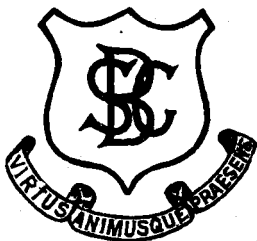


The Briars Sporting Club



EIGHTEENTH

ANNUAL REPORT



1935 - 36.

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB.

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Office Bearers, 1935-36.

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M. Mitchell.

R. B. Clark

D. Fraser.

HON. AUDITOR:

E. F. Siddeley, A.I.C.A.

GENERAL COMMITTEE:

J. H. Dinning (Appointed 3/36). N. Neale.
H. R. Haigh. D. Rossell.
B. McKittrick (Appointed 3/36). H. G. Whiddon.

SENIOR STEWARD:

H. R. Haigh (to 4/36). D. Rossell (from 4/36).

CLUB ROOM STEWARDS:

E. Bevan. F. Mitchell.
J. Cleary. L. Nossiter.
A. Herron. R. Storey.
A. W. Hulls. Ron. Thomson.
L. Keeler.

PAST PRESIDENTS:

J. H. Stone	..	..	..	..	1918/1919
H. W. Whiddon	..	..	..	..	1919/1920
J. O. Meeks	..	..	..	..	1920/1921
H. W. Whiddon	..	..	..	..	1921/1922
H. W. Whiddon	..	..	..	..	1922/1923
H. W. Whiddon	..	..	..	..	1923/1924
E. J. Siddeley	..	..	..	..	1924/1925
E. Love	..	..	..	..	1925/1926
H. W. Whiddon	..	..	..	..	1926/1927
H. W. Whiddon	..	..	..	..	1927/1928
E. J. Siddeley	..	..	..	..	1928/1929
R. W. May	..	..	..	..	1929/1930
R. W. May	..	..	..	..	1930/1931
E. J. Siddeley	..	..	..	..	1931/1932
H. W. Whiddon	..	..	..	..	1932/1933
R. G. Herford	..	..	..	..	1933/1934
R. G. Herford	..	..	..	..	1934/1935

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE AND HON. TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

To the Members of The Briars Sporting Club—

Gentlemen:

The Eighteenth Annual Report of your Club's activities for the year ended 30th June, 1936, is submitted herewith.

Satisfaction can be expressed at the results shown, but at the same time there is room for improvement in the general keenness of members.

Your representatives have fared very well at cricket, but not quite so successfully at football, though in the latter sport, some consolation can be gained by the knowledge that it is the younger members who are providing the silver lining.

The Club's domestic activities have been well controlled and the entries quite satisfactory.

New members are still coming forward and 19 received during the year bring the total to 149, made up as follows:—

Active	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	108
Associate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27
Country	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14

The spirit of the Club is best reflected, however, by the extent of the enthusiasm and attendance of members at the Club Rooms. It is there that your interest in the Club should be centred yet, despite an increased membership, the attendance during the year has not been up to expectations and the takings have dropped again after picking up slightly in 1934/1935.

This falling off is a big disappointment, and we hope for a considerable improvement this year.

A member's interest in his Club should not begin and end on the field of play.

CRICKET.

Last season was perhaps one of the most successful your Club has experienced, each team filling a prominent position in its competition. The standard improved, too!

The first eleven had slightly better results than in the previous year and advanced to 3rd position, despite the fact that the team was severely handicapped by three long breaks—one of six weeks, and the consequent shortage of match practice was reflected in the rather slow batting displays given at times.

N. Wales had another successful season and his aggregate of 468 runs with an average of 33.4 was the best recorded. He scored one century, which incidentally was the highest individual total ever made for the Club, viz., 140 not out. His wicket-keeping, too, was very good and showed an improvement on the previous year.

A. Land got back to his old form and an even century against Cumberland was his first for the Club.

Others prominent in a very even batting side were C. Nee, H. Windon and F. Mitchell.

The bowling honours went to D. Robinson with 23 wickets at a cost of 8.2 runs each. R. Clark also proved effective and his 55 wickets were the result of consistent bowling.

The catching and ground work of the team were well up to standard, although there was still a weakness in slips.

