been a member of The Briars for six years, during which time he has continually represented the club at "A" grade level. Paul is a willing worker and has been responsible for keeping club teams in great shirts, whilst enjoying discounted equipment and racquet repairs. Although he may be late, he is reliable, and seldom fails to complete his commitments at club or squash functions.

Paul is a very keen competitor who reserves his best looks (stares) for the "easy to intimidate" umpires. He is a great ambassador for the club and deserves this recognition.

R. D. VANDERFIELD TROPHY

This Trophy is awarded to a member of Junior Hockey who has contributed most to the junior teams. It carries the name of a past President who showed great interest in the formation of junior teams.

David Ratcliffe enjoyed a spectacular season in both the Under 17s and in third grade in his first year of senior hockey, taking our four major awards. This was a fitting reward for undoubtedly one of the most dedicated and determined players in the club, both on the field and on the training paddock.

In addition to this David was always willing to assist with any activity when asked and it was particularly pleasing to note that he was one the major contributors to the juniors Gala Day referred to earlier in this report.

He is a very enthusiastic and proud member of the Club and is a very worthy recipient of this award.



GEOFF ARCHIBALD TROPHY

This is awarded to the rugby player who has made the greatest contribution to the Club in his first year playing rugby for the Club.

It is disappointing to report this trophy has not been awarded again this year.

ROBERT BRUCE CLARK -

OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship is funded by a donation from the estate of ex-Patron and foundation member of the club, Bob Clark. It is awarded to a younger member who, in the opinion of the executive, displays outstanding potential to contribute to the welfare of the club and it is considered that attendance at an Outward Bound course would assist in the character development of the individual.

This year's recipient is Brad Scully. In a few short years with the club, Brad has developed into a potent fast bowler and displays ability with the bat. Brad has played a vital part in the rise of Under 24 cricket in the club and is a keen and dedicated rugby player. This season, he moved from the Colts into Senior Rugby and showed a willingness to mix it with the best.

Brad also gives of his time to coach junior cricket and generally assists in whatever task he is asked to undertake. The challenge and benefits from participating in this course will stand Brad, and the club, in good stead in future years.

GENERAL

Whilst it is disappointing to not award a trophy, it should also convey a positive message to those who were awarded a trophy that their peers and the club executive considered each of these individuals to be a worthy recipient of their respective trophies. Congratulations to each of the recipients of an award this year.

The contribution of the club's office bearers is mentioned each year and I suppose it is an indication of the times we live in that it is harder to find people willing to give up so much of their time for the benefit of the club and fellow members. But find them we do, and to those individuals a grateful appreciation for a job well done from the club executive and club members generally. The following members have moved on from their respective positions and their contribution to the management of the club is appreciated:

Brett Graham (Honorary Executive Officer)	Dave Kable (Squash Chairman)
Allen Chu (Hockey)	Greg Guest (Rugby)

I would also like to thank David Wright for taking on the Assistant Honorary Executive Officer role with enthusiasm, I am sure he has a significant contribution to make to the club in future years.

There was a changing of the guard as President this year with Paul Mattick taking over these duties at the AGM. I thank him for his support and his commitment to ensuring the club can look forward with confidence to the 21st century. Special mention should be made of Bill Hooker who decided to retire as a Director this year. You cannot put a value on Bill's contribution to the betterment of the club and he serves as a role model for us all. Bill continues his association with the club as Treasurer.

An important and, potentially, far reaching decision of the executive was to employ a fulltime Marketing & Development Officer. Whilst Luke McLoughlin took on this job just after the end of the financial year, we wish him well as he strives to "go boldly where no man has gone before" and offer our support for this challenging role.



Playing wise, the club had a sensational year with Cricket winning the club championship for the fourth time in six years and, importantly, building a strong platform to go forward in the future. Hockey were more than competitive in their first year in Premier Division and have a dynamic junior development programme in place which will support the sport with quality players coming through to the senior ranks. Rugby know what they have to do to get to where they want to be, whilst Squash continue to win pennants but have to come to grips with playing home games at a location which is not in close proximity to the club.

