

60th ANNUAL REPORT
AND
BALANCE SHEET
1977 - 1978

The Briars
Sporting Club Limited
Burwood



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Sixtieth Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1977 — 1978

**Presented to members at the Club Rooms
30A George Street, Burwood,
on Friday, 1st December, 1978.**

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E. LOVE	1925-1926
H. W. WHIDDON	1926-1928
E. J. SIDDELEY	1928-1929
R. W. MAY	1929-1931
E. J. SIDDELEY	.....	1931-1932
H. W. WHIDDON	.....	1932-1933
R. G. HERFORD	.....	1933-1935
J. E. HOLMES	.....	1935-1936
R. W. MAY	.....	1936-1939
E. J. SIDDELEY	.....	1939-1942
R. W. MAY	.....	1942-1943
H. G. WHIDDON	.....	1943-1948
E. F. WATT	.....	1948-1953
R. S. JONES	.....	1953-1957
A. J. LAND	.....	1957-1960
R. J. THOMSON	.....	1960-1962
W. A. ELDER	.....	1962-1965
B. U. WILLIAMS	.....	1965-1967
H. G. WHIDDON	.....	1967-1969
H. C. FORD	.....	1969-1972
R. D. VANDERFIELD	.....	1972-1973
D. A. WALKER	.....	1973-1976

TO: ALL BRIARS

Your Board of Directors and Management Committee present for consideration and adoption by members, this 60th Annual Report of the Club's activities and of the financial position for the year ending 30th September, 1978.

After two years of development we are moving into the final chapter in our quest for a new ground. Inevitably, all roads lead to finance in the end and our plans will either move ahead or come to an abrupt conclusion as a result of the final financial analysis.

It appears that the up front costs are well within our scope considering the overall financially strong base we enjoy. But the on-going overheads are not so easily overcome; Until the final lease is negotiated and the conditions are crystal clear, the annual cost of maintenance and development will not be accurately assessed.

The contribution that each member is willing to commit to is a vital factor in the final strategy and many members have responded to the Planning Committee's appeal for help.

The availability of "free" labour for both short and long term objectives will almost certainly be the foundation for success.

The financial report again emphasises our strength in assets and the investment programme is outstanding for a club of our size. The current Trading and Income and Expenditure Account reflects a very satisfactory position. We have enjoyed John Crockart's success as Treasurer and he has done a marvellous job.

As John vacates the Treasurer's role other significant management changes also take place.

Ian Blair retires as Honorary Executive Officer and every member stands in his debt. Ian has always been on top of the job and has moved through the administration maze, knocking the problems over skilfully and always getting the best result for the Club.

In Ian Blair and John Crockart we have been extremely fortunate to have men of such high integrity and competence.

It is no surprise that Ken Gray established permanency as a Kentwell Prop. The skills needed are identical to the expertise necessary in carrying out the Senior Stewards job. A good prop and a good Senior Steward has to be dogged, reliable, able to carry heavy loads, always there at the right time and never known to panic. Thanks Ken for your time and persistence.

John Boyle moved into the Football Chairman's role and five minutes later found himself coaching and managing the efforts of Ashfield Juniors. Quite a change in the normal job specification. But what an important task and just how valuable John's decision was will be seen in the future. John was backed up in his endeavours often by Rod Smith and totally supported and assisted by David Jamieson and Bill Richard.

There will be a lot of new faces in next year's management structure. During the year Ray Pontifex stepped down as Squash "Pope" for John Barry to take over. Ray's drive and enthusiasm over the years as Chairman has built our Squash forces into a top class unit, not only in premiership results but in greater integration of squash members generally.

Focus continued to reach out and touch every club member. It grows in status and importance with each issue and must never again be allowed to lapse.

Three major events will always remind us that this was our 60th year. A truly outstanding annual dinner at the Canterbury Racecourse with guest speakers, Bob Simpson and John Lambie.

An epic cricket match at the S.C.G. No.1 fought right down to the last over between the Presidents XI and the Secretaries XI (actually it was XIII a side). Both sides were chosen from members ranging in membership from one to more than thirty years service and the entire day was a credit to Kevin Holley's imagination and highlighted a busy year for Kevin with the Cricket Chairman's portfolio and management of the Croydon Juniors.

The third event is still to occur although by the time this report is in your hands our footballers will be revelling in the pleasures of rugby American style. Confounding the sceptics, the boys raised \$15,000 with a Club subsidy of \$1500. The West Coast of America and Hawaii will hear California sung for the first time, Australian style. Al Jolsen would be mystified.

In moving a vote of thanks and appreciation to all of the clubs administrators, helpers, toilers, I sometimes marvel that we get from one year to the next. But we do and we will as long as people keep coming forward to do a bit. As long as we maintain a steady in flow of young men and as long as they mature into interested members, concerned about the Club's future and about being a Briar.

Our membership stands at 481 compared with 468 last year and consists of the following:

	1977/78	1976/77
Full Members	360	354
Junior Members	13	9
City Associate Members	62	58
Country Members	<u>46</u>	<u>47</u>
	<u>481</u>	<u>468</u>

For the help that is always forthcoming our thanks to Burwood and Strathfield Councils and in particular to Concord Council for the outstanding preparation of Rothwell Park. For our cricketers it's a delight and without question one of the best wicket areas in Sydney.

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

Sydney Rugby Union
Metropolitan Sub-District Rugby Union
Rugby Union Referees Association
Sydney Hockey Association
Sydney Hockey Umpires Association

N.S.W. Cricket Association
Council of Municipal and Shire Clubs
City and Suburban Cricket Association
Squash Racquets Association of N.S.W.

COLIN K. DENNIS
President

A LOOK AT THE LAST SIXTY YEARS

G. McPhee & D. Lewis

THE FOUNDING AND THE TWENTIES

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB, being a remarkable Club, had a remarkable birth. Fourteen boys, aged from 9 to 13 years, met on the disused fowl-yard at Bob Clark's place on the 7th August, 1918. They were there to inaugurate the Club which had been the idea of Jack Stone. The first major decision of this distinguished gathering was to name the Club. After much debate, someone suggested the name of Jack's place. Jack being the President, thus a person of dignity, the suggestion had to be considered seriously. The name of the house was 'The Briars'. Thus the brand new Club was named 'The Briars Sporting Club'.

The next important decision to make was on the Club's colours. Mrs. Rudd, an aunt of Geoff Whiddon, embroidered a piece of red cloth with "T B S C" in gold letters. It is reported that bashfulness on the part of some members caused the red to be changed to maroon. Thus maroon and gold have been the colours since.

Being a sporting Club, the interests of the members were sport. The initial activities were confined to cricket and football. Cricket was played in Bob Clark's backyard and football in various local paddocks.

The members then also aspired to a healthy living. On 6th November, 1918, they all signed a pledge not to smoke whilst members of the Briars. However, it was soon discovered that the oath was not binding when it was pointed out that no Duty Stamp was attached.

The Club's first source of revenue was a "Swear Box". This was established to limit the outbursts of one young member with a rather "remarkable vocabulary". However, some members realised the revenue raising possibilities. By putting material gain above moral principles, they created an atmosphere which encouraged contributions of the one penny fine. Thus the Club's first source of funds was soon abandoned.

Annual Sports Carnivals were organised from 1919 to 1924. The first had 22 events for 20 competitors! It was held at St. Luke's Oval and was organised by Bob Clark and Mal Blair. Prizes totalled £14.2.6 (\$28.25).

Our badge and motto made its first appearance at the Second Annual Athletic Day in 1920. Here 27 competitors contested 24 events for £39.13.3 (\$79.32). The motto "Virtus Animus-que Praesens" was suggested by Geoff Whiddon's neighbour, Mr. Dennis, Deputy Director of Education.

The Athletic Days were discontinued after 1924 since they clashed with football and cricket.

The Club grew rapidly in its first two years from the 14 originals to 34 in 1920.

On the 31st January, 1920, one of the Briars' most popular and successful amenities was commenced — the Library. The Library started with 78 books contributed by 9 boys. One year later, it contained 241 books owned by 24 boys and included 11 books owned by the Club.

The talents of the Club Members were used to organise a Fireworks Display on Empire Night, 1920. £3.10.0 (\$7.00) worth of fireworks were used.

The 20th September, 1922, is a historic day for the Briars. This was the day our first team played in competition. The Club entered a team in the "C Grade" of the Western Suburbs Cricket Association Competition. The first match was played at Briars' homeground, Henly Park, Enfield Municipality, against Concord Juniors. Regretfully, the two day match was over in one day with Briars attaining 53 and 33 against Concorde 9 for 130 declared, giving them an innings and 44 run victory.

The first Club win came at the next match, with Briars 90 and 150 defeating Soldiers 106 and 80. That season Briars won 3 games out of 14 contested.

The Club's first century was scored by Bob Clark with 101 teaming with J. Small (69) to make a first wicket partnership of 187 against Mortlake on 13th February, 1923.

On April 18th, 1925, Briars met Croydon to decide the Premiership. Briars with 176 and 4 against Croydon's 128 and 50, won our first premiership by 10 wickets. A. Travers scored the Club's first hat-trick during the 1926/27 season.

The Club entered a football team in the 1923 2nd Grade N.S.W. Junior Rugby Union. The first match was played against Paddington at Centennial Park on May 12th, 1923. We lost 16 to nil. Our first win, in our third game, was against Eastwood with a whopping 26 to 6. That first year of competition resulted in 6 wins and a draw from 11 matches. The second season of football saw Briars runners up to Hunters Hill. However, that season saw 5 Briars in a combined 2nd Grade Junior Team. The first football premiership was recorded in the 1925 season by our 1st XV. Of the sixteen matches played that year, 13 wins and a draw were recorded. In that year, a second rugby team was formed. The 2nd XV contested the 2nd Grade Junior and the 1st XV, the 3rd Grade Senior or Burke Cup Competition. Except for the years of the 2nd World War, Briars have always had a Burke Cup Team. 1925 also saw the Club's first members making it to higher honours. Mal Blair and Stan McGregor played in Wests' First Grade District Teams. Mal went on to play for Australia along with Billy Mann on a tour of "The Old Country and America".

The 1927 season saw Briars' Burke Cup in the final playing Eastwood. The match was played as the curtain raiser before Japan—N.S.W. Match at the Showground before a crowd of 6,000; Eastwood won 14—9.

Before these official cricket and football competitions, the Briars played amongst themselves and against local groups of boys, such as Boy Scouts.

During the twenties, brief references are made in the Annual Reports to dances: "Three dances have been held during the last 12 months and all were extremely successful".

Briars were venturing out of town during the twenties, as the 1926/27 Report says: "16 of us spent a most enjoyable week at Narrabeen last summer".

To celebrate the Club's 10th Anniversary, a "slap up" dinner at Adams' was held at a cost of 4/6d (45d) a head.

However, like any growing lad, the Briars' did have some growing pains. The 1928/29 Report noted: "The present football season - - - is producing rather dismal results. We have had more than our share of misfortune with regard to sickness and injury. Nevertheless, slackness at training has been instrumental in some of our poor showings. Certain of the cricketers were inclined to be nonchalant, too, during the season, but we feel that this is only a passing phase and must be expected at some period in every organisation."

However, at the end of the Club's first decade, the Briars were well and truly established with the solid backing of 69 members.

At the Tenth Annual Meeting, the seeds were sown to give the Briars' a more permanent base: "Mr. Love moved that as the time had now arrived for the acquiring of a Club-room, a Fund be started for this purpose. Mr. I. Holmes seconded this motion, which was carried unanimously." The 1928/29 Annual Report elaborated: "We have been negotiating for the past month with the lessee of a very suitable premises in Burwood for a sub-lease of part of the building." These efforts reached their triumphant conclusion in October, 1929, when the Club moved to 34A George Street, Burwood.

THE THIRTIES

The 'active thirties' is one way to describe the years of depression and recovery leading to the second great war. Economic stagnation which hit almost every section of the Australian community in the early thirties failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the members of The Briars Sporting Club.

In the 1930's, the total membership increased from 112 in 1931 to 181 in 1939. A total of six premierships were won in these years, three by Cricket and three by Rugby. B Shires won the competition twice, including the first year they were entered. They also won the 3rd Grade of the Western Suburbs Junior Cricket Association Competition. The footballers won each of the three Sub-District competitions during this time, namely the Burke Cup in 1934, the Whiddon in 1937 and the Kentwell in 1940.

However, apart from these two major sports, the club members actively participated in other outdoor sports. In March, 1933, the Club conducted a swimming carnival which attracted 37 entries from club members. Besides 50, 100 and 200 yards Championships and Diving Championships, other Clubs were invited to contest a Relay Race. This was a most successful venture. Another Swimming Carnival was attempted in 1935, however, "it received disappointing support from members and the number of competitors was small". The following year the activity of swimming was revived by the introduction of a fortnightly meeting in the summer months at Enfield Pool with the use of a progressive points score competition. This proved popular and the Annual Carnival enjoyed "Keener interest". However, this was short lived and in the following year, 1937, swimming was abandoned and has not been introduced since.

In 1932, due to "a considerable number of members having taken to golf, and to fulfil their wants a little, two tournaments were conducted". In the following years three tournaments were conducted each year at various venues. By 1938, the success of golf days was assured to the extent that these tournaments were popularly organised at venues further afield such as Leura, Katoomba and Blackheath. In this period Golf Days proved popular and were fortunate to enjoy fair weather.

Tennis was reintroduced in 1934 when a tournament was held. By 1935, "more attention has been paid to the encouragement of tennis as a means of providing variety in our activities" Consequently, three handicap events were held. This activity enjoyed an increasing popularity in the thirties and was seen as fulfilling a great purpose in the "development of the Club's social spirit".

As is the case today, the major indoor sports in the thirties were Billiards and Table Tennis. Tournaments in each of these were held 2 or 3 times a year and their popularity was ensured throughout the decade. A Table Tennis team was entered in the C Grade competition run by the N.S.W. Table Tennis Association in 1934 and ran third.

One may wonder as to what activities other than sport did the Club members participate in. Perhaps the most well known activity which the Briars provided for its members was that of reading material. A library, which was established in 1920 continued to provide hours of enjoyable reading material for members. A librarian took charge of the book collection and loans were issued to members. Volumes of books were added to the collection each year ensuring a variety of reading material would be available to members.

Debating was introduced into the Club in 1932. After four debates between Club members, a number of challenges were made to outside organisations. The first debate against a Summer Hill team was entitled: "That the Federation of English Speaking Nations will effect more in the Interests of World Peace than the League of Nations". The second, against a Reliance Club was entitled: "The Spirit of Patriotism should be discouraged". The third against Concord: "Modern Advertising exceeds the bounds of commonsense and utility". However, debating was short lived and was discontinued in 1934.

Another activity which was well attended was that of lectures presented to club members on various topics. These were originally organised in 1933 to encourage members attendance at the Club rooms. In 1933, two lectures were heard. Mr. Harold Fletcher talked on "The Mawson Expedition to the Antarctica". Mr. W. Carry talked on "Cricket and Golf". No lectures were given in 1934 but in 1935, Mr. A. F. Kippax talked on "The Sidelights of the Tour of the Last Australian Eleven" and Mr. C. N. Neale upon "Tramway Systems in Sydney". Like debating, these lectures had a limited period of popularity.

Another popular activity in the Club rooms was that of cards. This activity was most popular in the early 1930's, when there would be monthly Bridge Tournaments. It was not uncommon for there to be a half dozen or more bridge games running consecutively. However, by 1935 card games had lost their popularity.

The Briars had their share of representatives in this period. Mal Blair, Billy Mann, Bill McLaughlin and Dan Love all won caps for Australia. Numerous other players progressed from Briars to play Grade Cricket and Football.

Revues and plays were also staged by the members of the Club between 1931 and 1934. These were all well attended, with numbers exceeding 200. With the support of certain lady associates, these activities to an important degree helped in raising monies for the Club's finances.

Club socials in this period included Games evenings (often run by the ladies committee),

smokos (with community singing led by Stan McGregor) and dances (often three dances per year). These dances proved very popular, with at least one dance a year at the ever popular Hordern Brothers.

Our first Patron was elected in 1936, the Honourable H. W. Whiddon, M.L.C.

Although not established in this period, Hockey was thought about. In the 1936/37 Annual Report it was recorded: "It has been suggested that the Club might take up Hockey as an additional Winter Sport next year, and the committee is prepared to support the proposal providing a sufficient number of members evidence an interest in the idea."

The administration of the Club was a little different then. Instead of a Board of Directors and a Management Committee as exists today, a single General Committee under the direction of three Trustees administered the Club. This committee directed a number of sub-committees, such as Stewards, Cricket, Social, Rugby, etc.

When we remember that the habit of smoking was so horrific to the original members that they signed a pledge denouncing such a practice, it is interesting to note the changing attitude by the 1930's. The 1935/36 Annual Report noted: "While the sale of cigarettes and tobacco has been maintained, it is far below what might reasonably be expected from a Club the size of ours, and it is evident that a large number of members have not yet learnt to appreciate the assistance the Club receives from cigarette sales."

In 1938, the Gordon Bevan Shield was donated by the Bevan Family. It is in the memory of a young member killed in a car accident. It is presented each year to the footballer, as the highest football honour, in proficiency, team work and Club spirit.

If many of the activities pursued in the 1930's seem different from today, some things haven't changed. The emphasis on sport was paramount. Social activities were regarded as important. The pleas and comments of the committee remain timeless:—

1931/32 Report: "There is one aspect, however, that is causing some concern and it is one of paramount importance. We refer to the marked decline in interest displayed by the members in both of our sporting activities and at the Club rooms too."

1936/37 Report: "Our sporting weaknesses, we feel are part of the inevitable ebb and flow of athletic bodies, and can be looked upon as a passing phase."

Some small alterations were made to the Club rooms in the 1930's, including painting. We have it on good authority that some of the walls of the Club rooms prior to painting were decorated by murals depicting a Turkish Harem.

1940 saw a crisis begin for the Briars "As an outcome of the War we are faced with the task of replacing the large number of members who have joined the fighting forces." Due to this loss of members, the Briars fielded only two Cricket teams in 1939/40.

THE FORTIES

The aspirations and workings of the Briars Sporting Club during the War years may best be summed up by the following statement from the 1941/42 Annual Report: "Our main aim

during the period under review has been to maintain what we have, against the time when a large number of our members, who are in the fighting forces, will return to hearth and home."

Although in the 1940/41 season the Briars were able to field two Cricket and two Football teams, by 1941/42 only cricket continued to be played. Football returned in 1944, when a team was entered in the Metropolitan District Junior Rugby Union Competition. In 1945 the Club entered a team in the 4th Grade District Competition. The Sub-District Competition for the Kentwell and Burke Cups was re-established in 1946. This was to a large extent due to the efforts of our Club's representations by the Hon. H. W. Whiddon and Messrs. R. Clark and D. Walker.

