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AND  
BALANCE SHEET  
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34A George Street, Burwood,  
on Friday 8th December, 1967.

# THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

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# THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

Gentlemen,

The 49th Annual Report and Balance Sheet is presented for your perusal and acceptance.

In terms of history and of Club life, the 1966-1967 financial year has been an important one for the Briars.

ANNIVERSARY YEAR: Historically, the Club entered its fiftieth year.

A special Anniversary Sub-Committee was formed under the chairmanship of Mr. A. Land and this Committee has done an excellent job in preparing a varied programme of commemorative occasions. On the 7th August, 1967, an Inaugural Dinner with Sir Charles Moses, C.B.E., as guest speaker, was held. This function was attended by a record number of members and was a very satisfying evening. Sir Charles entertained us most nobly. A Commemorative Church Service was held at St. Anne's, Strathfield, on 29th October, 1967, being attended by 350 members, their families and friends. Both St. Anne's and the Briars were equally moved by the spirit of the service. For your own pleasure, and for your Club, it is hoped that you, as members, will participate whenever possible in 50th Anniversary celebrations.

HOCKEY: The previous year's enthusiasm was fully maintained in the season under review. For the first time a regular indoor practice session was conducted each week and whilst not ideal in all respects there is no doubt that these training runs greatly improved the play and teamwork of those participating. Whilst keenness amongst players is now at a high level, hockey administrators must now concentrate on lifting our standards even higher. A good season has been had and we should now aim for a premiership.

RUGBY: It is not possible to remember the 1967 season as one of Briars' best, however, those who attended the Burke Cup Grand Final could not fail to be stirred by the great effort put up by our team in its attempt to win a premiership while playing against a side that was undoubtedly better on the day. Last year's drive for new members has given us a number of players who will bear watching in the future. We gained our fair share of berths in the Combined Sub-District team which played a curtain-raiser to the Irish Test and our representatives performed well. Our three "first up" and one experienced coach all did a fine job.

CRICKET:

The highlight of our 1966-67 season must have been the exciting "B" Shire final. We lost this game by one wicket, but seeing the two teams together in our Clubrooms after the match, it was hard to separate victor from vanquished. The game was played in the right spirit and really emphasised the meaning of cricket in the sporting sense. Negotiations to provide a suitable practice wicket area are being conducted by your Cricket Subcommittee and success in this direction will certainly improve our results on the field.

GOLF:

Our usual golf days at Leura were supported, in the main, by our old regulars. In an effort to provide a more popular golf calendar, the Convener is following up his plans mentioned in last year's Annual Report. We may even see a Briars Mixed Golf Day!

SKI LODGE:

Due to a poor snow season last year, the Lodge was not so heavily booked, however, the growing knowledge of the benefits of warm weather activities in the area may compensate for this.

SQUASH:

Two teams finished their run in the semi-finals of the winter competition, and we have, at time of writing this report, two teams in the semi-finals of the spring competition. Apart from the undoubted value of mere participation, it could be said that this sporting side-line is doing very well.

CLUB ROOM ALTERATIONS:

During the year, the Club obtained possession of the flat previously occupied by Mr. L. Ayre on the first floor. It was decided by Board that this area should be made available for the use of members. Accordingly, a meeting of Directors, Management Committee and interested members of the Club was held at the Club Rooms on 20th February, 1967. The recommendations of this meeting were passed on to Architect, Mr. John Crawford, to draw up a draft plan for further consideration. A Special Meeting of Board was held for this purpose on 22nd May, 1967, whereat outcome of informal discussion with Licensing Sergeant was heeded and an amended draft plan requested from Architect. Licensing Court approval for this plan and extension of licence to cover flat area was sought. The Directors, at this stage, decided to report to members on the stage planning had reached and this was accordingly done at an Extraordinary General Meeting held on 14th July, 1967. At this meeting, the Directors were able to report Licensing Court approval to our application and also that the Club's Bankers had agreed to an overdraft covering full cost of alterations under most favourable terms. A number of suggestions were noted by Board arising out of the meeting following which the Architect was instructed to prepare

detailed plans and specifications for calling for Tenders. Tenders were considered by Board at its meeting on 11th September, 1967, and the Architect's recommendation was followed, the contract being let to P. J. Bingham. Alterations commenced in late September and at time of writing this report it appears possible that the builder's agreed time for completion prior to Annual General Meeting will be met. Bar facilities and space have been considerably improved, as has the office. The new lounge and dining area is twenty-five percent larger and no longer need be a traffic way. It is confidently expected that these alterations will add considerably to the enjoyment and comfort of members and guests on busier nights.

NEW SPORTS GROUND: Negotiations are still under way on this most important project and while progress is slow, there is still hope of a satisfactory result.

NEW ZEALAND: Another successful visit by a New Zealand Rugby team occurred this year. This time we welcomed Merivale-Papanui from Christchurch. A most pleasant, if hectic, weekend resulted in further cementing of good relations with New Zealand clubs. Next year we entertain the Invercargill Rugby Club, thus maintaining our prominent position in trans-Tasman visits.

NEW MEMBERS: This is one aspect of Club life which requires constant thought, as well as constant rejuvenation. The Club depends, for its very life, on a constant influx of new members. It is up to every member to play his part in building the reputation of his Club by offering membership to any person of a suitable standard of sportsmanship.

SOCIAL: Apart from the Club Dinner mentioned herein under the heading of Anniversary Year and the Annual Ball, no other really successful functions were held. Both these functions were well attended and equally well enjoyed, so it would appear there is scope for socials. Perhaps the Club room alterations will give us the much needed atmosphere to hold successful Club "nights".

ANZAC DAY: A very large crowd of members and visitors participated in a short remembrance service. It is well that sacrifices made by Club members for this country should be remembered.

FINANCE: Trading figures were again most satisfactory although not quite as good as the previous year. General bar price increases early in the year were not passed on to members, however, the latest

increases occurring in October, 1967, have been taken up. Investments of surplus funds have been maintained. Your Club is in a sound financial state. Further comments on finance will be noted under the heading Club Room Alterations.

THANK YOU:

We would like the Burwood, Concord and Strathfield Councils to accept the Club's thanks for assistance given during the year.

Thanks also to the following organising bodies connected with the Club's sporting activities:-

N.S.W. Rugby Union  
 Sydney Rugby Union  
 N.S.W. Rugby Union Referees Association  
 Metropolitan Sub-District Rugby Union  
 Sydney Hockey Association  
 N.S.W. Cricket Association  
 Council of Municipal and Shire Clubs  
 City & Suburban Cricket Association  
 Western Suburbs District Cricket Club  
 Sydney Hockey Umpires Association  
 Squash Association of N.S.W.  
 Leura Golf Club  
 St. John Ambulance Brigade  
 Concord Golf Club.

Our thanks are also due to the organisers and players of clubs who provided us with sporting competition during the year.

Our membership stands at 364, compared with 350 last year, and consists of the following:-

	<u>1966-67</u>	<u>1965-66</u>
Full Members	264	252
Junior Members	8	11
Associate Members)	92	87
Country Members)	<u>364</u>	<u>350</u>



1966-67 CRICKET

Sub-Committee

C. K. Dennis	-	Chairman
J. Wade	-	Deputy Chairman
J. Balmforth,		J. Dess,
P. Richardson,		J. Scott,
B. Vaughan.		

Selection Committee

C. K. Dennis,	J. Wade,
J. Balmforth,	H. Lennartz,
P. Richardson.	

Well, the time has come for yet another review of a season's cricketing activity.

The 1966/67 season will not be recalled for any premier-ship victories but will stand as another enjoyable moderately successful season.

The Club again fielded three teams in the Municipal and Shire competition and one side in the City and Suburban.

We offer our congratulations to the winners of the respective competitions, being -

A Shire	-	Roseville
B Shire	-	University of New South Wales
C Shire	-	Bankstown-Canterbury,

and also to the successful club champions, University of New South Wales.

Unfortunately, we did slump in the club championship table from results in the previous year to finish the year in fifth place, however, if our A Shire side could have succeeded in just a few more of their early matches this trophy would have been well within our grip. However, a splendid second half recovery by the A's combined with a successful and steady result by the B's found us near the top.

Once again the C Shire team's result did not count for the club championship as not every club is represented in this grade. This seems somewhat unfair until one realises that several clubs who have nominated teams have been unable to gain entry through the lack of grounds.

Members will again realise the necessity for the Club's obtaining use of a further turf wicket. At present we have four teams - one wicket: need more be said?

As mentioned previously, the A Shire rallied in the second half of the season to finish in sixth position with the old brigade of regular A members providing most of the action for this side. It is to be hoped that a few more

young players can, through ability and performance, force their way into the A's within the next season or two.

Despite all predictions the B's once again carried the Club's colours on to the final arena only to be beaten in a most exciting and nerve racking match by the University of N.S.W.

For two full days they battled it out with the winner only emerging in the final over of the match.

Surely no other team game can provide this type of heart-stopping competition!

The improved showing of the C Shires was most pleasing to the Club. Tenth out of 22 teams is only half-way but taking shire clubs as our base only Auburn-Lidcombe finished in front of us and we were successful in our match against that club. The top teams were those entered from the grade clubs and again they provided very stiff competition indeed.

To witness the deeds of many youngsters from grade and M & S clubs who participated in this competition would be all that is needed to stifle the critics who try to sell us that this game is dying.

For our C & S boys their season proved as enjoyable as ever with a liberal sprinkling of wins to their credit. The evergreens fronted up again and it becomes hard to envisage our C & S side without Mitchell or Rose as the backbone. No doubt we will not be faced with this prospect for many years.

Once again "at home" meant Rothwell for the A & B Shires with the C's and C & S becoming the nomads. The C's only glimpse of home was two matches at Hudson Park whilst the C & S always felt at home at Cintra, Concord or Goddard.

Rothwell's wicket, as in recent years, must rate only fair on the scale, but we know that Concord Council is aware of this and we are appreciative of the steps being taken to improve its quality.

Availability of players was again a problem with which the Club had to contend.

Cricket certainly makes great demands on a person's time, with all-day games, matches spread over two weeks, games on holiday weekends, and so on.

However, if cricket is your game, you must be prepared to make this time available. Playing only to suit yourself in just not good enough.

It is probably significant to point out that in the A's there was almost no trouble in this regard, some in the

B's with the major trouble spot being in the C's. The conclusion is, I hope, obvious.

The above comments, of course, are not aimed at several Club members who formed our emergency unit and oft-times went out of their way to fill in. These blokes are necessary and we are grateful to them.

On a straight out number basis we were well equipped. Several new members of good potential joined us and this was supplemented by the reappearance of a few members from the football fraternity.

A combination of lack of facilities and lack of interest saw Thursday's practice session disappear. This is not satisfactory and is a problem that will have to be straightened out.

No one disputes the necessity of practice and it is to be hoped that arrangements can be made for the use of a turf strip and that enthusiasm can be engendered in the members to attend.

Pre-season Practice - was held at Pratten Park, courtesy of Western Suburbs Districts Cricket Club, and it is to be hoped that this excellent arrangement can be continued and our thanks go to Wests for their support.

It was unfortunate that a country trip could not be arranged. Perhaps next year, although there may only be then, as this season, one free and suitable weekend.

One of our most popular events, the single wicket competition, was again held at Goddard Park, in conditions that would have sent most water polo men scurrying for cover! Undaunted by monsoonal rains, they brought howls of laughter from passing motorists (who duly received appropriate recognition) the event was completed with Barry Cardwell emerging victorious over John Hazelwood.

And so we look forward to another enjoyable season's cricket with, perhaps, a premiership (or two) as the end result.

