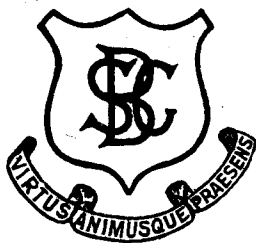




# THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB



TWENTY - FIRST

# ANNUAL REPORT



1938 - 1939

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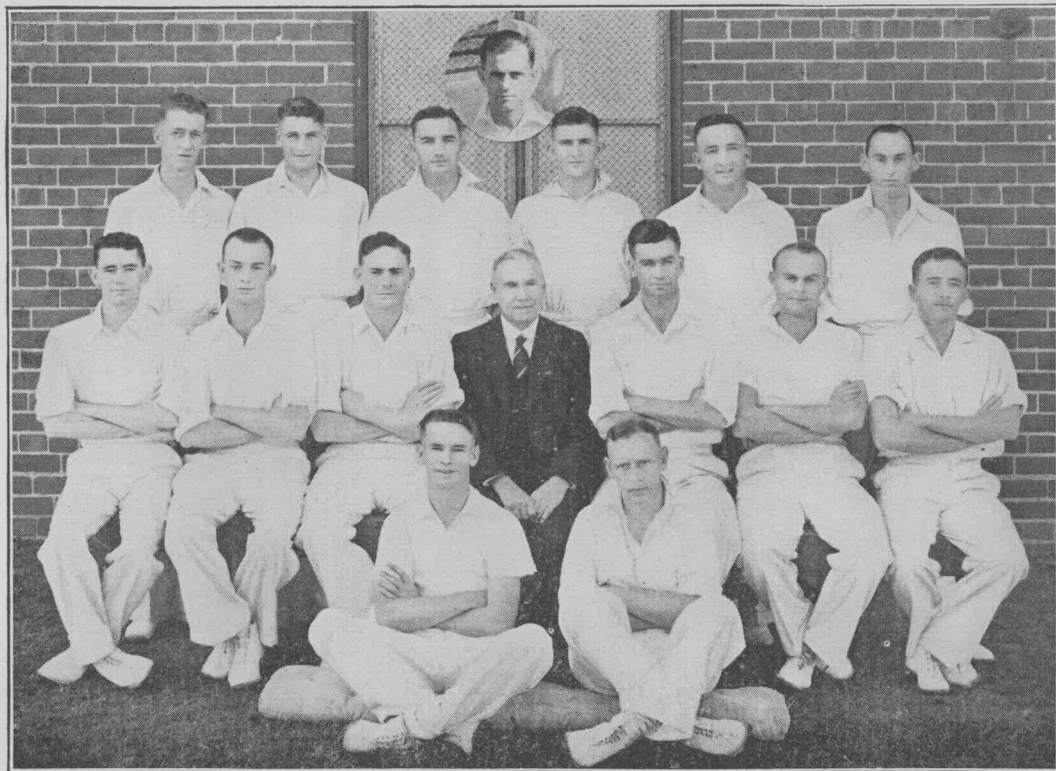
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A. Herron.	R. Watson.

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### STEWARDS:

L. Davis.	D. Prowse.
J. Fraser.	H. Searl.
Peter Friend.	W. Smith.
K. Maxwell.	R. Storey.
N. Mitchell.	J. Walker.



2nd XI.—1938/39. M. & S. "B" GRADE PREMIERS.

R. Thomson, L. Davis, P. Murray, D. Prowse, N. Neville, W. Smith.  
 H. Brown, J. Hollands, R. McLaughlin (Jt. Capt.), E. J. Siddeley, Esq. (Vice Pres.), R. Glasgow  
 (Jt. Capt.), E. Annetts, V. Buzacott.

Inset: A. Land,

L. Meulman, H. Windon,

Absent: G. A. Lee,

# TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE AND HON. TREASURER'S STATEMENT.



To the Members of The Briars Sporting Club:  
Gentlemen,

The Twenty-first Annual Report of your Club's activities for the year ended 30th June, 1939, submitted herewith, covers a period of satisfactory progress and one in which your representatives have performed with their share of success.

Members have carried out their obligations in the various sporting activities with plenty of enthusiasm and obvious enjoyment, and club spirit is very high.

We were rather concerned last year about the falling off in the number of players joining the club to play football, but the Membership Sub-Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Geoff Whiddon got to work with excellent results, both as regards quantity and quality, and there has been no difficulty in fielding two full teams this season.