Sports are becoming ever more accountable in administrative and budgetary terms as witnessed by the financial accounts. Bill Hooker, as Treasurer, continues to oversight the club's financial resources in a very conscientious manner. Chris Lamond, Senior Steward, has instituted a number of measures to attract increased patronage including changing the beer mix (much to Milton Howell's disgust) and bar turnover was pointing upwards towards the end of the club's financial year. The executive's appreciation goes to the organisers of club and sports functions for their time and efforts.

The executive would again like to acknowledge Stuart Lind for doing the club banking on a weekly basis for a number of years. Work commitments now preclude Stuart from carrying out this function and we thank him for his efforts.

The executive introduced The Briars Annual Inter-Sports Trophy some years ago to encourage friendly competitive rivalry between the sports. Unfortunately the sports did not compete for this trophy this year it is hoped that I will be able to report a worthy winner next year.

The executive offers their sympathies to the families of members who passed away during the year.

Finally, I wish members every success, individually and through teams representing the club, in the upcoming year.

John F. Threlfo

Honorary Executive Officer



Chris Lamond

Chairman

Chairman

PC/Secretary

PC/Secretary

Director

Director

Signed in accordance with a Resolution of the Directors

at Burwood this 10th day of January 2000.

House Chairman's Report

THIS YEAR SAW A NUMBER OF IMPROVEMENTS made to the club premises, most notably the replacement of the windows near the bar area and the replacement of the ceiling, coupled with an improvement to the lighting. These have contributed to making the club a far more amenable place to come along to:

Another exciting improvement was the introduction of Foxtel thanks to the efforts of Milton Howell and this has already seen an increase in patronage and improved our place as a sporting club.

Your club has spent a considerable sum of money in making these improvements and I would hope that all members will ensure their longevity and use for the enjoyment of others.

Anthony Clarke

House Chairman



Senior Steward's Report

THE PAST YEAR has seen some changes to the bar, most notably the introduction of some new beer lines. I have finally succeeded in replacing a couple of the beer lines, replacing Reschs with Tooheys Old, and Fosters Light Ice with Hahn Premium Light.

Despite Milton's complaints, these new lines have proved very popular with members and sales are already showing an upward turn – good news considering the generally poor turnover for the year.

Along with the introduction of these new lines, the gas system for the beer lines was revamped in addition to an improved system for cleaning the lines. The result is beer that tastes extremely good, so I would urge all members to come up for a few cleansing ales whenever they get the opportunity – you will be pleasantly surprised.

The introduction of bar staff for functions and home games during the winter months has also proved to be popular with members, and along with some of the improvements to facilities, the Club is now a great place to enjoy a few quite ones - so come along and support your club.

Chris Lamond

Senior Steward

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

ACN 000 088 479

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS - 30 SEPTEMBER 1999

Your directors present their report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 30 September 1999. The following persons hold office as directors at the date of this report:

RICHARD	Robert I G	Company Director
RICHARDSON	Peter D	Accountant
MATTICK	Paul G	Solicitor
GUEST	Phillip A	Financial Controller
SCHOMBERG	Stephen	Teacher
HOWLE	Brett	Property Management Executive
THRELFO	John	Public Service Officer
HOWELL	Milton	Manager

Activities:

The principal activity of the Club during the year was that of the promotion and playing of amateur sport. The Club is a licensed club under the provisions of the Registered Club's Act 1976 as amended. There has been no change in the company's activities since the last report.

Results:

The net result of operations for the year was a Loss of \$6,049 (1998 - \$9,331 Profit). Income tax was not applicable as per Note 1(c) of the Notes Accompanying the Financial Statements.

The results of the Company reflect a further decline in the income base of the Club while the costs of maintaining the Clubrooms continue to increase. Most sports recorded a small surplus, apart from Rugby, a \$3,132 deficit for the period. Costs of complying with licensing regulations and the responsible serving of alcohol have impacted upon bar trading performance. The very low bar turnover, lower gross margins due to the lower turnover of draught beer, and the costs of trying to promote club usage, have severely impacted the lack of profitability.