During the War years the activities of the Club were not just restricted to those members left at home. The Club conferred Honorary Membership upon all Club members on active service. By 1943, out of a total of 194 members, 134 were on active service. A War Comforts Fund was established in co-operation with the Ladies Committee. Monies were raised by theatre parties, cocktail parties, card evenings, etc., and parcels of knitted and other goods were sent to each member overseas on several occasions for the duration of the War. This fund was wound up in 1946. In the six year period of its operation over 600 parcels were sent. In order to keep the members on active service up to date on Club news, "The Briars Letter" was established in 1942. During the years of hostilities the letter was sent at regular intervals.

At the cessation of hostilities, it was obvious that the price paid in fallen comrades was grievous — sixteen Briars sportsmen had paid the supreme sacrifice. In their memory, a memorial service was held at St. Annes Church, Strathfield on Sunday, 30th October, 1949. At this service, a tablet was dedicated as a shrine to the fallen. It still hangs in our Club rooms today.

The Briars Sporting Club had now survived the Great Depression and the Second World War, and as the committee reported in 1946: "There is the realization that we must prepare for the future, a future which we are sure holds for the Club a bright destiny."

In 1945 the rules were amended to allow the admission of boys while still at school. In that same year cricket again fielded a team in the Western Suburbs District Cricket Association competition.

The Club reopened negotiations with Concord Council (which had been deferred because of the War) about the laying of a turf wicket at Rothwell Park and the possibilities of Briars using the park during both the winter and summer for football and cricket respectively. The Council agreed to carry out the necessary improvements if Briars supplied the labour.

The reintroduction of tennis, golf and table tennis as Club activities were somewhat restricted, as post war shortages and embargoes affected the supply of necessary equipment; for example, tennis balls and shoes were unavailable. However, these managed to expand and by 1946 two teams from Briars represented the Club in B1 and C2 Grades of the Men's Sunday Morning Tennis Competition. The following year golf was re-established when a tournament was played. In 1947 another minor sport appeared, basketball. Members competed in two competitions. The summer competition was very popular and enthusiasm high, however, the winter competition failed to maintain interest and this sport was short lived.

Another important facet of the Club's development in the years immediately following the

War was the introduction of Hockey. It was decided to enter a team in the 1946 Metropolitan Hockey Association's competition. However, as this was only open to district clubs, the Briars were not eligible. However, due to the generosity of the Western Suburbs District Club, our team was entered under their banner. Nevertheless, the team was autonomously controlled by Briars. In 1948 a new sub-district Hockey Association was formed. The Briars were able to enter a team under the Briars name and in the Club's colours. The Hockey won their first premiership in 1950.

Football and Cricket began to revive their pre-war structures in the late 1940's. The A Shire's Premiership was won three years consecutively in 44/45, 45/46 and 46/47 and again in 49/50.

Rugby strength also increased in the late forties. In the 1948 season the Briars were able to field a Kentwell Cup team, a Burke Cup team and two Whiddon Cup teams. This increase in strength did not go unrewarded. The Club Championship was won three times in the forties and the Kentwell Cup was won in 1949.

If sporting activities expanded after the war, then so did the Club's dimensions. Membership increased from 192 in 1941 to 278 in 1949.

The Library's operation expanded in the late forties and continued to supply literature of a high standard to the members.

In 1947 a Development Committee was established and immediate steps were undertaken to paint and modernize the facilities of the Club.

In 1949, an important problem had arisen about the tenancy of the Club rooms. "Our application for renewal of the lease could not be dealt with as the mortgagors were negotiating with the mortgagees for a redemption of the mortgage." The implications were uncertain. At a special general meeting on 19th December, 1949, it was decided that action should be taken towards the purchase of the building. To enable this to be done the Club formed into a company limited by guarantee. It was decided that the necessary finance should be obtained by the sale of debentures to members and Club supporters and the remainder by Bank overdraft. A final agreement with the owners was made and the Club acquired the buildings at a cost of £4,750 (\$9,500). At the close of the year, the sale of debentures had realised £3,100 (\$6,200). Two-thirds of this was taken up interest free.

The J. H. Stone Trophy was first presented in 1950. This trophy holds pride of place because it is named after the Club's first President, whose boyhood home, 'The Briars', was the origin of the Club's name. Also because it is awarded to the member under 25 years of age who makes the greatest contribution to the Club's welfare each year.

At the 30th Annual General Meeting the Club elected its first three Life Members: Hon. H. W. Whiddon, Mr. E. J. Siddeley and Mr. R. W. May.

Some of the socials included on the Briars calendar in these years were the Christmas Eve Parties, New Years Eve Parties at Allambie House, Annual Balls and End of Season Dinners.

In 1946, a Cricket Trophy was introduced. This trophy is presented to the Cricket player who makes the outstanding contribution to his Club and to his team. It was donated by the Hon. H. W. Whiddon and commemorates the fallen of the Second World War.

Although these years may be looked back on as years of expansion and can be regarded as a proud era for the Briars, there were times when the committee were displeased. These notes come from the 1948/49 Annual Report: "Far too many members at present are having their sole interest in playing sport each Saturday or in availing themselves of the amenities and facilities available at the Club rooms. They fail to realise that they owe their enjoyment to a comparative few of their fellow members who receive little thanks for their efforts. This spirit of selfishness must be eradicated if the Club is to prosper and everyone must do his share of the work that has to be done."

THE FIFTIES

In 1951 Bob Clark retired as Honorary Secretary. Bob, a founding member of the Club, and without any doubt, has been the Club's backbone. Bob was Honorary Secretary for well over twenty years. Not only was he the driving force behind the continuance of the Briars, but also he helped many hundreds of sportsmen in his work for Rugby and Cricket generally. In 1953 he was bestowed the Club's highest honour, that of Life Membership. Bob is currently the Club's Patron.

"Half Time", which was begun in 1949/50 had a "chequered career" in the 50's. It was a subscription circular which was aimed at informing the members about the "doings in the Club". Its main problem was not one of circulation, but rather those associated with publication. It was unfortunate that the paper had quite a succession of editors, due to various reasons. It had a problem of obtaining a steady supply of journalists throughout the 1950's.

With the formation of a company, the Club's administration had now taken on a different form. A Board of Directors was formed. Their duties were to look after the Club's financial assets and make policy decisions. On the other hand, the Management Committee replaced the General Committee and was concerned with the day to day running of the Club. The Sub-committee structure remained unchanged. This administrative setup still remains today.

A special sub-committee was established in 1954 to research into "the quality and sufficiency of the entertainment and amenities" available to the members. After its report the executive decided that major renovations should be undertaken to the building. Concurrently the Club should make an application for a Club Liquor Licence. In September, 1955, a provisional Licence was granted and in November, 1956, a Liquor Licence was approved. The total cost of these two items was approximately £ 6,000 (\$12,000). To meet this cost a debenture issue to members yielded £3,850 (\$7,700). The balance was obtained through a bank overdraft.

Golf, Billiards and Table Tennis remained popular. Two teams again entered in the N.S.W. Table Tennis Association competition.

In 1958, Hockey introduced the shield named after Mr. A. J. Robinson. It was awarded to the Hockey player who makes the greatest contribution to his sport and to his Club.

Two great losses occurred in this period. In 1954, the Club's Patron, and one of the three gentlemen who guided the Club through its early years, the Hon. H. W. Whiddon, died.

In 1957, John Stone, the Club's first President, died.

Mr. E. J. Siddeley was appointed Club Patron in 1957.

In 1950, an era came to an end when the Library closed until a new Librarian was found. This facility, which provided such an important and popular amenity during the previous thirty years, has remained closed ever since.

Membership of the Club continued to expand in this period. In 1950/51 the membership stood at 252 and by 1959/60 had reached 334.

Our sporting prowess was enhanced admirably in the 1950's. Perhaps Hockey as the newest sport deserves special mention. Between 1950 and 1960, the Briars A Grade Hockey side won NINE premierships. That is one every year except for 1956 — a remarkable performance.

Cricket also proved to be very consistent, with eight Premierships in the 1950's. The A and B Shire Premierships were both won in 1952/53 and 1955/56. Another great sporting triumph was achieved in 1956 when the Briars won the R.B. Clark Cup. This trophy was donated by the Briars Club to recognise the services of that person to Cricket. The trophy is awarded to the Club Champions in Municipal and Shires Cricket.

Rugby only won one Premiership in the 1950's. The first fifteen won the Kentwell Cup in 1952. However, the Club Championship was won for three consecutive seasons — 1951/52/53. This meant that the Briars had won the Club Championship for six seasons in a row between 1948 and 1953.

In the 1956/57 Annual Report, the addition of a new minor sport was mentioned — Squash. In the remaining years of the fifties this sport enjoyed increasing popularity. Teams were entered in the competitions run by the Squash Association of N.S.W.

THE SIXTIES

The Briars in the sixties built on the solid foundations laid in previous decades whilst still having the enthusiasm to introduce innovations.

The membership growth was not as spectacular as in previous times, growing from 357 in 1961 to 387 in 1970.

On the sporting field, the 1961 season saw A Grade Hockey win the pennant which marked their eleventh win in twelve seasons. The B Grade team followed on by winning the premiership in 1962 and 1963. 1964 saw a promotion to the Second Division, thus stronger teams as opponents which made pennants harder to come by.

The highlight for Rugby in this decade, and the best season ever for Briars, came in 1964. Briars won the Kentwell Cup undefeated and the Club Championship. The team, coached by Brian Williams, was later dubbed 'The Invincibles'. To prove it was no fluke, the footballers followed up with the Kentwell Cup again in 1965 and the Club Championship in 1966. 1966 saw Briars contest the Judd Cup for the first time.

The 1960 season saw another big first for the Briars footballers — a tour of New Zealand. Unfortunately, only one match was won. During the second tour in 1965, we managed to win two matches. Australian teams, no matter how good, always seem to have a hard time against the Kiwi's. 1966 and 1967 saw return visits by four different New Zealand teams.

Cricket opened the decade in very fine style by winning the Municipal and Shires Club Championship in the 1959/60 season. This was again won in the 1963/64 season. The only premiership of the decade was won by the B Shires team in the 1964/65 season. That year also saw the introduction of the C Shires team.

During the 1960's, the Squash playing members began to make their presence felt around the Club. The first Briars Squash pennant was won by the B2 team in the 1963 Spring Competition. Then came the 1969 season, when the B3 team won the pennant. Since that year, the Briars have had at least one pennant winning Squash team every year. These successes, and the efforts of Squash playing members, particularly Doug Vanderfield, saw Squash become a major sport in 1970. This move allowed men to join the Club as Squash players. Previously, the Squash players were members who had joined to play Cricket, Hockey or Football.

Off the field, the Club rooms purchased in the fifties were undergoing continued improvement. The biggest came in 1967 when the Club rooms were extended to their present size. The relocation of the entrance necessitated the changing of the Club's address from 34A George Street, Burwood to 30A George Street, Burwood. Other times saw the installation of new fridges, carpet and the excellent crest in front of the bar.

In 1963, the Briars Ski Lodge opened at Thredbo. This venture was undertaken by members of the Club. Its ownership and operation are independent of the Club.

At the end of the highly successful 1964 football season, a celebration dinner was held which was attended by 107 members and guests. This is regarded as our First Annual Dinner. In 1968, the Special Guest at our Fiftieth Anniversary Dinner was the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Herron. With great modesty, we shall recall some of his remarks: "..... to my knowledge, the Briars is the only Club of its kind that I know of in the Western Democracies" and "I look out upon as fine a cross section of the citizens of this state as it has ever been my pleasure to address." Other distinguished guests at Dinners in the sixties included Sir Charles Moses and Alan McGilvray.

The Club's half century in 1968 was celebrated by a Church Service and a Ball, as well as the Dinner.

During the Sixties, a Planning Committee was formed. Its function was to investigate ways and means of acquiring a suitable permanent ground for the Club.

Whilst the sixties was a time for innovative measures, regretfully, some things never seem to alter. From the 1959/60 Report: "Otherwise respectable and decently behaved members have been seen leaving the Club rooms by the rear entrance and not bothering to close the door after them, leaving their glasses empty wherever they happen to finish their drinks, ashing their cigarettes on the floor and doing all sorts of similar things small in themselves but in total a constant annoyance to those who have to make good these omissions."

THE SEVENTIES

The seventies are now with us. Most of us have been witness to the Club's activities in this time. The successes and failures of the last eight years have been a direct result of our own efforts. The future of the Club is in our hands.

In 1970, Squash was admitted as a major sport. The record on the courts has been very impressive since. Since 1970, the Squash players have won 20 Pennants.

The Briars' Hockey teams have notched up an impressive record in the 70's. In 1973 the B Grade pennant was won. 1974 was a bumper year. Premierships were won in the A Grade, B Grade and the Juniors as well as the Club Championship. 1975 saw the C Grade being Premiers and the winning of the Club Championship.

Football won the Whiddon Cup in 1971 and 1975. However, at the conclusion of the 1976 season, the footballers seemed certain for relegation. This set about an unprecedented effort, involving enormous cost of both members' time and money, which successfully averted relegation and laid the foundations for a revival of Briars' football. The 1977 and 1978 seasons saw us slowly climb off the bottom with some encouraging performances. Hopefully, a bright future lays ahead with the affiliation with Ashfield Juniors, who we took under our wings this season.

The Cricketers won the B Shires Premiership in 1972 and 1973. In 1976, Briars sponsored Junior Cricket through the Croydon Cricket Club.

The seventies have been a decade of tours. The footballers and Squash players toured New Zealand in 1973. The footballers went on their fourth tour of New Zealand in 1977 and are ready to go on a tour of North America. The Cricketers and families went on their first tour to New Zealand in 1974. The footballers made regular trips to play Melbourne's Powerhouse and the Kangaroo Valley XV. The Cricketers have had weekends away in Newcastle and Taree. The Squash players have been to Dubbo.

The seventies saw the coming of the "jeans, T-shirt and thong generation" to the Club. To some, the greatest social upheaval came in International Women's Year, 1975. In 1975, it was passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting, after much debate, "that women be allowed in the Club rooms during normal trading hours". In 1977, the Rosebuds Women's Hockey team was established. From being Grand Finalists in their first year they went on with three teams in their second year, all coming runners-up.

One of the Club's most popular and successful amenities was established in 1973, the 'Focus on The Briars'.

Off the field, the 70's saw the demise of the Annual Ball, because of dwindling attendances and financial losses. Other functions, such as 'Chicken and Champagne Nights' and 'Happy Hours' are now popular. Of course, the Annual Dinner continued to be ever popular. Speakers have included John Thornett, Alan Davidson, Gordon Samuels, Q.C., the President of the Australian Rugby Union — our own Bill McLaughlin, Norman May, Peter Johnson, Tim Caldwell and Dick Marks. The recent introduction of Club Picnics has proved popular. In 1977 an Athletics Day was held.

Throughout the seventies, the Club's Planning Committee has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to secure for the Club a ground of our own. In 1978, their efforts have borne fruit. The Club now has a ground in Elliot Street, Belfield. In our sixtieth year, we are about to commence our biggest job ever.

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CRICKET REPORT

Sub-Committee:	Chairman:	T. Parker (Up to Dec. '77) K. Holley (From Dec. '77)
	Treasurer:	D. Sterry
	Under 16's and Publicity:	R. Smith
	Under 14's:	A. Cantori
	Practice:	J. Jarratt & D. Jamieson

The statistics for 1977-78 season were as follows:-

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| a) Club Championship | 7th | Improved by two places |
| b) A Shire | 9th | Same as last year |
| c) B Shire | 8th | Dropped one place |
| d) C1 Shire | 4th | Dropped one place |
| e) C2 Shire | 7th | First year |
| f) C & S Shire | | Played 22, Won 9, Lost 10, Drew 2, Tied 1. |
| g) Double Wicket | | Winners: D. Sterry and G. Wellham |

These results show we have a lot to improve on.

The last cricket season continued on from the previous season with the emphasis on Junior cricketers. We introduced an Under 14 side this year as well as an Under 16 team which was a huge success. These two teams made the semi-finals and the Under 14's went on to win the final undefeated. We also fielded an extra "C" Shire side, to support our Juniors.

The season saw the retirement, from the committee, of Trevor Parker as Chairman. Business commitments caught up with him. Thanks Trevor for a job well done.

Congratulations go to Craig Hickey, Col Dennis and Rod Smith for great centuries. Col's being his maiden for the Club. Congratulations also go to Peter Burt for his magnificent all round performance in C & S, scoring 399 runs and taking 46 wickets for the season.

A fine season was had by Peter Mansford with the bat and David Guille with the ball in the "A's", Trevor Whittaker and Bob Streeter in the "B's" also batted well. David Jamieson also batted well in the "C's".

The double wicket competition was once again held. This year we did the same as last and invited two 1st Grade Western Suburbs players as well as two of our Under 16's. A most enjoyable day was had by all with Derek Sterry and Greg Wellham victorious over Rod Smith and Craig Smith in a cliff-hanger final.

In our Club's 60th year we decided to play a "Secretarys V's Presidents" side at the Sydney Cricket Ground. All who participated in this event will remember it in years to come. The match was won in the last over of the day by the "Presidents" side. The success of the day was due to the members, relatives, wives and friends who made the effort to be there for the special day. Thanks must go to my committee and Lee Jamieson, who worked tirelessly throughout the day.

Our annual trip to the country saw us at Newcastle and once again not a ball was bowled, due to bad weather. Everyone had an enjoyable time fraternizing with the "Stewarts and Lloyds Cricket Club".

The Club congratulates Epping for the Club Championship, Lindfield for winning the "A" Shire competition, Wentworthville—Blacktown for winning the "B's" and Epping for winning the "C" Shire competition.

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'A' SHIRE CRICKET REPORT

MAX ASTRI (Captain). In his initial stint as Captain, Max at first displayed a certain amount of rawness and it was unfortunate that he was not able to see out the full season to develop this aspect of his cricket.

The stress of the captaincy no doubt affected his personal performances as Max was not quite as dominant as he is capable of being, nevertheless, in spite of missing the last three matches, Max headed the batting averages, was second in the batting aggregate and bowling averages, and took the most number of catches in the field.

A player with Max's great all-round ability is impossible to replace, and it is to be hoped that he will not be permanently lost to the Club and will return to Sydney in the near future.

KEVIN HOLLEY (Vice-Captain). In his return to the A's, Kevin filled the unenviable role of late-order batsman (8 or 9) and part-time bowler.

Despite limited success with bat and ball, Kevin's enthusiasm was as great as ever and his 6-35 off 16 overs against Warringah on a damp wicket indicated that given the right conditions, we may yet have a Derek Underwood in the Club.

