

51st ANNUAL REPORT
AND
BALANCE SHEET
1968-1969

The Briars
Sporting Club Limited
Burwood



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Presented to members at the Club Rooms,

30A George Street, Burwood,

on Friday 5th December, 1969.

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Gentlemen,

The 51st Annual Report & Balance Sheet is herewith presented for your approval and acceptance.

Following the glamour of our 50th Anniversary which will recall very happy memories in the minds of all members who were able to be present and participate in the various celebrations and to others that read about the happenings during the year.

The effort made and loyalty to the Club made by those members that travelled long distances from the country and interstate will always be remembered conveying the true "Briars Spirit" which we all cherish. The year under review has been one of normal activity with a very happy atmosphere existing amongst members.

It has been a year of consolidation and thanks to the past and present administration we are trading in a very satisfactory manner due to sound financial advice we are improving our financial position each year and at the same time adopting a policy of normal depreciation of our assets.

The Board of Directors allied with the Management Committee have endeavoured to improve the facilities and create more enjoyment for members.

The building alteration recently carried out has now had their full trial and it is felt that it is agreed that the expense involved was completely justified and the additional amenities and facilities have been much appreciated by members and their guests.

Once more we must express our sincerest appreciation to our local Municipal Authorities for their unbroken support over a very long period. We refer to the Burwood, Concord and Strathfield Councils.

An additional playing field is becoming a real necessity particularly for Cricket, this subject has been discussed by your administrators on many occasions but to date no practical suggestion has been found to solve the problem.

Further efforts are currently being made to further investigate the possibilities and we feel that we can look to the future with some optimism.

Briars have so much to offer prospective members in the form of comradeship, club facilities and sporting facilities of a wide variety. We have felt the establishment of Old Boys from various schools organising their own sporting interests which are commendable as such but we suggest that Briars have a lot more to offer on a long term basis.

Therefore it is suggested that every young member should inculcate these thoughts into the minds of their young friends with a view of adding strength to our present membership.

We do feel that our newer members are very aware of the ever increasing fellowship of "Briars Membership" which is so encouraging.

The past Cricket season ended on a very happy note and the current year has commenced in a similar manner.

Our thanks are once more due to a very efficient committee under the capable leadership of John Balmforth.

Once again there were no major successes but this aspect is not important where genuine sport is concerned.

The football season concluded also with no major successes but it must be conceded that we cannot always be on top. It is envisaged that a big effort will have to be made to solicit as much young talent as possible if we hope to restore our past strength in this very important sport.

The football sub-committee have done their best and we thank Jim Barrett and his committee for their efforts on behalf of the Club.

The Hockey sub-committee once more organised a successful season without winning any major awards. However, Hockey now provides sport for a section of members that are very valuable to the Club and we must express our gratitude originally to Bruce Trevenar and subsequently Ken Willis and Ray Larkin for their administration of the sport.

The Squash section had its best season to date and won the B3 Grade Western Division and then went on to win against North South and East. Congratulations to Ross Anstey and his supporters.

Socially we have had a very satisfactory year many enjoyable functions were organised including golf days.

The Annual Dinner held at Concord Golf Club was well attended which would have been better if all those that had made a firm booking had attended. This unfortunately applies to some of the other functions which has made quite a difference to the Social financial results for the year.

We have to thank Brian Ray whose resignation was accepted with regret during the year and latterly Leigh England who replaced Brian and both did a good job.

John Wearne has to be commended for his control of the House Committee with his band of voluntary stewards to whom we are all very thankful. Bob Clark is being greatly missed whilst absent overseas his attention to so much of the detail connected with the trading aspect is hard to replace.

In conclusion 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
St. Johns Ambulance Brigade.

Our membership stands at 377, compared with last year, and consists of the following:

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Full members	263	268
Junior members	16	8
Associate members)	98	94
Country members)	<u>377</u>	<u>370</u>

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1968-69 CRICKET"SCORE BOOK"

The Score Book gives the outline of the match,
 Who scored the runs, who bowled with due success.
 But only mentions Jones's lyric catch
 And Thompson's epic stand, with casualness.
 Caught Jones, bowled Smith, so runs the level prose
 Of Jones's running catch far in the deep.

Thompson, bowled Johnson, nought, so legend goes,
 As though he made one ineffective sweep.
 He was the last man in, and long he stayed,
 And all the bowlers' onslaught he defied.
 He kept his end up while his partner made
 The runs that won the victory for his side.
 The book omits the poetry of cricket,
 How Brown superbly bowled, but took no wicket.

W. A. G. KEMP

Sub-Committee

J. Balmforth (Chairman)

D. Walker

P. Richardson

D. Williams

J. Richards

The 1968-69 season can be reported as having been quite successful from a playing viewpoint and quite satisfactory when assessed from the aspect of participants' enjoyment. These platitudes have appeared from the various Chairman of Cricket over the past several seasons and the operative words have always been "quite" or "reasonable" and never "completely" in regard to competition. We should pause and consider why! The final competitive positions at close of play in March, 1969 were:-

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| (a) Club Championship | - | 2nd |
| (b) "A" Shires | - | 5th |
| (c) "B" Shires | - | 2nd |
| (d) "C" Shires | - | 9th |
| (e) C. & S. | - | 24 games played - 9 lost. |

almost there but not quite! The respective team captains' reports which follow enlarge on these statistics and contain many pointers for reasons of success and for the failures, these together with my own thoughts are consolidated below in the hope that we might, in next year's report, be able to replace the word "quite" by "completely".

- (a) The keenness displayed last year needs a much sharper edge, team spirit is enhanced if every member of it is flat out to do his level best, one person out of tune can cause a serious reduction in overall performance. How many players in the 3 Shire Teams can claim to have always been on the ground 15 minutes before the "Wickets pitched" time?
- (b) The practice facilities which were available through the season whilst not by any means "perfect" were on numerous occasions satisfactory but full advantage was not taken by players attending and, of course, a high proportion of players did not attend. Neither bowlers nor batsmen treated practice seriously enough, the main purpose of batsmen should be to iron out faults and tighten defence, not try to bring on rain by big hitting, whereas bowlers should not be concerned with speed, bumpers or prodigious swing or turn but rather concentrate on length and direction. At one practice last season three of our top bowlers were asked to bowl 6 consecutive balls 2 inches outside the off stump, the results were unbelievable.
- (c) Whilst appreciating that we're not a "grade" club and admitting that we have much more to offer our members in terms of friendship and comradeship than is found in Grade cricket, if we want performance on the field of play and results at the season's end then our cricketers must be more dedicated to the game, i.e., be available for the whole season, play to the best of their ability no matter in which team chosen and as I've said before there should be only 3 reasons for non-availability, business sickness or death.
- (d) In any good and successful business the executive personnel must look to the future, obtain and train their replacements and this is certainly no less true in respect of Briars Cricket. Each player in the interest of the Club's future must look for new players and the older more experienced players should not only be willing, but go out of their way, to encourage, advise and coach the younger members.
- (e) Over the past few seasons all our M & S side have developed a policy of maximum use of fast and medium bowling to the almost complete exclusion of slow bowling. Maybe both captains and slow bowlers should seriously consider the reasons for this policy. I would just point out that the major factors which

convince a captain to persevere with slow bowling are accurate length and direction control, and subtle variations in flight and pace rather than prodigious turn and that these desirable attributes can only be achieved by constant and prolonged practice.

These several comments are made, not in the spirit of carping criticism, nor in a belief that the Cricket Chairman is an authority on the world's number one sport, but in the genuine belief that they could, if accepted in the proper spirit and acted on, bring about a worthwhile improvement in our future performance on the field of the play without in any way detracting from the pleasure we obtain from the comradeship in our own sides and the happy relationships which we desire to build with our competitors.

Apart from the competitive side of cricket several "social" events took place in the season under review. A Double-wicket competition was held in February 1969, 32 players took part from seasoned veterans to up and coming "stars", rather strange for Australia, the day was beautiful and sunny, some very good cricket resulted and it was rather surprising that in the tenseness of this type of competition, 2 young players finally won out. Congratulations to David Guille and Milton Cujes who were presented with tankards suitably engraved.

A trip to Mudgee took place in January 1969, practically the whole of the "A" Shire team, supported by wives and sweethearts and a few "older" (in age but younger in spirit) members made the trip travelling up on the Saturday and returning on the Monday of the long weekend. The game played on Sunday against a combined Mudgee District XI was a classic and our side played superlative cricket, off to a poor start with the bat we soon had 3 good bats back in the tent for around 20 runs, then 2 younger members, Jock Scott and Ian Blair, really got their heads down and batted in the "true" Yorkshire manner to get control of the bowling and set the stage for a classic Australian type innings by Geoff Gorton who gained such ascendancy that no matter how defensive a field the opposition set he was still able to pierce it with scintillating boundaries. Perhaps most people will be surprised at such praise from a "dour Yorkshireman" but even six months later, I can still derive pleasure from the thoughts of that innings. Able and aggressive support was forthcoming from Kevin Holley. Out total finally reached 189, the opposition batted competently but our fielding and bowling, in a temperature in the mid 90^s, was superb and some judicious bowling changes by a captain keen to win finally prevailed and victory was ours by 20 runs.

Taking advantage of a "free" Saturday and to keep the players in trim a game between A^S and B^S with reversed captaincy was played, the result confirmed the selection committee's seasons gradings in that the first XI produced an overwhelming victory.

Events since the end of the season have convinced the Cricket Sub-Committee of our perilous position in respect of grounds. The N.S.W.C.A. are finding it more and more difficult to provide grounds in respect of the "C" Shire Competition for clubs not fortunate enough to have their own facilities and it becomes critical that not only the cricket fraternity in the Club but Board, Management and Club policy be oriented to the procurement of a second cricket area.

Cricket administration left little to be desired and it is with great pleasure that I record sincere thanks for the support of many people during the season reviewed. The Cricket Sub-Committee responded fully to all demands made upon them, David Walker as Deputy Chairman did a sterling job in regard to organisation of practice facilities, Don Williams as Treasurer consolidated all cricket finances in a most satisfactory manner, John Richards maintained our records with the Cricket Association. Peter Richardson looked after the gear in a manner which augers well for his control of "all gear" in the game of marriage in which he has recently become a participating competitor. The Selection Committee once again put in many hours of "sober" deliberation and had many more rejoicings than regrets resultant from their selections. Behind the scenes 3 senior members contribute greatly every year to our enjoyment of cricket, Bob Clark and Frank Farrell with regular support, tea preparation and other contributions which they prefer to remain unmentioned, whilst the Club is indeed fortunate in having a first class statistician in Audley Land who should be renamed "Wisden Briar". A non-member of the Club, Mr. Corderoy is a constant supporter and afternoon tea expert for the "B" Shires and for this we thank him. Intangible support, but very vital support comes from all the wives and sweethearts behind the players and the Chairman wishes to personally thank them all for their understanding and tolerance and express the view that the game of cricket contributes greatly to the improvement of the character and fortitude of the "breadwinner".