#### "A" SHIRE

To write something new, interesting and stimulating for this Annual Report is most difficult. It is very much as our cricket was this last season, largely the same old thing with just the odd variation. In this instance the variation was what appeared a bold move in the selection of young players for this A team and possibly more important, the perseverance where necessary in keeping them in the team in an effort to consolidate future potential. Most of these

trials paid off handsomely and more drastic moves would have been made if only we had the material to take this further action with any confidence.

In the 1967-68 season we are all out to make a big impression in this anniversary year but without some new talent to replace some of the older core we will have to rely on the incentive of the celebration year to be the variation to carry us to the wished-for heights.

To the season under review we firstly heartily congratulate Roseville on their premiership win and University of N.S.W. on their achievement in the Club Championship. Our own position in the Club competition was reasonably satisfactory and we feel consistent with our performances through the year.

We can feel reasonably satisfied with the bowling performances generally and the stimulation of success by newcomers Ian Bailey and John Brown on various occasions did a lot for the team's spirit. We look forward to bigger and better things from them next season. Barry Vaughan was our star performer this year, taking over to some extent from Kevin Holley, who whilst performing creditably, could not repeat his outstanding contribution in our attack in the 1966/67 season.

Our batting was unstable and unpredictable even from the top performers including David Walker and Graham Ireland whose figures appear to contradict this statement. We must try to introduce a steadying influence or more mature adaptability to conditions if we are not going to rely solely on lucky breaks. It is essential that this change of attitude does not dampen too greatly the slightly cavalier outlook of the players generally which certainly has contributed to keeping all games bright and enjoyable.

Keenness in the field was not apparent in every game and whilst there were some outstanding performances, on the whole, this department can only be classed as average. We missed the outstanding slip fielding of Peter Richardson and can only hope that some of the newcomers will shine in this department which can make such a difference to match results.

The individual performances can be assessed easily from the tables following this report, and it can be honestly reported, that all members of the team thoroughly enjoyed the season, and their general attitude to the game and their fellowship on and off the field cannot be faulted. We extend our thanks to those who assisted us with afternoon tea and scoring affairs throughout the season, and also our thanks to Concord Council for their attention to our requirements on Rothwell Park wicket.

"A" SHIRE STATISTICS

<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Won O/R</u>	<u>Won 1st</u>	<u>Lost O/R</u>	<u>Lost 1st</u>	<u>Drn</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Position in Competition</u>
16	1	6	1	5	3	57	6th

<u>Runs For</u>	<u>Wickets For</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Runs Against</u>	<u>Wickets Against</u>	<u>Average</u>
3795	187	20.29	3552	180	19.73

**BATTING**

	<u>No. Inns</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>	<u>Average</u>
D. A. Walker	19	2	89	674	35.47
G. Ireland	21	1	100*	561	26.71
T. Mobbs	8	1	49	209	26.12
H. Lennartz	15	2	72	388	25.87
K. Holley	15	2	64	373	24.87
R. Downe	9	-	44	181	20.11
J. Wade	16	5	46	296	18.50
P. Mansford	15	4	45	270	18.00
G. Corderoy	21	1	72	343	16.33
I. Bailey	9	2	37	119	13.22
C. Jones	11	1	18	75	7.50
R. Young	9	4	13*	33	6.60
B. Vaughan	10	1	4	9	0.90

Also batted: I. Moule 4-46; N. Walker 2-36; I. Blair 3-39;  
J. Brown 1-3\*.

**BOWLING**

	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
B. Vaughan	149	18	587	35	16.8
I. Bailey	79	15	282	16	17.6
R. Young	124	14	532	26	20.5
H. Lennartz	48	3	271	13	20.8
K. Holley	144	14	665	29	22.9
C. Jones	72	4	321	14	22.9

Also bowled: T. Mobbs 10-143; J. Brown 10-158; J. Wade 9-144;  
I. Moule 1-15; G. Ireland 1-49; B. Trevenar 1-19; D. A. Walker 0-6.

"B" SHIRE

After leading the table at the completion of the competition rounds, the team was beaten by the narrowest of margins in the final by the University of New South Wales side.

To University of New South Wales we extend our congratulations on a fine win.

This match, played over the Easter weekend, must rank as one of the most exciting, closely fought finals on record. After holding a narrow lead on the first innings, the team collapsed in sensational fashion to be 9-62, only to be saved by a determined fightback by Barry Cardwell (who completed a fine double for the match) and Col Jones who contributed a swashbuckling 30. Set 143 to win, University appeared to be well set when at 3-105 Ted Watt in a remarkable spell routed the middle and late order batsmen leaving the visitors ten runs to win with only one wicket in hand. In the final tense minutes of the game University's tenth wicket pair managed to hold out and achieve victory for their side.

Comment on the final would not be complete without further reference to the magnificent bowling performance of Ted Watt who during the match secured fourteen wickets at the personal cost of 63 off 34 overs.

Probably the greatest feature of the game was the sustained good fielding of both sides. Some of the catches taken were quite remarkable and the ground fielding of Barry Cardwell and Ian Blair (particularly in the closing stages when many a certain four was saved by diving efforts at cover) was outstanding. Truly a wonderful game of cricket.

The performances of the team during the season were generally satisfactory. The ability to dismiss the opposition quickly on a number of occasions resulted in outright wins, whilst at other times the maximum points narrowly eluded us.

Undoubtedly the team's strength lay in the well-balanced bowling attack. The opening attack was spearheaded by John Hazelwood who always gave of his best even though unfortunately his effectiveness was hampered during the middle and latter parts of the season by an aggravating heel injury. The Club will certainly miss John in the coming season due to national service commitments. The new ball was shared at various stages of the season by Noel Young, John Brown and John McNicol. Noel's season was curtailed in the early stages as a result of back trouble. During the few games in which he participated Noel bowled without a great deal of luck. John Brown, a left-arm bowler with the ability to have the ball lift disconcertingly, at times lost the necessary control over length and direction. With a little more perseverance to overcome these troubles John will undoubtedly prove a force in years to come. John McNicol came to the team in the latter part of the season and performed admirably. Using his height to advantage, John is able to throw in the odd unplayable ball.

Unfortunately, in the early part of the coming season, John has been lost to the lure of the mystic East.

The second line of attack has headed by the ever incomparable Ted Watt. Ted, who was able to contain the batsmen and at the same time secure wickets, was a tremendous force.

Ted was ably supported by Tim Moyes, a newcomer to the team. Tim has a fine consistent delivery, moving the ball away late from the right handed batsmen. Many opposing batsmen found this type of ball very difficult to score from.

During his time with the team Tom Mobbs bowled with remarkable success, securing 29 wickets from 76 overs, with an average of 7.2. Many a well-established partnership was shattered with the arrival of Tom's ample frame at the crease.

The spin department was well serviced by John Crockart, who later made way for Col Jones from the A's. It was unfortunate that John was lost to the side as he looks to have the potential to develop into a leading wicket taker. Col Jones, with his old guile, managed to secure a number of valuable wickets, and his long bowling spell in the final, whilst not producing any wickets, was a wholehearted effort.

Unfortunately, the team's batting did not achieve the same success, although it must be remembered that on a number of occasions wickets were sacrificed for quick runs in attempts to secure maximum points. Tom Mobbs again showed what a fine cricketer he is. Complementing his outstanding bowling efforts Tom's consistency with the bat more than once helped the side out of trouble. The highlight of his efforts was a magnificent undefeated century against Ryde. Joe Dess, brought to the fore as an opener, headed the batting aggregate. Many of his forceful innings were a delight to watch. Another newcomer to the side was young Mike Mackenroth, who has both the temperament and the ability to go a long way in shire cricket. The remainder of the batting was a little spasmodic, although one or other of the players generally came to light with a score at the right time. Particular mention should be made of Barry Cardwell, who really came into his own towards the end of the season, finishing with a magnificent batting double in the final. Geoff Gorton, who unfortunately was unavailable for a number of matches in the latter part of the season, played a couple of meritorious innings when the side was in trouble. Ian Blair and Peter Richardson showed on too few occasions what they were really capable of, the former showing up well as an opener with aggressive batting, which, whilst most attractive to watch, should at times have been tempered by a little more discretion, whilst the latter's main contribution to the team was 22 catches. Ted Watt showed again what a

useful all-rounder he is by filling third place in the batting averages (with six more not outs). Many times Ted pulled the side out of trouble with the type of batting needed to suit the position of the game. Neil Walker called from semi-retirement, was again a useful facet in the batting line up, although not often enough was he at the crease for sufficient time to show his true worth. Warren Partington and Trevor Parker, who played with the side at various stages, did not really have the opportunity to settle in, and one must not forget the bowlers who also had their moments at the batting crease.

Joe Dess, with 24 catches and 6 stumpings, performed competently behind the stumps, faring much better when having the use of his old gloves.

The fielding was quite unpredictable; at times early in the season being almost deplorable, but rising to great heights later, particularly in the final.

In closing, thanks must go to Tom Hobbs, whose experience in the early part of the season was of tremendous value to the captain and team. Tom's well warranted elevation mid-way through the season, certainly caused a gap that was most difficult to fill. Thanks also to Frank Farrell, who performed the thankless task of tea steward at Rothwell, and also to the number of club supporters who attended the games.

### "B" SHIRE STATISTICS

<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Won O/R</u>	<u>Won 1st</u>	<u>Lost O/R</u>	<u>Lost 1st</u>	<u>Drn</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Position in Competition</u>
16	4	6	2*	4	-	86	2nd

\*includes one match lost outright after first innings lead.

<u>Runs For</u>	<u>Wickets For</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Runs Against</u>	<u>Wickets Against</u>	<u>Average</u>
3543	204	17.4	3271	236	13.9

### BATTING

	<u>No. Inns</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>	<u>Average</u>
T. Hobbs	13	3	102*	362	36.2
M. Mackenroth	8	-	55	188	23.5
E. Watt	20	6	84	316	22.6
J. Dess	25	2	69	488	21.2
B. Cardwell	21	1	49	392	19.6
G. Gorton	18	-	51	324	18.0
I. Blair	17	-	43	276	16.1



"B" (cont'd)	<u>No. Inns</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Aggr Bat</u>	<u>Average</u>
P. Richardson	25	2	47*	353	15.4
C. Jones	7	2	30*	71	14.2
N. Walker	14	1	49	182	14.0
J. Crockart	9	3	24	75	12.5
T. Parker	8	-	20	71	8.9
J. Hazelwood	17	6	20	83	7.5
T. Moyes	8	1	18	43	6.1
J. Brown	8	2	0	0	-

Also batted: N.Young 3-23; B.Vaughan 1-12; J.McNicol 4-21;  
J.Neal 1-2; I.Carr 2-1; C.Hickey 1-4.

### BOWLING

	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
T. Hobbs	76.3	6	208	29	7.2
T. Moyes	65.1	10	215	19	11.3
E. Watt	229.7	36	644	53	12.1
J. Hazelwood	210	20	732	47	15.6
C. Jones	90.4	6	342	20	17.1
J. Crockart	71	4	278	16	17.4
J. McNicol	47	7	182	10	18.2
J. Brown	67.5	8	222	11	20.2

Also bowled: N.Young 3-100; N.Walker 0-30; B.Vaughan 8-72;  
P.Richardson 0-17; B.Cardwell 0-2; I.Blair 1-10; J.Dess 0-1  
G.Gorton 0-18; M.Mackenroth 0-2; J.Neale 3-33.

### "C" SHIRE

In looking for one word with which to label the 1966-67 season, probably "intricate" would be the most appropriate. Oxford defines it as entangled, involved, complicated, and that about sums it up.