Highlights of Kevin's batting performances were his hard hitting 69 against Pennant Hills and a patient 29 against Macquarie University.

CRAIG HICKEY. Craig was the leading run getter in his initial season in the A's, no mean feat. Whilst a major portion of his aggregate was scored in one innings, 143 against Bexley, Craig assisted in getting the team away to a number of good starts. Also scored 59 against Lindfield.

Whilst his style may not have always been according to the book, Craig soon let the opposition bowlers know that any loose ball, and sometimes the good ball, would be dealt with.

A great team man who was always willing to tie down an end with his bowling, however time never seemed to be available to allow this, or was it that he didn't offer the captain sufficient inducement **before** the game?

PETER MANSFORD. The silent partner in the Hickey-Mansford opening partnership, who was content to let Hickey carve up the opposition whilst picking up a run here and there.

Peter had a reasonably consistent season with scores of 77 against Bexley (sharing an opening stand of 192 in 135 minutes with Craig Hickey) and 89 against Lane Cove. Took over the captaincy when Max Astri vacated the position towards the end of the season and immediately gained notoriety by setting Lindfield the "impossible" target of 150 runs to win in 15 overs, which turned out not to be impossible.

IAN BLAIR. For Ian the season was reasonably disappointing, as it must be quite a number of years since he failed to top 350 runs. Was picked up on a number of occasions to good catches behind the wicket and his confidence appeared quite low until midway through the season when he scored 56 not out against Warringah and 51 against Pennant Hills, the latter innings when we appeared to be in a deal of trouble.

Ian's fielding as usual was of a very high standard and he was always willing to field in any position — one of the few behind the wicket fieldsmen in the team.

With the ball, Ian showed the capacity to bowl tight, at the same time picking up the occasional wicket and it was unfortunate that the opportunities did not exist for him to get more bowling.

ROD SMITH. The "big fella" had a disappointing season with the bat after a promising start, scoring a brilliant 61 against Roseville. Unfortunately Rod only had eight completed innings during the season and this no doubt had a bearing on his overall performance.

Bowling his off-spinners, Rod had reasonable success in a season where the wickets generally favoured the batsman. Fielded brilliantly on occasions and patrolled the cover area with surety.

Always a good team man, Rod ensured his selection for matches at Rothwell by having wife Carol supply the afternoon tea.

JEFF JARRATT. Jeff's performance behind the stumps was a further improvement on that of the previous season, although he showed obvious displeasure with himself on a number of occasions when he dropped catches that he felt should have been taken.

Jeff again displayed his highly competitive attitude, however tended to become involved in "incidents" with the opposition which did nothing for his or the team's performance.

Played a number of hard hitting down the order knocks and it was unfortunate that the one against Auburn (35) was not a match winner as it was deserving of such recognition. Jeff's innings against Pennant Hills was also worthy of note when he helped pull the innings around.

ALDO CANTORI. Aldo's season was a disappointing one and regrettably he only played seven games.

Aldo was unfortunate enough to suffer a bad cut to the chin whilst batting against Auburn, and after having it stitched at hospital, returned to the crease in an effort to score the necessary runs for victory. There is no doubt that the fact we failed to win hurt Aldo more than the cut chin.

His fielding as always was first class and a catch against Auburn was one to remember. There is no doubt that Aldo, being the determined sportsman that he is will again make his presence felt in the A's.

BILL HAYDON. After promotion from the B's, Bill started promisingly with a score of 66 against Warringah, however faded somewhat after that.

Bill was always keen to attack the ball and he may have been advised to try and settle in longer before going after the bowling.

In the field, Bill was like a gazelle and we were all thankful that he was there to chase the ball to the long parts of the outfield, where his strong throw was very handy to say the least.

DAVID GUILLE. David headed the bowling wicket-takers with 26 and had a number of outstanding performances, including 6-39 against Auburn. Unfortunately figures do not always tell the true story and on a number of occasions David's performances were infinitely better than figures suggested.

David at last appeared to have reasonable control over his line and his bowling outside the leg stump was at a minimum during the season.

With the bat, David was scoring very consistently until he announced before the Lane Cove match that he was second in the averages, whereupon he proceeded to run himself out for 2, and reduced his average by a third. Nevertheless David was a more than useful late order batsman, as he displayed against Canterbury when he went in as nightwatchman at the end of the first day and contributed a valuable 28.

PAT FITZGERALD. In his second season with the Club, Pat headed the bowling averages after being leading wicket taker the previous year.

Pat was generally a model of consistency and could be relied upon to contain the opposition and pick up a wicket or two. Took four wickets on two occasions and three wickets on three occasions, in ten matches.

Pat did not make much impression with the bat and did not seriously threaten David Guille for his position in the order.

A fantastic team man, Pat could be relied upon to bring a touch of humour to any situation and whether this was deliberate or not, no-one was quite able to determine.

TREVOR WHITTAKER. Whilst Trev only played four games with the A's, he showed a touch of class on each occasion, particularly with his delicate cut and savage hook.

Also bowled a couple of handy overs of medium pace against Epping, until his condition gave out, and it was apparent that Trev must have bowled with considerable success earlier in his career.

BOB STREETER. Bob also played four matches and displayed his usual fine application and determination, particularly in the second innings against Lindfield when he scored 70 not out.

Bob's ability to pick the ball to play and the ball to let go was an example to all, even though he occasionally frightened the life out of the umpire at the bowler's end with his choice of the ball to let go.

DARRYL LEWIS. Darryl showed in his two matches with the A's that he will develop into a fine allround cricketer within a season or two, with his elegant and determined batting, and handy leg-spin bowling.

'A' SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
13	1	3	1	5	3	28	9th

Runs for	Wickets for	Average	Runs against	Wickets against	Average
2,601	111	23.4	2,650	117	22.6

BATTING (x not out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average	Catches
M. Astri	11	2	65	303	33.6	5
C. Hickey	15	—	143	363	24	3
I. Blair	14	3	56	259	23.5	2
P. Mansford	14	—	89	325	23.2	3
J. Jarratt	9	1	44	184	23	19C/3 St.
K. Holley	9	1	69	152	19	4
R. Smith	9	1	61	147	18.3	4
W. Haydon	8	2	66	102	17	3
D. Guille	9	3	28	94	15.6	3
A. Cantori	8	1	24	71	10.1	3

Also batted:	R. Streeter	4 for 155	J. Delegarde	1 for 14
	T. Whittaker	5 for 70	D. Walker	1 for 11
	P. Fitzgerald	4 for 42	N. Sterry	1 for 2
	D. Lewis	1 for 56	D. Young	1 for 1
	C. Dennis	1 for 27	J. Hazelwood	1 for 0

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
P. Fitzgerald	119	19	438	22	19.9
M. Astri	120	28	375	17	22.0
D. Guille	135.5	20	600	26	23.0
R. Smith	99	8	433	18	24.0
K. Holley	78	10	291	10	29.1

Also bowled:	I. Blair	4 for 69	C. Hickey	1 for 10
	T. Whittaker	1 for 4	C. Dennis	1 for 21
	J. Delagarde	3 for 99	J. Hazelwood	1 for 87
	N. Sterry	2 for 20	P. Mansford	0 for 18
	D. Lewis	2 for 47		

'B' SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1977-78

In terms of position in the competition table, the season could be described as very ordinary. The side was perhaps unfortunate in playing four strong sides in the first four rounds. The side did not record a win in these games, however, in the next seven rounds, it recorded five first innings wins.

In the bowling department the side lacked true speed, being mainly composed of a number of competent medium pacers. This was illustrated by the fact that the five leading bowlers only took between 13 and 17 wickets each.

In the batting department the side performed with distinction on easy paced wickets, however, when faced with a lively wicket or a bowling attack with some genuine speed, the batsman lacked the necessary technique. The result was that in six out of the nine completed innings, the side scored less than 160 runs.

It was pleasing to see a number of young players in the side during the season. Some performed with distinction and eventually were promoted. Others gained from the experience to improve their performance in the 'C's'.

Twenty five players participated in the team through the season. Comments on the regular players are as follows —

COLIN BLAIR (Captain). Had a quiet season. His batting was well below standard. Bowled consistently, however, lacked the necessary variation to take more than two wickets in an innings. Positioned himself well in the field, to take 11 catches for the season.

COLIN DENNIS. Colin captained the side early in the season until other commitments forced him to relinquish the position.

The highlight of the season for Col. was a masterly 103 (including twelve fours) against Lane Cove. Otherwise, it was a quiet season for Col. with the bat.

Used his experience to advantage with the ball. Put in two particularly fine performances of 4-46 against Lindfield and 8-81 against Macquarie University.

Held the team in suspense every time he took the field, lest his knee should give way anytime.

DAVID WALKER. Yet another good season for David behind the stumps. Had lost none of his speed and skill, much to the dismay of opposition players.

With the bat was inclined to try and hit the ball too hard too soon, rather than consolidating which was necessary on a number of occasions. Had a number of good innings.

JOHN HAZELWOOD. Although only played five games for the side, John bowled very well, extracting a lot of life out of the wickets and always worried the batsmen.

Was always first choice for fine leg in the field and number 11 in the batting order.

DARRYL LEWIS. Definitely one of the finds of the season. Darryl took a couple of games to settle down, however, after that he moved from strength to strength. Showed a great deal of maturity in his batting, possessing a good range of shots and a great deal of patience.

Must be more alert in the field and more faster to the ball.

DERRICK NIX. After a slow start, Derrick applied himself to the task and his batting improved considerably. He showed more confidence and responsibility. This was particularly illustrated in his innings of 54 against Macquarie University, coming in with the team 5-22.

RALPH SADLER. Has turned out for the Club for many winters on the Rugby field, however, this is Ralph's first season of cricket for the Club.

His batting early in the season was very consistent, however, after missing a number of games, Ralph was unable to regain his form.

Fielding at first slip, Ralph found on one or two occasions that a cricket ball is more difficult to catch than a football.

MICHAEL STERRY. A quiet season for Michael. Was not able to put things together with the bat and was given only limited opportunities with the ball. Travelled from Newcastle each weekend to play — a true team man.

NIGEL STERRY. Bowled consistently throughout the season to be leading wicket taker. Proved a reliable middle order batsman, scoring valuable runs on a number of occasions.

BOB STREETER. Bob was a consistent performer with the bat, holding the side together on many occasions, from the opening spot. Unfortunately, for the side, was promoted to the 'A' Shires.

Still causes the Umpires nightmares by using his pads to their fullest extent. Claimed he was robbed on a number of occasions.

TREVOR WHITTAKER. Another good season for Trevor with the bat. Was the leading run getter with 286 runs, and had the highest average with 47.66.

Unfortunately seriously damaged his front teeth when struck in the mouth against Macquarie University. Was taken to hospital for some stitches, then returned to top score with 39 — a fine effort.

'B' SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
11	—	5	2 x	5	—	30	8th

x Game v. Warringah won on 1st innings and lost outright.

Runs for	Wickets for	Average	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average
2457	126	19.5	2408	109	22.9

BATTING (x not out)

Name	No of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average	Catches
T. Whittaker	9	3	81	286	47.66	1
R. Streeter	10	1	57	270	30.00	2
D. Walker	12	3	49	212	23.55	10
(Stumpings 5)						
N. Sterry	8	3	41 x	113	22.60	3
D. Lewis	10	3	66	154	22.00	1
C. Dennis	12	—	103	237	19.75	4
R. Sadler	9	—	52	171	19.00	4
M. Sterry	15	—	33	171	11.40	3
D. Nix	13	1	54	132	11.00	4
J. Price	5	1	18	44	11.00	1
C. Blair	10	2	23	62	7.75	11
T. Murphy	5	1	19 x	23	5.75	—

Also batted:	B. Haydon	4 for 166	G. Delagarde	2 for 1
	D. Young	4 for 110	J. Magrath	2 for 1
	P. Wallace	4 for 51	P. Burt	1 for 20
	A. Cantori	4 for 32	S. McIntosh	1 for 12
	J. Hazelwood	4 for 14	B. Pozeulo	1 for 8
	P. Meloy	2 for 6	S. Albanese	1 for 0
	J. Crockart	2 for 1		

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
G. Delagarde	51	16	116	13	8.92
C. Dennis	48	4	270	14	19.28
C. Blair	103	23	337	15	22.46
N. Sterry	107	19	382	17	22.47
D. Young	33	8	143	6	23.83
J. Hazelwood	73	8	247	10	24.70
M. Sterry	77	8	335	14	25.35
P. Wallace	31	3	122	4	30.50
T. Murphy	38	5	150	4	37.50

Also bowled:	T. Whittaker	1 for 5	B. Pozeulo	0 for 8
	P. Burt	1 for 14	P. Meloy	0 for 13
	J. Price	1 for 78	D. Lewis	0 for 22
	D. Nix	0 for 1		

'C1' SHIRE CRICKET REPORT

The 'C' Shire competition was restructured this season into West (Briars) and North Division with only the two top teams from each competing in the semi's. Consequently, every match was harder than was previously experienced especially the early games as teams vied for points, so a good start was essential.

In the first game we faced Derek Sterry's 'C11's' where a fine win was posted giving us six points, with Darryl Lewis to the fore with fifty nine excellent runs and Geoff Delagarde taking five for fifty one off twenty two overs.

In the following weeks we managed only one win from four games — not really first class!! However, it was in this period we lost a couple of players to the higher grades and through unavailability we could not maintain a steady or balanced team and I believe this coupled with some inept performances caused the team to lose heart. Digressing for a few lines I would hope that those players concerned think deeply in the future before pulling out of games consistently as this has an adverse affect, not only on our team but the other teams as well.

Our next win was against Lane Cove 111's where through Craig Smith's great bowling effort (7-34) we obtained six more points. Ken Gray's fine fifty one almost got us an outright but time and the fifteen overs beat us.

David Young absolutely slayed Wentworthville to register a fine double of fifty six and thirty eight, not out, and John (Bishen) Price took four for twenty two off nine well directed overs in a lovely exhibition of spin bowling.

The ensuing five matches saw only one win, that being an outright over Canterbury 11's and consequently we were out of the semis for 77/78 but in this period we saw some good **INDIVIDUAL** performances (why not the team??) notably Stuart McKintosh, Trevor Parker, Peter Wallace and Ken Gray with the bat and Craig Smith, Peter Wallace, John Price and Terry Murphy with the ball but the telling factor was a combination of poor fielding and not enough team work.

In summarising the season I believe all the lads (except one) enjoyed themselves and with the experience gained this last summer will surely endeavour to compete more successfully next year.

Obviously with thirty players having participated this season it is difficult to write about every person. Nevertheless, special thanks to the following — Calloway, Kemp, Lewis, R. Young and Parker for their efforts.

DAVID JAMIESON (Captain). Topped the aggregate with 278 runs at 19.86 but was dismissed far too often in the 20's and 30's when he really should have gone on with it. His bowling was not as effective as he would have liked. Fielding was only average.

KEN GRAY (Vice-Captain). Opening batsman who on occasions batted well, notably a fine knock of 51 against Lane Cove but his technique was found wanting to the swinging ball outside off stump, Ken next year should perhaps play his more natural stroke making game and not the game his skipper asked him to play.

Fielding was good. Bowling was fantastic (so he says).

PETER LUCAS. Technically a fine batsman who played some good opening knocks but consistency or lack of was Peter's problem. As an opener he did his job in taking the shine off the ball but was unable to force the run rate thereafter. When this facet of his play improves Peter will enjoy his cricket much more. As a slips fieldsman he took some great catches.

DAVID YOUNG. A very good season for David in that he started in the "C's" and finished playing "A" Shires. His batting improved tremendously due to an increase in confidence and a good technique (dad's coaching).

Perhaps the only criticism I have of his play is his hooking (his favourite shot) in that if he persists in playing it he must learn to turn his wrists over at point of impact. His bowling was very steady throughout and as usual his fielding was first class.

JOHN PRICE. A great season with the ball for young 'Bishen' Price finishing with 18 scalps at 9.94 off 47 overs. His line and length were immaculate in his spells at the crease and he surely would have taken another 5 to 10 wickets but for some lapses by our fielders and Keeper (namely the skipper).

John's batting was poor due to being hit earlier in the season but the promise is there when he learns to get inside the ball. His fielding was sound but must concentrate on every delivery.

STUART McKINTOSH. A consistent performer in the games he played with scores of 22, 57, 20, 21 amongst them. However, if Stuart is to succeed to higher grades he must make himself available for more games. A KEENER COMPETITOR you would not find but he must learn to play more as a team member and not as an individualist. His keeping was very good throughout the season.

PETER WALLACE. A fine season for Peter with the ball in that originally he was our opening bowler who toiled without success and who tried bowling left arm tweakers "a la" Derek Underwood, and it was at this stage that Peter's cricket improved as his new found confidence came to the fore. His bowling statistics were 10 wickets for 92 runs off 33 overs, not exactly world beating but the effect was really borne out when he and Price bowled really well against Auburn, both around the wicket and almost snatching victory over the eventual finalists. At this point the only advice I would offer Peter is to really work on your spinners and stick to them no matter what. His batting improved in the latter part of the season including a good knock of 44 versus Auburn but his fielding was not as good as in previous seasons.

TERRY MURPHY. Terry like Peter came to the "C's" after being in the "B" grade and their loss was our gain for Terry aside from Craig was the next highest wicket taker, finishing with 26 at 14.42 apiece. He was the quickest bowler in the competition but unfortunately did not fully utilise his pace by bowling too short too often, however, after a few words from the skipper his length seemed to improve to a point where he bowled as we know he can. If Terry can learn to accept criticism a little better I'm sure he will be a bowler in "A" Shires in the future. His batting was sound but was never elevated in the order (as he thought he should have been). Fielding was very good.

JIM DRAYTON. His batting was disappointing this year due mainly to lack of confidence and technique, nevertheless, Jim if he can apply himself a little more next season will see an improvement in a cricketer I am sure has loads of ability. His fielding at short leg was excellent. A very good team man.

JOHN MAGRATH. A poor season with the bat from a cricketer who should be a regular "B" grader.

John is an enigma (Oxford precise defining the word as "a riddle; puzzling person"), in that when he turned up he gave of his best but sometimes forgot to front. Nevertheless, it was a case of a good man out of touch. **Perhaps** if he applied himself a little better we would see the cricket that we know he is capable of playing.

CRAIG SMITH. In his first year of cricket with the Club, Craig took 36 wickets and last summer took 27 at 13.33 apiece, proving his value to the team. His bowling was very consistent and in particular his spell against Lane Cove was really quite tremendous taking 6-34 however, the only criticism of his play is his over-reaction when the boys sometimes dropped a catch or two instead of worrying about the fielding he should direct his anger at the batsman. He capped a fine season for himself by finishing in "B" Grade. His batting improved out of sight, and his fielding in slips was always first class.

