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Sporting Club Limited
Burwood



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on Friday 6th December, 1968.

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

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THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

Gentlemen,

The 50th Annual Report and Balance Sheet is herewith presented for your approval and acceptance.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

This year has been the 50th Anniversary Year of the Club's activities and during this time a record of progress has been established of which we might feel justly proud.

In retrospect we recall the termination of World War 1 in 1918 just about the time when Armistice was signed when a very young enthusiastic small group of school boys decided to form a club. This was the formation of the Briars Sporting Club.

The name "The Briars" was derived from the residence of the Club's first president, the late John Stone, and the Club's colours were adopted at the same time. This was shortly followed afterwards by the adoption of the present motto "Virtus Animusque Praesens", the translation of which is "Manly skill and ready courage."

Sport was the natural interests of all members and in the early days non-competitive games of cricket and football were arranged at frequent intervals, whilst tennis and athletics were included in the calendar. The first cricket team was entered in competition in 1922 and ever since that date the Club has participated in various competitions. More teams have been entered in accordance with the growth in membership numbers.

Many years ago when the Club rules were reviewed, cricket and football were recognised as major sports of the Club in respect of the qualification for admission of new members. In more recent years hockey has also been approved as a major sport and is now very popular.

Although this year's cricket season concluded without recording any major successes, it is felt it was one of the best enjoyed by all concerned. The manner in which the organization was carried out deserves special praise to the sub-committee and in particular to our "old country chairman", John Balmforth.

The football season also finished without a premiership win and although the overall results were disappointing, the games were full of interest. It is obvious, however, that if our past standards are to be maintained, a big effort will be necessary by our 1969 sub-committee, and this is of vital importance.

John Wearne and his committee are to be thanked for their work during the year and the improvement during the season was gratifying.

A very enjoyable season was experienced by the hockey players although no premierships were recorded. The sub-committee worked hard under the retiring chairman, Ken Willis.

The Barton Club, Canberra, were once more our hosts over a very pleasant week end during the season. Thanks are due to Ray Larkin for his efforts in organizing the trip.

Squash is becoming a useful addition to our activities for those interested and the competitive side seems to be gaining popularity. Ross Anstey has been responsible for a lot of the enjoyment provided for these members.

The usual golf days have been enjoyed during the year under review and these are quite important as part of our curriculum. Michael Elder has been mainly responsible for the arrangements.

Last year's Report referred to the formation of the Anniversary Sub-Committee under the chairmanship of Audley Land and also the programme which had been arranged for this year. When Audley retired from the chairmanship, Bill Elder took over and they have to be congratulated on the success of all functions that their Committee organised which were very well supported by a great variety of old and new members.

The Anniversary cricket and the combined football and hockey days will be remembered as a great success and attracted quite a large gathering of supporters.

During May an old members' night was held at the Club which attracted a number of old friends who are always so welcome and give character to the occasion. Special thanks are due to Bob Clark for his contribution to the success of these evenings.

The climax of the year's celebrations was the Anniversary Dinner which has been recognized as the outstanding function ever organised by the Club. The sub-committee requires special mention for their organization of the function.

The Chief Justice of New South Wales, the Hon. Sir Leslie Herron, K.B.E., C.M.G., was our Official Guest, and proposed the Toast of the Club. His address was an inspiration delivered in a most capable manner. His reference to the Briars during his speech is worthy of mention "That to his knowledge Briars was the only club of its kind that he knew of in the Western Democracies".

We must record our great pleasure of having the opportunity to entertain the Mayors of Burwood and Concord Municipalities and also the representatives of the various sporting bodies at the dinner.

The great response from interstate and country members and ex-members was inspiring. Many of these must have made personal sacrifices to attend the function but this is indicative of the friendships that have been established and largely made possible by membership of the Briars.

At the dinner, reference was made to those who had volunteered for the armed forces during World War II and those valued members who made the supreme sacrifice for their King and Country.

The Social Committee under Brian Ray introduced rather novel functions held at the Club which would not have been possible to arrange unless the alterations to the Club had been undertaken. The alterations were completed just before the last Annual Meeting but we now realize their true value and how much more comfortable everything has been made for members generally.

Our special thanks are due to Hammy Lennartz for his supervision of the work on behalf of the Board and Management.

The very important acquisition of a new sportsground is always receiving consideration but to date there is nothing of interest to report at this stage.

There appears to be no problem as far as our finances are concerned. We are trading within our budget and meeting all commitments. The new Bank arrangement providing a loan for these alterations is very worthwhile and the Board is confident that the necessary repayments can be met as and when they fall due. Doug Prowse and Don Williams are responsible for these satisfactory terms.

In conclusion we wish to record our appreciation once more for the unbroken support that we have always received from our Municipal authorities, namely Burwood, Concord and Strathfield.

In addition we wish to thank the Clubs we competed against and the undermentioned sporting bodies for their assistance in making competitions possible:

N.S.W. Rugby Union
 Sydney Rugby Union
 Metropolitan Sub District Rugby Union
 N.S.W. Rugby Union Referees Association
 Sydney Hockey Association
 N.S.W. Cricket Association
 Council of Municipal and Shire Clubs
 City and Suburban Cricket Association
 Squash Association of N.S.W.
 St. Johns Ambulance Brigade

Membership

Our membership stands at 370, compared with 364 last year, and consists of the following:-

	<u>1967/68</u>	<u>1966/67</u>
Full members	268	264
Junior members	8	8
Associate and Country members	<u>94</u>	<u>92</u>
	<u>370</u>	<u>364</u>

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C R I C K E T

"I often think how lucky I was that day
When, seven years old, I first saw bat and
wicket,
And learned to love (better than I learned
to play)
Our beautiful, difficult English game of
cricket."

(Box, "Farewell, My Music" 1932)

Sub-Committee: J. Balmforth (Chairman) D. Walker
P. Richardson D. Williams
J. Richards

The 1967-68 season had only been in progress for two games when the elected Captain of the "A" Shires was forced to withdraw for health reasons and it is appropriate and pleasurable to begin this report with sincere thanks to "Hammy" Lennartz for many years of enthusiasm and effort on behalf of "Briars" Cricket. David Walker took over the position and led the "A" Shires throughout the rest of the season with a large measure of success to finish in 3rd place. The "B" Shires team also found itself with a change in skipper after the season had been in progress for some weeks. This was the result of promotion of Peter Richardson to the "A" Shires after an outstanding batting sequence. Grahame Corderoy had a most unenviable task of following a successful Captain and although the "B" Shires did not finish quite so high as in recent seasons, they too ended up in 3rd place on the final table. Trevor Parker had charge of the "problem" team (problem in terms of selection only) and was a popular Captain of a happy side which finished 7th but ended in a blaze of glory with 3 successive outright victories. In City & Suburban 6 Saturdays were lost, 5 due to the Australian climatic conditions which reduced the season to 18 games, 11 of which were won. A most happy season was had by the regulars who this year were greatly supported by several younger players whose assistance in fielding and bowling was greatly appreciated. The C. & S. side had an even better performance in the social games after close of play and were never "bowled out".

The details of the season's activities of the 4 teams have been adequately covered by the respective captain's reports and so the body of this section of the Cricket Report will be concerned with general matters affecting cricket in the club and also comments which it is hoped will bring about an improvement in the coming season. Five points immediately spring to mind when reviewing the past season and these are

set out below briefly, study them and apply them if you decide they may improve your game and your enjoyment of the game.

B at to stay in, not to get out.

R un that first run quickly and call promptly and correctly.

I nspire your team mates by keenness and alertness in the field.

A im to find the opposition batsman's weakness and bowl to your field.

R espect the Umpire's decisions and be as good a loser as a winner.

S upport your Captain both on and off the field.

During the season and after a lapse of some years a weekend cricket tour was organised to Canberra. Our hosts "The Turner and District Cricket Club" entertained us royally, whilst the game, played on a Sunday in a temperature in the high 90s was close and exciting, our hosts ran out winners by a few runs. The "Briars" party consisted of 13 players, several wives and two experts from "Bushells Tea" organizations.

To the Cricket Fraternity of the Club fell the honour of setting the pace of "Briars 50th Anniversary Sporting Functions". This took the form of a cricket match in which the President's XI lead by the Captain of the "A" Shires was pipped on the post by 8 runs by The Secretary's XI led by the Chief Executive Officer. Both sides were a mixture of retired players and present players and it is appropriate to list the 2 sides so that 50 years hence these who follow on can reflect on past traditions and some of the old members who had so much pleasure and pride being participants in the Anniversary Game.

President's XI: D. Walker (Captain), N. Young, L. Meulman
D. Prowse, C. Jones, P. Richardson, W. Elder
C. Mitchell, C. Magrath, T. Mobbs, B. Trevenar
K. Astridge.

Secretary's XI: E. Stockdale (Captain), G. Corderoy, N. Walker
R. Young, L. Davis, D. Williams, B. Cardwell
F. Randle, S. Hipwell, J. Balmforth, E. Watt
R. Ackermann, G. Ireland.

The ladies of the club members rallied round with sandwiches, cakes and other tantalising palate pleasures, for these, and their presence we are all very grateful.

As a guide to club members in general, and club cricketers in particular, at one of the Sub-Committee

meetings held to determine your clubs attitude to the N.S.W.C.A. organization of the 1968-69 season the following resolution was passed unanimously and transmitted to the N.S.W.C.A.:-

"It was agreed that one day cricket is desirable so that each of the 11 teams could play each other twice, i.e. 22 Saturdays. The competition would then give equal opportunity to all sides and should be based on first past the post. Each player would get more cricket each Saturday and more overall cricket in the season. On the question of hours, it is felt that 11.30 a.m. start till 6.00 p.m. close of play should constitute the duration of the game. There should be 15 minutes tea break and a 10 minute interval between innings. The playing time would not be divided."

Although this resolution may or may not become effective, it does demonstrate your committee's views on the future desired trends in cricket organization.

Finally, I should like to record my appreciation to all members of a very fine Cricket Sub-Committee and to thank members of the Selection Committee for the many long "dry" hours which were spent in an endeavour to put the best possible sides in the field each week. At the final meeting of the season the general view of these committees was that, if all players made themselves available from the commencement of the season and throughout the season the Selectors task would be much easier and the chances of taking out the Club Championship greatly improved. What about the 1968-69 Season?