The continuous problem of drop-outs, unavailables, promotions, etc., does make the job of producing an efficient team rather difficult and probably only Jock Scott as our regular opening bat had any idea as to where the captain may shove him in the batting line up.

In general, there was a line of distinction about number 6: you either batted above or below it, but rarely in the same spot twice. One could, of course, be jumped from seven to three without much trouble at all, simply by producing a sparkling 20 or so, with the resultant immediate demotion upon failure.

Trevor Parker, our shining light with the bat, was however; another who usually occupied a regular spot.

The bowling department was again more potent than our

batting, although John McNicol somehow managed to get himself up-graded, which depleted us somewhat and brief appearances from Jim Neale and John Browne provided us with our only sight of some sort of pace bowling.

This left the job mainly in the hands of the medium pacers who generally performed quite creditably, and in the second half of the season, John Crockart's inclusion bolstered the spinning section.

Overall in these two major departments we performed well enough to finish midway on the competition table.

Our fielding was of a fair standard, although many of us still neglect to move in with the bowler, often allowing the opposition to make a run where, with smarter fielding, none existed.

On catching we were pretty efficient and by far the best individual performance was turned in by Lyn Williams against Lindfield, when he gathered in six for the match, all taken three or four yards from the bat. Lyn, however, pulled out after the first three matches with leg trouble. This same match produced a hat trick for John Richards, who polished off the tail order batsmen in the first innings to finish with 4 for 3 off two overs.

Our first ever C grade century was posted by Trevor Parker, who totalled a fine 101 (run out) against Western Suburbs at Hudson Park, which helped "Hooker" amass 353 runs at an average of 35.3 to head the batting average.

When one man scores a century, someone usually stays with him, and in doing so Mike Mackenroth hit up an excellent 71 and together they amassed a third wicket partnership of 166, which should stand for some time. As a result of their efforts and supplemented by a fast 50 from James Barrett we ran up our highest score of the season, 6-281, giving us a comfortable win.

Trevor, however, was nearly beaten to the punch when Tim Moyes went close to a ton in scoring 95 against University of N.S.W. at Birchgrove, before being out lbw (brave man, our umpire). Tim also bagged 7 wickets in an innings to share this top figure with John Brown, who will undoubtedly develop into a fine quickie.

Tim's score of 95 recalls our exciting game against Auburn-Lidcombe, the only shire side to finish in front of us in the table. Dismissing Auburn for 91, we ourselves floundered to be 9-63, and it looked like we were six points down. Messrs McMonnies and Crockart, however, had different ideas, and quickly rattled up 32 runs to take us along to 95 and first innings points.

Both second innings were almost repeats of the first, with Auburn this time doing better than us, and it was left to our two stalwarts to this time play out time and avert an outright defeat.

On the other side of the scale our lowest total was a poor old 44 against a good Northern Districts side at Asquith.

Once again, being without a home ground meant a good deal of travelling, which however, on occasions was well worthwhile.

Two matches in a row at Manly, one of them an all-day fixture, looked like a bad deal on paper, but the wicket, outfield and excellent facilities at Graham Reserve more than compensated for the hike.

A barbecue at John Richards' followed one of these matches and the hospitality of Mr & Mrs Richards was greatly appreciated. The singing later in the evening was delightful, but something will have to be done about the pianist before we'll return.

A Sunday barbecue was held at the captain's residence which fortunately clashed with other events. "Fortunately" because with more present the injury rate may have been higher, following the production of a football. The ensuing melee ruined several blokes, a quantity of lawn, a couple of roses and a power line plucked neatly from its pole by a well directed drop kick.

Our social side was, in fact, enjoyed by all, and greatly assisted in maintaining a wonderful team spirit and helped several new members to quickly settle into the Club.

On the cricket side again, our umpiring improved greatly with the captain directing some attention to this department and greater application by the players. While we are required to officiate, every man should get up to date on the rules and their interpretation, then keep up to date.

The accompanying team and personal statistics will show the season's results in cold facts. Some will read and be happy, others will not, but no doubt we all enjoyed ourselves and with the team performing fairly well, that's all that really counts.

# "C"                      S H I R E                      S T A T I S T I C S

Teams in Competition: 22

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drn	Pts	Position in Competition
16	3	5	2	5	1	67	10th

"C" (cont'd)

**BATTING**

	<u>Inns</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Aver</u>	<u>Catches</u>	<u>Stump- ings</u>
T. Parker	12	2	101	353	35.3	3	
T. Moyes	9	-	95	197	21.8	2	
H. MacKenroth	9	-	71	175	19.4	6	
I. Moule	16	2	70	272	19.4	9	2
J. McNicol	10	3	37	125	17.8	3	
J. Scott	23	2	41	277	13.2	10	1
J. Neale	10	2	20	95	11.8	2	
J. Richards	18	2	23	170	10.6	3	
C. Dennis	17	1	30	143	8.9	9	
A. Armstrong	8	1	24	54	7.7	2	
C. McMonnies	16	6	18	73	7.3	3	
W. Partington	10	-	16	62	6.2	1	
I. Trevenar	10	1	15	55	5.5	3	

Also batted: G.Ashdown 3-28; J.Balmforth 2-83;  
 J.Barrett 7-112; J.Bielby 4-14; J.H.Balmforth 1-0;  
 J.Brown 2-2; B.Bourke 6-13; I.Carr 4-57; P.Callan 1-0;  
 J.Crockart 6-69; D.Jamieson 1-15; I.McGregor 3-6;  
 V.Murphy 4-4; W.Poulden 3-32; E.Stockdale 1-3;  
 L.Williams 4-24; J.Wyatt 7-31.

**BOWLING**

	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Mdns</u>	<u>Wkts</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>Most Wkts in an Innings</u>
T. Moyes	62	3	22	244	11.09	7
J. Neale	83	17	23	273	11.80	6
J. McNicol	86	13	32	285	12.03	5
C. Dennis	105	13	32	390	12.18	6
J. Crockart	50	6	11	195	17.70	4

Also bowled: V.Murphy 9-143; J.Brown 8-80; C.McMonnies  
 6-309; J.Barrett 4-90; I.Trevenar 4-97; I.Moule 2-30;  
 W.Poulden 2-48; W.Partington 2-901; McGregor 1-2;  
 I.Carr 1-46; L.Williams 0-12.

**CITY AND SUBURBAN**

Overshadowing all other activities in the sporting field during the year, was the C & S Athletic Club's first annual middle distance handicap. Held over a straight 25 yards track appropriately enough at the Gladesville Mental Hospital course (where it was felt the starters would feel at home), the event was the subject of wide speculation at times, leading to something approaching rancour as the form of the contestants was hotly disputed. An expensive antique trophy was presented by Alan Rose who subsequently won the event by a very narrow margin. Our athletic expert gives

here the form of the runners and possible chances for next year. Only those whose names are above the line are considered as having any prospects.

J. BALMFORTH Would normally have no chance whatever but being cricket captain must have considerable influence with the handicappers and for this reason only is placed above the line.

ALAN ROSE The winner last year and must be conceded a chance even though he will no doubt be heavily penalised. Though nothing untoward is suggested, appeared to be on very familiar terms with the judge immediately before and after the race.

DON WILLIAMS Affectionately known as the "Midnight Express" it may surprise many to see him given a chance. However, he was badly away last year and if he is again to start off the 18-yard mark, with only 7 yards to cover, must be rated a big show.

CHRIS MITCHELL An absolute certainty beaten by a nose into second place. Having pulled a leg muscle in the preliminary it was doubtful if he would start and any runner with less heart would never have got to the post. Many spectators were of the opinion that he won the race clearly but without the magic eye, what was (to put in the best light) a doubtful decision was allowed to stand.

DAVID (Squeaker) NORTH No official form but has at times shown evidence of good pace up to eight yards. Whether he can get the extra distance remains to be seen. Is at present away being gelded and time alone will tell what effect this will have although as his nickname would suggest there are some evidences of change already.

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BILL McLAUGHLIN A doubtful starter. Broke a sesamoid bone in his leg and it is possible he may have to be destroyed. However, strenuous efforts are being made to save him for the stud where (if he is to be believed) he should command a high and regular fee.

ANDY (Killer) CLIFFORD Although it is sad to have to place the killer below the line no man has ever won this race carrying 24 lbs over weight for age. Although the possibility exists of a reduction this writer feels that the pleasures of the flesh will prove too strong and for that reason must reluctantly banish him to outer darkness.

BRUCE TREVENAR Would have to be given a chance over a shorter distance but as the event takes place at the conclusion of the last match of the season it is difficult to

see this colt after his usual spell at the crease going the full distance. Owing to his superb physical fitness could expect no mercy from the handicapper.

BILL MCBURNEY A steady but not brilliant galloper. Like Old Rowley some years ago he is what is known as a one-pace horse and although no doubt would go well over 100 yards his ungainly gait makes it difficult to choose El Mantis as a winner over the shorter distance.

JOHN (Rocket) EDMONDS Was most upset because the race was not over the circular 25 yards course. Owing to his rather peculiar weight distribution last season (especially around the middle) and for other reasons he found it difficult to keep on a straight course. There seems little hope of the race conditions being altered and one could not therefore fancy the Rocket finishing among the placegetters.

TED STOCKDALE Unfortunately has been an opening bat for the team for so many years that is now hopelessly in the grip of the unwritten C & S Law as follows: "Under no circumstances shall any opening batsman run at any speed exceeding a slow trot - Penalty - Instant relegation to the shires". Were he to be handicapped as liberally as his partner he would have a big chance but were this to happen it would look even more like a stew than it already is.

The C & S team did play cricket and to confirm this fact listed are certain statistics which may lead certain members to think perhaps that they should concentrate on athletics and not cricket.

Despite what has been written the Club is thankful to all Clubs that offer us games as we have no home ground, and anyone who has played C & S knows that the game is played in the correct spirit, which the C & S Association provides.

### CITY AND SUBURBAN STATISTICS

Matches				
<u>Played</u>		<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>
24		10	14	-
Runs	Wickets			
<u>For</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Runs</u> <u>Against</u>	<u>Wickets</u> <u>Against</u>
3255	202	17.2	3334	189
				<u>Average</u> 18.7

### BATTING

	<u>No. Inns</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>	<u>Average</u>
N. Walker	5	1	57	202	52.00
I. Bailey	5	2	30*	65	21.66
J. Balmforth	21	7	47*	297	21.21

C & S (cont'd)	<u>No. Inns</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>	<u>Average</u>
D. North	18	1	45	317	18.65
D. Williams	20	1	85	347	18.26
E. Stockdale	22	-	53	338	15.36
C. Mitchell	13	1	42	162	14.73
W. McBurney	14	-	60	197	14.07
J. Edmonds	20	-	45	247	12.35
W. Poulden	6	-	22	64	10.67
B. Trevenar	12	7	13*	51	10.20
A. Clifford	11	2	13	63	7.00
B. Lockett	6	-	14	36	6.00
G. Ashdown	5	-	12	27	5.20
I. McGregor	8	1	14	36	5.14
A. Rose	10	3	5	21	3.00

Also batted: T.Wyatt 4-75; J.Barrett 3-43; C.Dennis 3-25; G.Gorton 3-79; J.Neale 3-66; N.Young 3-26; B.Williams 2-35; I.Blair 2-62; A.Armstrong 2-39; G.Morgan 1-58; P.Mansford 1-22; M.Elder 1-10; R.Downe 1-8; P.Richardson 1-8; J.Scott 1-6; J.Richards 1-8; T.Parker 1-4; I.Trevenar 1-3; I.Carr 1-2; W.McLaughlin Jnr. 1-0.