'CII' SHIRE CRICKET REPORT

The 1977-78 cricket season has seen the inauguration of an extra 'C' Shires team into the competition.

Although, throughout the season we succeeded in winning just two games, only on one occasion were we beaten outright. This was against the seasons premiers, Epping III's.

One of the aims in creating the CII's team, was to develop the skills of the younger cricketers with assistance from the more experienced members. Thanks must go in this regard to Trevor Parker and Maurice Critchley for their efforts. As with most of the players, playing their first year on turf, the experiment has shown some success in the good performances given during the season by such players as Richard Tregeagle, Geoffrey Young, Greg Lippiatt, Michael Molloy and Serge Albanese.

With such an avenue for introducing younger players to the higher grades, prospects for cricket in the future can only improve.

SERGE ALBANESE. Opened the batting and kept wickets for the side. Performed well throughout the season. Took the most number of catches in the season (14), and finished with the highest aggregate in the batting (249). With a little more dedication to his play, Serge should have a good future with the Club.

TREVOR PARKER. Trevor's ability and experience was a big asset to the team before he left for the CI's, on several occasions his batting made the difference in the team gaining a reasonable 1st innings start. Has the ability to tear a bowling attack apart. Was always a great source of encouragement to the players.

RICHARD TREGEAGLE. Richard proved to be one of the finds for the season. Topped the batting averages with 25. Has a good natural batting style, combined with his accurate bowling, experience should see him playing A Grade in the not too distant future.

ROGER LEMBIT. Excellent fieldsman, but had a disappointing season with the bat. Always looked the goods but failed to give himself enough time to adjust to the playing conditions.

PAUL BEGER. Has the ability to be a good allrounder. But was often too casual in his approach.

GEOFF YOUNG. Showed great potential throughout the season. On several occasions while batting, Geoff looked set for a big score, except for a lapse in concentration. Lacked confidence against fast bowling, but excelled against spin. Handy bowler and good fieldsman.

MICHAEL MOLLOY. Opened the batting on several occasions. Although he showed good form towards the middle of the season, lack of game practice seemed to affect his play in 1978.

PAUL TONER. Tried hard with the bat all season. With 33 not out against Lane Cove III, totalling a batting period of 5 hours, Paul deserved full marks for sheer determination against players often twice his size.

JOHN McCLELLAND. Bowled well on occasions. Found the transition from matting to turf hard to adjust to. Will improve with experience.

SAM INGUI. A mixed season for Sam. Has the ability to bowl and bat well. Given the time to improve his bowling run-up and batting confidence, should be a useful allrounder.

MAURICE CRITCHLEY. Handy player to have in the side. Showed on occasions that he can bat and bowl well. Set a good example to the younger players.

GREG LIPPIATT. Greg was a good bowling find for the season. Tended to get too keyed-up at times while bowling, but always keen in the field. Has a promising, natural batting style.

GREG WEBER. Shows great potential as an opening bowler for the Club. Often scared batsmen into submission with his pace. Could be used for longer spells if he shortened his run-up.

"CII" SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
12	—	2	1	9	—	12	7th
Runs for	Wickets for	Average		Runs against	Wickets against	Average	
2071	114	18.17		2107	148	14.24	

BATTING (x not out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
R. Tregeagle	10	3	53 x	175	25
T. Parker	12	1	47	228	20.73

BATTING (Contd.) (x not out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
S. Albanese	13	—	80	249	19.15
G. Lippiatt	8	2	38	79	13.17
G. Young	15	1	33	182	13
P. Toner	16	3	33 x	162	12.46
M. Molloy	13	2	37	113	10.27
M. Critchley	13	3	47 x	94	9.4
P. Beger	10	2	22 x	67	8.38
S. Ingui	11	1	25	80	8.00
D. Sterry	13	4	13	56	5.6
G. Jacobsen	8	4	7	17	4.25
R. Lembit	8	—	12	27	3.38
J. McClelland	9	2	8 x	17	2.43

Also batted:	J. Magrath	3 for 16	G. Weber	2 for 3
	G. Stanton	4 for 36	J. Freestone	2 for 4
	R. Denton	2 for 6	R. Smith	1 for 113 x
	M. Croughton	1 for 0	K. Holley	1 for 39 x

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
G. Weber	57	6	175	14	12.5
S. Ingui	47	4	183	13	14.08
G. Lippiatt	38	3	143	10	14.3
R. Tregeagle	52	8	143	9	15.89
G. Young	32	—	157	8	19.63
D. Sterry	125	16	416	19	21.89
J. McClelland	72	14	224	10	22.4
P. Beger	32	5	96	8	24
G. Jacobsen	43	1	196	8	24.5

Also bowled:	R. Denton	0 for 15	K. Holley	1 for 25
	J. Freestone	1 for 41	R. Smith	4 for 50
	M. Critchley	5 for 59		

CITY AND SUBURBAN REPORT

Although only enjoying a modest amount of success, the Senior side had a most enjoyable Season. Fifty players represented the Club in C. & S. this Season and therein lies one of the main problems. The dilemma facing the Selectors, most weeks, was whether to pick the best side available or whether to provide the means for occasional cricket members to have a game.

With a New Look programme this year, we were able to eliminate those dreaded games in "Death Valley" (Centennial Park) and found ourselves playing sides we had not played before, or whom we had not played for many years. Consequently, there were not too many easy games. The wickets we played on, were, in most cases, much improved, although no doubt, the exceptional summer we enjoyed had some bearing on this.

The strength of the side was in the bowling. Peter Burt, Don Broomham and the Brothers Young took 123 wickets between them at an average of about 12. Unfortunately, the batting, with the exception of Peter Burt, was very ordinary. The fielding varied between the "sublime and the go-blimey".

We were honoured to have guest appearances from Superstars Peter Mansford, Rod Smith, Aldo Cantori, David Walker and John Hazelwood.

As we go to press, we still do not have a winner of the C. & S. Sprint for 1977/78. This event is conducted (appropriately enough) at Gladesville Mental Home, at tea on the last Saturday of the season. This particular match was washed out, so, it appears as though the 1977/78 Sprint will be held on the first Saturday of the 1978/79 season.

TED STOCKDALE. Ted decided half way through the season to hang up his Jockstrap once and for all. He probably would have played another ten seasons if Brooksie had not insisted on placing him in suicidal fielding positions. He copped a nasty blow in his last match. Anyone else in the side would have done the smart thing and got out of the way — but, not Ted. He tried to catch it. Ted actually fielded very well in every game. What he lacked in mobility he made up for in anticipation and in getting behind the ball — points forgotten by some other members of the side. Ted has a magnificent record in C. & S. cricket and has been a most consistent run-getter over the years. We can assure him that he was sadly missed in the latter half of the season. We hope to see him at many of our matches next season. He will have a tempering effect on much of the unfair criticism and sarcasm of Mitchell & McLaughlin.

PETER BURT. "Burty you're magnificent." This was indeed a vintage Burt year. 399 runs at 28.5 and 46 wickets at 10.07. Four scores of fifty, three in succession. Will score 600 runs next season if he decides to eliminate his infamous glide into the Keeper's gloves. Got upset when Ray Young got the new ball in preference to him.

DON BROOMHAM (The Fox). Had a great season and still improving — forty wickets at 11.25. Don seems to get better and better. It should be mandatory for anyone who aspires to be a bowler to watch this fellow at close quarters. The better the batsman the better he bowled, would score a lot more runs if given a regular middle order spot.

RAY LYON. Batted very well this season but his bowling was not up to the previous season. Ray took some beautiful catches in slips. A most important member of the Team; good drinker as well.

GRAHAM IRELAND. After a rather slow start, Graham rattled home in great fashion and hit his best form at the finish. Must have, at last, given up all pretensions to being a bowler because he did a "Keith Miller" in one match by knocking back the Skipper's generous invitation.

THE BROTHERS YOUNG. On the few occasions they were both in Australia, at the one time, they made a formidable pair of opening bowlers, although one opposing batsman did say that he thought the left hander should try bowling right handed and vice versa. Noel always bowled well without a great deal of luck. He featured in a tenth wicket partnership of 53 with Peter Grey against Homebush. Ray was our surprise weapon. He was the only genuine **slow** bowler in the side; had his best season for years, always got wickets and most times was very economical. Unfortunately the Skipper was generally inclined to give him one over too many.

REG. JONES. Had a pretty lean time early on, with the bat, although once he started to borrow his daughter's bat, did not look back. Captured 10 wickets from only 18 overs and was shamefully underbowled. It appears as most batsmen do not know how to handle tripe.

MARTIN (Rowdy) WATTS. Did not get the opportunities he deserved. Martin was instrumental in our winning the match against Cintra with a fine knock of 28; was known to have the odd snooze in the field.

PETER GREY. The most improved player in the side. Went from strength to strength as the season progressed. Batted very well on several occasions, but, generally suffered by having to bat too low in the order; took some really memorable catches and finished with 15 victims.

BILL (Could have been an All Black) JAMIESON. All the way from the Shaky Isles. Batted better than his figures suggest. Could generally stick around whilst some of his more illustrious partners came and went. Did not get much of a go with his bowling but definitely has some ability in this department.

MALCOLM CROUGHTON. Our resident cricket historian and our best Umpire. Did not give one decision in the affirmative. Came to us mid season from N.A.P. on a huge transfer fee. Tried vainly to knock some of the rough edges off we Colonials. Has a good arm in the field. Probably better suited in the middle order next year. Kept wickets very well on one occasion under extreme difficulties.

JOHN LAING. A "Johnny come lately", who thought he could combine cricket and tennis with the result that he was ostracized by his tennis team and completely ignored by Brooksie.

DAVID BROOKS (Captain). Started the season in great style including a good fifty against University — then fell in a heap. Came good at the finish. Took 17 catches — mainly because he fielded on the boundary to Ray Young's bowling. Started to show the familiar C. & S. Captaincy traits of paranoia. Should be removed at earliest opportunity before he completely cracks up or before there is a mass mutiny.

CITY & SUBURBAN STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Tied	
22	9	10	2	1	
Runs for	Wickets for	Average	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average
2187	169	12.94	2440	179	13.63

BATTING (x not out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
P. Burt	16	2	59 x	399	28.50
R. Lyon	9	2	43 x	137	19.57
G. Ireland	13	—	44	185	14.23
D. Brooks	21	2	56	224	11.79
D. Broomham	13	4	20	103	11.44
M. Watts	6	1	28	55	11.00
N. Young	9	5	25 x	41	10.25
P. Grey	13	3	23	98	9.80
R. Jones	16	—	34	146	9.13
R. Young	5	3	7	14	7.00
W. Jamieson	6	—	12	34	5.67
M. Croughton	8	1	11	35	5.00
E. Stockdale	9	2	10 x	32	4.56

also batted:

J. Laing	4 for 11	J. Kemp	1 for 17
G. Watson	4 for 5	J. Gleeson	1 for 14
J. Drayton	3 for 64 xx	L. Williams	1 for 10
M. Critchley	3 for 24	D. Young	1 for 9
C. Ward	3 for 18	A. Cantori	1 for 7
J. Crocker	3 for 15 xx	R. Lembit	1 for 6
L. Brooks	3 for 16	M. Elder	1 for 6
L. Calloway	3 for 13 xx	K. Casinader	1 for 6
A. McSweeney	3 for 5 xx	J. Matthews	1 for 5
A. Watson	2 for 46	M. Sterry	1 for 5
J. McGrath	2 for 46	R. Furlong	1 for 4
K. Gray	2 for 28	P. Lucas	1 for 3 x
D. Walker	2 for 22	J. Hazelwood	1 for 2
T. Parker	2 for 2	A. Burke	2 for 1 x
P. Mansford	1 for 40	R. Middleton	1 for 1
R. Smith	1 for 37	R. Lenney	1 for 0
D. Nix	1 for 18		

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
P. Burt	134	26	46	463	10.07
D. Broomham	116	14	40	450	11.25
R. Jones	18	1	10	126	12.60
R. Young	58	5	19	252	13.26
N. Young	89	13	18	294	16.33
R. Lyon	25	2	6	149	24.83

Also bowled:

L. Williams	6 for 38	J. Gleeson	1 for 20
D. Brooks	5 for 44	P. Wallace	1 for 36
L. Brooks	3 for 46	M. Croughton	0 for 23
J. Hazelwood	3 for 55	M. Critchley	0 for 22
W. Jamieson	3 for 91	M. Sterry	0 for 17
L. Calloway	2 for 16	A. Watson	0 for 15
J. Matthews	2 for 31	J. Crocker	0 for 15
C. Ward	1 for 0	J. Kemp	0 for 13
R. Smith	1 for 15	A. McSweeney	0 for 9
G. Watson	1 for 17	K. Gray	0 for 1

UNDER 16

The Croydon Briars completed a fairly successful season by finishing 4th after being defeated by Lewisham in the semi final. With added experience and maturity gained through the season I am sure that next season will see the blossoming of a premiership team.

The team throughout the season had 1 outright win, 3 1st innings, 3 drawn matches and 2 1st innings losses including the semi final.

The boys on all occasions presented themselves on and off the field as a credit to the CLUB.

Highlight of the year was the outstanding allround performance of Bart Pozuelo who led the team by example. Bart had 4 scores over 50 his best being 106 n.o. against Regents Park. Bart aggregated 461 runs at 92.2 together with topping the bowling with 29 wickets at 12.21.

Other notable performances were those of Geoff Young top scoring with 55 n.o. against Regents Park and his 6-47 bowling against Lewisham. Peter Caruana had an aggregate of 249 runs at an average of 27.67 top scores being 86 and 70. Whilst in the field Paul Toner topped the season with 8 catches.

A very special thanks to Terry Murphy for his highly competent scoring and his time and effort spent in advising the boys on ways in which to improve individual and team performances.

BART POZUELO. Captained the side well. Undoubtably the best cricketer in the competition, excellent technique and efficiency in all shots. A penetrative medium fast swing bowler, Bart provided the early breakthrough on most occasions. A brilliant fielder personification of consistency rewarded with leading the batting and bowling.

PETER CARUANA. Showed fine array of shots when facing mediocre bowling, however when confronted with a close set field and on the spot bowling Peter was found wanting due to a startling lack of technique. Must apply himself better against such situations if he is to use the talent that he has proved he possesses. Bowled well on occasions.

MIKE MOLLOY. A stylish opening batsman who took the shine off the ball in most matches. Although Mike was not dominant in his stroke play, he was clearly more solid than his opening partner. Shared 2 century stands with Peter. Highlighted his season by scoring 42 in the semi final thus enabling the team to reach a respectable score.

GEOFF YOUNG. A talented allrounder. Geoff had two particularly fine spells of slow bowling, securing wickets with consistent line and length. Unfortunately Geoff's ability with the bat was not discovered till late in the season when he gave a superb display of driving and hooking.

PAUL TONER. Didn't score a lot of runs, but almost always got a start. Paul displayed very good defensive work and temperament, however must play more strokes if he is to go on to big scores. Handled the keeping very adequately for the first half of season.

GREG MOTTEE. A very competent keeper who took some particularly fine catches. Only had 2 bats looking very good against medium pacers in one knock and showing weakness against spinners in the other.

JOHN McCLELLAND. John was opening bowler for most of the season. John bowled well on occasions but never really settled into matting cricket with line and length often astray. Perseverance, however, paid off in the form of 16 wickets.

ROBERT DENTON. In the short period of 3 games in which he was available Robert showed that he was one of the best bowlers in the competition. Pinpoint accuracy and substantial movement in the air was largely responsible for superb 4-11 V's WSAFCC.

MARCO CELLI. Continued to show improvement with the bat. Marco got a start a number of occasions and perhaps next year he will be able to build these starts into scores. Work in the field leaves room for improvement.

RODNEY PETERS. Rodney had very limited opportunities, but made the most of his opportunities outscoring 8 of his team mates in the semi final. Fielded competently.

LEO COMANCHO. In his first season of cricket, Leo is yet to master the art of batting. His fielding improved as the season progressed. If he persists he will undoubtedly improve.

Thanks also to Paul Thomas, Gerard Price and Robert Carmody together with David Goss and Mark Gibbs for their efforts during the season.

UNDER 14

The 1977-78 season for the U14 was almost a repeat of the year before; and who's complaining? Once again the team went into the semi finals undefeated. It's just as well they did for both matches were affected by rain resulting in draws.

It was perhaps a bit unfortunate for some of our boys that no team managed to get us all out. This made it very difficult to ensure that everyone was given a fair go but most of the boys showed great patience for us poor managers with this unenviable task.

Our top order batsmen hardly ever failed. Paul Thomas scored 120 n.o. in the first match and has looked like a champion ever since. Paul, who is our wicket keeper also made 10 stumpings and 9 catches — a truly remarkable display for this grade of cricket.

Captain, Gerard Price must have broken all sorts of records in scoring 612 runs for only one

dismissal including three centuries and taking 48 wickets at 5–58 each. His little brother Paul came good when required with a string of unbeaten 40's and 50's together with 23 wickets with his unpredictable spinners.

When Robert Carmody came out of retirement near the end of the season he showed he had not lost touch with 62 n.o. and 25 n.o. in the last two matches.

David Goss and Greg Douglas were the backbone of the fielding and both showed they are all-rounders to watch in future.

The most improved bowler in the side was probably Joe Maroun who took 11 wickets with his well controlled spinners that tied down the best of batsmen.

Our middle order batsmen, Martin Wellfare, Anthony Windred and Mark Gibbs never pressured to perform showed at practice they were not mugs with the bat and that if given the right opportunity would give opponents quite a few headaches.

John Wellfare, Peter Windred and Robert Walker all had their first year of cricket and only had a single innings, but I'm sure that this won't determine the future years because they showed a lot of interest for the game and were very eager and enthusiastic to learn.

There were seven century partnerships scored this year (3 over 150) and in one remarkable display of power hitting we scored 4–316 in 140 minutes off 31 overs and at end of day we still had time to have Burwood 4–11 in reply. Gerard Price 152 x, Paul Thomas 83 and Paul Price 48 x.

I don't think anyone could have asked for a more successful season or a better bunch of kids than this and we would personally like to congratulate the boys again and wish them well for next season.

We would also like to thank the parents who regularly support their sons.

A special thanks to Mrs. Price who organised a get-together at the end of the season.

Congratulations to the Price and Gale brothers, Paul Thomas and Greg Douglas for their efforts in the Moore Shield and to Gerard Price for his Sunday Telegraph encouragement award.

