



## PAST PRESIDENTS

J. H. Stone .. .. .	1918/1919
H. W. Whiddon .. .. .	1919/1920
J. O. Meeks .. .. .	1920/1921
H. W. Whiddon .. .. .	1921/1924
E. J. Siddeley .. .. .	1924/1925
E. Love .. .. .	1925/1926
H. W. Whiddon .. .. .	1926/1928
E. J. Siddeley .. .. .	1928/1929
R. W. May .. .. .	1929/1931
E. J. Siddeley .. .. .	1931/1932
H. W. Whiddon .. .. .	1932/1933
R. G. Herford .. .. .	1933/1935
J. E. Holmes .. .. .	1935/1936
R. W. May .. .. .	1936/1939
E. J. Siddeley .. .. .	1939/1942
R. W. May .. .. .	1942/1943
H. G. Whiddon .. .. .	1943/1947

# THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE AND HON. TREASURER'S STATEMENT

To the Members of the Briars Sporting Club:

Gentlemen:

Your Committee has much pleasure in presenting to you for your perusal and adoption the Thirtieth Annual Report of the Club covering the year ended 30th September, 1948.

This Report marks our Thirtieth Anniversary, the culmination of thirty years of sporting achievement, of good fellowship, and of building up a tradition of which we and our successors may really be proud.

It is appropriate that on this historic occasion we should extend the usual scope of our Report so as not only to review the past year, but also to comment briefly upon the principal events which have marked our career since that day in August, 1918, when our Club was first formed.

In those early days the active membership did not possess the mature elements that it has to-day. It was a school-boy Club sponsored by some of the parents who, with wide vision and keen enthusiasm born of their own sporting instincts, encouraged their lads to develop the traditional Australian love of sport, and to direct their youthful energies into a channel which would inevitably bring them to manhood with a proper appreciation of the value of comradeship and teamwork.

It was the combination of the two, the support of the parents and the receptiveness of the lads, which laid the foundation of our Club. Had either factor been missing, this Report would never have been written, and our Club would have passed into the limbo of forgotten things.

Very few of the present-day members are aware of the origin of the Club's name and colours. The Club's historian has related how the question of a name received very weighty consideration by the lads, and the ultimate decision was to adopt the name of the home of the Club's first President, which happened to be "The Briars." Concerning colours, the historian records that an aunt of one of the members embroidered the letters "T.B.S.C" in gold on a piece of red turkey twill. He says: "This historic piece of embroidery, like the Bayeux Tapestry, has survived the years, and may now be viewed in the Club Room office." Subsequently, the red was changed to maroon, and these colours, maroon and gold, are the ones which have been passed down to us to-day and which, in the meantime, have accumulated honours on many a field of sport.

During the first few years of the Club's existence, the members were too young and insufficiently skilled to participate in competitive sport as we now know it. However, the initiative was taken in organising a sort of junior cricket competition with neighbouring youth organisations, such as the Boy Scouts, and a concrete wicket was laid in Henley Park, Enfield, for the purpose.

The unique nature of the Club in the closeness of the bonds which united its members was evidenced by the indulgence in such activities as holiday camps at Berowra, Saturday afternoon paper-chases and annual sports days. The latter events, which were held on Concord Oval, were truly outstanding in the sporting calendar of the district, and attracted much larger attendances than we could conceive that similar functions would to-day. They were always featured in the local press, the cuttings from which are still proudly preserved in the Club's archives. Even the big Sydney dailies saw fit to give prominence to these events.

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB, 7th AUGUST, 1918.



Back Row: B. FURSE, R. CLARK, J. STONE, D. ROSS  
and E. FURSE.  
Front Row: F. LUCAS, G. WHIDDON, E. LOVE,  
E. SIDDELEY and G. ROSS.

In 1922 and 1923 respectively, the Club entered into competitive cricket and football. After two years of junior football the Club became a member of the Metropolitan Sub-district Rugby Union, an affiliation which continued throughout the following years. In cricket we entered a team with the Western Suburbs Cricket Association, another esteemed affiliation which is a heritage from that time forward.

In 1924-25 we had our first Premiership successes in both football and cricket, and for a record of ensuing successes we invite attention to the exhibition of pennants and photographs displayed in the Club Rooms.

As time went on the Club grew. First, we had two cricket teams, then another football team, and by 1930 three football teams were in the field.

The year 1930 marks a very important event in the Club's history—one which is responsible for the fact that the Club has been able to retain the interest of its original members, and thus keep alive the traditions which have been passed down to us to-day. We refer to the acquisition of the Club Rooms. Right from the Club's inception the members had displayed a strong social instinct, and had very early set up such amenities as a tuck-shop and a library. However, these had been situated at the home of one of the members, and with the passing of youthful enthusiasms the social tendency would no doubt have lapsed had not proper Club Rooms

been acquired. Again, the parents of the members made it possible for the Club's destiny to be served.

Further advancement in the sporting sphere occurred in 1932 when the Club gained admission, under the name of Burwood, into the Municipal and Shire Competition conducted by the N.S.W. Cricket Association. That historic first team covered itself with glory by winning the "B" Grade Premiership at its first attempt, and upon its promotion to "A" Grade in the following year a second team was entered in the "B" Division. A "C" Grade team was maintained with the Western Suburbs Cricket Association.

The ensuing years marked a period of consolidation until September, 1939, when catastrophe struck and sterner duties confronted us.

The record of the Club during the war years marks the brightest period of our annals in that 157 of our members, on the far-flung battlefields of the world, played their parts manfully and well and in thus doing indirectly brought glory to this, their Club. Far too many were those who suffered the supreme sacrifice, and it is fitting that we who remain should remember them.

Some there were who could not, for reasons beyond their control, join their mates on the field of battle. These were the men who ensured that the Club would live on to arise anew after the years of strife were over, and to them also we owe a debt of gratitude.

We feel that in the work of post-war recovery the Club has not only done extremely well in the domestic sphere, but has made no small contribution to the welfare of sport generally.

The post-war years have been a period of wonderful achievement, and at the beginning of the period now under review the stage was set for an advance into further realms. Before relating how this promise was realised, however, it is apt that we should conclude our short historical summary by paying tribute to some of those men who played leading parts in the Club's development.

First and foremost among these is, of course, Bob Clark. This fact is so well known even amongst our newest members that we do not propose to dwell upon it beyond stating that it was Bob's bedroom which constituted the Club's original meeting-place. Another whose service to the Club is beyond all valuation is Geoff Whiddon, our President. He also is well known to the members. Still there are others, some of whom are known to the members, some who are not, but all of whom played very important parts not only in the early days of the Club's history, but also for many years afterwards. Among these we number Jack Stone (our first President), Mal Blair, Peter Meulman, Perc Murray and Stan McGregor.

Those to whom we have referred were members. As stated above, however, it was not only the members—it was also the parents to whom we owe the Club's existence. The three who are most well known to present-day members are our Patron, the Hon. H. W. Whiddon, M.L.C., and Vice-Presidents E. J. Siddeley and R. W. May. These are the gentlemen who, as trustees, took upon their shoulders the responsibility of guaranteeing the Club in relation to the leasing of the Club Rooms. However, this does not comprise the whole of the debt we owe them. There were more material things, but the greatest benefit they conferred upon us was the wise and kindly advice which they ungrudgingly gave us at no little inconvenience to themselves whenever called upon. We ourselves have grown more mature and more capable of guiding the Club's destiny.

without their assistance, but there are still occasions when we have cause again to seek their counsel.

We feel that this is a suitable occasion upon which we should officially record the Club's gratitude to these three gentlemen for their trusteeship and guidance throughout the years. We honour them and trust that we, on our part, have justified the confidence they have placed in us.

The year which has now passed witnessed further great progress in all spheres of the Club's activities. We can now truthfully claim that our recovery from the impact of the war years is complete, and that we stand to-day further advanced than ever before in our history.

Our progress has been such that we now have looming before us as a matter for urgent solution the problem of determining what limits, if any, should be placed upon our scope. If we decide to forge ahead without restriction we will then have to deal with the even more difficult problem of acquiring the necessary accommodation for our increased activities.

At the end of the year the total membership was 256, an increase of 23 on the total as at 30th September, 1947. The complete figures, dissected into the various categories, are as follows:—

	1947	1948
Full .. .. .	124	142
Junior, Class I .. .	21	31
Junior, Class II .. .	—	1
Associate .. .	58	56
Country .. .	29	26
Honorary .. .	1	—
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Total .. .	233	256
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As stated in last year's Report, the true position is shown not so much by a comparison of the total figures as by comparing the numbers of active members (viz., full and junior). It will be seen that from this viewpoint a total gain of 29 was shown, giving an active membership of 174, a Club record. It is noteworthy that one of the new members admitted is the son of one of our oldest members, Peter Meulman. This is the first occasion in the Club's history upon which we have had both father and son as active members, and Peter is to be congratulated upon this distinction, one which we hope will be achieved by others in the near future.

On the administrative side, important progress was made by the re-introduction of the pre-war Steward system, a process which was only in its embryo stages at the time of our last Report. The benefits are reflected in the more efficient Club Room management.

On the recommendation of the Development Sub-committee, further improvements were made to the Club Rooms, and others are under consideration.

The Club's sporting achievements during the year were well up to standard, but the most important features in this connection were the increased activities.

The four cricket teams all performed well, and the previous high standard was maintained.

The influx of new football-members was so great that four teams were entered, all in the various Sub-district competitions. The season was a most enjoyable one from the Club viewpoint, and was all the more notable as it marked the first occasion upon which the Club has had more than three football teams.

Hockey continued to gain favour, and as a result a second team was formed. Due to the institution of a new competition by the Metropolitan Hockey Association, the Club was able to play under its own name and colours. Both teams performed exceptionally well, the Firsts being once again runners-up.

From these remarks and the detailed statements in the later sections of this Report, it can be readily gathered that the Club upheld its sporting traditions during the past year.