The Second XI improved its position in the competition table from 11th to 2nd and the team's record of 12 wins in 13 matches, 9 of them outright, would have been good enough to win normally but they were unlucky to strike in Mosman a team who went one better in establishing new figures for the Association, and its outright defeat of your representatives left no doubt as to which was the better team. We congratulate Mosman on their fine performance.

Those mainly instrumental in the improved showing by the Seconds with the bat were F. Freeman, N. Neville, and L. Robinson, but every man in the team had ability and only needed the opportunity to display it.

While the batting was sound and attractive to watch, the strength of the team was in its bowling and this immediately brings Ron. Thomson to mind. Although both P. Murray and R. Wherrett finished up with better averages, Ron's performance of obtaining 77 wickets, which incidentally is a Club record, was full of merit and a fitting reward for a keen and enthusiastic cricketer.

R. Glasgow, too, deserves special mention for his 52 well earned wickets.

The bowlers were fortunate in having the backing of a keen fielding side. Few mistakes were made in the air and the ground work was very good.

The 3rd XI finished the season in third position in its division and the record would have been better still if the members had not been so generous in the way of dropped catches. There was room for much improvement in this aspect of the team's fielding; the addition of a regular wicket-keeper to its ranks would make a big difference, too.

As might be expected, with two teams drawing on them, the Thirds had no outstanding batsman or bowler, but A. Rose, M. Robinson and D. Fraser each scored over 200 runs, while the latter with 44 wickets showed his all-round ability, and continued improvement will merit a rise in the near future.

A. Travers and W. Dyer also bowled well on occasions.

We append hereunder performances of the three teams, together with the players' averages:—

	Matches							Comp.		
	Played	W.	Wl.	L.	Ll.	D.	T.	Pts.	%	Pos.
M. & S. "A" Grade	12	3	5	—	2	2	—	71	59.16	3
M. & S. "B" Grade	13	9	3	1	—	—	—	111	85.38	2
	Runs	Wickets			Runs		Wickets			
	for	for			against	against	Avg.			
M. & S. "A" Grade	2732	136	20.08		2426	166	14.60			
M. & S. "B" Grade	2876	172	16.72		2442	252	9.68			

AVERAGES.

"A" Grade.

BATTING.

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avge.
N. Wales	15	1	140x	468	33.4
D. Robinson	5	1	50	119	23.7
A. Land	14	2	100	327	27.2
C. Nee	16	2	70	298	21.3
F. Mitchell	13	2	51	220	20.0
H. Windon	15	—	52	298	19.8
K. Burnett	7	1	37	106	17.6
R. Clark	10	3	53	121	17.3
W. McLaughlin	9	—	48	145	16.1
R. Wherrett	6	—	41	73	12.1
Geo. Lee	16	—	57	191	11.9
Gor. Lee	9	2	23x	80	11.4
P. Murray	7	2	19	41	8.2
D. Vowles	9	3	13	24	4.0

Also batted: L. Meulman, 3 innings for 32 runs; G. Arthur, 1 for 10; B. McKittrick, 1 for 16.

BOWLING:

Name	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wickets	Avge.
D. Robinson	50	8	189	23	8.2
R. Clark	164	21	574	55	10.4
K. Burnett	64	13	209	13	16.1
H. Windon	34	3	145	8	18.1
D. Vowles	87	6	420	22	19.1
P. Murray	94	13	320	17	19.2

Also bowled: G. Arthur, 0 wickets for 31 runs; L. Meulman, 3 for 68; R. Wherrett, 6 for 78; F. Mitchell, 0 for 39; A. Land, 0 for 11; Gor. Lee, 2 for 61; Geo. Lee, 0 for 10; C. Nee, 3 for 42; W. McLaughlin, 0 for 11.

"B" Grade.

BATTING.

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avge.
F. Freeman	16	3	92	314	24.2
N. Neville	21	3	73	378	21.0
Gor. Lee	8	2	55x	116	19.3
R. Binsted	13	4	34x	161	17.9
L. Robinson	22	1	65	366	17.4
R. Wherrett	7	1	22	103	17.2
A. Dent	17	2	43	243	16.2
R. Thomson	16	2	36	203	14.5
R. Glasgow	17	4	70	186	14.3
B. McKittrick	16	3	37	183	14.1
E. Annetts	16	4	43	167	13.9
N. Fisher	13	1	33	128	10.7
D. Robinson	5	—	21	50	10.0

Also batted: P. Murray, 4 innings for 49 runs; W. McLaughlin, 4 for 56; A. Rose, 1 for 7; K. Burnett, 2 for 8; B. Bailey, 1 for 2; M. Robinson, 1 for 1.