UNDER 14 AVERAGES

BATTING (x not out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
G. Price	8	7	152 x	612	612–00
R. Carmody	4	3	62 x	102	102–00
P. Price	7	4	65 x	214	71–33
P. Thomas	9	2	120 x	217	38–71
D. Goss	2	1	27 x	37	37–00
G. Douglas	2	–	33	38	19–00

BATTING (Contd.) (x not out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
M. Gibbs	2	1	9	10	10-00
A. Windred	1	—	8	8	8-00
M. Wellfare	2	—	8	9	4-50
J. Maroun	2	—	2	3	1-50
J. Wellfare	1	—	0	0	
P. Windred	1	—	0	0	
R. Walker	1	—	0	0	

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Wickets	Runs	Average
G. Price	120	48	268	5-58
P. Price	67	23	222	9-65
D. Goss	53	15	147	9-80
A. Windred	10	4	51	12-75
J. Maroun	51	11	159	14-45
G. Douglas	42	9	133	14-78
P. Thomas	1	1	2	2-00
R. Carmody	2	0	3	
M. Wellfare	1	0	19	

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RUGBY 1978

After a long, sometimes frustrating season the Club ended the 1978 Rugby season in 7th position (10 clubs) in the Club Championship. However, it was once again the lower grades which provided the bulk of the championship points.

Craig Hickey and Barry Larkin were the driving force last year in avoiding the threat of relegation. Their efforts of 1977 were a sound basis on which the Club could commence its 1978 **aim-to consolidate.**

At the commencement of this year the Sub-District Council voted on a definite form of relegation based on the Club Championship standings at the end of the season. Consideration is given to relegating the lower team or teams from the competition; each case being dealt with on its merits.

The Rugby administration for this year was taken over by John Boyle who faced a hectic term. Besides the administration of the Club's football, John had to initiate action to endeavour to develop some sort of source from where the Club could expect to draw Juniors into its ranks. Also the proposed trip to the U.S.A. in November this year has to be set moving. Besides these major tasks John also had on his plate a couple of less pressing and less important matters

namely his first child and the family business. Thanks Boyley for the time and energy you have put into this year and thank you Kerry and Mr. Boyle Snr. for putting up with the intricacies involved in the duties of a Football Chairman.

I'm sure Boyley would like to thank his little Greek boy Milton Howellopoulos for his assistance during the year.

Prior to the season commencing there was an air of confidence, however, this was short lived as we lost quite a few players, several of which were prominent Kentwell members in previous years. These included David Vaughan, Peter Williams, Ken Harvey, David Westerman and a centre.

Several other players including Phil England and Graham Frunks made late starts to the season.

The early season gloom continued into the pre-season Trials where attendance was low. The Clubs commitment to play 6 and 8 halves in these trials had several players involved in 4 and 5 of these halves, which in the February heat is somewhat confidence sapping. It also restricted an endeavour to organise graded sides to instill some early season team work and team spirit. Even with these set backs the Trials proved quite promising.

Innumerable drawn games during the season cost the Club many championship points and most certainly cost Burke Cup a spot in the semi finals as did the continuing bad attendance at training.

Ten Clubs contested the competition and Briars finished in the following positions —

Kentwell	—	9th	—	coach Ian Duncan
Burke	—	5th	—	coach John Bailey
Whiddon	—	7th	—	coach Bob Spedding
Judd	—	8th	—	coach Bill Lekkie

In concluding this short preface thanks should be given to all those who helped with the home game stall and a special thanks to "Fred" Lewis for the ground organising with which he received little help throughout the season. Thank you also to Warren Bryan and Milton Howell for the supply of goal kickers to the Club.

Warren Bryan together with Garry Brady also deserve a pat on the back for the effort they put into organising and instilling enthusiasm in Judd Cup during the season, in Bill Lekkie's absence.

Three titles were bestowed at the seasons conclusion —

Edward Barker	—	most consistent footballer
Brian Hurley	—	Brightest prospect in their 1st season with the Club
Mark Dennis	—	Biggest mistake incorporating slowest footballer in the Club.

The Club at the moment is full of youth and in that youth is plenty of talent which will come to the surface in the years to come. Players like Daryl Collister, Ross Thompson, Brian Hurley, John Ma, Graham Sharp, Mal Weber, Derrick Nix, Scott Hipwell, Mark Brown, Peter Stewart, Adrian Petersen and so on, showed loads of improvement during the year.

The remainder of this report is compiled by the individual Cup coaches who will give a resume

of the failures and achievements of their sides. These reports will undoubtedly mention these young players as well as the old heads; the combination of both youth and experience is the ideal recipe for future success providing one does not weigh the other down.

KENTWELL CUP

Paul Bevans, Ken Gray, Tony Wosniak, Milton Howell, Gabriel Ma, Craig Davies, John Guest, Bob Bishop, Mark Dennis, Peter Pearce, Ted Barker, Phil England, Chris Murray, Gordon Pegler, Peter Stuart, Mark Brown, Scott Hipwell, John McGrath, Derrick Nix, John Baker, Ian Duncan, Graham Frunks, Paul Hayes, Mal Weber, Brian Hurley, Lindsay Calloway, Daryl Collister, Ross Thompson, Graham Sharp, Steve Godfrey, Rod Waudby and Kerry Weale.

By no means a great year and by no means a disappointing year. With a little bit of luck, a few good decisions by referees and a goal kicker early in the year; the result could have been a lot better. Maybe not premiers but a lot closer to the pace.

Most would have heard these excuses many times before in relation to the Clubs Kentwell side, but I'd say in this instance it would be fairly accurate — no better exemplified than in the seasons first game against Colleagues at Rothwell Park. Although being beaten 10/8 the side was most unlucky not to end up with the points after several border line decisions went the wrong way and our goal kickers had numerable attempts without success.

The side had about 15 shots at goal before landing its first goal in the fourth game of the season. Successes could be counted on one hand up to Graham Frunks entry to the side midway through the second season.

Initially it was the intention for our forwards to be our main source of attack. The reasons for this were firstly, our lack of attacking backs and secondly the number of running forwards in the pack. It was hoped to develop a water tight defence in our back line which I believe gives confidence to the entire team and instills confidence in the backs attack.

Early we were unable to establish that sound defence mainly because of a lack of a resourceful full back, however the defence became sounder and sounder with the centre combination of Calloway and Weber prevalent. Winger Daryl Collister showed brilliant cover defence and proved to be our main attacking weapon later in the year.

Kerry Weale filled the huge gap at full back, injecting much needed spark into the backline attack and providing that rock like defence.

John McGrath had a patchy season but became more consistent towards the end of the season when the whole team put it together for some fine victories the most memorable of which was the convincing win against St Ives 22/9.

An important mid-season gain was second rower Mark Dennis who proved to be a vigorous forward who assured us of our share of line out ball each game.

A further bonus mid-season was the return of evergreen Phil England. Phil had knee trouble early on and made his return through the grades, showing in each of these appearances the basis on which many people in the Club regard him as our best footballer. He provided essential drive and enthusiasm in the Kentwell Pack and proved the ideal compliment for Teddy Barker's tenaciousness and Peter Pearce's experience and guile.

Gabe Ma started the season sluggishly in the backrow but when slotted into the hooking role

after Milton Howell's forced retirement he excelled at that running game we all know he is capable of.

Tony Wosniak, as usual was prominent in rucks, and mauls and with Ken Gray, provided the power up front. Tony playing mainly in the unaccustomed role of second row showed his versatility with some excellent performances during the season.

Ken Gray took over the captaincy of the side when John Baker sustained a nagging leg injury which restricted his appearance later in the year. The vital role of five eighth was difficult to fill when John pulled out but Graham Frunks proved the ideal fill-in later in the year after he himself had difficulty with a bad hamstring injury.

Congratulations again were given to prop Paul Bevans who was selected in the combined sub-district side which played Queensland sub-district.

The improvement shown by the two wing youngsters Ross Thompson and Graham Sharp was most satisfying and I'm sure the Club will get great service from these two in future years.

Also impressive with their Kentwell debuts, this year were Scott Hipwell, Peter Stewart, Mark Brown, Steve Godffrey and Derrick Nix.

The find of the season was undoubtedly the young centre Brian Hurley who after some early games in Kentwell showed ability and experience far in excess of the regular teenager.

The most frustrating feature of the season would again have been training. Pre-season and early season was quite heavy, however, as weeks passed it became very difficult to organise training sessions because prominent team members would be absent. It's impossible to plan moves or develop a pattern when you have a half-back or five-eighth, centre or the like missing; the session becomes a waste of time to the other members who are present and after a while enthusiasm dwindles and hence players performances drop off.

Ken Gray and Mal Weber had a 100% attendance record at training and Ken was the only one to complete a full Kentwell season, Mal missing the last game through injury. The attitude of these players, to training, must be shown right through the Club, in order to achieve success.

One interesting point to consider is that with this year and last year the Kentwell side performed well during the last few rounds. Perhaps touch at training is the answer.

Shortage of paper from last years football report restricts me from going on further, although I would like to continue much further. Thanks to the Club for an enjoyable year.

BURKE CUP REPORT

It was the sort of finish of which schoolboy adventure yarns are made with one deferred match to go, Briars and three other teams were locked into equal third place. Briars after scoring a brutal, hardfought win against Newington on the Saturday doubled up against Lindfield on the Sunday. Win or draw and Briars would be in the finals. Lose and Briars would face the agonies of a count back on for and against.

Certainly the lead up to a do or die effort of dramatic proportions. Did Briars charge out full of fire and win in a stirring victory?

Not bloody likely. We lost in a poor, lack lustre performance against an indifferent opposition and the count back left us in fifth place.

Oh well, there's always next year.

The Burke Cup Team suffered from an extraordinary run of drawn games during the season. The immediate fault was that the team tended to drop, or raise the standard of its play to suit the opposition. Thus we beat St. Ives twice, who ended up as finalists, yet were beaten by last runners Kings, and drew twice with the mediocre Chatswood. And I suppose your author (the coach) must bear some of the blame. Like everyone I have a lot to learn.

But in all it was a good year. We had enough wins and draws to keep the high spirits flying. Ralph Sadler, then Ken Kable as captains were a great encouragement to the team. The little general, John Baker, when he wasn't in Kentwell or having the sulks played well. Rod Smith played some tremendous games, and kicked some fine goals but was inconsistent towards the end of the season. There was intense rivalry for the back row spots with Mark Brown, Phil England, Adrian Peterson, and Peter Stewart providing the competition.

In the backline we had a combination of the young, the over-the-hill, the talented, the paranoid and the near normal. Without distinguishing amongst those categories, but easily recognisable by those who watched the matches we had: Tony Hastings, Ron Robson, Tim O'Rielly, Derrick Nix, Ross Thompson, Graham Sharp and Steve Godfrey.

Other people to whom I am grateful for sterling efforts are Brian McQuarry, Ross Pearson, Craig Davies, Neil Chalmers, Gordon Peglar and Ian Steele (yes I am joking).

WHIDDON CUP

I suspect that there was a plan formulated by whoever appoints referees for Whiddon Cup games involving the Briars.

I believe it was a plan made necessary by the knowledge that Craig (the mouth) Hickey would probably be playing.

The plan went something like this:

1. Because you couldn't have 30 madmen running around in circles for 60 minutes unattended you had to appoint someone.
2. Because no reasonably intelligent, experienced referee would attempt the task of controlling this rabble without money changing hands they had to find a less than bright man in white.
3. If they did nothing there would be no one for Hickey to talk to on Saturday arvo.

Fortunately they did manage to always appoint someone which suited Craig's game down to the ground.

He had another top season, managing to be sent off under highly suspicious circumstances, in fact he became the first Briar in the history of the Club to be sent off twice without having drawn blood let alone even having landed a telling blow.

Whiddo's this year has an up and down season, mostly down. However there were purple patches and our wins against Lindfield in the first round, St. Pats, and a great performance against Colleagues were notable performances.

Once again it was the old story of not enough guys serious enough about training to win that stopped us getting as close to winning the Cup as we should have.

I can't single out too many players for honorable mention but it would be amiss not to give "old" Stanniforth a wrap. He was there every Wednesday night, keen as ever and played it to his ability every Saturday. His inability to hold a sitter with the try line wide open is forgiven for his generosity with the after game tinnies on several occasions. Thanks also to Craig (all is forgiven) for leading the mob.

Congratulations to Hunters Hill who won the cup.

JUDD CUP REPORT 1978

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DREW	POINTS	POSITION
18	4	10	4	12	8th

1978 proved to be encouraging to say the least, despite a somewhat disappointing finishing position.

Firstly, many thanks to Bill Leckie who devoted many training nights during the year to us, but who, unfortunately due to business commitments, was only able to see us play on a couple of occasions. This obviously created problems which added merit to Judd Cup performances.

An additional problem was encountered in that many of the lads actually playing Judd Cup had to train in higher grades during the week, due to lack of application from some of the "more capable" footballers, knowing full well they would be back in Judd come kick-off time on Saturday.

There were several good performances during the year by a side which was often outweighed, outplaced and out-experienced by more competent, but never more enthusiastic sides. Our best effort, in fact, was a two point loss to Kings, the eventual premiers, when they were awarded a dubious last minute "non" try which broke our hearts, but not our spirits.

This was epitomised in our last round victory over Lindfield, with special thanks to our guest full-back "Chang" Howell. Our main disappointments during the year were the rubbishings we received when a couple of our narrow defeats cost the Club clean sweeps on the day.

On a sad note, the sudden passing of Ron Webb, one of the keenest trainers and players throughout the year shocked us all. Suffice to say he will be missed next season.

It would be impossible to name all the players who made "guest appearances" but those who had the honour of being regulars in the side thank them for their efforts.

The following regulars deserve special mention —

MARK SHEILDS. Lanky Winger, who will develop with confidence. Will long be remembered for his "grass-tops" tackle of the sideline at Hassall Park!

MIKE CAHILL and MIKE HIGGINS. Sturdy wingers who always played to the best of their ability.

BARRY WILSON. Fullback. Barry, who is a Prop Forward at heart, was one of our most

consistent players, when he didn't go walkabout. He was also one of our leading point scorers, topping double figures for the season.

STEVE HODGES. Winger. Steve showed potential last year, and under Barry Larkin's gentle touch, has progressed in leaps and bounds whilst training for America. I might say he is not his former "Shadow".

LAURIE YEOMANS. Half-Back. A most valuable member of the side, and probably the best goal kicker in the Club. Laurie's worth was realised half way through the season, and went on to better things. With a little experience could go a long way in the Club.

ROGER GERSBACH. "Old Hamstrings" is back. Roger, a veteran of a good class of country football, shook off early injuries and a recent marriage to be an invaluable part of the side. Only hope Leslie releases him from babysitting duties next season, so he may lend his experience to us again. Thanks Roger.

MARK RIBBON. Hooker/2nd Row/Back Row. Light weight utility forward who could always be depended upon for a full effort.

GARY BRADY. Back Row. A young forward with a lot of potential, destined for better things after being groomed for captaincy in the latter stages of the season.

MICK DOVGAN. Back Row. Another "young lion" with a lot of ability who should develop greatly next season. Never made a spectacle of himself.

WAYNE HAAR. Hooker, 2nd Row. Wayne was always a reliable performer and a good team man.

JEFF LURIE. Prop. The only foreigner in the team, "Ombac", in the veteran class, added some size and authority to our front row.

BOB HANTHORN. Hooker. Probably our most consistent forward, Bob was a consistent ball-winner and a tiger in the loose. Built low to the ground, like the bus he drives, was almost as hard to stop. Will not be groomed as the teams' line kicker next season.

ALAN FAHEY. Utility forward. "Harry" proved a very robust and rugged addition to our ranks and we hope to see him back next year. Being groomed as the biggest half-back in the Club.

WARREN BRYAN. Prop. Warren, probably the keenest trainer in the side, led the team capably until realising the need to groom a younger man for this thankless task, and handed over the reins to Gary Brady during the season. His speed in the open was matched only by his ability as a goal kicker!

ASHFIELD UNDER 18'S REPORT

Briars association with the Ashfield Under 18's Rugby team resulted with grand finalists for two consecutive years being relegated to fifth placing on the competition table.

An eleventh hour change from West Harbour to North Harbour competition meant a standard of play not previously experienced.

The team, which ranged from potential representatives to social footballers, may well have reached the grand final if injuries etc., could be planned, but that's Rugby.

Playing in the North Harbour Zone forfeited a home ground, spectator and associated Club support, a valuable component for any sport.

The team had some low spots during the season, however the final game against St. Ives was without doubt the best display of the season.

We really clicked on the day defeating a side who had clinched fourth spot and who had beaten us in the earlier rounds to those who played in that game our heartiest congratulations on a fine effort.

To the players in the team thanks for the support through the season.

In closing we sincerely hope the association between Ashfield Rugby and Briars continues to prosper.

STEVE JAMES. Five Eighth. A tremendous season, Steve is a player of immense potential and consequently was the team captain.

He possesses a quick pair of hands, a very neat step, and a brain that sometimes was too quick for the opposition but also his team mates as well.

Steve capped a great season with selection in the N.S.W. under 18's, N.S.W. C.H.S. 1st XV, N.S.W. Schoolboys, but unfortunately just missed out on the Australian Schoolboys tour of New Zealand. Congratulations Steve.

SERGIO GONZALES. Loose Forward. A great team man, Serge was our best forward throughout the season.

When captain he lifted not only his game but the team as well.

A real thinker, Serge's efforts at the back of the line out were first class.

Without doubt the strongest breakaway in the competition.

SAM GUNTA. Loose Forward. Sam was also our utility forward playing in every position bar hooker and also captain on occasions.

Only small in stature, Sam was a constant trier and this aspect was rewarded when he led the team to that great win over St. Ives.

Needs to improve his fitness if he is to progress.

TIM CASEY. Front Row. Timothy toiled well throughout really showing the way for the tight five and this coupled with his toughness resulted in his selection in the N.S.W. Under 18's. A fine prospect. Tim must improve his attitude toward training if he is to succeed.

GLEN FIFIELD. Centre. Another fine prospect, Glen is a lad who will go a long way when he matures.

Has loads of ability, very fast and also a quick thinker. Made many fine breaks and tackled strongly.

STEVEN BLUNDEN. Five Eighth and Centre. Steve played well during the season, an underrated footballer who possesses good quick hands and a fine tactical kicker.

The teams goal kicker, he finished with 48 points.

Selected in the C.H.S. Zone team trip to New Zealand.

A good team man.

WAYNE YOUNG. Fullback. Cool character, cool hands. Wayne played solidly throughout the season. Positional play needs to be improved. As a centre adapted well to full back. A very keen footballer.

NEIL HOPKINS. Winger. Neil was a constant trier but unfortunately did not score many tries, however his strong running and tackling was best shown against Seven Hills. Was not fit enough and must improve on this facet of the game.