The Membership list shows a net increase of 11 over last year's figure of 152 and is a record. Particulars are as follows:—

Active	..	..	..	..	..	..	106
Associate	..	..	..	..	..	..	43
Country	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	<u>163</u>

A similar drive will now have to be made for young cricketers to fill vacancies in our Third team. This matter is an urgent one, for the competition starts on 2nd September, but we are confident the required players will be obtained once the shortage becomes known to members.

## CRICKET.

(Sub-Committee: Messrs. I. Cozens, L. Davis, B. McKittrick, R. E. McLaughlin, W. H. Smith).

Three teams were again entered in competition—one each in the "A" and "B" Grade Municipal and Shire Competition under the control of the N.S.W. Cricket Association, and one in the 3rd Grade of the Western Suburbs Association.

From the good material at early practices and the enthusiasm shown by the members present, a good season was indicated and our hopes were fully realised.

The 2nd XI. did particularly well in winning the "B" Shire Competition. Congratulations to them.

The Firsts finished close to the top of the ladder in 3rd position, while the Thirds, although not doing as well as expected, had their share of success.

It can be considered the best season the Club has experienced at the Summer game and we look forward to a maintenance of the present standard.

The ground at St. Luke's Park was again rather hard and bumpy but the wicket was a credit to the groundsman, Mr. K. Rowlings.

After the Concord Council had informed us that the ground would not be available for sport following the present football season, enquiries were made regarding a new area, and negotiations are now being carried out.

In the meantime, the St. Luke's ground will be available for our use, but at an increased rental.

We are grateful to Mr. Reg. Herford and the District Club for providing the opportunity for practicing on Concord Oval.

Two enjoyable non-competition matches were played during the season—one against St. Joseph's College at Hunters Hill and the other against our friendly neighbours, Cintra Club.

A team visited Goulburn over the Christmas Holidays to play a match against the Kenmore Hospital staff, and had a most pleasant trip.

Our hearty congratulations to Lane Cove Club on its clear cut win in the "A" Grade "M. & S." Competition.

We are grateful to the N.S.W. Cricket Association for their generous grant of £15.

1st. XI.—Our senior team showed a big improvement on the previous season and performed well indeed to finish in third position to Lane Cove and Roseville. As both these teams were beaten by your representatives, it can be truly said that this position was well merited.

The team's batting was a little disappointing and there were some unaccountable failures, notably against Marrickville when the side was dismissed for 88 and then lost 6 for 36 in the second innings; there was a further collapse against N.S.W. Juniors, when 8 wickets fell for 49, and later in the season Lane Cove dismissed our men for 75. In each case the wicket was good. The ability of the tail end batsmen to get runs at a pinch saved the side often. On only three occasions during the season was the 200 runs mark passed.

Their best performance was against the strong Roseville side, when a total of 358 runs was put on the board.

C. Mitchell and C. Nee were the most consistent batsmen, but every member of the team had at least one good innings, with A. Lynch's lone hand for 94 not out against Western Suburbs outstanding. The usually reliable A. Land and H. Windon were unable to get going. New men from the Seconds in D. Prowse, L. Hokin and H. Brown has given promise of better things this year, particularly the first-named with his hard hitting displays.

In the bowling department, I. Cozens showed improvement and was unlucky not to have still better figures; his 9 wickets for 27 runs against Ryde and 6 for 27 against Lane Cove were excellent performances. J. Walker was a tower of strength and always commanded respect; his figures never flatter him. R. Glasgow, in the few matches he played with this team, and A. Lynch, were also very good.

Strength was added to the attack by some splendid slip fielding by A. Lynch and L. Hokin. In fact, the fielding throughout was particularly good, both in the air and on the ground, and this contributed largely to the team's success.

We thank Mr. A. J. Robinson for once again scoring for the team in his usual capable manner.

The members showed their appreciation at the end of the season by entertaining him at dinner and afterwards at the theatre.

**2nd XI.**—Reference has already been made in this report to the success of this team in the "B" Grade Municipal and Shire competition.

Their performance should be regarded as the result of excellent teamwork, each and every man pulling his weight.

It is difficult to single out any individual player for special mention, but some reference should be made to D. Prowse who, although he missed four matches during the season, had an aggregate for the Club of 538 runs (68 in 3rd XI., 355 in 2nd XI. and 115 in 1st XI.). His average in the Seconds was 88.8!

J. Hollands was a consistent opening bat and his aggregate of 398 runs was the team's best.

A rare achievement was the recording of four separate centuries in the one season—one each by D. Prowse (149 not out), H. Brown (136), R. E. McLaughlin (111 not out) and N. Neville (106).