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"A" SHIRE

The chance of winning the Premiership, and the associated R. B. Clark Cup, could have been assessed optimistically after seven rounds of the competition, as we were in second position with 40 points. However, the team lapsed under pressure in the ensuing 7 rounds, sliding to 5th position after totalling only another 18 points. Though now having no chance of being finalists, a late rally took the side to a merited 3rd placing.

Failure to recapture the R. B. Clark Cup in our 50th year was a major disappointment to the captain and players, as the team was motivated towards this objective throughout the season. This inadequacy could not be attributed solely to any one facet of performance, but, as always, to the overall effect of the happenings of a season, in which the team strove at its peak of effort throughout.

Team selection was complicated initially by the unavailability of the previous seasons bowlers except one. Thus, three left handed pace bowlers, with a left arm spinner were chosen giving the team a unique and inexperienced attack. Despite hammerings in the first 2 rounds, this combination, aided by the occasional selection of right-hand medium pacers, settled into an effective unit. By their persistent efforts, and by giving of the best of their abilities allowed, the bowlers combined in a joint team effort to be a constant worry to most batsmen, and were rarely mastered.

As always seems our tradition, the bowlers directed their offense at the leg stump, and no coaxing can lure them from this line. The limit on the number of legside placements restricts the effectiveness of this method.

Mostly good support was given by our fielding, which was sound in the outfield, and in the close forward positions though lacking inspirational brilliance. Some highly skilled slip fielding was evident, but even here, as in all other positions, the soundest of our players dropped chances at vital moments. This fumbling inevitably had point-losing consequences.

The batting line-up appeared strong, was not lacking in experience or depth, and showed an undoubted desire to score runs. Indeed, many good totals were amassed, especially subsequent to productive early partnerships, though rarely was full potentiality realised. It was therefore disappointing to produce mediocre scores in several vital matches when under the pressures of tight swing bowling. In these circumstances, faults of technique were probed and exposed. Impatience and an inability to curb the playing of rash strokes (a combination masquerading as "the cavalier attitude") cost us dearly in the competitive race, and the only conclusion is that our batsmen lack that elusive quality of "class".

In retrospect, these impoverished patches of batting, the odd blundered catch, and rain at inopportune times cost us the chance of being finalists.

The team, and the club, congratulates University of N.S.W. on their winning of the "A" Premiership and the Club Championship, whilst sympathising with the defeated Minor Premiers, Lane Cove, who performed splendidly throughout the year.

The thanks of the Captain and team are extended to those members who carried out capably the functions of Team

Secretary, Gear Steward and Afternoon Tea Maker. An especial mention must also be made of Frank Farrell's constant assistance with the afternoon tea preparations, often in conjunction with Bob Clark. Whilst noting that his tea is not all that Bob stirs, we welcome such support, and indeed were always grateful for the attendance of relatives and club members, who gave such typical Briar "---couragement" (supply your own prefix).

This report should not end without thanking the Captain of the A's for the past two seasons, and for two matches of this season, Hammy Lennartz, for his fine effort in developing such excellent team spirit, good fellowship and loyalty. The task of his successor, possessed of a less equable and permissive temperament, was made much easier by the inheritance of such a happy team. The loss of Hammy to the team was as severe as the loss of his tonsils (we think those were the organs removed) was to Hammy.

In concluding this preamble, for the apparently happy support given to him, and for the ready response to any demand, reasonable, garbled or otherwise, the Skipper is grateful to the Team. It was, as in the cliché, a pleasure and an honour to lead "The Lennartz Lovers".

As a postscript, the "A" team thank Jack Balmforth as Cricket Chairman, for the energetic and efficient way in which the cricket season was conducted.

DAVID WALKER (Captain): When the side finishes in 3rd position, the Captain scores over 500 runs in the season, takes 29 catches and 10 stumpings it seems churlish to record any adverse comments. However a question does seem to be in order! If David had one complete season of real concentration with the bat, just how many runs would he score? As a captain David's attitude is rapidly changing from playing the game purely for pleasure to playing it for results, a most desirable trend which must continue.

PETER MANSFORD: Was the regular opening batsman and performed creditably in this new role, to which his technique is not ideally suited. However, by determination, and by knowledgeably playing strokes, safely within his limitations, Pete was instrumental in the formation of many excellent opening partnerships. As well as achieving our highest score of the season, he grasped some fine leg slip catches, though he left the "hardies" to the Keeper.

"Manso", who should have many more prolific seasons as an opener after this years experience, was the team's champion exponent of constant tongue mobility exercises.

ROD SMITH: Was our youngest member for many a long year, and in his approach to batting, possesses a temperament far more mature than most of our senior members. Rod mostly opened but his success was limited by faulty foot-work in his off-side play early in an innings. When he survived the initial stages, he batted delightfully and in at least four innings showed us what a good prospect we have for future years. Basically a sound fieldman, he accepted some diving catches in the outfield, where in mid-afternoon he oft appeared somnolent.

PETER RICHARDSON: The B's prolific scoring Captain, was promoted midway through the season, as Vice-Captain and opening batsman. His new aggressive style, which had been so successful in the B's, was very evident in two fine innings, especially in a half century against the ultimate Premiers. Pete seemed a little over-anxious to prove himself in the A's, for he seemed in too much of a "rush" causing an inconsistency, which further experience in the A's will remedy.

His slip-fielding was usually brilliant, though fallible, whilst his zest in the field was infectious, in his role as Vice-Captain, was always at the Captain's right elbow, either with an attentive ear, sound advice, or a frothy middy and in all capacities, was a welcome and valued helper.

GRAHAME IRELAND: As one of "the old unreliaables", had a disappointing season, though interspersed were some typically bright innings, becoming sounder at the close of the season. A propensity for back-cutting, while bringing many runs, was often a cause of dismissal early in an innings, and this stroke demands greater selectivity in its use. As a bowler "Chief" produced the odd ball of rare vintage but most were vin ordinaire. His main value this year was his silly mid-on fielding, where he needed shin-pads late in the season. From this assessment, it would seem that he also criticised the Captain.

GEOFF GORTON: Reappeared in the A's after a lengthy absence and immediately produced sound form, though appearing lower in the batting list than previously. This early success was halted by unavailability in 2 rounds, and a slump ensued, wherein all those remarks featured for years in annual reports about Geoff could apply. However, he finished with 2 remarkable innings, a final 74 not out against Roseville being the closest approach to a "Prowse" innings, seen in years with its complete annihilation of

the bowling attack. His fielding was sound, his throwing more accurate than the Captain recalls in previous seasons, and his boots have sprigs one millimetre long.

KEVIN HOLEY: Eats less fire as the years progress, but still emits a good head of steam though the power is now harnessed, and channelled into more productive thought at the bowling crease.

With two other left handed pace bowlers in the team, the advantage of the variation which Kevin supplied in previous seasons was somewhat nullified, and further, he rarely used the new ball. Nevertheless, without these benefits, he had an equally good season, and, as our most seasoned campaigner at the crease, those big hips bore the responsibility well, and he should be pleased with his efforts. With the bat his rewards were reasonable, with some typical fighting aggressive innings. His slip fielding was good, though the odd chance dropped has affected his confidence, and he tends to grab a little at the ball. We only hope his advice to the other bowlers was always as sound as his fielding, for he was close runner-up to "Manso" as a tongue mover.

DAVID GUILLE: In company with Rod Smith, was another young newcomer, and proved equally as promising as a left arm "quickie". Though inexperienced, and even having his first season wearing sprigged boots, David performed excellently throughout the season, and we claim him as the most hostile new ball bowler in "A" Shire.

With a short, and deceptively casual approach, David generates tremendous pace, and is able to sustain this in long spells. It would appear that David needs to correct faults in his action, especially in regard to his right shoulder, and as he knows, better results will accrue if he directs his attack more towards the off-stump. Even in this season, his improvement was evident, especially in the Epping and University matches, in which he shattered their strong batting. If at times he appeared discouraged, one must remember that with the Captain as Keeper, difficulties abound in prohibiting mid-over encouragement dubious advice to an inexperienced and young bowler. Altogether, David is the next successor to Ken Astridge, and even emulates "Killer" in other aspects, he has siestas when fielding.

NOEL YOUNG: Proved good foil to David as the other new ball bowler, and those big-indippers caused most openers embarrassment. Noel was able to sustain his efforts over longer periods than previously, and was often used as an effective,

economical stock-bowler. His form fell off slightly near mid-season, mainly in the direction of his attack, this caused a loss of confidence, which was not justified, as Noel was a necessary and valuable unit to the team's attack. Noel needs to think more positively, and not decry his own undoubted ability as a bowler. His later form was good, even his batting showing improvement with some brief patches of lusty batting.

JOHN CROCKART: Proved the surprise of the season with his effective performance. Having drifted from the B's to C's last season, and then only performing moderately, his debut in the A's could have been viewed with scepticism. Handicapped by a visual problem resulting from a car accident, he overcame this and had some startling early performances, 5-11 against Lindfield, 6-17 against Auburn. For varied reasons, his visits to the crease were, at times, restricted, and thus, just when he needed more overs to develop control and confidence, this was denied him. Nevertheless, he captured valuable wickets, and suffered from dropped chances more than most bowlers. John should be happy with his performance, and especially we note the keenness of his fielding which improved remarkably in the later matches. His batting showed that we can expect some future productive efforts as this was obviously rendered ineffective by his faulty vision.

JOHN WADE: Played the first 6 matches before transferring to Perth, and whilst his performances were only moderate, retrospectively, we sadly needed his stability in the middle of our batting later in the season.

His underrated "nothing" spinners were also a necessary useful variation, and indeed the whole team missed "Wady Baby", on and off the field.

TOM MOBBS: Also played the first 7 matches, before making way for Jim Neale, who had performed impressively in the B's. Tom's batting was good, early, in typical fashion but then ran into an unusual lean patch. In this period, he bowled well, albeit in short bursts, and gave us effective variation to our left hand armoury.

JIM NEALE: Played only 3 matches before being propelled to the States. In this short period he impressed with the potential of his bowling, the power of his batting and the rigidity of his fielding.

BARRY CARDWELL: Was the player shuttled up and down from the B's depending on availability of players, and, as a good clubman, accepted this fate cheerfully. Unfortunately he did not show us his true form, and indeed in

one match, did neither bat nor bowl. Such is life, and cricket.

