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BALANCE SHEET  
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The Briars  
Sporting Club Limited  
Burwood



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Presented to members at the Club Rooms,  
30A George Street, Burwood,  
on Friday 4th December, 1970.

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Gentlemen,

Your Board of Directors and Management Committee have pleasure in presenting for your consideration and adoption the fifty-second Annual Report of the Club for the year ended 30th September, 1970.

During the year the Board adopted a recommendation of the Management Committee that Squash join Cricket, Football and Hockey as "major sports" the playing of which is prerequisite of membership of the Club.

Also during the year a joint meeting of The Board and Management Committee was held to consider the activities of the Club with a view to a general stir. This meeting produced a number of results, one being a new stewards' roster whereby members will be taking a turn in serving their fellow members and another being the recommendation which is before you this evening to create the position of personnel officer. It is envisaged that the personnel officer will cover the fields of recruiting new members and ensuring once they are admitted that new members fit smoothly into the Club's activities. A successful New Members Night has already been held.

The Planning Committee which was formed a number of years ago with the general aim of acquiring land in Concord for the Club's use and which went into retirement when the Lands Department vetoed the scheme has been revived as a sub-committee of the Board.

The Planning Committee has been active during the year in considering the current needs of the Club, in estimating the needs of the Club in 10, 20, 30, 40 etc. years hence and endeavouring to project a scheme which will cover such future needs. As you will appreciate the task is large and the Departments with which the Committee has to negotiate are slow. It is, therefore, not possible to give a detailed report at this stage.

Another recommendation before you this evening is that coaching shall be a basis for membership of the Club. It is hoped that this move will result in the acquisition of coaches who have played with other clubs and who will bring fresh ideas and tactics to our sport.

Minor innovations are the public address system in the Club rooms and a notice board setting out the names of those responsible for the running of the Club.

Members will now be able to direct their complaints to the proper persons.

Despite predictions early in the year that there would be difficulty in fielding four football teams players turned up from far and wide and the Football Committee was able to enforce the no train no play rule. The result, a group of enthusiastic footballers, two teams in the finals and expectations of better things next year. An increase in attendance at the games by non-playing members of the Club would be appreciated by the players and remember the art of barracking is to encourage your own players not to knock the opposition or the referee.

As usual the cricketers claim that the sound of leather on willow is sweeter than the sound of boot on leather, but this year the sound must have mesmerised them. Their overall results were down on the previous year but John is on the warpath and promises improvements in the present season.

Hockey is suffering from a lack of players and only two teams were fielded. The older footballers should keep in mind that Hockey is an excellent way to taper off for a few years after they hang up their football boots. Further what better way is there for the cricketers to keep fit in the winter.

Last year Squash provided our only Club premiership. This year teams were entered in five grades with two teams reaching the finals and one team winning another premiership for the Club.

Some ten years ago it was stated in an annual report that attendances at Golf Days were disappointing and that only 30 members attended one of the Golf days at Leura. This year 13 members attended one of our Golf days.

Socially the year was excellent. The entertainment provided for the visiting New Zealand and Powerhouse teams was of a high standard, the cocktail parties and other socials at the Club so well organised by Leigh England and his helpers were enjoyed by many and the Annual Dinner held at the Concord Golf Club was well attended and well accepted by members. The Social highlight of the year was the Annual Ball at which John Balmforth so deftly introduced the younger members to the pleasures of the progressive barn-dance.

Thanks to the untiring efforts of many the general administration and running of the Club has proceeded smoothly throughout the year and the Club's appreciation is again extended to all those who worked for the Club and especially to Ted Stockdale for so ably carrying out their duties during the year.

This year Anzac Day fell on a Saturday on which the Club was playing Colleagues at Rothwell Park. After the game the Club Rooms were packed and silent as Doug Vanderfield said a few well chosen words in memory of those Club members whose names appear upon the Club's Memorial Plaque.

This year it snowed at Thredbo and those who used the Ski Lodge were able to avail themselves of the improved skiing facilities which have been provided in the area.

We again note our thanks to the Burwood, Concord and Strathfield Councils for their assistance during the year.

We also extend our thanks to the following bodies which the Club has been associated with during the past year:

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

Our membership stands at 387, compared with 377 last year, and consists of the following:

	<u>1969-70</u>	<u>1968-69</u>
Full members	286	263
Junior members	2	16
Associate members)	99	98
Country members )		
	<u>387</u>	<u>377</u>

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CRICKET

"Give me a game, where eleven men  
 Are one for the good of the side  
 A duck they will make with a smiling face,  
 They will field through the day in any place,  
 Though they finish "two" in a two horse race,  
 They tried, and tried and tried."

D.L.A.

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Sub-Committee

J. Balmforth (Chairman)  
 P. Mansford  
 D. Williams

D. Walker  
 T. Wyatt

The pre-season activities were more extensive and of a more serious nature than for many years. Firstly the N.S.W.C.A. intimated that admission to the Competition depended to some extent on a team having available a cricket oval. We were indeed fortunate in the assistance received in this regard from Strathfield Council and St. Patrick's College whose co-operation provided for us the use of Hudson Park when not required by the College. The Chairman has great pleasure in acknowledging this understanding co-operation which resulted in our 'C' Shire XI's acceptance in the competition. A further pre-season problem was also happily resolved by the assistance and co-operation of Concord Council and Mr. Alan Barnes, Secretary of the N.S.W.C.A. who provided alternative ground accommodation for both of 'A' and 'B' Shire XI's whilst Concord Council undertook to re-level the wicket at Rothwell Park, in fact it was not until December that Rothwell Park was available for use. After many problems and trials and some dis-satisfaction with the new wicket towards the end of the season the Committee felt much more satisfied and we are expecting to reap the benefits in the 1970/71 Season. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Alan Barnes and the Concord Council Engineer for their understanding and assistance are recorded with sincerity.

It is usual for the Chairman to report and comment on the playing performance and you will recall the optimism which permeated last year's Chairman's Report, unfortunately the 1969-70 season demonstrated that this was unfounded. The final competitive positions at 'stumps' in March 1969 and March 1970 are given below:-

	<u>1968/69</u>	<u>1969/70</u>
a) Club Championship	2nd	4th
b) 'A' Shires	5th	7th

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	<u>1968/70</u>	<u>1969/70</u>
c) 'B' Shires	2nd	3rd
d) 'C' Shires	9th	5th
e) C. & S.	24 games played 9 lost	20 games played 12 lost

The season was not satisfactory and much greater efforts must be forthcoming in the 1970/71 Season. It was pleasing to note that my comments in last year's Report re the use of slow bowling found acceptance with the various Shire Captain's, but, the slow bowlers themselves shall need to place great emphasis on practice to achieve better length and direction control. Fielding, on occasions reached great heights in each XI but the physical fitness of many players left a great deal to be desired and even if practice facilities are not all they should be every cricketer should be capable of getting himself in good physical shape. It was however in batsmanship that we were found wanting. Many pertinent and forthright views on this subject are expressed in the 'A' Shire Report and I endorse these remarks, for in my view they are pretty close to the truth. Very few batsmen in our level of cricket are completely competent, everyone has weaknesses and a review of the performances will show that those players who use "their" safe swing shots and resist the spectacular produced the results in terms of runs and averages. One cannot score runs back in the tent and too many of us sell our wickets rather cheaply. Batsmen in the 1970/71 season should march to the wicket with the attitude "if the opposition want my wicket they must really earn it". The Committee is highly desirous of reducing the average age of our sides and looks to the younger members, by performances to push their claims to selection in the higher grades and then to retain them by results.

Our usual non-competitive cricket matches were again a pleasing feature of the season. A Double Wicket Competition was held on 1st March under the usual cloudless Australian sky, many thrilling games were seen and the eventual winners both from our C. & S. side demonstrated the different attitudes to batting which prevail in this competition compared to Shire Cricket. Congratulations to Peter Burt and Jeff Jarrett on a very fine effort, had the Cricket Chairman been better supported by the 'A' Shire Skipper it is probable the result would have been different.

On 22nd March the Annual 'A' v. 'B' fixture took place at Goddard Park, this game has been referred to by both 'A' and 'B' Shire Captains in their respective reports so that

my comments need only be brief. The 'B' Shire XI ran out very easy winners because of greater application and keenness some of the 'A' Shire batting was woefully weak and a perfect demonstration of comments made elsewhere regarding our problems in batting.

The long week-end in January was once more the occasion for a 'tour' this time to Gloucester and the Committee's thanks are recorded to John Hazelwood "the country boy from Gloucester" who did so much to make the tour a success. We had a very good side in the field who outplayed the opposition and were in a winning situation when "rain stopped play". Once again the value of these tours was demonstrated, socially they are most desirable and the Committee is aware of the feelings in the Club that we should endeavour to extend these benefits by taking away 2 teams to provide greater opportunities for comradeship between the Club members and better appreciation from the wives and sweethearts whose presence contributes such a large measure to the pleasure of these tours!

Through the season many people worked hard and well for cricket and I have the greatest pleasure in saying thank you to both the Cricket Sub-Committee and Selection Committee Members for their time, advice and support, I am sure that the "older" members of the Sub-Committee will support me when I record a note of congratulations to Tim Wyatt who made such an outstanding success of the new position of Publicity Officer, there is a great deal more known about Burwood cricket in the District now because of his efforts.

The Selection Committee again deliberated in complete sobriety (some players may find this hard to accept) but again had difficulties in selections resulting from non-availability and lack of pressure which can only come from good performances of players in the lower grades. No comments at this juncture on the 'A' v. 'B' fixture! Bob Clark was noted absentee throughout the season but will be with us for 1970/71, Frank Farrell was Supporter No. 1 and who could wish for a better, particularly as he makes such a good cup of tea and is an experienced user of washing up equipment. All players can rest assured that "Wisden Briar" is on the job as usual and all your good and bad performances are duly recorded. To all these persons and the many nameless others who help to make our cricket so happy the Chairman records his grateful thanks. Finally, the ladies, your patience, attendance at the various grounds, your acceptance of cricket as a rival for your affection is fully appreciated by us all.

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### 'A' SHIRE

The achievement of seventh position, if this can be rated as achievement, is a reasonable measure of performance. Teams below us were all beaten soundly, whilst the six above were our masters, excepting one outstanding win against the ultimate premiers Wentworthville-Blacktown. This, indeed, was our only win over any of the top clubs in the past two seasons.

In a decade of 'A' Shire Cricket, we have retained a similar complement of players with varying rotations of them between 'A' and 'B' grades. Despite the additions of small dashes of new talent, this nucleus, under varying leadership, has yet to prove to be of an 'A' Shire Competition winning calibre. It is therefore difficult to find justification for the perennial optimism of the players, and of the Cricket Chairman that "This is 'completely' our year"! Stated plainly, the A's were not good enough last season, nor have they been for a long time previously.

The Club has an abundance of cricketers of sufficient strength to always bring us near the top of 'B' Shire, no matter how the selectors ravage that team. The majority of these however are seemingly lacking, firstly in ability and in the allied attributes of dedication, determination and fitness to be successful consistently in 'A' Shire. The 'A' v. 'B' Match indicated how close the playing strengths are.