A difficulty which is facing practically all sporting bodies to-day is the scarcity of playing fields and a general lack of appreciation on the part of the responsible authorities of the sporting needs of the community. Your Club is fortunate in this regard in that it has always obtained the fullest co-operation and sympathetic treatment from the Concord Council. The Club's ground at Rothwell Park is gradually being developed into one of the finest in the district, and your Committee has assured the Council on a number of occasions that it is anxious to assist in this work to the utmost of its capabilities both financially and by way of providing manual labour. Much work remains to be done, and the Club itself can make a substantial contribution by providing working-bees to help bring the ground into first-class condition. We trust that the present friendly relationship between the Council and the Club will continue, to the advantage of the Club in particular and of the community in general.

Whilst the availability of Rothwell Park caters for the needs of the Shire cricket teams and the footballers, the scope of our present activities demands that every effort be made to secure accommodation for the City and Suburban cricketers and the hockey teams. This is a problem which will confront your Committee during the forthcoming year, and its solution is by no means apparent.

The Third Eleven is fortunate in that it has been granted the use of the beautiful Burwood Park wicket as its home ground.

In concluding this introduction to our Report, we desire to extend our heartiest good wishes and assurances of continued support to the various sporting associations with which we are affiliated. In this connection we mention the N.S.W. Cricket Association, the N.S.W. Rugby Union, the Western Suburbs Cricket Association, and the Metropolitan Hockey Association. In addition, we take this opportunity to convey similar sentiments to our respective District Clubs, namely, Western Suburbs Cricket Club, Western Suburbs Rugby Union Football Club and Western Suburbs District Hockey Club, with whom we hope to continue our happy associations.

## CRICKET

[Sub-committee: H. W. Lennartz (Chairman until August, 1948), N. Walker (Chairman since August, 1948), L. Meulman, A. Land, R. Ackermann and B. Trevenar.]

The Club was again represented by four teams, namely, in the "A" and "B" Grades of the Municipal and Shire Competition, in "C" Grade with the Western Suburbs Cricket Association and a team with the City and Suburban Cricket Association.

The Municipal and Shire teams both finished the season well up in their respective Divisions. As previously stated, their home ground was on Rothwell Park, and although in the early stages of the season the outfield was somewhat uncomfortable from the fieldsmen's point of view, owing to having been harrowed just before the season commenced, this state did not last long, and the playing conditions were ultimately comparable with most of the other grounds in the competition.

The Third Eleven, which again provided the recruiting ground for our senior teams, and was consequently weakened during the season by the promotion of some of its players, nevertheless performed very creditably, being runners-up in their Division.

The City and Suburban team was again without a home ground, and the players were often called upon to travel long distances for their game. This was a severe test of their keenness, but it is to the credit of the team that it sustained its enthusiasm right through the season.

We desire to convey our congratulations to Balmain C.C. upon their team's success in winning the "A" Division of the Municipal and Shire competition, to Glebe C.C. as winners of the "B" Division, and to Concord West C.C. upon their success in the "C" Grade competition.

We would like to take this opportunity also to congratulate the District Club on again winning the Club Championship. As stated in last year's Report, Wests accepted our offer of the use of the Club Rooms on Thursday nights, and have shown their appreciation in many tangible ways. We are particularly grateful for their offer of accommodation at Pratten Park for practice purposes.

The Shire teams again had the benefit of the services of Messrs. Siddeley and Robinson as supporter-scorers, and a small token to show the esteem in which these gentlemen are held by the respective team members was presented to each of them on the night of the annual cricket dinner.

During the season a number of picnic matches were played at Birchgrove Park, and as well as being most enjoyable features they also provided some of the younger members with an opportunity to obtain experience on turf.

It is considered advisable that we should again invite attention to the present-day costliness of cricket material, and a glance at the Club's financial statement will make it clear that cricket is now a very expensive sport. For this reason it behoves all members to take the utmost care of their equipment, and co-operate with the various team secretaries and kit stewards in seeing that it is preserved in a good condition.



## FIRST ELEVEN

Whilst we cannot report another competition victory, we can safely claim that the 1947-48 season was one of the most exciting and enjoyable in the Club's history. At least five games resulted in photo-finishes, as the following will show:—

West's, 73 and 155; Burwood, 119 and 125. Won by 16 runs and 5 minutes.

Marrickville, 132; Burwood, 135. Won by 3 runs.

Petersham, 129; Burwood, 129. Tie on first innings.

Lindfield, 80 and 90; Burwood, 72 and 98. Tie outright.

Epping, 109 and 167; Burwood, 116 and 143. Lost by 17 runs and 5 minutes.

The batting throughout the season was unreliable, and the form shown by some of our recognised batsmen indicated the need for frequent practice. During the season the best partnership for the second wicket realised only 48 runs, and for the fifth wicket only 20 runs. This, for a team reputed to be strong in batting, was not encouraging.

The bowling, as usual, was strong, and was mainly responsible for what success came the team's way.

The fielding was below "A" Shire standard, dropped catches making the difference between victory and defeat on at least three occasions.

Two Club batting records were broken during the year, the first being an unfinished partnership of 159 for the sixth wicket between Neil Walker (104 n.o.) and Ted Watt (63 n.o.), and the second being Doug Prowse's 219 n.o. (including 16 sixers) against St. George.

The team was again under the shrewd and capable leadership of Doug Prowse. Unfortunately, with the one exception mentioned above, Doug did not reproduce his previous prolific form with the bat, and this was a severe handicap to a team which had relied so much on his batting prowess in the past.

Neil Walker, a newcomer to the team, headed the batting averages, and was the team's most consistent batsman. His century was a sterling effort.

Bill Elder was responsible for a number of fine innings, and his dogged determination as an opening bat served the team well on several occasions.

Les Davis was another who had much difficulty in striking form, but is too good a batsman to remain under a cloud for long.

Fred Randle had a disappointing season, and apart from one innings of 86 did not perform in accordance with his undoubted ability.

Jack Hollands and Bill McLaughlin were two others who did not strike their true form with the bat, but the former proved a handy change bowler with his slows.

Tom Mobbs was the mainstay of the attack, and is to be congratulated upon once again taking 50 wickets in a season. Tom also performed well with the bat, and had the bad luck on one occasion to miss his century by only two runs.

Ted Watt's value to the team as an all-rounder was proved by his striking series of successes with the bat and ball. His hat-trick against Lindfield was a meritorious performance.

Jack Mason headed the bowling averages, but his most outstanding performances were with the bat. Regarded by his team-mates as purely a tail-ender, Jack astounded everyone with a series of good scores when promoted to open the innings.

Bill Farnsworth bowled well on occasions, and contributed his share to a well-balanced attack.

Alan Rose did not receive as many opportunities with the ball as he has been accustomed to, and this was reflected in his figures. Those who know Alan are sure that his eclipse is but a temporary one.

Matches Played	W.	W.I.	L.	L.I.	D.	T.	Pts.	%	Comp. Position
14	3	8	—	1	1	1	96	68.56	3
Runs For		Wkts. For		Avg	Runs Against	Wkts. Against		Avg.	
3152		176		18.0	2457	195		12.6	

#### AVERAGES

##### (Batting)

Name:	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
N. Walker	14	3	104x	370	33.6
D. Prowse	17	2	219x	431	28.7
J. Mason	8	2	68x	157	26.1
W. Elder	15	3	57	295	24.6
L. Davis	18	-	32	409	22.7
E. Watt	18	2	65	326	20.4
T. Mobbs	16	2	98	286	20.4
F. Randle	16	-	86	212	13.2
J. Hollands	9	-	34	105	11.7
R. E. McLaughlin	12	-	20	85	7.1
W. Farnsworth	15	1	14	62	4.4
A. Rose	11	4	7	17	2.4

x—Not Out.

Also batted: D. Way, 5 innings (1 not out) for 44 runs; E. Gay, 3 for 34; J. Crawford, 3 for 2; K. Brady, 1 for 7; M. Annetts, 1 for 12; J. Lawler, 6 (1 not out) for 27; C. Killip, 2 for 16; A. Land, 6 for 62; L. Robinson, 1 for 5.

##### (Bowling)

Name:	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg
J. Mason	94	11	291	31	9.3
T. Mobbs	160	17	495	50	9.9
E. Watt	144	20	456	44	10.3
W. Farnsworth	96	14	317	28	11.3
J. Hollands	41	5	176	10	17.6
A. Rose	52	7	219	12	18.3

Also bowled: D. Way, 2 wickets for 77 runs; W. Elder, 3 for 71; J. Crawford, 2 for 38; M. Annetts, 0 for 16; N. Walker, 2 for 137; F. Randle, 0 for 6.

## SECOND ELEVEN

The Second Eleven had a most successful and enjoyable season. All matches were contested in the true sportsmanlike spirit, being keen and friendly.

A total of 20 players appeared with the team, and 14 of them played in more than three matches. It is unfortunate that any second eleven is left open to the loss of the cream of its players, but we all know that it is unavoidable.

At all times the players displayed a very high standard of team spirit, and were rewarded with the position of runners-up in the com-

petition. This team spirit was most outstandingly displayed by those players who returned from holidays to play, and also by those who made transport available for carrying the personnel, cricket gear and afternoon tea paraphernalia to the ground.

The strength of the team was undoubtedly in its bowling, and a glance at the averages will show no less than five bowlers who secured 20 or more wickets at an average cost of less than 10. We doubt if any Club team has ever produced better all-round results in this branch of the game.

Unfortunately, the batting and fielding did not rise to the same high standard. Whilst the batting talent was there it lacked inspiration once Aud Land and Jack Hollands were lost to the side. Bad fielding proved very expensive on several occasions.

Possibly the most outstanding individual efforts were Aud Land's quick 122 against Cumberland, Don Way's 6 wickets for 8 runs against Roseville, and Bruce Trevenar's 6 wickets for 5 runs against Lindfield.

For the first half of the season the team was captained by Aud Land. As Aud was also at the top of his batting form, it was a severe loss when he was promoted to the Firsts. The mantle of captaincy then fell upon the shoulders of Bruce Trevenar. This was an invidious position for a bowler to be placed in, and it is greatly to Bruce's credit that he carried out his job with distinction. With the ball also he had a most successful season.