"A" SHIRE STATISTICS

<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Won O'R</u>	<u>Won 1st</u>	<u>Drn</u>	<u>T.</u>	<u>Lost O'R</u>	<u>Lost 1st</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Position in Competition</u>
17	3	5	6	-	1	2	74	3rd

<u>Runs For</u>	<u>Wickets For</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Runs Against</u>	<u>Wickets Against</u>	<u>Average</u>
3,321	154	21.57	3,397	188	18.07

B A T T I N G

<u>Name</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Total Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
Gorton, G.	16	4	70*	366	30.5
Walker, D.	20	1	74	528	27.8
Smith, R.	13	3	52	263	26.3
Mansford, P.	18	1	84	380	22.4
Ireland, G.	20	3	48	355	20.9
Mobbs, T.	11	-	52	229	20.8
Holley, K.	17	-	53	343	20.2
Richardson, P.	10	-	66	182	18.2
Guille, D.	14	3	23*	153	13.9
Crockart, J.	10	4	16	25	4.2
Young, N.	10	4	14*	22	3.7

(*Not Out)

Also Batted: J. Wade 6 innings for 93 runs; B. Cardwell 6 for 19; H. Lennartz 3 for 89; J. Neal 3 for 61; K. Trollope 1 for 11.

B O W L I N G

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
Guille, D.	186	18	769	44	17.3
Holley, K.	163	13	753	42	17.9
Young, N.	145	8	600	33	18.2
Crockart, J.	113	5	600	32	18.8

Also Bowled: T. Mobbs 12 wickets for 170 runs; J. Wade 6 for 106; G. Ireland 3 for 54; J. Kemp 2 for 30; J. Neal 4 for 102; B. Cardwell 0 for 16; R. Smith 0 for 54; P. Mansford 0 for 30; P. Richardson 0 for 4.

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"B" SHIRE

The season finished on a high note with defeats of both finalists, University of N.S.W. and Canterbury in concluding rounds. To the Premiers, University of N.S.W., we offer our congratulations. The team could have finished in a higher position except that a number of catches were dropped at vital stages combined with our inability to finish off "the tail" on a number of occasions.

Our batting was generally sound and usually had little trouble in amassing reasonable scores. The bowling was steady and tight without being hostile. As mentioned above our catching left something to be desired, however, the ground fielding was generally of a good standard.

Although the team did not finish as well as was expected it was an enjoyable season and we look forward to an improved result next season.

This report must not end without offering our sincere thanks to Mr. Corderoy and Frank Farrell who were always on hand to make the afternoon tea.

G. CORDEROY (Captain) Took over captaincy of the side on promotion of Peter Richardson. Had a successful season behind the stumps picking up 39 scalps (29 catches and 10 stumpings). Batted reasonably well on a number of occasions but should have scored more runs.

P. RICHARDSON: Was Captain of the side early in the season and amassed 320 in 7 innings which earned him promotion to the "A"s. Was missed greatly at first slip.

T. WYATT: Gave the side a very solid start to its innings. He batted extremely well and saved the team from defeat on a few occasions with his excellent concentration. Safe in the field but must try to move more quickly to the ball.

B. CARDWELL: Had a mixed season with the bat, but showed all his brilliance while scoring 98 against Roseville. His fielding was a delight to watch.

J. NEALE: Played only 7 games before being promoted and collected 33 wickets in that short time. Played some valuable knocks but must improve his running between wickets and show more enthusiasm in the field.

E. WATT: Results speak for themselves. He scored 467 runs took 40 wickets and 13 catches during the season. His all-round performance was tremendous particularly his batting which has improved out of sight. Undoubtedly the most enthusiastic member of the side - always keen to play cricket.

C. JONES (Vice Captain): Was a little disappointing with his bowling but did not have a lot of opportunities during the season. A great team man and always was a great help to his Captain.

I. BLAIR: Delightful aggressive opening bat who only needs to show a little more restraint in selection of the ball to hit to allow us to enjoy his run getting more often. Very energetic and keen fieldsman.

J. RICHARDS: Was a disappointment early but started to get a few runs in concluding matches. Bowled reasonably well and his ground fielding was very safe.

T. MOBBS: Was a disappointment with his batting and feel certain that next season should see him at his best again. Bowled splendidly during the season and took some fine catches.

J. HAZELWOOD: Discharged from the Army (Health Reasons) midway through the competition and started to show his old fire in the last few matches. Battled well in the few opportunities he received. Fielded mostly at first slip and filled a difficult position most capably.

W. PARTINGTON: Was only with us for a short period in the season and showed that when bowling if he could push the ball through the air a little quicker he could make the task much more difficult for the opposing batsman. Did not get many opportunities with the bat but did well on a number of occasions.

J. BROWN: Bowled very well on a number of occasions but needs to develop a killer instinct against his batsman. Has the ability to pick up more wickets if he pitches the ball up to the batsman.

<u>"B" S H I R E</u>						<u>S T A T I S T I C S</u>			
<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drn</u>	<u>T.</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Lest</u>	<u>Position in Competition</u>		
							<u>O'R</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>Pts</u>
16	1	9	4	-	-	2			74
									3rd
<u>Runs For</u>		<u>Wickets For</u>		<u>Average</u>		<u>Runs Against</u>		<u>Wickets Against</u>	
2,997		121		24.8		3,069		190	
								16.2	

<u>B A T T I N G</u>					
<u>Name</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Total Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
Richardson, P.	7	2	100*	320	64.0
Watt, E.	14	4	75*	467	46.7

Batting (cont'd)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Total Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
Neale, J.	6	1	58	178	35.6
Wyatt, T.	16	4	58*	384	32.0
Cardwell, B.	8	-	98	225	28.1
Blair, I.	9	-	69	243	27.0
Corderoy, G.	15	1	70	311	22.2
Partington, W.	6	1	45	94	18.8
Jones, C.	10	4	21	86	14.3
Richards, J.	11	1	46	141	14.1

(*Not Out)

Also Batted: R. Smith 4 innings for 88 runs; J. Hazelwood 4 for 84; J. Scott 5 for 35; T. Moyes 2 for 10; D. Herald 1 for 0; N. Shearer 3 for 65; J. Dess 2 for 7; N. Walker 1 for 21; B. Vaughan 2 for 2; J. Brown 2 for 0; I. Bailey 1 for 0; M. Melville 1 for 0; R. Young 2 for 6; J. Wade 1 for 5; J. Jarratt 1 for 26.

B O W L I N G

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
Mobbs, T.	92	26	17	224	13.0
Watt, E.	301	39	40	558	14.0
Neale, J.	115	11	33	460	14.0
Brown, J.	71	12	13	229	17.6
Richards, J.	32	7	8	148	18.5
Hazelwood, J.	72	8	13	254	19.5
Jones, C.	66	10	9	272	30.0

Also Bowled: B. Vaughan 17 wickets for 145 runs; R. Young 7 for 115; I. Bailey 6 for 87; B. Cardwell 1 for 16; W. Partington 2 for 41; I. Blair 2 for 11; T. Moyes 8 for 175; D. Herald 4 for 136; R. Smith 1 for 13; N. Walker 1 for 11; J. Wade 0 for 0; J. Dess 1 for 11.

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"C" SHIRE

After a not very successful season, the "C" Shire Team finished with a run of 3 successive outright victories, to make the points score appear a little brighter.

The season commenced with a good opening partnership of 71 by Jock Scott and John Richards, against Cumberland

No. 2. Our efforts toward victory in this game however were stopped by the opposition Captain, Bert Alderson, who scored 79.

John Brown (6-29) and Ian Trevenar (67 N.O.) both showed exciting potential in the match against Auburn-Lidacombe, which registered our first victory of the season.

Graeme Ashdown made his presence felt with a fighting, saving knock of 49 against St. George however our attack was not able to dismiss the opposition so competition points were lost.

Early in the season the services of Ray Young were conscripted for a few games, and Ray certainly showed just what a great force he could be in this class of cricket - 5 wickets, 4 wickets, 2 wickets and 3 wickets per innings speaks for itself.

During the season a quickie of no mean ability was unearthed in Mike Sterry who showed on many occasions just how much he dislikes the opposition batsmen. Mike's 5-21 against Sydney 1 was a first class performance.

For consistency, two batsmen stood out: Neal Shearer and Jeff Jarratt showed but a glimpse of what our scores would have been if "C" Shire had had their services for the whole season.

Alf Armstrong was the No. 3 batsman during the first half of the season (till going back home to Albury), but on only one occasion did his solidarity bring real results, this being 46 against University of N.S.W. 2.

The spin bowling department was left in the hands of David Herald and Warren Partington. David showed a lot of promise on many occasions, but suffered from the Captain's reluctance to use slow bowlers. However against the eventual "C" Shire Champions, Wentworthville, Dave had his best figures in taking 4-47. Warren's duties were required by the "Bs" for many matches but when playing for the "C" team his bowling always looked as though it would capture wickets. In the second round match against Sydney No. 2, Warren after filling in as Wicket Keeper for all the first innings and for half the second innings, took off the gloves and commenced bowling (this was a one day match, by the way) taking 3-33 and so finished off the innings for an outright victory.

The regular Wicket Keeper this year was Joe Dess who made many a remarkable catch, and whose stumping of Peter Burt against Bankstown-Canterbury was nothing short of amazing. Joe's batting started poorly but before long runs

were coming smartly from him and his 82 midway through the season was well worth watching.

John McNicol's services were gratefully accepted for a few games and his first 3 innings brought a 49 and a 39 N.O. against tough opposition. (Someone said he could also bowl ???)

The task of dismissing the opposition for most of the season was left mainly to Mike Sterry, Tim Moyes and Andrew Clifford. Andy in the early games was used in short spells, often in fact, opening the bowling. But as the season wore on, it was realised that here was a fellow who relished hard work. In the match against University of N.S.W. No. 1, the "get Andy fit" campaign really was under way - 16 overs, 2 maidens, 4 wickets, 47 runs. 10 overs in the next match was too much for Andy and so after complaining of a sore ankle (through overwork perhaps), he polished off Auburn-Lidcombe in double-quick time - 5 overs 5 wickets (all bowled), 13 runs - including the Hat-trick.

Our leading wicket-taker Tim Moyes showed good form in dismissing 5 Auburn batsmen for 54 runs and throughout the season his ability as an opening bowler was apparent for he usually captured 2 or 3 wickets per innings.

Three new players of good potential appeared in the C's, and David Scoble scored runs on enough occasions to suggest that he should force his way to higher grades before long. His century partnership with Mike Sterry nearly pulled the second-round match against Cumberland No. 2 out of the fire.