That a blend of youth and experience is essential is a truism, but as the oldest 'A' Shire team, we are too weighted down with experience, whilst lacking the zest for the challenge of cricket that young, fresh talent can provide. One feels that most of our players, in their mature state, no longer view Saturdays with their "old get up and go", and that youthful inspiration has been replaced by relief at the prospect of a cathartic Saturday free of paternal responsibility.

To again bring us to the top of 'A' Shire Competition we look to an energetic drive for new members of requisite ability by the new Personnel Committee, in liaison with the Cricket Chairman. Successful recruitment allied with the development of the younger current members seen promisingly in the A's v. B's match and the double wicket competition, should enable the A's to present a newer "image". Our "veterans" would then be free to bolster the ailing C. & S. team, enabling this team to then fulfil its rightful role in the Club's cricket scene.

In reviewing the season, a contrast is evident to that of the prior year, for our bowlers this time flaunted a supremacy of performance, producing very good analysis figures, and enabled us to emerge victorious from many dire plights. Only one team scored over two hundred runs against us, which further points to the correct assumption that our lowly place was due to sanguinary awful batting. This was our poorest rungetting season for many years, but on perusing other Clubs' reports, a similar situation therein exists. Before condemning our batsmen with the old tired phrases of "lack of application", "must concentrate" and "gutless", etc. ad nauseam, and whilst agreeing that in individual instances this criticism is justifiable, one very pertinent fact must be considered. After the first three matches on good wickets and on which, significantly, we batted well, we then faced an illegitimate rarity of ill prepared, dusty or weedy, or cracked or chipped or wet dirt (never turf). This unpredictability of batting surfaces played havoc with the form and confidence of our batsmen and I am sure that this was the reason why players of proven success all had bad records.

These same wickets were, of course, eminently suitable for our predominantly medium pace attack, which despite its limited variety and lack of much guile, was able to produce the aforementioned good analysis figures, which I am afraid I regard as flattering.

The team's fielding in general was excellent with some superb catching, evident whilst a majority of the team had good "arms". Our most costly lapses were undoubtedly in slips, and caused by the policy of hiding the less mobile older members in these positions. The wisdom of this policy can be debated fruitlessly at length, but it at least enabled the keeper to be surrounded by his own age group.

That the team had some "on the field" behavioural problems is not denied and these stemmed from players not performing as successfully as they had hoped and from a preoccupation in doubting the veracity of adverse umpires decisions, with subsequent reactions. These disturbances were minimal, were under provocation from not blameless opponents and were controlled without further recurrence. However, until the Utopean state of always having official and competent umpires at every match is achieved, there will always be mutterings of dismay at decisions given by player umpires, and to think otherwise is unrealistic. In closing this matter, I point out that

we had 18 LBW decisions granted to our bowlers, whilst we only conceded to our opponents that 6 of our batsmen were out. Whilst being sure that we were only hit on the pads one third as often as our opponents, it is evident that our umpiring could be regarded as being poor and suspect by other Clubs.

Apart from the above lapses, the demeanour of the team, its standard of dress, punctuality and organisation was exemplary, being always in the expected Briars tradition (actually we were much better than that!) For this, a debt is owed by the Captain to firstly the Cricket Chairman, his Secretary, Cricket Committee, and to the team executive officers. As Vice-Captain, Peter Scott proved a helpful source of advice, if "Kim" consulted him, even though this pair had a mutual agreement to differ in ways of temperament. When Peter Mansford was demoted, he proved an equally good gear steward. Col. Jones was unique in that he was always a reliable caterer at tea intervals, even if in stingy accountancy housekeeping traditions, he only allows 1.32 biscuits per person. Kevin Holley used his intimidatory sales technique, proven over stunned shopkeepers, to collect our batting fees, whilst we were always pleased to have Frank Farrell for his support and help at afternoon tea. We always had one spectator with a keen insight of the game of cricket and who at least appreciated the wily tactics and clever generalship of the captain. No names are given but could he be a relative?

Even if not present, one couldn't escape the wrath of Clark for I quote a card dated 11.2.70 from South Africa "Sorry Burwood having troubles.-- Those outbursts against other teams' decisions only worsen the position".

However, the team was generally happy, on the field and in the dressing room, and I am indebted to the team for their support and response to any requests, clear or otherwise. The appellation of "Kim" may cast some doubts on the validity of this statement, but after match sociability was held at the increased level of recent seasons, and in apres-cricket, we are Premiers.

Three seasons of captaincy have convinced me that the difficulties inherent in the dual role of Keeper/Captain should preclude their future use and that we certainly need fresh talent and leadership.

This role as captain has given me tremendous pleasure and satisfaction with but two regrets, that I haven't

captained a Premiership side, and that the chance has gone, for I could never face the prolonged agony of writing another Cricket Report.

DAVID "KIM" WALKER - CAPTAIN. On the season's results definitely classified as a Wicket-keeper/Batsman rather than the reverse. Using definitions from the early part of the report batting does not suffer from lack of ability or fitness so what is amiss has to be dedication and determination to the prime function of gathering in the runs. CAPTAIN'S NOTE:- That the Chairman should form such an erroneous assumption on the basis of two innings seen in social matches, causes one to doubt the supposed cricketing sagacity of Yorkshiremen. A popular captain with all opposition and his own team members and a credit to the "Briars".

"PRICKLY" PETER "I'LL SEE HOW MY BACK GOES" SCOTT. Though scoring moderately and consistently, that this accomplished opener should have had such a relatively poor season only emphasises the difficulties faced in scoring runs this season. Because the team's batting performance rests largely on his shoulders, Peter is perhaps too defensive, for he is a commanding player when attacking. I feel he should curtail his "gamesmanship" at the crease as it undoubtedly affects his concentration, and only increases opposition pressure to dismiss him, as our recognised "top gun". He suffered a pinched sciatic nerve mid-season which obviously (all those grimaces!) affected his performance and limited his use as a bowler. His display of class swing bowling in the wet and gloom of Gloucester, indicated how valuable his outswinger could become. Oh yes, he fielded well, but too often liked to bring the "Keeper" to his knees.

IAN "I'VE GOT AN M.G."B.", AND NOW A "BIG C"! BLAIR. Forgetting a bad trot at the season's end, Ian was possibly the only batsman who could claim a successful season, with highlights being a winning 63 v. Pennant Hills and of course, alone and fighting maiden Big C against Bexley. These typified his sound approach, and he is a fine example in this respect to other players, as long as they don't copy the nibble outside the off stump and the lopted pull. He is a brilliant catcher of the ball, and despite what he says when stirred, always impresses as an excellent team player. Having connived with "Prickly" Pete to have a bowl, his off-spinners (really "straighties") deserve to remain in obscurity.

PETER "WHERE'S THE OLD SPICE, DAVEY?" RICHARDSON. In his old role again as opener he proved moderately successful, roaching double figures 13 times in 21 innings, though not

often going on to a big score when set. Why? I don't know! Could be that his blade is not always presented square on, or that he tries to crash the ball, rather than stroke it, and loses timing and balance. At all events he always gave of his best and was an enthusiastic and effective fielder in any position. His talents in slips are not fully utilised by a team of bowlers who rarely use the outswinger.

PETER "CAN I JUST DASH HOME FOR A MINUTE?" MANSFORD. Peter's batting season in the A's was a shocker, but you can't come good in everything. The form of last season suggests that he will be back in the A's particularly if he can leave the early ball outside the off-stump alone. His fielding was excellent and that freakish catch of Lane Cove's Terry Pearce, which prompted the laugh of the season at "The Great Bat Throwing Episode", was only possible to such a fielder.

GEOFF "LISTEN! I KNOW HOW TO GET GRANT OUT!" GORTON. "Pinger" played some fine innings, doing his own thing is the best way for him. His lightning 51 against Pennant Hills, and a near 100 against Epping when "Kim" closed the innings with Geoff 98 n.o. were the type of batting we expected. However, despite his denials, I remain convinced that in some of his disasters with lapses in concentration and judgement, he was often not really trying. Birding problems may be a causative, but some of his dismissals were hard for a Captain to accept, when the team expected so much from his brilliance. His fielding was much sounder than last season and no fault can be found with his enthusiastic throwing and running in covers.

GRAHAM "IS JONES UMPIRING?" IRELAND. His return to the side for Round 6, coincided with a defeat of Wentworthville. This may have been regarded as a good omen, but in fact proved to be nothing other than "Chiefie" was back. His impact was not shattering, though he performed moderately well, if inconsistently, by scoring five thirties (or thereabouts) in his aggregate. If only he could average his age! His fielding was safe, but his bowling action was seen mainly in his unavailing miming efforts to attract the captain's eye.

KEVIN "I CAN'T COME TO THE CLUB, WE'RE BABYSITTING" HOLLEY. In a season where his most successful effort was 4 - 28 v. Auburn and each of his 31 wickets cost 22 runs, one would be pardoned for thinking that Kevin's was only a moderate performance, in comparison with the figures of

Watt, Hazelwood and Jones. In fact, as left handed opening bowler, without the previous year's pacy support of Guille, Kevin was our most consistently hostile bowler, time and time again just shaving the wicket or bat without capturing the elusive wicket. With some weight off, and more fitness, I am sure Kevin would be an even greater threat to opponents, particularly if he gains further control of his temperament for he is too easily provoked by other teams, who know this weakness. Natural fire in a bowler is good, but loss of temper lessens effectiveness and makes one a target for opposition jibes. His fielding was good, sprinkled with brilliant slip catches, but had a wretched batting season, reserving his best for two match winning efforts against Wentworthville.

TED "I GOTCHA!" WATT, vindicated the Captain's belief that he should have been back in the A's the past three seasons by performing splendidly when promoted in Round 5. His always accurate bowling, with surprising off-the-wicket pace was made often very hostile by the poor nature of the wickets, and his capturing of the bowling average was meritorious. He batted in typical hot and cold fashion with some match winners interspersed with shockers. Whether batting or bowling, his mannerisms always bore the unhappy knack of bringing out the worst in our opponents, who have not learned the tolerance of our own team and our forgetfulness of his antics. He is slow in the field, but still was a safe pair of hands, though one "I gotcha" slipped through this year.

COLIN "GYPSY ROSE" JONES being our No. 1 Party-Stripper, bumped and ground out his best off-spin act for many years, and proved he is the Club's top spinner. (He has to be! There are no others!) Pushing the ball through quicker, and with good accuracy, he was able to contain all batsmen, excepting in the second University of N.S.W. Match. His best figures came on good wickets against Epping and Roseville, whilst on some of the other corrugations, he produced many unplayable balls, shocking some opposition batsmen. One would still like to see more variety in his methods, though he seems to be developing his "Quickie".

His slip fielding was unfortunate, but it is perhaps not fair to place him here, though lack of speed restricts his positioning elsewhere. As a batsman he hit some and missed others, with a credit balance in the latter.