Brian Adcock proved to be a very useful bowler by securing the best average and a very handy fieldsman close to the wicket.

Eric Annetts again displayed his all-round ability by obtaining a high percentage of wickets and scoring the highest number of runs.

Max Annetts demonstrated his usefulness as a batsman, but cannot resist having a "dip." He also performed well as a change bowler.

Dick Atwill played some good knocks and should develop into a sound opener. His fielding needs to improve.

Dave Walker kept wickets successfully, thus contributing to the success of the team. His batting started well, but through lack of practice he failed to produce results in the latter stages of the season. However, his ability as a batsman is undoubted.

Don Way came into the side after the fourth round and filled the position of opening bowler quite well. On occasions he also scored his share of runs as opening batsman.

Jack Hollands was also promoted to the Firsts, and the side missed the good starts he gave it early in the season.

Spencer Hipwell opened the season very well, but then seemed to have a run of bad luck. His fielding could be more alert.

Ron Thomson was promoted from the Thirds, and more than once his solid batting gave the team a chance to redeem itself.

Hammy Lennartz bowled quite well, but would meet with more success if he could control his length and direction. His fast scoring as a batsman added to the brightness of the game, and on a number of occasions forced home the advantage secured by the earlier batsmen.

Ken Brady was used as an opening bat after his promotion from the Thirds, but his form did not last. We have no doubt, however, that his lapse will be of a temporary nature only.

Matches Played	W.	W.I.	L.	L.I.	D.	T.	Pts.	%	Comp. Position
13	6	4	-	3	-	-	91	70.00	2
Runs For		Wkts. For		Avg	Runs Against		Wkts. Against		Avg.
2476		135		18.3	1956		209		9.3

**AVERAGES**

(Batting)

Name:	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
A. Land	5	-	122	284	56.8
J. Hollands	5	-	97	185	37.0
E. Annetts	16	5	73	305	27.7
H. Lennartz	13	4	47	167	18.5
R. Atwill	16	2	58	254	18.1
M. Annetts	13	-	35	222	17.0
R. Thomson	10	1	25	146	16.2
D. Way	11	1	44	156	15.6
S. Hipwell	15	4	54x	156	14.1
D. Walker	16	2	48x	197	14.0
K. Brady	8	1	28	79	11.2
B. Trevenar	11	3	26x	75	9.3
B. Adcock	10	2	12	42	5.2

x—Not Out.

Also batted: C. Jones, 1 innings for 10 runs; C. Killip, 1 for 24; E. Stockdale, 4 for 6; R. Thomas, 3 for 10; J. Lawler, 1 for 9; F. Randle, 1 for 1; J. Rudd, 1 for 7.

(Bowling)

Name:	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg
B. Adcock	56	6	199	30	6.6
M. Annetts	44	6	162	20	8.1
D. Way	89	13	270	30	9.0
B. Trevenar	130	21	361	40	9.02
E. Annetts	117	17	353	38	9.2
H. Lennartz	87	15	366	29	12.6

Also bowled: J. Hollands, 6 wickets for 72 runs; R. Thomson, 1 for 24.

**THIRD ELEVEN**

For the 1947-48 season we were very fortunate in being allotted by the Association the use of Burwood Park as our home ground. Our thanks are due to Burwood Council for devoting a great deal of attention to the playing area and keeping it in such excellent condition. This contributed materially to a very interesting and enjoyable season.

A very strong team was fielded for the opening matches, and we met with considerable success; but early in the season no less than five players were elevated to the Second Eleven. This gap was filled by younger men having their first season of competitive cricket since leaving school, so that the loss of only three matches and filling second place in the competition was a creditable performance. This is specially so when it is borne in mind that there was an all-round improvement in the calibre of the teams opposing us as compared with the previous year.

Peter Meulman captained the team in a capable manner. He continued to prove his value as a batsman by again heading the aggregate. He missed his 500 runs for the season by only two runs.

Undoubtedly the outstanding performer was Bob Clark. As an all-rounder he did everything asked of him, bowling for protracted periods and securing the most number of wickets at a low cost, as well as invariably making runs when most needed.

Ron Thomson played for the first round, but was then transferred to the Seconds. He was at the top of his form with both bat and ball, and was badly missed in the second round.

Ken Brady batted very successfully, displaying sound defence and ability to score freely.

Jack Clingan again recorded some fine batting performances. His fielding was excellent and an inspiration to the team.

Murray Kirby at times bowled extremely well. He has undoubted ability with the bat and defends well, but lacks sufficient confidence to go for his shots.

Col Jones showed improvement with the bat, but still lacks reliable defence. His fielding was delightful, and he brought off many brilliant catches in the outfield.

Bert Thomson kept wickets capably, but on the whole had a disappointing season with the bat.

John Cullen and Stan Hamley had a lean season, although the latter gave a glimpse of his ability by scoring 47 in his first match.

Brian Williams could not get going with the bat, but greatly improved his bowling towards the end of the season.

Peter Richardson secured a number of wickets with his spinners, but is much too slow through the air.

Matches Played	W.	W.I.	L.	L.I.	D.	Points	Comp. Position
14	2	6	2	1	3	33	2
Runs For		Wkts. For	Avg	Runs Against	Wkts. Against		Avg.
3136		173	18.1	2568	177		14.5

**AVERAGES**  
(Batting)

Name:	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
K. Brady	8	2	53	229	38.2
R. Thomson	8	1	77	249	35.6
L. Meulman	14	-	95	432	35.1
J. Clingan	15	1	84	335	24.0
R. Clark	15	2	63	304	23.4
W. Meads	7	4	29	49	16.3
C. Jones	19	3	50x	233	14.6
M. Kirby	21	5	58x	204	12.8
A. Thomson	16	1	44	189	12.6
S. Hamley	12	1	47	129	11.7
B. Williams	18	2	21	124	7.8
J. Cullen	14	1	29	92	7.1
P. Richardson	8	3	7	16	3.2

x—Not Out.

Also batted: R. Atwill, 1 for 56; B. Adcock, 2 for 24; F. Nicholas, 3 for 7; E. Stockdale, 4 for 83; J. Fellows, 1 for 2; B. Smith, 4 for 17; J. Gibson, 3 for 17; R. Ackerman, 1 for 10; W. Rudd, 2 for 33; I. McIntyre, 3 for 7 (1 not out).

(Bowling)

Name:	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg
R. Thomson	63	2	366	32	11.4
R. Clark	184	47	604	50	12.1
W. Meads	89	13	284	22	12.9
B. Williams	75	7	312	16	19.5
M. Kirby	104	5	463	21	22.0

Also bowled: B. Adcock, 1 for 47; K. Brady, 1 for 1; J. Clingan, 0 for 9; L. Meulman, 9 for 75; S. Hamley, 3 for 95; C. Jones, 1 for 35; P. Richardson, 7 for 53; R. Ackermann, 0 for 16; B. Smith, 1 for 4.

## CITY AND SUBURBAN

With each season that passes this team is consolidating its position in the ranks of the Association, in which it is carrying on the Briars' tradition of sportsmanship and camaraderie. The popularity of the team is evidenced by the fact that the majority of opposing Clubs reserve matches for us each season. This is quite a compliment to the Club, particularly when it is borne in mind that the lack of a home ground normally places a team at a decided disadvantage.

Once again the team had quite a varied and fluctuating membership, but despite this was able to break even on the season.

The captaincy was in the hands of Ray Ackermann. By virtue of the social nature of the cricket as compared with the sterner aspects of competitive play, it is necessary that the position of captain of this team shall be filled by someone who appreciates that the main consideration is to see that every member of the side has a fair share of the play rather than go all out for a win. Ray satisfied these requirements in a high degree, and his pleasant personality is no doubt one of the principal reasons for the team's popularity.

The most outstanding player was without question John Walker, and our congratulations are extended to him for his fine performances and for his grand double in heading the averages in both departments—batting and bowling.

Alec Leadbeater did a grand job as opening batsman, and his aggregate of 496 runs for the season would have been greater if he had not failed to add to his total in the last four matches.

Gordon Lee's batting was very good, and we are pleased to see his name among the first three this season. Gordon also performed a valuable task in transporting the kit, and consistently displayed an interest in the team's welfare.

David North's batting was an invaluable asset to the side, and we are looking forward to bigger things from him next season. The same applies to his brother Brian, who very creditably filled the onerous task of wicket-keeper, and was rewarded with the greatest number of catches for the season.

Vic. Nee, Bill Rudd, Arthur Arnold, Chris Mitchell and Jack Rudd constitute the veterans who helped to weld the team into the happy band it was, and it is hoped that their performances will improve next season.

Jim Atwill was sadly missed during the latter part of the season, and we look forward to his speedy return to Sydney.

Among the newcomers, Hugh Gillies and Ken Astridge showed marked promise, and Ken's feat in taking the hat-trick against the strong Castle-reagh side is deserving of the highest praise.

Les Robinson had a run of outs, and we hope he will be able to participate in a greater number of matches next season.

CITY AND SUBURBAN XI

Matches Played		Won	Lost	Drawn		
	21	10	10	1		
Runs For	Wkts. For	Avg.	Runs Against	Wkts. Against	Avg.	
2648	178	14.8	2522	191	13.2	

AVERAGES

(Batting)

Name:	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
J. Walker	7	3	54x	165	41.2
A. Leadbeater	21	4	116x	496	29.2
G. J. Lee	12	1	58x	190	17.3
D. North	18	2	70	268	16.7
W. Rudd	15	5	37x	150	15.0
C. Mitchell	7	1	19	86	14.3
R. Ackermann	15	7	32	84	10.5
A. Arnold	9	1	33x	82	10.2
V. Nee	8	-	30	77	9.6
J. Rudd	19	-	51	154	8.1
B. North	15	2	24	105	8.1
L. Robinson	7	-	15	31	5.0
H. Gillies	8	1	13	31	4.4

x—Not Out.