The standard of player we face in this competition is often extremely good, especially when we realise that at least 3 of the opposition played 1st grade District Cricket during this past season. (As well as playing against Burwood "C" Shire during this past season).

Thanks from the Captain to all players who played with us during the season, also special thanks to John Richards (Vice-Captain), Jock Scott and Andy Clifford (Gear Steward) and Ian Trevenar (for collecting the money).

Our congratulations to Bankstown-Canterbury on winning our division.

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"C"	S. H I R E					S T A T I S T I C S			
Matches Played	Won O'R	Won 1st	Drn	T.	Lost O'R	Lost 1st	Pts	Position in Competition	
15	4	1	3	-	2	5	57	7th	
Runs For	Wickets For		Average		Runs Against		Wickets Against	Average	
2,865	163		17.6		2,359		137	17.2	

B A T T I N G

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Total Runs	Average
Parker, T.	17	3	103*	436	31.1
McNicol, J.	6	1	49	106	21.2
Dess, J.	11	-	82	233	21.2
Richards, J.	7	-	63	142	20.3
Scoble, D.	9	2	56	134	19.1
Scott, J.	15	-	44	243	16.2
Ashdown, G.	14	2	49	180	15.0
Trevenar, I.	20	3	67*	253	14.9
Partington, W.	9	1	25*	115	14.4
Moyes, T.	11	2	33	108	12.0
Armstrong, A.	8	-	46	92	11.5
Sterry, M.	17	5	46	127	10.6
Clifford, A.	11	2	15	41	4.6
Herald, D.	9	3	9*	20	3.3

(*Not Out)

Also Batted: J. Balmforth 1 innings for 1 run; R. Larkin 4 for 11; J. Brown 4 for 41; B. Trevenar 1 for 4; J. Witham 3 for 15; R. Young 2 for 4; N. Shearer 3 for 100; J. Jarratt 4 for 108.

B O W L I N G

Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
Young, R.	34	7	14	122	8.72
Brown, J.	42	3	14	154	11.0
Sterry, M.	98	11	27	390	14.4
Clifford, A.	61	5	17	274	16.1
Moyes, T.	104	14	28	457	16.3
Partington, W.	46	2	8	162	20.3
Herald, D.	49	1	9	228	25.3
Richards, J.	39	2	4	180	45.0

Also Bowled: B. Trevenar 0 wickets for 42 runs; I. Trevenar 0 for 43; J. Balmforth 6 for 7; A. Armstrong 0 for 5; R. Larkin 0 for 12; J. Witham 1 for 14; D. Scoble 0 for 3; J. McNicol 3 for 123; P. Burt 2 for 33; J. Jarratt 1 for 11; I. Blair 0 for 1.

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CITY AND SUBURBAN

When Taaffe and McLaughlin were cracking the whip They were hard-headed ruthless and tough But since Grindstone Balmforth's been wielding the lash We've nicknamed those others "Cream Puff".

J. BALMFORTH (Captain): Better known to his team-mates (?) as "The Grindstone" - a well earned title. His habit of issuing orders in one of the lesser known Swahili dialects has made him a fearsome figure. However he has shown signs of thawing recently and has confided to those close to him that his new ambition is to be known as "Gentle Jack, the almost human".

D. WILLIAMS: The 2nd ? greatest (vide infra under Metcalf) con-man in the game. Has consistently run dead both fielding and batting for 7 years in order to get a favourable handicap in the sprint. He achieved this object during the past season and with the aid of a huge start and by beating the gun now has the dubious honour of being the current team sprint champion. Also (God knows how) got the batting average for the season.

TED STOCKDALE: In his triple capacity as Secretary, Barman and Opening Bat has to tread a very wary path in the team. Would do a lot better if he could only get a fair go at the strike, but has now become resigned to this.

In his capacity as the team's representative behind the bar, wields quite a large amount of unofficial power and those who incur his displeasure soon find that waiting for $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ hour for a drink is not a light price to pay.

DAVID (Squeaker) NORTH: Since his operation has scored more runs and has a more carefree and lighthearted approach than for many years past. In fact it has been suggested in certain quarters that he should have the other side done and possibly establish a club record. However there appears to be some indecision as to which he wants most - the record or the other thing - might we suggest that a good team man would not hesitate but think only of the team.

J. METCALF: "The greatest" - proved that even the captain has his Achilles heel. This man who obviously has never bowled in his life somehow managed to get himself put on as opening bowler in one match. The first over included 6 wides but even then was given another 4 overs with a similar result. Has recently been heard informing the Grindstone of his ability to spin the ball and the imagination boggles at what could ensue.

BRUCE TREVENAR: For 20 years no one has dared to open the C & S bowling with any other than Bruce Trevenar - howsoever he was indiscreet enough to make a remark about the field placing on one occasion and for the next 3 matches got to the crease as 3rd change. Later in the season his behaviour improved and he was reinstated. It would have been better if he, like the Duke of Edinburgh, had kept his trap shut.

IAN BAILEY: For the first half of the season had some of the best bowling performances even in the history of the C & S, and was our sole representative in the combined team. Then he got married - like many another he found that this beats the best of them for a while and although he still performed well was never able to recapture the early fire.

KERRY TROLLOPE: A most valuable member both as wicket-keeper and batsman. Unfortunately had to go to the bush and did not have to undergo the same hardships for the whole season as the rest of the team; consequently his performances were not adversely affected and a true comparison is not possible.

CHRIS (Thermos) MITCHELL: Despite scintillating batting and bowling performances on the few occasions he was given a chance, still remains a grossly underrated performer, and anyone with a less stout heart would have given up years ago. His batting average of 4.1 and bowling ditto of 73 are hardly a fair reflection of his ability.

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"CITY AND SUBURBAN" _____ S T A T I S T I C S

Matches

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Tied</u>
18	11	6	Nil	1

<u>Runs For</u>	<u>Wickets For</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Runs Against</u>	<u>Wickets Against</u>	<u>Average</u>
2,234	140	16.0	1,896	155	12.2

B A T T I N G

<u>Name</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>Total Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
Trollope, K.	8	1	176	25.1
Williams, D.	15	1	316	22.6
Trevenar, B.	9	7	45	22.5
Burt, P.	9	2	149	21.3
North, D.	8	-	131	16.4
Balmforth, J.	15	2	212	16.3
Stockdale, E.	18	-	251	13.9
Metcalf, J.	10	2	84	10.5
Mitchell, C.	12	2	43	4.3

Also Batted: I. Bailey 7 innings for 31 runs; J. Barrett 6 for 54; J. Jarrett 5 for 79; M. Melville 5 for 43; R. Young 4 for 20; R. Larkin 3 for 2; M. Elder 3 for 66; C. McMonnies 3 for 57; B. U. Williams 3 for 62; I. McGregor 3 for 10; M. Sterry 2 for 23; J. Brown 2 for 1; A. Armstrong 2 for 55; N. Shearer 1 for 2; J. Neale 1 for 8; G. Corderoy 1 for 45; D. Scoble 1 for 6; A. Clifford 1 for 0; G. Gorton 1 for 34; J. H. Balmforth 1 for 2; T. Moyes 1 for 26; J. Edmonds 1 for 10; I. Blair 1 for 8; J. McNicol 1 for 4; W. McBurney 1 for 1; A. Rose 1 for 0; J. Richards 1 for 4; C. Dennis 1 for 36; J. Scott 1 for 2.

B O W L I N G

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
Brown, J.	28	3	99	13	7.6
Bailey, I.	84	10	315	41	7.7
Rose, A.	18	-	89	8	11.1
Young, R.	47	3	251	21	11.5
Trevenar, B.	136	12	588	37	15.9

Also Bowled: C. Dennis 2 wickets for 24 runs; J. Richards 1 for 6; P. Burt 4 for 110; T. Moyes 1 for 30; C. Mitchell 1 for 13; A. Clifford 2 for 10; J. Balmforth 3 for 64; J. Jarrett 1 for 16; J. Neale 0 for 59; J. Metcalf 0 for 9; B. Vaughan 2 for 28; J. Barrett 1 for 5; M. Sterry 0 for 52; D. North 1 for 5; B. U. Williams 0 for 8.

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FOOTBALL 1968

Sub-Committee: J. Wearne (Chairman) I. McGregor (Deputy
M. Harley R. Crookes O. Osterman Chairman)
G. Hickey D. Fulham J. Edmonds.
C. Hickey

The football played in 1968 did not give the results we would have wished for on our 20th Anniversary, but it did give our teams an enjoyable season.

For the first time in many years, we played our trials at a ground close to home. Three of the games, against Trinity Old Boys, Newington Old Boys and Bank of N.S.W., were held at Russell Park, Drummoyne, the other against Colleagues at Rushcutters Bay.

With the good attendances recorded at this stage, we once again entered our usual four teams in the competition.

Of the four coaches of 1967 season, none were available for 1968. This necessitated the job of finding four new coaches. Ian Bailey took the Judd Team as Captain-coach, Bob Spedding, returning from a seasons rest, took Whiddon, also as Captain-coach. The Burke Cup position was handled by Bill Leckie and Kentwell was trained very effectively by Dave Lindsay. Of the four coaches, only Bob Spedding had any previous coaching experience.

The four coaches plus myself, were the selectors for this season.

The only team to have any hope of success during the season was Kentwell. The rest of our teams did not come up to Past performances. This was brought about mainly by the lack of depth in the club, a situation that can be overcome by getting more new members with good ability for the '69 season.

This lack of performance in the lower grades is brought out in the fact that we only managed to make 5th place in the Club Championship.

Attendances at training will have to be improved in 1969. During the 1968 season we had five players with 100% attendance and an average overall attendance of 47 players every Wednesday night.

At the completion of the season, we were invited to Forbes, for a weekend which had been arranged by two country Briers, Bob Tyndall and Dave Boylson. We duly accepted and on the weekend of the 14-15th September, sent a team out west. The match, played on the Saturday, resulted in a good win by

the Briars of 27-5. Social activities were arranged for after the match and were enjoyed by all those who attended.

Five members of our Kentwell team were selected to play for Combined Sub-District against the Queensland team, the Downs. They were C. Walker, J. Barrett, G. Williams and R. Hellyar. J. McNicol was selected but had to withdraw due to injuries. The match was played on the Sports Ground as a curtain raiser to the All Blacks vs Sydney game. The Combined team had a convincing victory with C. Walker and G. Williams scoring a try each, and the rest of our representatives playing sound football.