"A" SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1968-69

To open the season we were pitted against the 1967-68 Premiers, University of N.S.W., who, winning the toss and batting on a lifeless strip, was to set a pattern of outcricket we were to later experience on most occasions throughout the season. With our pace attack nullified by the unresponsive turf, and with only a limited spinning thrust, the seven wickets we toiled to capture cost 280 runs, after a leg wearying afternoon so early in the season. This discouragement was forgotten as we replied the following week in aggressive fashion to be 2 - 180 at tea, notwithstanding the dampness of the pitch after overnight rain. A quick loss of wickets later allowed control by the competent University spin attack, which was by now able to gain tremendous turn, and we fell from this ascendant position to lose only by 9 runs.

The initial disappointment, though not without its endouraging features, was followed by a crushing win against Pennant Hills, and an equally convincing win against Ryde. In the latter's second innings, which totalled 214, and with an outright tantalisingly close, we could not break our perennial "bete noire", a last wicket partnership, until it had yielded 52 runs.

Viewed retrospectively, the following four games finished our challenge for the Premiership, as we totalled in them only six points, and at this stage we were vying for the unwanted "timber eating utensil".

The fourth round against Bexley saw us "sent in" on small day fixture, and we compiled steadily 8 - 201, which total appeared to be well encompassed by them at 5 - 164. However, our perseverance was rewarded and at 9 - 176 victory seemed ours, until the inevitable last wicket which again thwarted our bid, and a draw resulted.

The following Canterbury game was repetitive of the first match; losing the toss, fielding all afternoon at Punchbowl, and bowling on a baked strip of sandpaper. The total of 238, slowly compiled was moderate enough on such a wicket and oval, but again rain transformed the strip, and the ball held its sheen for as many hours as it had overs the previous week. Even on this more responsive wicket, we had a good command at 4 - 166, but under pressure we faltered to fail by a mere 14 runs.

A hat trick of lost tosses, saw us batting first in the all day match V Roseville, who were the ultimate Premiers this season. A good start of 66 gave way to a debacle, though from 6 - 97 late batsmen punished the bowling to push our total to 227. With Roseville at 2 - 132, this total seemed inadequate, but a fight back had the opposition 8 - 209 at stumps, our last 8 overs costing only 11 runs.

On a wet wicket at Rothwell, we dismissed Lindfield for 98, some catching errors costing us half of this total. Our own reply was disastrous, for the miserable 49 we mustered placed us in deficit, in a match we had to win to retain a chance as finalists.

Lindfield's second innings was declared, and left us 206 runs to score in moderate time for outright points. Another unconvincing effort saw us concede, though the tail struggled for half an hour, until midway through the last over of the day.

This was the only really convincing defeat we suffered but it left the team facing a dilemma either to view the remainder of the season with disinterest and languish at the base of the competition or to show determination and faith in an endeavour to lift its performance and consequent position.

The team's response came in the Auburn match, when, with a reorganisation of the batting order, we batted intelligently and aggressively to compile 265 an hour before stumps on the vast Mona Park. Auburn started badly but reached 4 - 227, when the pattern ensued again of the great recovery. This time we dismissed the last wicket to win by 5 runs, after some 72 overs, again highlighting our difficulty in dismissing teams without considerable effort and persistence.

In the remaining three post Christmas rounds we almost defeated Sutherland outright at Rothwell, and came to a peak of batting form against Epping, who at that point were still prospective finalists. All batsmen contributed to a handsome total of 307, which was beyond Epping when they replied, unfortunately for them, on a damp wicket.

This batting form continued in the Lane Cove match when chasing points for the Club Championship. We generously allowed Lane Cove to bat first, and again all afternoon, to amass 9 - 291. This total was passed with the loss of only five wickets, at one time our score was 2 - 276 and eventually totalled 9 - 362, the highest score for many years.

Redrawn in the final rounds against Auburn and Epping, we achieved our only outright win of the season against the former Club on the unpredictable Rothwell wicket, in a match of low scoring.

At Rothwell we chased another mammoth Epping total 9 - 295 in a game spoiled by the weather. In the limited time allowed by Epping's declaration, we totalled 8 - 191 under conditions only fit for revelry by Noah.

The team had therefore concluded the last six matches undefeated to finish in fifth position, only some four points behind the third team.

Such a lengthy resume of the season under review is not usually undertaken, but is in this instance to show how close we could have been to a finalist position. If one indulges in the tearful futility of a post mortem, the toss of a coin, a mere handful of runs and the capture of a few tail-end wickets cost us 22 points in the pre-Christmas matches which were so vital in a season much shorter than normal. Other than in the toss and in the weather luck is not claimed as having been against us, for this captain believes that a team turns fortune its own way by its ability, its determination and its persistence under pressure.

In summation, our batting was sounder and more consistent than for some seasons, especially after a re-organisation of the order midway in the season, with a promising note being the success of the new players.

The outoricket of the team was sound and probably the equal of any team in the competition. Certainly we must have had more fielding practise than most, but the side did not on any occasion flag or lose interest sufficient to cause the captain to become flagellant, and on this account deserves high praise.

Our bowling was as that of the previous year, most entrusted to pace and swing, with little spin effort. The analysis of bowling figures would tend to support that therein lay our weakness, but perusal of most of other Club's statistics show similar figures. We seemed to have less success with the new ball attack especially on the unresponsive turf early in the season, but as shown in the review of the season, greatly to the bowlers' credit was their persistence in enabling us to recover so many times when defeat seemed almost certain.

Our lack of spinning success could be due to a dearth of talent or lack of match form caused by a failure to persevere with this form of attacking by captains in this team, and in the lower teams, where results can be gained without resorting to spin. A study of the leading four teams, especially Roseville and University of N.S.W., will show that the success of these teams is greatly dependent on the talents of their spinners. Until we can match these teams in this department, then dismissal of batsmen will be as laborious as it seem this season.

The season was some four matches shorter than that of the previous year, and we hope for more cricket in the next season. The general standard in the competition remained high, with the gap between the top and lower teams not being as noticeable as previously, giving a greater interest to all matches.

There appears to be sound sense in a comment in Canterbury Club's Annual Report, regarding the retention of first innings points, if defeated outright. In the reported "too many charitable declarations" of this season, perhaps a reversion to the old four points allotment might deter some of these decisions made, in which "the real purpose of the game is lost".

In conclusion the Captain thanks Peter Richardson as Vice-Captain, Peter Scott for acting as captain in two matches, Jack Balmforth and his Cricket Committee for the smooth organisation of cricket, John Crockart as Team Treasurer, Geoff Gorton as an unusually reliable Kit Steward, Peter Mansford and Kevin Holley as albeit recalcitrant afternoon tea providers, Bob Clark for his enthusiastic pessimism, and lastly and mostly Frank Farrell as the tea maker and washmaster in the Competition. The competent way in which these duties were carried out considerably lightens the responsibility of the captain, as did the good humour of the team, which appeared an even happier bunch than last year. The team's support was always given, especially in P.M. (post match) activity when, in memory, an "A" team has never provided more active imbibers.

In perusing other Club annual reports, nearly all conclude that given an even share of fortune, "they are strong contenders for 1969-70 Premiership honours, and will be the team to beat". Modesty precludes us from saying other than add Burwood to the list.

DAVID WALKER (CAPT.) answered variously to the sobriquets of Lawry, Gary and the late Wally. His performance were a summation of the talents of these notables.

PETER RICHARDSON (V.CAPT.) experienced a difficult season, batting lower in the list than hitherto accustomed, and not scoring the runs expected of him, though a fighting 46 V Canterbury, and later season bright innings showed glimpses of his real form. In slips, he held the few chances coming his way, indicating the lack of consistent outswing from the attack. Pete had his knockers, but for his performances, his team spurring enthusiasm when fielding, and his ready helpfulness (and steadying influence ??) to the Captain, "Densco" was a necessary unit of the team.

PETER SCOTT came to the team as an experienced opening bat, with a big reputation (from Yorkshire sources) and proceeded to more than enhance it. With a century in his first innings for the Club, followed by seventy not out, his debut was sensational with consistent scores, and another century coming later. Throughout the season, he proved to be the most complete opener the Club has had, at least in this

Captain's view. He failed only rarely, in nearly all those instances, lasting long enough to see the sheen off the new ball, and his success was the greatest factor in the general improvement of performance in the team's batting. Especially strong in onside play, he plays strokes with power, but perhaps unnecessarily refrained from going "full blast" on some occasions when apparently well set. He is a competent short-leg fieldsman and once we were convinced beyond doubt of his bowling action, was useful as a nippy, if inaccurate, change bowler. We are sure that the "bloody Scots bloke" will be an even greater menace to our opponents after the settling in and adjustment period of this season. Oh yes! He also captained the side more than capably in the last two matches.

PETER MANSFORD had his best season in "A" Shire fading only at the close of the season, when the pressure was off (at least, that's his story). Though successful as an opener, and registering his maiden century, a fighting type one, against Boxley, the batting was given greater depth and solidity when Pete batted middle order. Having lost his virginity, and now being a seasoned "A" Shire campaigner he could easily produce more centuries, or at least, half tons, with his determined and disciplined "stick ability". At leg slip, he did not have a catch until Round 10, after which seven were accepted in the usual brilliant style in his specialist position. Six overs convinced the Captain of his uselessness as a change leg-spinner. He keeps tripping on his tongue.

GEOFF GORTON also had his best "A" season starting with a fine 60 against University of N.S.W. and later a century against Ryde, a "Prowsion" effort this one. An unavailability, and a few "dudders" in the "old Pinger" tradition clouded his reputation, but he came back well to unluckily miss his five hundred by only five runs. Geoff is one of a few "A" Shire batsmen, like Mal Grant of Roseville, and Ian Russell of Lane Cove, who can swiftly wreck and pulverise an attack. This talent, associated with the sound early batting of this year, was a big contribution to our batting success of the season. In covers, his fielding resembled many aspects of that of Clive Lloyd, with one hand in his pocket.