JOHN "CALL THE SKIPPER 'KIM'" HAZELWOOD was promoted with Ted Watt in Round 5, and made a sensational re-entry

by taking 6 - 30 against Auburn and by maintaining this good form, proved a success in his first full season in 'A' Shire with 43 wickets at a cost of 12.7 runs. A later back injury seemed to rob him of a little pace off the pitch, and he must strive to keep greater pressure on the batsman by eliminating those one or two really bad balls per over. Greater fitness would enable him to produce for longer periods the pace he showed at Gloucester, and though he strenuously and vociferously denies this charge, he appears a little lazy in his approach to bowling and fielding. Nevertheless, John should be well satisfied with his season, with even better to come.

Last year's 'B' Report states that he thinks he can bat, and having seen the 'A' batsmen of this year, perhaps, as John talks on, and on, and on, about his ability, there is a place up the list for him, replacing "Kim".

NOEL YOUNG was promoted in the absence of Holley (he may regret missing this match) for the last round against a weakened Auburn on the basis of the u-playable inswinging, off cutting yorker which came out of a background tree-trunk to bowl the A's captain in the A v. B match. He proceeded to move the ball everywhere to capture 4 - 31 and 5 - 29, the season's best bowling double. (Note that, Hazelwood!)

Milton Cujes, Jim Neale, John Kemp, Peter Burt, Barry Cardwell, Rod Smith, David Scoble and Tim Wyatt all fronted up for the odd game or two in the Senior Side without being able to produce results to ensure their retention, but the Skipper thanks them for their support of the team.

<u>"A" S H I R E S T A T I S T I C S</u>							
<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>
15	1	8	1	4	1	64	7th
<u>Runs For</u>	<u>Wickets For</u>	<u>Average</u>		<u>Runs Against</u>	<u>Wickets Against</u>	<u>Average</u>	
2898	167	17.35		2900	180	16.11	

#### 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>
E. Watt	11	3	52	214	26.75
I. Blair	18	2	101	398	24.89

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Batting (cont'd.)

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. of Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>	<u>Average</u>
G. Gorton	20	2	98	364	20.22
P. Scott	21	-	46	403	19.19
D. Walker	19	2	78	285	16.76
G. Ireland	15	2	31	205	15.77
P. Richardson	21	1	45	285	14.15
B. Cardwell	7	1	25	75	12.33
K. Holley	17	2	31	172	11.47
J. Hazelwood	8	6	10	17	8.50
P. Mansford	9	1	30	66	8.25
C. Jones	13	3	18	76	7.60

Also batted: M. Cujes 4-32; R. Smith 3-43; P. Burt 3-23;  
J. Neale 3-11; J. Kemp 2-0; T. Wyatt 1-4;  
N. Young 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>
E. Watt	81	14	232	21	11.05
J. Hazelwood	143	16	532	42	12.67
C. Jones	164	14	613	44	13.93
K. Holley	175	23	686	31	22.13

Also bowled: N. Young 1-60; R. Smith 4-59; D. Scoble 1-43;  
P. Burt 1-8; G. Ireland 0-12; I. Blair 0-13;  
P. Richardson 0-6; T. Wyatt 0-6.

"B" SHIRE

A large turnover of players during the season (in all 27) caused difficulties in the settling down of the team, however, generally the results were satisfactory. The team changes were quite extensive in that only five of the team that played in the final last season played in the concluding matches this year. The loss of two key bowlers namely Ted Watt and John Hazelwood was a severe blow to our premiership hopes. Our bowling which in previous years was our major advantage over other teams in the competition was still good but it lacked the ability to restrict the flow of runs of any team. It can be seen that in the 1968/69 season the opposition averaged 14.5 runs per wicket against this season's average of 19.5 per wicket. However, our batting showed an improvement by an increase from 19.5 in 1968/69 to 23.0 this season. The fielding also showed considerable improvement on previous years, a greater degree of enthusiasm being evident.

The team was well placed in the competition up to round 13 when an outright defeat to the lowly placed Epping side and a first innings loss to University of N.S.W. put paid to our chances of reaching the final. Our only other defeats during year were to the eventual finalists, Wentworthville, who defeated us by one run and Lane Cove the premiers who gave us a sound hiding at Longueville.

As mentioned previously the batting has improved in that it showed much more application without setting the world on fire. There were a few weak spots in the batting order which could not be quite adequately filled although most players were keen to give it a go. Our tail-end batsmen in Noel Young, John Kemp and Barry Vaughan were very successful on a few occasions and each went to great lengths to convince everybody that their new found talents were being wasted so far down the list.

Overall the season was a most enjoyable one and the captain was most appreciative of the loyal support and enthusiasm of the players. The players were grateful for the assistance and encouragement tendered by Frank Farrell and Mr. Corderoy during the season.

In a season which really had few highlights it would be remiss not to mention the sound defeat the "B" team dealt the "A" side which was a great surprise to everybody except the "B" team and a few keen students of the game.

It was particularly pleasing to see young players like David Scoble, Brian Pycock, etc. playing in the "B" Shire during the latter part of the season which sounds an ominous warning to some of the more established "A" and "B" Shire players.

B. CARDWELL had his best season for a few years. His innings of 77 against University of N.S.W. was a delight to watch. His good performances earned him a place in the "A" Shire team towards the end of the season. As usual he was outstanding in the field.

J. RICHARDS finished the season with an aggregate of just over 500 runs in both "B" and "C" Shire teams and probably would have made hundreds more if he hadn't got married. John has improved his batting tremendously and is now a very efficient opening batsman. Very reliable in the field.

T. MOBBS scored 404 runs and took 36 wickets which indicates a good season. Tom always manages to score runs and get wickets; more than often both. A great team man and a very enthusiastic participant.

G. CORDEROY started the season on a high note by scoring 93 runs in the opening match and generally batted reasonably well. His wicket-keeping was efficient in the early and latter part of the season, but had a lean period half way through the season.

J. NEALE was relegated from the "A's" early in the year due to indifferent performances. However, he found form later on and batted and bowled particularly well. His fielding has improved. Should be able to get back into the "A's" next season on the form shown towards the end of the season.

R. SMITH played only half the season in the side and performed particularly well. His batting was very good as well and he utilised the occasional use of the ball with some good results. Very safe in the field and took one of the best catches seen for a long time on the boundary at Longueville.

P. BAILEY played his first full season in the team and generally proved to be an enthusiastic participant. He is an attacking batsman and is always keen to get on with the job and generally batted very well. Very good fieldsmen.

I. CARR as opening batsman performed reasonably well. Fairly safe in the field. We should see a lot more runs from him next season.

N. YOUNG struck a purple patch late in the season and was promoted. His bowling throughout the year was very good and he also equipped himself well with the bat on a number of occasions. A good team man.

J. KEMP was perhaps the most improved player in the team. John showed much more application in his bowling and lots of enthusiasm with the bat and in the field. He was unlucky not to get more wickets in many matches and should have a good season next year.

B. VAUGHAN started playing late in the season and naturally took some time to settle down. His bowling in the concluding matches showed what a good bowler he is and we look to him for a big season next year.

<u>"B" 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>
15	3*	6	1	3	2	71	3rd

\* Includes one match won outright after being behind on the first innings.

<u>Runs For</u>	<u>Wickets For</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Runs Against</u>	<u>Wickets Against</u>	<u>Average</u>
3415	149	23.0	3014	179	17.0

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>
B. Cardwell	14	3	81	424	38.5
J. Richards	11	3	72	257	32.1
T. Mobbs	17	3	94	401	28.6
G. Corderoy	14	2	89	336	28.0
P. Mansford	9	1	52	217	27.1
J. Neale	13	2	52	255	23.2
P. Bailey	19	-	59	353	18.6
I. Carr	15	-	46	200	13.3
N. Young	8	3	17	60	12.0

Also batted: T. Wyatt 4-26; G. Ireland 6-136; E. Watt 3-32; P. Burt 4-54; J. Hazelwood 3-16; R. Smith 6-218; M. Cujes 5-18; R. Bailey 1-0; J. Crockart 1-0; R. Streeter 1-0; R. Young 2-10; I. Trevenar 3-27; D. Moore 4-67; K. Trollope 2-20; B. Pycock 1-1; D. Scoble 1-4; J. Kemp 7-72; B. Vaughan 6-29.

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>
T. Mobbs	162	27	543	36	15.0
J. Neale	158	20	625	38	16.4
N. Young	136	16	493	28	17.6
J. Kemp	101	13	360	20	18.0
B. Vaughan	51	5	205	7	29.3

Also bowled: E. Watt 12-94; J. Hazelwood 14-157; P. Burt 1-88; G. Ireland 0-3; I. Carr 0-8; P. Bailey 1-59; R. Smith 6-47; J. Crockart 1-25; R. Young 2-100; P. Mansford 1-12; D. Scoble 2-17.

"C" SHIRE

The 1969/70 Season saw, for the first time, a "C" Shire Competition in which only Municipal & Shire teams took part and in consequence the competition was much more even resulting in some keen close matches. The purpose of the "C" Shire XI is to provide a training ground for younger players, to make sure that adequate replacements are available for the higher grades and to

create an atmosphere where the players can really enjoy the game and the companionship. If success can be added to those requirements then indeed the season can be claimed as a major achievement. In the season under review all these requirements were met to differing degrees. Training or coaching leaves a great deal to be desired and there is a major need for a properly qualified coach. When necessary adequate replacements were available for the "B" Shire and there is no doubt the team was a happy band of players. When judging the season on the basis of performance it came very close to success and only served up poor cricket on one occasion when, against a lowly placed side, and after winning on 1st innings, it produced a very mediocre bowling and fielding performance to lose outright. Against the leaders of the Competition, Lane Cove, it lost its only other match outright by a narrow margin, this was an outstanding performance in view of the fact that Burwood had to field a weaker than usual side because of absences and then batted a man short in the 2nd innings due to business taking a leading batsman interstate.

In the early part of the season, against relatively weak sides having achieved 1st innings points and commanding position in the 1st day's play the second Saturday was completely washed out, almost certainly causing loss of maximum points. There were 2 such occasions. The batting throughout the season was generally more than adequate and the 2nd line bowling of a good standard. The team suffered badly from lack of penetration in the opening attack resulting from the non availability for more than half the games of a genuine "quickie" and in one of the games where real speed was available the opposition requested the bowler to be removed as their young batsmen were quite incapable of coping with the situation. The 1970/71 Season, with a reasonably constant side and a genuine fast opening attack regularly available should see Burwood battling out the final.

J. BALMFORTH (Capt.). Likes to feel that in the season under review had all his players enjoying their cricket. He certainly felt much younger both physically and mentally at the end of the season than at its commencement and thanks the youth for bringing this about. Disappointed with the bat but surprised greatly with the ball.

J. H. BALMFORTH. First season with the Club, an asset in the field with keenness and some good catches. Batting lacking in fundamentals, must learn to use his feet,

judge the pitch of the ball, get to it and get his body over the ball when playing the stroke.

A. CLIFFORD. A course of calisthenics to improve fitness and stamina would bring about a big improvement in fielding and assist in bowling. On wickets giving assistance Andy can be a most difficult bowler to handle but on good batting strips much more dedication to control of length and direction is necessary. Always good for a sixer when batting providing a slow bowler can be organised.