Also batted: E. Gay, 6 innings (1 not out) for 40 runs; J. Atwill, 5 (1 not out) for 108; N. Walker, 5 (1 not out) for 72; A. Light, 4 (1 not out) for 53; J. Lawler, 3 for 53; D. Walker, 2 for 46; K. Astridge, 2 (1 not out) for 6; E. Stockdale, 2 (1 not out) for 6; I. Cozens, 2 for 9; R. Thomson, 2 for 4; R. Nicholas, 2 for 1; F. Randle, 1 (1 not out) for 42; S. Hamley, 1 for 25; E. Watt, 1 for 21; L. Meulman, 1 for 18; J. Mason, 1 for 18; B. Adcock, 1 for 13; R. Clark, 1 for 1; B. Williams, 1 for 2; C. Killip, 1 for 10; A. Rose, 1 for 11; B. McKittrick, 1 for 0; W. Meads, 1 for 0.

(Bowling)

Name:	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
J. Walker	80	14	261	30	8.7
W. Rudd	31	1	141	13	10.8
V. Nee	88	7	384	31	12.4
H. Gillies	57	5	196	11	17.7
R. Ackermann	74	9	321	18	17.8

Also bowled: N. Walker, 10 wickets for 47 runs; K. Astridge, 11 for 118; I. Cozens, 8 for 65; J. Mason, 7 for 162; A. Rose, 6 for 30; J. Atwill, 5 for 80; A. Light, 5 for 132; B. Williams, 3 for 12; B. Adcock, 2 for 34; R. Clark, 2 for 49; C. Mitchell, 2 for 98; A. Leadbeater, 1 for 15; W. Meads, 1 for 20; G. J. Lee, 1 for 32; E. Watt, 0 for 43; J. Rudd, 0 for 9; D. North, 0 for 9; B. North, 0 for 29.

CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Cricket Memorial Trophy was donated to the Club in memory of those members who paid the supreme sacrifice during the war, and is awarded annually to the winner of a competition carrying the following points:—

Value to team	25	points
Conduct on field	15	"
General keenness as a cricketer	20	"
Value to the Club as a member	30	"
Neatness of dress	10	"
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>"</b>

The winner of the trophy for the 1947-48 season is R. Thomson, and he is to be congratulated upon gaining the award for the second occasion during the three years that the trophy has been in existence. It would be superfluous here to remind members of Ron's value to the Club, both on the field and off it.

## FOOTBALL

[Sub-committee: Don Walker (Chairman), N. Thomas, P. Hotten, B. Williams, R. J. Vincent, J. Wallace and J. Alford.]

The 1948 season proved a record year for the Club in the football sphere, and at last we were able to challenge comparison with the games of pre-war seasons.

With the majority of last year's players available and a big attendance of new members at the inaugural football meeting, it was apparent that prospects had arisen of entering four teams for the first time in the Club's history, and after considerable discussion it was decided to take this step, which was to be endorsed by subsequent events during the season. Despite numerous injuries and the usual withdrawals for University examinations, the Club fulfilled all its engagements, and the teams acquitted themselves to such good purpose that we are able to record the winning of the Metropolitan Sub-district Club Championship.

Attendance at training was very good until restrictions prevented the use of lighting, and it was an inspiring sight to see more than 60 Club members training on a Wednesday night.

The system of non-playing selectors was re-introduced, and these members are to be commended for the manner in which they carried out their duties and aided the success of the season substantially. The players are indebted to Messrs. L. B. Meulman, A. D. Friend, R. S. Jones and E. Stockdale, who acted as selectors in collaboration with the coaches of the various teams.

Once again we were fortunate in having the services of Bill McLaughlin as senior coach in charge of the Kentwell Cup team. Bill has few equals in his knowledge of Rugby Union, and in the capacity to a marked degree of imparting his knowledge to and inspiring those players under his charge. The bright open football played and the achievements of his team are ample indications of the success of his methods.

In support of Bill, Doug Vanderfield officiated with the Burke Cup team, and Gordon Lee and Geoff Vanderfield with the respective Whiddon Cup teams. We cannot adequately express our appreciation to these members for their continued interest and constant enthusiasm in a position for which surprisingly few of our former footballers offer their services.

Throughout the season the Club's teams had a good following of supporters which was a reflection of the type of football played, and it is very pleasing to note that, win or lose, every team always upheld the best traditions of the Briars, and all finished on a very high plane. In fact, every team probably played its best football in the last match, especially the Kentwell Cup team. It rarely happens that a team loses a semi-final so gloriously. Even though not winning, the team had the satisfaction of knowing that every man gave of his very best, and came off the field without any regrets.

We offer congratulations to the ultimate competition winners, Concord West (Kentwell Cup), Strathfield United (Burke Cup) and Moore Park (Whiddon Cup).

Once again the Club was fortunate in being the guests of the Royal Military College at Duntroon over King's Birthday week-end, and some 23 players and supporters enjoyed a very happy week-end.

Motor transport was arranged, and most of the players spent the Friday evening in Goulburn, arriving in Canberra the following morning.

Duntroon cadets were again far too strong for us, and provided a lesson in excellent football to the tune of 43-5, but the team redeemed itself to some extent with a much improved display against Combined Canberra



on the Monday to win a hard game 19-15. We are indeed most appreciative of the opportunity to visit Canberra and enjoy the hospitality of the R.M.C.

A summary of the Club's performances is set out in the following table:—

	Matches Played	W.	L.	D.	Points For	Points Against	Comp. Points	Comp. Position
Kentwell Cup ..	15	9	4	2	251	121	20	4
Burke Cup ..	15	6	7	2	132	137	14	6
Whiddon "A" ..	14	8	6	-	103	121	16	5
Whiddon "B" ..	14	4	8	2	73	208	10	10

Finally, we wish to record our appreciation of those members who so consistently provided transport by car for the various matches.

### KENTWELL CUP

The displays of this team were in keeping with what was predicted for them at the beginning of the season. Unfortunately, there was a falling away half-way through the season, but the team quickly rallied and finished with a sustained effort of high standard and determination.

The forwards developed into a first-class pack, and their displays of tight, rugged and fierce play gladdened the hearts of the most severe critics.

The backs played exceptionally well, defence being their strongest point. Unfortunately, they lacked a fast penetrating centre, but the material is there, and with more coaching that position will be ably looked after next season.

This team next year should be one of the best the Briars have put on to the football field in many years.

Better and brighter displays would be given if even more of the Club members who have passed beyond the active stage were to give their support to the players by following up their matches and thus giving them a moral boost. With such support, plus the standard of football played this season, Premiership honours should be well within the team's capabilities.

J. Crawford (full-back). Defence, handling and positional play excellent. Evasive runs were the highlight of an all-round display of a very high order.

A. Chard (winger). A match-winner with his elusive runs, and never at a loss to know what to do when cornered. Defence excellent, and bigger things are expected of this player.

B. North (winger). Played exceptionally well until a toe injury hampered him in the latter part of the season. Determination to reach the goal-line is his greatest asset.

W. Marshall (winger). A young player with plenty of resolution. It was bad luck that he suffered an injury early which kept him out of the game for a long time.

B. Williams (centre). Played for the first half of the season, and was a great asset to the team for his goal-kicking ability, and, at times, for his penetrating runs. Unfortunately he lost form, but we hope that he will be to the fore again next season.

Don Vanderfield (centre). As soon as he came into the team he strengthened the defence and gave some glorious exhibitions of hard tackling. His goal-kicking was very useful, although at times erratic.

S. Hipwell (centre). Developed into a hard-tackling centre. He has the ability to pierce the defence with brilliance at times, and with more experience he will be a player of a high standard.

A. Light (five-eight). Playing for the first half of the season he revealed some good play, but then seemed to lose form. His general health was not at its best and came against him.

J. Powell (five-eight). Promoted from the Burke Cup he sharpened up the attack. A heady player with a safe pair of hands and very good defence.

D. Guest (half). At first he was slow in getting his pass away, but then improved out of sight. His defence was outstanding, and many players should take notice from this player's ability to go down on the ball to stop forward rushes. Big things are expected from him next year.

P. Friend (breakaway). Revealed excellent backing-up ability, and was always in the thick of the hard work.

J. Miles (breakaway). Not afraid to leave the ground in his tackles. Always on the ball and, in all, a first-class player.

G. Tweedale (lock). A young player with plenty of fire. Next year should see him at his best with the experience already gained.

J. Walker (lock, second row, full-back). A player of outstanding versatility. Unfortunately, he suffered an injury which kept him out of the game for a long time. His experience would have been a great help to the team in the closing stages of the competition.

W. Farnsworth (second row). Probably the best lineout forward in the competition. Tireless in his efforts and an inspiration to all members of his team.

J. Dunbar (second row). A solid forward, very rarely seen but always in the middle of the hard work. Injury prevented him playing the complete season.

R. Clifford (second row). Forced his way into the team with good displays in the Burke Cup. Improved considerably as the season progressed. When in the open with the ball he seems to always want to kick it—probably just a habit which can be eradicated.

J. Wallace (front row and Captain). A good solid, hard-working forward. An inspiration to his team with the amount of devil he puts into his work. A very capable and inspiring leader.

J. Alford (hooker)). No better hooker in the competition, tireless in his all-round game and no keener player.

N. Barrel (front row). A good hard-working forward whose experience helped the team considerably. Has that fire which makes him a good forward. There are many years of good football in front of him yet.

### BURKE CUP

After a moderate start the team struck an inspired spell towards the end of the first round, recording several good wins in succession, and looked like developing into an exceptionally good combination. However, the inevitable crop of injuries and replacements for the Kentwell Cup team took their toll and the team slumped badly, finishing third in its division. In the latter part of the season attendance at training was very poor indeed, and this was the determining factor in several very close defeats which ruined the team's chances of reaching the semi-final.