BOWLING:

Name	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wickets	Avge.
P. Murray	35	5	103	15	6.9
R. Wherrett	71	10	238	27	8.8
R. Thomson	183	8	770	77	10.0
R. Glasgow	212	39	568	52	10.9
D. Robinson	36	3	138	11	12.5
E. Annetts	87	8	368	22	16.7
A. Dent	54	4	253	14	18.1

Also bowled: M. Robinson, 1 wicket for 11 runs; Gor. Lee, 2 for 26; K. Burnett, 2 for 47.

3rd. XI.

Matches Played	W.	W.1.	L.	L.1.	D.	T.	Pts.	Comp. Pos.
14	5	3	4	2	—	—	31	3
		Runs	Wickets	Avge.	Runs	Wickets	Avge.	
		2612	217	12.03	3043	216	14.08	

AVERAGES.

BATTING.

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avge.
A. Rose	10	—	55	202	20.2
B. Bailey	9	—	37	138	15.3
M. Robinson	18	1	67	249	14.7
F. Bissaker	16	4	62	160	13.3
D. Fraser	21	—	41	249	11.9
W. Dyer	9	2	21	75	10.7
R. L'Estrange	19	—	26	160	8.4
E. Bevan	17	2	27	120	8.0
A. Travers	18	—	25	112	6.2
A. Herron	14	2	16	66	5.5
S. Osborn	11	1	14	51	5.1
W. Matthews	19	5	24	70	5.0
R. Curry	7	4	5	11	3.6

Also batted: E. Annetts, 5 innings for 77 runs; R. Binsted, 4 for 114; F. Freeman, 2 for 71; R. Thomson, 2 for 66; R. Ward, 6 for 78; D. Robinson, 5 for 174; R. Storey, 4 for 43; L. Kelly, 6 for 17; W. Smith, 2 for 17; L. Keeler, 4 for 27.

BOWLING.

Name	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wickets	Avge.
D. Fraser	122	16	525	44	11.9
W. Dyer	74	8	280	23	14.2
A. Travers	110	13	516	31	16.9
M. Robinson	43	4	208	12	17.3
W. Matthews	47	1	238	12	19.8
F. Bissaker	33	1	203	6	33.8

Also bowled: E. Annetts, 15 wickets for 95; R. Curry, 0 for 62; S. Osborn, 3 for 50; R. Thomson, 0 for 33; D. Robinson, 15 for 81; R. L'Estrange, 2 for 38; R. Binsted, 0 for 19; A. Rose, 1 for 29; W. Smith, 8 for 74; E. Bevan, 3 for 51; R. Storey, 0 for 4; B. Bailey, 0 for 23.

Just prior to this report being written, your Club was advised of a move by the N.S.W. Cricket Association to create a separate association for the Municipal and Shire Clubs, with a view to reducing the cost of Grade Cricket.

The Shire Clubs were given the opportunity of expressing their views on the suggested move, and all were opposed to any alteration if this could be avoided.

Your own Club had no reason for supporting such a change and it is sincerely hoped that the difficulty can be overcome without recourse to the contemplated action.

Two practice matches were held at Canley Vale in August and two at Brighton the following month. Good attendances were obtained at the latter, but the earlier practices will be discontinued through lack of support.

A very pleasant day was spent at Brighton when the Footballers played a team composed of 1st and 2nd XI. players and defeated them. We understand the latter were unnerved by flying bullets from nearby marksmen.

Another interesting and pleasant match was that between the 1st and 2nd XI's. during a break in the competition, when the Seconds created a stir among the selectors by defeating their seniors by 27 runs on the first innings.

During the year, Mr. G. Garnsey, Association Coach, delivered an illustrated lecture to more than 30 members in the Club Rooms. This proved most instructive and everyone present enjoyed the night.

Mr. A. J. Robinson was good enough to score for the 1st XI. once again and his kindness is much appreciated.

The ground at St. Lukes Park, or Burwood Oval as we are now becoming accustomed to call it, was further improved by Concord Council, to whom we are grateful. The wickets, too, were always first class, and we have to thank the groundsman, Mr. Rowlings for his careful preparation.