Directors' Benefits:

Since the end of the previous financial year no director of the company has received or become entitled to receive any benefits.

Indemnity against Liabilities:

The company has not during or since the financial year, in respect of any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company or a related body corporate:

- (a) indemnified or made any relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability, including costs and expenses in successfully defending legal proceedings; or
- (b) paid or agreed to pay a premium in respect of a contract insuring against a liability for the costs or expenses to defend legal proceedings.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors

P.G.Mattick

Director

P.D.Richardson

Director

Signed in accordance with a Resolution of the Directors
at Burwood this 17th day of January 2000.



THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
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AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

Scope

I have audited the financial statements of The Briars Sporting Club Limited for the year ended 30th September, 1999, consisting of the Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account and accompanying notes. The Company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and the information they contain. I have conducted an Independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Company.

My audit has been planned and performed in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide a reasonable level of assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Concepts and standards and statutory requirements so as to present a view of the Company which is consistent with my understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements of The Briars Sporting Club Limited are properly drawn up:

- (a) so as to give a true and fair view of:
 - (i) the state of affairs of the Company as at 30th September, 1999, and of the Profit of the Company for the financial year ended on that date;
 - (ii) the other matters required by Division 4, 4A and 4B of Part 3.6 of the Corporations Law to be dealt with in the financial statements;
- (b) in accordance with the provisions of the Corporations Law; and
- (c) in accordance with the Statements of Accounting Concepts and applicable Australian Accounting Standards.

C.G. JONES
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Signed at Sydney
this 14th of January 2000.



THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**ACN 000 088 479****(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)****STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS - 30 SEPTEMBER 1999**

1. In the opinion of the Directors of the company:

- (a) The accompanying Profit and Loss Account gives a true and fair view of the profit or loss of the company for the financial year;
- (b) the accompanying Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year;
- (c) the Statement of Cash Flows gives a true and fair view of the cash flow for the financial year.

2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company can meet its debts as and when they fall due.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors

P.G.Mattick

Director

P.D.Richardson

Director

Signed in accordance with a Resolution of the Directors

at Burwood this 17th day of January 2000.



THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1999



	NOTE	1999 \$	1998 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
CASH	4	181,904	180,283
RECEIVABLES	5	5,035	2,875
INVENTORIES	6	5,241	9,249
OTHER	7	20,286	20,777
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		212,466	213,184
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
INVESTMENTS	8	65,246	65,051
PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	9	215,095	224,153
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		280,341	289,204
TOTAL ASSETS		492,807	502,388
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
CREDITORS & BORROWINGS	10	56,351	56,824
PROVISIONS	11	2,088	5,400
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		58,439	62,224
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
CREDITORS & BORROWINGS	12	45,304	45,051
TOTAL LIABILITIES		103,743	107,275
NET ASSETS		389,064	395,113
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
RETAINED PROFITS		389,064	395,113

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1999

	NOTE	1999	1998
		\$	\$
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	3	(6,049)	9,331
INCOME TAX EXPENSE		-	-
PROFIT AFTER INCOME TAX		(6,049)	9,331
RETAINED PROFITS AT BEGINNING OF FINANCIAL YEAR		395,113	385,782
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION		389,064	395,113
RETAINED PROFITS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		389,064	395,113

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1999

	NOTE	1999	1998
		\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Subscription fees received		1,457	6,915
Interest received		4,533	5,532
Rent received		67,596	67,251
Bar Sales		54,773	45,840
Sports playing fees		40,837	37,723
Golf tournament fund raising		6,979	6,840
Sponsorships		7,700	12,537
Focus newsletter (net)		(6,306)	(5,621)
Social functions		(1,892)	(994)
Payment to suppliers for bar purchases		(33,764)	(31,164)
Outlay for sports running costs and general administration (net)		(131,371)	(110,879)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	14	10,542	33,980
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for -Plant and Equipment purchases		(8,921)	(1,744)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities		(8,921)	(1,744)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for non-current debentures			(20,000)
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities			(20,000)
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH HELD		1,621	12,236
CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		180,283	168,047
CASH AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	13	181,904	180,283



THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**ACN 000 088 479****(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)****NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1999****NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and the Corporations Law, including the disclosure requirements of Schedule 5 of the Corporations Regulations. The financial statements have also been prepared on the basis of historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the Accounts:

(a) Depreciation

Non-current assets, at cost or valuation are depreciated at rates based upon their expected useful economic lives, using the prime cost or diminishing value as applicable.