#### BOWLING

	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
I. Bailey	39	4	170	18	9.41
A. Rose	81	2	471	32	14.72
B. Trevenar	157	6	757	46	16.45
D. North	93	5	583	29	20.10
A. Clifford	47	2	269	8	33.63

Also bowled: I.Trevenar 12-124; J.Neale 7-109; N.Young 5-149; J.Balmforth 4-149; J.Richards 2-38; W.McBurney 2-84; D.Williams 1-18; C.Dennis 1-31; W.Poulden 1-41; G.Gorton 1-53; C.Mitchell 1-44.

#### F O O T B A L L      1967

##### Sub-Committee:

J. Woarne (Chairman)	I. McGregor (Deputy Chairman)		
C. Walker	M. Mathews	G. Hickoy	O. Osterman
J. Osterman	L. McNeil	W. McLaughlin	K. Maughan

I thank the above for their co-operation and support during 1967. Each member carried out his duty efficiently thereby helping to make the season run as smoothly as it did.

Trial games this year were against Newington Old Boys, Trinity Old Boys, Commercial Bank and Colleagues. During this period we entertained the Merivale-Papanui team from

New Zealand. They won the game, their first on tour, and many good friends during their stay with Briars. Many thanks to those members who billeted this team and to all the other members who helped to make their visit such a roaring success.

The results of the season are now history. Kentwell, after a great start, faded away to finish fifth. Burke played excellent football during the season to finish up in the grand final. But, once again, they just missed out on bringing home the cup. Whiddon, having safely made the "first four", were defeated by Colleagues in the final. Judd fought its way to the semis only to be beaten by Lane Cove in the first game. We polished the Club Championship Shield and handed it back to Colleagues.

We were not rewarded with any trophies this year, but this does not mean we played bad football. We had some excellent games which showed our great potential. It was the game when the chips were down that we lacked that extra little bit that makes premiership teams. We saw a few of our staunch players of many years' service playing in the company of capable up and coming younger members. This new blood will be the backbone of future premiership teams. The success of our football will always rely on new members.

This year we saw three new coaches at training - Col Dennis (BURKE), Jim Middleton (WHIDDON) and Mike Mathews (JUDD). None of these had ever coached before. Their dedication and effort is underlined by the fact that all their teams made the semis. Many tanks to these three, who with Steve Keir (KENTWELL), helped to mould our teams.

Mike Mathews relinquished his position towards the end of the season due to his promotion to Kentwell and Burke. Judd was very capably taken over by Dave Lindsay.

Our selection committee was the same as in former years, being the four coaches, with Bill Elder as chairman. Brian Williams filled this position until Bill was available.

Attendance at training this year was very good. We had seven players with 100% and an average attendance of 64. It is to be hoped that these figures do not drop off in the future. With only one night a week training, arriving on time and hard running is essential.

The visit of the Melbourne club, Powerhouse, did not eventuate this year, however, arrangements have been made for them to be here next Easter.

A trip to Molong on the Queen's Birthday weekend was reported to have gone off in traditional Briars style. We lost the game but won everything else.



The residents of the town must have been impressed as we have been invited to return next year.

Other social games were played against St. Pauls College, Lindfield and Eastwood.

Congratulations to C. Walker (Capt), J. Barrett, J. McNicol and R. Crookes (Vice-Capt), who represented Combined Sub-district when they defeated Brisbane Combined Sub-district at the Cricket Ground.

Many thanks to the regular spectators who give the players the support they need, especially if they are trailing by a few points. Thanks also to those players who help behind the bar on Saturday nights, and to our "water boy", Frank Farrell.

Congratulations to Lane Cove (Kentwell), Petersham (Burke), Colleagues (Whiddon) and Macquarie University (Judd) on their grand final victories. Also to Colleagues on regaining the Club Championship.

We have had better seasons than 1967 and we have had worse. Our efforts should now be to train hard, play hard and make next season the best of them all.

#### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

COLLEAGUES 223;                      LANE COVE 221;                      BRIARS 171.

#### KENTWELL CUP

<u>Games Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Points For</u>	<u>Points Against</u>	<u>Position</u>
14	6	7	1	188	139	5th (overall)

This season was not as successful as all who played had anticipated during the early part of the competition. One important point being that the condition of the team was not nearly what it should have been. As a result there was insufficient support given in attack and a more efficient line of defence was not to be.

Although the side failed to reach the semi-finals there were many good games of football played. The first that comes to mind was against Newington in the first competition match when the team won 6-5. Our two encounters with Colleagues showed the football the Kentwell team was capable of playing. Condition was lacking when we played Lane Cove in the second round as they were leading 3 nil with ten minutes play remaining, but then went on to score three tries in this short period.

The following members played in the Kentwell team:

P. Burt, J. Randle, J. Burkhart, L. Dytor, G. Williams, B. Holt, C. Walker (Captain), J. McNicol, B. Hellyer, K. Beh, J. Barrett, L. McNeil, B. McLaughlin, W. Harper, R. Crookes, J. Metcalf, J. Wearne, D. Boylson, I. McGregor, G. Greene, I. Blair, M. Wheeler, D. Kerri-gan, J. Cooper, M. Mathews, J. Mortlock, C. Keay, P. Robinson, B. Palmer, J. Edmonds. Injuries again took their toll and the side appreciated the replacements who filled their positions in the team.

As coach I wish to thank all members of the side for the support and co-operation they gave during the season. From the mistakes that we made this year I trust they will be important lessons to everyone next year.

The Kentwell team congratulates Lane Cove for their well deserved Kentwell Cup victory.

				<u>BURKE CUP</u>			
				Points	Points		
<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
14	11	3	-	126	77	22	2nd
							(overall)

"Always a bridesmaid" seems to be coming the theme of the Burke Cup side. For the third time in four years the Burk's ran on to contest the grand final and for third time in four years ran off as losers. This year it was to Petersham Club that went the title of premiers and no-one could begrudge them their win.

With the match barely under way, a fine chain passing movement saw Petersham score wide out to take a three-point lead, but despite wholehearted efforts by both sides it was not until 15 minutes of the second half had elapsed that the next points were posted.

With our backs moving onto their man a little faster, a dropped pass was quickly toed through by Mike Mathews who then gathered the ball and using the strength and determination that was again a feature of his play during the season, forced his way over for a try to level the scores.

Shortly after, John Mortlock, whose dazzling feet didn't always have that old spark, booted one between the up-rights to make it 6-3 and the adrenalin was really pumping.

However, a lapse in defence saw Petersham snatch back a two point lead and then seal it in the last few minutes with one of the best tries scored against us all season.

But if we were disappointed in missing out on the premiership we took some solace from reaching it, for it

was a tough season with victories hard to get and three to five point wins our speciality.

But I am sure that this was in the long run to our advantage, for it fostered a strong team spirit which helped to make each member of the side conscious of his responsibility and it produced a determination that carried us through matches of which the semi-final against Colleagues was an example. In this match we were able to frustrate Colleagues' efforts in a very torrid final 15 minutes to hold our lead and win through; determination and a will to win were the ingredients.

We possessed a good pack of forwards and with Geoff Brown usually dominating the line-outs at two, and a fast striker in Greg Hurst for the scrums, we were never short of ball from set play.

However, the supply from loose rucks was not good enough. Ian McGregor rucked strongly and as our forward leader set the example. Bill McLaughlin supported him with good foraging but on the whole our rucking was a little docile.

We certainly poured into the rucks with a good head of steam but this vigour was not maintained once there and consequently on many occasions the ball that should have been cleared through vigorous use of the feet remained in the ruck and probably attacking movements never eventuated.

Our strength in the backs definitely lay on the wings and it was a pleasure to see Greg Williams recover from his physical troubles and produce some of his defence rupturing runs.

A lack of penetration from the inside backs, however, did not help the cause, but the defence here was pretty secure and indeed the backline defence all season was a pleasing factor, with Mike Elder performing his usual standard of ironing when in charge of the fullback spot. Undoubtedly some of the lower grade young blokes will smarten up this penetration angle next season.

Over all, one of our major faults was not a lack of aggression, but a reluctance to display it. If we could get by without being stirred up, that suited us fine - on the other hand, we produced our best brand of aggressive rugby against similar opposition and indeed were never "out aggressed".

Certainly an aggressive attitude is difficult to raise or maintain against a team that lacks fire itself, but each man must try to produce it at all times. Our backing up of the man in possession was a department of our play that developed well as the season progressed and some fine tries

were scored in this manner. Special mention of this aspect is made here for it remains one of rugby's crimes to see an attacking movement fail because one man is left holding the baby.

What an opening exists for some talented goal kickers in the Club and the Burk's certainly had their share of this problem. A problem accentuated by the coaches' failure to realise early enough that this department was in bad shape, which eventually resulted in our taking the field in the finals not only without a first string kicker, (although "marshmellow feet Elder" usually got first chance) but simply three or four "perhapsers" who lacked practice.

Well, it is to be hoped that all members of this year's squad are on deck next season and striving for a place in one of the Club sides, and although it remains to be seen whether the Burke Cup comes to rest in our trophy cabinet, next season all Burk's should have one main aim, to make the tally four out of five, for as the saying goes, "you have to be in it to win it".

The grand final team was as follows:-

<u>Backs</u>		<u>Forwards</u>	
f.b.	M. Elder	L.	I. McGregor (Vice-Capt)
r.w.	G. Williams	b.	M. Goldsmith
o.c.	J. Mortlock	b.	D. Boylson
i.c.	C. Dennis (Capt)	2nd	G. Green
l.w.	M. Mathews	2nd	G. Brown
5/8	J. Metcalf	p.	W. McLaughlin
$\frac{1}{2}$	B. Ottaway	p.	S. Roberts
		h.	G. Hurst

Other players who played a major part in the season's success were Rick Cade with 13 matches to his credit, Don Joy with 11, Roger Judge with 10.

A full summary of the players who took part in the Burke Cup side during the season is shown under:

<u>No. of Games</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>No. of Games</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>No. of Games</u>	<u>Player</u>
11	Dennis	4	Cooper	11	Hurst
7	Wearne	9	McGregor	7	Green
13	Metcalf	2	Mathews	5	Roberts
5	Mortlock	4	Rolleston	5	Robinson
7	Kerrigan	13	Cade	6	Edmonds
1	Bailey	5	Melville	3	Boylson
9	Ottaway	5	Blair	5	McLaughlin
4	Wheeler	6	Keay	4	Elder
10	Judge	5	Grant	3	Williams

Burke Cup (cont'd)

<u>No. of Games</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>No. of Games</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>No. of Games</u>	<u>Player</u>
1	Humphries	1	Harley	3	Fulham
9	Callaghan	1	Rapley	2	Mackenroth
13	Brown	11	Joy	1	Goldsmith
9	Palmer	3	Beh		
Coach: C. Dennis					

WHIDDON CUP

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Points For</u>	<u>Points Against</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
14	10	4	-	122	59	20	3rd

As Bob Spedding said last season "one of these years we will win the Whiddon Cup". We certainly had our chances this year, however, it was not to be and we look forward to 1968 with the same enthusiasm.

The season will be remembered by many as the advent to club football of some exciting new talent, and, together with the "old hands", the result was a formidable 15 footballers on the paddock each Saturday.

We were most fortunate to be in a position to draw on Judd Cup team members through the season and on more than one occasion it was through the experience of these players that we were able to win many games. To these players and members of the team my sincere thanks for the fine efforts throughout the year.

First up coaching is not easy and with the team's understanding and honest help my job was a pleasure in itself. I am sure we shall see many Whiddon players of 1967 in Burke and Kentwell next year.