The District Club, through Mr. Reg. Herford, again made available the practice wicket on Concord Oval, and this action is appreciated.

The 3rd XI. is very fortunate to have such a fine area as Henley Park on which to play, and the Enfield Council cannot be too highly commended for the manner in which this park has been beautified.

FOOTBALL.

This report, as usual, deals with portion of two seasons, but it will suffice to set out the records of your two teams at the end of the 1935 competition, and confine our comments to this year's activities:—

	Matches				Pts.	Pts.	Pos.
	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	for	Against	
1st XV.	12	5	5	2	121	136	4
2nd XV.	14	10	3	1	163	68	2

The annual fixture against Royal Military College at Victoria Barracks last year was won by your representatives by 13 points to 8. We are grateful to the College Authorities for entertaining the team.

This year, sufficient players were available for the entry of two teams again, and these were placed in 1st Grade (Kentwell Cup) and 3rd Grade (Whiddon Cup) of the Sub-District Rugby Union Competition.

The 1st XV. is rather weaker than usual for the Club's senior team, and this is brought about chiefly by the absence of talent in the key positions.

The team has rarely functioned effectively, and efforts to strengthen with players of promise from the Seconds only served to demonstrate the big difference in the standard of the two grades.

There are many young players with distinct promise in the lower grade, however, but it will be a season or two before they are ready for Kentwell Cup play. If the First team is to remain in this grade next season, members of a higher playing standard must be obtained.

Harry Windon has been coaching the 1st XV. and turned out at one stage to help things along, but unfortunately met with injury in his first game. We are grateful for this member's interest.

The Seconds are attracting all the limelight so far this season, and its unbeaten record at the end of the 9th Round of matches justifies this. Premiership prospects are exceedingly bright, but with so many strong teams the issue is likely to be strenuously contested.

Roy Glasgow is to be thanked for coaching this team and helping it to attain its present prominent position.

The records of the teams to the 30th June are as follows:—

	Matches					Pts.	
	Played	Won	Lost	Bye	Drawn	For	Against
1st XV.	8	4	3	—	1	65	68
2nd XV.	8	8	—	1	—	135	27

The 1st XV. also played a match against St. Josephs College, who proved too strong for your representatives to the tune of 29 points to 11.

The two playing areas on St. Luke's Park have again been sub-let to the N.S.W. Rugby Union this year.

Heartiest congratulations are extended to Bill McLaughlin on his selection to play for his State against Queensland, and also on receiving his Australian colours for the New Zealand trip in August.

His displays have been splendid this year and he has thoroughly deserved the confidence placed in him.

CLUB ROOMS.

Attendances at the Club Rooms during the past year have been rather disappointing. It was expected that with the increase in the membership the conveniences there would have been better utilised.

We should like to impress on new members the advantages which the Rooms offer, both from the point of view of entertainment and also in the friendly associations it encourages with contemporary members.

The comfort of the Rooms has been enhanced by the purchase of cushions, and the provision of a shower, through the kindness of our President, Mr. J. E. Holmes, is a further convenience for members.

Cards.—Card games showed promise of regaining their old popularity early in the year, but have fallen away again. Periodical bridge nights have been held and, although comparatively poor support was forthcoming for these, members who attended enjoyed the evenings.

Library.—We have been without the services of a Librarian for the greater part of the year and the Library has suffered in consequence, but the advent of a newly formed Library Committee, consisting of Messrs. A. W. Hulls, L. Keeler and Ron Thomson, should soon have things running smoothly again.

Forty-one new volumes have been added during the year.

Lectures.—Only one lecture has taken place during the twelve months—that by Mr. George Garnsey, which is reported under "Cricket."

Entertainments.—Two Smoke Concerts have taken place, one in September last and the usual Christmas Re-Union.

On the first occasion, 58 members were present, while a capacity house of 95 was in attendance at the December concert. Both functions were most successful, and the entertainment provided by the various artists went a long way towards achieving this result. We are indebted to Mr. Bob Porter for his efforts in this direction.

An innovation was the Games Night, or "Bug Party" to be correct, organised by our very energetic Ladies Committee headed by Miss Olive Dinning, President, and Miss Daphne Mackay, Secretary.