GAVIN WILLIAMSON. Halfback. One of the most consistent members of the team, Gavin was always there and always supporting.

Only seventeen Gavin will, I am sure, mature into a fine footballer, however must learn not to give away silly penalties. A gutsy performer.

CRAIG STECK. Front Row. The biggest prop in the competition Craig did not always utilise his weight to advantage.

Although he scored 4 tries against Lindfield he no doubt could be a striking force in set pieces if he were fitter.

GEORGE ANGELOPOULOS. Second Row and Loose Forward. A coaches dream player, always willing to listen, always willing to play in any position.

Perhaps one of the fittest players, George was always in support. Thanks Georgie.

JOHN LANGTON. Loose Forward. Devoted to Rugby his asset to the team always underestimated. An example to all, John has a fine attitude but bad blood pressure. A good team man.

RUSSELL DENNIS. Second Row. His main concern is cars, but no one will forget his determination in the final game against St. Ives. A good line out jumper. His boots are in cold storage for a team sponsored by G.M.H.

MALCOLM PACK. Hooker. Won the ball well — always first into the ruck and paid the price of 4 weeks suspension. Will become a excellent footballer when he is able to channel all his efforts into playing the game.

WAYNE HOWLETT. Loose Forward. A very fit lad, Wayne was always running at the end of a game, however his lack of weight was against him. Positional play on occasions was lacking. Displayed ability and guts.

GARRY BLYTHE. Winger. Hooker turned winger, Garry naturally enough was lacking in positional play but showed guts and always tried hard, nevertheless his attitude and concentration levels need working on if he wants to further his Rugby.

DARREN SPOONER. Second Row. With Russell he formed a strong combination in the line-outs however, his attitude was not up to standard.

Another player who has ability but needs to channel all his efforts into the game.

DARREN ROWLEY. Five Eighth. Filled in for us on a couple of occasions and played very well. A good temperament, Darren has loads of ability and will go a long way in Rugby. Thanks mate.

Terry Gibson, Rob Pretten, Geoff Boyd called upon when numbers were short with special thanks to Terry who played very well in his position and who is also a fine footballer.

ASHFIELD UNDER 17'S REPORT

Although the team played well for most of the season, some bad games resulted in missing out on the semi's by two points. The team was made up of, from very good to average footballers.

The guys as a whole played good, open and often entertaining rugby but probably their biggest problem was lack of purpose and discipline on the field.

The majority of these players are eligible for Under 17's next year and should be a forceful and often winning side next season.

TONY TEDESCO. Fullback. Tony's natural ball sense and accurate kicking made him shine above all other fullbacks. However, he was not one hundred percent fit and didn't come into the backs as much as planned. A bruising tackler. A broken wrist sidelined Tony for the last few games.

BILL KATO. Wing. Easily the fastest player in the team with a good swerve and good hands to match, always backed up and put in a one hundred percent effort.

DAVID JAMIESON. Wing. This was David's first season of rugby but he quickly learnt and was our most improved player. Always looking for the ball which resulted in some good tries. Another season should see David improve further still.

DARREN CRAWFORD. Inside Centre. Although not as big as his opposition his tackling was aggressive and he never took a backward step. Darren played well in attack but tended to run across the field trying to make the break.

KEVIN WALTERS. Outside Centre. Kevin never produced the goods on a consistent basis. However, he put in some good efforts in attack. On his day he could show many grade players what kicking goals is all about. He was a good partner for Darren Crawford and his tackling could be felt from the sideline.

DARREN ROWLEY. Five Eighth (Captain). Darren was easily the mainstay behind the team both in play and leadership. He has an excellent change of pace and coupled with fast acceleration and a deadly accurate pass was a headache for every team. Darren played fullback when necessary and showed when under pressure his mature attitude to rugby. He did everything I asked of him.

TONY FLETCHER. Half-Back. A player who has natural ability that was largely wasted due to wanting to fight rather than play football. However, when he concentrated, set the backs up well from set play. Tony is a very physical half back which, when playing behind a small pack of forwards was necessary.

BRENDON JOHNSON. Lock (Vice Captain). Brendon played as a loose forward but was not covering as well as he should. His ability in the tight was good and perhaps a change to second row could have resulted in better performances. Brendon led the forwards well.

I feel though, Brendon that a steak before the game will be more beneficial than a can.

BOB ISAACS. Breakaway. Bob was another player who couldn't turn out good games on a regular basis. However, he tackled well and backed up the backs at all times.

GEOFFREY BOYD. Breakaway. Geoff was one of our smallest players but never lets size worry him. Probably the best covering loose forward he was not frightened to mix it in the

tight. Geoff showed a good knowledge of the game and through backing up scored some tries.

MICHAEL MITCHELL. Second Row. Mike played good football in nearly all facets of the game and was one of the few players who turned in a consistent level of play. Needs to become more aggressive in rucking and mauling and should develop into a good player.

JULIAN MILLER. Second Row. Julian showed that he could be a good runner with the ball but spoilt it with some bad passing. At times was aggressive in the tight but was another player who had spasmodic trips into dreamland.

DAVID STEWART. Prop. Dave was our biggest player on the field and was our best tight forward. He tackled well but showed us his best in scrums and lineouts. A little more fitness and he would make a better footballer.

PHILIP 'RATS' RUDDUCK. Hooker. Phil was our smallest player but never took a backward step. Although he was beaten occasionally to the strike his fitness enabled him to back up, which resulted in tries.

DAVE BARRON. Prop. Dave came to the side late in the season but immediately made his presence felt with strong running, both from forward rushes and from being there to take the pass from the backs. A good tackler and runs with the ball.

BEDE MORROW. Second Row. Bede played varying degrees of rugby this year but never really went well due to complete lack of fitness. His main contribution to the team was in the scrum where his weight was an advantage.

TOM "J. J." SAURUSI. Wing. Tom played good attacking football and his pace and sidestep was an asset to the team. However, a lot of this was nullified due to some bad handling lapses and forgetting there were fourteen team mates.

I would like to thank Rod Smith for his help this year, particularly with his assistance to the backs.

Thanks go to Darren Rowley who captained the team well both on and off the field.

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HOCKEY

1978 is a difficult season to review. Many of the priorities arising out of the previous year remain substantially unresolved, and few really outstanding happenings.

Achievements are detailed in the team reports, but can be summarised briefly as an extraordinary year for the A grade side; a stronger performance from a more determined B grade side improving on the previous year to 7th; C grade maintaining status quo on 9th but finishing the year strongly with not a little promise for 1979; and the single juniors side again losing their semi final.

There was therefore no improvement in Club championship standings despite the consolidation from four senior sides to a more manageable three sides.

The season got off to a very wet start and we were unable to get in any hockey until week two of the competition, three separate days being obliterated by the early season moisture.

Our home ground became Ryde No 2 as a result of Sydney Hockey Association ground commitments and local councils' inability to prepare suitable turf. Again several grounds are under consideration for next year.

Training was again limited to the barely suitable Central Park on Tuesday night (a plug — in case some people had forgotten) but for next year the suggestion of some (if not all) training being made indoor is under review.

Briars versus Barton in Canberra this year on the occasion of the Clubs' 30th encounter resulted in the usual convivial socialising with the additional benefit of having some Queanbeyan — sourced Rosebuds along, who not only provided the male spectators with a stirring performance against the Canberra girls for a diplomatic draw, but also led the way (literally) in seeking out the local night-spot high-spots. Unfortunately, with the exception of a big performance from Briars juniors, who were capably led by a rampaging Malcolm Shorter all-out to retrieve his father's trophy (which they did), the two senior games resulted in fairly easy wins for Barton over depleted Briars sides.

The R. D. Vanderfield trophy for junior hockey was locked up by the aforementioned M. Shorter who played out the full game much more consistently this year.

Two players obtained umpires badges this year, being Eric Wade and Alan Fisher, with Eric showing a creditable keenness to display his ability in another facet of hockey.

The possibility of an overseas trip (probably to New Zealand) is part of the planning for 1979 and all interested parties should nominate their interest as quickly as possible.

Indoor hockey will again be underway in January/February/March 1979, providing a valuable adjunct to off-season conditioning and improvement in player skills.

Hopefully in 1979 the player loss experienced by the A grade side in particular, being 5 players per year each year since the 1974 premiership victory, will be at least reduced markedly or maybe stopped altogether?!

In a weakened competition in 1979 Briars hockey must make every effort to thoroughly demoralise all opposition and make it indisputably our year.

Final message —

"VICTORY'S JUST FINE IN '79"

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A GRADE HOCKEY

The 1978 Briars A grade hockey achievement can never be repeated in the future!

Like that maroon-and-white football team that had all those replays, the A grade side came from the middle of the ruck to almost snatch an incredible major premiership triumph (they did, we almost did).

Why can't it happen again, you may ask?

Simple — as a direct result of our performance in 1978 the Sydney Hockey Association deemed it necessary to change the rules of the 1979 competition to delete the semi final play-off requirement that was the single opportunity offered for us to display our outstanding major premiership form and almost steal the competition.

Consider the facts.

The 1978 competition was the most even for years — a full 24 games ended in draws and Briars participated in 8 of those non-results — with two rounds to go five teams were covered by two points battling for fifth spot and that semi final play-off chance — the minor premiership was decided on the last round of the competition when the two leading teams, Glebe and Uni. of N.S.W., met with the result going to the latter.

In 1977 the Briars A grade went into the semi final series equal 2nd with the proud record of having been unbeaten by any of the other three semi finalists during the course of the competition.

Not so in 1978, when the side finished clear 5th and had not beaten any of the four leading sides during the competition, drawing one game each against Randwick and Uni of N.S.W. and losing the other six games!

Of the 1977 grand final side, only four players ran out for the 1978 grand final, including only two defenders. Additionally, one of our regular 1978 fullbacks, John Kemp, suffered a recurrence of his historical back injury in the semi final and while he was able to perform creditably in the final, he was not fit enough to participate in the grand final.

The cold statistics read —

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Points	Position
22	6	8	8	40	49	20	5th

In 1978 the team ultimately finished ahead of eight teams that won more competition games than we did!

The minor premiers were overcome in the final, a repeat of the 1977 result.

That goal tally of a mere 40 was the lowest in living memory for our A grade side!

Eight draws in the competition is again a record, and consider that 5 of these occurred in our first 6 games!

The 1978 grand final team featured only one member of the premiership winning 1974 team.

With a mere two rounds remaining the side was equal 7th, actually 8th on goal average. So the job ahead for a premiership triumph merely entailed beating successively five teams whose colours we had not been able to lower through the first eighteen rounds of the competition.

That's some sort of sudden death challenge!

The ultimate grand final loss to Glebe (1–2) for the second year in succession was a major disappointment to a couple of players in particular, but basically the team should feel very proud of their 1978 achievement in coming from an extremely delicate position to prove themselves

as the most spirited Club and very nearly the best achievers in the 1978 Sydney Second Division hockey competition.

Next year the competition will be significantly weakened by the loss of Glebe, Uni. of N.S.W., North Sydney and Randwick Clubs to the reconstituted First Division of Sydney hockey. That's not to say that the competition will be easy, but it does indicate our credentials in regard to a 1979 pennant — "... Ve Vill accept no Excuses!! ..."

Very few of the competition games deserve to be reviewed in any length (or even mentioned in some instances!) with the possible exception of our first round clash with the AMP Club, when Briars led 1-0 early, were astoundingly down 1-3 at half-time, but then picked up the challenge (and showed the first real sign of premiership potential) by totally demoralising our opponents in the second half with four handsome goals, giving a final score-card of 5-3 to the good guys.

Our round games against Glebe as usual demonstrated very high standard hockey with our opponents claiming victory in both clashes but admitting to much harder games than the scores indicated.

It really all happened in the final series.

Game 1 — Semi final play-off versus Randwick — Saturday September 2nd.

Down 1-2 for most of the second half, scored an equaliser with a mere five minutes to go (it normally happens the other way!), ten minutes each way extra time for no further result, followed by five minutes each way additional time, during the second period of which Malcolm Shorter steered home the most vital goal of the season.

Result — 3-2 Briars.

Game 2 — Semi final versus North Sydney — Sunday September 3rd.

The half-line of Briars dominated this game all day, with such effect that our opponents became increasingly puzzled and frustrated at the effrontery of a side that they had screwed 6-1 and 4-1 during the rounds and that had played a very tense 100 minutes of hockey the previous afternoon, could prevent them from scoring at all in the semi final, and never at any stage gave them a look-in at the game.

Result — 2-0 Briars.

Game 3 — Final versus University of N.S.W. — Saturday September 9th.

A repeat of 1977 — a very confident Uni. side were held 2-2 until full-time, were subjected to increasing pressure in the first twenty minutes of extra time, and succumbed to Briars spirited play in the championship extra extra ten minutes. A great win for Briars over the minor premiers.

Result — 3-2 Briars

Game 4 — Grand final versus Glebe — Saturday September 16th.

Another repeat of 1977 (but remember the team make-up!). A shakey early five minutes for both teams, Briars having much the best of the next twenty minutes forcing continual errors by the Glebe defence and being unlucky not to score, Glebe then scoring against the run of play, Briars equalising quickly with a fine goal by Ross Huggett, a tied score at half-time.

Consensus — next goal will win it!

Glebe looking a little stronger early in the second half, but Briars holding well — remembering that in the previous two weeks Briars had played 270 minutes of tight hockey versus Glebe's 70 minutes — consensus stands!

Then a half-chance seized on by Briars should have brought a goal (twice) or a penalty stroke (not awarded) — chance lost.

Anti-climax — a very dubious goal by Glebe (Offside, ref? — No, off a Briars player! — Thanks very much!) — ten minutes left — lacking that little touch of class/inspiration/luck — no further score — bridesmaids again!

Result — 2-1 Glebe.

In fact Glebe won all three Second Division grades, a tremendous performance by a great Club.

The cornerstone of Briars 1978 performance was spirited determination when it really counted, especially from the defence. The late-season strengthening of the forward line by the inclusion of Ross Huggett made a dramatic difference to our forward mobility and enabled us to capitalise on the opportunities created by the hard-working backs.

Surprisingly Briars were the only Club who effectively used the substitution rule in the final series, and it worked beautifully for us.

That's the "what" and the "how" of 1978 — now let's look at the "who".

THE TEAM

WARREN WIDGER (Goalkeeper). Selected as the Club's leading goalkeeper at the start of the season, but a combination of work problems, study pressures, and non-availability at the wrong time saw him revert to the B grade side, and display improved form through the end of the season. Warren played an absolute "blinder" versus Glebe in the first round with what was probably the best display of goalkeeping your scribe has seen in Second Division hockey for some years.

LASLO KOVACS assumed the goalkeeper role at the commencement of the second round and maintained his spot for the remainder of the season with solid consistent displays. He was under extreme pressure in the finals series and handled it all very capably.

GEORGE FREITAS (Fullback). Promoted from B Grade half to A grade fullback this year. George proved his mettle with a runaway win in the A grade Best and Fairest competition. George was a very solid, mobile fullback and saved numerous certain goals off the line when the defence seemed well beaten.

JOHN KEMP (Fullback). Promoted from the B grade forward line into the hot seat of the A grade side from the start of the 1978 competition. John gave his normal gutsy best right through the competition although he pulled the last desperate save measure a little early on some occasions. It was extremely disappointing for both he and his captain that he was unable to contest the grand final, but it was his typical team dedication that made him declare himself not strong enough to contest that game.

ROBERT WOOD (Fullback). Substituted in A's on a number of occasions and was selected to replace John Kemp in the big one. He displayed his class and outstanding hockey future with an strong performance in that game and was not found wanting in any department. Next year should see him cement a permanent spot in the A grade side.

DEREK STERRY (Right-half). Capitalised on his brother's departure to Newcastle to hold down a regular spot this year. Derek played consistently all year, but tended to wander into the centre a little too much, allowing his winger more room to move. Played very well in the last sixty minutes of the vital semi final play-off.

BOB STREETER (Centre-half/Captain). Another good year, another second in the Best and Fairest Award, another lost grand final (for a career tally of five, with three on the credit side of the ledger). Several of our less complimentary spectators had the gall to infer that his mobility is markedly inferior to previous years, but some redress was achieved by acknowledging the skipper's great ability to read the game and thus be in the right spot at the right time (mostly). Scored vital equalising goal in the closely fought final.

NIGEL STERRY (Left-half). When the halves had great games (a la semi finals and finals) the team was capable of anything. Nigel had a very good year, finishing in the top four of the best and fairest and providing good cover behind the fullbacks on a great many tight occasions. His mobility was extremely valuable to our defence, but he must watch those left side tackles!

ROLAND BROWN (Left/Right Wing). A newcomer to the Club. Roland displayed immense early promise with his speed, stickwork, good strong goal shot and determination. However, he experienced a mid-season slump that saw him finish the season with about half of the goal tally he looked like scoring. Positional switches must have affected his play, but he finished the season strongly and should remain one of our "gun" forwards next year.

ALAN FISHER (Inside forward). Gave his normal energetic (talkative) performance week by week and was involved in much good lead-up work with his forward cohorts. The highlights of his year were a hat-trick of goals versus AMP ("I don't like playing right-wing" — "He is wasted playing wing") and a career first in the semi final, when after playing hockey for XX years and never severely incurring the wrath of the "white-bombers", Fish was **twice** dismissed from the paddock in the course of one game!

MALCOLM SHORTER (Centre-forward). Had a fair season only in 1978, principally because he was looked upon to be our major strike weapon both by ourselves and also by our competition, resulting in our over-use of him in lead-up work and very close opposition marking. Some non-hockey problems did not benefit his performance either. However, he did pull some big ones out of the bag when it counted in the finals and he even got six points in the best and fairest!

MICHAEL TASS (Inside Right). Unfortunately Saturday afternoon work commitments prevented our gaining much more than half a season's work out of this busy player. He was always good value to the team because of his ability to draw opposition players to him and thus open up gaps for his forward cohorts. Michael was also a rare animal in also being a deep defender in tight situations up back. Was only able to play a secondary role in the late season's activities.

ROSS HUGGETT (Inside forward). Tennis commitments kept Ross out of contention for around two thirds of the season, but the selection committee were sufficiently apprised of our needs to slot Ross into the forward line in the latter stages of the competition, with the previously acknowledged results. His presence substantially reduced the pressure on Malcolm and opened up our attack to great effect.

COLIN HUGGETT (Left wing). Called into A grade in round 8 (by-passing B grade entirely) against Glebe. Col showed his spirit and ability after receiving two bad knocks in that games to maintain a forward spot for the rest of the year. His coolness and ability to run around

opposition defences opened up the line for his inside forwards. He also scored a number of determined goals simply by running into good position in the circle.