A. K. Williams (full-back). Quick mover and fields and kicks well. Improved as he became accustomed to the position.

J. Fenwick (winger). Experienced and heady player, of great value to the team. Quick to seize opportunities and hard to stop when set for the line.

J. Holcombe (winger and centre). Hard runner and strong tackler. Early injury robbed the team of this promising player and he was missed.

R. Hamilton (five-eight and centre). At times brilliant, especially in attack, but uncertain in handling and lax in retrieving mistakes.

R. Crofts (centre and breakaway). Hampered by injuries but did not live up to promise as a centre. Performed much better as a breakaway.

B. Scrivener (half and breakaway). Played out of position as half and suffered loss of confidence, but produced some very creditable displays.

C. Killip (half). Good tactician and hard worker. Did not get the protection he needed from the forwards, but nevertheless got his backs going well.

J. Parkinson (breakaway). Tireless player always full of heart, and plays well above his weight. Tackles well and will improve still more with experience. Does not hesitate to go down on the ball when necessary.

R. Henderson (breakaway). Keen, eager type, always on the ball. Handling could be safer.

R. Clifford (lock and full-back). Versatile and cheerful player. Really got going at the latter end of the season and played the best football we have seen from him. Deserved his promotion.

R. K. Vincent (breakaway). Sound, versatile player who was promoted from the Thirds. Shows good promise.

P. Hotten (second row). Robust, honest, hard-working forward who is always there in the tight play.

D. Mackie (second row). A trier who keeps on the job. Unfortunately, a troublesome leg affected his play.

J. Sharpe (second row). Very keen and kept improving. Sound, hard-working player.

R. Champion (front row). Conscientious and tough. Plays a real forward game and will enhance his value with experience and confidence.

E. Barbour (front row). Solid and tireless worker, an inspiration to the forwards. Rucks well and a good tackler.

M. Grieve (front row). Very fast forward. Always on the ball and continues to improve.

K. McCausland (hooker). Neat, intelligent forward. Hooks well and keeps on the ball. Very fast in the open, and will develop with experience and maturity.

## WHIDDON CUP

### "A" Team

This team consisted of the younger members of the Club, the majority of whom were qualified for "under 19 Junior Football." The players were nearly all newcomers, and took a little time to settle into their most suitable positions and to gain the necessary confidence in their own ability.

However, having overcome these initial difficulties with the aid of their coach and the selectors, the team became capable of very creditable performances, although generally playing against much older and more experienced opponents. Abundant enthusiasm and excellent team-spirit, together with an ability to profit by the experience gained in defeat, enabled the team to finish with a better than average points score, and all players enjoyed a season of excellent football.

We are fortunate in having young players of this calibre who may be trusted to uphold the best traditions of the Club in the years to come.

K. Brady (full-back). New to the position but played creditably and will profit from his experience.

N. South (wing). Very much improved. Tackles well and runs hard.

G. Clemesha (centre three-quarter). Good handler and defender. Much is expected of this player in future seasons.

B. Oram (centre). Very fast and quick to seize an opening, but inclined to hold on a little too long.

R. Aiken (centre). Youngest player in the team. Has good football sense, and should be very prominent next season.

L. Routley (wing). Needs to improve handling and to run straighter.

N. Milne (five-eight). Captained the team creditably. Handles very well indeed, and keeps his head at all times.

I. D. MacIntyre (half). Started the season as five-eight but showed greater possibilities as a half. His defence was very good, and he is improving in attack.

W. Barton (breakaway). A good, steady player improving with experience.

B. Goddard (breakaway). Played very well indeed in the open in both attack and defence, but too loose in the rucks.

R. J. Vincent (breakaway). Very much improved. A good, solid and consistent player.

B. Cormack (lock). A sound, honest forward, always in the thick of things.

P. Meulman (second row). Improving every game. Plays good steady game and tries hard.

W. McQueen (second row). Hard, rugged player. An inspiration to the team at all times.

G. Barbour (front row). A very good forward, always on the ball, and tackles hard and well.

W. Chessher (hooker). Hooked well and always there in the open.

W. Parkinson (front row). A good, tight, hard-rucking forward who revels in the hard work.

P. Lesslie (front row). A useful hooker and front row forward who was handicapped by injuries.

#### "B" Team

This team consisted of older members of the lower teams, and although they finished well down in the competition they were not disgraced. Injuries in the higher teams caused a constant reshuffling, and prevented the moulding of a good combination.

Their spirit and keenness were always good, and probably the highlight of the season was their final match against the "A's," when they gave a magnificent performance of sustained effort when playing with a man short and trailing 6-3.

J. McKay (full-back). New to the position but showed good promise until injured.

S. W. Atkinson (wing). Displays determination but hangs on too long. Tackling needs improvement.

M. D. Shilling (wing and centre). Played well at times but shows hesitation and lack of determination when in possession.

R. Goddard (wing). Improved greatly, and was displaying very good form when injured.

C. G. Abbott (centre and wing). Had few opportunities and played below form. Expected to do better next year.

W. Gray (wing). Needs more experience and determination in running.

B. Pyle (centre). Persevered as half for a long time, but when moved to centre improved considerably and sharpened the attack.

I. R. Vanderfield (wing). An improvement on last year's efforts but still needs to run harder when in possession.

D. H. Younger (five-eight). The mainstay of the backs but lacked support. Handles well and will be an asset in future seasons.

D. Mathieson (half). Did not come up to expectations and never revealed his best form. Suffered unfortunate injury half-way through the season.

I. Kershaw (half). Young and not very experienced, but a real trier who showed considerable improvement.

R. A. Fay (breakaway). Captained the team and performed very well under difficult circumstances. Played consistently well all the season.

M. Kirby (lock). Only played on occasions. A tower of strength in the lineouts but slow in general play.

D. Killeen (breakaway). Did not improve as much as expected, but has definite ability which should bring him to the fore in future years.

N. Gibbs (second row). Played consistently well until injured. Should be prominent next season.

B. Gibbs (second row). Showed improvement when moved from the backs, but needs more sustained effort to make him a really good forward.

G. Miller (second row). Good in spasms, and with better health and improved condition should do well in future years.

W. G. Smithers (front row). A good, robust forward who can go a long way in the game if he trains harder. Has the making of a good Club man.

D. Leggett (hooker). Joined late in the season and only acquired condition still later, but showed definite promise.

R. W. Morris (front row). Most enthusiastic but does not produce sustained effort. Should improve considerably with more fire and determination.



## GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

Many of the older members will appreciate the true meaning of this trophy as a form of memorial to one of their fellow-members, Gordon Bevan, whose untimely death in a car accident some years ago created a vacancy which has never been filled in the hearts of those who knew him. The basis upon which the Shield is awarded ensures that the winner is one who possesses in a high degree all those qualities which endeared Gordon to his team-mates and fellow-members of the Club. The points are awarded as follows:—

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

The Shield was awarded for the 1948 season to R. J. Vincent, whose pleasant personality and general Club value makes him a very worthy winner indeed. Bob is one of the younger members who not only plays his part on the field of sport, but also makes a most valuable contribution to the Club's management by the conscientious way in which he carries out any duties allotted to him. We feel sure that all members will join in offering to him our sincere congratulations upon the bestowal of one of the Club's highest honours.

## HOCKEY

[Sub-committee: R. Ackermann (Chairman), A. Land, R. Thomson and B. Trevenar.]

The news that the Metropolitan Hockey Association had instituted a new Competition, somewhat along sub-district lines, which was open to our Club to play in under its own name and colours, provided an impetus to hockey in the Club. After careful assessment of the pros and cons it was finally decided to enter two teams, one in each division of the new Minor Grade competition. That the move was justified is amply evident in the following team reports.

One difficulty under which hockey generally is labouring at the moment is the lack of suitable grounds. In the sense that all expenses, including ground rents, are met by the players themselves, hockey can claim a degree of amateurism not possessed even by cricket and Rugby Union football. It is an unfortunate anomaly, therefore, that the hockey organisations are often called upon to meet exorbitant charges by certain Councils for the rental of second-class grounds. In making this statement we are not referring to our own civic representatives, and we feel that if we are able to present a reasonable proposition to one of the local Councils we will receive sympathetic consideration. By virtue of its venture into competitive hockey the Club is now morally bound to explore all avenues of acquiring its own accommodation, and suggestions from the members in this regard will be welcomed.

Tom Mobbs is deserving of special mention for the conscientious way in which he carried out his duties as the Club's delegate to the Metropolitan Hockey Association. In addition, Tom did more than his share of the refereeing which fell to our lot each Saturday, and his example is one which might well be followed by his fellow-players.

### "A" Team

With one or two exceptions, this team was the same as that which had played through the previous two seasons, and had on each occasion been runners-up to Glebe. There was a certain amount of relief among the members of the team when it was learnt that Glebe had been graded in the "B" Division.

However, this time our "bête-noir" was Granville-Lidcombe, a team which had been runners-up in the previous year's Second Grade, and had been relegated to the Minor Grade under the new rules which limited the Senior Competition to District Clubs which could field three teams.

The season was a most enjoyable one, and reasonably successful in that we were again runners-up, being defeated by Granville-Lidcombe in the final. The team's performance in obtaining the hat-trick as runners-up must be close to an Association record.

We congratulate Granville-Lidcombe upon their success, but feel that they themselves would have wished to have been playing in a grade more commensurate with their own standard. Their comparative standard is evidenced by the fact that in 16 matches they scored 124 goals, and had their own goal penetrated on only six occasions, twice by our team.

In the competition proper our team played 16 matches, winning 13, losing two and drawing one. Sixty-nine goals were scored by the team and 21 against it.

The team was ably skippered by Ray Ackermann, whose individual ability and enthusiasm proved a source of inspiration to the other players. Ray was invaluable in his position as centre-half.

Neil Walker, a newcomer to the team, was responsible for a number of brilliant deeds on the left wing, but would have been much more valuable could he have developed a better combination with his fellow-forwards.