The evening proved to be one of the most enjoyable spent at the Club Rooms, and was thoroughly appreciated by the sixty-four who attended.

Billiards.—Sub-Committee: B. McKittrick, F. Mitchell and L. Nossiter. This game has not the appeal for members that might be expected; nevertheless, of the three tournaments held, two had 48 starters and the other one 32.

Vice-President Mr. R. W. May was successful in the final of the September event against E. Siddeley; the Xmas Handicap was won by B. McKittrick from E. Hayley; while the Easter Tournament resulted in E. Siddeley defeating R. Storey in the final.

The tables have been kept in order by Heiron and Smith Ltd. during the year.

Cigarettes.—While the sale of cigarettes and tobacco has been maintained, it is far below what might reasonably be expected from a Club the size of ours, and it is evident that a large number of members have not yet learnt to appreciate the assistance the Club receives from cigarette sales.

Recently, various lines of chocolates have been introduced for sale with success.

Stewards.—These officers have performed their duties in a conscientious manner throughout the year and are to be sincerely thanked for their efforts.

TENNIS.

Sub-Committee: R. Clark, B. McKittrick and E. Siddeley.

The American doubles handicap events have maintained their popularity, and the four held during the year attracted good entries and were most enjoyable.

The following results were recorded:—

11/8/35	"A"	Division.—S. Godfrey and W. McLaughlin.
	"B"	" E. Bevan and L. Nossiter.
27/10/35	"A"	" F. Bissaker and W. Matthews.
	"B"	" N. Neville and S. Osborne.
29/3/36	"A"	" C. Nee and R. Thomson.
	"B"	" Gordon Lee and H. Windon.
	"C"	" W. Hulls and J. Finn.
		" D. Fraser and M. Robinson.
10/5/36	"A"	" S. Godfrey and N. Neale.
	"B"	" H. Beardsmore and R. L'Estrange.
		" D. Fraser and W. Hulls.

The Doubles Championship of the Club was played recently. Twelve pairs competed and the final was won by L. Keeler and K. Pratley from A. Land and C. Nee. The qualifying rounds were all keenly fought, and the enjoyment of the day was enhanced by the kindness of G. Lee, D. Rossell and E. Siddeley and the parents of these members in again making their courts available to the Club.

GOLF.

Sub-Committee: A. W. Hulls, N. Neale and L. Nossiter.

Three tournaments were held during the period under review, each at the Oatlands Club Course, and received good support. For good fun, these events can be well recommended.

The following are the results of the various competitions:—

15/9/35.

Championship.—N. Fisher, 1st.
W. Hulls, 2nd.

Stroke Handicap.—N. Neale, 1st.
H. Windon, 2nd.

Par Handicap.—K. Burnett, 1st.
N. Neale, 2nd.

11/11/35.

11 Hole Stroke Handicap.—N. Wales, 1st.
J. Dinning, 2nd.

4-Ball Best Ball Handicap.—G. Whiddon and M. Mitchell, 1st.
K. Burnett and R. Wicks,
W. Hulls and R. May, 2nd.

17/5/36.

4-Ball Championship.—K. Burnett and N. Fisher, 1st.
W. Hulls and L. Keeler, 2nd.

Stroke Handicap.—D. Johns and F. Mitchell.
W. Hulls and L. Keeler, 2nd.

Stroke Handicap.—D. Johns and F. Mitchell, 1st.
D. Hilder and B. McKittrick, 2nd.

SWIMMING.

The swimming section of the Club's sport showed a greater activity during the year. Each fortnight during the Summer months races were held at Enfield Baths for a Point Score competition, the ultimate winner of which was Alan Herron, with a total of 34 points, followed by B. McKittrick and H. Beardsmore with 33 and 26 points respectively.

These swims undoubtedly made interest keener for our Annual Carnival, which was held on March 9th, and which, with the augmentation of associate clubs, proved very successful.

B. McKittrick won the 50 metres and 100 metres championships and J. Cleary annexed the 200 metres.

Entries for the handicap events showed satisfactory numbers, and judging by the keenness shown we should have another good season next Summer.

We are again indebted to the N.S.W. Diving Troupe for giving a very fine display, and for the assistance given by Messrs. J. E. Holmes, R. W. May, F. Marshall, G. Lucas, Tom Pauling, E. Sandell and E. J. Siddeley.

