

The Briars Sporting Club



TWENTY - FIFTH
ANNUAL
REPORT

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1942 - 43

*Presented to Members at the Club Rooms, Burwood,
20th August, 1943.*

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB.

34A GEORGE STREET, BURWOOD.



Office-Bearers, 1942-43.

PATRON :

Hon. H. W. Whiddon, M.L.C.

PRESIDENT :

R. W. May.

VICE-PRESIDENTS :

The Mayor of Concord
The Mayor of Enfield
A. J. Austin
R. O. Beale
G. F. Bevan
M. R. Blair
R. B. Clark
J. Cousins
L. R. Dunbar
R. G. Herford
F. J. Herlihy
Dr. W. J. Hull
J. Darvall Hunt

J. E. Holmes
E. P. Love
S. Jones
L. B. Meulman
P. C. Murray
C. N. Neale
A. J. Robinson
E. J. Siddeley
J. H. Stone
R. R. Turner
Dr. R. W. Walsh
E. F. Watt
H. G. Whiddon

TRUSTEES :

R. W. May

E. J. Siddeley

Hon. H. W. Whiddon, M.L.C.

HON. TREASURER :

L. B. Meulman.

HON. SECRETARY :

R. W. R. Glasgow.

HON. ASST. TREASURER :

M. A. Hill.

HON. AUDITOR :

N. G. Wales.

GENERAL COMMITTEE :

J. Hollands
W. Elder
A. Land

L. Knight
B. McKittrick
W. Stephens

CHIEF STEWARD :

W. Elder.

PAST PRESIDENTS :

J. H. Stone	1918/1919
H. W. Whiddon	1919/20
J. O. Meeks	1920/21
H. W. Whiddon	1921/1922
H. W. Whiddon	1922/1923
H. W. Whiddon	1923/24
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
J. E. Holmes	1935/1936
R. W. May	1936/1937
R. W. May	1937/1938
R. W. May	1938/1939
E. J. Siddeley	1939/1940
E. J. Siddeley	1940/1941
E. J. Siddeley	1941/1942
R. W. May	1942/1943

lost only two of the first twelve games played. However during the latter part of the season they fell away somewhat and were defeated in five of the remaining eight games.

The batting was only average, as, although wickets were improved, the side reached a total of 200 runs in only four innings. The evergreen A. Land topped the batting averages with 31.2 and his aggregate of 531 brought his total runs with the Club to over 3,000. Included in his innings was a fine century (110) against Lane Cove.

W. Elder again batted well and had the best aggregate (552). He reached the century on two occasions—100 not out against St. George and 103 against Bexley "B"—and played a number of other fine innings.

Of the other batsmen, W. Wolfe, a new member, L. Hokin and J. Holands were best.

Bowling was the team's strongest feature. A. Rose set new aggregate figures by taking 65 wickets—eight more than the record established by P. Murray. Rose also had the best average (8.7). Murray was again in fine form and secured 58 wickets. E. Annetts (21 wickets at 9.7), E. Watt (36 at 12.1), and J. Walsh were also very successful with the ball. The strength of this department may be gleaned from the fact that the highest innings total recorded against the team was 9 for 166 by the competition winners.

The fielding was very fair, with E. Watt excelling. He took 15 catches during the season.

We are again grateful to Messrs. Siddeley and Robinson for their interest and encouragement, and their readiness to score for one or other of the teams throughout the season.

"B" TEAM.

This team was again handicapped to some extent by continued changes in the personnel which prevented the side from being moulded into a match winning combination. However, the side had the satisfaction of beating all the teams which occupied higher places on the competition table at least once—with the sole exception of the competition winners.

The batting was below average and a score of 200 was reached only once during the season. N. Neale, L. Davis and J. Rudd, until his enlistment, were the batting mainstays. Neale topped the averages with 35.4, and it is unfortunate that he was not available on more occasions.

L. Davis was slow to find his form, but in the latter part of the season batted brilliantly. He scored two excellent centuries and aggregated 571 runs—a new record for the team.

D. Prowse played one game whilst on leave from the R.A.A.F., and showed that he has lost none of his skill by compiling a dashing 111 in 35 minutes against Ryde.

With the ball, N. Neale was also to the fore. He took 45 wickets off only 104 overs, at an average of 10.2 runs per wicket. He was supported by R. Glasgow and W. Stephens, C. Coogan and K. Kropp, who, however, were not available regularly.