IAN BLAIR was promoted to the team in round four and as an early wicket left hand batsman, proved an instant success. He showed a greater determination to succeed, with the ability to keep his nose to the wicket, than we had been led to expect from reports of his batting, with "B" Shire of past seasons, and indeed, set an example for the "A" Shire. His top score of 40 at Roseville was mainly responsible for the rehabilitation of our batting in that match, and in his twelve innings, he failed to reach double figures only once. This consistency, often tamed the attack for late batsmen,

and with this year's experience, Ian should be able to build these twenties and thirties into "biggies". Fielding close in forward positions, his brilliance was an indispensable asset, and if he continues next season to improve on all the attributes we have listed, he may even be admitted to the Inner "A" Shire clique.

JOCK SCOTT achieved "A" Shire status in Round 8, proving the sagacity of the selectors, by sending his first ball to the fence, and by being a successful opener, proving a suitable partner (batting) for Peter Scott, the batting order was more effectively organised.

Another season with Peter should tighten Jock's defence, and with his good array of shots, should be productive of some fine opening partnerships. Following his splendid 70 V Epping, he faded at the tail of the season, but assures us he was just getting rid of his bad trot before next year. Having seen Jock in action at Mudgee this is not all of which he "gets rid". Sound advice would be, "Go to bed early, and alone, on Friday nights!"

ROD SMITH was another player whose form did not live up to that expected of him from the previous season. Having run into a horror patch, in which he was bowled some five times when in defence, only an innings against Canterbury showed Rod's undoubted qualities, before his departure "B" ward.

Several other players helped at times of unavailability in varying roles with variable success.

JOHN KEMP'S showing engendered interest with his sharp out-swing, whilst MILTON CUJES exhibited power and promise in three innings, and we trust we may retain this player next season.

WARREN PARTINGTON achieved his life's ambition, a match in "A" Shire, and indeed hit a six, a unique debut. HARRY LENNARTZ fielded all day and then "holed out" a full toss first ball when batting, a far from suitable farewell for this fine player. 3 games in the "A" were sufficient to put GRAHAM IRELAND in hospital!

DAVID GUILLE mostly provided the real pace of our attack, and in form on lively wickets was as hostile and effective as any opener in the competition.

The nature of our bowling array rendered us dependant on David for early wickets and his limited success on the unresponsive pre-Christmas pitches was one of the determining factors of our poor performance in this period. Later, against Sutherland, Epping and Auburn, on helpful wickets, he revealed his true venomous potential as a match winner.

Overall, his season was a disappointment, the faults of delivery, of direction, and of ready discouragement, being unimproved after two seasons of "A" Shire. For their correction, David must learn that the solution comes from within himself, if he cares, and is keen enough to apply the necessary effort. Though he has endured a surfeit of well intentioned, but unheeded, advice the future remains solely up with David, if he wishes to reach the far higher performance which I am confident he could achieve.

Some bright innings showed us the batting ability he has always talked about, and he rated an enviable average until that "first ball" against Epping. If Bosanquet bequeathed to posterity the "bosie" then David has given us a term for bouncer, one yard outside the leg stump hereafter called a "Guillie".

KEVIN HOLLEY was the other left hand opening bowler, and probably suffered, at least in his view, by not always having the opportunity of bowling down wind. Whilst he did not seem to have the hositlity of previous seasons, his experience could be relied on for tight bowling under pressure, and he produced some needed bursts of spirited overs.

With his new home completed, I feel sure Kevin will be back in greater form next season with full concentration, especially if he can infuse more zip into his action.

Kevin's batting suffered by batting low in the list, not suited to his impatient temperament, but must realise now that innings batted in these positions can be of just as much value as those played earlier. His superb 56 not out in aquarium like conditions against Epping is proof to him of this.

In accepting these facts as to his team role so well, Kevin proved a great team man, even if I wouldn't want him as my milkman.

His fielding close to the wicket was always brilliant, and he appears to have regained his full confidence in his slip fielding.

JIM NEALE was the right hand bowler of the pace trio, and having his first full season in "A" Shire, was creditably, the most successful. Predictably being more accurate when he drops his pace, and concentrates on seam and swing, Jim's future lies more in the development of these talents. With the shine off the ball more often than not, when he bowled, he was still able to move the odd ball away, though he is predominantly an inswing bowler with the rare ability to cut and lift the ball sharply off a reasonable length. From a Captain's point of view his best efforts were the marathon spells against Roseville, Auburn and Lane Cove, rather than the other bursts of wicket-taking on wet wickets.

That Jim batted last or second last was indicative of our paper batting strength, and his talents were hard to assess in view of this positional limitation. He has no positional limitation in the field, one needing to computerise his variations for any one fixed point. He must become more aware of run-out opportunities at his end when bowling.

JOHN CROCKART started the season promisingly and his left arm spin, taking three wickets in one over, was mainly responsible for the Pennant Hills collapse for 76 in the second match. This initial form deteriorated, and though bowling some 70 odd overs pre-Christmas, John seemed to lose control and confidence in his wicket-taking ability. To remedy this, the selectors deemed it would be advantageous for John to exploit his wiles in the "B's", a decision which may not have been as wise as it appeared at that point.

COL JONES reappeared in the "A's" after some seasons absence, and, under instructions to "push" the ball through quicker, seemed to be on the verge of adding needed thrust and variety to our bowling, when he damaged himself whilst seated in a train. (Are "soggy" legs infectious)?

<u>"A" SHIRE STATISTICS</u>							
<u>Matches</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Lost</u>			<u>Position in</u>
<u>Played</u>	<u>O/R</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>O/R</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Competition</u>
13	1	6	1	2	3	54	5

<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>			<u>Wickets</u>		
<u>For</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Average</u>	
3276	140	23.4	3104	157	19.8	

B A T T I N G

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. of Inns.</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>	<u>Average</u>
P. Scott	17	2	128	582	38.8
G. Gorton	15	-	115	495	33.0
P. Mansford	15	2	104	421	32.4
D. Walker	16	2	96	369	26.4
I. Blair	12	1	40	268	24.4
K. Holly	16	3	56	253	19.5
D. Guille	12	5	39	133	19.0
J. Scott	8	-	70	140	17.5
P. Richardson	13	2	46	173	15.8
J. Neale	12	3	25	114	12.7
R. Smith	7	-	30	69	9.9

Also batted: M. Cujes 3-81; W. Partington 1-15; G. Ireland 3-21;
J. Crockart 6-11; C. Jones 3-6; J. Kemp 3-0;
H. Lennartz 1-0.

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>
J. Neale	168	20	709	44	16.11
D. Guille	155	19	619	37	16.73
P. Scott	68	5	199	11	18.09
K. Holley	179	18	672	32	21.00
C. Jones	30	1	130	4	32.50
J. Crockart	90	6	395	10	39.50

Also bowled: J. Kemp 2-64; P. Mansford 1-40; P. Richardson
1-0; W. Partington 0-46; G. Ireland 0-9; G. Gorton
0-29; H. Lennartz 0-21; I. Blair 0-7.

"B" SHIRE

A good season which concluded on a disappointing note. The team met the Minor Premiers Lane Cove in the final at Longueville Oval and lost the first day's play because of rain. The second Saturday was cloudy and showery but play started on time, the Briars batting first and scored 175 runs. Lane Cove started confidently but slumped to be 6-75 at tea due to some fine bowling and catching. Rain interrupted play at 4.15 p.m. when Lane Cove were 7-90 and fighting a desperate rear guard action to save the match. Play resumed at 4.35 p.m. and Lane Cove crashed to 9-98. Just as the ninth wicket fell the rain returned and play was again stopped at 4.45 p.m. At 5.15 p.m. the umpires abandoned any further play which meant a drawn match and thus the competition was won by Lane Cove.

Once again the team's strength was in its bowling which was steady and tight throughout the season. Our fielding let us down in a number of matches which cost valuable points. The fielding must be more consistent than at present if we want to win more matches.

Generally it was an enjoyable season and we would be amiss in not conveying our thanks to Frank Farrell, Mr. Corderoy and Bob Clark for their encouragement generally and their assistance in preparation of the afternoon tea.

T. WYATT carried on for most of the season where he left off last year and figured in some excellent opening stands and was very reliable and consistent. His form slumped in the last few matches however he can be well satisfied with his performances overall. Showed an improvement in his fielding which we hope will continue next year.

J. SCOTT played the first seven games before his promotion to the "A" Shire Team. He proved an excellent opening batsman and thoroughly deserved his promotion. An outstanding field and the catch he took at Bexley must be one of the most brilliant seen for many years.

T. MOBBS achieved the highest aggregate with his batting and always proved a tough customer for our opponents to get out. Rarely failed to get runs and also had a good season with the ball and was required to bowl up to 19 overs in an afternoon which is no mean effort.

E. WATT had a mixed bag this season and was most disappointing with the bat until the final where he scored a delightful 35 runs. He captured 40 wickets and as usual was steady and reliable.

G. CORDEROY (Captain) showed improved form with the bat when elevated higher up in the batting order and scored handy runs on a number of occasions. His wicket-keeping was again safe and he picked up 32 dismissals throughout.

B. CARDWELL scored runs steadily during the season which was climaxed by an exciting 80 against Auburn in the play off for a position in the final. Barry was again outstanding in the field.

C. JONES was Vice-Captain until promoted midway through the season and was a great help to his Captain. Bowled well in these matches highlighting with 5-12 against Pennant Hills.

J. HAZELWOOD, John bowled splendidly this season and is starting to attack the batsman much more than in previous years. Has started to think he can bat and is getting his head down and we expect more runs from him next year. Fielded well throughout the season.

J. KEMP in his first season with the Club, John Performed impressively with the ball and is a great acquisition to the Club. His best personal effort was 4-43 against Auburn in a photo finish result. John must endeavour to improve his fielding which was generally not up to standard however, if there is improvement in his fielding we feelsure he can lay strong claims to "A" Shires next season.

N. YOUNG played only one match early in the season but returned to the side later in the year and bowled very well. A keen field and batted splendidly in the final, figuring in a stand of 44 runs for the last wicket.

P. BAILEY came into the side half way through the season and scored an excellent 73 runs in his first match. He did not

maintain this in later matches, however, considering his recent change over to turf wickets he batted very well and we look forward to a big season from him next year.