In addition, no less than five record partnerships were established, as follows:—

- 1st Wicket: 112 runs v. Lindfield (J. Hollands 66 and A. Land 46).
- 2nd Wicket: 115 runs v. Lane Cove (J. Hollands 68 and H. Brown 70).
- 3rd Wicket: 150 runs v. Epping (J. Hollands 99 and H. Windon 89).
- 5th Wicket: 137 runs v. Nth. Sydney (H. Brown 136 and L. Meulman 82).
- 6th Wicket: 113 runs v. Gordon (R. McLaughlin 111 n.o. and E. Annetts 42).

For nine men to have an average of 27 or better is phenomenal, but is indicative of the batting strength.

However, the batsmen did not take all the glory, for P. Murray (particularly), R. Glasgow and R. Thompson were bowlers of ability, who played their part in the team's success.

Despite occasional lapses, the fielding generally was of a high standard and at times rose to great heights. There is no doubt that this side of the team's activities played no mean part in the results achieved.

**3rd XI.**—The Thirds were a big disappointment. They appeared to be far stronger than in the previous year but failed to produce anything like true form and finished low down in the competition.

Apart from N. Mitchell and L. Davis, with N. Sharpe until he left for the country in December, the batting was very weak, the side having a long tail.

N. Mitchell scored a creditable century against Harlequins and L. Davis an equally good one against Crompton Parkinson; incidentally, Les was another to achieve the rare honour in this Club of scoring over 500 runs in a season (399 in 3rd XI. and 104 in 2nd XI.).



The bowling was quite fair, and A. Rose, N. Mitchell and D. Vowles all had some good performances, particularly the first-named, who took 6 wickets for 21 runs against Reliance and 6 for 18 against B.A.L.M.

The fielding left a lot to be desired. Too frequently, easy catches were dropped and generally there was a lack of that extra keenness usually associated with a young team.

### 1st AND 2nd XI. RESULTS.

	Matches							Pts.	%	Comp. Pos.
	Played	W.	W.I.	L.	L.I.	D.	T.			
M. & S. "A" Grade ..	12	3	5	—	3	1	—	70	58.33	3rd
M. & S. "B" Grade ..	12	5	5	—	1	1	—	88	73.33	1st

	Runs for	Wickets for	Avg.	Runs Agst.	Wickets Agst.	Avg.
	M. & S. "A" Grade ..	2641	141	18.7	2719	173
M. & S. "B" Grade ..	3415	118	28.9	2541	175	14.5

### AVERAGES.

#### "A" Grade.

#### BATTING:

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
A. Lynch .. . . . . .	15	5	94x	250	25.0
C. Mitchell .. . . . . .	15	1	70x	329	23.5
R. Clark .. . . . . .	12	3	54	197	21.9
C. Nee .. . . . . .	16	—	77	343	21.4
V. Buzacott .. . . . . .	6	1	73x	102	20.4
I. Cozens .. . . . . .	13	2	64	203	18.4
A. Land .. . . . . .	13	1	89	218	18.2
H. Brown .. . . . . .	6	1	26	73	14.6
J. Walker .. . . . . .	10	2	37	111	13.9
L. Hokin .. . . . . .	9	1	33	100	12.5
H. Windon .. . . . . .	10	1	39	112	12.4
R. McLaughlin .. . . . . .	7	—	31	71	10.1

x Not Out.

Also batted: D. Prowse, 4 innings for 115 runs; N. Neville, 2 for 43; W. Smith, 5 (1 not out) for 66; L. Meulman, 3 (1 n.o.) for 31; R. Glasgow, 4 (2 n.o.) for 20; B McKittrick, 5 for 43; N. Wales, 5 (1 n.o.) for 21; E. Annetts, 1 for 0.

#### BOWLING:

Name	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wickets	Avg.
R. Glasgow .. . . . . .	43	4	180	16	11.3
R. Clark .. . . . . .	85	4	314	23	13.7
J. Walker .. . . . . .	165	28	528	38	13.9
I. Cozens .. . . . . .	167	21	615	43	14.3
A. Lynch .. . . . . .	56	5	258	18	14.3

Also bowled: W. Smith, 7 wickets for 158 runs; V. Buzacott, 1 for 15; H. Windon, 8 for 138; L. Hokin, 5 for 121; C. Nee, 1 for 29; A. Land, 0 for 16; E. Annetts, 0 for 32; C. Mitchell, 0 for 42.