Our congratulations go to Lane Cove on winning the Kentwell and Judd Cups as well as the Club Championship. Also to Colleagues on winning the Burke Cup and Bondi Life Savers on taking out the Whiddon Cup.

I would like to thank my sub-committee and the coaches for their effort during the year, also those regular supporters who help to make our games more worthwhile.

To win any premierships next season, we will require more new players, and more dedication to training and condition. We must now strive to put the Briars football back to the standard maintained by our 1963-64 teams.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

Lane Cove	275
Colleagues	241
Lindfield	236
Newington O.B.	228
Briars	201
Kings O.B.	144
Trinity O.B.	124
Smithfield	128
Petersham	127
Knox O.B.	124
C.B.C. Bank	119
Bank of N.S.W.	115

KENTWELL CUP TEAM 1968

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Draw</u>	<u>Bye</u>	<u>Points For</u>	<u>Points Against</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
16	12	2	2	2	217	113	30	3rd (Overall)

The 1968 Kentwell Cup Team must rate as one of the strongest ever Briars football teams. It was both fortunate

and appropriate that this was so - fortunate since the overall football strength of the Club was not great and the team's successes were encouraging in an otherwise disappointing year - appropriate since it was the 50th year of Briars Club organisation, the Club having demonstrated prowess on the football field for many years.

The season can fairly be divided into two. In the first part (slightly more than one half of the competition) we had a fast mobile team with variable ball-winning skill in the forwards and reasonable, though unpredictable try-scoring ability in the backs, associated with unreliable goal kicking ability.

The second part of the season saw us with a generally more solid, experienced - though less mobile pack with phenomenal ball-winning ability from set play but limited mobility to the loose ball. The back line, disrupted by the loss of their half-back, a large number of unfortunate and inopportune injuries to key players at vital times and some perhaps precipitate selection changes, did not really get going for any prolonged period of time. Our try-scoring ability remained unpredictable and we came to rely, I think too heavily, on the fantastic goal scoring ability of Mike MacKenroth to tip the balance of some very close games in our favour.

To select individual performers and performances is fraught with danger and is all too "personal", but the pattern of previous reports forces me to make several.

Chris Walker came out of "summer retirement" to prove his football ability in a new position. He was disappointed by our failure to clinch the Kentwell Cup but should be encouraged by several excellent games in the centre, some quite remarkable goal kicking (on several occasions) and consistently superior captaincy.

The Club acquired the second of two ex-first grade and representative players (the first being Peter Wakeford) in recent years when Peter Bloomfield came out of the blue to join the team. While even Peter will admit his limitations, we must admit that his potential brilliance was a constant source of hope to many followers (and the coach) through some closely fought mid-season games. If we manage to influence him to "gear up" with us again next season, by which time he will have become used to the pattern (or lack thereof) of Kentwell Cup football, we should see the consistent brilliance of his football ability.

John McNicol is without doubt the best sub-district forward I have ever seen. He fitted himself to a pattern of deep cover defence without seeming to absent himself from our forward attack, worked some excellent moves from scrums and won a large amount of set play and "good" loose ball for the team. I have no doubt he could play first grade Rugby - perhaps he will. Though this would be unfortunate for the Club temporarily, I am sure we would be proud to see him in this "slightly" more exacting role where his potential could be more fully realised.

As far as I can ascertain no Briars Club member has ever scored more points in one season of football than Mike MacKenroth did in 1968. We acquired him from the Burke Cup team in part two of the season when "young Stan" was unfortunately injured. He was not so mobile as McGregor, nor was he as experienced, but those vital points against Lindfield were worth both of these - even Stan agreed with this! By the end of the season his value as a forward alone probably justified his inclusion in the team and we can expect great things from him in 1969.

I will mention only a few other individuals from the "squad" of 29 players who appeared in our team during the season.

That veteran Barrett had an excellent season and I suspect that he is yet to reach his peak as a forward. There is little need to doubt his skill as a forward leader - the superb tight play of the forwards was sufficient evidence of this.

Greg Williams had enough superb games to confirm his excellence. A little more ball playing would see him as first grade (senior) material.

Casey Joose had a good season for a "first up" in the big time. He will be a major force in 1969, with his line-out dominance more marked than this year.

We did not see the best of Dick Crookes this year - illness, injury (and, perhaps marriage) saw to that. It is rumoured that an after-season game in Forbes saw Dick display brilliant try scoring ability - watch out Lane Cove and Newington in 1969.

Bob Hellyar was our only consistent ball chaser. His skill in this department will keep him in the first grade in the face of a changing pattern of Rugby which favours tall men in breakaway.

Finally two players who had excellent seasons, Mike Elder and John Wearne. The former had one of his best seasons at full-back, despite suffering setbacks due to injury and "adventurous" selection. The latter went from strength to strength during the season and on occasions showed remarkable speed for an old man.

We were excellently served by hookers this season with little difference in ability between Dalton, Cooper and Walsh - each of whom would play Kentwell Cup for any of the opposition teams.

As "horses to watch" for 1969 I suggest: Twemlow and Willock - the "old" and the young.

A season during which we incurred only four defeats deserved a better fate. I am satisfied with two things - to have seen the team members enjoy their game and each others company and to have enjoyed these pleasures myself. Having now decided to change to a refereeing career (what hypocrisy!) I doubt whether I will ever coach a team again.

I thank the Club for the honour of being allowed to coach such an excellent team without the lower grade ground work which is required of most other "applicants". The coaches of lower grade teams deserve my gratitude for the way in which they responded to demands, often precipitate, on their selected team members - Bill Leckie was particularly long suffering. He no sooner smoothed the rough corners off Mackenroth, Walsh, Harley, Crookes, Blair and Edmonds than they had been whisked away.

Finally might I make a suggestion that the Club should not confine its membership efforts to school leavers but should look to senior Clubs like University and Drummoyne, for example, for players "on the way down" - as I was 7 years ago when my valued association with the Club began. Exchange of our best young "up and coming" could be compensated by the acquisition of experienced, mature members from these sources.

Other players who appeared throughout the season were:-

J. Edmonds, R. Holt, B. Ottaway, C. Keay, G. Green, W. Palmer, S. Roberts, L. Dytor, M. Goldsmith, D. Joy, M. Harley and I. Blair.

BURKE CUP

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Points</u>		<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
				<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>		
18	5	13	-	100	192	10	8th in div.

Players: M. Elder, T. Moyes, D. Jamieson, R. Willock, G. Cowper, D. Fulham, I. Blair, D. Joy, D. Crawford, J. Staniforth, J. Bray, M. Harley, J. Dalton, C. Hickey, G. Hickey, J. Edmonds, B. Ray, C. Keay, G. Green, M. McKenroth, R. Crookes, J. Cooper, K. Maughan, B. Walsh, W. Palmer, K. Beh, L. Dytor, J. Metcalf, M. Goldsmith, M. Twemlow, M. Humphries, C. Carnegie, I. McGregor, G. Rolleston, S. Roberts, P. Stewart, W. Leckie, J. Edwards, N. Jones, C. Joosse.

The abovementioned 40 players represented Burke Cup this season, a factor contributing to the poor results recorded. However, during the season we did field a basic nucleus of 8-9 players in each game.

The team mainly lacked the presence of 2-3 mobile, experienced, confident forwards in each match who could be relied upon to lead the remainder of the forwards and so win a fair share of possession. Our forwards generally lacked drive, mobility and non-stop 80 min. football.

The backs mainly lacked variation and good positional play, this was possibly brought about by the variations in positions experienced by some players and lack of confidence.

To conclude, this team improved from Whiddon Cup standard to Burke Cup standard often but inconsistently. Most players learnt more and gained more confidence during the season. The team consisted of many young players whose game improved and in seasons to come will be able to take their place in Kentwell Cup. A word of thanks must go to Craig Hickey and Kevin Maughan, the Captain and Vice-Captain whose attendance at training and example they set on the field in keenness and determination was in the true spirit of The Briars.

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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>
18	7	7	4	111	131	18	6th in div.

A fair indication of the strength of our Whiddon Cup side this year was the fact that John Singleton had to be called upon to play a game against Lane Cove as a hooker.

His scrummaging and speed to the loose ball were only surpassed by his line-out know-how. He was not sent off.

As is usual in a Briars lower grade we had about 358 people play at different times throughout the season and

just about every one of them played out of position, through necessity, at some time.

In the early part of the season, before Kentwell and Burke talent scouts sent out offers, we had the making of a good side. We were, in fact, only beaten twice in the first round. Then the rot set in.

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Our best game was a 12-6 win against Newington in the second round. Although all our points were from Rollo's boot the team showed more determination than in any other match and with an ounce of luck we would have scored two tries.

Our congratulations to Petersham in winning the "A" division and to Bondi Lifesavers who took out the cup in the final.

The team for the majority of the season was:-

TIM MOYES (Fullback): Never claimed to be a Lenehan but filled this spot safely and well without complaint. Stopped his share of tries.

JOHN EDWARDS (Winger): Played the man instead of the ball too often. More thought and determination to use speed would improve game.

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GRAHAM ROLLESTON (Inside Centre): Kept booting them over every game. Safe, reliable player who backs up well.

BOB GRAFF (Half): Ran elusively all over the place all year. Trouble was no one could follow him. Good service, aggressive tackler.

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JUDD CUP

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At the beginning of the season this team looked anything but promising. As the season progressed, we started to win a few games, although losing to some of the teams we should have beaten. We managed to end up fifth in the 'A' Division.

The team was a young and inexperienced one and there was a great tendency to play as individuals and not as a unit.

Attendance at training was very poor; had there been more keenness in training we would have easily made the final four.

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M. MATHEWS (Full Back): Captained the side in the early games, but unfortunately he could not train, nevertheless he managed to get a game most weeks and performed very well.

N. JONES (Utility): Used his speed well to harass the opponents and get onto the loose ball. 1969 should see Neil playing in higher grades.

R. MURPHY (Utility): Played some good games in various positions. With a bit more weight will make a good break-away.

B. STEVENS (Utility): Brian has some talent and plays in just about every position. Always assured of a game.

R. VANDERFIELD (Hooker and Breakaway): Plays breakaway a lot better than hooker; a little more weight would not go astray.