R. SMITH was dropped from the "A" Shire team after some disappointing scores and unfortunately until the final he showed little improvement. His effort in the final was a fine effort and he is too good a cricketer to stay in the "B" Shire team for long and know next season he will regain the splendid form of the previous season.

G. IRELAND, Graeme came into the side after being hospitalised earlier in the season and played a great part in rejuvenating our batting. He only batted eight times and scored over 206 runs and his 34 runs in the final on a difficult wicket was a fine effort. A good field and very handy bowler.

"B" SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Drawn	Points	Position in Competition
13	2	7*	1	2	2	2nd

*Includes one match won on 1st innings and then lost out-right.

Runs For	Wickets For	Average	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average
2726	140	19.5	2801	193	14.5

B A T T I N G

Name	No. of Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Aggregate	Average
J. Scott	8	1	58	238	29.8
G. Ireland	7	1	56	206	29.4
B. Cardwell	14	3	80	381	27.2
G. Corderoy	12	2	44	311	26.0
T. Wyatt	15	3	51	348	23.2
T. Mobbs	17	-	60	384	22.6
P. Bailey	8	-	73	170	21.3
E. Watt	13	3	51	199	15.3
W. Partington	6	1	25	62	12.4
R. Smith	9	-	20	97	10.8
J. Hazelwood	9	4	17	82	9.1
J. Kemp	6	5	3	9	9.0
N. Young	7	2	10	25	8.3

Also batted: I. Blair 4-68; C. Jones 2-21; J. Crockart 5-23;
M. Cujes 1-6; R. Kerr 1-5; I. Trevenar 2-7.

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>
E. Watt	150	28	412	41	10.0
J. Kemp	80	14	277	27	10.3
T. Mobbs	175	38	497	33	15.0
J. Hazelwood	156	21	589	37	16.0
C. Jones	49	4	214	12	17.8
N. Young	54	2	220	9	24.4

Also bowled: G. Ireland 7-48; R. Young 6-138; J. Crockart 3-50; W. Partington 2-44; D. Scoble 3-34, R. Barnes 4-50; B. Cardwell 0-36; R. Smith 0-6; P. Bailey 0-12.

"C" SHIRE

Much to the team members disappointment, the "C" Shire cricket team had a rather unsuccessful 1968-69 season. Meeting teams of varied strength, some good wins were registered, as well as some very bad losses.

The first match was against St. George No. 2 and maximum points were scored due to Doug Simpson's neat 40 and Jim Barrett's magnificent 57. Phil Bailey (a newcomer - a batsman who bowls a little) cleaned up the opposition by taking 6-15 and 4-27.

Joe Dess, our wicket-keeper for most of the season, showed his ability with the bat in the match against St. George No. 1 scoring 64 and 27. He was helped by Bob Streeter's 26 and 37 in averting an outright loss. Once again Phil Bailey bowled well with 3-34.

The first real test of the season came against Southern Districts, the eventual premiers. The side batted dreadfully, and only Joe Dess (25 and 13) and Doug Simpson (10 and 20) reached double figures. We were defeated outright by 10 wickets, with Phil Bailey bowling once again very efficiently to take 3-54.

Against Wentworthville No. 2 we were decisively beaten and only Bob Streeter (36) and Ian Trevenar (23 and 38) offered any real batting resistance. Phil Bailey, still in good bowling form, captured 3-71.

Our most consistent wicket-taker over the whole season and indeed the only real star of the season, was Andrew Clifford. Andy started to settle down in the match against Auburn/Lidcombe, and helped us to an outright victory by taking 4-14 and 4-31. Phil Bailey was not to be completely outdone by this effort and scored a big hitting 85 not out in an unfinished opening partnership of 148 with John Richards (56 not out).

Tim Moyes batted defiantly to hold off outright defeat by scoring 20 not out against Wentworthville No. 1. One of the most exciting players to show out in "C" Shires this season was David Scoble. In this match against last year's premiers, he showed a lot of genuine speed, and had batsmen ducking for cover in his fiery opening spell. David's figures of 11 overs, 2 maidens, 3 wickets, for 60 runs were most interesting. John Richards bowled well also to take 3-49.

The workhorse bowler of the season was Mike Sterry, who at times bowled well enough to capture wickets, and who all the time bowled economically. Typical was his performance against Cumberland No. 1, his figure being 20 overs, 5 maidens, 4 wickets for 50 runs. Whilst being defeated on the first innings, Graeme Ashdown showed good form by scoring 23 and 21 not out.

Jim Barrett shared most of the slow bowling responsibilities and on many occasion bowled well enough to break a partnership, although never did he demolish any team. However, his long handle batting was often useful, particularly against Western Suburbs, where 49 much needed runs came from his bat. Jeff Jarrett showed his undoubted skill in scoring 33 in this match. Mike Sterry (6-29) and Andy Clifford (4-40 and 2-31) almost completed an outright victory.

Having for the first half of the season 3 opening batsmen, we were suddenly placed in a spot against Canterbury of having no opening batsmen. Mike Sterry was conscripted to fill in one position and provided the opposition with much exasperation, whilst contributing 7 runs (1 boundary) in a partnership total of 74 scored in 120 minutes. Ian Trevenar (67), John Metcalf (30) and Milton Cujes (22) added brilliant fireworks later.

An outright victory was recorded against University of N.S.W. No. 2 with Joo Dess batting convincingly for 33 and 36 not out, and Warren Partington 20 not out.

The Chairman of the Cricket Sub-committee and also captain of one of the other Briars cricket teams, Jack Balmforth, played in the "C" Shire team against Cumberland No. 2, and after watching us crash towards outright defeat, came in at seventh wicket to score 36 not out. Other resistance came from Roger Bailey.

John Kemp bowled magnificently to take 5-29 against Bankstown/Canterbury and was well supported by Andrew 4-46. Our batting, however, let us down badly in this match and only Bob Streeter (62) who opened the batting and was also last man out, showed determination. Bob's only help in this regard was from John Balmforth jnr. who scored 14.

Throughout the year, all the opening batsmen who were tried, scored runs occasionally. John Richards did, in fact, score runs on too few occasions, but his innings in the final match against Lindfield was a gem; 46 runs which put us well on the way to victory. Mike Sterry (21) and Geoff Travers (33) showed also their keenness to score runs. Andy Clifford (4-36, plus also hitting one magnificent 6 over midwicket) and John Richards 3-10, did the honours whilst the Briars were fielding.

Many thanks are due to all the players, from the Captain, who played in the "C's" this season; also a special mention to John Richards for collecting the money each week, and to Andrew Clifford for making sure the kit was at the ground each week.

Our congratulations to Southern Districts on winning the competition in their first year of Shire cricket.

"C" SHIRE STATISTICS

<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Won O/R</u>	<u>Won 1st</u>	<u>Lost O/R</u>	<u>Lost 1st</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position in Competition</u>
14	3	2	3	6	-	48	9

<u>Runs For</u>	<u>Wickets For</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Runs Against</u>	<u>Wickets Against</u>	<u>Average</u>
2639	172	15.3	2811	150	18.7

B A T T I N G

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. of Inns</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>	<u>Average</u>
I. Trevenar	8	1	67	162	23.14
P. Bailey	12	1	85*	251	22.82
J. Dess	14	2	64	251	20.92
T. Parker	18	1	62	348	20.47
B. Streeter	19	4	62	292	19.87
J. Barrett	10	1	57	151	16.78
J. Richards	19	1	56*	244	13.56
W. Partington	7	1	20*	80	13.33
M. Sterry	15	2	24	66	5.08
J. H. Balmforth	8	1	14	35	5.00
A. Clifford	14	6	9*	26	3.25

Also batted: D. Simpson 3-70, D. Herald 3-1, T. Moyes 4-24, I. McGregor 2-8, J. Brown 6-18, R. Larkin 2-1, G. Travers 5-44, G. Ashdown 5-51, J. Jarrett 4-50, M. Cujes 2-24, J. McNicol 1-20, J. Metcalfe 2-31, P. Bailey 4-21, J. Kemp 3-17, J. Balmforth 3-52.

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>
J. Richards	60	11	214	18	11.89
A. Clifford	133	22	473	39	12.13
J. Kemp	41	6	128	9	14.22
P. Bailey	69	8	348	23	15.13
D. Scoble	72	15	216	10	21.60
J. Barrett	51	4	303	12	25.25
M. Sterry	171	30	642	24	26.75

Also bowled: W. Partington 3-83, D. Herald 0-13, J. Brown 0-103,
T. Moyes 0-16, M. Cujes 0-11, G. Jarrett 0-2,
I. Trevenar 0-7, J. McNicol 0-9, J. Balmforth 1-1.

CITY AND SUBURBAN REPORT

During the year a sinister influence has been apparent in what has up to the present time been a normal happy band of cricketers. It is now apparent that an organisation which, for want of a better word, I shall call CASSPO (City and Suburban Secret Police Organisation) is in existence and functioning to some purpose. Its present members are Grindstone Balmforth, Bruce Trevenar and Garnet Green. Its objects are to take over the whole team in much the same way as Russia has taken over Czechoslovakia, and this may be the last uncensored report you will see.

GRINDSTONE BALMFORTH: Captain, and in such capacity led the team to victory on a number of occasions. However, it is noteworthy that when the Grindstone played a few times with the shires and deputy captains took over the team never lost a match despite the deputies having been selected from what could be termed the dregs of the team.

DEERFOOT STOCKDALE: Holder of the current sprint title. When one looks at the list of refugees from the arthritics home who have won this title, viz., A. Rose, D. Williams and E. Stockdale, there is no question that craftiness and cunning beats youth every time.

Deerfoot, however, is one of the few who could be said to have had a good season with the bat and has captained the side with success on several occasions.

D. WILLIAMS: (The Midnight Express). Showed great promise in the golfing field and also brews a mean cup of afternoon tea. Has considerable prowess on the dance floor, and could be termed a big social success.

On the cricket field had a fair season with the bat and for some unknown reason was probably the team's most reliable catcher. Was a successful captain, but was fortunate to be leading such a strong side.

"ROCKER" TROLLOPE: Has stopped the rot and been the sheet anchor of the batting on so many occasions has become as the Rock of Gibraltar (hence his nickname). Is our wicket-keeper and took over from "Silvertongue" Metcalfe. One can only say "God save The Rocker" and preserve us from substitutes.