**"B" Grade.**

**BATTING:**

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
D. Prowse	5	1	149x	355	88.8
R. McLaughlin	6	1	111x	243	48.6
H. Brown	6	—	136	244	40.7
N. Neville	6	—	106	231	38.5
L. Davis	7	4	38	104	34.7
J. Hollands	12	—	99	398	33.2
G. A. Lee	10	1	72	264	29.3
W. Smith	6	—	58	171	28.5
L. Meulman	6	—	82	163	27.2
V. Buzacott	9	—	55	169	18.8
E. Annetts	11	1	50	160	16.0
P. Murray	10	2	16	79	9.9
R. Thomson	9	2	12	46	6.6
R. Glasgow	7	—	18	38	5.4

x Not Out.

Also batted: H. Windon, 4 innings (1 not out) for 218 runs; A. Land, 4 for 103; R. Binsted, 3 for 43; L. Hokin, 2 for 83; G. J. Lee, 2 for 33; B. McKittrick, 2 (1 n.o.) for 45; A. Thomson 1 (1 n.o.) for 7; R. Watts, 1 for 2; D Vowles, 1 (1 n.o.) for 0; N. Mitchell 1 for 0.

**BOWLING:**

Name	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wickets	Avg.
R. Glasgow	109	13	403	37	10.9
E. Annetts	71	12	242	19	12.7
W. Smith	60	4	227	17	13.4
P. Murray	179	10	650	47	13.8
R. Thomson	93	2	483	31	15.6

Also bowled: L. Hokin, 3 wickets for 44 runs; V. Buzacott, 2 for 73; L. Meulman, 0 for 14; B. Watts 2 for 70; J. Hollands, 1 for 21; L. Davis, 1 for 64; A. Thomson, 0 for 10; D. Vowles, 1 for 14; H. Windon, 0 for 38.

Matches Played	W.	W1.	3rd. XI.		D.	T.	Pts.	Pos.
Runs for	Wickets for	Avge.	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Avge.			
12	4	—	3	4	1	—	22	7th
2679	168	15.8	2611	173	15.1			

**AVERAGES.**

**BATTING:**

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
L. Davis	12	2	111	399	39.9
N. Mitchell	14	3	107x	344	31.3
N. Sharpe	13	3	52	220	22.0
N. Dunbar	8	2	30x	107	17.9
A. Arnold	15	3	56	197	16.4
G. J. Lee	7	—	28	106	15.1
J. Gibson	6	1	21	74	14.8
A. Thomson	14	3	43	157	14.3
E. Johnson	17	—	60	198	11.6
R. Binsted	6	—	18	47	7.9
A. Rose	14	1	29	98	7.5
D. Fraser	7	—	31	46	6.6
D. Vowles	7	4	10x	13	4.3
M. McInnes	8	—	10	34	4.2

x Not Out.

Also batted: K. Maxwell, 4 innings for 22 runs; A. Herron, 2 for 10; J. Fraser, 1 for 1; L. Keeler, 4 for 14; L. Meulman, 3 (1 not out) for 79; R. Marshall, 4 for 80; J. Hollands, 2 for 28; D. Prowse, 2 (1 n.o.) for 68; R. Watt, 1 for 0; L. Dunbar, 3 for 18; R. Watson, 5 for 42; H. Searl, 5 (4 n.o.) for 30; R. Clark, 2 for 48; G. Vanderfield, 1 for 0.

#### BOWLING:

Name	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wickets	Avg.
E. Johnson	27	1	132	12	11.0
N. Mitchell	49	6	215	19	11.3
A. Rose	112	9	457	35	13.1
D. Fraser	27	—	125	9	13.9
D. Vowles	60	3	326	23	14.2
M. McInnes	63	1	371	22	16.8
L. Davis	37	1	165	6	27.5

Also bowled: J. Fraser, 1 wicket for 39 runs; A. Arnold, 1 for 27; N. Sharpe, 0 for 9; N. Dunbar, 2 for 55; L. Meulman, 3 for 75; A. Thomson, 1 for 44; R. Marshall, 4 for 114; L. Keeler, 1 for 6; R. Watts, 7 for 49; J. Hollands, 1 for 39; G. Vanderfield, 1 for 6; H. Searl, 1 for 8.

## FOOTBALL.

(Sub-Committee: Messrs. R. Watson, N. Austin, G. J. Lee, D. Prowse, H. Searl).