P. STEWART (Hooker): Took a long time to get fit and won more than his fair share of the scrums.

P. JOHNSON (Prop): A good forward who requires a bit more experience. He was one of the fittest players in the team.

J. WITHERIFF (Lock): Did everything asked of him and turned in a great season. Tackled well on many occasions.

P. MACKAY (Wing): Had a good season. Will score more tries with experience (especially handling). Has a lot of pace.

I. NEILLY ($\frac{3}{4}$ and Centre): Had a good season. Ran very hard and handled well.

B. CAMERON (Full Back): Played sound football when not injured. Tackling and kicking were of high standard.

B. RAY (Breakaway): Was just getting into the swing of the game when he had to go overseas. A solid hard running player.

I. BURKHART (Utility back and Lock): Ian joined mid-way through the season and was playing good football when injuries forced him to retire. Very good in defence.

M. TWENLOW (Second Row): Joined this season at the age of 31. He played to such a standard that at the end of the season we saw him in Kentwell Cup. A very useful player.

Others who played during the season were:-

J. Metcalf, J. Sheppard, G. Rolleston, L. England, M. Goldsmith, G. Ahearn, A. Carless, B. Lockett, M. Melville, J. Singleton, D. Kerrigan, B. Tyndall, G. Hickey, S. Roberts, J. Cooper, W. McLaughlin, J. Middleton, G. Green, D. Walker,

C. McMonnies, C. Carnegie, W. Palmer, E. Callaghan,
R. Graff.

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HOCKEY 1968

Committee: K. Willis (Chairman), R. Larkin, I. Trevenar,
I. Sullivan, J. Scott, J. Crockart, B. Trevenar.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The past season again showed the Briar's Hockey was continuing to improve steadily. The results of 1968 are the best since entering Second Division some years ago and we are gradually improving the standard of our lower grades.

For the first time, the clubs' A grade side made the semi-finals after finishing a well deserved third in the competition. They were not disgraced in losing 3-2 to the eventual Premiers, Randwick. In fact the A grade side defeated every team in the competition at least once and looks our strong chance for a premiership next season.

Our two other teams were not able to match the A's record however each team showed they are beginning to learn the fundamentals of the game and put them into practice on the field.

In particular I would like to welcome all those new member's who decided to play hockey during this past year. Since the new member's drive a season or so ago the number playing hockey has increased by almost a third and this factor as much as any is responsible for the improvement in our game.

Once again a contingent of fifteen or so hardy souls braved the chill winds and made the trip west to the Lithgow Carnival early in May. As usual we won a couple and lost a couple, in the process earning a place in the semi-finals. The opposition however proved much too strong for our composite side and we lost 4-1.

For the first time, the Club Rooms were made available for the SHA Umpires Lectures conducted by John Gray and though the response was a little disappointing, we now have three Sydney Umpires. Col Aikman, Dave Walker and Ray Larkin being the successful applicants and my congratulations to each of them.

Following the series of lectures, John Gray then obtained the Rothmans Coaching film for viewing and this nicely rounded off the lectures and provided many players with a better understanding of the fundamentals of our rather involved game.

To John must go our Clubs' appreciation for his efforts and the amount of time spent with us. Without him, I'm sure our three successful candidates would have found the job much harder.

As part of our celebrations marking the Fiftieth Anniversary a match between the President's and Secretary's XI was arranged and saw the return to hockey of many ex-players who proved our many premiership wins in the good old days were not flukes. What they lacked in speed, they more than made up for in craftiness and experience. A fortuitous 2-2 draw was obtained by some conniving on the part of the umpires and impossibly poor play by the Presidents XI in the dying minutes of the match.

Despite this connivance, the game produced a fast and mostly clean exhibition of hockey which was greatly appreciated by the Rugby fraternity in attendance. In all a fitting celebration for our 50th Anniversary.

BARTON 1968

The annual Briars-Barton Clash this year took place in Canberra and a total of 55 Briars, wives, girlfriends, children, etc., made the trip. As usual we were looked after in superlative fashion by the Ainslie Rex who staged a very successful cabaret on Saturday evening.

For the first time 3 games were played between the two clubs and Briars lost the lot. In the opening game we were narrowly beaten 2-1, Ross Swain, an ex-Briar scoring our only goal.

In the second match Briars were again on the receiving end, losing 4-1. Our main fault was the usual Canberra fever, too much, too quickly. In the main game Barton won 3-1.

It was apparent that on their home territory Barton are the better team; however this also applies to Briars in Sydney and with the improvement shown over the last few seasons Barton should find things extremely difficult to beat us at home.

Following the Matches we were entertained at the CWA rooms and after a particularly enjoyable luncheon, the presentations were made to the winning teams.

Following the presentation of trophies, the Briars President, Mr. G. Whiddon, spoke upon the close ties between the two clubs and at the conclusion presented a Briars Club tie to the Barton President, Jack Welsh.

On behalf of all our players, I extend our thanks to the Burwood Council for the use of Burwood Park and to Frank and Robin Payne for the job they did with the equipment.

As this is my last year as Chairman, I would like to extend my personal thanks to all those who worked on the Hockey Sub-Committee and made my life so much easier.

FIRST GRADE

<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Draw</u>	<u>Goals For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
13	4	1	56	23	27	3rd

Our first semi-final in Second Division. It has taken us a few years but it was worth waiting for. At Rydalmere Hospital on August 31st, Briars played the minor premiers, Randwick in the first semi-final and were unlucky to go down 3-2. Briars scored the first and last goals but Randwick scored 3 late in the first half which was enough.

That the team made the semi-finals is a reflection on the way the individual players applied themselves. Until the second round we were desperate for a couple of positions especially centre-forward and fullback. Dave Walker was hospitalised after 3 games and missed 8 which proved costly. On our second round form we could have been minor premiers however this was not our year so we can only work harder next season.

We opened the competition on a bright note by downing the eventual minor premiers, Randwick, 3 goals to 2. This match was remarkable in that 9 penalty corners were given away by Briars yet Randwick could only score from the very last. Incredible saves by our defence kept Randwick down to one goal whilst Geoff Gorton, Dave Walker and P. Richardson scored for us. We lost inside right Lindsay Thomas after five minutes and our hopes slumped, however Pete Mansford proved an able replacement and we deserved our win if for no other reason than we never stopped trying.

In the following games Briars were not able to hold this winning form. Although good wins against St. George and RAAF were recorded, we were rather well beaten by Easts and narrowly lost to West.

The East game was probably our worst all season and the less said the better. Sufficient to say Dave Walker was badly missed.

The West game proved one thing. If you can't score you can't win and Briars didn't score. It was not from lack

of opportunity, just lack of concentration as Wests had 2 shots and scored one, the other being disallowed.

In the remaining games we recorded good wins against Sydney University, Manly and Nirimba but were soundly thrashed by Canterbury in a very rough game which resulted in Col Aikman receiving a badly dented nose and a Canterbury player sent off.

At the end of the first round we were holding down 4th place although we were in a rather precarious position. Randwick, Canterbury and Wests ahead and Sydney University and Manly close behind.

We began the second round with a loss to Randwick but this was to be the only defeat in the second round.

One all with ten minutes to go and we looked like pulling another surprise on Randwick. This was not to be however, as Randwick scored two quick goals in the last few minutes to win the match and keep ahead of Canterbury in the race for the minor premiership.

The highlights of the second round were undoubtedly the eleven nil win against Easts and the defeat of Canterbury.

St. George proved out of their depth against us and we virtually won as we pleased, being content with 5 goals to nil.

RAAF were unable to attend Burwood Park because of the petrol strike and because of a technicality we were not awarded points for this match.

Against Easts we really ran riot. Eleven goals, albeit Easts played one short. Lindsay Thomas had a field day scoring 6 goals and all other forwards netted at least once. This was a just revenge for our earlier defeat by East.

The following week we easily accounted for Wests winning 5 goals to one. Wests virtually threw the game away in the first few minutes when they would not adjust their game to the umpires severe interpretation of the rules.

Sydney University proved the toughest nut to crack and the resulting nil all draw was indicative of the game. Both teams were evenly matched and both were unfortunate to have goals disallowed.

In the remaining 3 games Briars notched wins against Canterbury, 2-0; Manly 1-0 and Nirimba 4-0. Against Canterbury we had the advantage of Burwood Park and coupled with good

umpires, Canterbury were never able to employ their usual bustling tactics which in the past have upset us no end. Manly looked like holding us to a score-less draw, however we managed to score late in the second half to narrowly win. Nirimba apparently are no longer the team of a season ago and we had no trouble at all to win 4-0.

The remarkable thing about the second round was our improved form. We lost the one match to Randwick and only conceded four goals whilst scoring 32. This shows tremendous understanding between the backs and augers well for the next couple of seasons. As well we finally have forwards who can score goals which has been a "Briar bogie" for many seasons.

Dave streeter was undoubtedly the key man and since his switch to right wing has had a tremendous impact on the team. Ably supported by Lindsay Thomas and the rest of the forward line, he has proved a menace to opposing backs.

The half line of Larkin, Partington and Cox performed with their usual competence proving teamwork is definitely the answer to a fast attacking forward line. Perhaps they concentrated too much on defence but who can argue with results.

Our final line of defence, Col Aikman had a mixed year and still does not have the patience to be a great goalie however with Dave Walkers steady influence this lack of patience has rarely proved costly. Jock Scott is another who lacks patience however he more than makes up for this with his robust work in defence.

All told 1968 was a great season. Luck deserted us in the semi-final but we finally got there so we can always try again next season.

Our congratulations to Randwick on their premiership win and our condolences to the runners up, Canterbury.

Randwick will again be favoured to take out the premiership after narrowly losing the relegation matches to Gordon and we look forward to meeting them again in the coming season.

One final word. Briars this year can boast they are the only team in Sydney with 3 brothers playing together. Geoff, Bob and Dave Streeter have proved great assets to the club and we look forward to seeing them in the first grade side for many years to come.

SECOND GRADE

<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Draw</u>	<u>Goals For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Points</u>
5	11	2	36	44	12

Lack of enthusiasm was probably the main reason for such a poor showing by the seconds.

This year has been an enjoyable season as far as having a game of hockey on a Saturday afternoon but our efforts in the competition were rather disappointing.

In last year's report, it was stressed that training facilities would be available for all players; however most second graders were content to let the first graders do their training for them.

Early in the season Seconds were scoring with ease and the team was playing good hockey. Possibly a team without changes could have given a better result, however the selectors were forced to make many changes to the side so the results are not as bad as they look.

The unfortunate part of our team is our lack of ambition and this was evident in many games. Players with first grade ability were content to play with seconds and rarely made any effort to lift their game and force their way into the first grade side.