"MANTIS" McBURNEY: One of the mysteries of life is why this man does not get more bowling. In the past he has bowled with considerable success, both as opener and change but no doubt got on the wrong side of the brains trust and has been delegated to collect the money each week - hence probably a recent trip to Spain.

"SQUEAKER" NORTH: (or more accurately "Squealer" North). Turned King's evidence to save his own skin in the celebrated case of Trevenar - v. - Mitchell. The following week, after not having bowled for years, the powers that be (as a reward for his evidence) opened the bowling with him. However, after his display even these powers would not come at it twice.

"SILVERTONGUE" METCALFE: Has been in every position in the team - opening bowler (kicked out) - wicket-keeper (kicked out) - batsman (still there, and trading on two big performances in the whole season). Manages to talk himself into all the key positions for a while, and then crash.

However, your correspondent has been giving him a few cricketing tips and no doubt a big improvement will be seen in this player.

"THERMOS" MITCHELL: One of the few real all-rounders in the side. Can't bat, can't bowl and can't field. But how is he with a cup of coffee. At present out of favour since he was tried and convicted (falsely) of refusing to bat after the game was over.

"BIG AL" Rose: Fresh from a season with the Lancashire League, has shown himself in a new light. Now extensively used as an interpreter between Grindstone and the rest of the team. Although only available for part of the season his spell at the stud seems to have improved his bowling.

BRUCE ("MR. BIG") TREVENAR: Used not be a bad fellow. Since he was made deputy-captain the craze for power has gone to his head and he is no longer the happy-go-lucky lion hearted cricketer we used to know. Has become cranky, aloof, reserved and nasty - in part a typical C. & S. cricketer.

Has not batted badly, but would be better if he went in a bit lower down.

NOEL ("CHAFFBAGS") YOUNG: The outstanding slip fieldsman of the side. Record reads as follows: Catches taken 1; catches missed 17. This does not include those that he never saw. Manages to catch up on a fair bit of sleep during a game. On the occasions when he has not been dropped to the shires, has taken a lot of wickets.

Great potential as a batsman, but seems to be overawed by critical situations.

"SUGAR" RAY YOUNG: Had a big season with the ball, but is under a cloud at present pending his trial. Has been reported in red ink for allegedly using the following words - "What is up with our Captain - he must be a ratbag." Surely, reasonable words, with which most of the team would agree. It is noteworthy that despite good performances he remains very low in the batting line-up.

GARNET ("SNOOPY") GREEN: The inside man for CASSPO. The team's official scorer from which position has access to many scraps of conversation (denied to others), which are relayed to the Establishment by means of a code of red and blue and green pencils, and woe betide the player who dares to cross this most powerful agent.

"BALEFUL" BAILEY: A successful opening bowler - his real secret like all fast bowlers is that over the past few seasons he has practised a ferocious glare which he directs at batsmen and particularly umpires, as though to say "I defy you to give this man NOT OUT". This is followed by an expression of shocked amazement when an appeal is rejected and the game proceeds.

One cannot condemn him for using these tactics for he has such a big natural start in this matter of intimidating facial expression.

"DODGER" KERR: Opened up the season well but then found that the sudden elevation in class from the shires to the higher grade was a bit more than he could cope with for a while.

However, a few tips on defensive methods by Metcalf, and on the value of a more aggressive approach by Don Williams had the desired effect and he finished his first season as a decided asset

CITY AND SUBURBAN STATISTICS

<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>No Result</u>
24	13	9	-	1	1
<u>Runs For</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Runs Against</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
3127	184	17.4	3188	189	16.9

B A T T I N G

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. of Inns</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>	<u>Average</u>
R. Kerr	18	-	74	406	22.56
J. Balmforth	15	2	64	267	20.54
J. Metcalf	17	3	98	284	20.29
E. Stockdale	22	-	62	416	18.91
K. Trollope	10	1	45	163	18.11
D. North	13	2	39	188	17.10
R. Young	7	4	20	48	16.00
D. Williams	19	2	57	270	15.88
I. Bailey	10	4	21	85	14.17
C. Mitchell	17	4	41	146	11.23
B. Trevenar	9	5	19	39	9.75
H. Lennartz	6	-	20	47	7.83
W. McBurney	13	-	22	90	6.92
N. Young	9	-	9	19	2.71

Also batted: P. Brooks 1-8; J. Dess 1-27; M. Elder 2-7; D. Guille 1-8; G. Ireland 4-148; J. Kemp 1-3; M. Melville 1-14; W. Partington 1-8; J. Richards 1-9; P. Richardson 3-56; A. Rose 3-4; J. Scott 1-25; R. Smith 1-19; D. Scoble 1-2; I. Trevenar 3-36; G. Travers 2-15; A. Turner 1-47; N. Walker 1-9; B. Williams 1-13.

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>
R. Young	84	4	479	37	12.94
I. Bailey	89	7	415	31	13.39
N. Young	100	8	495	36	13.75
B. Trevenar	118	9	579	37	15.65
J. Balmforth	31	2	221	11	20.29
A. Rose	21	1	145	6	24.17

Also bowled: P. Brookes 0-19; P. Burt 0-31; J. Crookart 0-19; D. Guille 2-9; G. Ireland 0-41; J. Kemp 2-93; H. Lennartz 3-76; C. Mitchell 3-55; T. Moyes 3-22; W. McBurney 0-54; I. McGregor 1-8; D. North 0-47; J. Richards 0-23; P. Richardson 1-1; R. Smith 1-7; D. Scoble 0-19; M. Sterry 2-32; I. Trevenar 0-32; D. Williams 0-15.

F O O T B A L L

Committee: J. Barrett, Chairman; J. Edmonds; R. Crookes;
R. Hellyer; R. Vanderfield.

Selectors: W. Elder, Chairman; R. Crookes; R. Spedding;
D. Lindsay.

Coaches: Kentwell Cup - D. Lindsay
Burke Cup - S. Keir, P. Burt (part time)
Whiddon Cup - R. Spedding (Captain-Coach)
Judd Cup - G. Hickey (Captain-Coach)

This year only our Burke Cup team reached the semis but lost the final against Colleagues in extra time. Kentwell and Whiddon just missed out both finishing 5th.

The season was greatly disrupted by visiting international teams and the Combined Sub Districts trip to Brisbane. The season because of these interruptions and our lack of success finished on a disappointing note.

It is even more disappointing when we consider the number of new players who joined our club during the season. In all 30 players who had not played in 1968 season turned out this year. Twenty-five were with us at the end of the season.

These new younger members should form the nucleus of the club teams for the next few seasons and as they gain experience so should the club's football success increase.

Moves are already afoot to build on and consolidate with these new players.

The hospitality extended to the Briars by the Forbes Club last season was returned when Forbes came to Sydney at the end of the season. A pleasant Harbour Cruise and a very good Rugby match was the highlight of their tour.

The club proposes a tour of Tasmania and Melbourne at the beginning of next season and a sub-committee under the chairmanship of Richard Vanderfield has been set up to organise this tour.

We will be hosting the N.Z. Merrivale team during their stay in Sydney early next season.

The committee wishes to thank the selectors and coaches for their assistance during the season and to Frank Farrell and his life giving water bucket.

Congratulations to the following clubs and teams for their success in the season:

Club Championship
Kentwell Cup
Burke Cup
Whiddon Cup
Judd Cup

Colleagues
Newington Old Boys
Normanhurst Old Boys
Hunters Hill
Newington Old Boys

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<u>KENTWELL CUP</u>							
<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drow</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Points</u>		<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
				<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>		
14	6	1	7	100	119	13	5th

Those who played

J. Barrett (Capt.), P. Bloomfield, R. Bailey, A. Burgess, I. Blair, R. Crookes, G. Cowper, L. Dytor, J. Edmonds, M. Elder, M. Goldsmith, R. Holt, R. Hellyer, M. Harley, C. Hickey, C. Joosce, M. Mathews, M. Mackenroth, K. Moore, W. McLaughlin, I. McGregor, R. McLeish, T. Ross, J. Randle, J. Wearne, C. Walker, D. Walker, R. Willock.

It doesn't really need to be said that 1969 was a generally disappointing year for the 1st XV. However, whilst this is true it is not true to say there were no highlights.

We did beat Colleagues and Lane Cove twice; the former were minor premiers and the latter had never previously been beaten by us!

The season was in fact one of marked contrasts - excellent games followed by poor games, rather than average games with some games better and others a little worse.

The individual highlight must surely have been the selection of Jim Barrett in a very strong Combined Sub. District XV and his appointment as team Captain. Jim has not played better consistently than he did in 1969, he excelled himself in Brisbane and superbly led the Combined Team to a much needed victory.

Other individuals deserving of mention are few. Roger Bailey had several excellent games and if injury free could graduate to 'grade' in a couple of seasons. Craig Hickey, substituting for the sid-lined Dave Walker played strongly and should be the 'regular' half in '70. Other team members will probably heave a sigh of relief when they notice they are not mentioned specifically.

We do have an excuse or two, though. Injuries changed the team so often that it is impossible to list even the

major ones in the space available. No team could afford the loss of players like Chris Walker, Dave Walker, Josh Randle and Peter Bloomfield - but added to this we had Bill McLaughlin Jnr. and Casey Joossee lost for other reasons than injury and Mike Mathews away for a prolonged period. It was unfortunate that a great player like Chris Walker should be forced to retire during the season but typical of him that a major injury was required to do it.

It is unlikely that the events of the 1969 season will be repeated - let us hope they aren't. We probably will not beat Colleagues twice in one season, we may not beat Lane Cove twice again, either; but then again, Bank, Petersham, Lindfield and Trinity Old Boys' should not be "let off the hook" like that again.

An era has finally ground to an end. The "oldies" have successfully graduated to grade football, retired, been pensioned off, or should be contemplating one of these "outs". 1970 should be a young season with the Kentwell Cup closer to the club as a result, in the next couple of years.

I am a little embarrassed by this second "swan song" as a coach. I enjoyed the season very much - would have enjoyed it more had we won the last match and a semi-final place. I extend my thanks to Jim Barrett and the football committee for the opportunity of coaching for another year - Refereeing will occupy my main football interest in the future but I will remember with pleasure two seasons as coach of the 1st XV.

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<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>BURKE</u>	<u>CUP</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
				<u>Points</u>	<u>Points</u>		
				<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>		
14	7	3	4	127	88	17	4th

The season did not finish quite as well as had been expected but the match against Colleagues in the final was probably the best one of the season. This game was won by Colleagues 20-15 after an extra ten minutes each way had been played. It was pleasing to see in this game that our condition was able to last out the extra time as well as the opposition.