Col Jones played most of the season as inside-left, but towards the end returned to his natural position as wing-half. Col is very nippy in his movements, and displayed some tricky stickwork. Asset though he was to the team, he suffered from a failing common to a number of his team-mates in that he retained possession of the ball too long, with the result that the opposition took it off him before he could pass it.

Tom Mobbs, as in past years, was the team's scoring mainstay in his position as centre-forward, but was not so prolific as formerly. However, this was not entirely Tom's fault, and the team as a whole must bear most of the responsibility in that Tom was not provided with the opportunities which he had given to him previously.

Hammy Lennartz, as inside-right, played with consistent soundness right through the season up to his departure for England. On occasions he was brilliant, and his loss was a heavy blow to the side.

Ron Thomson, on the right wing, was too slow to carry out his duties in a fully efficient manner, but made up for this to some degree by his intelligent positional play which materially helped to produce results on a number of occasions.

The left-half position was filled at various times by Col Jones, Jack Hollands and Brian Adcock. What Jack lacked in youthful agility he more than made up for by his grim determination and a knack of opportunism. Brian Adcock, another newcomer to the team, showed plenty of natural ability and this, together with his supreme confidence in himself, will enable him to go far in the game.

Dick Atwill was one of the team's most consistent players in his position as right-half, and if he could learn to appreciate the tactics of the game more readily than he does at the moment he would be even more valuable to the team.

Aud Land, as left-back, and Jack Hollands and Brian Adcock sharing the right-back position, had a most difficult task, as it was left to them to remedy the team's most obvious weakness, namely, the failure of the inside-forwards and the halves to tackle back in defence. Taking these circumstances into consideration, they did very well indeed.

Maurie Hill, as goalie, was his usual imperturbable self, and he was the rock upon which many opposition attacks broke.

Ken Astridge came into the team towards the end of the season to fill the vacancy as inside-right caused by Hammy Lennartz' departure. He played very well and gave promise of great improvement in the future.

#### "B" Team

With two or three exceptions, this team was comprised of novices, and this fact makes their performances all the more astounding. Until near the end of the season the team was undefeated, and seemed to have the Minor Premiership at least well within their grasp.

However, a shock defeat by University, one of the weaker teams, enabled Glebe to draw level in the points table, and as the position was unaltered by the end of the normal competition rounds, Glebe, having a much better goal average, were declared Minor Premiers.

Despite this setback our team was still fully confident that it would obtain the Major Premiership. It was obvious that the Glebe team would get through to the final, and as our men had defeated them in their only encounter during the season, the prospects of success seemed good. However, this was not to be, and a most unexpected defeat by St. George in the semi-final put us out of the running.

For the third time in three years we have much pleasure in conveying to Glebe District Hockey Club our heartiest congratulations upon their team's success. Our only regret is that the relative merits of our own team were left undetermined.

The team's points score was made up of 14 wins (two of which were on forfeits), one draw and one loss. Forty-nine goals were scored for the team and four against it.

The team was led by Clarrie Scott, who inspired his team-mates not only by his shrewd and capable captaincy, but also by his own excellent display as centre-half. Clarrie was severely handicapped by the fact that he himself was a new member of the Club, and in the circumstances he did a good job in moulding the side into a formidable combination.

As was natural in a new team, it took some time to sort the players into their most suitable positions. Jack Cassidy was one of those affected, playing the first half of the season as inside-right and the second half on the left wing. Jack performed both tasks with credit, and if he can cope with the difficult technique required of a left-winger he will be invaluable to the team next year.

A happy choice for the position of inside-left was Max Annetts, who played there right through the season. This position requires a man of unlimited agility and stamina, and Max filled the role with great success.

Doug Prowse, a similar type of player to Max, and possessing plenty of weight and pace, was the ideal man to act as centre-forward. A great deal of the team's success can be attributed to the fact that Doug was the spear-head of the attack. He was the team's most prolific scorer, and is to be congratulated upon his displays.

Eric Annetts played the first half of the season as left-back, where he proved invaluable in defence. However, Eric was anxious to be "up front," and the selectors deferred to his wishes by transferring him to inside-right. Although Eric played well in his new position there were younger players who could have done better in that particular job, and much of Eric's value to the team was lost.

Ken Astridge was one of those who had frequent changes in position throughout the season. He played mostly on the right wing, and although he carried out that job in a highly competent manner, shrewd judges considered that his greater value would have been as inside-right. This feeling that his ability was being largely wasted was responsible for his promotion to the "A" team to fill the vacancy in inside-right of that team.

Jack Clingan, unfortunately for the team, did not become available until towards the end of the season. Despite a lack of condition which militated against him in his first few matches he soon struck form, and filled the left-half position with distinction.

Stan Hamley found his niche right from the start as right-half, and with a little more experience will develop into an outstanding player in that position.

Upon Eric Annetts' move to the forwards, Bert Thomson took over the job as left-back. His experience and tactics were of great assistance to the team.

The right-back position was shared by Gordon Thomson and Jack ("Cracker") Kerr, both of whom, in between times, sampled no less than three other positions in the field. Gordon displayed remarkable tenacity, and his example might well be followed by some of the other players. "Cracker" played a good, honest game on all occasions.

The lack of a goalie was the cause of much concern in the early part of the season, and when Kevin Hughes appeared on the scene to take over these duties it was a very welcome addition to the team's strength. Kev is a slightly built lad, and too much praise cannot be given him for the courageous and skilful manner in which he thwarted opposition attacks.

The Club's "baby," Col Cunningham, played in a large number of the matches, mainly on the right wing. Col has all the qualities needed to make a good hockey player, and will be well worth his place in the team as he grows a bit older and gets experience.



## TENNIS

[Sub-committee: J. Hollands (Chairman), T. Mobbs and J. Powell.]

As forecast in last year's Report, the shortage of courts has proved to be an insuperable barrier to our hopes of organising the usual tennis tournaments. In recent years, our usual venue has been at the Strathfield Recreation Club's courts, but owing to a large increase in the membership of that Club, also the necessity to top-dress the courts, it was not possible to secure accommodation there during the past year.

The same difficulty was encountered when an effort was made to enter teams in the local Sunday morning competitions during the winter.

A couple of groups of members have availed themselves of the offers of the use of private courts on Sunday afternoons, and these arrangements proved a welcome substitute for the Club-sponsored functions of previous years.

If sufficient of these private courts are made available it may be possible to re-institute the tournaments which proved so popular in the past. The position will be watched during the forthcoming year.



## GOLF

[Sub-committee: J. Hollands (Chairman), C. Mitchell and M. Mitchell.]

Considerable difficulty was experienced in securing a suitable course to enable a golf tournament to be held. Finally, however, arrangements were made to play on the Liverpool Golf Club's course on Sunday, 16th May, 1948. Unfortunately, the weather was unkind, but the bleak conditions did not prevent an excellent attendance. The renewal of old acquaintanceships did much to counteract the effect of the weather, and at the close of the day all agreed that they had had a most enjoyable time.

The following results were recorded:—

9-Holes Stroke Handicap: Ralph Storey.

18-Holes Stableford: Murray Kirby and Brian North.

It is hoped that accommodation will be easier to arrange during the forthcoming year, and if it is, every effort will be made to restore this sport to its pre-war pre-eminence among the Club's outdoor entertainments.



## CLUB ROOMS

[Senior Steward: W. Elder. Stewards: R. Vincent, Dave Walker, P. Hotten, I. R. Vanderfield, J. Powell, B. Adcock, K. Hughes and N. Thomas.]

The Club Room activities for the past year have shown a gratifying increase. Many of our new members have expressed their appreciation of the amenities available to them by regular attendance on Friday nights and after sport on Saturday afternoons, and, in a lesser degree, during the week. This attendance comprises a fine blend of our young members, a number of the older ones and an occasional visit from a few former members desiring to renew associations and to retain contact with the Club of which they possess such fond memories.

For the benefit of all members we would like to point out that whilst the Club is open on Monday nights, it is the ambition of the Committee to also re-open on Wednesday nights, and we now look forward to sufficient support to make this possible.

Supplies of cigarettes, chocolates and other goods have been ample to cater for the needs of the members, for which many thanks are again due to the energetic Maurice Hill and Mal Mitchell.

This year, for the first time for a number of years, the Club Rooms were regularly cleaned each week. The action of the Club in allowing Western Suburbs District Cricket Club to use the rooms each Thursday night for social meetings is responsible for this. Mr. Mark Willis, a keen supporter of Wests, insisted upon undertaking, as a gesture of appreciation on behalf of his Club, the thankless job of keeping the Club Rooms in order. The spic and span condition of the rooms speaks for itself, and we extend to Mr. Willis our wholehearted thanks.

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## SOCIAL

[Sub-committee: J. Cleary (Chairman) and J. Walker.]

A Christmas cocktail party was held on the Saturday before Christmas, and a lively crowd of ninety arrived at 7 p.m. and enjoyed themselves until late in the evening. Everybody had the festive feeling, and no organisation was needed to help them enjoy themselves. This party was a great success financially as well as socially.

Our next social event was the New Year's Eve ball, which was held at "Allambie House," National Park. No doubt most members have heard of the success of this dance, which commenced at 9 p.m. and continued until the wee small hours. There is not room enough to write of the various escapades, but Club gossip will enlighten you. This dance was also a financial success, and we hope to see everyone along next New Year's Eve.

A dance was held at Sargent's in April, but owing to sickness, holidays and parenthood, only a very small crowd attended. This was very disappointing, and we just made expenses. However, everybody seemed to have a jolly time.

The annual cricket dinner was held at the Club Rooms to wind up the season, and it proved most successful. A very enjoyable meal was served (thanks to the ladies), and was followed by our President awarding the various trophies. Everyone then moved to the lounge and proceeded to have a lot of fun.

The next dance was held in July at White City. A very large crowd turned up, 200 in all, largely composed of the football fraternity, and it was very pleasant to see several large parties of our young members, for it is these members upon whom we have to rely for social activities in the future. The dance was a great success, and £52 was paid into our Club Accident Insurance Fund.