The brightest feature of the out cricket was the excellent form shown by W. Wyllie behind the stumps.

F. Richards, A. Leadbeater, C. Coogan, E. Fisher, E. Hampson, K. Kropp and A. Parker were new players of promise.

'A' AND 'B' TEAM RESULTS—'M' AND 'S' COMPETITION.

	Played	W.	W.I.	L.	L.I.	D.	T.I.	Pts.	%	Pos.	
"A" Team	20	—	13	—	7	—	—	98	49.0	4th	
"B" Team	20	—	8	—	11	—	1	71	35.5	6th	
.....			Runs		Wkts.		Runs		Wkts.		
			for		for		Agst.		Agst.		
"A" Team			2,912		183		15.9		2,429	223	10.9
"B" Team			2,933		198		14.8		2,961	173	17.1

AVERAGES.

"A" Team.

BATTING.

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avgc.
A. Land	19	2	110	531	31.2
W. Elder	20	1	103	552	29.0
W. Wolfe	19	1	49	287	15.9
L. Hokin	17	2	41	231	15.4
B. McKittrick	14	6	34x	112	14.0
J. Hollands	18	—	74	231	12.8
E. Annetts	12	1	37x	136	11.4
J. Walsh	15	3	52x	134	11.2
C. McCauley	12	2	30	103	10.2
E. Watt	17	3	31x	140	10.0
P. Murray	18	2	16	104	6.5
A. Rose	13	4	10x	39	4.3

x—Not out.

Also Batted: W. Cheeseman (4 for 14); R. Clark (1-1); L. Davis (1-0); R. Glasgow (1-12); L. Knight (1-0); E. Siddeley (1-9); R. Thomson (1-5); E. F. Watt (2-0).

BOWLING.

Name	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avgc.
A. Rose	152	9	563	65	8.7
E. Annetts	52	7	203	21	9.7
J. Walsh	25	1	108	11	9.8
P. Murray	155	16	643	58	11.1
E. Watt	120	15	452	36	12.1

Also Bowled: W. Cheeseman (6 wkts. for 69); W. Elder (0-19); R. Clark (2-14); L. Hokin (0-30); J. Hollands (2-33); E. Knight (0-7); C. McCauley (0-7); W. Wolfe (7-70); E. Siddeley (1-25).

"B" Team.

BATTING.

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avgc.
N. Neale	10	2	67x	283	35.4
J. Rudd	8	2	54x	211	35.2
L. Davis	22	2	106x	571	28.6
W. Wyllie	20	1	33	261	13.7
F. Richards	11	1	46	127	12.7
A. Leadbeater	25	2	43	268	12.1
L. Meulman	19	2	37x	151	8.9
R. Glasgow	17	1	31	103	6.4
C. Coogan	14	3	14	50	6.3
E. Fisher	15	1	17	62	4.4
K. Kropp	14	1	14	45	3.5

x—Not out.

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CLUBROOM TRADING ACCOUNT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 30th JUNE, 1943.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1942: June 30—						
To Stock on Hand—Cigarettes, Tobacco, etc.	3	3	8			
1943: June 30—						
To Purchases—Cigarettes, Tobacco, Chocolates ...	142	10	6			
„ Gross Profit transferred to Income and Expenditure Account		25	10	4		
				<u>£171</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1943: June 30—						
By Sales Cigarettes, Tobacco, Chocolates, etc.	159	9	3			
„ Stock on hand—Cigarettes, Tobacco	11	7	0			
„ Stock on hand—Chocolates		8	3			
				<u>£171</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 30th JUNE, 1943.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1943: June 30—							
To Cricket—							
Hire of Ground	45	0	0				
Material, Registrations, etc.	32	2	4				
				<u>77</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	
„ Football—							
Registrations, etc.		1	14	0			
„ Clubroom Amusements—							
Billiards		4	18	0			
„ Annual Meeting		18	8	6			
„ Christmas Smoko—							
Expenses	3	11	9				
Profits to War Comforts Fund	19	5	1				
				<u>22</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>10</u>	
„ Administrative and Clubroom Expenses—							
Rent and Cleaning	97	17	2				
Lighting and Heating	9	14	7				
Repairs and Maintenance		14	0				
Stationery, Stamps and Telephone	15	11	7				
Insurance (War Risk)	1	16	0				
Sundry Expenses	2	3	0				
				<u>127</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>	
„ Depreciation on Furniture & Fittings				20	10	0	
				<u>£273</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	