As an innovation this year, Harlequin and Reliance Sporting Clubs, Epping and Eastwood Young Men's Institutes and Western Suburbs Rugby Union Football Club were invited each to hold one event at the Carnival, and these races proved an additional attraction. The same clubs also competed in the inter-club relay race, which was won by the Western Suburbs Club, with Epping second and your representatives third.

We express our thanks to the associate clubs for their co-operation, and trust that they, too, enjoyed the night.

Permission was granted by the N.S.W. Amateur Swimming Association to your Club to hold the carnival as an unaffiliated body on this occasion, but it is hoped that this section of our activities will be sufficiently strong next season to justify our linking up with the Association as a House Club.

Following are the results of the various events:—

Championships:

- 50 Metres.—B. McKittrick, 1st; L. Kelly, 2nd. Time 31 secs.
- 100 Metres.—B. McKittrick, 1st; J. Cleary, 2nd. 1 min. 14 secs.
- 200 Metres.—J. Cleary, 1st; L. Kelly, 2nd. 2 min. 56 4/5th. secs.
- Open Dives —B. McKittrick, 1st; C. Shaw (Harlequins), 2nd; C. Imber (Reliance), 3rd.

Handicap Events:

- 50 Metres.—D. Hilder*, B. Turner*; A. Herron, 3rd.
- 100 Metres.—S. McGregor, 1st; L. Nossiter, 2nd.

30 Metres Novice Dash:

- R. Gee, 1st; D. Fraser, 2nd. Time 22 secs.

Crocodile Race:

- W. Turner and O. Osterman.

Novelty Event:

- S. McGregor and E. Perrin.

Junior Handicap:

- E. Crozier, 1st; D. Beale, 2nd.

50 Metres Champ. for Visitors:

- L. Buxton (Epping), 1st; T. Pauling (Eastwood), 2nd. Time 30 secs.

50 Metres Handicap for Western Suburbs R.U.F.C.:

- B. Watson, 1st; D. Vanderfield, 2nd.

50 Metres Championship for Eastwood Y.M.I.:

- A. Giles, 1st; M. Hill, 2nd. Time 35 1/5th. secs.

50 Metres Handicap for Epping Y.M.I.:

- L. Buxton, 1st; J. Watson, 2nd.

50 Metres Handicap for Harlequin S.C.:

- C. Imber, 1st; W. Sutter, 2nd.

50 Metres Handicap for Reliance S.C.

- M. Clayton, 1st; J. Clayton, 2nd.

200 Metres Inter-Club Relay Race:

- Western Suburbs R.U.F.C., 1st; Epping Y.M.I., 2nd; Briars S. C., 3rd.
(*) Tie.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting last year did not quite reach the standard of previous efforts and, in view of the expense entailed in staging this function as in former years, your Committee has made a change in the arrangements for the current meeting, and the degree of success attending this will decide future policy.

DANCES.

Three dances have been held in the twelve months under review.

The attendance at the annual event at Hordern Bros. in July last year was rather seriously affected by the then-prevailing influenza epidemic, but was nevertheless quite successful.

New ground was broken by the staging of a dance on New Year's Eve. This was held at the Log House, Penrith, and a capacity crowd thoroughly enjoyed the night. The venture was so satisfactory that it will no doubt be made a fixture.

A rather smaller crowd than usual attended the State Ballroom for the event in April, and it is felt that some of the members slacked a little on this occasion.

A heavy responsibility is thrown on the Committee organising these functions, and the full support of members is needed to carry them through successfully.

A Ladies Committee has rendered good service in helping to arrange our dances, and we are grateful to them for their assistance.

BLAZERS.

A new design was adopted for the Club's Blazer early in the year and arrangements made with Farmer & Co. Ltd. for their manufacture to order.

PATRON.

This position was filled for the first time at last year's Annual Meeting, and it was indeed fitting that the Hon. H. W. Whiddon, M.L.C., should be chosen for the honour.

No man has done more for the members, and Mr. Whiddon might well be regarded as the Father of the Club. In its early days, he was the life and soul of every activity and it was mainly due to his advice and kindly interest that the Club was developed along sound lines.

Of recent years, public affairs have made a continually increasing demand on Mr. Whiddon's time, and he has not been able to devote the same attention to the Club, but his interest is undiminished.