Goals as usual proved a problem in the second half and at no time did we look like pulling matches out of the fire. When leading, the team was able to hold its own but whenever we were down we lacked fire and the ruthlessness to fight back.

The high points of the season were undoubtedly the win against Glebe in the second round when we won 2-1 and the 9-0 win against Ryde in the early round. In both these games the team played together and proved that teamwork can win games even without ability.

It was pleasing to note the promotion of Jock Scott to the first grade. Jock proved he could fill the bill and showed the way for other second graders.

Newcomers to the team were Bob Neuhaus and Ian Neal who more than pulled their weight with the side. Bob Neuhaus became a goalie by accident and proved an able addition to the team. Ian Neal, specialising at centre half took some time to accustom himself to our offside style of play, however he soon found this style has its advantages and by the end of the season had become expert in its use.

Tony Coates is another newcomer to the club and occupied his time with second and third grade appearances. He made his presence felt both as a half and inside forward and with coaching could prove first grade material.

Old faithfuls such as Ken Willis and Ian Sullivan continued the work of blending youth and experience. Regrettably training was not a popular pastime with most members as the team and consequently their efforts were somewhat wasted.

Geoff Streeter continued the good progress he showed in previous seasons and made several first grade appearances. In fact against Nirimba in the final match he scored all four goals!

In all, the teams' lack of interest in training proved costly and until this attitude changes nothing further can be expected from the team. It's about time we woke up to ourselves and got up off our behinds. The team has the ability but just didn't make the effort.

THIRD GRADE

<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Goals For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Points</u>
5	11	2	16	51	12

It was encouraging to see the many new players taking up hockey this year and their contribution to the game was impressive. Perhaps the two who came most to mind are Peter Barlett and Bob Neuhaus.

Bob did not stay long in Thirds following his impressive display at Lithgow as goalie. At present, Seconds are making good use of him and he should make a fine goalie with a little tuition.

Peter is an ex-footballer who decided to try hockey after having leg trouble. Peter, who has a good turn of speed, has made his presence felt both on the field and with his assistance to the hockey committee, making possible the viewing of the Rothmans coaching film.

Other new hockey players in the thirds were Peter Thornborrow and Tony Coates. Pete had some trouble mastering the rules but has now settled down to a steady game. Tony Coates has had some experience and Seconds had no hesitation in using him whenever the need arose.

The Thirds were well supported by the older members such as Kev. Bell and Col Willis, both of whom were not always available but who always added much needed thrust to the team.

We still lack experience and until we convince all our players that training is a must we remain resigned to the fact we are only beginners. Coaching is the answer but here we have the old story. Coaches are available but nobody trains.

On the bright side however we must remember we are finally learning to score goals and no longer take the field without eleven players.

Because of a fairly successful drive for new members conducted by the Club over the past few years we now field three full teams and are in the happy position of having players over.

Should this continue the standard of hockey must improve and coupled with the additional games at the Barton fixture, third grade will have come of age.

One thing third graders must remember is that there is only ONE captain and he alone should criticize and encourage the players during the game. Too often players are rubbished by their team-mates and this can only cause dissension in the team.

Remember one captain per team is more than enough. Direct your efforts towards the team and if you need to talk, talk to yourself.

Result-wise the season was an improvement on 1967 however the margin was small and coaching is the obvious answer. However training is not a popular pastime and until this attitude changes little will be accomplished.

In conclusion I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who made 1968 such a good season. Without their efforts hockey would not flourish and the Briar spirit evident in all Hockey attempts would die out.

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Committee: M. Elder, C. Mitchell, A. Clifford, J. Richards.

Those who participated this year again and for the first time, all had enjoyable days on the three occasions that we played; twice at Leura and once at Concord, our first week-day game.

As usual, we had our share of burglars, the most notable this year being the Walker brothers, David and Neal, and "Tiny" Gorton (this is no reflection on all our cricketers), all of whom managed to "win" something at one time or another.

By the time you read this we will have had our fourth game for this year, which will be a mixed day with picnic outing as well as our usual members round. This event will be held at Mungerie Park, Rouse Hill and we hope it is a huge success and is followed by many more.

Lastly I would like to extend my thanks to those who assisted me this year, namely my Committee, Bill Elder and Ross Anstey, the latter who took over the Concord game in my absence.

Thanks also to our old friends at the Leura Club for their usual excellent hospitality, Concord Golf Club and lastly the Mungerie Park management.

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SQUASH REPORT

The word Squash has been heard more in the Club in 1968 than in all the previous 10 years of the games existence put together. Someone suggested it be made a Major Sport and the battle has raged on ever since, but a decision has been reached by BOARD and despite rumblings and mutterings Squash will not be a Major Sport for the time being.

Back to the game and in our own modest way we can say that Squash has shown greater strength than ever before with four teams and 22 active players and a distinct improvement in some of our younger newer players. In fact the Competitions this year provided encouraging results shown particularly in the C3 team led by CHARLIE McMONNIES who could well win this competition after having made the semi-finals quite comfortably. All credit to the team as they were not given a great chance at the beginning of the competition being a completely new team and upgraded against stronger opposition.

Bruce Trevenar took over the C5 Team who were basically newbies and although they are not up with the winners gave a good report of themselves keeping their semi-final hopes open until the second last game. Thanks Bruce for sacrificing your ambitions to coach and assist these newer players.

C1 team found the going somewhat harder against what is always a difficult grade, however when you have 8 matches all finishing at two all and being decided by games or points the team must have been trying and may have been a little unlucky overall.

Our B3 team must get the biggest paragraph as I play there and if we do not I may not be playing there. John McNicol is our Captain. We also made the semi-finals which is not surprising with the wealth of untapped talent present if they work hard, the captain worries about his players who reside at the Newport Arms and who can blame him. Still we were the only team to beat the leaders in this Competition so let's hope we can join the C3 team and make it a great year for Squash.

The Club Championships were held in June-July and won by Ray Pontifex with John McNicol runner up and if you ask them the opposition was extremely fit and keen, but if you doubt their ability see you July 1969;

Finally thanks to BILL McLAUGHLIN for use of his courts particularly on Sunday morning which has made a great difference to our fitness. Our finances are sound but if we win well Champagne is well worth it. See you poor but fit next year.

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SKI LODGE THREDBO

1968 must go down as one of the best years for skiing for some time both from the length of the season and the quality of the snow. For those who did not participate the first good snow came at the beginning of May and at the time of writing end of October was still in abundance although skiing is now officially finished.

We had our fair share of blizzards and bad weather but overall particularly in the beginning of the season the weather was excellent.

Two new members joined the ranks this year and the Club remains open to any others interested. Summer is being heavily promoted this year by Kosciusko-Thredbo Ltd. and they are going to great lengths to see that there is plenty to keep the visitors happy. Remember Briars members are welcome to use the Lodge. For those interested we must surely have a working bee next Easter.

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SOCIAL HAPPENINGS (From the Society Spy)

What a busy little year it's been. One mad whirl after another. Hardly had time to be seen at Polo or dash off to Threddy for a quick ski.

But then apres footy, apres hockey, and apres cricket

was very "in" this year.

(Apres anything was, come to think of it).

Centre of it all this year was Briars After Dinner. What a place. Just done over and out of this world: It all happened:

April 13th: Saw those darling rubber band boys again (when they get instruments they'll be even better). Everyone was there except Marcel who had to cancel out for a Bowral bash.

May 18th: We had apres ski without snow. That brilliant Ross A inspired it. What a night! We only had 3 broken legs (one shouldn't try to ski downstairs).

June 15th: Beef and Burgundy. Really the highlight of the social year because it was so expensive. Beautiful dirty nad bottled the week before. Louder dinner music is coming in.

November 23rd: What should have been a testimonial for Jackie Balmforth developed into the last drinkies and eaties of the year. Still there's always Palm Beach in the summer.

My thanks to those splendid chaps who, already heavily in demand found time to squeeze in my committee work.

I feel we have established Briars as an almost socially acceptable club. Something it has needed for years.

P.S. Found time to attend the 50th Annual Ball at Menzies on July, 6th.

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IMPRESSIONS OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER BY S. J. McGREGOR

Our deepest sympathy goes out to all Briars, past and present, who were absent from the fabulous 50th Anniversary Dinner.

It was a fitting climax to a year of well organised functions, which were held at intervals during the past twelve months, commencing with the Inaugural Dinner in August, 1967, and including among the highlights the Church Service at St. Anne's Strathfield, and the Anniversary Ball at Menzies Hotel.

The success of all these functions was due to the tremendous amount of work put in by the Anniversary Committee, headed initially by Aud Land and later by Bill

Elder, which included representatives of every age group in the Club. In organising the final dinner, experts in their field (liquid consumption) such as Andy Clifford and John Wearne, were able, by the use of computers, to estimate to the last fluid ounce the liquid refreshments required by the largest gathering of Briars ever to assemble under the one roof.

These experts, with typical generosity, did not forget the soft drink addicts like Lemonade Land, Passiona Prowse and Ginger Ale Geoffrey, and suitable provision was made to keep them happy.

When the guest speaker, Chief Justice Sir Leslie Herron rose to propose the toast of "The Briars Sporting Club" he stated that he looked out upon as fine a cross-section of the citizens of this State as it had ever been his pleasure to address. With typical Briars modesty, this remark was greeted with a storm of applause.

At least ninety-five percent of the gathering were past or present members, and included men who have made their mark in the business, legal and medical worlds. Among those present was a Judge of the Supreme Court, and Chairman of the N.S.W. Public Service Board, modestly accepting congratulations on his recently acquired knighthood.

The choice of Sir Leslie as guest speaker was an inspiration. In his younger days, a rower and first grade Rugby footballer, and later on a fine administrator in such varied fields of sport as Swimming, Football and Golf, his interest in the Club stemming from the time his younger brother, Alan, was a member. He is a typical example of the interest most leading men of this State take in sport generally. As an after dinner speaker, just let it be said that he is of the Menzies tradition.

President Geoff Whiddon responded and welcomed the official guests from the N.S.W., Sydney and Sub-District Rugby Unions, the State Cricket and Hockey Associations, the Mayors of Burwood and Concord - Alderman Les Davis, the Mayor of Concord, being present in a dual capacity, his official one and as a member of the Club - and last, but not least, the Presidents of the Western Suburbs Rugby and Cricket Clubs.

The highlight of the President's remarks came when he mentioned the debt owed to the Club over the past fifty years to one, Bob Clark. The gathering rose as one man and paid spontaneous tribute to our Elder Statesman. A similar burst of applause later on greeted the name of to-day's Secretary, Ted Stockdale.