T. WYATT. Tim had a most unhappy season, aggravated by selections which played him in all three grades. Compared to the previous season of high success with the bat he must have been greatly disappointed. Lack of concentration and a tendency to play back on firm wickets was the probable cause, the former reason could have been due to his first full year as a salary earner. No need to worry as the ability is there, just concentrate on the ball, get to the pitch quickly and make sure the left shoulder is over the ball on contact.

S. GEDDES. A most welcome addition to the team, with experience will learn to judge the length of the bowler better and then be able to keep the ball on the ground more by getting to the pitch. Fielding generally very keen with a few lapses in concentration, took some wonderful catches close in.

I. TREVENAR. A player with potential, both as batsman and bowler, but will not realise this potential until he becomes keener, fitter and much more active.

M. STERRY. Michael bowls accurately and on occasion with great success. However, on Australian wickets needs to produce either more pace or more guile to be a constant wicket taker, slight variations in length would bring about an improvement particularly against a punishing type of batsman. Tends to have periods of rest when fielding.

J. CROCKART. The slow bowler in the side. Learnt the advantages of bowling around the wicket towards the end of the season and should use this change of angle delivery more frequently. Tends to give the ball too much air on a still day, should use flight when wind assists but maintain a lower trajectory on other occasions. Fielding showed great improvement and could become an outstanding fielder.

D. SCOBLE. Has the pace and hostility to become a very good "quickie" but must play regularly and practice

assiduously to get full control of length and direction. Batting has much promise and should be taken seriously. Providing the interest and effort is put into his cricket can develop into a very good cricketer.

W. PARTINGTON (Vice-Capt.). A good team player whose keenness is infectious, as a change bowler has the ability to bowl rubbish and take wickets. Had a good season with the bat and would score many more runs with a tighter defence, plays with the bat too far away from the body and is suspect against the ball coming into the wicket.

R. STREETER. A good season with the bat, could be improved by using more bat and less pad particularly with balls on the stumps. Normally safe in the field but has occasional lapses of concentration.

M. MELVILLE. A good team player, kept wicket in the Grout fashion standing well back, could take cleaner from the slow bowlers. Run making potential great but needs more patience and tighter defence early in innings.

C. HICKEY. Exhibits good power laden scoring shots when set, but does not give himself time to get set, basic defensive strokes and patience need improvement. Very active in the field at cover point taking good catches and making exciting returns to the wicket-keeper.

B. PYCOCK. His first season with the Club, shows great promise with both bat and ball. Needs to provide himself with extensive net practice to produce necessary level of control for his type of bowling whilst with the bat must learn to play with the blade much closer to the body.

<u>"C" SHIRE STATISTICS</u>							
<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	1	8	2*	3	1	65	5

\* Includes one game in which we obtained 1st innings points.

<u>Runs For</u>	<u>Wickets For</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Runs Against</u>	<u>Wickets Against</u>	<u>Average</u>
3087	173	17.81	2436	17.9	14.47

### B A T T I N G (8 innings)

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. of Inns.</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>	<u>Average</u>
W. Partington	11	-	86	278	25.27
R. Streeter	14	3	52	274	24.90
M. Melville	8	-	47	185	23.12
B. Pycock	8	1	47	153	21.85
J. Balmforth	17	-	45	293	17.23
C. Hickey	18	1	42	268	15.76
S. Geddes	13	2	22	150	13.63
I. Trevenar	9	1	26	92	11.50
M. Sterry	14	6	26	83	10.37
J. H. Balmforth	11	2	12	46	5.11
J. Crookart	10	2	6	33	4.12
A. Clifford	12	2	10	34	3.40

Also Batted: J. Richards 6-288; I. Carr 5-138; D. Scoble 5-95; J. Dess 7-113; T. Wyatt 7-91; F. O'Halloran 5-34; D. Williams 1-24; B. Vaughan 1-18; N. Sterry 1-9; E. Stockdale 1-29; T. Parker 2-54; R. Smith 3-33; G. Jarrett 1-11; D. Guille 2-10; J. Barrett 3-29; M. Cujes 2-4; C. Dennis 2-3.

### B O W L I N G (50 overs)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
D. Scoble	64	17	23	171	7.43
J. Balmforth	136	20	41	413	10.07
J. Crookart	79	7	25	341	13.64
M. Sterry	219	45	41	658	16.04
A. Clifford	99	16	15	380	25.33

Also Bowled: W. Partington 10-90; R. Smith 9-49; B. Pycock 4-62; I. Carr 1-19; I. Trevenar 3-84; N. Sterry 1-39; B. Vaughan 1-62; J. Barrett 0-19; D. Guille 0-22; J. Richards 0-29.

### CITY AND SUBURBAN REPORT

After the performances of all parties in the double wicket competition recently held, there is no doubt that if a match could be arranged as above, it would be a sell out with the winner hard to predict.

Although it is not often that members of our side will demean themselves by entering into competition with the lower teams, it was felt in the interests of club spirit, it might put forward a few players in the double wicket series this year. Consequently four average to poor players

were nominated, and took part with the inevitable result that our two pairs contested the final after leaving a trail of bruised and battered shire players in their wake. We will have to think twice before we subject these shire players to such a humiliating experience again.

However, this gives rise to one disturbing thought - with such an obvious wealth of ability available, why have not the C. and S. won more matches? To this correspondent it seems that there can be two answers:-

1. Are they badly handled and lacking spirited leadership. (Back to the salt mines for your fearless correspondent.)
2. Are the rest of the team such no-hopers that even the above four players cannot carry them.

This suggestion will have a lot of support from some quarters, especially the Captain.

E. STOCKDALE. Poor old chap - I still see him at Turramurra after making about 70, looking like a basset-hound who's just won the marathon - gasping for breath - blood pressure 500 - mind in a whirl - legs like jelly, his head bloody but unbowed - a mighty performer!

DON WILLIAMS. For some unknown reason continues to score runs steadily - a very obstinate fellow - could be made into a prolific scorer if advice given by this correspondent on side play had been heeded, could be too late now. Once again very safe in the air and very slow around the ground.

J. METCALF. What can one say in a few brief words except this - completely and utterly hopeless - always manages to put on one performance near the finish of the season - such as taking 3 catches behind at Gladesville - normally lucky to take 3 balls cleanly - one of his most successful batting performances was 8!

Fortunately did not bowl.

B. TREVENAR (Captain). Must have lacked something - had a team bursting with talent as witnessed by the double wicket win against all comers, but his side failed to win a lot of games - keeps discipline (with his stooge Snoopy Green) by Gestapo like methods and is addressed as "Sir" by all players.

R. YOUNG. How anyone can be kept on as opening bowler and get wickets bowling four full pitchers every over is beyond explanation - even Metcalf couldn't do much better than this. Only bears out the old saying "if you got enough

overs you'll get wickets". Won the sprint title and thus joins the ranks of the other T.P.I.'s who hold the title.

There is some unkind talk about his relations with the handicapper. Runner up in the double wicket.

MITCHELL. One of the game's big hearts - scores runs considerably 3 here, 4 there, 2 somewhere else, but is unable to get a rise in the batting order. Refuses to kneel and kiss the captain's hand, so is likely to stay down in the order.

"SHERLOCK" JARRETT. Fresh from the F.B.I. and has been a decided asset to the team, and his official position as Commissioner Allen's personal representative does much to prevent the always seething discontent in the side from breaking into open violence. Lean and rangy he is remarkably like an antelope with arthritis as he bounds around the field. Joint winner of the double wicket with Peter Burt.

SIR DONALD WEARNE. Flashed like a rocket across the firmament of the C. & S. Brought in as a last minute fill in, he top-scored on a number of occasions and finished up second in the batting averages. Football is only secondary since his new found fame. The word is that he is acquiring a pair of cricket trousers next season.

PETER BURT. A highly temperamental but valuable player. Joint winner with Sherlock Jarrett of the double wicket competition. Had great success with the ball and made a new club record for the greatest number of sixers hit off a Briars bowler in an over. A discard from the shires early, would not now dream of playing with any other side than the C. & S. Who would when they could go in 1st wicket down and get plenty of bowling every match. There is some unkind talk about a relationship with the captain.

DOUG. MOORE. The "mod" kid. Had his first season with the team and had quite good success in both departments. Was dropped to the shires for a match or two, but came back strongly and was soon reinstated. A virile fieldsman. Joint runner up with Ray Young in the double wicket.

ALAN ROSE. I also seem to have Rosie last, but think he would feel out of place in any other position. Always in the last 2 or 3 batting despite some brilliant performances, generally last of the bowlers to be used and even he himself would not deny he would be one of the last out on the field. Didn't get a lot of work with the ball, but

performed well when given a show. The real blame for this lies with the batsmen who never seem to have enough runs on the board to enable the Captain to use a slow bowler.

SNOOPY GREEN. Scorer if you can call him that. Hasn't been the same likeable fellow since he got 3 coloured pencils; seemed to make him look down on the rest of the team and since becoming Trevenar's hatchet man, he seems to thrive on the fear he inspires. Next year will be wearing a felt hat pulled down over his eyes and a shoulder holster.

The Sprint this year was won by Ray Young and one cannot help noticing that this has never been won by anyone other than an incipient pensioner, even though the youth in the side has been liberally handicapped, they are just not good enough and most can be beaten by a nippy one logged snail.

#### CITY AND SUBURBAN STATISTICS

<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>No Result</u>
20	7	12	-	1	-

  

<u>Runs For</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Runs Against</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
2281	147	15.51	2838	160	26.66

#### B A T T I N G (10 innings)

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. of Inns.</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>	<u>Average</u>
D. Williams	14	1	45	306	23.53
R. Kerr	10	-	35	192	19.20
G. Jarrett	10	2	45	142	17.75
D. Moore	10	2	79	139	17.37
E. Stockdale	18	-	76	230	12.77
C. Mitchell	17	1	43	155	9.68
R. Young	17	5	14	64	7.11
A. Rose	13	9	6	23	5.75
J. Metcalfe	11	-	25	59	5.36

Also Batted: I. Bailey 3-25; R. Bailey 4-16; J. Balmforth 1-4; J. H. Balmforth 2-11; J. Barrett 2-13; P. Burt 6-157; A. Clifford 1-1; M. Cujes 2-10; C. Dennis 1-0; J. Dess 4-43; D. Fulham 1-8; H. Geddes 2-0; W. McBurney 5-73; I. McGregor 2-4; M. Melville 2-6; J. McNical 1-0; T. Parker 1-25; R. Smith 2-53; B. Trevenar 6-6;

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K. Treloape 7-207; I. Trevenar 2-50;  
J. Wearne 4-67; T. Wyatt 3-2; C. Walker  
2-9.