Records of both teams at the close of the 1938 season:—

	Won	Lost	Drawn	Byes	Points		Comp. Pts.	Pos.
					For	Against		
1st XV. . . . .	8	3	—	2	185	106	20	2
2nd XV. . . . .	2	13	—	—	57	198	4	6

This year we were fortunate, inasmuch as the number of players available was greater than has been the case in recent years. Two teams were again entered in the Rugby Union Sub-District Competition—one in 1st Grade (Kentwell Cup) and one in 2nd Grade (Burke Cup).

Some of the new material offering had more than average ability, with the result that we were able to field quite strong teams, but both competitions this year are of a higher standard than in the past, particularly in 1st Grade, which is being played in one division, and all games have been hard.

The attendances at training have shown an improvement, although Technical College classes and military training have had an effect.

Messrs. G. Whiddon and R. Glasgow were invited to coach the 1st and 2nd XV's. respectively, and we were fortunate that they were both able to accept. They have performed a good job and we thank them for all the time and trouble they have devoted to their charges. We also appreciate the interest shown by the non-playing selection committee—Messrs. R. Clark, R. Gee and S. Jones.

The King's Birthday holiday week-end gave us the opportunity of arranging a trip to Orange, where two matches were played against local teams—one being won and the other lost.

1st XV.—The Firsts have provided strong opposition to opposing teams and in several of their defeats there were no more than one or two points separating the scores at the final whistle. Their strength unquestionably lies in the forwards, whose driving force and untiring efforts have been offset somewhat by the lack of penetration in the back division, which frequently has been unable to press home an advantage gained by the vanguard. The defence of the backs, however, has been splendid throughout and cannot be too highly commended.

R. Binsted has been a tower of strength in this respect, as was L. Davis, until his retirement through sickness, and J. Brereton. Gordon Lee is still the same mercurial half back while B. Horton at full back has shown marked improvement on his last year's games. His sound tackling and kicking have been a feature of the team's displays.

We find it hard to select individual forwards for praise. Throughout, they have played as a pack, which is as it should be. H. Searl has led them tirelessly and set a fine example by his own efforts. L. Dunbar has shown improvement and his game is now more commensurate with his size, but he still lacks the devil of brother Norman. M. Hill, instead of deteriorating, continues to improve as the years roll by, and the same can be said of D. Hilder, whose goal kicking this season has been better than ever.

With the majority of the players available again and an improvement expected in the play of the younger members of the team, we have every reason to look forward to next season with the utmost confidence.

2nd XV.—This team has suffered through players in key positions being called upon to fill the vacancies in the Firsts; nevertheless, it is well placed, and if only more vigor had been imparted at times the team would be in a still better position.

Peter Friend is playing soundly at half back and his defence is as good as ever; G. Vanderfield shows lots of ability at times; R. Randell has the makings of a good winger and runs with plenty of determination, as does R. Farnsworth, who has well justified his promotion to the Firsts. Another with lots of ability is Bruce Fraser who has played exceedingly well at full-back, and should make a good centre three-quarter.

The best of a rather lifeless pack of forwards has been S. Coldham and P. Tainton, with Paddy Friend playing some good games at breakaway.

Results up to and including the round played on 29th July are included in the table below:—

	Matches					Points	
	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Byes	For	Against
1st XV. . . . .	12	6	6	—	1	165	116
2nd XV. . . . .	13	6	5	2	1	117	145

We were very sorry that Billy McLaughlin was not picked in the Australian team which recently left on a tour of the Home Countries. He was given a great chance of selection and must have gone very close to the honour. Bad luck, Billy!

## THE GORDON BEVAN SHIELD.

This shield, presented by the family of our late member as a perpetual football trophy and carrying with it a yearly memento, records the winner of a competition conducted with the following conditions:—

1. Attendance at Training . . . . .	20 points
2. Value to his Team . . . . .	20 „
3. Most improved Player . . . . .	20 „
4. General Keeness as a Footballer . . . . .	15 „
5. Value to his Club as a Member . . . . .	15 „
6. Neatness of Uniform . . . . .	10 „
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	100 points.

Last year, the first that the Shield has been competed for, the award was made to Ron Watson.

Ron was considered to have best fulfilled the above conditions, and no one with any knowledge of Club affairs, would dispute the judges' decision.

The winner has always been a keen club man and a hard worker for our football—both as a player and as an administrator; his success was well deserved and immensely popular.

## GOLF.

(Sub-Committee: Messrs. M. Mitchell, C. Mitchell and G. A. Lee).