There were some pleasing factors during the season and probably the best was obtaining possession from the loose ball and starting an attacking movement. The tackling also improved quite appreciably as the season progressed.

One factor that needs attention by all members of the Club is an improvement of their knowledge of the rules of the game.

It is most disheartening to have more penalties awarded against you than for you.

This year goal-kicking was helped by the performance of Mike Elder (Captain) who had a very good average especially in the last few games.

Training nights were not satisfactory as many members failed to notify selectors of their unavailability and this disrupted the teams being able to start at the correct time.

I hope most players who played during the season and especially in the final back up again next season. With a little more effort at training early in the season there will be more time for tactical and interesting training later in the season. This I am sure will put the side a lot closer to a grand-final victory.

My thanks go to all players that participated in the Burke side.

Those who played in Burke Cup were:

M. Elder (Capt.), I. Bassett, P. Bloomfield, R. Bailey, I. Blair, A. Burgess, J. Baker, D. Barnes, G. Cowper, J. Campbell, L. Dytar, L. England, B. Evans, Doug Fulham, Dennis Fulham, G. Green, R. Graff, C. Hickey, M. Harley, N. Humphries, D. Joy, N. Jones, D. Jamieson, C. Joosee, P. Johnston, R. McLeish, I. McGregor, K. Moore, D. Mulligan, M. Melville, D. Layton, I. Nielly, R. Pontiflex, G. Rolleston, J. Staniforth, M. Williams, B. Walsh, R. Willock, J. Wearne, C. Walker, D. Walker.

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WHIDDON CUP

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Points</u>		<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
				<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>		
14	5	1	8	116	136	11	5th

Whiddon Cup, like most Briars teams this year did not fair very well at all. Sure Burke made the semis but in a season where the standard of football and the competitive situation were about the worst in sub district for many years.

Whiddon ended the season in fifth position and I suppose one could drag up the old excuses of lack of consistent players, lack of enthusiasm, absence from regular training but I don't really believe these are really pertinent.

It is a simple fact of football life that a club can't field 4 teams and expect them to do well if the club doesn't have good young players of ability available for an entire season.

We didn't have this type of player last year, or the year before and it's a pretty sure bet we won't have them next year unless there is a concerted drive for young members.

My thanks to the usual vast numbers of players who represented Whiddon Cup throughout the year.

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<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>JUDD CUP</u>		<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
				<u>Points</u>	<u>Points</u>		
				<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>		
14	4	8	2	78	132	10	7th

This past season saw Briar's "Judd Cup Team" experience its highest rating in competition since being entered in the Cup. However, as has been the outcome of previous Judd Cup sides, the second round of the Competition proved to be too much of an effort in all aspects to achieve any real results.

At this point it is interesting to note that the eventual winners of the Judd Cup for 1969 were Newington Old Boys whom Briar's beat on both occasions they played them. Newington could possibly owe a great deal of their success to something which unfortunately Briar's lacked and this was keenness by all team members and quite a large sprinkling of older and experienced players who believe that Judd Cup means points towards Club championship and an incentive to new and younger players.

Perhaps in coming seasons, the Briar's Football Selectors and potential retiring higher grade players could also think along the same lines.

Congratulations must be given to all members who played one or many games in the Judd Cup team. To name them would indeed be a gigantic task.

In summing up it can be said that although the cup was not won, the trend is forward and it can only be hoped that good organization and keen players in the 1970 season can, if not win the competition, at least contribute those points which are so vital towards the Club Championship, something which virtually ensures the availability of players for following seasons.

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H O C K E Y

Committee: R. Larkin (Chairman) J. Scott (Dep. Chairman)
I. Sullivan (Treasurer) I. Trevenar (Gear
Steward)
P. Bartlett G. Gorton (Publicity-
Carnivals)

Looking back over the season just completed one cannot help feeling a little disappointed. It's a strange feeling and just a little disturbing. On the surface Hockey is progressing in it's usual manner. Nothing spectacular, just quietly moving forward.

The disappointment stems from the fact that no team was able to show any marked improvement, although the third team was able to perform in a much more impressive manner.

Another disappointing aspect of 1969 was the number of new members who did not fulfill their early promise. Too many players did not complete the year and towards the end of the season, we were definitely scratching at times to fill the teams.

Part of this could be attributed to the virulent strain of flu which laid many players low in the latter part of the season.

Looking on the brighter side of this picture it was pleasing to see the "A" Grade side maintain their 1968 form following the loss of such players as Dave Streeter and Lindsay Thomas. Both these players left before the season got under way and it was a great effort on the part of the team to obtain the results they got.

Training continued to show good improvement and with coaching by Ray Larkin and Bruce Trevenar, many of the new players quickly learnt the basic skills of the game.

It is almost possible to introduce the "no train no play" rule and should the keenness for training continue this will surely become accepted.

Socially the year was on the quiet side with only the Lithgow Carnival and Barton visit to liven things up.

As usual, Lithgow provided us with a cold, wet Sunday and an assortment of Hockey players from all grades. With judicious juggling of names, we were able to provide all players with a great days hockey and even managed to make it to the quarter finals.

Following the practice of past years, Lithgow Workers

Club provided us with liquid refreshment and an opportunity to shower and change for our Mountain Barbecue.

We always seem to have good luck with our barbecues and this year was no exception. Several transistor radios provided us with music and a continuous supply of firewood provided by Bob Streeter kept the cold winds at bay.

Late in July we were once again visited by the Barton Gang. (A group of hockey players who over the years have made a name for themselves in clashes with our Briar Boys.)

Apparently they had heard reports of our players' deeds on the Sydney hockey scene and felt it wise to leave their wives and families behind so they could devote all their energies to the impending clash.

Our chairman chose this night to hold an informal party to celebrate his recent engagement and late in the evening he had the pleasure of welcoming all twenty-five of the Barton Club at his fiancée's flat.

Needless to say the Barton gang proved as good socially as on the hockey field and after consuming piles of savories and downing countless cans of that "Amber Fluid" so popular nowadays, they retired to their motel by various routes to prepare for the following days' matches.

Sunday started out well and as the Briars boys arrived at Gladesville it was obvious the Barton gang were taking their games seriously.

The first match got under way just after 10 a.m. and the Briars team led by Ian Neil threw everything they had into the attack.

Barton however were obviously the superior team and it was not long before they took control of the match. Briars tried hard to get back into the match but Barton stopped every attempt by Ian and his players to swing the match. The final result was 4 to 1 and was definitely an indication of the difference in the two teams.

Then the big one - the "A" Grade. Following the "A" Grade sides win over the Premiers - Randwick we were quite confident of providing an upset.

For the larger portion of the first half Briars were able to contain the eager Barton team but the continual pressure was beginning to show serious cracks in the Briars defence. Slowly but surely Barton got on top and by the end of the match Briars were definitely looking slightly the worse for wear.

The result was the same as the earlier game - 4 to 1 - Ray Larkin scoring the goal from a penalty flick.

Following the games the teams adjourned to the Club rooms where the Ladies Auxiliary provided a truly sumptuous spread for almost one hundred players and visitors. To these ladies goes our thanks for what could only be considered one of the finest lunches ever presented to Briars and their visitors.

The Annual Ball was a gala affair and it was pleasing to see such a large group of the Hockey Fraternity in attendance.

The Annual Dinner was once again the Prestige Affair from a member's point of view and we were privileged to have as our guest speaker, Mr. Alan McGilvray who entertained us with his anecdotes and point of view on cricket and other pertinent subjects.

This game needs you. It is a game for amateurs and as such is poor financially. It is rich in sportsmanship, skill and teamwork and if every person playing keeps this in mind, the game will grow and Briars with their traditions, ideals and aims continually prove this to every team they meet.

True we still feel upset over what we call bad umpiring, selectors still cannot pick the best teams and whoever heard of a team that wasn't unlucky. Fortunately in Briars we manage to look past these things and because of our ideals and traditions we can always set an example in this the greatest sport of them all.

In closing, I must express my appreciation for the assistance and work done by the Hockey Committee. Each member performed his functions efficiently and it was always a pleasure to meet and work with them.

Should this team decide to stay together for 1970 I am sure the results will be even better than those of 1969.

"A" GRADE

Following the successes of 1968 our hopes were high for at least a repeat.

This did not eventuate but we do not feel bad about it. The margin between the top 6 teams is so small that even up to the last match the results were still in doubt.

Randwick once again set the pace, closely pressed by Wests and Canterbury. Sydney Uni., Manly and our own team were usually only a point or so behind and this made the competition very keen.

We started the season without the services of Lindsay Thomas (transferred to Perth) Dave Stroeter (Police duties) and Col Aikman (appendicitis) and it took some time for the replacements to settle down.

The selectors must be congratulated on their efforts however they were severely handicapped by our lack of good scoring forwards.

This was obvious throughout the competition and where at least six of the ten teams had good half and back lines, the average forward was sadly lacking in straight out goal scoring ability. Even Randwick who easily topped the scoring for the season relied heavily on short comers and penalty strokes for goals.

Possibly next season we can find a couple of good scoring forwards but so far nothing has turned up.

Once again we were fortunate to have the old firm of Walker and Scott looking after our main defences and for the most part proved more than equal to the task. Dave Walkers form at times was a little erratic but this could be put down to our lack of leadership. Captains proved a problem in all grades and this was evident particularly in "A" Grade.

Something concrete will have to be done for 1970 or we can expect nothing further from the team. Leadership is essential if a team is to function as it's up to the selectors to find a capable and willing man for the job.

Our half line for the fourth successive season was Cox, Larkin and Partington and signs of wear were clearly seen in several games. Larkin, in particular seemed to have his mind on other things on several occasions and Brian Cox was also one to lose concentration at odd times.

Possibly the strain of forcing the play to our forwards is beginning to tell and this is a problem for the new captain, whoever he may be.

Forwards varied little from week to week with the remaining Streeter Bros., Bob and Geoff performing efficiently in their respective positions. Geoff gives the impression he is a little fragile but the Randwick game in the second round proved he can really take it. Bob showed out with several sparkling games as left wing but he is inclined to hold on to the ball too long which often gives the opposition time to catch him and we then lose any advantage we have gained.