The finish of the football season was celebrated by a cocktail party at the Club Rooms as there were too many for a dinner. A beautiful buffet was arranged, and a plentiful supply of soft drinks kept everybody happy until midnight. Every game of the season was played again, but fortunately there were no injuries.

The Club owes a debt of gratitude to the ladies for their support at these functions held at the Club. The food arrangements which they attended to and the floral decorations were commended by everyone—they are to be thanked and congratulated.

## INDOOR ENTERTAINMENTS

[Sub-committee: J. Hollands (Chairman), E. Watt, Snr., A. Land, C. Jones and I. R. Vanderfield.]

The increased attendances at the Club Rooms during the past year have resulted in a full use of the billiard and table-tennis facilities on Friday nights and on most Monday nights.

A handicap billiards tournament attracted 32 entries, and was eventually won by Tom Mobbs, the runner-up being Peter Crocker. Another tournament, to which 39 entries were received, is at present in its final stages.

A singles handicap table-tennis tournament was also held during the year. Twenty-three members competed, and many close matches were played. The event was won by Spencer Hipwell, who defeated Roger Vanderfield in the final 31-25, 27-31, 31-13, 31-26. A doubles open tournament was held on one evening and resulted in a win for Col Jones and Aud Land.

The conduct of these tournaments requires a lot of organisation, but experience has shown that they are popular with the members, and every effort will be made to provide similar entertainments in the future. At the same time, the competitors should realise the hard work involved for the organisers, and should assist them in every way possible by arranging to play their matches without undue delay.

Table-tennis evenings, at which supper was provided, were popular features in pre-war days, and we hope that the proper encouragement and opportunities will be forthcoming to enable such functions to be arranged more frequently in the future.

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## LIBRARY

[Librarian: B. Williams. Asst. Librarians: P. Hotten and Dave Walker]

During the year the Club's library was again placed in a working condition. A large number of new books of all types have been purchased, and these, added to the good books already on hand, make the library well worthwhile patronising, particularly as there is no charge made on books borrowed except where they are returned overdue.

Although there has been a good demand for the books, it has been mainly from a comparatively small number of regular readers. However, this should not continue to be the case as more of the members become aware of the improvements being made.

As good books are still very expensive and hard to obtain, the additions to the library are not so numerous as one would wish, although in this regard a sum of £12 was voted by the General Committee for expenditure over the last six months.

Since the library has been re-organised the rules have been revised, and copies are exhibited near each book-case. Apparently due to oversight, however, many of the members are not carrying out these regulations, particularly with regard to hours and having books marked off.

The work of re-organising the library was undertaken by Brian Williams on his own initiative. He was appointed as Librarian, and has been ably assisted by Peter Hotten and Dave Walker. The Club's thanks are due to these members for restoring this popular service.

## CLUB ROOM DEVELOPMENT

[Sub-committee: H. G. Whiddon (Chairman), L. Meulman, M. Blair, R. Clark, R. Thomson, Don Walker, J. Hollands and O. Osterman.]

This Sub-committee was specially constituted in February, 1947, for the purpose of considering ways and means of improving the Club Rooms and submitting recommendations thereon for the approval of the General Committee.

As stated in last year's Report, a plan was drawn up in two phases: the first relating to the immediate requirements, and the second to the ultimate objective if and when sufficient security of tenure of the Club Rooms had been obtained.

Owing to circumstances temporarily beyond our control, no appreciable progress had been possible in respect of the implementation of the latter phase of the plan. However, the Sub-committee has devoted considerable time and thought during the year to the question of effecting further immediate improvements to the Club Rooms.

As a result of the Sub-committee's recommendations, the following improvements were made during the year:—

- (1) Repairs to gas fires.
- (2) Enclosed lighting of lounge room and lobby.
- (3) Purchase of two dozen new chairs.
- (4) Sanding of floor of Committee room.
- (5) New bedcloth on one billiards table.

Several other matters are still under consideration. One of these is the question of improving the water service. Negotiations with our landlords will need to be satisfactorily concluded before any action can be taken.

In addition, it has been decided to instal a new sink in the washroom, and inquiries are proceeding with a view to obtaining something suitable.

The Committee has approved of a recommendation by the Sub-committee that the present Committee room be appropriately fitted out and furnished as a library and reading-room, with space available at the George Street end for kitchen facilities. Some of the new chairs have been reserved for use in this room, and the changeover will be effected as soon as one or two minor details are settled. The room will also be used as a meeting room.

Members will agree that the work carried out during the past eighteen months has added considerably to the attractiveness of the Club Rooms, and the further works now contemplated should result in providing the members with accommodation of which they might justifiably be proud.

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## ACCIDENT FUND

[Secretary: J. Wallace. Treasurer: B. Williams.]

This year the formation of the Accident Fund was thoroughly vindicated. Although the Fund has been in existence for only two years, nearly £50 has been paid out in claims, and another £15 is outstanding in connection with claims for the 1948 football season. Of the claims paid during the year, £33/19/11 was in respect of the 1947 football season, 10/6 for the 1947-48 cricket season, and the balance of £12/2/6 for the football season just completed.

For the benefit of members who are not conversant with the rules we include the following extract respecting disbursements from the Fund:—

(1) Full or partial reimbursement of medical, surgical, dental, pharmaceutical, hospital and other like expenses incurred by members of the Fund in respect of injuries and the treatment thereof arising out of their participation in any of the recognised sporting activities of the Club.

(2) Such other assistance and benefits to members of the Fund injured or incapacitated in the manner prescribed in paragraph (1) hereof as may be deemed suitable by the Accident Fund Committee at its discretion.

In addition to insuring the Club's four football teams the Fund also re-insures the two Shire cricket teams with the N.S.W. Cricket Association and, with the assistance of the Western Suburbs Cricket Association's Accident Fund, covers the Third Eleven. It completely covers the City and Suburban side.

In consideration of the St. John's Ambulance attention and service to our members, the Fund decided to donate £3/3/- to this worthy organisation.

The augmentation of the Fund by the proceeds of a Club dance during the year greatly assisted towards placing it in the favourable position as disclosed by the financial statement hereunder. The balance on hand, £109/7/11, should be ample to cover any claims which may be made in the near future, and allow of a safe margin at the commencement of next football season.

Thanks are due to Messrs. R. J. Vincent, P. Hotten and N. Thomas for their assistance in administration of the Fund by collecting the fees each week, and to Messrs. J. Wallace and B. Williams for their work in an executive capacity.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts:		£	s.	d.	Payments		£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward		72	13	6	By Claims paid to date		46	2	5
.. Fees from Members	..	36	6	0	.. Re-insurance—Shire Cricket Teams	..	4	0	0
.. Donations	..		5	0	.. Donations—St. John's Ambulance	..	3	3	0
.. Interest	..		13	4	.. Balance carried forward	..	109	7	11
.. Proceeds of Ball	..	52	15	6					
<b>Total</b>	<b>.. ..</b>	<b>£162</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>.. ..</b>	<b>£162</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>

## HONOUR ROLL

A matter constantly in the minds of your Committee has been the question of providing in the Club Rooms a permanent Honour Roll of those of our members who fell in the last war. A special Sub-committee was constituted for the purpose of investigating the matter, and we are now pleased to report that, as a result of very careful consideration in the light of the Sub-committee's recommendations, a final decision has been reached as to the type and design of the memorial required.

It will take the form of a beautifully inscribed bronze tablet, upon which will be recorded a suitable dedication and the names of those whose memory it will perpetuate. Arrangements are now being made for holding the unveiling ceremony.

## "THE BRIARS' BULLETIN"

(Editor: R. J. Thomson)

As stated in last year's Report, "The Briars' Bulletin" was founded in November, 1946, as a monthly Club newspaper for exhibition on the Club notice-board in typewritten form.

The publication of the paper has continued during the past year, and we think it may fairly be claimed that it is a popular feature with the members.

Unfortunately, the scarcity of reporters has continued, and the Editor has had to carry the whole burden on his back. Whilst he does not mind this, it is felt that the paper would be a more truly representative one if there were other contributors who might present different points of view upon the various matters dealt with.

The gravest difficulty under which the paper is operating is the lack of first-hand knowledge of the Club's football activities. If any one of the Club's interests can be said to be more important than the others it is football, and until the "Bulletin" is able to describe football matches and discuss football administration in its columns, it cannot be said to be a fully representative paper.

Football was catered for to some degree by "Briar Junior" edited by Brian Williams, but, unfortunately, owing to the latter's preoccupation with other duties, he has not been able to maintain his publication.

Once again, therefore, an appeal is made, particularly to those who follow football, for volunteers to contribute matter for publication in the "Bulletin." Members will surely agree that it will be very pleasant in after years to be able to look back through the pages of old "Bulletins" and read accounts of incidents, both on the field and in the Club Rooms, which will bring back happy memories. It is not too much, therefore, to give your co-operation now.

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## COMMITTEE

Your Committee has met on 15 occasions since it took office last November, and the following attendances have been recorded:—

R. Ackerman .. .. .	13	H. Lennartz (resgd. Aug., '48)	7
R. Clark .. .. .	14	E. Stockdale .. .. .	15
J. Cleary .. .. .	12	R. Thomson .. .. .	13
W. Elder .. .. .	12	Don Walker .. .. .	11
J. Hollands .. .. .	15	Neil Walker (apptd. Aug., '48)	5
C. Jones .. .. .	14		

The various Sub-committees carried out their duties in a satisfactory manner, and the indications are that they will fulfil their pre-war role of also providing the means whereby members of an administrative turn of mind will be given the opportunity to develop their talents and, in due course, graduate to the General Committee.

Towards the end of the year Mr. H. Lennartz was compelled to vacate his position on the Committee and as Chairman of the Cricket Sub-committee in view of his impending departure for England. The opportunity was taken to make a presentation to him in recognition of his services to the Club, and as a token of the esteem in which he is held by his fellow-members. Mr. Neil Walker was appointed to fill both vacancies, and is carrying out his duties in a capable manner.