Those members who played "Whiddon Cup" football this year were:-

M. Elder, D. Kerrigan, J. Wearne, G. Rolleston,  
R. Willock, D. Fulham, I. Blair, M. Goldsmith,  
M. Mackenroth, P. Grant, C. Joosee, K. Beh, M. Harley,  
R. Tyndall, E. Kreiger, D. Jamieson, B. Croft, T. Moyes,  
B. Cameron, J. Dalton, B. Ryan, J. Singleton,  
C. Humphries, J. Osterman, K. Maughan.

Coach: J. Middleton

JUDD CUP

<u>Games Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Points For</u>	<u>Points Against</u>	<u>Position</u>
15	6	8	1	127	96	4th

Players and matches played -

G. Hickey (15), B. Ryan (12), F. McVeigh (10), T. Moyes, A. Carless, J. Osterman, R. Graff (9), J. Dalton, J. Rapley, B. Stevens, B. Rodway, I. Ginns, B. Cameron, R. Pontiflex (8), P. Chamen (7), M. Mathews, I. Bailey (6), M. Mackenroth, E. Kreiger, B. Tyndall, D. Lonergan, D. Lindsay, J. Singleton (5).

The following played less than 5 matches -

J. Edmonds, G. Southwell, R. Willock, D. Fulham, C. Hickey, P. Bartlett, J. Bray, K. Maughan, D. Jamieson, D. Martin, M. Logan, J. Middleton, N. Austin, C. Humphries, P. Robinson, J. Ledgerwood, D. Sisson, O. Hales, L. Gillespie, D. Douglas, B. Ray, D. McLelland, J. Edwards, T. Callaghan, S. Roberts, D. Easterman.

As can be seen from the above statistics this side had a fairly successful season. Like most Judd teams this one was fated to a season of ups and downs because of demands made upon regulars by the three higher teams - the effect of this factor can be gauged by the 52 players who turned out in the 15 matches which for the mathematicians works out at slightly more than 4 appearances per player.

Promotions were for two reasons - on ability and by default. We had no grievance with those good enough to play better, but too often we lost players because someone in the higher teams failed to show for training. The chaos on Wednesday nights and strained relations between Whiddon and Judd coaches could be avoided by players notifying coaches of intending unavailability on Saturday nights before selection.

We were also handicapped by the mid-season drop-outs, and would prefer not to see players who do not intend completing the season.

Having expressed a general comment on the team's problems, one wonders how we managed to field a team, much less win matches. The answers are:-

- (1) A good pool of reserves
- (2) A reliable core of regulars
- (3) An awareness that basic enthusiasm can beat a more skilful but half-hearted team.

One of the most significant events was the mid-season introduction of Dave Lindsay as captain-coach. Dave's leadership and example was further proof that backs may score this, but good forwards win matches.

Grant Hickey was an able deputy for Dave, very much an old dog that won't be fooled by new tricks, at present compiling his autobiography entitled "Judd Cup through the Ages".

Partner to Grant in the front row was John Dalton who will be conducting a summer school for referees on the hooking laws as written for Judd Cup.

In the second row were Alan Carless and Ray Pontiflex; both of these have been country trippers, and their experience as members of this team standing out under the grueling glare of a trip to the country.

The back row for half the season was a refuge for displaced props, hookers, full-backs, etc. Bruce Rodway was a mobile and conscientious breakaway and with attributes was often unjustifiably accused of striving for Whiddon Cup. Peter Chamon, although way out of condition, showed the rest of the team how the game should be played for 50 minutes when your fitness qualified you for 5.

Ian Ginns and Denis Lonergan were a reliable pair of utility forwards who always gave their best.

Halves were Bob Graff and Tim Moyes: Bob showed scant respect for opposing breakaways in his excursions from the scrum base, which to date have been basically accident free. Tim was a reluctant 5/8 after being half for the early part of the season, however, accepted Bob's appointment in great spirit.

Centres were crafty Ian Bailey and rugged John Singleton. What a joy to have these two not only in the one team but as partners in the centre - swift, decisive, razor-sharp. Ian and John complemented each other ("you get him, I'm b\_\_\_\_\_d").

Wings were Frank McVeigh, Bob Ryan and Julian Rapley - all these were honest artisans of their trade. If we could have combined Julian's physique, Frank's fitness and Bob's determination, we would have had a pretty fair winger, but on the other hand....

Full backs were Bruce Cameron and Brian Stevens, neither really enjoyed the position, but both acquitted themselves well during the season - John Osterman was a utility back, playing mainly 5/8 centre and full back and would be advised to either show less willingness to scrap with the opposition or take a quick course in fisticuffs to equip him better for next season.

Mike Mackenroth, Eric Kreiger and Bob Tyndall, although playing with us for almost half the season, finished up in Whiddon Cup, their contributions to Judd being missed when they left.

Many of the above played in positions other than those noted. Coaches express thanks to the many reserves who turned up consistently during the season, those who accepted out of position selections, and the team in general for a damned good season.

### H O C K E Y, 1967

<u>Sub-committee</u>	K. Willis (Chairman)		
	R. Larkin,	E. Wade,	B. Cox,
	B. Trevenar,	I. Trevenar,	F. Payne.

During the past year we have again seen the hockey in the Club improve in standard. We had another influx of new players, all of whom were very keen and have fitted in with the comradeship and spirit of being a member of The Briars.

The year saw the introduction of two new ideas; indoor hockey and the no-train no-play rule. Neither could be regarded as an unqualified success, but in recognising the shortcomings of these ideas it is hoped to make further improvements for 1968. One of the two, indoor hockey, proved the more successful, resulting as it did in an attendance at training of more than 15 on most nights in the early part of the season. Although this gradually decreased, it is true that for the first time ever training continued through until the week before the last competition match, and attendance at training was far above that experienced in any other year. On the other hand, the rule of no-train, no play, because of some misunderstanding as to the meaning of the rule, did not prove to be completely acceptance, and it is obvious that it can only work properly if and when attendance at training is at least 80% of the players.

On the social side the season was again successful, but in a disorganised way. A greater use was made right through the year of the Club for gatherings on Saturday nights, but we had less organised social gatherings than we have had in the past. Col Jones entertained us all at a barbecue at his home.

The Club entered a team in the pre-season carnival at Scarborough Park with some success, beating Sutherland 1-0 and having a 0-0 draw with Randwick. We lost to Elsternwick (Vic) who won the minor division and to Glebe, who won the major division, both losses being only by a narrow margin. A promising start to the season.



A team also journeyed to Lithgow. Again we made the major quarter-finals only to meet the best country team in N.S.W., Bathurst Waratahs, and be beaten 2-0. In the preliminary games good hockey had been played and scoring by the forwards had been spectacular. Results were -

v.	Wollongong	-	Lost	2-0
	Lithgow Workers	-	Won	4-0
	Cullen Bullen	-	Won	4-0

The less said about St. Ives the better. After losing all preliminary games we found ourselves in the quarter-finals, minor division. Lost that, so out with the steak; eat, drink and go home. Another enjoyable day for those who attended.

As in past years, the highlight of the season was our meeting with the Barton Hockey Club from Canberra. This year Barton came to Sydney over the Queen's Birthday weekend. Barton arrived on Saturday and after taking part in the State Hockey Championships at Kogarah, were entertained on a small scale at the Club that evening. Particular attention was given to Barton's goalies.

The annual matches were played at Gladesville Mental Hospital on the Sunday and although the weather was very threatening the rain held off for most of the morning and the field was relatively free of mud.

The Second Grade match got underway at 10-45 a.m. and Briars quickly asserted their superiority with two goals within two minutes, Peter Mansford and Gerry Forbes scoring. Briars continued to press the Barton goals and soon were leading three-nil when Ian Sullivan scored. Barton retaliated strongly and at half-time were down four goals to two; Lawson Smoother scored again for Briars. Barton kept the pressure on after the break and Jeff Buckmaster scored his second goal for Barton to make the scores four-three to Briars. Briars came back into the match when Ian Sullivan scored again and a few minutes later Peter Richardson made the scores six-three. Barton continued to try for goals but were not able to alter the scores and Briars ran out winners 6-3.

Briars took the field with their first grade intact and hopes were high for another win. Quite a crowd gathered, including several footballers, and it was encouraging to have such support. Briars were soon on the attack but the Barton defence was as good as any we met during the season. Both Dave Streeter and Ian Trevenar were unlucky with goal attempts although Barton were not giving an inch. Play was extremely fast and we hoped the pace would be to our advantage but the Barton team surprised us by staying with us

right to the end. The scores at half-time were nil all and the first goal did not come until halfway through the second half, when Lindsay Thomas netted with a nice flick to put us in the lead. Barton retaliated but our defence produced some exciting and spectacular saves, especially Col Aikman in goals. We continued to attack the Barton goalmouth without success and then in a last minute effort Barton gained a short corner. Dave Walker managed to push the shot out with his hand but as a result Barton were given a penalty flick which their centre-half, Gascoine, converted to level the scores at one all.

After the matches we entertained Barton back at the Club, with a lavish luncheon. I would like to thank Brian Cox and his committee members, and the ladies who organised this function and provided the eatables.

During the presentations I commented on the great bond between the two clubs, which makes the organisation of the weekend worthwhile. Barton whole-heartedly agreed and pointed out that the Briars were getting younger every year, which was a good sign for future contests between the two clubs. We now look forward to our visit to Canberra next year.

I would like to thank the members of the hockey sub-committee for the work they have done throughout the year and in particular mention must be made of the job Frank Payne did in looking after our equipment and Burwood Park.

Finally, I feel great sorrow in reporting that Bruce Trevonar has decided to quit. He has now given away his boots and sticks so I don't think we will see another Melba. We are all aware of the great service done for hockey in the Club by Bruce, and on behalf of all past, present and future hockey players, I say to Bruce - thanks mate.

#### FIRST GRADE STATISTICS, 1967

<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Goals For</u>	<u>Goals Against</u>
8	5	5	• 21	Equal 5th	50	32
<u>Players</u>				<u>Position</u>	<u>Games Played</u>	<u>Goals Scored</u>
AIKMAN, Colin				Goalkeeper	18	-
COX, Brian				Left Half	16	-
FORBES, Gerry				Left/Right Wing	3	1
GORTON, Geoff				Right Wing	13	2
LARKIN, Ray (Capt)				Left Back/Centre Half	18	3
O'TOOLE, Peter				Centre Forward	3	1
PARTINGTON, Warren				Right Half	18	-
RICHARDS, John				Left Back	10	-

<u>Players (cont'd)</u>	<u>Position</u>	Games	Goals
		<u>Played</u>	<u>Scored</u>
STREETER, Davis	Inside Left	16	12
STREETER, Geoff	Left Wing	17	6
SULLIVAN, Ian	Centre Forward/Left Wing	3	1
THOMAS, Lindsay	Centre Half/Inside Right	11	4
TREVENAR, Ian	Centre Forward	17	15
WADE, Eric	Inside Right/Wing	17	2
WALKER, Davis	Fullback	8	3
WILLIS, Ken	Fullback	10	-

### FIRST GRADE HOCKEY REPORT, 1967

From the results of the 1967 season it is apparent that quite a few hockey players do read the Annual Report. After several years of plugging by various writers the Hockey fraternity have at last realised the value of training and with the help of indoor hockey showed remarkable improvement in training attendance.

It is pleasing to report the first grade showed the way with an average attendance of over 80% with the occasional 100% effort. Let us hope we can eventually match the footballers in the number training each week.

For the 1967 season the SHA increased the number of teams to 10 and the First Grade more than held their own against the new teams.\* In fact none of these teams were able to defeat the Briars First Grade.

