

65th ANNUAL REPORT  
AND  
BALANCE SHEET  
1982 — 1983

The Briars  
Sporting Club Limited  
Burwood



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30A George Street, Burwood,  
on Friday, 2nd December, 1983.

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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
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R. S. JONES	.....	1953-1957
A. J. LAND	.....	1957-1960
R. J. THOMSON	.....	1960-1962
W. A. ELDER	.....	1962-1965
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Your Board of Directors and Management Committee present for consideration and adoption by members this 65th Annual Report of the Club's activities and the Financial position for the year ending 30 September, 1983.**

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For a new President I am most pleased in the overall running of the Club for the year both internally and on the sporting field, but there are a few problems which will be mentioned later in my report.

The Club has just completed sixty-five years which is a remarkable achievement, as the original concept is still being adhered to and the main reason we are a survivor in this day and age.

During this coming year a full history of the Club will be prepared and Club memorabilia displayed on the Club Room walls and in the Trophy Cabinet.

The renovations have now been completed and meets with the requirements laid down by the Licensing Court. In all the sporting competitions we play, we are the only Club in each sport that has a licensed club and this we must preserve by constant attention to our improved facilities and this can only be done by the use of the premises by the members and their friends.

Financially the Club is sound but it is disturbing that our turnover has decreased 12.6% caused by the introduction of new legislation in New South Wales relating to blood alcohol level in drivers. A more concerted effort must be made to attract people through the front door, either by internal or external organisations. A pleasing aspect of the bar report was that our gross profit percentage increased due mainly to better equipment and a few regular bar stewards.

The sporting chairmen must be congratulated on the financial running of their sports, with the exception of Hockey, all made a surplus. With ever increasing costs such as equipment, ground rentals and registrations, the sports have also been helped by the proceeds from N.S.W. Golf Open Tournament, but members must be aware that they have to contribute so that this income is ongoing. Congratulations must also go to Bob Bishop, Greg McPhee and Chris Murray, in organising our third N.S.W. Open at Manly for which we received \$6,088, of which half went back to the sports on a man days worked basis.

Focus again was well produced by Greg McPhee and although we sent one less issue out to

the members, our costs are increasing. Socially the Club has been quiet and this must be rectified in the following twelve months. Two major events were held during the year, the first being the return of The Briars Ball, revived after a nine year break and although a small loss was made, Lindsay Calloway must be congratulated for the work he did; this must be an ongoing event. Secondly, the Annual Dinner was a great success with 208 people attending — a record. Doug Walters proved a most popular speaker and it is no wonder that this man is an idol to thousands on and off the cricket field. David Blair organised this event most successfully.

During the winter, the Golden Oldies Rugby tournament was held in Sydney in which Briars participated. Over forty-five "oldies" played during the week-long tournament which was one of the most successful club reunions held. John Staniforth's excellent planning, before and during the tournament was appreciated by all concerned.

The membership of the Club has decreased, as shown below, but the new Personnel Chairman, Marty Watts, will add new enthusiasm which will generate new members in the next twelve months.

	<u>1982-1983</u>	<u>1981-1982</u>
Full Members	321	321
City Associate Members	48	53
Country Members	<u>49</u>	<u>51</u>
	<u>418</u>	<u>425</u>

As mentioned earlier in this report the Club has a few problems and one of them is Hockey.

Nigel Sterry became Chairman of Hockey this year and found it completely run down, both financially and managerially. To his credit he did find two junior sides, the younger side, most boys were new to Hockey and were beaten on most occasions, the other junior side had mixed success and some played in the 'C' grade side because of a shortage of senior players. The senior sides lacked numbers and were saved from relegation by two points. Many excuses were given but Hockey must improve both on and off the field if they are to stay a major sport; too much is done by too few.

Squash produced another two pennants, the C9 in Spring and the C5 in Autumn but they also have a problem with numbers. The Club is fielding fewer teams than it did a year ago. Squash is financially well run but like Hockey, too much is done by too few.

Football, after a disastrous start had an excellent season both on and off the field. Graeme

Johnson as Chairman did an excellent job. With numbers well in excess of four teams was one of the reasons we came third in the Club Championship, with only one team, Burke Cup reaching the semi-finals. The Club has now improved its Club Championship position by one place each year over the last three years, so on that basis the winter of 1985 should be our year !

Ian Richard and Rod Smith organised a ten-day end of season trip to the South Island of New Zealand and from all reports was a success. Trips of this nature are to be encouraged so as to keep younger players especially, interested in the Club.

Cricket, like football, had a most rewarding year by winning the Club Championship, the first time in twenty years, and the 'B' Shires. The 'A' Shires were unlucky in not taking out their final. Cricket over the last three years has won every available trophy, which is put down to good administration, Bill Hooker and Peter Mansford and junior teams.

The internal running of the Club plays a most important role, and thanks must go to David Lewis who finalised the renovations and Bruce Ferguson, who looks after the Bar. Bruce has moved to the country and is retiring as Senior Steward after two years. Thanks Bruce for a job well done.