B O W L I N G (20 overs)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
A. Rose	62	3	386	28	13.78
P. Burt	42	2	205	13	15.76
R. Young	146	2	809	39	20.74
B. Trevenar	128	8	596	28	21.28
D. Moore	21		147	2	73.5

Also Bowled: J. Balmforth 0-11; J. Barrett 1-23;  
R. Bailey 3-50; I. Bailey 3-72; M. Cujes  
0-43; C. Dennis 0-25; G. Jarrett 2-32;  
I. McGregor 0-9; J. McNical 0-8; C. Mitchell  
1-15; W. McBurney 0-24; D. Scoble 1-35;  
I. Trevenar 5-42; N. Walker 0-16;  
D. Williams 1-53.

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F O O T B A L L

Committee: C. Hickey (Chairman); R. Hellyar (Vice-  
Chairman); R. Willock; T. Wyatt; R. Graff;  
M. Cujes; J. Staniforth.

Coaches: Kentwell Cup - P. Burt  
Burke Cup - M. Elder (Captain Coach)  
Whiddon Cup - J. Edmonds  
Judd Cup - J. Wearne (captain Coach).

Honorary Disorganised Tour Manager - P. Burt.

The 1970 football season proved to be the most  
successful the Briars have enjoyed for a couple of  
seasons.

The season commenced with four trials, the second  
being against a strong New Zealand team, Merivale  
Papanui. For the first time in four encounters, the  
Briars played the superior football and were rewarded  
with an 11-9 victory. Thanks to those players who  
billeted the N.Z. players and helped give them an  
enjoyable weekend.

Two weeks later, a team managed or organised or  
more truthfully disorganised by Peter Burt, travelled

to Melbourne as guests of the Powerhouse Club. The game, which turned out to be the minor function of the weekend, resulted in a 6-6 draw. Sincere thanks to the Powerhouse Club which entertained the Briars so thoroughly.

The long weekend during the season proved a perfect opportunity for the Briars self appointed honorary disorganised tour manager to accompany a team to Orange. Peter Burt (for want of a better name) returned as a most sought after tour manager, as the game was over, the weekend a success, and the manager returning with the boast of managing winning teams only.

An end of season trip to Forbes, organised by two country Briars, Bob Tyndall and Dave Boylson, proved a great social success, however a new manager led the team and alas proved to be just too organised, and the Briars lost the game.

Powerhouse made their end of season journey to Sydney as guests of the Briars - and they were very appreciative of the good hospitality which was shown them by our club members. The game resulted in another draw, this time 11-all.

So as can be seen, the committee and members of the Briars football fraternity have been busy promoting Rugby inter and intra state this season.

Any player who misses future trips is quite mad!

All four coaches, who were also the selectors, were coaching for the club for the first time. All proved very successful with Peter Burt getting Kentwell to 6th Mike Elder pushing Burko to the finals, John Edmonds unluckily finishing 6th with Whiddon, and John Wearne inspired his Judd team to wins in seven of their last ten games and so get to the finals. Judd Cup were premiers of the 'A' division for the first time and consequently it is the highest our Judd team has ever finished.

Many thanks to the four coaches from the committee and players for the endless time and enthusiasm which has to be given to coach and select teams for the club.

The depth in the club this year was an exceptionally pleasing factor, and many of the younger players will find themselves regular positions in the higher grades if they continue to improve next season. Finally we are getting members to realise that the way to achieve success is to keep introducing new players, so keep bringing friends down to play.

Attendances at training is a very important factor. The club has to field 60 players every Saturday, which at times becomes difficult, so it has to be impressed on every player that 100% attendance at training is essential to make any impression on the competition.

Three players are to be congratulated on their selection in the Combined Sub-district team. They were R. Crookes, J. McNicol and R. Day, the latter having his initial season with the club, playing Kentwell and also representing, Dick Crookes was selected as Vice-Captain of the Combined team - obviously the selectors realise the as yet untapped potential of this budding 'young star'.

I would like to firstly thank the football sub-committee for the work and time they have put into helping the 1970 season to run well, and secondly to congratulate them on the way in which they carried out their work.

To the wives and girl friends who help every Saturday selling raffle tickets and hot dogs back at the club, a thank you from every appreciative Briar.

Our official 'water boy' Frank Farrell this year was given a small presentation on behalf of the many players he has saved over the years with his magic elixer. A more stout supporter we could not wish for, together with the many other regular Saturday supporters.

The football Best and Fairest competition was won by Denis 'Fatso' Fulham and he accepted his pewter and traditionally downed the contents, in good style. Bad luck to John Wearne who was second - but points were lost for his failure as manager of the Forbes trip!

This year we went to within one game of the Cup in two divisions - next year we hope the gradual build up will continue and we will bring the Cups back to the club.

Congratulations to the following clubs for their Cup wins.

Kentwell Cup  
Burke Cup  
Whiddon Cup  
Judd Cup

Colleagues  
Bondi Life Savers  
Sydney High Old Boys  
Christian Brothers  
Old Boys.

KENTWELL CUP

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Points</u>		<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
				<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>		
14	5	9	-	151	184	10	6th

Most will agree I'm sure that with our strongest XV (which was available to us only once or twice during the season) and with a little goalkicking luck, we would have won many more games than we did. In fact, in what was generally a disappointing year, we won only five games. The major factor in many of our defeats was undoubtedly the lack of a reliable goalkicker. We must surely have missed "kickable" kicks 8 out of 10.

It has always been my opinion that no team should take the field with a premiership in mind without a recognised kicker and I think it is no coincidence that Grand Finals in both codes are invariably fought out between teams not only possessing the best combinations, but also the most successful goal-kickers. I believe it is not unsound to "carry" a kicker of ability if his general play is below standard, but unhappily we did not possess any such kickers last season. (The fact that our own National Selection Committee do not share this view should not concern us here.) But I digress.

On the other hand, it was rewarding to see the consistently good form of forwards like McNicol, McGregor and most of all Bob Hellyer (who must surely have accounted for more low tackles than any other player). It was also rewarding to see the occasional flashes of individual brilliance from some of our backs. When we combined as a team and when we produced our best football, even for short periods, we looked as good as any team in the competition. Unfortunately this occurred far too rarely.

Although our teams did not reach great heights, it was most encouraging to see the large numbers of new talented players that can undoubtedly be moulded into a successful combination provided they can be kept together.

Bearing in mind the almost complete lack of penetration in the "backs" of all teams (Judd Cup excepted of course) it was pleasing to see the emergence during the latter part of the season of players like Wilson, Turbon, Green and Geoff Brown around whom we can surely mould a formidable back division.

Our forwards played in spasms - at times better than any

in the competition e.g. against Colleagues. Unfortunately (and surprisingly) they frequently lapsed into fundamental errors, unworthy of such experienced players.

In conclusion, I would like to say that despite our relatively unsuccessful year, our prospects for next season are, in my opinion, excellent. This is provided, of course that we can find or train a goalkicker (N.B. K. Green) and that we can convince 15 to 20 individuals that they must train hard and regularly together as a team.

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# BURKE CUP

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Points For</u>	<u>Points Against</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
14	7	7	1	111	111	15	3rd

It would seem as though Briars are destined never to win Burke Cup. For another year we won our way into the play-off but just couldn't manage to pull it off. Still and all it was not for the want of trying so on behalf of our players I would like to congratulate both Lane Cove and Bondi as the eventual grand finalists.

As an indication of the teams ability to fight back one has only to realise that with 3 rounds to go we were only just in 5th position. With a string of 3 good wins we managed to work our way into 3rd position and the play-offs. Then to cap it off, after winning the semi-final against Bank, we went in to play Colleagues who had beaten us soundly in both rounds. With 4 minutes to go we were down 6-14 but managed to score 2 converted tries to run out winners 16-14. Alas, to no avail. The next week we met Lane Cove in the final only to go down 0-6 two penalties, in a very close, hardly fought game.

To sum up I can only say that for next season we must improve on the fire and drive in the team. Generally the ability of players was sound but their application of bodily contact in a lot of cases was rather tame.

The following is the team who played in the final:

PHIL ENGLAND (Fullback). For a lock forward he did extremely well both in Kentwell and Burko this year. A 'gutsy' player and one to watch next season.

JOSH RANDLE (Wing). Still the best finisher in the club and had his best season for a while picking up a bag of tries to our mutual enjoyment.

BOB STRACHAN (Wing). Very strong defensive player but needs to improve handling and positional play.

JIM WILSON (Centre). Possibly the best potential back in the Club. Loves to attack at all times and handles and defends excellently. A must to watch for in Kentwell full time next season.

BOB LEDERER (Centre). At 18 he also shows a ton of potential, attack already strong, must improve on defence and general fire, but this will come with age as he is very keen.

MIKE ELDER (5/8 Capt. Coach). No doubt the best back in the club. Attack, handling, position and defence nothing short of excellent plus faultless goal-kicking and super astute generalship makes this young player a real gain for years to come. (Written by M. Elder).

BOB SPEDDING (1/2). This youthful player was a perfect link for his 5/8 and one can only hope that as a team these two stay together and are not lost to grade. Passing, defence and cover excellent. Many good years still to come from this boy.

LEIGH ENGLAND (Breakaway). Condition and fitness very good but must learn to be more effective when he gets there. Handling, poor and gives away too many penalties.

PHIL BROOKES (Lock V.C.). An inspiration to forwards with 70 minutes play. Defence and rucking strong and good link in attack, but must watch his passing.

JOHN STANIFORTH (Breakaway). 70 minutes player. Good cover defender and strong tackler. Must develop more fire and venom. Am positive he can.

JIM BARRETT (2nd Row). A 'young' player, unlucky to be dropped from Kentwell but with his potential will get back as time is on his side. A little raw but excellent in line outs and general scrummaging. Always in the thick of it.

NORM TROTTER (2nd Row). Another 18 year old with good potential. Very big and already a good line out forward but needs to improve rucking and add more fire in general. Will learn though as last game showed.

PETER PETERS (Front Row). At 17 probably our best potential in the forwards. Plenty of fire, strong defence and rucking but must learn to shut up and play at all times. Technique improving.

TED ROSS (Hooker). Always gave a good share of the ball

from scrums and rucnea, and backed up well. A good example for the young players.

DAVE LAYTON (Front Row). Keen and played for 70 minutes. Always in rucks and mauls but could do with more venom in them.

Added to this we had John Koll an excellent young half who showed a lot of potential and should go far, Evan Williams Front or 2nd Row, always willing and keen who with a little extra weight will surely show out, Dave Barnes who was injured late in the season and whose breakaway play was sorely missed in the finals.

Thanks also go to the following who played:  
B. Cameron, C. Dennis, J. Singleton, K. Wearne, I. Neilly, P. Bloomfield, R. Graff, D. Fulham, R. Moore, R. Pontifex, B. Hellyer, B. McLeish, J. Johns, M. Harley.

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# WHIDDON CUP

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Points For</u>	<u>Points Against</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
14	6	8	92	113	12	6th

Numbers early in the Season seemed to indicate a successful year in the making however it was not to be.

The Club was never able to field the same team for two weeks running and in fact only five members played for more than two-thirds of the season.

The only encouraging aspect was the number of new and younger players appearing, but with such constant team changes every week it was difficult to produce a team capable of playing winning football.