The gathering was so large, somewhere in the vicinity of 270, and there was so much movement, that the writer found it difficult to speak to even a few old friends, but, for the statistically minded, here are a few figures of interest.

Give or take a man or two, there were present at least nine members of the 1923 first competition football team, seven members of the 1922/1923 first competition cricket team, seven members of the first football premiership side (Burke Cup 1925) and a similar number of the first cricket premiership team (C Grade Junior, 1924/25). The Burke Cup 1934 Premiers topped the list with eleven men present. Hockeys Minor "A" Grade Premiers of 1950 were represented by nine members. Every premiership side since, be it Cricket, football or Hockey, had its representation at the gathering.

In short, gentlemen, it was a night to remember.

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CLUB ROOMS

Bar trading figures during the year set new records, brought about, we feel, by the more comfortable conditions provided, following the alterations carried out to the premises, which were completed in December last.

Following the installation of the new bar equipment, a most satisfactory service was provided, following early teething troubles, and it can be said that the new system has proved a success. Apart from the important aspect of temperature fluctuation, which became apparent under peak conditions in the old plant, the present set up has almost eliminated waste.

We are thankful to Mr. Don Walker and his able henchman, Ted Mitchell, who helped us through our initial troubles.

We have not yet completely disposed of shortages, which were referred to as a disturbing feature in last year's report, but we are pleased to say that these have decreased to a marked degree.

Attendances mid week have generally been very good, and we are grateful to the pre-dinner stewards - Messrs. L. England, R. Hellyer, J. Scott and B. Stevens for their conscientious work.

Ian McGregor and Ian Sullivan retired as "regular"

stewards during the year, and we also thank them for a job well done.

Saturday night trading during the football season was still hectic, but a vast improvement over past years, and service delays were rare, which is surprising really when it is realised that the stewards usually on duty were comparatively inexperienced and had to learn the hard way. They did very well indeed and, while we cannot name the various members who assisted - they were so many and varied - we do thank them all.

In addition to the regular pre-dinner stewards, we are indebted to the undermentioned, who attended to bar duties on late Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings:-

Messrs. R. Anstey, A. Burford, P. Brand, I. Bailey, B. Cardwell, J. Crockart, M. Elder, J. Fripp, G. Gorton, G. Green, G. Hickey, C. J. Jones, R. Larkin, J. Metcalf, J. Richards, P. Stewart, R. Streeter, G. Trevenar, D. A. Walker, C. Walker, J. Wearne, A. Clifford, R. Crookes, I. R. McGregor, W. Partington and G. Williams.

Finally, we must not forget John Wearne, particularly, and Bruce Trevenar, for their assistance in many ways.

Deliveries: Mr. Bill Simes and his nephew, Bruce, were again understanding and patient in taking delivery of our supplies, and we are appreciative of their goodness in this essential work.

Cleaning: This service has been satisfactorily carried out on two mornings each week by an outside cleaner.

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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>

This trophy has been won jointly by Jack Balmforth and Peter Richardson.

Jack is Cricket Chairman, and by virtue of this position is on Management Committee.

Cricket, under his chairmanship, is well organised, but it is as an all round administrator that the Club reaps the benefit of Jack's abilities. He has worked on many sub-committees, acted as an alternate Director, and his advice is always well founded. Joining the Club rather later than usual, following transfer to his present employment from Yorkshire, he has made such an impact in the administration field (and, indeed, in the sporting field, too) that Committee now considers "older" members, who can still qualify for membership by playing sport, can be of great value to the Club.

Peter Richardson is well known in the Club. He won this award last year, as well as the J. H. Stone Trophy; is the Club Treasurer, and plays cricket and hockey capably. Unlike Jack, Peter joined the club as a schoolboy, made his mark as a sensible young man and the Club would be the richer for more of his type in character and administrative ability.

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 John Wearne.

John is Football Chairman, a member of the Kentwell Cup team and a hard worker on Management Committee. Had the unenviable job of taking over as Football Chairman from the late Peter Darragh. To his credit, he volunteered for the job and has carried this out in a most conscientious manner, despite the many disappointments that came his way during the season.

John also carries out considerable work behind the scenes in bar operations. His win was a happy choice.

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>

David Walker is the winner this year. Captain of the "A" team, which performed so creditably in making the semi-finals. One of the major factors of the team's success was his drive and the personality to have his decisions observed without question. Off the field he also saw to it that his team was a happy one.

David was also captain of the "A" Shire cricket team and, all in all, is a worthy winner of this fine trophy.

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 trophy was won by Ian Blair this year. Ian is the Club's Assistant Treasurer, as well as being a member of the Kentwell Cup football team and the "B" Shire cricket team. We are sure that the judges' decision will meet with the universal approval of the members.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Engagements: Andrew Clifford
Bob Holt
Charles McMonnies
Ted Callaghan
Warwick Harper

Marriages: Grant Hickey
 Dick Crookes
 Ian Bailey
 Ken Beh
 Jack Cooper
 Frank Payne
 Graeme Trevenar
 Kerry Trollope
 David J. Walker

Births: Roger Kerr (a son)
 Greg McIntyre " "
 Dave Edmonds " "
 Dave Lindsay " "
 Mike Mathews (a daughter)
 Graeme Morgan " "
 Trevor Parker " "
 Chris Walker " "
 John Wearne " "

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ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Directors met on 13 occasions during the year (October to September). Attendance was as under:-

R. Clark x	10	D. Prowse	11
W. Elder	9	E. Stockdale	12
A. Land	11	G. Whiddon	12
H. Lennartz	10	B. Williams	5 ø

x D. Williams attended 3 meetings as alternate while R. Clark was overseas.

ø Sick leave February/June inclusive.

P. Richardson as Treasurer attended 7 meetings.

Management Committee met on 13 occasions during the year (October to September) and attendances were as under:-

R. Anstey	11	P. Richardson	9
I. Bailey xx	6	E. Stockdale	11
J. Balmforth	13	B. Trevenar	9
M. Elder	9	J. Wearne	13
G. Hickey	11	G. Whiddon xx	10
C. Jones x	3	K. Willis	12
R. Larkin ø	1	B. Williams x	3
B. Ray xx	7		

- x Resigned December.
- xx Appointed January.
- ø Hockey Chairman Designate 1969.

I. Blair attended 2 meetings on behalf of the Treasurer.

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ADDENDUM

I wish to convey my personal appreciation and thanks to all the Honorary Office Bearers for their loyal and devoted service during the year.

This applies in particular to the Hon. Executive Officer, Ted Stockdale & members of the Board and Management Committee. It is appropriate this year to say thank you to Bob Clark for his devoted attention to the Club generally and the work that he has done behind the scenes.

GEOFF WHIDDON
President

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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 Management Committee.

H. G. WHIDDON, President.

E. G. STOCKDALE, Chief Executive Officer.

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THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

FINANCE

The Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th September, 1968, 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 \$1,275 compared with a surplus of \$1,966 in respect of the previous year.

During the year under review additional expenditure on maintenance of clubroom associated with the building extension (\$900), loss on Bar Equipment replaced (\$456) and expenditure on Fiftieth Anniversary Functions (\$281) were written off against revenue.

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, 1967 makes a total of \$1,400 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 & 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 LIMITED

CERTIFICATE BY DIRECTORS

We, Horace Geoffrey Whiddon 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, 1968, and that the accompanying Income & Expenditure 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 21st day of NOVEMBER, 1968.

Signed on behalf of the Board: H. G. WHIDDON } Directors
D. V. PROWSE }

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 Income & Expenditure 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 21st day }
of NOVEMBER, 1968 } BRUCE E. TREVENAR.
Before me: A. E. DUNCUM, J.P. }

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MEMBERS

In my opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet and accompanying Income & Expenditure Account are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1961-67 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,
SYDNEY.

C. G. JONES
Chartered Accountant
Registered under the Public Accountants
Registration Act, 1945, as amended

21st November, 1968

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1968

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BAR TRADING ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1968

1967		\$	\$	1967		\$	\$
444	Liquor Licence	482			Beer and Spirits		
288	Bar Expenses and Maintenance of Equipment	367		3656	Sales	14914	
119	Depreciation - Bar Equipment	465	1314		Less: Cost of Sales	9308	5606
	Profit on Trading Transferred to Income & Expenditure Account	4593			Cigarettes, Chocolates etc. Sales	1880	
3052				247	Less: Cost of Sales	1579	301
<u>\$3503</u>		<u>\$5907</u>		<u>\$3903</u>			<u>\$5907</u>

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1968

313	CRICKET			3052	Profit on Bar Trading		4593
314	Ground Hire & Registration	368			Cricket		
	Material	204	572	433	Batting Fees, etc.	447	
	HOCKEY				Hockey		
424	Registrations, Equipment, etc.		353	323	Ground Fees & Sales of Equipment	337	
	FOOTBALL				Football		
423	Ground Hire & Registrations	327		352	Registrations, Sales of Equipment, etc.	334	
272	Material & Equipment	118	445		Club Room Amusements		
	CLUB ROOM AMUSEMENTS			2	Billiards & Table Tennis	-	1118
62	Billiards & Table Tennis	72		1699	Member Subscriptions		1809
64	Loss on Social Activities	112	184	481	Interest Received		491
			1554		Property Income		
			281	1378	Rents Received		1378
	FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY FUNCTIONS						
	ADMINISTRATION & CLUB ROOM EXS.						
282	Lighting & Heating	399					
	Repairs, Maintenance & Club						
420	Room Expenses	1781					
376	Stationery, Stamps & Telephone	489					
186	Annual Reports	219					
120	Insurance	184					
53	General Expenses	58					
75	Donations & Presentations	59					
	Loss by Burglary not Recouped	56					
387	Depreciation - Furniture & Fittings	596	3841				
	PROPERTY EXPENSES						
43	General Expenses	-					
108	Engineers Consulting Fees	-					
399	Insurance	419					
442	Rates	457					
179	Repairs and Maintenance	154					
500	Premium for Surrender of Tenancy	-	1030				
112	DEBENTURE INTEREST		112				
	LOAN INTEREST		640				
200	PROVISION FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE		200				
	LOSS ON SALE OF BAR EQUIPMENT		456				
	EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 30/9/1968						
	TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT		1275				
1966							
<u>\$7720</u>		<u>\$9389</u>		<u>\$7720</u>			<u>\$9389</u>