COMMITTEE.

Your Committee has met on 13 occasions during the year.

The following attendances at Meetings were recorded:—

R. B. Clark	13	M. Mitchell	12
J. H. Dinning (App'd. 3/36)	3	R. W. May	11
D. Fraser	10	C. N. Neale	6
H. R. Haigh	12	N. Neale	10
R. G. Herford	5	D. Rossell	11
J. E. Holmes	12	E. J. Siddeley	13
B. McKittrick (Apptd. 3/36)	4	H. G. Whiddon	12

In March, it was found necessary to enlarge the Committee by the addition of two members to cope with the increased work, and we are pleased to report the appointment of Messrs. John Dinning and Bruce McKittrick.

This change necessitated an alteration to Rule 4 (i), and due advice of this was posted on the Notice Board.

We desire to make special mention here of the work performed by your Treasurer, M. Mitchell. He has occupied the position for a number of years now, and his work is ever increasing, but he never complains, although the task of collecting monies from members, many of whom are of apparent Aberdonian ancestry, is one that could be lightened considerably. Darcy Fraser has proved himself a very capable assistant. The Club is fortunate in having two such competent and willing workers.

Mr. Eric Siddeley, in his position as Hon. Auditor, is also rendering his Club a worthy service, and we appreciate this member's practical interest.

The Chairman of the various Sub-Committees, and the Senior Steward, have carried out their part in keeping the Club alive, and, together with the assisting members on these Sub-Committees, are to be heartily thanked.

FINANCE.

This year's net surplus of £15/5/5 compares with the £17/18/11 shown in 1934/35 and, as in that year, has been made possible by the profit derived from the sale of cigarettes, etc.

Considering that there is a much larger membership, which is reflected in the increase in subscriptions by £27/1/1, the position is not as satisfactory as was hoped for. The fact that billiards' receipts fell away by £11/4/9, profit from dances by £20/18/9 and cigarette sales by £9/2/11, is an indication that many members are not pulling their weight.

Despite the reduced revenue, the financial position shows an improvement of £22/4/9 on last year, mainly due to the absence of capital expenditure in the Club Rooms and in a lesser degree to reduced costs for Cricket £10/0/9; Printing and Stationery, £12/0/2 and Club Room Amusements, £15/3/10.

Fixed assets have been written down by 10%, namely £26/8/9, leaving a surplus of assets over liabilities of £338/1/11.

CONGRATULATIONS.

We heartily congratulate the following members on becoming proud fathers since our last report:—

Peter Meulman—a son (and not the first); Allan Hulls—a daughter; Ted Perrin—a daughter; Maurice Hill—a daughter (quite a family now); Bill Stephens—a son; John Sheehan—a son; Arthur Wherrett—a son; and Norman Pardoe—a son.

We are particularly interested in the male products and trust they will all become good Briars.

Foundation member Harry Meeks was our only representative to take the plunge this time, and his marriage with Miss Dinah Hordern created a lot of interest. We wish them all the best.

The following engagements are noted with pleasure:—

Bert Bailey to Miss Marjorie Gilbert:—

Harry Beardsmore to Miss Gwen Thomas;

Harry Windon to Miss Elsa Lee.

OBITUARY.

We extend our sympathy to Don Vowles on the death of his Mother, and to Reg Curry who lost his young sister in December last.

We also offer our condolences to Mr. Reg Herford on the passing of his brother.

APPRECIATION.

We record our thanks to the following:—

Messrs. R. Jenner and Vice-President E. J. Siddeley for parcels of illustrated papers.

Mr. G. F. Bevan for a further gift of playing cards.

Mr. D. Page and the Strathfield Golf Club for a number of framed sketches.

Mr. L. McGlynn and his firm, Lumsden Doyle and Coy., for the time and trouble expended in handling the preparation of the Club Rooms lease.

Those members who consistently place their cars at the disposal of the Club for the conveyance of players to the various sports.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

J. E. HOLMES, President.

R. B. CLARK, Hon. Secretary.

ADDENDUM.

I wish to place on record my appreciation of the work performed throughout the year by R. B. Clark (Hon. Sec.), M. Mitchell (Hon. Treas.), D. Fraser (Hon. Asst. Treas.), H. R. Haigh and D. Rossell, who filled the position of Senior Steward, and members of the Committee

J. E. HOLMES,
President.

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB

COMBINED WORKING ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1936.