(b) Inventories

All inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost has been determined by specific identification.

(c) Income Tax

The club considers its operations to be exempt from income tax under section 23(g) of the Income Tax Assessment Act in that the Club is established for the encouragement and promotion of amateur sport.

(d) Subscriptions in Advance Subscriptions in Advance represent membership receipts beyond the current financial period. Such income is brought to account in the period to which the subscription relates.**NOTE 2 - OPERATING REVENUE**

Included in the operating results of the company are the following items of gross revenue:

	1999	1998
	\$	\$
Bar sales	54,773	45,840
Subscriptions	4,230	7,248
Interest	4,533	5,532
Golf tournaments general revenue	2,572	1,580
Rent from shops	67,596	67,251
TOTAL REVENUE	133,704	127,451





	1999	1998
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NOTE 3 - OPERATING PROFIT

The operating profit before income tax is arrived at after crediting and charging the following specific items:

(i) Crediting as Income:

Interest - bank	2,228	2,549
Interest - other	2,305	2,983

(ii) Charging as Expenses:

Amortisation of building	12,535	12,535
Depreciation of plant and equipment	5,444	6,518

NOTE 4 - CURRENT ASSETS

CASH

Cash in Hand	400	800
Cash at Call	161,504	159,883
Cash on Term Deposit	20,000	20,000
TOTAL CASH	181,904	180,283

NOTE 5 - CURRENT ASSETS RECEIVABLES

Sundry Debtors	5,035	2,875
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	5,035	2,875

NOTE 6 -CURRENT ASSETS INVENTORIES

Bar stock	3,308	7,341
Clothing and sports equipment	1,933	1,908
TOTAL INVENTORIES	5,241	9,249

NOTE 7 -CURRENT ASSETS OTHER

Prepayments	20,286	20,777
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NOTE 8 -NON-CURRENT ASSETS INVESTMENTS

Secured Debentures in Listed Companies - at cost 20,000

Trust Funds:

R.J. Thompson Memorial Trust Fund

Unsecured Note in Listed Company	1,496	1,364
Cash in Bank	1,334	1,334
	2,830	2,698

	\$	\$
	1999	1998
J Sheehan Sporting Scholarship		
Bank Term Deposit	1,647	1,399
Cash at Bank	769	769
	2,416	2,168
R J Clark Outward Bound Scholarship		
Secured Debenture in Listed Company	40,000	40,000
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	65,246	44,866

NOTE 9 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS**PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT****LAND & BUILDINGS**

Freehold Land & Buildings - at cost	281,358	273,986
Less: Accumulated Amortisation	71,760	46,690
	209,598	227,296

FURNITURE, FITTINGS, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Furniture, Fittings, Plant & Equipment - at cost	111,464	108,171
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	105,967	94,005
	5,497	14,166

TOTAL PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	215,095	241,462
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NOTE 10 - CURRENT LIABILITIES**CREDITORS AND BORROWINGS**

Trade Creditors and Accruals	48,823	29,520
Subscriptions in Advance	2,157	5,263
Unearned Income from Sports	5,371	6,536
TOTAL CREDITORS & BORROWINGS	56,351	41,319

NOTE 11 - CURRENT LIABILITIES PROVISIONS

Provision for Deferred Maintenance	1,085	3,000
Provision for Junior Development (General)	1,003	2,400
Provision for Sports Development		7,000
Provision for Junior Hockey Development		1,400
TOTAL PROVISIONS	2,088	13,800