Our Golf Tournaments once again proved very popular with members. Two competitions were held during the year, the first at Leura on 4/9/38 and the second at Blackheath on 7/5/39. Thirty-three members participated in the former event, while a record entry of forty-four competitors was established in the Blackheath competition.

The Club Championship was played at Leura and won by L. Keeler, with C. Mitchell in second place. Les has now accomplished the "hat trick".

The Four Ball Championship played at Blackheath was won by L. Keeler and C. Mitchell from W. Wyllie and C. Bayley.

The following results were recorded in the handicap events:—

### At Leura—4/9/38:

Stroke Handicap: L. Keeler, 1st; C. Bayley, P. Pollock, M. Mitchell (tie).  
2nd.

Par Handicap: A. Arnold, 1st; B. Watts, 2nd.

### At Blackheath—7/5/39:

Four Ball Best Ball v. Par: L. McGlynn and M. Mitchell, 1st.

Four Ball Aggregate Stapleford: C. Bayley and W. Wyllie, L. Keeler and C. Mitchell (tie), 1st.

## TENNIS.

(Sub-Committee: Messrs. R. Thomson and R. Storey).

During the past year, doubles handicap events were held at the Strathfield Recreation Club's courts on four occasions, with the following results:—

6/11/'38—"A" Division: C. Mitchell and R. Thomson.

"B" Division: A. Herron and I. Cozens.

23/4/'39.—"A" Division: R. Buzacott and R. Lamb.

"B" Division: R. Farnsworth and G. Vanderfield,  
W. Smith and J. Walker.

"C" Division: L. Meulman and P. Tainton.

28/5/'39—"A" Division: A. Herron and I. Cozens.

"B" Division: D. Hilder and W. Hulls.

25/6/'39—"A" Division: R. Storey and R. Watts.

"B" Division: N. Dunbar and R. Watson.

Generally speaking, the attendances were quite up to those of past years and all present appeared to derive maximum enjoyment from the gatherings.

In passing, however, it is felt that some comment should be made on the number of instances where members have signified their intention to play and then failed to notify the organisers of their inability to make an appearance. This lack of consideration, we know, is often due to forgetfulness, and we ask for the members co-operation in this regard, not only in the tennis competitions but in other sports too.

Two matches were played against the Hawkesbury Agricultural College team. Your representatives lost the first encounter but won the second.

The Doubles Championship last year was finally cancelled, after repeated efforts to play the fixture had been frustrated each time by rain.

## DANCES.

(Sub-Committee: Mr. A. Herron).

Three dances were held during the period under review. Although Hordern Bros. Ball Room was not available this year for our annual dance, the two held at the Lawn Tennis Association's Rooms were both up to expectations.

Allambie House, National Park, was chosen for the New Year's Eve function, and this proved a splendid venue for the celebrations. The attendance of 150 indicates that there is ample support from the members for this annual event.

Financially, all three functions were most successful.

The attention of members is drawn to the next Club dance to be held at the State Ball Room on Saturday, 14th October. As this is the Club's 21st Anniversary year, a special effort will be made to interest the older members on this auspicious occasion.

## CLUB ROOMS.

Attendances at the Club Rooms have improved slightly and there is usually a good roll up of members on Friday nights. However, Committee would like to see more use made of the Rooms on other evenings.

We cannot emphasise too much the value of the Club Rooms in providing an opportunity off the playing fields for members to make friendships and thus strengthen their ties to the Club. Apart from this aspect, the facilities for amusement provided make for the enjoyment of leisure hours with a maximum of comfort.

**Billiards.**—(Sub-Committee: Messrs. A. Arnold, L. Davis and R. Storey).

Three tournaments were held during the past twelve months, the Christmas event attracting 36 entries, while the Spring and Easter Handicaps had 32 each.

The September competition was easily won by N. Austin with G. A. Lee runner-up. At Christmas, S. Osborn defeated N. Austin for the ham, which was very kindly donated by Mr. Alan Crago.

It was pleasing to see one of the long markers in N. Dunbar have a win in the Easter tournament. He defeated A. Land in the final.

Both tables have been kept in good condition under a service arrangement with Heiron & Smith Ltd.

Committee would like to see them played on more regularly, however, and looks forward to better results in 1939/1940.

**Entertainments** (Sub-Committee: Mr. R. Watson).

The popularity of the Christmas Smoko has not diminished, and a large number of members attended the 1938 function to spend an enjoyable evening's entertainment by artists arranged by Mr. R. Porter.