STAN McGUFFIN (Half). Always first reserve for A grade, Stan was called upon on a fairly regular basis throughout the year and as usual did everything asked of him. Proved very useful in the latter stages of the season, and apart from walking in the B grade Best and Fairest he also won two major B & F awards in the A grade.

RUSSELL ROBERTS and LLOYD DAVIDSON both played a number of A grade games and performed creditably, although without either looking like tying down a permanent spot. They both have plenty of time to do that in the future.

Other players who substituted effectively in A's were Kevin Holley, Max Smith and Richard Coghlan — thanks for your efforts too.

Well, that's 1978.

Now for 1979

"B" GRADE HOCKEY

Overall, the results for the 1978 season, by statistical standards was an improvement on 1977, and is borne out by an improvement in position, at the end of the season, of two points to finish seventh.

Once again, the season proved a difficult one, as always happens through the calling up of players to play positions in the "A" grade side, but this cannot - this season at least, be blamed for our relatively mediocre displays in more than one or two matches. With the teams this year being confined to three, in these situations, we had substitutes available from the "C" side to fill any vacancies created through any circumstance. With youth on their side, and experience through the ranks, in many cases, they were a welcomed relief.

Looking deeper into our performance it could be said that some of us should analyse our own individuality in the avenues of team spirit, keenness, dedication and a will to win — or more plainly — old fashioned guts. Having done this it can be seen that match fitness would go a long way to solving most of the above shortcomings and improving ones own personal performance and satisfaction.

Hockey is an amateur sport in terms of money but there is no reason why we cannot adopt a more professional approach to our individual efforts.

To those players who regularly turned up for training, I commend you, to those who didn't, legitimate reasons excepted, do the analysis.

Overall, team spirit was good throughout the season and I thank all players for their support on and off the field. In particular I would like to thank Kevin Holley for his back up during the season which helped to make my job as captain much easier. The early part of the season got off to a good start, and indeed things were looking good for the B's for 1978, but then the tide turned, we were beaten or obtained draws in matches in which we had led most of the game and we lost games to teams that can only be termed uncharacteristic, despite this our performance was good, there being only one goal involved in 85% of our games, our worst defeat being late in the season 5-1 to Moorebank against a "suspect" "B" grade side.

Briar's "B" grade side, over the years, has gained the respect of the opposition and still has that respect, whilst not always through finesse, but sometimes through a team of "older" hard heads who don't know the meaning of "one step backwards".

During the last eleven years we have played in semis five times, won the grand final in 1973 and 1974, lost a grand final in 1975 and in 1976 and 1977 finished sixth and ninth respectively, therefore we have a fine past record and I am sure some of these feats will be repeated in the not to distant years to come, but I repeat, it will only come through more dedication on every players part.

STATISTICS — 1978

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Points	Position
22	7	4	11	39	51	18	7th

and for the record — 1977

22	6	2	14	36	57	14	9th
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THE TEAM

LASLOW KOVACS (Goalkeeper). A product of lower sides in past seasons and has all the qualifications of a first class goalie, is sufficient to say promoted to "A" grade when work commitments forced out Warren Widger. Acquitted himself in that grade as was expected.

KEVIN HOLLEY (Full back). If team spirit and determination were the only qualifications needed Kevin would be Al. A mixed season with some fine performances, as full back, must watch the ball on to the stick and forget the "shoulder charge" on the attacker, imitating Mo-Hammod Ali found Kevin on quite a "few" occasions, chatting with Laslow.

MAX SMITH (Full back). A cool, capable player who makes captaincy easy. An asset to the team and a good season, finished with seventeen best and fairest points, which speaks for itself.

RICHARD COGHLAN (Right Half). A product of the juniors and developing into a robust, capable hockey player who achieved sixteen best and fairest points. Study commitments hampered Richard slightly this season, but a future "A" grader in the making. Must accept a captain's authority on the field as being in the interest of the team.

ROBERT WOOD (Centre Half). Probably one of the most improved players of the year who adequately plugged this gap on the promotion of Stan McGuffin to "A" grade, also played in the left half position with equal achievement. On the way up.

IAN MILLET (Left Half). A player who lacks nothing in determination and go. Continued relegation and promotion in the latter part of the season, did not help Ian but is improving all the time and looks set for a permanent spot in "B" grade in 1979.

RON HODGE (Right Wing). Promoted from "C" grade this season to his "favourite" position. Surprised quite a few with his speed and ability (most of the time) to centre the ball in attack. Ron's keenness this year was a welcome relief. Gave his captain "heart attacks" on a few occasions in minor confrontations, but kept his cool.

PETER MANSFORD (Inside Right). A good team man and thoroughly reliable, a trait fairly

common in the vintage type player that some of the younger players could do well to imitate. Slowing up for this position in hockey, that requires speed and dexterity. Hope to see you again in 1979, Peter.

ERIC WADE (Centre Forward/Captain). A trying position to hold, both as player and captain, however, the skipper part was made easy through good support from team mates. A "vintage" player in the sense of years, who may yet better that set by the invincible Bruce Trevenar. The "label" of slowing down was not evident this season, through lack of injury, and with 25 straight years experience in a forward position, proved that it is not how hard you hit but how hard you think. Top goal scorer.

PAT RIORDAN (Inside Left). Fitted in well with the team and a hard worker. Scored some good goals during the season by being in the right position at the right time. Practise your stick work, Pat, and you are assured of a permanent forward position.

RUSSELL ROBERTS (Left Wing). Another young player who is improving year after year, fitted in well in this position, alternating to inside forward positions during the season. Has fine dexterity with the stick and if combines this ability with determination will become a top hockey player. One tip, Russell, your supporting forwards are there to help you, use them, and you could find that final shot at goal so much easier.

WARREN WIDGER (Goalkeeper). An experienced keeper who nullified the loss of Laslow Kovacs to "A" grade. Unfortunately, Warren's work commitments prevented him from playing in all matches during the season. Welcome any time in my team, Warren.

MICHAEL TASS (Inside Forward). A recognised "A" forward who unfortunately had his hockey interrupted this season through work commitments. Always a worker and valuable in tight goal scoring opportunities. I will say one thing about Michael, he never takes his eye off the ball so in scoring situations, "get out of his way",

Special mention must go to —

STAN MCGUFFIN (Centre Half). Who played a greater percentage of the season for "B" grade helping us to some fine victories in the first half of the season and his loss to "A" grade was inevitable. Stan topped best and fairest in "B" grade with 22 points, and didn't play all matches — need I say more?

My thanks also to —

John Price, Ross Huggett, Peter Wallace, Col Huggett and last but not least — Ian Trimble (need you in 1979 Ian, so pull down those boots) — for their support in games during the season.

As a final thought for 1979, I feel I can say without fear of contradiction, that I am sure the "A" team were very much aware of the support given to them vocally by members of the "C" and "B" grades and that maybe this, in some small way, helped them to weather a critical situation and eventually play in the 1978 grand final. With the exception of Bob Streeter, Malcolm Shorter and possibly one or two others, the sideline support to the clubs "lower sides" was nil, so how about it fellas? surely you can get there a little bit earlier for 1979, we all need each other.

Finally, congratulations to Glebe on winning the pennant in 1978.

"C" GRADE HOCKEY

The group that started the season comprised the following —

Juniors — six, First time — two, one year — two, experienced — two, aged and experienced four. Three juniors were quickly promoted to fill vacancies in the A & B teams.

A shaky first round of heavy defeats and draws was followed by a second round of narrow losses and wins. Individual members improved, team play was established and by the end of the season all players were enjoying their hockey.

Many thanks to all old members who filled in when required during the season.

BOB BAUMANN (Goals). Had his best season, this year. Not as agile as most goalies, but was always on the ball.

PETER JONES (Right Back). Found full back position to his liking and played some great hockey. Player with a good future in higher grades, if he arrives on time.

PAUL MACKAY (Left Back). Captain with a tough job of blending old and new players into a team. Found the going hard at times, but switched to left half late in the season, his natural position.

PETER WALLACE (Right Half). The most consistent player on the field, rarely played a bad game. Will play a higher grade next year with his present form. Best and fairest for 1978.

SANDOR KOVACS (Centre half). The most mobile player on the field. Sometimes tried to play all positions at the same time. When he settled down his play, he would give the opposition a hard time.

GREG MACINTYRE (Left Half). Came out of retirement to help the captain to blend the team together. Showed some of his brilliant best at times. Moved into the backs late in the season to team with Ian Trimble, another veteran.

BRIAN CALNAN (Right Wing). Showed plenty of dash, when in the clear and always a danger to the opposition when in position. Can play in goals well.

JOHN FREESTONE (Right Inside Forward). Never stopped trying. Played himself to a standstill, but held the ball too long.

JOHN PRICE (Centre Forward). Improved player in this position near the end of the season and played in higher grade. Took some moving at times.

DARRYL LEWIS (Left Inside Forward). First season in hockey and played like an experienced player. Will have a good future in hockey on that form.

PETER SMITH (Left Wing). Started the season slowly and seemed a little lost, but developed into a reliable player late in the season.

My thanks to the following players who filled in during the year — I. Trimble (Full Back), C. Jennings (Full Back), R. Wood (Centre half), N. Huggett (Left half), R. Hodge (Right wing), M. Elder (Right Wing), C. Rankin (Right Wing), R. Roberts (Right Inside), I. Sullivan (Centre forward), P. Mansford (Centre Forward), E. Wade (Centre Forward), J. Crockart (Left Inside), R. Huggett (Left Inside), W. Widger (Left Wing) and special thanks to Col Rankin for his help organising the team as coach/manager.

JUNIOR HOCKEY

1978 proved to be a very disappointing and extremely frustrating year for Briars junior hockey.

The initial disappointment resulted from a complete lack of reaction by our normal school sources of keen, agile young hockey players to our overtures for new members. Despite a considerable effort from a number of current junior players, particularly Malcolm Shorter, **no** new players were forthcoming from our normal school sources. Consequently we were able to field only one junior team in 1978.

To make matters worse, the Parramatta — Hills district junior competition were only able to raise four teams in A grade junior hockey, comprising the strong Dundas and Northmead outfits, and the also-ran Briars and CDR sides. It was very difficult for players to maintain a firm purpose towards Saturday morning hockey knowing that whatever happened the team necessarily made the semi final series anyway, and attendances (and performances) reflected this unsatisfactory situation.

In fact, after three rounds it became necessary for the association executive to take the unusual step of structuring a mini-competition over a six-week period involving restructuring of teams to balance out strengths and temporarily ignoring original allegiances of the players involved. This mini-competition did very effectively achieve its purpose, dramatically evening out the performances of the sides, and maintaining the interest of the players prior to the semi final series.

It was gratifying to see that on the odd occasion when the A grade juniors played at near full strength they were able to lift their game to very nearly match the two dominant sides previously mentioned.

One of those occasions was the semi final against Dundas, which was narrowly lost 1—2 after our side was unable to capitalise on two difficult half-chances early in the game. Had either opportunity been taken the result would very likely have been reversed, but in fact although the team played quite well generally they lacked the competitive edge required to push them above the shakey opposition on the day. Of course another full back would have been some assistance!

Malcolm Shorter assumed the responsibility of captaincy (in his fourth year of junior hockey in the Briars Club) and led an often depleted side very strongly by example other forwards such as John Price and Russell Roberts were able to run-off Malcolm to good effect, and both scored some very good goals.

Colin Huggett played his usual 100% game every week, whether it be at forward or half, and his continued development was evidenced by the fact that he (like Malcolm Shorter) played virtually the entire year in the senior A grade forward line as well.

Brian Calnan had a very strong second half of the season, displaying great heart and not a little potential when he volunteered to don the goalkeeper's pads and proceeded to impress all critics with his performances.

Peter Jones played well (most days) and continued his path of development. He still has a problem with "sticks" breaches, and his ball control requires further improvement, but he is developing well.

Richard Coghlan has proved to be a very good full back for the juniors, displaying good stick-work, a strong clearance, and an ability to read the game that is natural for the gifted few and

an acquired art that is learned by experience by most. His lack of recovery on occasions was the only weakness in his play. Richard also played very capably in the Clubs senior B grade side.

Darryl Lewis played in his first season of hockey, and his efforts can be measured by the fact that he walked away with the "Most Improved Player" trophy by the proverbial country mile. His soccer background was evident in his outstanding positional sense, and when his hockey skills develop he will become a stalwart in higher grades.

Lachlan Walker is developing slowly, and towards the end of the season he displayed better ability to get good centres infield from the right wing to the goal-hungry inside forwards.

Robert Linney played only part of the season, but he too is showing development in his half play. He needs to work on strengthening his hit and increasing his mobility, but he is playing with more determination than in previous years.

Robert Wood also played only part of the season, but when he was present in his usual centre half position the side played with a great deal more purpose and direction.

Laslo Kovacs was the outstanding goalkeeper in the junior competition, but again he was not able to participate every week. His ability can be measured by his selection as the Sydney Metropolitan High Schools representative goalkeeper, as well as his promotion to the Club's A grade senior side after only a few games in the 1978 competition.

If the juniors had been able to field their strongest team every week, there is little doubt that there could very well have been another junior pennant hanging in the Club's portals.

Col Rankin must be recognised for his selfless dedication to organising and coaching and transporting of the juniors again in 1978 and only he can tell you how galling it is to put so much time and effort into these activities for such an ineffectual result. And that's what it was, since although the side reached the semi finals (sic) and played well in that game, in fact there was no improvement in achievement over the previous season, and at the same time we had lost an entire team.

Next season?

Well, that's another story

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SQUASH REPORT 1978

Chairman: John Barry

At the beginning of 1978 Briars Squash, moved to the new center at Belrose Street, Burwood, and what a great move it has been. The previous Chairman, Ray Pontifex, secured the new premises so that the Club could play together at home, instead of being apart as we were before. A great deal of thanks must go to Ray for his tireless efforts, not only for gaining the new center but also making Briars Squash what it is to-day.

This year has seen some great Squash and of course played as only Briars can. After winning the Doug Vanderfield Trophy last year, we entered an Inter District side. This team did extremely well, just being beaten in a Semi spot.

On the social side Dubbo R.S.L. Squash Club came down for a visit in March and of course enjoyed themselves extremely; we are due up there in 79. Twelve Briar's made a visit to New Zealand in April, the Tour was through the North Island for a duration of 10 days. A highly successful trip and already plans are for a another trip to the South Island in 1980.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank my committee for their assistance in the running of the Club and look forward to Briars Squash becoming an even greater force in the Western Districts Competition.

SQUASH REPORT AUTUMN COMP. 1978

There were 10 teams entered in this competition and we managed only one pennant this being the B3. The team comprising of Tom Williams, Pat Long, Simon Symonds, Frank Pearce and John Barry, had a great run, and never lost a match in the second round.

Other teams to make the semi's were —

Inter District A. Krallis, D. Humphreys, R. Pontifex, P. Gardiner and R. Butler.

A2 T. Pearce, K. Axtell, C. Priest, C. Stevens and W. Munro.

A4 A. Cameron, M. Rutkowski, L. Brander and R. Godden.

B1 P. Olde, P. Mansford, D. Edwards and D. Walker.

D5 J. Jessop, D. Burdekin, R. Stanford and D. Cooke.

SQUASH REPORT SPRING COMP. 1978

This competition saw 8 teams entered and at this stage a possible 4 to 5 sides will make the semi's.

Inter District A. Krallis, D. Humphreys, R. Pontifex, T. Pearce and R. Butler.

A2 P. Gardiner, K. Axtell, C. Stevens, C. Priest and W. Munro.

A3 F. Mandile, F. Peace, J. Turner, L. Brander and R. Gersbach.

B2 P. Olde, P. Jones, P. Long, T. Williams and R. Godden.

C7 K. Bill, J. Jessop, N. Bowling, G. Nicholls and R. Harris.

All the best for these teams, we will cover their success in the next report.

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GOLF

Chairman: C. Mitchell

Committee: C. Mitchell

Pinch-hitter: Dave Jamieson

Two only days were held during the year, the third being abandoned for lack of support.

The first took place at Leura on a glorious day where the probing fingers of mountain sunlight brought out in stark relief the lines and wrinkles on the evil ridden faces of the whole twelve competitors, mostly visitors (be it noted that of these twelve, eight received trophies of which number, needless to say, do not include any of the honest players such as the President, Executive Officer and Committee). On this day was decided the Club Championship which was won by about 500 strokes by Dave Walker with a par round, a feat never before accomplished in the Club.

The second day was held at the Blackheath Golf Club and had a much larger attendance. One does not like even to hint that the absence of the President and the Golf Committee through illness might have contributed to the presence of so many others but the fact is that for once a most enjoyable day seemed to have been had by all under the magic baton of Dave Jamieson.

Players to have caught the eye during the year (not for any golfing skill but for various reasons) were as follows:

CRAIG HICKEY. Has been crying his eyes out for so many years about his handicap that this is the only way he can achieve some recognition and shows no signs of weakening as the years roll on.

COLIN BLAIR. There have been many in this Club that have treated the rules of golf cavalierly. Blair is the record holder even though playing under the eagle eye champion Dave Walker, one of the few though not the only player with some semblance of integrity.

MICK HILDER. The old chaff bag is becoming increasingly heavy as the years go by so his full complement of three sticks is now reduced to two. He will now be using a pair of panty hose, carrying his sticks in one leg and the Fanta in the other.

The Board of Management had asked that space be reserved to report any acts of unselfishness or good sportsmanship. There were none.

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SOCIAL REPORT 1978

Chairman: W. Bryan

Committee: R. Smith, I. Duncan

The years' socials achieved a small degree of financial success due mainly to the assistance of the "Hard-Core" of Club-users and social outing supporters.

DINNER — The 60th Annual Dinner was held this year with 170 attending, a disappointing roll-up considering the occasion and the prospect of two excellent speakers in Bob Simpson and John Lambie. The new venue of the S.T.C's. 'Sky High Room' at Canterbury Racecourse proved extremely popular and a memorable night was had by all.

TOURNAMENTS — The popular Club Tournaments were held again this year with John "Redback" Baker taking out his second successive table tennis title. Ian "Beast" Richard and Dave Jamieson cast doubts on their own upbringings with a win in the snooker competition,

also for the second year in a row. The inaugural darts championship was won in a sterling display of courage and determination in adversity, and accuracy under fire, by Warren Bryan.

PICNIC. The Annual Picnic again held at Lane Cove, a most enjoyable day, with Dave Jamieson having a personal interest in the job, as kids race starter this year.

GENERAL. Several other functions including the now Annual visit to Dirty Dicks Theatre Restaurant and the Club Cocktail Party (Saturday December 23rd) completed the Social Year.

Many thanks to the Committee and those who helped out during the year including the Ladies especially Carol Smith and Auriol Young.