Geoff Gorton proved he can still go with the best of them but one wonders just how much longer can he keep it up. Already there are signs that he prefers to keep out of the very rough play which is unavoidable in "A" Grade. However, while our lack of talent remains, what can be done?

Ian Trevenar and Ian Sullivan combined quite well at times at centre forward and inside left but here again we have our troubles. Sullo's obvious lack of pace is a severe handicap whilst Ian's temperament showed on occasions.

Both these players had "feet trouble" in many games and this seems to be a fault with many Briars forwards. Unfortunately this is hard to overcome and it comes back to the individual, whether he can change his style enough to get the ball further away from his feet when tapping or dribbling the ball.

In Trevenar's case it is not a great problem since he is still young and can adapt his game to new ideas but with Sullo, I'm sure a move to another position, such as centre forward may be the answer.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the good win against the premiers, Randwick late in July. For some unaccountable reason we always save our best game for them and this season was no exception.

In the first round we narrowly lost 3 to 1 after having the best of the play. Poor goal shooting was the main reason for this.

In the second encounter the shoe was on the other foot and for a change Briars made very few mistakes when close to the circle.

Geoff Streeter and Geoff Gorton really played like tigers and we were awarded with great goals. Good backing up by our halves kept the pressure on Randwick all through the game and occasionally players cracked. Dave Walter dished out plenty and was involved in one scuffle and several others were clearly pushed to their limit by wild swinging and ankle chopping by the Randwick players.

The final result of 3-2 was a well deserved finish and Briars were justifiably pleased with their efforts.

Little else can be said of any other specific game, Nirimba are no longer able to field the quality of player they once had and even Sydney University are finding it more and more difficult to hold clubs as Wests and Canterbury who are anxious to get back into first Division.

We still have our sights set on a Premiership win but unless we find a new approach to our game, things look a little little grim. Our players are the equal of most playing Second Division, we simply lack cohesion and leadership.

In the lower grades there is a sprinkling of new talent and with care, this could provide the answer to the problems now facing the "A" Grade side.

In closing I feel I must mention that Dave Walker took the honours for 1969 as top goal scorer. He netted a total of 14 and was closely pressed by Spencer Ross from Second grade and Ian Sullivan.

"B" GRADE

What a pity this team does not have more experience, especially in playing together. Naturally the selectors play havoc with the team whenever replacements for the "A" Grade are needed and consequently it takes a long time for things to settle down. In our case, over half the season.

At the end of the first round we were a disappointing last but we managed to improve to 7th at the end of the season.

As in all our other grades, Captains proved a problem and without leadership the team tended to flounder in the early part of the season.

Ian Neil took over the job after several games and after a lot of hard work and abuse he managed to weld the team into quite an effective unit. Unfortunately this affected his own game somewhat and to make matters worse he was required for the "A" Grade side on several occasions as a replacement left half. Nevertheless his efforts deserve a big note of thanks from both players and selectors and we trust he is again available to carry on the work next season.

Like the "A" Grade, the team consists of a hard core of older players such as Pete Mansford, Jack Richards and Pete Richardson who combined well with the newcomers to make the team fire later in the season.

John Kemp in his initial year of hockey proved how easy the game is with a little coaching and plenty of guts. Indeed John's efforts are nothing short of remarkable.

Another to really shine this year was Graeme Trevenar who has turned into one of our most consistent goal keepers. Several games in "A" Grade at the beginning of the season gave him the experience needed to sharpen his reflexes and it was evident that the team looked to him as a class goalie.

In the forward line, along with John Kemp, another newcomer, Bob McMahon showed he is definitely "A" Grade material with his remarkable approach to the game. He is without a doubt the most mobile forward in the club and with more experience is sure to prove an asset to Briars Hockey.

Spencer Ross finally learnt how to score goals and was probably the "B" Grades' most consistent forward. His tackling leaves a little to be desired but who could complain about a player who chases after the ball without fail and usually gets it.

The half line of Neil, McIntyre and Col Willis showed they are a good blend of experience and heart and were always able to give a good account of themselves. Col Willis' fitness left something to be desired but there again, none of the "B" Grade were really fanatics about training. In fact this is one of the contributing factors to the slow start to the season. Whereas the "A" and "E" Grade sides had very good attendance at training, the "B's" were particularly lax around 7.30 on Wednesdays.

Naturally, there were exceptions, but it is impossible for a team to play decent hockey on Saturdays if they do not train together at least once each week. Admittedly several players have long distances to travel but when players such as Sid Charleston who lives at Rockdale (and does not own a car) can make training most nights, it makes you wonder just how keen some of us really are.

Whilst on the subject of training it should be mentioned the good job done with the rather poor conditions. Stick-work suffered because of poor lighting but at least we were fit. In the early part of the season conditioning was the most stressed part of training and the results were evident throughout the season.

To sum up, we need three things to achieve better results:

- (1) EXPERIENCE
- (2) LEADERSHIP
- (3) TEAMWORK

The first we will only get by playing as often as we can.

Leadership is up to the selectors to find a captain both capable and willing.

The last and most important - Teamwork - starts at training and the results are shown in competition.

Lets make 1970 a season we'll never forget - TRAIN and PLAY as you've never done before.

T H I R D G R A D E

Played 18, Won 2, Lost 8, Drew 8. 23 For, 42 Against.

This team had the most amazing season. Eight draws from 18 games and the majority of these against the top teams. In fact we always kept our worst game for weakest teams in the competition, Canterbury for instance always managed to take a point from us and in fact we usually had to struggle to hold to a draw.

The team badly lacked experience and although they trained diligently this was not enough. Bruce Trevenar could not resist the temptation and undertook to lead and coach the team but even his magic wand was not enough.

In fact it was obvious on occasions he found himself out of position simply because he just could not muster the speed to follow the play. This in no way detracts from his tremendous efforts and he undoubtedly provided the drive and foundation for the teams success.

The team regrettably was often at the mercy of the selectors and this probably caused the team to take longer to settle in than we had hoped.

We were rather fortunate this year to have quite a group of new members, take up hockey and without exception each proved he could in the future become a force in hockey.

The two newcomers to really show potential were undoubtedly Bob McMahon and Garry Larkin. Bob comes from Queensland and began his hockey at school. He is inclined to roam around but he is all heart and never stops trying. He filled our centre forward position scored 4 goals. Wild swinging probably cost him at least twice this number and fortunately he had managed to control this fault by the close of the season.

Garry, the young brother of our hockey chairman was a welcome addition to the ranks. He actually played a few games the previous season but this year he was available for all games. At 14 he has a great future in the game and providing he can learn to take orders on the field he will be a great asset to the team and Briars. He played most of the season on the left wing and his positional play and passing was indeed worthy of an older and more experienced player.

Also now this season were John Kemp and Mike Sterry. Both these boys are ardent cricketers and this is evident in their approach to the game. Determination and a willingness to learn were evident and many of our so called stars in the higher grades could well take a leaf from their book.

Robin Payne was once again our goalkeeper and he is so obviously in need of proper coaching one wonders just why nothing is being done. Surely our other two goalies could devote even a small amount of their time to assisting him. Robin is a trier and with coaching could overcome his nervousness.

The Willis brothers, Col and Ken again provided much needed thrust to the team and such stalwarts as "Offside" Bartlett and "Swinger" Groves proved their worth throughout the season.

Ken Dobbins has firmly established himself as full-back and is showing tremendous improvement each season. What a pity David Scoble does not show the same keenness. Here we have a player with a lot of talent who seems to be a little too lazy for his own good. This may seem like harsh criticism but what is left after a season of cajoling and mothering by many members of the hockey group.

Other players who made themselves available were Tony Coates who alternated his time between Second and Thirds. Ted Callaghan who made up for his lack of ability with tigerish tackling and a flair for bringing out the worst in the other team.

John Crockart still showing signs of his accident managed to put in a couple of appearances but it was obvious he was way out of condition. Possibly 1970 will see the return of the old "Chukka" Crockart to the hockey ranks.

Should any player not be mentioned in the foregoing it is merely an oversight and to each and everyone must go the thanks of myself and the hockey committee for the great job you have done. It is never easy to take up a new sport and make a success of it but the efforts of the Thirds in doing just that deserve credit.

Our thanks must go the Hockey Committee for the efficient manner they have kept the hockey flag flying. Their quiet and efficient management was not rewarded with the success they deserved but this in no way dampened their enthusiasm.

G O L F

With the reforming of Management Committee, Golf was left without a representative on Committee. As a consequence the golf days were a little disorganised as various people were seconded at the last moment to assist.

Three days were held at Leura with the average attendance being 20. The mixed day and the mid week day were not held as an organiser could not be found.

Brian Stevens and Ray Larkin have agreed to look after Golf next year. We thank Mike Elder, Chris Mitchell, Brian Stevens and Ray Larkin for assisting this year. We hope that attendances will be better as golf plays a useful part in the Club's activities.

S Q U A S H

(Organiser R. Anstey)

After battling for years we finally made it and won our first Pennant for the BRIARS since 1963. To top off the glory the team went on after winning the WESTERN DISTRICTS B3 Premiership to take out the METROPOLITAN INTERDISTRICT in that grade. Congratulations to the boys that played.

A great deal of credit however must go to David (Hockey-Cricket) Walker who came back from Western Suburbs Leagues (ugh!) Club, where he found the inducements there, were placing him in too high a tax bracket, to a more modest Club the BRIARS. Thus inspired by his new surrounds he played the entire Competition undefeated.. no mean feat.

The Club is enjoying at present its most successful season and I personally can only thank everyone for showing keenness throughout particularly in the attitude towards training.

This enthusiasm has carried on into our current Spring Competition..incidentally our members of the first team have played practically unbroken Competition squash since mid February and may not finish until the end of November.

At present the two top teams B2 and B4 have qualified for the Semifinals, with the other two teams missing out although not although not badly and perhaps rather unluckily as both were in a good position at various stages, next time we hope.

Meanwhile B2 were equal Minor Premiers and B4 ran fourth (how is beyond comprehension as they were last at the end of 8 of 14 rounds) but at the time of writing they have played their Semifinal against the Minor Premiers and won putting them in the final. The training methods of this team would not appeal to Percy Ceruty and the only clean liver would be that of Doug Vanderfield.

B2 have unfortunately lost Ray Pontiflex who is selfishly having fun on his honeymoon. However we shall do our best and I hope Ray does the same. Whatever happens you can be sure that our opponents know where we have been and the words BRIARS SQUASH are equated with fit clean living.