**Cigarettes.**—The sales of cigarettes and tobacco have been maintained at the previous year's level, and we emphasise once more the need for members to cultivate the habit of purchasing their supplies at the Club and so assisting in no small manner to make the Club Rooms self supporting.

**Table Tennis.**—(Sub-Committee: Messrs. R. Thomson and R. Storey).

During the year, three events were held and resulted as follows:—

Doubles Handicap—M. Blair and R. Thomson.

Singles Handicap—R. Storey, 1st; Mr. Mitchell, 2nd.

Doubles Handicap—W. Smith and W. Hulls, 1st;

L. Dunbar and A. Thomson, 2nd.

The popularity of these competitions has been established and it is hoped that further functions in the forthcoming year will meet with like success.

**Cards.**—The popularity of cards with members has waned, and no functions have been held.

**Library** (Sub-Committee: Messrs. M. Mitchell, L. McGlynn and R. Thomson). The Library is still well patronised and the number of books issued during the year has been normal.

A new system of recording issues and returns has been introduced; the innovation ensures more supervision over the books and has proved most satisfactory.

A donation of some 50 books which have no further appeal to members has been made to the Police Boys' Club. Further gifts to selected Clubs and Institutions have yet to be made and, as a result, adequate shelf space will now be available for new additions.

**Stewards.**—Our appreciation goes to the stewards who have stuck to their job throughout the year. As might be expected, some are better than others, and it is the manner in which they do their work as Stewards that often puts them in line for nomination and subsequent election to the General Committee, a position to which every good Club man should aspire.

We look forward next year to seeing a goodly number volunteering for positions and hope some of the newer members will offer their services.

## FINANCES.

The result of the year's activities shows a surplus of £40/16/9, compared with a deficit of £5/17/10 last year.

The net cost of cricket was down by £30/16/8, due to a reduction in expenditure of £11/0/0, together with an increase in revenue of £20/0/0—made up by a grant of £14/0/0 from the N.S.W. Cricket Assn. and increased batting fees.

A further improvement is shown in proceeds from dances, the profit being £45/0/0, as against £26/0/0 last year.

Repairs to Club Rooms have increased by £12, due to the purchase of linoleum and trestle tables.

Outstanding fees show a very welcome reduction of £41 on last year's figure, but the amount of £39 still owing is far too high and leaves room for further improvement.

The profit from the sale of cigarettes is approximately the same as shown in last year's accounts but the turnover is smaller by £11.

Cash in Bank is higher by £98/7/6 at £151/4/8, but sundry creditors have increased by only, £7/14/1 to £25/14/1—a very satisfactory position.

Fixed assets have been depreciated by £20/12/0 and the surplus of Assets over Liabilities now totals £384/6/3.

Mr. David Russell has again carried out the audit of our accounts and we thank him for his practical interest.

## COMMITTEE.

Your Committee has met on 12 occasions during the period under review, and the following attendances were recorded:—

A. Arnold . . . . .	11	A. Herron . . . . .	10
R. Clark . . . . .	12	G. J. Lee . . . . .	8
I. Cozens . . . . .	12	M. Mitchell . . . . .	11
D. Fraser . . . . .	11	R. Thomson . . . . .	8
R. Watson . . . . .	12		



## CONGRATULATIONS.

We congratulate the following members on the announcements of their engagements:—

Paddy McGlynn to Miss Clarissa Bowman.  
Laurie Hokin to Miss Rita Prentice.  
Arthur McClintock to Miss Betty Packman.

The undermentioned marriages are recorded with pleasure:—

David Rossell to Miss Gladys Best.  
Harry Haigh to Miss Nancy King.  
Norman Neale to Miss Jean Elphinstone.  
Reg. Hofstetter to Miss Freda Matson.

Since our last report, the following family additions have been noted and congratulations are extended to the proud fathers:—

Harold Watson—a daughter.  
Alan Lynch—a daughter.  
Ted. Perrin—TWIN daughters.  
Frank Mitchell—a son.  
Charlie Morgan—a daughter.  
Bruce McKittrick—a son.

## OBITUARY.

We offer our sympathy to David Rossell, Stan McGregor and Peter Meulman, who each lost his father.

Ken Jenkyn had a sad loss on the death of his 6 year old daughter a few weeks ago and we extend our sympathy to this member also.

## APPRECIATION.

Your Committee records its thanks to the following:—

Mr. R. R. Turner and Bjelke-Petersen Bros. Pty. Ltd. for the generous treatment accorded members.