Minor Premiers, Canterbury, suffered their only first round defeat at our hands and Sydney University were caught by surprise when we raced to a 2 nil lead by half-time in our first encounter. The final result was a two-all draw.

Our record against the other top teams was not so impressive. In the first round we lost all games to Gordon, Wests and Manly and in the second round could only improve to a draw against Gordon, again losing to Manly and Wests.

In the opening match against Manly, Briars were clearly the better team but our poor goalshooting definitely cost us the match. In the final few minutes Manly managed to sneak one past our goalie, Col Aikman, to take a winning one nil lead.

At the end of the first round we were lying 6th with 9 points from a possible 18 and were confident we could make up the leeway to reach the semi-finals. This, however, was not to be as things turned out. In this period the team saw quite a few changes and it was perhaps unfortunate that Dave Walker delayed his return to hockey until the end of the first round. His drive in the backs was sorely missed as well as his hard hitting on penalty corners.

\*our worst result being a one all draw with Glebe

The highlights of the first round were undoubtedly the win against Canterbury and the well earned draw with Sydney University.

In the Canterbury match the player who shone was unquestionably Lindsay Thomas, who successfully tied up the Canterbury attack and kept our own forwards on the move the whole match. Briars won 3-2 with Ian Trevenar scoring two goals and Geoff Streeter the other.

Against Sydney University we once again showed the way and by half-time had a 2 nil lead, Dave Streeter and Gerry Forbes scoring the goals. In the second half Uni staged a desperate rally and scored twice to level the scores.

Our main problem in the first round was lack of goals. We had only managed 20 whilst 17 were scored against us. Fortunately we made quite an improvement and more than doubled this tally by the end of the season.

In practice, scoring was no problem, but in competition as soon as one of our forwards got near an opposition goal-mouth he lost all control and often tried to blast the ball through the net. Consequently, we saw valuable goals thrown away too often with bad direction, 'sticks' and lofted balls.

During the second round the team settled down to the job of winning matches and we ended up losing only 2 games (Wests 5-1 and Manly 3-2) from the 9 played.

Our worst game was that against Wests. At no stage did we look like making a go of it while Wests had little trouble breaking through our halves and their inside forwards were particularly effective.

This was quite a switch from the previous week when we held Canterbury to a thrilling 2-all draw. The field was a mess after 6 inches of rain but Ray Larkin at centre-half played great hockey to lead the team from one nil down at half-time to 2 all by the end of the match.

Probably the match to remember from the second round was our win against Sydney Uni.

Peter O'Toole scored the only goal in the first half and Sydney Uni managed to level just after play resumed. A draw appeared likely but with time running out Dave Streeter went like the proverbial "Bondi Tram" and scored a beautiful goal to take Briars to the lead. Sydney Uni must be commended for their sportsman like approach to the game. No umpires decisions questioned, no rough tactics, just hockey as it should be played. What a pity more Districts Clubs cannot (will not ?) play similar hockey.

The First Grade finished the season on a bright note winning their last 3 matches with scores of 9 nil, 6-2 and 4 nil.

Randwick proved relatively easy and we had quite a day scoring effortlessly, Ian Trevenar netting 5 times!

Against St. George we quickly raced to a 5 nil lead but relaxed enough in the second half to allow St. George to score 2 goals.

In the final match against Glebe, we proved we were definitely unlucky not to make the semi's when we walked all over a team that had really played some good hockey. Often Glebe made the better teams look second rate and could never be taken easy. For once we were able to score from short corners with Dave Walker and Ray Larkin scoring in this manner.

Dave Streeter netted twice, in the middle of the second half, to seal the match for Briars.

It is worth noting that in the first round both St. George and Glebe held us to draws, 2-2 and 1-1 respectively, so we definitely improved our hockey as the season wore on.

Top goal scorer for the season was the "baby" of the team, Ian Trevenar, with 15 goals and Dave Streeter was runner up with 12.

It is interesting to note that 16 players earned First Grade positions and of those eleven scored. However, of these 16 players only 3 played the full season with First Grade: Ray Larkin (centre half), Col Aikman (goal-keeper) and Warren Partington (right half). This is a good indication of the improving standard of the second grade and points to a greater depth of strength in the Club. Unlike the last couple of seasons the second graders coming into First Grade are no longer out of their depth. Quite often the newcomer proved more than capable of replacing a first grader and this proved invaluable in that players always gave their best and no player could rest on his laurels for fear of being replaced.

The high number of goal scorers is also an indication of good teamwork and understanding. In fact 1967 could be called the TEAMWORK year. This was one of the benefits derived from indoor hockey. Understanding what the rest of the team is likely to do and what they are capable of doing. Confidence in one's team mates is a wonderful thing and if nothing else Briars have this.

We were without a star in the first grade side although Dave Streeter could probably fill the bill. Regardless,

however, of how often players like Dave shone during the season, his success could always be traced directly to players such as Brian Cox, John Richards and Ken Willis who could always be relied upon to play the full 80 minutes without let up. You rarely remember these players when thinking back about different games but without them few wins would be possible.

This season was also significant in that once again we had an Aikman keeping goals for Briars. Col proved that the goalkeeping job definitely has an Aikman label on it and under pressure he was tops. With a little more patience Col could be one of the best goalkeepers Briars have ever had.

No record could be complete without some mention of Eric Wade's disastrous season. Actually, it wasn't that bad, he just had trouble finding the goals. Had he been playing Aussie Rules or Rugby, I'm sure Eric would have been the top scorer, however, in hockey, it is necessary to put the ball into the net, not over it or beside it.

Actually, we have it on good authority that Eric has approached the designers of "Dame Pattie" regarding a new rudder. His old one just doesn't work!

To finish, our congratulations to Canterbury, for their fine win in the final when they defeated Sydney Uni 3-2. To Gordon, our best wishes on their promotion to First Division, and a warm welcome to Randwick, who take their place in Second Division.

Finally, thanks to the Hockey Sub-committee for making 1967 such a great season, both on and off the field.

Well done, Briars Hockey.

#### SECOND GRADE HOCKEY REPORT, 1967

<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Goals For</u>	<u>Goals Against</u>
3	12	3	9	8th	29	46

Although the second grade did not make the semi finals this season it was a definite improvement on 1966. The actual points scored were nine with twenty-nine goals for and forty-six against.

Had each player taken advantage of the increased training schedule (indoor hockey as well as the usual Wednesday run) the seconds could definitely have finished higher in the competition. With a little more teamwork the draws might have been wins and we may not have lost so many games by the odd goal.

As shown by the Briars-Barton encounter at Gladesville in June, the seconds not only have the ability to win but can dictate the play effectively. Too often in competition, however, the tackling was very casual and the cover defence was sadly lacking.

In the opening match against Manly we saw quite a few new players, amongst them Peter O'Toole and the third member of the Trevenar family, Graeme. Manly were clearly the stronger team, scoring three goals to one in the first half, and running out the winners 4-1. The defence was slow to settle down and it was not until the second half that they did start to work effectively.

The following week against Nirimba, Briars quickly raced to a 4-1 lead and looked to be safely home. However, poor cover defence and tackling in the latter half enabled Nirimba to score five goals to one and scrape home the winners - 6-5.

The rest of the first round was a continuation of this inconsistent form. Against Sydney Uni we lost 4-1, but the following week defeated Northern Districts 3-2 without a goalie. Again we couldn't hold our winning form and narrowly lost 1-nil to N.S.W. Uni.

The match against Western Suburbs was definitely one we should have won but lady luck wore black and white that day instead of maroon and gold.

We finished the round with a 2-nil loss to Canterbury and a 4-4 draw with Easts. Our traditional rivals, Easts, proved they are still as rough as ever when they came from 3-1 down to level the scores four-all.

It was evident at the end of the first round that although seconds had plenty of ability they lacked the condition and concentration to stay on top for a full match. Too often poor tackling and thoughtless passing was the order of the day and although team morale was good they seemed to lack something when the pressure was on.

One pleasing aspect was the great showing by second graders when promoted to first grade. Gerry Forbes, Peter O'Toole and Ian Sullivan all played in the firsts and all scored goals.

Ian Sullivan was probably the outstanding player of the team although he was troubled with a leg injury during the second round. John Richards, after several games in seconds, was promoted to the first grade and seems to have made his position very secure.

Individually, most of the players played well but too

often as individuals, not as a team. It was frustrating to watch scoring movements come unstuck because of lack of understanding between players.

During the second round several players changed to new positions, notably Jock Scott, who switched to left back and was an immediate success.

In the return match against Nirimba, we were rather confused by the vast number of Navyites who were both playing hockey and running in the cross-country championship. Still, we had our chance when John Crockart made a break, but instead of running upfield he decided to join the cross-country runners and passed the ball to Albie Thomas. Oh, well, we could be lucky next time, Albie Thomas might have a hockey stick with him.

We fared much better with the rest of the matches, winning a few and losing a few. Northern Districts again gave us a good match and a win, the scores being 2-nil to Briars. N.S.W. Uni provided us with our best win of the season and Ian Sullivan scored three times.

The team on paper was a good blend of experience and youth, but although the older experienced players lacked speed they more than made up for this with harder tackling and more constructive play. The younger players too often left their positions and wandered all over the field, with the result that too much work was thrown on to the older players' shoulders. Naturally enough, the added work took its toll and the wheezing and gasping after the matches pointed to the fact that a lot of our players do not know the basic fundamentals of hockey.

Coaching will rectify this, but it cannot be done overnight, perhaps by this time next season we will be able to show some marked improvement, but until then, we can only give of our best and hope it is enough.

Off the field the second graders were probably the social leaders and could always be relied upon to provide entertainment and assistance when called for.

If nothing else, 1967 will be remembered as the Club year. Never before have so many hockey players made such use of the Club and second grade was always in everything.

#### THIRD GRADE HOCKEY REPORT, 1967

<u>Won</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Goals For</u>	<u>Goals Against</u>
3	3	12	13	49

For the most part, 1967 proved a successful season for the third grade team. Socially, the season was a "swinger"



in addition to which we scored nine competition points, thus lifting us from the bottom rung. This was a very good result considering the scarcity of talent and experience available. It is regrettable that so little was done to enlighten the new players about the nature of the game - the strategies and skills that can and should be employed by all players. Instruction in the arts of the game is essential to enable a team to win games and so lift both team and Club morale. Happily, we could always locate a suitable retreat in which to lick our wounds after some of our more humiliating defeats and plan our attack for future encounters. Draws were, therefore, sufficient to sustain our spirits. But, if 1968 is to be a success, it is vital that a course of basic instruction be introduced in order to turn chaos into an organised team effort - (most of our supposedly more experienced players would also benefit from such instruction, based on some of their performances last season). Our lower grades must be regarded as a nursery in which to foster and encourage players capable of lifting the Club to a higher status in Sydney hockey. Success can only be measured by overall performances of all teams and should not be judged on the efforts of one team alone.

New faces that appeared in the third grade ranks during the season were many. Wayne Newell looked a very promising 'import' but, unfortunately, was spotted early by the selectors and quickly raised a grade to add some much needed 'punch' to the seconds. The face of David Scoble was a most welcome addition to the team. It was pleasing to see not only a talented player but also a young, fit athlete joining the ranks of the aged. (Definitely a colt to watch in 1968). Bob Groaves and Robin Payne took up sticks for the first time during 1967, as did Ken Dobbins and Alf Armstrong. All performed creditably. Bob showed how to score goals from the wing position (is prepared to share the secrets of his success when time allows, I understand) while Robin (in goals) showed how would-be scorers should be rebuffed. If he had been given a bit more assistance by the ponderous backline of Darryl Joubert and Colin Willis on a few more occasions our record may have appeared much brighter. (A bit more pace in cover defence needed there, maybe Lawson Smoother can provide Darryl with speedier assistance). The half line of Ken Dobbins, Paul Mackay and Frank Payne performed well both in attack and defence, although lacking somewhat in experience. With instruction, the three are capable of forming a strong pivot for future seasons. The inside forward positions were capably filled by Alf Armstrong and Greg McIntyre. Both players worked hard in defence and centre field play, but were lacking in a bit of sharp shooting once in the circle. Alf showed a remarkable improvement once he was removed from the wing position.