CLUB ROOMS TRADING ACCOUNT.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
To Stock of Cigarettes and Tobacco, 30/6/35				7	19	7
Purchases of Cigarettes and Tobacco		74	3	6		
Purchases of Chocolates, etc.		2	12	3		
Gross Profit		16	12	10		
				£101	8	2

	£	s	d	£	s	d
By Sales of Cigarettes and Tobacco				89	4	0
Sales of Chocolates, etc.				2	8	5
Stock on hand, 30/6/36—						
Cigarettes and Tobacco	8	18	3			
Chocolates, etc.	0	17	6	9	15	9
				£101	8	2

	£	s	d	£	s	d
To EXPENDITURE.—						
Cricket.—						
Hire of Ground	30	0	0			
Materials, etc.	51	14	3	81	14	3
Football.—						
Hire of Ground	30	0	0			
Affiliation and Registration Fees	11	8	0			
Materials and Training, etc.	11	1	4	52	9	4
Dances and Entertainments.—						
Dances, etc.	194	8	0			
Club Room Entertainments and Annual Meeting	60	3	7	254	11	7
Sundry Sports.—						
Golf	0	5	0			
Tennis	9	11	8			
Swimming	13	4	1	23	0	9
Club Room Amusements.—						
Billiards	6	17	2			
Ping Pong	0	7	11			
Library	5	9	2	12	14	3
Club Room Upkeep.—						
Rent	87	0	0			
Cleaning	13	17	5			
Electric Light and Gas	9	17	6			
Repairs and Maintenance	3	1	9			
Wireless License	1	1	0			
Telephone Rental and Calls	8	18	11			
Legal Expenses	5	3	0	128	19	7
Administrative Expenses.—						
Printing and Stationery, etc.	14	19	6			
Sundry Expenses	3	19	10	18	19	4
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				572	9	1
Nett Surplus for Year				15	5	5
				£587	14	6

	£	s	d	£	s	d
By INCOME.—						
Cricket.—						
Batting Fees, etc.	44	6	6	44	6	6
Football.—						
N.S.W. Rugby Union, Hire of Ground	30	0	0			
Registration Fees, etc.	11	10	0			
Photographs	0	7	0	41	17	0
Dances and Entertainments.—						
Dances, etc.	226	10	0			
Club Room Entertainments and Annual Meeting	49	13	2	276	3	2
Sundry Sports.—						
Golf	0	5	0			
Tennis	7	10	1			
Swimming	10	17	0	18	12	1
Club Room Amusements.—						
Billiards	35	5	9			
Cards	5	2	0			
Library	2	6	7	42	14	4
Annual Subscriptions	143	6	6	143	6	6
Sundry Income.—						
Donations	1	6	6			
Interest	0	10	8			
Telephone Calls	0	16	1			
Competitions	0	18	4			
Sundries	0	10	6	4	2	1
TOTAL INCOME				£587	14	6

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1936.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
LIABILITIES.						
Sundry Creditors				15	0	0
Surplus of Assets over Liabilities.—						
Balance, 30/6/35	349	5	3			
Add Surplus for Year	15	5	5			
	364	10	8			
Less Depreciation written off Furniture and Fittings as per Contra	26	8	9	338	1	11
				£353	1	11

	£	s	d	£	s	d
ASSETS.						
Furniture and Fittings, etc.—						
Balance, 30th June, 1935	264	7	4			
Less Sales	6	16	3			
	257	11	1			
Less Depreciation, as per Contra	26	8	9	231	2	4
Sundry Debtors.—						
Members for Fees, etc.	37	18	10			
N.S.W. Rugby Union	15	0	0	52	18	10
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd.				59	5	0
Stock on Hand.—						
Cigarettes and Tobacco	8	18	3			
Chocolates, etc.	17	6	0	9	15	9
				£353	1	11

M. MITCHELL, Hon. Treasurer.
D. FRASER, Hon. Assistant Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Briars Sporting Club, submitted for my inspection, and that the above Balance Sheet is in accordance therewith, and, in my opinion, exhibits a true and correct view of the financial position at the date thereof.

SYDNEY, 30th JUNE, 1936.

E. F. SIDDELEY, A.I.C.A.,
Hon. Auditor.