Mr. W. Elder continued to act in the important position of Senior Steward, and has been ably assisted by Messrs. R. J. Vincent, Dave Walker, P. Hotten, Roger Vanderfield, J. Powell, B. Adcock, K. Hughes and N. Thomas as Stewards.

## FINANCES

We quote hereunder extracts from the Report of our Honorary Auditor, Mr. Norman Wales—

The past year's result is a record as far as the net profit is concerned and this is the first occasion in which it has exceeded the £100 mark with the exception, of course, of last year which, however, covered 15 months trading. The total profit for the 12 months ended 30th September, 1948, amounted to £124/18/7 compared with £149/9/- for the previous 15 months. No depreciation has been taken into account again this year as I understand your assets for insurance purposes were valued at the £700 mark and the amount the books disclose, including Stock at 30th September, amounts to £468.

**Clubroom Trading Account:** The Gross profit on sale of cigarettes, tobacco, sweets, etc., amounted to £141/8/4 compared with £109/5/- for the previous 15 months and the sales over the same period amounted to £810/9/9 compared with £599/-/-.

**Profit and Loss Account:** All sports, with the exception of tennis, show a loss over the year, which, of course, is expected as the Club is run as a sporting body for the benefit of members, and the revenue received from the social side of the Club's activities offsets these losses. If the members could be made to realise this, further support may be obtained from them at the clubroom and social gatherings.

Summarising the main sports, the position is as follows:—

**Cricket:** A loss of £46/16/9 compared with £47/7/8 last period, but in the previous year's figures, a donation of £25/-/- was received from the N.S.W. Cricket Association.

**Football:** A loss of £44/19/6 compared with £19/16/3. In this sport, registrations, affiliations and equipment increased due, of course, to the extra team.

**Hockey:** A loss of £28/8/8 compared with £2/18/2 evidently brought about by the initial outlay associated with the new set-up.

**Clubroom Amusements—Billiards and Cards:** The income from this branch of the clubroom activities has increased considerably during the past 12 months, which is most satisfactory. For the 12 months ended 30th September, 1948, the income was £36/13/- compared with £20/19/2 for the previous 15 months.

**Entertainments:** The income decreased by £26/10/9 for the 12 months, although the previous income was for a period of 15 months.

**Dances:** Receipts from dances amounted to £264/8/- and expenditure £191/8/-, leaving a net amount of £73/-/-, of which £52/15/6 was transferred to the Club Accident Fund.

**Annual Subscriptions:** Subscriptions amounted to £223/5/3 for the 12 months after writing off £25/16/3 for bad debts, compared with £238/7/9 for the previous 15 months period. The amount outstanding at balancing date for members' subscriptions amounted to £40/2/7.

**Administrative and Clubroom Expenses:** Clubroom overhead expenses have increased by £20/7/2, the largest increase being for Annual Reports which cost £36/5/6 compared with £23/3/1 the previous year.

**Balance Sheet—Assets—Furniture and Fittings:** As stated previously in my report, the figure shown in the Balance Sheet is exceptionally low compared with the actual value, but I see no reason why this figure should be increased and only create a reserve. During the year an amount of £114/3/6 was expended in additional furniture, whilst an amount of £46/4/5 was realised on the furniture discarded.

**Stock-in-hand:** An increase of £33/17/11 is shown in this account.

**Sundry Debtors:** Outstanding fees have been reduced by £7/8/- in comparison with previous report.

**Commonwealth Savings Bank:** The bank balance has increased by £30/9/7 over last year, which is most satisfactory seeing a net amount of £67/19/1 was paid for additional furniture.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

**Marriages:** Our heartiest good wishes go to Alfie Light, Harvey Ford, Jim Alford and Dick Gee for doing the decent thing.

**Births:** Our list of "acquisitions" is smaller this year than last, but we feel that this is due to lack of information on our part rather than to lack of effort on the part of the members. We apologise to those whose names are not "mentioned in dispatches," and assure them that our heartiest congratulations would be extended to them just as they are now to the following: Ray Ackermann (a daughter), Fred Lucas (a son), Fred Randle (a daughter), Perc Murray (a daughter), Don Walker (a daughter), Dave North (a daughter), Jack Buzacott (a son). The ratio of females to males is to be deplored, having in mind the Club's future welfare.

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## CONDOLENCES

Harry Windon, John Miles, Bill Turner and Dick Gee each suffered the loss of his father during the past year, and we offer our sympathy to these members and to their families.

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## APPRECIATIONS

We desire to record the Club's deep appreciation of the outstanding services rendered as ordinary members by Olaf Osterman, Mal Mitchell and Maurie Hill: the former for his work in connection with Club Room improvements, and the two latter for the consistent way in which they maintained the supplies of refreshments, chocolates, etc., during the year.

Again we thank Messrs. Bjelke Petersen, and particularly Mr. Bill Turner, for the attention given to our injured players during the year.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

H. G. WHIDDON, President.

R. B. CLARK, Hon. Secretary.

R. J. THOMSON, Hon. Asst. Secretary.

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## ADDENDUM

I wish to place on record my appreciation of the work performed throughout the year by: R. B. Clark (Hon. Secretary), E. G. Stockdale (Hon. Treasurer), R. J. Thomson (Hon. Asst. Secretary), C. Jones (Hon. Asst. Treasurer), W. Elder (Senior Steward), N. G. Wales (Hon. Auditor); also members of the General Committee and various Sub-committees and the Stewards.

H. G. WHIDDON, President.



# THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB

## CLUBROOM TRADING ACCOUNT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1948.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1947—Sept. 30.—						
To Stock on Hand—Cigarettes, Tobacco, etc. . . . .	54	9	2			
„ Purchases—Cigarettes, Tobacco, etc. . . . .	714	13	10			
			769	3	0	
„ Gross Profit Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account . . . . .			141	8	4	
			£910	11	4	

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1948—Sept. 30.—						
By Sales—Cigarettes, Tobacco, etc. . . . .	810	9	9			
„ Stock on Hand—Cigarettes, Tobacco, etc. . . . .	100	1	7			
			£910	11	4	

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1948.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1948—Sept., 30.—						
To CRICKET—						
Hire of Ground, Umpires, etc. . . . .	66	8	0			
Material, etc. . . . .	72	19	9			
Photos, Caps, etc. . . . .	1	18	0			
			141	5	9	
„ BASKETBALL . . . . .				2	18	0
„ FOOTBALL—						
Registration, etc. . . . .	30	4	0			
Jerseys, Socks and Badges . . . . .	61	14	0			
Training and Ground Rent . . . . .	37	17	0			
Materials . . . . .	16	11	7			
Royal Military College Visit . . . . .	10	0	0			
			156	6	7	
„ HOCKEY . . . . .			73	11	8	
„ TENNIS . . . . .			9	5	6	
„ CLUBROOM AMUSEMENTS—						
Billiards . . . . .	13	5	6			
Library . . . . .	21	11	8			
			34	17	2	
„ ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLUBROOM EXPENSES—						
Rent . . . . .	104	0	0			
Lighting and Heating . . . . .	23	16	4			
Repairs and Maintenance . . . . .	31	18	4			
Stationery and Stamps . . . . .	18	0	8			
Telephone . . . . .	16	5	1			
Insurance . . . . .	13	10	11			
Annual Reports . . . . .	36	5	6			
Sundry Petty Expenses . . . . .	7	0	3			
			250	17	1	
„ BALANCE BEING EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR 12 MONTHS . . . . .			124	18	7	
			£794	0	4	

INCOME.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1948—Sept. 30.—						
By GROSS PROFIT FROM TRADING ACCOUNT . . . . .				141	8	4
„ CRICKET—						
Batting Fees . . . . .	92	11	0			
Photos and Caps . . . . .	1	18	0			
			94	9	0	
„ HOCKEY . . . . .			45	3	0	
„ BASKETBALL . . . . .			2	0	0	
„ CLUBROOM AMUSEMENTS—						
Billiards and Cards . . . . .	36	13	0			
Entertainments . . . . .	98	8	6			
			135	1	6	
„ DANCE RECEIPTS . . . . .	264	8	0			
Less EXPENDITURE . . . . .	191	8	0			
			73	0	0	
Transfer to Accident Fund . . . . .	52	15	6			
			20	4	6	
„ FOOTBALL—						
Jerseys, Socks and Badges . . . . .	52	0	3			
Registrations . . . . .	22	3	0			
Hire of Ground, N.S.W.R.U. . . . .	25	0	0			
Royal Military College Visit . . . . .	12	3	10			
			111	7	1	
„ TENNIS . . . . .			10	13	9	
„ ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS . . . . .			223	5	3	
„ SUNDRY INCOME—						
Interest . . . . .	2	16	0			
Donations . . . . .	6	6	0			
Telephone . . . . .	1	5	11			
			10	7	11	
			£794	0	4	

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1948.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
DEPOSIT ON CLUBROOM KEYS . . . . .				0	19	0
SURPLUS OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES—						
Balance as at 30th June, 1948 . . . . .	568	14	3			
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for 12 Months . . . . .	124	18	7			
			693	12	10	
			£694	11	10	

ASSETS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
FURNITURE AND FITTINGS AT COST—						
Value at 30th June, 1947 . . . . .	293	11	10			
Additions for 12 Months . . . . .	114	3	6			
			407	15	4	
Less Sale of Furniture . . . . .	46	4	5			
			361	10	11	
STOCK ON HAND AT VALUATION—						
Cigarettes, Tobacco . . . . .	100	1	7			
Badges, Caps, etc. . . . .	7	2	0			
			107	3	7	
SUNDRY DEBTORS . . . . .	40	2	7			
Less Reserve for Doubtful Debts . . . . .	20	0	0			
			20	2	7	
COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK . . . . .			190	14	9	
PREPAYMENTS—GROUND HIRE . . . . .			15	0	0	
			£694	11	10	

E. G. STOCKDALE,  
Hon. Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of Account and Vouchers of the BRIARS SPORTING CLUB for the 12 months ended 30th September, 1948, 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, A.A.P.A.,  
Public Accountant and Auditor.