SKI LODGE THREDBO

I am indeed pleased to report another most successful year, the snow although a little late, was the best for skiers at Thredbo for many years, with skiing to the valley possible throughout July, August and part of September.

The Club has now completed its seventeenth season, the membership standing at fifty.

During the year the board approved the transfer of shares/membership of Dr. Sevier to his son.

Our balance sheet for the years trading resulted in a surplus of some \$3026 against which the board has replaced the aging Coleman heater with a more modern ducted system, complete with a humidifier to give added comfort during the winter season.

Additionally we are studying plans to modernise the bathrooms.

Due to sharply increased running and maintenance costs the directors have found it necessary to revise accommodation charges at the Lodge. During peak snow season to \$5.00 per member and \$12.00 per visitor each night.

I feel sure members will understand that the board has a responsibility to maintain the present high standard in addition to undertaking improvements at the Lodge. Accordingly we are required to budget for a minimum surplus of \$3000 to finance this function.

In spite of these increased charges members and their friends will still find Briars rates amongst the most attractive on the mountain. Special rates of course still apply for off peak and summer usage and these can be obtained on application to Andrew Clifford, 'Phone 766 766 during business hours.

If I can be permitted to make one criticism it would be of the very poor response to this years "working bee", it is hoped next years "bee" will be better planned and well supported in true Briars spirit.

The Club is indeed fortunate to regain the services of Peter Johnston as secretary following his recent return from Melbourne and we extend our most sincere thanks to John Edmonds for filling that post most capably during Peter's absence.

The directors are pleased to have retained John's services as special advisor to the board.

In conclusion I express my sincere thanks to Col Jones, my fellow directors, both secretaries and all members for their support throughout this excellent season.

CHAIRMAN OF DIRECTORS

Brian Darragh.

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HOUSE AND BAR REPORT

Ken Gray (Senior Steward), **Mal Weber and Bruce Ferguson** (House).

This year saw a further increase in turnover. This is a continuation of the trend of last year and has come as a result of increased attendance at the Club by members and their friends as well as the wider use of the facilities that the bar offers.

The Friday Night "Happy Hours" have shown the sceptics that the Club can cater for the changing tastes and life-styles of the younger members of the Club. A fact which is vital if the Club is to continue to move forward.

Competitive discount prices offered over the Xmas period last year, which proved to meet with very favourable response from the members, have been retained for the forthcoming festive season.

To conclude the bar section of the report I would like to thank the following persons — Aud Land, Stan Jones and Ted Stockdale — these three senior members of the Club have carried out the somewhat onerous task of the bar stocktakes. These regular checks are a vital part of the efficient running of the Club and their efforts have been most appreciated.

Mal Weber who has been my able assistant in looking after the bar for the last couple of years. Mal has agreed to take over the role of Senior Steward for the coming year and I am confident that he will be both capable and successful in this role.

Bruce Ferguson had the onerous task of looking after the 'Front' of the bar and in this area did a splendid job.

The main project for the year was the painting of the interior of the Club which was carried out successfully under Bruce's watchful eye. Many thanks to Peter Stewart for assisting, Bruce in keeping the Club in good repair.

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PERSONNEL REPORT

Chairman: Greg McPhee

Although the number of new members admitted to the Club this year did not reach the unprecedented level of last year, (i.e. 77), it is pleasing that 47 new members joined this year.

New members' evenings are held regularly throughout the year. On these occasions prospective new members are addressed by the Club President or his representative and other members of Management, upon the Briars History, Administration, Objectives and Achievements. May I take this opportunity to thank all those members of Management and Board who participated in these evenings.

This year it is pleasing to note the increased interest and attendance at these meetings of established Club members. However I feel that we still could do with more base level support. It seems that some older Club members only interest in these meetings is the supper. Let us not forget that it is New Members that will provide the basis of the Briars future endeavours.

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"FOCUS ON THE BRIARS"

Editors: Peter Burt, Terry Daly, David Lewis

1978 can be looked back on as an innovative year for your FOCUS. Two of the seven FOCUS published this past year were special editions. These are the only special editions ever published.

The largest FOCUS ever published was presented at our 60th Anniversary Annual Dinner in September. This FOCUS contained a brief history of and interesting facts about our great Club. The editors thank Greg McPhee for his major contribution in preparing this special FOCUS.

The most important FOCUS ever published also appeared in September. This FOCUS was to inform and enthuse members about our new ground. A questionnaire contained in this FOCUS asked the members to make a commitment — a commitment that is vital and necessary for the success of this exciting project. Let us say that anything less than a one hundred percent response to this questionnaire is unsatisfactory. This special FOCUS was devised by Ian Richard and written by Bob Spedding.

The first FOCUS published after the last A.G.M included a most welcome innovation. After intense lobbying, your FOCUS editors succeeded in getting your FOCUS registered as a Category B mailing article. This means that our postage is halved, which saves us about \$300.00 per year. At the time, you will recall, we pointed out that this saved each member the equivalent of the cost of a schooner each year. The offer that the thankful members show their appreciation to the editors is still redeemable.

As the FOCUS enters its seventh year (that's right, seventh year) we could start treating it as one of the Club's fixtures.

That is, we all know it is there, someone is taking care of it and it will still go on without me making any contribution towards it. We trust it is not necessary to explain the pitfalls with this sort of attitude.

As always, the editors are very grateful to those who make contributions to the FOCUS. They include those with the one line snippets; the very busy sports' chairmen for their excellent, regular contributions and those who contributed special articles and letters.

Finally, remember your FOCUS' editors are the nicest bunch of blokes you could ever meet. We want to know all about your sporting successes (or heaven forbid, failures), opinions on any matter related to the Club (extra points awarded for controversy), interesting yarns about fellow members (but remember libel and divorce laws) and how your sex life is going (that is engagements/marriages/births (not necessarily in that order) — explicit details are not required, but the editors will read such things).

CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

This trophy is intended as a remembrance of those who lost their lives during service in World War II. The trophy was donated by the late H. G. Whiddon. 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 a Club as a member	—	25 points
Neatness of dress	—	10 points
		<u>100 points</u>

This Trophy won by Kevin Holley. Kevin took over as the Cricket Chairman last year, played 'A' Shire Cricket and Hockey for the Club and was the driving force behind the cricket juniors in the Club. Well done Kevin.

GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

The 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 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>

The winner this year was Mal Weber. Mal played Kentwell Cup this year as well as being deputy senior steward. Congratulations Mal.

A. J. ROBINSON SHIELD

This shield was donated by the late A. J. Robinson ("Robbie"), is won by the player obtaining the most points allocated as follows:-

Value to a 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
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		100 points

The winner this year was Bob Streeter, Bob was Hockey Chairman and Captain of the 'A' team as well as playing cricket for the Club. Congratulations Bob.

DOUG VANDERFIELD TROPHY

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

The trophy was donated by the late R. D. Vanderfield who was very instrumental in commencing squash in the Club and having it recognised as a major sport. 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 court	—	15 points
Neatness of dress	—	10 points
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		100 points

This year's winner is Ray Pontifex. Ray is currently playing in the top squash side and has just recently retired as squash chairman after many years at the helm. Well done Ray.

R. D. VANDERFIELD TROPHY

This trophy is awarded to a member of the junior hockey team who has contributed most to the junior teams. It carries the name of our late past President who showed great interest in the formation of the junior team. Points are allocated as follows:—

Value to a team as a member	—	30 points
Attendance at training	—	25 points
Most improved player	—	20 points
General keenness	—	15 points
Neatness of uniform	—	10 points
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		100 points

This Trophy was won by Malcolm Shorter. Well done Malcolm.

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.

David Lewis is this year's winner. An active footballer David was one of three editors of Focus and in this field was outstanding. Congratulations David.

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ADMINISTRATION

Board met on 12 occasions during the period 1st October, 1977 to 30th September, 1978.

C. K. Dennis	11	
D. A. Walker	8	(Appointed December 1977)
E. G. Stockdale	11	
J. Balmforth	1	(Retired December 1977)
I. Richard	9	
J. Alford	5	(Leave of absence 4 Meetings)
I. Blair	9	
M. Elder	8	
H. Ford	10	
J. Edmonds	9	

J. Crockart attended ten meetings in his capacity as Treasurer.

Management Committee met on 12 occasions during the period 1st October, 1977 to 30th September, 1978.

C. Dennis	11	
K. Gray	11	
J. Crockart	10	
R. Pontifex	4	(Retired January 1978)
C. Hickey	12	
I. Blair	11	
B. Ferguson	11	
G. McPhee	12	
J. Boyle	12	
T. Parker	1	(Retired December 1977)
R. Streeter	8	
D. Lewis	8	(Appointed December 1977)
K. Holley	6	(Appointed December 1977)
W. Bryan	7	(Appointed December 1977)
J. Barry	6	(Appointed February 1978)

ADDENDUM

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

Colin K. Dennis
President.

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CONCLUSION

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

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

Colin K. Dennis
President.

I. G. S. Blair
Hon. Executive Officer

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THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors present their report on the accounts of the Company for the year ended September, 30, 1978. The Directors of the Company in office at the date of this report being:—

C. K. Dennis (Chairman)
J. F. Alford
J. H. Edmonds
H. C. Ford
I. G. S. Blair

E. G. Stockdale
M. Elder
R. I. Richards
D. A. Walker

Results	1978 \$	1977 \$
Excess of income over expenditure for the year amounted to	6,159	4,591
To this is added accumulation account	<u>49,275</u>	<u>44,684</u>
Leaving accumulation account to be carried forward of	<u>\$55,434</u>	<u>\$49,275</u>

Activities

The principal activities of the Company during the year consisted of promoting and playing amateur sport.

There were no significant changes in the nature of these activities during the year.

Reserves and Provisions

There has been no amount transferred from the profit and loss account during the period.

General

In accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act, 1961, the Directors state that:—

- (a) Before the accounts were made out they took reasonable steps to ascertain what action had been taken in relation to the writing off of bad debts and the making of provisions for doubtful debts, and have caused all known bad debts to be written off and adequate provision to be made for doubtful debts, and at the date of this report they are not aware of any circumstances which would render the amount written off for bad debts or the amount of the provision for doubtful debts inadequate to any substantial extent.
- (b) Before the accounts were made out they took reasonable steps to ascertain whether any other current assets were unlikely to realise in the ordinary course of business their value as shown in the accounts and at the date of this report they are not aware of any circumstances which would render the values attributed to current assets in the accounts misleading.

- (c) There does not exist at the date of this report either any charge on the assets of the Company or any contingent liability which has arisen since September 30, 1978.
- (d) No contingent or other liability has become enforceable, or is likely to become enforceable in the ensuing year which, in their opinion, will or may substantially affect the ability of the Company to meet its obligations when they fall due.
- (e) At the date of this report they are not aware of any circumstances which would render any amount stated in the accounts misleading.
- (f) The results of the Company's operations during the year were not, in their opinion, substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature.
- (g) No item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature has arisen between September 30, 1978 and the date of this report which is likely, in their opinion, to affect substantially the results of the Company's operations for the year ending September 30, 1979.
- (h) No director of the Company has received or become entitled to receive a benefit by reason of a contract made by the Company or a related corporation with the Director or with a firm of which he is a member, or with a Company in which he has a substantial financial interest.

Directors

Messrs. M. Elder and R. I. Richard retire in accordance with the Articles of Association and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors

The Auditor, Mr. C. G. Jones, Chartered Accountant continues in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 166 of the Companies Act.

Signed at Sydney this eighteenth day of November, 1978, in accordance with a resolution of Directors.

H. C. Ford

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Director

D. A. Walker

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Director

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1978

	1978 \$	1977 \$
RESERVES AND ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT		
General Reserve	13,032	13,032
ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT		
Balance 30.9.77	49,275	44,684
Add profit year ended 30.9.78	<u>6,159</u>	<u>4,591</u>
Total Accumulated Earnings	<u>55,434</u>	<u>49,275</u>
Total Reserves and Accumulated Earnings	<u>68,466</u>	<u>62,307</u>
FIXED ASSETS		
Land and Buildings (Note 4)	25,764	26,141
Furniture and Fittings (Note 5)	<u>3,234</u>	<u>2,996</u>
	<u>28,998</u>	<u>29,137</u>
INVESTMENTS (Note 6)	42,000	36,500
Trust Funds (Note 7)	<u>1,637</u>	<u>1,613</u>
	<u>43,637</u>	<u>38,113</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock at lower of cost or market value	8,532	7,130
Prepayments	1,132	1,315
Debtors	2,320	1,750
Cash at Bank	5,913	2,049
Cash on Hand	<u>120</u>	<u>120</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>18,017</u>	<u>12,364</u>
Total Assets	<u>90,652</u>	<u>79,614</u>
LESS LIABILITIES		
Trust Funds (Note 7)	1,637	1,613
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provision for Deferred Maintenance	6,000	6,000
Trade Creditors and Accruals	10,971	6,022
Subscriptions paid in advance	2,078	2,172
Provision for Sport Development	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>20,549</u>	<u>15,694</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>22,186</u>	<u>17,307</u>
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	<u>68,466</u>	<u>62,307</u>

Notes forming part of these accounts are attached.

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BAR TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1978

	1978 \$	1977 \$
SALES:		
Beer, Wine and Spirits	38,871	28,411
Less: Cost of Sales	<u>22,871</u>	<u>16,001</u>
Gross Profit	<u>16,000</u>	<u>12,410</u>
Cigarettes, Nuts and Cordials	4,075	3,624
Less: Cost of Sales	<u>3,587</u>	<u>3,200</u>
Gross Profit	<u>488</u>	<u>424</u>
Gross Bar Profit	<u>16,488</u>	<u>12,834</u>
LESS BAR OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Liquor Licence	1,299	1,444
Bar Expenses and Maintenance	1,787	658
Depreciation of Bar Equipment	<u>189</u>	<u>236</u>
	<u>3,275</u>	<u>2,338</u>
Bar Trading Profit	13,213	10,496
ADD Income from:		
Property Rents	7,810	8,060
Members Subscriptions	4,427	4,240
Interest Received	4,386	3,039
Profit on Redemption of Debenture	<u>—</u>	<u>56</u>
Gross Income	<u>29,836</u>	<u>25,891</u>
LESS OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Administration and Club Room Expenses (Note 1)	14,167	10,556
Property Expenses (Note 2)	3,652	3,433
Net cost of Sporting Activities (Note 3)	2,980	2,390
Special Promotions	242	582
Overseas Tour Subsidies	1,800	700
Depreciation of Furniture and Fittings	470	405
Loss on Social Activities	366	234
Provision for Deferred Maintenance	—	1,500
Provision for Sport Development	<u>—</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>23,677</u>	<u>21,300</u>
Surplus for year transferred to Accumulation Account	<u>6,159</u>	<u>4,591</u>

Notes forming part of these accounts are attached.

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1978 ACCOUNTS

	1978 \$	1977 \$
1. ADMINISTRATION & CLUB ROOM EXPENSES		
Repairs and Maintenance	6,182	3,265
Stationery, Stamps and Telephone	3,567	3,541
Lighting and Heating	1,592	1,394
Annual Reports	1,058	827
Insurance	571	475
Billiards and Table Tennis	178	407
Donations and Presentations	246	70
General Expenses	773	577
	<u>14,167</u>	<u>10,556</u>
2. PROPERTY EXPENSES		
Repairs and Maintenance	290	483
Insurance	1,589	1,318
Rates	1,397	1,256
Depreciation of Buildings	376	376
	<u>3,652</u>	<u>3,433</u>
3. NET COST OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES		
Hockey: Ground Hire, Gear etc.	1,110	1,251
Less Playing Fees	<u>720</u>	<u>803</u>
Net Cost of Hockey	<u>390</u>	<u>448</u>
Cricket: Ground Hire, Gear etc.	2,270	1,978
Less Registration Fees	<u>1,041</u>	<u>1,468</u>
Net Cost of Cricket	<u>1,229</u>	<u>510</u>
Football: Ground Hire, Gear etc.	1,210	3,277
Less Registration Fees	<u>565</u>	<u>2,277</u>
Net Cost of Football	<u>645</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Subsidies: Squash	338	252
Junior Cricket	183	
Junior Hockey	<u>195</u>	<u>180</u>
	<u>716</u>	<u>432</u>
Net Cost of Sporting Activities	<u>2,980</u>	<u>2,390</u>

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1978 ACCOUNTS

	1978	1977
	\$	\$
4. LAND AND BUILDINGS		
At Cost	28,772	28,772
Less Provision for Depreciation	<u>3,008</u>	<u>2,631</u>
	<u><u>25,764</u></u>	<u><u>26,141</u></u>
5. FURNITURE AND FITTINGS		
At Cost	13,789	12,890
Less Provision for Depreciation	<u>10,555</u>	<u>9,894</u>
	<u><u>3,234</u></u>	<u><u>2,996</u></u>
6. INVESTMENTS		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies at Cost (Market Value \$33,980; 1977 \$29,984)	34,000	30,000
Government: Bonds at Cost	1,000	1,000
Deposit at Call	<u>7,000</u>	<u>5,500</u>
	<u><u>42,000</u></u>	<u><u>36,500</u></u>
7. TRUST FUNDS		
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 Ronald John Thomson)		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies	700	700
Cash at Bank	<u>118</u>	<u>106</u>
	<u><u>818</u></u>	<u><u>806</u></u>
J. SHEEHAN SPORTING SCHOLARSHIP		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies	700	700
Cash at Bank	<u>119</u>	<u>107</u>
	<u><u>819</u></u>	<u><u>807</u></u>
	<u><u>1,637</u></u>	<u><u>1,613</u></u>

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS

In the opinion of the Directors of The Briars Sporting Club Limited the accompanying accounts are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of:—

- (a) the profit of the company for the year ended September 30, 1978.
- (b) the state of affairs of the company as at September 30, 1978.

Dated at Sydney this Sixteenth day of November, 1978.

On behalf of the Board and in
accordance with the resolution.

H. C. Ford — Director

D. A. Walker — Director

STATEMENT BY PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING OFFICER

I, John F. Crockart, state that to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying accounts for the year ended September 30, 1978 give a true and fair view of the matters required by Section 162 of the Companies Act, 1961, to be dealt with in the accounts of the Company.

Dated at Sydney this Sixteenth day of November, 1978.

J. F. Crockart.

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THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

In my opinion:

- (a) the attached balance sheet and profit and loss 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:
 - (i) the state of affairs of the company at September 30, 1978, and of the results of the company for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) the other matters required by Section 162 of that Act to be dealt with in the accounts;
- (b) the accounting records and other records, and the registers required by that Act to be kept by the company have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions of that Act.

C. G. JONES,
Chartered Accountant

Registered under the Public Accountants
Registration Act, 1945, as amended.

November 16, 1978.

SYDNEY.

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