Most losses were by 6 to 8 points and the standard of "A" Division was probably the weakest of all three in the Whiddon Cup competition.

Attendance at training was most irregular and because of the many team changes, training did not commence as a team till at least 8.30 p.m.

I feel much attention should be given to this aspect of training next season.

In giving thought to next years season it is hoped that we are able to attract additional new players as it is quite obvious that an even larger number of "senior"

members will not be gracing the paddock again. Keeping these new players for at least several years is the only way to ensure a future supply of cups in the Briars.

My thanks to all those who played in Whiddo's this season and were able to appreciate the words of an old briar "It's not the quarry but the chase, It's not the laurel but the race".

Because of the large number of players who played I do not intend to write about any individual but I would like to thank Bob Spedding for coaching and captaining the team whilst I was unavailable for a short period.

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#### JUDD CUP

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Points For</u>	<u>Points Against</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
14	9	4	1	102	82	19	1st 'A' Division 3rd Out-right

This year we saw the Judd Cup side win the 'A' division for the first time.

This was due mainly to the fact that some of our senior players did not "give up" football when in the top teams, but played on in the lower grade.

The combination of young new keen members and the old brigade resulted in a very well balanced team.

Our inability to beat C.B.O.B. in the play off of divisional winners was due to the accumulation of a few points:

- (a) The condition of the team in general
- (b) The changing of grounds at the last minute
- (c) A few vital lapses in defence
- (d) A general drop in determination which had been so prevalent the previous week in our glorious victory against Colleagues.

We had a most enjoyable season with some very fine victories, the win against Colleagues, after two losses in the competition rounds, being the finest of all. This was

closely followed by our second round match against Norman-hurst Old Boys'. In this 13-8 triumph we saw lock, Mike Mathews combine well with Chris Walker to score two good tries, and Jack Metcalf back to his usual kicking form (one out of 6).

It is interesting to note that our hooker, John Dalton, scored two tries this season, both from backing ups.

The team had some fifty players represent Judd during the season, which does make it hard for a coach to try and mould a team. But, we did have a nucleus of five or six players to keep some form of system to work on.

It is hoped that next year we can retain this nucleus and with new members added to it, bring home the Judd Cup.

I wish to thank all those who played Judd during the season. It was their efforts and keenness that made my first year of coaching such a pleasure.

The following players represented Judd Cup in the semi-finals and final:

JOHN WEARNE (Captain, Coach, Lock, Wing, Fullback). Obviously a versatile player who kept the team together at all stages. Brilliant in attack, sound in defence. Is said to be fast (15 sec. for the hundred) and elusive (slipped over every time he received the ball). Goal-kicking???? One to watch next year. (Written by J. Wearne).

PETER BURT (Fullback). A brilliant player (10 years ago), who came back to assist the Captain with goal-kicking problems. Attacked well as extra man in the back line, but lacked a little in defence. Solved goal-kicking problem. Very quiet man on the field (never says a word).

DAVE JAMIESON (Wing). Another quiet player who needs a gag next season. Runs hard with the ball but also lacking in defence. Would score more tries if came into backline as extra man. (Nephew of Don Furner so he says.)

JOHN MORTLOCK (Wing). Returned from the stud to have another gallop. The soft life had been too much and he broke down after only a few runs. Did not appear to be as nimble as in previous years. A pity as he is a wonder to watch in full stride.

ROGER BAILEY (Outside Centre). If had been able to

train, would have been in higher grade. Is regaining old confidence and is now attacking well. Devastating in defence.

DENNIS FULHAM (Inside Centre). Our best attacking back. Dennis is very adept at making the break, but, alas, we seldom had any players in support. Defence sound, but tends to tackle a bit high. Winner of the club Best and Fairest Award.

JOHN METCALF (Five-Eight). Another of the wise old men returned to the fold. Looked for the gap but never found it. Kicked some fine goals. With the half-back proved a devastating combination.

IAN BAILEY (Half Back). Scored an eighty yard solo try then collapsed. Condition 'lousy'. Attacked well and made some bright runs from the scrum base. Good hands and sound defence.

MIKE MATHEWS (Vice-Captain, Fullback, Lock). A tower of strength to his captain. Handled the change to lock like a pro. Showed fire and determination and set a fine example to the back. Is obviously maturing with age.

BOB MONTGOMERY (Breakaway). One of the best prospects of the season. Runs hard and very sound in defence. Will definitely be worthy of higher gradings next year.

ASHLEY BROWN (Breakaway). Another new player who excelled in his first year with the club. Tackles hard and is always in the heavy going. Will be better than Judd standard next season.

GARNET "PINETREE" GREEN (Second Row). A late starter but a worthy acquisition to the side. Standard of play improved on purchasing new boots (ran out of tape). Was inclined to be too talkative on the field. Nearly scored a try.

EVAN WILLIAMS (Second Row). A new member with a great future. A good light forward but requires a little more fire. If able to train next year, must stand a chance for the top teams.

KEN GREY (Prop). A good sound player having his first season with the club. Covers a lot of ground in defence and works well in the tight. Experience will bring that touch of fire required to improve this player.

JOHN DALTON (Hooker). The best of the quiet man!!

The fastest hooker in the competition. Excelled in the tight and good backing up rewarded him with two tries.

KEVIN MAUGHAN (Prop). Our toothless legal eagle Helped to quiten any disagreements during the season with his legal advico. Played sound football both in the loose and set play. Had a big part in the winning of our sorums. A tireless worker for the full fifty minutes. Will improve with experiance.

Others who played a major part during the season and were either promoted or injured were ERIC LEHNER ( $\frac{2}{3}$  and 2nd Row), who was just starting to fire when he did his shoulder in again, RON WILLOCK (Wing) retired due to back injury, DON JOY (Breakaway) played the first competition match as a centre and RICHARD VANDERFIELD (Utility Forward), who played sound football in all his Judd matches.

A list of other players who appeared is as follows:

D. BROWN	R. KING
G. BROWN	I. R. MCGREGOR
I. BLAIR	R. MURPHY
I. BLACK	R. McLEISH
L. CRAWFORD	BRUCE MONTCOMERY
C. DENNIS	M. MACKENROTH
J. EDWARDS	T. PETER
J. FERGUSON	H. REIMER
P. GRANT	P. STEWART
R. GRAFF	R. TYNDALL
R. HELLYAR	C. WALKER
G. HICKEY	J. WITHERIFF
J. JOHNS	K. WEARNE
T. KROLL	T. WYATT
	P. YOUNG

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### H O C K E Y

Committee: I. Sullivan (Chairman) J. Scott (Dep. Chairman)  
I. Trevenar (Treasurer) P. Bartlett  
K. Dobbins R. Larkin.

Reviewing the completed season from a different position this year one finds it a season of many disappointments result wise and player strength wise, but look forward to the next season with optimism.

A change in chairman, the insufficient numbers to

fill three teams and overall lack of interest kicked the season off on the wrong foot, but with a few new ideas and support from the committee, things improved as the season progressed with a reasonable amount of assuredness that brighter things will come in the next few years.

The "A" Grade finished sixth and managed to keep themselves up to the standard of previous results even though they lost players through retirement and transfers and still badly lack good goal scoring forwards while the "B" Grade finished a disappointing owner of the wooden spoon, but when you consider the side was made up of mainly players who were playing three grades lower last season, amazing results could not be expected while at the same time the experience gained will be most valuable in the future.

On the social side things were fairly quiet, but when something was held the support was very pleasing with the highlight being our trip to Canberra to play Barton Hockey Club, where the usual results prevailed - Social 1st Prize Hockey 2nd Prize.

At the end of the season a match was arranged with Sydney Naval and refreshments served back at the club after the game which turned out to be quite successful and one hopes more of this type of function can be arranged.

During the latter half of the season a drive for new players began with letters being sent to Teachers Colleges and approaches made to schools and other parties. This move will be followed up during the off season, and it is hoped we will be able to field three teams again next year and show improved results in the two teams we already have.

In closing I would like to thank the other members of the Hockey Committee for their assistance and the manner in which they carried out their duties and ask all players to help make next year a success by assisting in whatever way possible.

#### "A" G R A D E

This seasons performances though disappointing at times had some very bright spots especially the way we commenced the competition and actually shared top place after three rounds with easy wins against two lowly placed teams and a fine win over Canterbury, our first ever on their home 'cow paddock', then trouble struck when we played Randwick, who over the past years have brought the best out of our players in some exciting games, only narrowly defeated us but heavily marked our players causing some bad injuries which

forced us to finish the game two men short Col Aikman (Goalie) and Ian Trevenar (Centre Forward) whom we lost for several matches later and due to lack of strength in depth meant the loss of our next four games.

At the start of the second round many positional changes were made with views towards next season and after a settling down period results spoke for themselves with some earlier defeats being avenged and no thrashings received, the only problem being the old trouble against lowly placed teams where we either just managed to win or lose. (Sydney Naval?)

As the final points score shows we finished sixth but not many points behind fourth place and with a bit more luck and a less difficult draw for the last few rounds, we could have still made the semis.

Being Captain of the side for the first time, I feel I have learnt a lot this season about each player and if I hold the position again next year, feel sure I can put to valuable use the benefits I have gained, but if not I will below say a few words about each member of the team knowing that at least they will remain silent until they have read this report.

COL AIKMAN. Once again our mainstay in defence who except for the occasional carelessness proved to be one of the best goalies in the competition.

RAY LARKIN. Played in many positions ending up at Full Back where he performed quite creditably, but in order to show his true ability must learn to ignore remarks from everybody except his Captain.

SID CHARLESTON. Played the most of the season in firsts showing how to hit a ball hard but too thin in temperament.

JOHN RICHARDS. Played solidly after being promoted to the firsts until transferred to Canberra where some team should benefit from his ability.

JACK SCOTT (Capt.) is one of the few players in the club that can captain a team and still keep his game up to standard.

BRIAN COX. Once again proved the most consistent player in the team and even managed to show the forwards how to score on one occasion.

BOB STREETER. (Mr. Chance) proved to be a solid

centre half and if he continues to improve should be a valuable member of the team next season.

IAN NEIL. On being promoted continued to improve with each game and readily accepted advice to become our most improved player.

IAN SULLIVAN. New legs and glasses would allow us to see the "Sullo" of old, but he never stopped trying in the difficult position of left wing.

PETER RICHARDSON. Hockey - Improved. Back chat - Improved. Stick to the first one and you will be a valuable member of the first on your return from England.

IAN TREVENAR. Played solidly throughout, only has two problems, 1. Injury prone; 2. Tendency to go alone too often, overcome these and you will be a top class forward.

WARREN PARTINGTON. Said he could do no worse than the other forwards, so given a go, proved a valuable member of the team even if he managed only one goal and head first at that.

GEOFF GORTON. Started playing late in the season and when some sort of condition was obtained proved to be a great asset by bolstering the right side with some of the best centres seen for a long time.

To the players who filled in during the season, I thank you and hope the experience gained will benefit in the future.

To Western Suburbs go our congratulations on winning the competition, but add with a few new players and the experience gained, look out for Briars next season.