INCOME.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1943: June 30—							
By Gross Profit from Trading Account				25	10	4	
„ Cricket—							
Fees, etc.				47	4	9	
„ Clubroom Amusements—							
Billiards and Library	25	3	1				
Entertainments	49	2	4				
				<u>74</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	
„ Football—							
Donation W.S.D.F. Club		2	2	0			
„ Christmas Smoko		22	16	10			
„ Annual Subscriptions		59	12	9			
„ Sundry Items—							
Interest	2	4	8				
Donations	4	10	0				
Telephone		16	11				
				<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>	
„ Balance, being Excess of Expenditure over Income				34	2	4	
				<u>£273</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1943.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors—							
Paper Bags Supply Co. Ltd.		4	2	1			
Deposit on Clubroom Keys			9	0			
Surplus of Assets over Liabilities—							
Balance as at 30th June, 1942	349	4	0				
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for Year	34	2	4				
				<u>315</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>	
				<u>£319</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Furniture and Fittings at Cost, Less Depreciation				136	4	0	
Stock on Hand at Valuation—							
Cigarettes	11	7	0				
Chocolates, etc.		8	3				
Badges, etc.	17	11	9				
				<u>29</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	
Sundry Debtors—							
Less Reserve for Doubtful Debts				39	17	6	
Commonwealth Savings Bank				105	14	3	
Extraordinary Expenses—							
Repairs to Billiard Table, to be written off over two years				8	10	0	
				<u>£319</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of account and vouchers of The Briars Sporting Club for the year ended 30th June, 1943, and the above Balance Sheet, in my opinion, presents a true and correct view of the Club's activities at this date to the best of my knowledge and belief and according to the Books and Vouchers inspected by me.

NORMAN G. WALES,
Public Accountant and Auditor.

21st July, 1943.

Also Batted: E. Perrin (4-50); J. Walsh (3-7); A. Parker (3-12); L. Robinson (5-98); W. Stephens (2-43); D. Scott (4-10); C. McCauley (5-30); L. Knight (3-5); E. Hampson (6-35); W. Wolfe (3-22); W. Elder (1-18); J. Purss (2-6); E. Watt (1-8); R. Thomson (1-8); D. Prowse (2-111); R. Williams (1-8); K. Smith (3-69); J. Kerr (2-7); M. Hill (1-0); E. Annetts (7-47).

BOWLING.

Name	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
N. Neale	104	4	458	45	10.2
W. Stephens	31	4	149	10	14.9
E. Hampson	28	2	115	7	16.4
E. Annetts	40	4	204	12	17.0
R. Glasgow	158	14	767	43	17.8
C. Coogan	40	—	282	15	18.8
K. Kropp	51	—	285	13	21.9
L. Meulman	34	1	228	9	25.3

Also Bowled: W. Elder (1-20); W. Wolfe (0-38); A. Parker (4-88); L. Davis (1-53); F. Richards (1-77); J. Walsh (5-71); C. McCauley (0-15); L. Robinson (0-15); J. Kerr (0-24).

FOOTBALL.

Sub-Committee Chairman: W. Stephens.

As in 1942 there has been no football within the Club this year due to there being no sub-district competition. Again a number of our members have played with Western Suburbs Club and in consideration of the fact that no football is available to them directly through your Club we have undertaken to pay the membership fee to Western Suburbs Club of those Briars who are playing with the district Club. These players have acquitted themselves well with Wests and it is hoped they will form the nucleus of our teams when Sub-district football is resumed.

A number of footballs from the Club's stock have been made available to members in the Services.

Consequent upon there being no Club team the Gordon Bevan Shield, previously awarded annually, was not awarded in 1942.

WAR COMFORTS FUND.

The Ladies Committee has carried on again this year despite difficulties and are to be thanked for their efforts on behalf of our members in the Forces.

Funds have been raised by organising various entertainments and these have been augmented to an extent by donations.

It is drawn to the attention of Members that the assistance of their wives or women friends is always welcomed by the Committee of the Fund. Members are also asked to attend and give their support to any function arranged by or for the Fund.