Drs. W. J. Hull, C. Lawson and R. W. Walsh for their kind attention to members.

Western Suburbs Rugby Union F.C. for donation received.

Messrs. R. W. May and E. J. Siddeley for welcome gifts of periodicals.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolls and Mrs. Ealam for the many courtesies received.

Mr. M. R. Blair for donation of cupboard doors and card boxes for Library.

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

For and on behalf of the Committee,

R. W. MAY, 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.), D. Fraser (Hon. Treas.), G. J. Lee (Hon. Asst. Treas.), I. Cozens (Senior Steward), also members of the General Committee, the Sub-Committees and Stewards.

R. W. MAY,  
President.

# THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB

## CLUB ROOM TRADING ACCOUNT for the year ended 30th JUNE, 1939.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
To Stock on Hand at 30th June, 1938				7	6	1
" Purchases Cigarettes and Tobacco	83	5	5			
" " Chocolates	2	14	11	86	0	4
" GROSS PROFIT transferred to Income and Expenditure Account				19	16	9
				£113	3	2

	£	s	d
By Sales—Cigarettes and Tobacco	96	15	5
" " Chocolates	3	19	6
" Stock on Hand at 30th June, 1939			
	100	14	11
	12	8	3
	£113	3	2

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 30th JUNE, 1939.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
<b>EXPENDITURE.</b>						
To CRICKET—						
Hire of Grounds	36	0	0			
Material, Registration, Fees, etc.	50	15	5	86	15	5
" FOOTBALL—						
Hire of Grounds	30	0	0			
Material and Training	13	1	9			
Affiliation and Registration Fees	11	3	0	54	4	9
" SUNDRY SPORTS—						
Golf	20	4	2			
Tennis	10	9	0	30	13	2
" CLUBROOM—						
Billiards	3	18	3			
Library	6	2	6			
Cards	1	4	4			
Entertainments	79	12	11	90	18	0
" DANCES AND ANNUAL MEETING				129	6	6
" ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLUBROOM EXPENSES—						
Rent and Cleaning	117	3	0			
Lighting and Heating	7	14	5			
Repairs and Maintenance	15	6	0			
Stationery, Stamps and Telephone	32	10	11			
Insurance	3	19	4			
Sundry Expenses	5	17	11	182	11	7
" DEPRECIATION OF FURNITURE				20	12	0
				595	1	5
BALANCE being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year				40	16	9
				£635	18	2

	£	s	d
<b>INCOME.</b>			
By GROSS PROFIT FROM TRADING			19 16 9
" CRICKET—			
Fees, etc.	51	3	0
Grant N.S.W. Cricket Association	14	0	0
" FOOTBALL—			
N.S.W. Rugby Union for Ground	30	0	0
Hire	10	15	0
Registration, Fees, etc.			40 15 0
" SUNDRY SPORTS—			
Golf	18	7	6
Tennis	13	8	0
" CLUBROOM AMUSEMENTS—			
Billiards	22	8	0
Library	3	12	4
Cards	2	14	1
Entertainments	136	17	7
" DANCES AND ANNUAL MEETING			174 2 0
" ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS			135 11 0
" SUNDRY ITEMS—			
Donations	2	2	0
Interest	1	0	11
			3 2 11
	£635	18	2

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1939.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>						
SUNDRY CREDITORS	343	9	6	25	14	1
SURPLUS OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES—						
Balance as at 30th June, 1938	40	16	9	384	6	3
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year						
				£410	0	4

	£	s	d
<b>ASSETS.</b>			
FURNITURE AND FITTINGS—at cost—			185 7 10
Less Depreciation			12 8 3
STOCK ON HAND—at valuation—			
Cigarettes, etc.	2	13	0
Material			15 1 3
SUNDRY DEBTORS—			
Members for Fees	39	6	7
N.S.W. Rugby Union	15	0	0
			54 6 7
COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK OF AUSTRALIA			151 4 8
Cash on Hand			4 0 0
			£410 0 4

D. D. FRASER, Hon. Treasurer.  
G. J. LEE, Hon. Assistant Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of Accounts and Vouchers of The Briars Sporting Club for the year ended 30th June, 1939, and that in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Club's affairs as at that date according to the best of my knowledge and the explanations given to me, and as shown by the books of the Club.

D. ROSSELL,  
Chartered Accountant (Aust.),  
Hon. Auditor.

SYDNEY, 9th AUGUST, 1939.