#### "B" GRADE

The team did not enjoy a very successful season this year, drawing only two matches.

Part of this could be due to lack of training facilities in the latter part of the year, but the players in the team could also have been a lot fitter. The great amount of learners we have in the team did not help our cause, but all tried their hardest, then playing in a higher grade did not help any, and all players showed a marked improvement towards the end of the season.

Next year we must try to get three teams and better training facilities and these two things will help to have a much better result next season. We must also try to retain Homebush High School gym for all next season. The players concerned with the team this year were as follows:-

PETER BARTLETT. Peter was playing well towards the end of the season at centre forward before being injured, Peter needs to be fitter and that would give him that extra yard of pace.

JOHN CROCKART. Inside right, John is improving all the time, but needs to practice ball control, and will be a much better player for it.

GREG MacINTYRE. Always there trying, an acquisition to the team, a few more yards speed needed.

GARY LARKIN. Only young but shows a lot of promise and with practice will be a really good player.

DAVE SCOBLE. Showed great promise towards end of season, could apply himself more.

PETER MANSFORD. Could not play early in season due to other commitments but showed what an old head could do when he scored two goals in his first game of the season.

JOHN KEMP. Needs more training, but was one of the stalwarts of the team and always kept trying.

MIKE STERRY. Continues to show great promise and may have found his right position at left wing.

KEN DOBBINS. Another stalwart of the team, continued to play well, but needs a few yards extra pace.

JOHN RICHARDS. Often played firsts but always played well, we need a few more players of John's experience, John has now shifted to Canberra and is a big loss to the team and to Briars.

PAUL MacKAY. Played quite well but could become more accomplished with more practice.

MAL FINLAYSON. The most improved player this season, and for a first year player settled into the goalie position really well, will continue to improve with personal coaching.

DERIK FARR (Capt.). Played consistent hockey throughout the year, but must learn to control his temper.

Finally to end this I thank all the players, who have made playing with them and this season a pleasure.

#### S Q U A S H

Sub-Committee: I. McGregor (Chairman), L. Fozzard (Treasurer), R. Anstey, D. Vanderfield, R. Pontifex, K. Trollope, J. Fripp, M. Elder.

After a number of years of lobbying behind the scenes, 1970 saw squash become a major sport in the Briars Club. It was pleasing to see the Club take this action, which is felt to be a progressive step towards broadening the Club's activities and thus allowing squash players to become full members of the Club. In this regard squash has introduced nine new members to the Club, which are included in the 31 registered players in Briars.

It is indeed fitting that 1970 saw another pennant won for the Club by our B4 Autumn Pennant side led by Korry Trollope. After being gallant in defeat in the grand final replay of the Spring Competition last year, this team knuckled down to their task this year determined to avenge the defeat. The B4 team, including other Briars stalwarts such as Ross Anstey, John Mortlock, John McNicol, and Charlie Harrison, stormed home minor premiers, after playing consistently good squash throughout the competition. Their semi-final saw a convincing 3-0 win over Blacktown. In the final however their opponents Cumberland played good squash to down the Briars 3-1 with the lone victory going to Ross Anstey. (No excuses were offered for this upset, but it is worth noting that the loss occurred following a long weekend holiday, not always recognised within the Briars as being days of quiet rest.) But the following week in the grand final we saw a different team take the courts. Morty reversed his loss of the previous week and Johnny Mac and Kerry went down narrowly after tremendous fighting efforts. Ross Anstey went on to the court knowing he had to win in at least four games. Ross, with typical tenacity and displaying an ice cool temperament played superb squash to win in three straight sets. This meant that the Briars took the match by one game, after rubbers were level at two all. A great win and a pennant for the Briars.

1970 has also seen the donation of two squash trophies by members of the Club. Firstly the Doug Vanderfield Trophy which is to be presented along the lines of the other trophies in the Club. I am sure all Club members will join with the Squash Committee and squash players in thanking Doug for his generous donation. It is fitting that Doug's name should be associated with such a trophy as he has been the underlying strength behind the Briars squash since its formative years.

The second trophy is the shield donated by Pontifex Jewellers, (whom we also sincerely thank for their generosity) to be awarded to the player with the most consistent performance in each competition. Our first winner is Ian McDonald, a new member who joined us from the Bankstown Club. Ian played in our B1 side and not only played excellent squash

throughout the Autumn Competition, but his manner on the court and dedication to squash could well be followed by other players. Congratulations, Ian.

The teams and participating players, with their respective records are briefly outlined below:

#### AUTUMN PENNANT

B1. David Walker, Ray Pontifex, Ian McDonald, Kevin Baker, Ken Boll.

This team reached the semi-finals in second position. They won their semi-final 3-1 against Blacktown and toppled the minor premiers, Parramatta Leagues Club 3-1 in the final, only to go down to the same team in the Grand Final, 3-1. The B1 team played consistently good squash throughout the competition only to be beaten by a better side in the Grand Final. Congratulations go to Parramatta Leagues Club on their win.

B4. Ross Anstey, John McNicol, Kerry Trollope (capt.), John Mortlock, Charlie Harrison.

The B4 side was the Club's pennant winners as outlined earlier in this report.

C1. Ian McGregor (capt.), Ted McAdam, Bryan McGuren, Ken Edwards, Vic Gross.

This team came in fifth in its grade missing out on the semi-finals by the odd point. The team only on a few occasions showed its true potential and could not maintain any consistency, which could have led to a semi-final spot.

C2. Len Fozzard, Doug Vanderfield, Bruce Trevenar, John Fripp, Dave Cook.

This team was entered as the Club's "Veteran's Team" a name not requiring any edification for the benefit of members who are acquainted with these gentlemen. The Veterans on masse found the rigours of competition squash in the C2 grade a little beyond them and while a sprinkling of one or two Veterans in each team adds stability to the team, when each player is spotting twenty or thirty years to most opponents, the going gets a little tough. The team finished last.

C7. Mike Elder (capt.), Geoff Gorton, Peter Burt, Murray Melville, Bob Hallyer, Richard Vanderfield, John Edmonds.

The majority of the C7 team were new to competition squash and performed admirably in finishing fourth in the grade. In the semi-final the team played Wentworthville Leagues Club, and were beaten (by one game) after fighting

every inch of the way. A noticeable improvement could be seen in the playing ability of the new players at the conclusion of the competition and it is to be hoped that their improvement and keenness is maintained in future competitions.

Five teams were entered in the Spring Competition which is still in progress.

Saturday afternoon training at Bill McLaughlin's courts has been reasonably well attended, although, unfortunately, only a few players attend with consistent regularity. It is significant that these players records are much better than those who don't have that "second" game of squash during the week while the competition is in progress. Any Club member who wishes to have a hit on Saturday afternoon to lose any excess poundage is quite welcome to join the happy band of squash players at training.

On the social side some very successful and well attended functions were held during the year. These activities included a barbecue and pool party at Ray Pontifex's place, a wine tasting at the Grange Restraunt, organised by our own "Wine King" John Fripp, and a squash dinner at the Apia Club with the host for the evening being Bryan McGuren.

In looking to the future of squash in the Club, it is clear that the Club needs more competition players of ability and potential if we are to maintain and improve our present record. While it is very gratifying to have footballers, cricketers, and hockey players playing squash competitively, I am sure that the future of squash lies in the recruitment of players to primarily play squash as the sport of their first choice. Members should encourage any squash players in this category to join our Club, which I feel has more to offer than the majority of other clubs. Of course, this will require the acquisition of more courts to meet these expanding needs.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my fellow members of the Squash Sub-Committee and the squash players generally for their support during the year.

#### SKI CLUB

The Ski Club this year has enjoyed a most satisfactory season. Bookings earlier in the year were rather poor, but as reports from Thredbo regarding excellent skiing conditions were received, the Lodge was completely booked for about 90% of the peak skiing season.

Members of the Briars Sporting Club are reminded that

Thredbo is fast becoming a popular summer holiday resort offering Golf, Bowls, fishing, horse riding, scenic walks and a base point for many interesting drives inspecting the various Dams and the general Snowy River Scheme.

Bookings from members of the Briars Sporting Club are given preference over outside visitors and Ski Club Members are given preference for the Ski Season only up until the 30th May, 1971.

After operating for several years the Lodge generally is in sound condition but naturally because of the climate and constant use, some repairs and maintenance are needed. In this regard, the Easter long weekend has been earmarked for a working bee and Ski Club members are asked to keep this date in mind and to offer their services. Quite possibly a further weekend working bee will be required and organised before Easter.

During the past Ski Seasons, those using the Lodge have found difficulty finding kindling wood. Doug Vanderfield has, at his timber yard in Annandale, kindling wood securely bundled in small bags and you are asked to call him on 82-0651 during business hours to make a time to collect this essential piece of fire making equipment.

About two weeks during the Christmas school holidays are still available and for this, or any booking contact Andy Clifford 28-8401 Ext. 317 or after hours on 642-2308.

### S O C I A L

Chairman: L. England

Sub-Committee: Richard Vanderfield and M. Harley.

The social events held during the year included:

Annual Ball: Again held at the Menzies Hotel with an excellent turn up. Two bands were hired (one by mistake) which turned out to make the evening better than usual. One band played for the "oldies" and the other for the more "young at heart".

Annual Dinner: A formal occasion held at Concord Golf Club with guest speaker being John Thornett. Just under 120 attended the majority enjoyed the evening but a number of complaints were received about the food. Concord Golf Club is such an excellent venue that despite these complaints we will hold the dinner again there next year with we hope an improvement in the food.

Two were held during the year in the Club Rooms. Both were very well attended.

Barbecue: A barbecue was held at Lane Cove National Park which was enjoyed by the few who attended.

Dances: Two were held during the season.

Golf: Four days were held during the year. David Walker organised and from what I hear were badly attended and some thought must be given if these days are to continue.

Frankfurts: These were on sale after home games and were appreciated by the members.

Contrary to Management Committee's worries social events paid their way during the year without taking into consideration the takings at the bar.

I would like to thank the many girls who assisted me throughout the year particularly Helen, Chris and Greer.

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

M. Harley (Chairman), W. Partington, A. Land, J. Alford, J. Crookart, J. Fripp, D. Fulham, A. Ogston.

The bar trading figures were higher this year than 1969-70.

10oz. glasses were introduced in lieu of the old 8oz., by popular demand, this is a help to stewards. Recently there has been a price rise in beer which the club absorbed.

I wish to thank my committee for their assistance given over the past year. Our aim is to improve and encourage the patronisation of our club rooms.

A new steward roster was implemented whereby we had about 100 members on call. Two stewards were allocated to each night. It meant the members doing one night every three months. The first three months saw the scheme function well but because of printing problems the second quarter was a near disaster as stewards because of late notification failed to appear. However, your committee is confident that this will not be repeated for the current quarter. To the many stewards who have participated we thank you for a job well done.

WINES. A comprehensive stock was kept and our thanks to "Winemaster" John Fripp for looking after this important amenity of the Club.

DELIVERIES. As usual our thanks to Bill and Bruce Simes

for attending to all deliveries and also for their assistance in opening up for the tradesmen, etc.