	1998	1999
NOTE 12 - NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
CREDITORS & BORROWINGS		
Trust Funds		
R J Thompson Memorial Trust Fund	2,888	2,803
J Sheehan Sporting Scholarship	2,416	2,248
R J Clark Outward Bound Scholarship	40,000	40,000
TOTAL CREDITORS & BORROWINGS	45,304	45,051

NOTE 13 - CASH FLOW RECONCILIATION OF CASH		
Cash in Hand	400	400
Cash at Call	161,504	159,883
Cash on Short Term Deposit	20,000	20,000
	181,904	180,283

NOTE 14 - CASH FLOW		
RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO OPERATING PROFIT AFTER INCOME TAX		
Operating Profit/ (Loss) after Income Tax	(6,049)	9,331
Depreciation and Amortisation	17,979	19,053
	11,930	28,384

Change in Assets and Liabilities:		
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	(2,160)	(1,717)
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventories	4,008	2,570
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Current Assets	491	1,688
(Increase)/Decrease in Non-Current Investments	(195)	(185)
Increase/(Decrease) in Trade Creditors and Accruals	(473)	15,505
Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions		(8,400)
Increase(Decrease) in Non-Current Creditors and Borrowings	253	(3,865)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	13,854	33,980

NOTE 15 - COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The amount of capital which is not capable of being called up, except in the event of and for the purpose of the winding up of the Company, is not to exceed \$2 per member by virtue of the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

NOTE 16 - SEGMENT REPORTING

The Company operates as a Licenced Club in New South Wales providing services and facilities common to Sporting Clubs.

NOTE 17 - AUDITORS REMUNERATION

The audit of the accounts is undertaken on an honorary basis.

NOTE 18 - RELATED PARTIES

The names of persons who were directors of the company at any time during the financial year are as follows:

16,978	16,978
(1,420)	
1,809	
1,324	
1,291	
7,427	
17,208	

Since the end of the previous financial year, no director has received or become entitled to receive any remunerations.

1,528	1,528
1,727	1,727
1,290	1,290
104	98
13,137	13,137
1,174	1,174
1,802	1,802
369	-
(704)	(1,702)
16,705	16,134
14,144	19,123
1,082	1,020
16,442	16,110
2,897	2,872
2,621	2,406
1,788	1,112
11,894	18,648
841	1,228
1,021	9,218
1,142	
1,000	
6,921	2,382
16,736	16,821
8,721	(8,049)



THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
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BAR TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1999

	\$ 1999	\$ 1998
BAR TRADING		
Sales	54,773	45,840
Less : Cost of Sales	37,797	28,911
Gross Bar Profit	16,976	16,929
LESS: BAR OPERATING EXPENSES		
Liquor Licence		(1,420)
Bar Staff Services	6,869	
Bar Expenses and Maintenance	5,302	2,254
Depreciation of Bar Equipment	1,869	2,591
	14,040	3,425
BAR TRADING PROFIT	2,936	13,504
ADD INCOME FROM		
Property Rents	67,596	67,251
Members Subscriptions	4,230	7,358
Interest Received	4,533	5,532
Golf Tournaments	2,572	1,580
Surplus/(Loss) Sale of Clothing	54	104
Surplus/(Loss) on Rugby	(3,132)	(2,213)
Surplus/(Loss) on Cricket	2,377	2,374
Surplus/(Cost) on Hockey	2,550	1,002
Surplus/(Cost) on Squash	-	569
Surplus/(Loss) on Social Activities	(1,892)	(994)
	81,824	96,067
LESS OPERATING EXPENSES		
House Expenses including maintenance	19,753	14,144
Annual Reports and Accounting Costs	8,052	8,855
Depreciation (excluding Bar Equipment)	16,110	16,462
Rates & Utilities	6,712	5,897
Focus Newsletter (net)	6,306	5,621
Bank Charges, State Duty, etc.	1,132	1,386
Insurance	16,649	12,694
Postage	1,058	841
Sports Subsidies	9,218	8,043
Junior Development Costs		3,142
Amount Set Aside for Sports Development		3,000
Sundry Administration Costs	2,883	6,651
	87,873	86,736
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	(6,049)	9,331

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