We record with pleasure the recent announcement of the engagement of Miss B. Kerr, Hon. Secretary of the Comforts Fund Committee.

HONOUR ROLL.

The following Members are serving in the Fighting Forces:

H. Anderson	R. Gee	J. C. Munro
K. M. Antill	A. J. Gibson	P. C. Murray
A. Arnold	M. Gillies	G. Musgrave
G. H. Arthur	P. T. Glanville	C. P. Nee
J. Atwill	W. Goodall	V. J. Nee
xxA. N. Austin	W. Gunn	N. Neville
A. P. Barnes	H. Haigh	C. B. Noble
J. Barnes	xA. A. Herron	L. R. Nossiter
N. Barrell	D. Hilder	S. Osborn
D. Beale	R. Hillis	R. E. Osterman
R. H. Beale	R. Hofstetter	D. Page
H. Beardsmore	R. Hooker	P. J. Pollock
E. P. Bevan	B. Hopkins	D. V. Prowse
R. Binsted	N. Horton	R. Randle
A. E. Bradley	T. Hudson	L. Robinson
J. L. Brereton	A. W. Hulls	G. Ross
H. H. Brown	Alan Hulls	D. Russell
F. C. Brownhill	L. Jarvis	J. Rudd
K. Burnett	E. Johnson	W. Rudd
xK. Bussell	D. Johns	xxW. Sams
J. V. Buzacott	S. Jones	J. Saunders
R. V. Buzacott	L. N. Keeler	xH. P. Searle
J. Carson	A. L. Lachlan	H. A. Scott
S. S. Coldham	R. L. Lamb	N. Sharpe
R. B. Clark	G. A. Lee	W. Smith
J. Cleary	xJ. G. Lee	W. G. Smith
R. Clifford	G. J. Lee	T. J. Soden
R. Coote	E. W. Love	R. Stephens
I. D. Cozens	R. McAnally	R. P. Storey
C. N. Daly	A. McClintock	P. Tainton
F. Dane	B. McCrossan	H. J. Tatham
J. H. Dinning	L. McGlynn	W. Theyer
J. Divett	W. McKay	J. Thompson
J. M. Dunbar	R. E. McLaughlin	R. J. Thomson
xL. N. Dunbar	C. G. McMaster	A. Thomson
N. Dunbar	xF. C. McMaster	D. Vanderfield
W. Edginton	xxN. C. Marshall	R. D. Vanderfield
xR. E. Farnsworth	W. D. Marshall	A. L. Vincent
N. D. Fisher	K. W. Maxwell	J. H. Walker
H. Ford	xJ. D. May	R. Wallis
P. Foster	R. May	B. Ward-Smith
B. W. Fraser	H. J. Meeks	R. R. Watson
D. D. Fraser	A. E. Mitchell	R. H. Watts
J. Fraser	C. Mitchell	D. R. Way
A. D. Friend	M. Mitchell	R. Wicks
P. O. Friend	C. Morgan	R. Williams
P. Gee	J. Morrow	G. Wright
		W. M. Wyllie

x—Killed on active service.

xx—Missing, believed killed, on active service.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Sub-Committee Chairman: L. Knight.

CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Last Christmas the Club celebration took the form of a mixed Social Evening at the Club Rooms to augment the funds of the War Comforts Fund. The function was fairly well attended and resulted in a sum of £19/5/1 being handed over to the Committee of the Fund.

MONTHLY FUNCTIONS.

During the year monthly mixed nights were inaugurated. They have been well attended but mainly by the same group of people each time. It is pointed out that they are held on the last Saturday night of each month and are open to all members and their friends.. These evenings have provided an opportunity of meeting a number of our members who are in the Services. They have also resulted in some increase of revenue to the Club.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting was again held in the Club Rooms. The usual after-meeting entertainment was again dispensed with in favour of an informal smoko.

CLUB ROOMS.

Chief Steward: W. Elder.

The support received by the Club Rooms has again been given by a small section of the members only. As mentioned earlier in this Report, it is felt that more members still in civilian life could make reasonably frequent use of the Club Rooms and amenities.

Cigarettes: Although supplies have been limited sales have again increased due no doubt to the difficulty of members in securing their smokes elsewhere. This has resulted in an increased profit of £5/2/2 over and above last year's figure on Club Room trading.