Special Guest Appearances (for which we were grateful) were made by John Crockart, Vic Koh, Spencer Ross, Peter Mansford, Ken Willis, David Walker, Barry Willcott, John Beadsworth (insisted on a mention) and we even managed to coax Col (Hockey) Jones into stripping once or twice.

### GOLF

As usual we arranged our 4 golf days at Leura Golf Club on the following dates - 5/3/67, 7/5/67, 10/9/67, 22/10/67. Unfortunately, the fourth day had to be cancelled due to lack of support. This, I feel, was brought about by the closeness of this day to the one preceeding it, so in future a greater time gap will be allowed so as not to overburden our golfers.

All other days were very well attended, with the possible exception of the May date, as it is starting to get a little chilly at that time of year. The September day was our best with 40 players participating.

Again this year we used a bus for members' convenience, but unless there is a great improvement in the numbers taking advantage of this service, it will have to be discontinued. To make it worthwhile we need at least 30 on the bus but would have been lucky to average 22 over the 3 days this year.

I would like to thank all our regular golfers for their attendance this year, and also say how sad it is to see some of our "older" players dropping out, although it is pleasing to see some new faces to take their places.

Lastly I would like to express my gratitude to Leura Golf Club and their staff, for the courtesy and service they extended to us again this year.

### BRIARS SQUASH

At the commencement of this year the Club was left with only one team, that from B4 of the previous year, as our No. 1 team from A2 had migrated elsewhere.

However, by the beginning of March and the opening round of the winter competition we had three teams, our original B4 team consisting of Ross Anstey, Doug Vanderfield, Len Fozzard, Bruce Trevenar and Kerry Trollope. Another built up from cricketers John Beilby, Phil Cullen and Vince Murphy, who had not played competition squash and a team of footballers which included such leading personalities as John Edmonds, Ian (Stan) McGregor and Charlie McMonnies and others equally notable, but sometimes less evident. This team also lacked in experience.

However, with our No. 1 team in C1, the footballers (rather over-rated) in C3 and the John Beilby team in C5, the Briars Club was well represented. What's more, we were successful, not to the point of winning a pennant, but at least we did get both the C1 and C5 teams to the semis - a better result than some of our more senior sports.

The spring competition commenced late in July: John Beilby won the round robin competition in the break between, although I felt Andy Clifford off a handicap of 12 handouts could have been more successful had he stood the distance. We had four teams for spring competition, John McNicol and Ray Pontiflex coming in for the first time, joining John Beilby, Vince Murphy and Bill McLaughlin (Junior) to make our No. 2 team.

Ian McGregor led a new-look third team consisting of Len Fozzard, Phil Cullen, Bruce Cameron and later John Mortlock. This team we rate a good chance in C4. (John Edmonds was picked but went overseas instead - no comment!)

And our last, but not least, team was led by Brian Steven and whilst they did not attain great victories, at least they gave the opposition a fright on many occasions. Charlie McMonnies was there to lend his vast experience (both overseas and squash), whilst two new chums in Bob Holt and Brian Cox, a little astray without a hockey stick, found that the squash racket was a reasonable substitute, particularly with the smaller ball.

There were other members who played and I hope many more potential players. The results - again very good, at going to press both John Beilby's and Ian McGregor's teams are in the semi-finals. Unfortunately, John McNicol and Ian McGregor have gone to Japan, but should be back for the finals if required. The C3 team are Joint Minor Premiers, which is a real credit, as they have had their share of injuries - Billy Mac smashing his shoulder somehow and what with filling in for our ailing No. 1 team on many occasions several members played a lot of squash.

The next programme on the calendar will be the Club Championship, which has not been played for some years (a shield exists for this event) and it will probably take place early next year.

Finally, good luck to our two teams and I hope that by the time this is being read in printed form (so much easier) we shall be able to boast one, if not two, pennants for squash victories. It's been a long time.

Chairman - R. ANSTEY

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SKI LODGE - THREDBO

(Secretary - R. Anstey)

This year has not been one of the best years for skiing as the snow came late and the late July/early August period was disastrous for those who could not ski on grass or avoid in time the tree stumps still in evidence.

However, it did eventually snow and the latter part of the season was good, so good in fact that October long weekend saw us at Cooma airport snowed in and Cooma a blanket of snow.

Financially the year was a success for the Club. Our number of members remains at 33 but the Directors decided that two new forms of members be created, Junior and Associate. The former for sons and daughters of current members, and the latter, Briars members or other friends. Membership in these categories would be open to persons up to the age of 25 on payment of \$100.00 entitling full rights of Club. On reaching 25 member would then be given right to take up full membership on payment of balance of \$320.00.

Next year should see the completion of most of the improvements to Thredbo Village.

This year the Hotel was ready for the season and will be further improved next year. The biggest feature of 1968 will be the operation of the new chairlift and two new T-bars on the spur north of Merritts Falls. This will be well away from the main slopes and is being designed specifically for beginners. This will fill the gap now rather evident at Thredbo and even the T-bar is to be slow enough to suit the worst "mug".

The dam at Jindabyne has been completed and filling for some six months now and already gives some idea of what a vast area of water this is going to be in the future.

For those interested, summer bookings are available - the complete lodge for \$50.00 per week (non-members) and for non-members bookings for the ski season can be taken from May 1st 1968, subject to vacancies.

Join us at Thredbo next year.

SOCIAL

Committee: Grant Hickey (Chairman), Davis Edmonds,  
Bill McLaughlin Jnr., Les McNeil, Gus Ahern.

This year's social activities again commenced with the Stewards' Christmas Evening in mid-December. Again the boys from behind the bar put on a very lavish format which was enjoyed by all who attended.

In early March a football team from Merivale in New Zealand visited the Club, and on the Sunday following their game with us the Club treated them to one of our most noteworthy functions, namely a "Briars Harbour Cruise". This day was thoroughly enjoyed by all of the seventy-odd people who attended and some of the New Zealand boys left Australia knowing considerably more about our harbour than they did when they arrived. The social committee would like to thank the wives, fiancées and girl friends of members who helped to make the barbeque lunch so successful.

On Friday evening May 5th, a Smoko was held in the Club Room. Slim de Gray, a wellknown Sydney entertainer, was our guest and this evening, although moderately attended, was very successful.

Saturday evening June 6th a mixed social was held in the Club Rooms. The efforts of a few members were in vain on this occasion as poor attendance put a damper on the whole evening. This committee hopes that with the new extensions and alterations to the Club premises that future mixed socials at the Club will be better attended.

The Club Dinner this year was again held at the Concord Golf Club. It was hoped that as a beginning to the Club's 50th Year celebrations that this function would have had a very large attendance, but reasonable as it was, we are hoping for larger numbers in August, 1968.

We are very happy to report that the Annual Ball this year, held on Friday evening 1st September, was a very successful evening indeed. Over 260 persons attended this function, making it the largest attendance at a Club Ball for some years. Plans are already under way to make next year's 50th Anniversary Ball an even greater success and we ask all members to bear this function next year in mind.

Christmas is almost upon us and the Annual Stewards' Christmas Night will be held some time in mid-December, and to show your appreciation to the Stewards we would like to see an all out effort from members to attend this function.

This Committee would like to offer sincere thanks to John Singleton, who once again devoted much of his time to publishing posters for our various functions. Once again, our thanks, John.

In conclusion we hope that all members will get the Anniversary spirit for next year and make the social functions of the Club for 1968 the biggest yet.

#### CLUB ROOMS

The Bar Trading for the year was again very satisfactory

being only slightly lower than last year's record take. The fact that the turnover again was satisfactory speaks highly of our honorary stewards, especially the Monday to Friday pre-dinner stewards.

A most disturbing feature during the year was that shortages occurred in nearly every fortnightly stock take. The cause of these shortages is concerning Committee. Continual balancing and spot checks show no stock or money deficiencies and it would appear that the deficit is from waste, or wrong prices being charged, or failure to pay by members. A special Sub-Committee has been formed to investigate all these possibilities.

Plant: Trouble was encountered with Bar Equipment during the year, the major failure being the breakdown of the Keg Chilling unit. This occurred at the peak of the winter season and was largely responsible for the slower service because of "heady beer". No attempt was made to replace the unit as new equipment is shortly to be installed. At the same time members must bear in mind that with large numbers arriving at the Club at the same time it is impossible not to incur some delay.

Stewards: As mentioned earlier the Club is extremely fortunate in having excellent mid-week stewards. The stewards are Brian Stevens, Paul Mackay, Bob Ryan, Ian McGregor, Murray Melville and Ian Sullivan. During the year Dick Crookes, Geoff Gorton, Andy Clifford and Ian Bailey "bowed out". We are very appreciative of their efforts.

We are also thankful to the undermentioned who attended to bar duties on late Friday and Saturday evenings.

Ross Anstey	Grant Hickey	Alan Reid
Barry Cardwell	Colin J. Jones	"Jock" Scott
John Crockart	Ray Larkin	Bruce Trevenar
Geoff Gorton	Charles McMonnies	Chris Walker
Garnet Green	Les McNeil	David A. Walker

Deliveries: Once again Mr Bill Simes and his nephew took delivery of our supplies, and we cannot adequately express our thanks for their ready willingness.

Cleaning: This year the services of an old age pensioner was engaged to clean the Club on Mondays and Fridays. The cleaner spends about three hours each day at the Club.

### CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

This trophy is intended as a remembrance of those of our members who lost their lives during service in World War II. The basis of arriving at the winner is similar to the Football trophy, and points are allotted as follows:

Value to team as a cricketer	-	35 points
Conduct	-	15 points
General Keenness	-	15 points
Value to Club as a member	-	25 points
Neatness of dress	-	10 points
		<u>100 points</u>

The trophy this year was won by Peter Richardson. This is the third time Peter has won the Cricket Memorial Trophy. He won it outright in 1962-63 and was a joint winner last year.

Peter captained the "B" Shire team to the finals. He is also Club Treasurer. In both fields he carries out his duties in a competent and capable manner.

#### GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

This shield is presented each year to the footballer who, in the opinion of the Club, has done most towards football, and to the Club in general.

It is presented in memory of a young "Briar" who was tragically killed in a road accident. Points are awarded as follows:

Attendance at training	-	20 points
Value to team	-	20 points
Most improved player	-	20 points
General Keenness	-	15 points
Value as a Club member	-	15 points
Neatness of uniform	-	10 points
		<u>100 points</u>

This year's winner is Colin Dennis.

Colin was Captain/Coach of the Burke Cup this season. The team reached the final of the Burke Cup and Colin's leadership certainly played a major part in achieving this goal. He was also Cricket Chairman for the season under review, in all, a perfect winner as he obtained "full marks" for his work on and off the field of play.

#### A. J. ROBINSON SHIELD

This shield, donated by the late A. J. Robinson, is won by the player obtaining the most points allocated as follows:

Value to team as a member	-	35 points
Value in hockey administration	-	20 points
Value to Club other than hockey	-	20 points
Conduct on field of play	-	15 points
Neatness of dress	-	10 points
		<u>100 points</u>

This year's winner is Ray Larkin. Ray was Captain of the "A" team and played a very large part in the rehabilitation of hockey in the Club this season. Also a steward.