For any new members or old ones for that matter who would appreciate fit clean living go to anywhere but us, however if you would like to have enjoyable squash we would appreciate your company any Tuesday night from 7.30 at Bill McLaughlin's Courts, Shaftsbury Rd., Burwood.

My thanks to all those who played whether once twice or all the time and heres to continued success. (SKOL)

S O C I A L

(Chairman - L. ENGLAND)

This year has been a swinging year as far as the Briar's functions were concerned.

The Annual Ball was held at the Menzies Ballroom, and well over 200 members and friends raged through until 2 o'clock in the morning. This year's Ball proved to be one of the best to date.

The two Socials held this year at the Club were most successful, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ladies on the marvellous supper they organised for our last Social. Attendances were good, but can still be improved upon.

Guest speaker for the Briar's Annual Dinner, held at Concord Golf Club, was Mr. Alan McGilvray, who delivered an interesting speech on a subject of which he is very familiar. The 100 odd members and guests who attended, enjoyed large quantities of Roast Beef with an occasional keg.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their support and encouragement throughout this year, and that results achieved help to make next year even more successful.

Anyone interested in joining an active go-ahead committee please contact Leigh England on 51.0341.

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

J. Wearne (Chairman), J. Crockart, M. Harley, J. Alford.

Bar trading figures during the past year were not as high as our record year of 1967-1968.

This was brought about by a decrease in our mid-week attendance and the introduction of the breathalyzer tests.

Saturday night trading was as good as in previous years and the new bar equipment and increased area is now showing the desired effect of quicker service and more comfort.

As the summer season is now on the way, a return of a better mid-week trade will improve the financial position greatly. We pride ourselves in the fact that we serve the best beer in town.

I wish to thank my committee for their assistance given over the past year. Our aim is to improve the service at the Club, and it is only with their help that it can be done.

We have not completely disposed of shortages, but we are pleased to say that they have decreased to a marked degree.

STEWARDS: I wish to thank all the members who act as stewards in the Club. We are always on the lookout for young members to help behind the bar and if anyone would like to help, please contact the House Committee Chairman.

The mid-week stewards for the past year were Messrs. B. Stevens, P. Johnston, A. Clifford, R. Hellyar and I. J. McGregor. Messrs. J. Scott, L. England and R. Vanderfield retired during the year.

The late Friday and Saturday night stewards helped to maintain our high standard of service.

Messrs. R. Anstey, A. Burford, P. Brand, P. Bailey, J. Crockett, B. Evans, L. England, M. Elder, J. Fripp, G. Gorton, G. Green, G. Hickey, J. Kemp, R. Larkin, J. Metcalf, M. Mathews, P. Johnston, J. Richards, R. Streeter, G. Trevenar, R. Vanderfield, C. Walker and T. Wyatt.

DELIVERIES: Our thanks must also go to Bill and Bruce Simes for taking care of the Clubs deliveries.

CLEANING: This service has been satisfactorily carried out on Monday and Friday mornings each week by an outside cleaner.

F A R E W E L L

The sudden passing of Mr. E. F. Watt on 5th July, 1969, and so soon thereafter of Mrs. Watt, came as a shock to us all.

Mr. Watt, as he was always affectionately called by members both young and old, was a true Briar.

He first became a Club supporter in 1940 when his son, Ted, at the age of 15 started his long continuing sporting career with the Club. Mr. Watt, however, was not content to remain a supporter only and accepted an invitation to become a Vice-President and a member of the General Committee as from 12th October, 1942.

So commenced an unbroken period of 20 years of outstanding service to our welfare.

In 1948, Mr. Watt was elected President - a position which he held for 5 years. During this period the Club was formed into a company and Mr. Watt became an original member of the Board of Directors constituted as a consequence. He continued to serve as a Director until he retired from this office at the age of 72 years.

Here was a man possessing outstanding personal qualities of sound judgment, enthusiasm, leadership and the will to serve. The Club was privileged to receive the full benefits of these qualities from Mr. Watt.

It is our responsibility, collectively and individually, to ensure as he did, that we continue to build on the same foundation that our earlier great pioneers laid for us.

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 allocated as follows:

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

The trophy this year was won by David Walker. This is the fourth occasion David has won the trophy, firstly in the 1952-53 season, thence 1956-57, and again in 1964-65.

David also plays in the "A" Hockey team, B2 Squash which were successful this Season. He is also a members representative on Management Committee.

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>

Craig Hickey is the winner of the 1969 Gordon Bevan Shield. Craig played half-back for the Kentwell and Burke sides. Is one of the Club's Assistant Treasurers and also plays Cricket in the "C" Shire team.

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	-	<u>10 points</u>
		<u>100 points</u>

This years winner is Ray Larkin. It is the second time Ray has won the trophy, and is largely responsible as Chairman of Hockey for the efficient manner in which this sport is controlled.

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.

Bob Hellyar is this years winner of the trophy. Bob was a very active sub-committee member on the football committee. He is also a permanent mid-week steward. Bob is also a good worker in other aspects of Club life and does a lot of work behind the scenes.

CONGRATULATIONS

(Sub-Committee: P. Hotten (Chairman), R. Clark and E. Stockdale)

At some time in the distant past some person thought fit to publish in each Annual Report, the names of those who have become engaged and more seriously, married, during the "relative" year.

To omit such a list from this years publication would be sacrilege, for to quote a statement by one of the above sub-committee.

"Those fellows only go off the deep end just to get their names in the Briars Annual Report."

This cannot be really true, so we will now record, along with our congratulations, the following:

Engagements

John Metcalf	Peter Richardson	John Crockart
Les McNeil	Bill Leckie	Ken Dobbins
Murray Melville	Ray Larkin	John Richards

Marriages

Andy Clifford	Peter Richardson	Bob Holt
Charles McMonnies	Bill Leckie	Barry Walsh
John Metcalf	Brian Cox	Warwick Harper
Ted Callaghan	Ian Neill	

Amidst great excitement, much trumpet blowing and with shouts of "..... on the house", we received the joyful news of the additions to Briar marrieds, families.

Mike Elder	(Daughter)
Colin Dennis	"
David J. Walker	"
Colin J. Jones	"
David Lindsay	"
Dick Crookes	(Son)
Casey Joosse	"
Trevor Parker	"
Gus Ahern	"
Gordon Hutcheson	?

No doubt there are many members we have missed from the above lists, if so, please accept our apologies and our congratulations.

ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Directors met on 12 occasions during the period from 1st October to 30th September. The attendances of the Directors was as under:

	H. G. Whiddon	11
+	J. Balmforth	5
+	R. B. Clark	7
	W. Elder	12
	A. J. Land	10
	H. Lennartz	11
	D. V. Prowse	11
	E. Stockdale	9
	B. U. Williams	8

J. Balmforth attended as an alternate Director for R. Clark whilst this Director is overseas.

Messrs. P. Richardson attended 9 meetings in his capacity as Treasurer and G. Hickey once in place of the Chief Executive Officer.

The Management Committee also met on 12 occasions also over the same period and their attendances were as under:

	H. G. Whiddon	12
	R. Anstey	11
	I. Bailey	3 (Ret. Dec.)
	J. Balmforth	12
	J. Barrett	7
	M. Elder	3 (Ret. Dec.)
	L. England	4 (appt. June)

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G. Hickey	9	
R. Larkin	10	
B. Ray	5	(Ret. June)
P. Richardson	8	
E. Stockdale	9	
B. Trevenar	8	
D. A. Walker	8	(appt. Jan.)
J. Wearne	11	
K. Willis	1	(Ret. Oct.)

ADDENDUM

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

This particularly to the Hon. Executive Officer, Ted Stockdale and Members of the Board and Management Committee.

It is appropriate to mention the devoted effort of Bob Clark until he left for overseas for which we are all very grateful.

One other that performs irreplaceable service behind the scenes is our old friend Bill Simes many thanks Bill.

Geoff Whiddon
PRESIDENT

CONCLUSION

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

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

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, 1969 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 \$2,096 compared with a surplus of \$1,275 in respect of the previous year.

During the year under review sales fell by \$1,867 but this was more than offset by increased rentals received from property together with a reduction in expenditure on repairs and maintenance.

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, 1968 makes a total of \$1,600 as shown on the Balance Sheet.

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

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

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THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITEDCERTIFICATE BY DIRECTORS

We, 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, 1969 and that the accompanying Income and 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 17th day of November, 1969.

Signed on behalf of the Board,
 H. G. WHIDDON)
 D. V. PROWSE) Directors

DECLARATION BY SECRETARY

I, Bruce Edward Trevenar, Secretary of The Briars Sporting Club Limited do solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying Balance Sheet and accompanying Income and 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)
 17th day of NOVEMBER, 1969) B. TREVENAR
 Before me:)
A. E. Duncum, J.P.

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MEMBERS

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

99 Elizabeth Street,
S Y D N E Y. N.S.W.

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

17th November, 1969.

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1969

1968		\$	\$
	<u>RESERVES AND ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT</u>		
10722	General Reserve	10722	
2310	Debenture Redemption Reserve	<u>2310</u>	13032
	Accumulation Account		
	Balance 1st October, 1968	15500	
	Add: Net profit for year		
	ended 30th September 1969	<u>2096</u>	<u>17596</u>
<u>15500</u>			<u>30628</u>
<u>28532</u>			
	<u>R.J. THOMSON MEMORIAL TRUST FUND</u>		
	(to be held by the Club and used		
	for such purposes as agreed to		
	by the family of the late Ronald John		
634	Thomson)		656
	<u>LONG TERM LIABILITIES</u>		
	5% Unsecured Debentures of \$10		
2250	each due 1st July, 1970	2250	
	Interest Free Unsecured		
	Debentures of \$10 each due		
60	1st July, 1970		60

1968		\$	\$	\$
	<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>			
28772	Land & Buildings-at cost		28772	
	Club Room Furniture and			
	Fittings, at Deemed Valuation			
	30th Sept. 1962	908		
	Additions at Cost	<u>3413</u>		
		<u>4321</u>		
	Less: Provision for			
2385	Depreciation	<u>2483</u>	1838	
	Bar Equipment			
	At Deemed Valuation			
	30th Sept. 1962	267		
	Additions at cost	<u>3918</u>		
		<u>4185</u>		
	Less: Provision for			
3626	Depreciation	<u>1284</u>	2901	
	Glasses, Crockery, Etc.			
40	at valuation		<u>40</u>	33551

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