BILLIARDS.

Sub-Committee Chairman: A. Land.

Due to continued engagement of members in outside activities occasioned by the necessities of war, it has not been possible to conduct any tournaments this year.

Considering the comparatively small number of members who now make use of the tables the success of this pastime has been pleasing. Receipts have increased slightly due in some measure to the monthly mixed nights mentioned elsewhere.

LIBRARY.

Librarian: W. Stephens.

Due to the scarcity and high cost of new books, none have been purchased during the year under review.

A check conducted by the Librarian has revealed that a considerable number of the Club's books are unaccounted for. Members are urged to inspect their bookshelves at home and return any Club books they may have.

FINANCES.

The activities of the year resulted in a deficit of £34/2/4 as compared with £38/2/5 the previous year.

Contributory items to this loss were the absence of any dances, one of our chief revenue-producing items of the past, and increased expenditure on cricket material, this latter being considered necessary in anticipation of a shortage of supplies of this equipment. This expense should be proportionately lower in the coming year.

The sum of £20/10/- was written off Furniture and Fittings A/c. The bank balance was reduced by £34/7/2 and now stands at £105/14/3. Outstanding subscriptions less reserve for doubtful debts stands at £39/17/6. This does not compare favourably with the previous year's figure which was £33/6/-. Your Committee regrets that this sum has risen instead of being reduced and members in arrears are asked to assist by payment of their subscriptions.

We are very grateful to Mr. Norman Wales who has again conducted the audit of the Club's books. This is a task of no small magnitude.

FOR KING AND COUNTRY.

During the past year four of your fellow-members—Kent Bussell, John D. May, Fabian McMaster, and J. Gordon Lee—have paid the supreme sacrifice in the service of their country, and three—Neville Austin, Noel Marshall and Wally Sams—have been posted missing, presumed killed. The loss of these seven men has occasioned heartfelt sorrow throughout the Club. All were held in the highest regard by their fellow-members and all contributed much to the position the Club occupies in the community to-day and to its sporting and social prominence. To their relatives we extend our very deepest sympathy.

COMMITTEE.

We have been fortunate in keeping the General Committee intact throughout the year. Meetings have been well attended despite additional outside calls made on the time of a number of your Committeemen in furtherance of the war effort.

Once again we were fortunate to have the services of Peter Meulman as Hon. Treasurer, and the great amount of work that he has done is deserving of the highest gratitude.

W. Hill assisted both the Secretary and Treasurer and in many other ways his efforts on behalf of the Club have been invaluable.

Bill Elder as Chief Steward has fulfilled his duties, made more onerous by prevailing conditions, in an outstanding manner.

CONGRATULATIONS.

We congratulate the following members who have announced their engagements: Geoff. Whiddon, Doug. Prowse, Norman Dunbar, Rex Wallis.

The marriages of the following members are recorded with pleasure: Roy Brownhill, John Dinning, Kim McMaster, Norm. Neville, Bill McLaughlin.

The following have been blessed with heirs, etc. and our congratulations go to them: Bob May—a daughter; Charles Nee—a son; Ken Burnett—a daughter; Ian Cozens—a daughter; Les. Davis—a son.

OBITUARY.

It is with great regret that we record the death of Mr. J. O. Meeks who passed away last year.

The late Mr. Meeks was closely identified with the Club in its earliest days. He was president of the Club in the third year of its existence and will be gratefully remembered for encouragement he gave the Club and for the big part he played in placing the institution on a firm foundation.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. Meeks and Harry Meeks.

SYMPATHY.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. A. J. Austin who was bereaved of his wife earlier in the year.

APPRECIATION.

Your Committee records its thanks to the following:

Western Suburbs R.U.F.C. for donation received,

The Ladies of the War Comforts Fund for their continued efforts on behalf of our members on service.

Messrs. E. F. Watt, R. W. May, and R. B. Clark, for gifts to the Club.

Those members who have assisted with their cars from time to time, and particularly Bob Clark who has placed his car at the disposal of the Club while he is in camp.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

R. W. MAY, President,

R. W. GLASGOW, Hon. Secretary.

ADDENDUM.

I would like to add my thanks to Roy Glasgow who has ably filled the position of Secretary during a most difficult year.

R. W. May, President.