CLEANING. This service has satisfactorily been carried out on Monday and Friday mornings each week by an outside cleaner. Our thanks also to Warren Partington and Jim Alford for cleaning behind the bar and maintaining the stocks.

#### 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>

This year winner is Jack Balmforth. We doubt if there will be any complaints over this choice. As well as a cricketer, Jack is a Director of the Club, Cricket and Planning Chairman. This is the second occasion he has won the award, was a joint winner in 1967-68.

#### 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>

Bob Hellyar the winner this year. Another popular choice, as you will have read in the Kentwell Cup report was one of the more consistent players in the team. Bob is also a member of the football sub-committee, represents

the Club at the Sub-District Protest and Appeal Committee. Also plays squash but for some reason does not like cricket.

#### A. J. ROBINSON SHIELD

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

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

"Jack Scott" carried out the trophy this year. Again we are sure that the winner will be well received. A keen organiser of hockey and was the Captain of the "A" team. Also a cricketer who because of work was unavailable last year and again this year. He is missed.

#### 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.

Craig Hickey is this year's winner of the trophy. Craig is football chairman and took over this position when Committee decided to see what youth could do. To his credit he made a good impression with sound administration and also brought the older brigade back to the fold as friends of the younger generation.

#### DOUG VANDERFIELD TROPHY

This trophy is presented to the squash player, who has contributed the most to squash, and the Club in general.

It is presented by Doug Vanderfield who has contributed so much to the Club. Doug was very instrumental in starting squash in the Club. Points are awarded as follows:

Value as a team member	-	20 points
Value as a member of the Club	-	20 points
Keenness as a player	-	20 points
Improvement as a player	-	15 points
Conduct on squash courts	-	15 points
Neatness of dress	-	10 points
		<u>100 points</u>

The initial winner is Peter Burt. As well as a squash player, Peter plays football and Cricket with the Club. He was also coach of the Kentwell Cup. A very worthy winner for the first award of this trophy.

### CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate the undermentioned members who performed one of the following deeds during the year under review:

#### Engagements

John Edmonds	Bob Graff	Brian Stevens
Ian Trevenar		

#### Marriages

Ross Anstey	Derek Farr	Ian J. McGregor
Dave Barnes	Peter Grant	Ray Pontifex
John Crockart	Ray Larkin	"Jock" Scott
Milton Cujes	John Richards	Brian Stevens
		Peter Walker

#### Births

Ian Bailey	(Son)
Peter Bloomfield	"
Grant Hickey	"
Kevin Holley	"
Les McNeil	"
Peter Mansford	"
Mike Mathews	"
Chris Walker	"
Brian Cox	(Daughter)
Mike Elder	"
Greg Macintyre	"

No doubt there are others whom we have missed out and we apologise for their omission.

### ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Directors met on 13 occasions during the period from 1st October to the 30th September. The attendances of the Directors was as under:

H. G. Whiddon (ret'd. Nov.)	2
H. C. Ford (app't Dec.)	10
J. Balmforth (app't Dec.)	11
W. A. Elder	11
A. J. Land	11
H. W. Lennartz	11
D. V. Prowse	11

E. G. Stockdale	12
C. D. Walker (app't Dec.)	10
B. U. William ret'd Nov.)	2

As an alternate director for R. B. Clark, (who was granted leave of absence whilst overseas) J. Balmforth attended twice and D. Williams on 5 occasions.

P. Richardson and K. Wearne representing the treasury department attended 9 and 3 meetings respectively.

The Management Committee also met on 13 occasions and over the same period and attendances were as under:

H. G. Whiddon (ret'd Nov.)	2
H. C. Ford (appt'd Dec.)	9
R. Anstey (ret'd Feb.)	3
J. Balmforth	12
L. England	9
M. Harley (appt'd July)	3
C. Hickey (appt'd Jan.)	9
G. Hickey	13
R. Larkin (ret'd June)	9
I. J. McGregor (appt'd March)	8
P. Richardson	12
E. Stockdale	12
I. Sullivan (appt'd June)	4
B. Trevenar	6
D. A. Walker	11
J. Wearne	12

J. Barrett also attended 2 meetings before he retired as football chairman, also K. Wearne attended 1 meeting as Treasurer on behalf of P. Richardson. The latter was granted 12 months leave of absence (from September) whilst overseas.

#### ADDENDUM

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

H. C. Ford  
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. C. Ford	PRESIDENT
E. G. Stockdale	HON. EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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FINANCE

The Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th September, 1970 together with the Balance Sheet as at that date with the report of the Auditor thereon are appended to this Report.

Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year amounted to \$1,597 compared with a surplus of \$2,096 in respect of the previous year.

During the year under review Sales increased by \$1,300 but this increase was offset by a fall in gross profit margin so that gross profit from house trading was almost the same as last year. The main increase in sales was in bottled wine carrying a lower margin of profit than drinks sold by the glass.

Increased costs of running the major sports is causing concern and all major sports have been subsidised out of the general income of the Club.

All items of expenditure on administration and maintaining the Clubroom have increased during the year and these increases which combined are up 30% over that of last year will necessitate further consideration on future annual subscriptions payable by Members.

It has not been the policy of the Club to show a large surplus each year but if the future of the Club as an Amateur sporting body is to be preserved, reserves must be accumulated for future development. The Planning Committee, which has been very active during the year has recommended that the Club make every endeavour to acquire a ground of its own, and if this is to be done, the Club will be faced with heavy capital expenditure. The provision of funds for this purpose, together with a general review of the Club's Financial Policy will be one of the major considerations of the Board and Committee of Management during the ensuing year.

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.

FINANCE (Cont'd.)

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 LIMITEDSTATEMENT BY DIRECTORS

We, Harvey C. Ford and Douglas V. 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 September 30, 1970 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 23rd day of November, 1970.

Signed on behalf of the Board,  
 HARVEY C. FORD     )  
 DOUGLAS 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 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     )  
 23rd day of NOVEMBER, 1970    ) Bruce E. Trevenar  
 Before me:                     )

W. L. Wolfe, J.R.

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.

23rd November, 1970.

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED  
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1970

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1968	\$	\$	\$
	<u>RESERVES AND ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT</u>		
10722	General Reserve	11462	
2310	Debenture Redemption Reserve	1570	13032
	Accumulation Account		
	Balance October 1, 1969	17596	
	Add: Net profit for year		
17596	ended 30th September 1970	1597	19193
30628			32225

R. J. THOMSON MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

(To be held by the Club and used for such purposes as agreed to by the family of the late Reginald John Thomson)

656 John Thomson) 679

LONG TERM LIABILITY

Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia repayable later than twelve months (secured)

9016 6014

1968	\$	\$	\$
	<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
28772	Land & Buildings-atcost	28772	
	Club Room Furniture and Fittings, at Deemed Valuation 30th Sept. 1962	908	
	Additions at Cost	3754	
		4662	
1838	Less: Provision for Depreciation	3035	1627
	Bar Equipment At Deemed Valuation 30th Sept. 1962	267	
	Additions at cost	3918	
		4185	
2901	Less: Provision for Depreciation	1864	2321
40	Glasses, Crockery, Etc. at Valuation	40	32760

CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS

	Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia Loan (Secured)	1500	
1500			
	Trade Creditors and Accrue-ments	1563	
1820			
814	Subscriptions Paid in Advance	845	
	Provision for Deferred Maintenance	1800	
1600			
	5% Unsecured Debentures of \$10 Each Due July 1, 1970	1510	
2250			
	Interest Free Unsecured Debentures of \$10 each Due July 1, 1970	60	7278
60			

\$48344 \$46196

INVESTMENTS

	Debentures in Companies Listed on Prescribed Stock Exchange - At Cost (Market Value \$3,906)	4000	
5000			
	Shares in Rugby Union Co-op Trading Society Limited - At Cost	10	4010
10			
	<u>DEBENTURE REDEMPTION FUND INVESTMENT</u>		
	Shares in Permanent Building Society of Australia Limited - At Cost (Unquoted)	1400	
1400			
	<u>R. J. THOMSON MEMORIAL FUND</u>		
	Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia - Current Account (as per contra)	679	
656			

CURRENT ASSETS

1560	Stocks on Hand (At lower of cost or replacement value)	2033	
209	Debtors	131	
5161	Cash at Bank	4251	
85	Cash on Hand	85	
712	Prepayments	847	

\$48344 \$46196

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1970

1969			
\$	\$	\$	\$
CRICKET			
304 Ground Hire and Registration	387		
407 Material	<u>180</u>	567	
HOCKEY			
354 Registrations, Equipment etc.	289		
FOOTBALL			
278 Ground Hire and Registrations	355		
243 Material and Equipment	<u>263</u>	618	
SQUASH			
- Court Hire and Registrations	632		
CLUB ROOM AMUSEMENTS			
43 Billiards and Table Tennis	<u>57</u>	2163	
ADMINISTRATION AND CLUB ROOM EXPENSES			
395 Lighting and Heating	409		
Repairs, Maintenance and Club			
626 Room Expenses	708		
511 Stationery, Stamps and Telephone	1130		
231 Annual Reports	267		
156 Insurance	147		

1969			
\$	\$	\$	\$
3556 PROFIT ON BAR TRADING		3539	
CRICKET			
449 Batting Fees, etc.	460		
HOCKEY			
305 Ground Fees and Sales of Equipment	153		
FOOTBALL			
390 Registrations, Sale of Equipment	576		
SQUASH			
- Fees etc.	515		
CLUB ROOM AMUSEMENTS			
2 Profit on Social Activities	<u>96</u>	1806	
1861 MEMBER SUBSCRIPTIONS		1660	
503 INTEREST RECEIVED		475	
PROPERTY INCOME			
1591 Rents Received		1743	

104 General Expenses	238		
92 Donations and Presentations	110		
Depreciation - Furniture and			
547 Fittings	<u>552</u>	3561	
PROPERTY EXPENSES			
465 Insurance	502		
486 Rates	503		
232 Repairs and Maintenance	-	1005	
107 DEBENTURE INTEREST		99	
710 LOAN INTEREST		598	
200 PROVISION FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE		200	
70 LOSS ON SALE OF BAR EQUIPMENT		-	

EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE  
FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30TH  
SEPTEMBER, 1970 TRANSFERRED TO

2096 ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT

\$8657 \$9223

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BAR TRADING ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1970

<u>1969</u>			<u>1969</u>		
\$		\$ \$	\$		\$ \$
533 LIQUOR LICENCE	533			BEER AND SPIRITS	
BAR EXPENSES AND MAINTENANCE				SALES	14377
227 OF EQUIPMENT	160		4792	<u>Less:</u> Cost of Sales	<u>9804</u> 4573
725 DEPRECIATION - BAR EQUIPMENT	<u>580</u> 1318			CIGARETTES, CHOCOLATES, ETC.	
				SALES	1844
			249	<u>Less:</u> Cost of Sales	<u>1560</u> 284
<u>\$5041</u>		<u>\$4857</u>	<u>\$5041</u>		<u>\$4857</u>