### J. H. STONE TROPHY

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

This year's winner is Peter Richardson. A cricketer, a hockey player, Club Treasurer and on Management Committee, all at the age of 24. He possesses all the attributes that the donor would have liked so as to win his award. The perfect choice for this year's winner.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To the undermentioned we offer our sincere congratulations for their achievements. To those members we have missed - our apologies.

We have no further news on the three young bachelors, Messrs Clark, Hotten and Stockdale, and if nothing is achieved this year we intend making no further reference in next year's report. Still, it will be the Club's fiftieth year, anything could happen.

#### Engagements:

Grant Hickey  
Dick Crookes  
Ian Bailey

#### Marriages:

Mike Elder  
Mike Logan  
David Edmonds  
Grahame Corderoy  
Ian Brabant  
Roger Kerr  
Gus Ahern  
Peter Brand  
Peter Mansford  
Rod Downe  
Vic Koh  
Grahame Ashdown  
Greg McIntyre

#### Births:

Colin (Baldy) Jones	(a son)
Dave Lindsay	(a son)
Bob Ryan	(a son)
Jim Barrett	(a son)
John Harper	(a son)
Jack Burkhart	(a son)
Eric Wade	(a son)



Births (cont'd)

Joe Dess	(a daughter)
Spencer Hipwell	(a daughter)
Colin Dennis	(a daughter)
Ian Fischer	(a daughter)

ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Directors met on 14 occasions during the year (October to September). Attendance was as under:

R. Clark	13*	D. Prowse	12
W. Elder	13	E. Stockdale	13
A. Land	13*	G. Whiddon	11
H. Lennartz	12	B. Williams	12

\*As Bob Clark had been granted leave of absence to travel overseas, Don Williams was appointed his alternate and in every case of the above attendance Don acted on Bob's behalf. For two meetings whilst Audley Land was on leave of absence overseas Jack Balmforth attended as his alternate.

Peter Richardson as Treasurer attended 7 meetings.

Management: The Management Committee met on 12 occasions and attendances were as under:

R. Anstey	...	9	P. Richardson	...	8
J. Balmforth (appt. 5/67)	5		E. Stockdale	...	12
C. Dennis (rsgd. 4/67)	3		B. Trevenar	...	6
M. Elder	...	6	J. Wearne (appt. 1/67)	8	
G. Hickey	...	12	B. Williams	...	11
C. Jones	...	9	K. Willis	...	11

Ian Blair attended two meetings acting on behalf of the Treasurer.

ADDENDUM

As President, I wish to extend my personal thanks to our honorary office-bearers, stewards and members of the many sub-committees,

These members give their time voluntarily and unselfishly, and are to be commended for their efforts towards keeping our Club functioning smoothly.

B. U. WILLIAMS,

President

### CONCLUSION

We convey to members, both collectively and individually, our best wishes for success in the forthcoming year at the respective sports, and express our hope that the Club will continue to prosper and play its part in the community.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors and the Management Committee.

B. U. WILLIAMS, President.

B. TREVENAR, Honorary Secretary.

E. G. STOCKDALE, Honorary Executive Officer.

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### F I N A N C E

The Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th September, 1967, together with the Balance Sheet as at that date with the Report of the Auditor thereon are appended to this Report.

Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year amounted to \$1,966 compared with a surplus of \$2,661 in respect of the previous year.

During the year under review an amount of \$500 was paid to L. Ayre to gain possession of the flat and this amount together with the sum of \$108 paid for an engineer's report on the building have been charged against this year's income.

Since the close of the financial year an advance has been obtained from the Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia to finance the commitment for capital expenditure for the proposed extension of the Club rooms into the area previously occupied by L. Ayre.

The invested funds are to be retained in their present form to enable the debentures to be repaid on demand or at maturity and to provide the necessary finance should an additional playing area be made available to the Club.

Depreciation at an appropriate rate has been provided in the Accounts.

An amount of \$200 has been set aside out of current year's income for provision for deferred maintenance which, when added to the balance of the provision at 1st October, 1966, makes a total of \$1,200 as shown on the Balance Sheet.

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1961 as amended, the Directors state:-

1. The results of the Company's operations in the period covered by the Profit and Loss Account have not, in their opinion, been materially affected by items of an abnormal character.
  2. No circumstances have arisen which render adherence to the existing method of valuation of assets or liabilities of the Company misleading or inappropriate.
  3. No contingent liabilities have been undertaken by the Company since the end of the period covered by the last report and no contingent liability has become enforceable or is likely to become enforceable within the succeeding period of twelve months which will materially affect the Company in its ability to meet its obligations as and when they fall due.
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THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITEDCERTIFICATE BY DIRECTORS

We, Brian Urquhart Williams and Douglas Vernon Prowse being two of the directors of The Briars Sporting Club Limited do hereby state on behalf of the Board that in our opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet is drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at 30th September, 1967, and that the accompanying Profit and Loss Account is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the business of the Company for the year then ended.

DATED at SYDNEY this 20th day of NOVEMBER, 1967.

Signed on behalf of the Board,  
 B. U. WILLIAMS     )  
 D. V. PROWSE       ) Directors

DECLARATION BY SECRETARY

I, Bruce Edward Trevenar, Secretary of The Briars Sporting Club Limited do solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying Balance Sheet and accompanying Profit and Loss Account are correct.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act, 1900.

DECLARED at SYDNEY this                     )  
 20th day of NOVEMBER, 1967                 )     B. E. TREVENAR  
 Before me:   )  
               W. L. WOLFE, J.P.

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MEMBERS

In my opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet and accompanying Profit and Loss Account are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1961-1966 and so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs.

The accounting and other records (including registers) examined by me, have, in my opinion, been properly kept in accordance with the said Act.

51 Pitt Street,  
S Y D N E Y

C. G. JONES,  
 CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT  
Registered under the Public Accountants  
Registration Act, 1945, as amended

20th November, 1967

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th September, 1967

1966				1966			
\$		\$	\$	\$		\$	\$
	<u>RESERVES &amp; ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT</u>				<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
10722	General Reserve	10722		18532	Land & Buildings-at cost	18532	
2310	Debenture Redemption Reserve	<u>2310</u>	13032		Club Room Furniture & Fittings, at Deemed Valuation 30th Sept. 1962	908	
	Accumulation Account				Additions at cost	<u>1149</u>	
	Balance 1st Oct., 1966	12259				2057	
	Add: net profit for year ended 30th Sept., 1967	<u>1966</u>	<u>14225</u>	1241	<u>Less Provision for Depreciation</u>	<u>1340</u>	717
12259					Bar Equipment		
<u>25291</u>			<u>27257</u>		At deemed valuation 30th Sept. 1962	1314	
	<u>R.J. THOMSON MEMORIAL TRUST FUND</u>				Additions at cost	<u>370</u>	
	(to be held by the Club and used for such purposes as agreed to by the family of the late Ronald John Thomson)		612			1684	
	<u>LONG TERM LIABILITIES</u>			1193	<u>Less Provision for Depreciation</u>	<u>610</u>	1074
2250	5% Unsecured Debentures of \$10 each, due 1st July, 1970	2250		40	Glasses, Crockery etc. at Valuation		<u>40</u> 20363
	Interest Free Unsecured Debentures of \$10 each due 1st July, 1970	<u>60</u>	2310		<u>INVESTMENTS</u>		
60					Debentures in Companies Listed on Prescribed Stock Exchanges - at cost (market Value \$4955)	5000	
				5000			

CURRENT LIABILITIES AND  
PROVISIONS

2058	Trade Creditors and Accruelements	1960	
966	Subscriptions paid in Advance	708	
1000	Provision for Deferred Maintenance	<u>1200</u>	3868

Note:

Commitments for Capital  
Expenditure \$8432

\$31625

\$34047

\$31625

Shares in Rugby Union  
Co-op Trading Society  
Limited - at cost

10 10 5010

DEBENTURE REDEMPTION FUND  
INVESTMENT

4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% Metropolitan Water  
Sewerage & Drainage Board  
Loan - at cost \$1400  
maturing 1st Dec., 1968  
(market value \$1392)

1400 1400

R.J. THOMSON MEMORIAL FUND

Commonwealth Savings Bank  
of Australia - Current  
Account (as per contra)

- 612

CURRENT ASSETS

719	Stocks on Hand (at lower of cost or replacement value)	884	
227	Debtors	330	
2664	Cash at Bank	5012	
35	Cash on Hand	35	
564	Prepayments	<u>401</u>	6662

\$34047

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1967

1966					1966				
\$		\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
	CRICKET				3555	PROFIT on Bar Trading			3052
397	Ground Hire & Registrations	313				CRICKET			
299	Material	314			438	Batting Fees, etc	433		
150	Shower Equipment -					HOCKEY			
	Rothwell Park	-	627		232	Ground Fees and Sale of			
						Equipment	323		
	HOCKEY					FOOTBALL			
312	Registrations, Equipment,		424		393	Registrations, Sale of			
	etc.					Equipment, etc.	352		
	FOOTBALL					CLUB ROOM AMUSEMENTS			
346	Ground Hire & Registra-	423			8	Billiards & Table Tennis	2		
	tions				49	Profit on Social Activities	=	2	1110
165	Material & Equipment	272			1668	MEMBER SUBSCRIPTIONS			1699
150	Shower Equipment -				22	DONATIONS RECEIVED			-
	Rothwell Park	-	695						
	CLUB ROOM AMUSEMENTS								
43	Billiards & Table Tennis	62							
-	Loss on Social Activities	64	126	1872					
	ADMINISTRATION & CLUB ROOM								
	EXPENSES								

228	Lighting & Heating	282	
809	Repairs, Maintenance & Club Room Expenses	420	
328	Stationery, Stamps & Telephone	376	
215	Annual Reports	186	
125	Insurance	120	
94	General Expenses	53	
73	Donations & Presentations	75	
411	Depreciation - Furniture & Fittings	<u>387</u>	1899

PROPERTY EXPENSES

-	General Expenses	43	
-	Engineers Consulting Fees	108	
340	Insurance	399	
330	Rates	442	
189	Repairs & Maintenance	179	
-	Premium for surrender of Tenancy	<u>500</u>	1671

115 DEBENTURE INTEREST 112

200 PROVISION FOR DEFERRED  
MAINTENANCE 200

NET PROFIT for Twelve Months  
ended 30th September, 1967  
transferred to Accumulation

2661 Account 1966

\$7980 \$7720

242	INTEREST RECEIVED	481
	PROPERTY INCOME	
1373	Rents Received	1378

\$7980 \$7720



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BAR TRADING ACCOUNT For The Twelve Months Ended 30th September, 1967

1966			1966		
\$		\$ \$	\$		\$ \$
411	LIQUOR LICENCE	444		GROSS PROFIT -	
	BAR EXPENSES & MAINTENANCE			Beer and Spirits	
168	OF EQUIPMENT	288			
133	DEPRECIATION - Bar Equipment	<u>119</u> 851	3986	SALES	12169
				<u>Less</u> Cost of Sales	<u>8513</u> 3656
	PROFIT ON TRADING Transferred			GROSS PROFIT -	
3555	to Profit and Loss Account	3052		Cigarettes, Chocolates, etc.	
				SALES	1690
			281	<u>Less</u> Cost of Sales	<u>1443</u> 247
<u>\$4267</u>		<u>\$3903</u>	<u>\$4267</u>		<u>\$3903</u>