During the year a plan was put forward by Bill Hooker in re-structuring the Club's Board and Management. Although no great changes were made, it was decided that each sport should nominate persons to help on other committees, such as Social, Focus, Senior Steward and House. This concept is a good one, but has taken longer than expected to implement. It does go a long way in getting members to serve on committees and understand the running of the Club.

In conclusion, we record our appreciation for support received from our municipal authorities in :-

Burwood Council and Concord Council.

We extend our congratulations to the successful clubs with whom we have competed and to the others for the opportunity of enjoying our sporting contact.

We also thank the following sporting bodies for their assistance in making competitions available:-

Sydney Rugby Union  
Metropolitan Sub-District Rugby Union  
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.

**Ian Blair**  
**PRESIDENT**

# CRICKET REPORT

## 1982 – 1983 Season

The Summer of 1982–83 will be remembered as one of the most successful seasons for the Club. The on-field successes couldn't upstage the results of 1980–81, however, we can be justifiably proud of our achievements :

- The A Shires were equal on points for the Minor Premiership with only one loss, however, finished with a marginally lower percentage compared to the Lindfield Club. The Semi-Final was won fairly convincingly, only to have rain prevent them from the chance of a Premiership in the Finals.
- The B Shires were outright Minor Premiers (only one loss) and went on to win the Premiership.
- The U16 Croydon - Briars team finished second in the Rounds, won the Semi-Final, only to be forced to a drawn game in the Final against the Minor Premiers.
- The Club won the Club Championship for the first time in 20 years.

With the B Shires trophy and the Club Championship trophy proudly on display at the Club, we can be justifiably satisfied with the Season.

However, it was the performance of the A Shires team which was the highlight of the Season. Although in history they will go down as the 'brides maids', the performance of this very young team throughout the Season was one that has now placed the Club in a strong position to be worthy contenders for many an A Shires Premiership to come. The team under the capable leadership of Ian Blair, approached, and played, each game in a "tradesman-like manner". The decision made by Peter Mansford and the Committee of the previous Season to 'blood' and develop young players into A Shires, is one that the Club will never look back from.

The effort of the B's was tremendous. Although they generally struggled through the Season, they were able to put wins on end. To Peter Richardson, the trophy stands as a reward for his constant determination and "will to win", which he injected into the team. With the introduction of some youth into the team, the Club can hopefully look forward to further successes over the next couple of Seasons.

The performance of the C Shires was a little disappointing, finishing 7th. The team did see an influx of new young members who will form the foundation for the years to come.



The most difficult position is that of C Shires Captain, never being sure of the Team's composition from one match to the next, however, Alan Thompson's efforts were greatly appreciated.

Our association with the Croydon Cricket Club in the development of Junior Cricket was again a great success. A 'new look' team performed admirably to finish in 2nd position. It is to be hoped that Shires will benefit from this in the near future. My thanks to Ray Mason and David Goss of the Croydon Club for their relentless efforts in ensuring that the team was on the ground each week.

The City and Suburban Team had another enjoyable season with a 'mixed bag' of results. The team was once again led and managed by Col Dennis who organised his "merry band of men", for a well structured and entertaining season.

On the social side, the highlight was a very successful tour to play Wagga over the New Year weekend – my thanks to Dave Scoble, Ian Blair and Rod Smith for a most memorable trip.

The Annual Double Wicket Competition was conducted during the Season with Alan Thompson and Paul Thomas being the successful winners of 'The Dave Walker Trophy'.

Teams were entered into the Supertest Indoor Cricket for two Competitions in the A Grade, reaching the Finals in both. The teams were comprised of our younger players under the leadership of Bart Pozuelo and Paul Thomas.

From the aspect of mid-week practice the Club was able to enjoy the use of the newly constructed synthetic wickets at Majors Bay. These wickets have given the Club first-grade practice facilities and our successes can be partly attributed to these facilities – an investment that is already showing dividends.

In conclusion, I wish to thank that loyal band of supporters in Ted Stockdale, Aud Land, Chris Mitchell and Bob Clark, for their encouragement and 'afternoon-tea wash-ups'.

To the following Clubs our congratulations on their successes :

- A Shires (Lindfield D.C.C.)
- C Shires (Canterbury D.C.C.)
- D Shires (Strathfield D.C.C.)
- U16s (Lewisham Police Boys).

**BILL HOOKER**  
Chairman.

## **"A" SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1982-1983**

The introduction of a younger player policy really proved its worth this season, not only by our excellent results but by the attraction of other younger players into the Club, a policy that must be carried on next season through the grades.

The team with an average age of 25 years started the season well, with four wins out of six games, the other two games were drawn because of the rain, our only loss for the season was against Auburn, who played better all-round cricket than we did.

The side was unfortunate to lose two players early in the season, Steve Schomberg with injury and Richard Tregeagle who went overseas, but were replaced most capably by Matt Appleton and Stuart Irwin. Stuart was most unfortunate in contracting glandular fever and missed the semi-final and final.

The strength of the side was its bowling, with the 'quicks' putting the side into good positions early, followed up by our spinners in Rod Smith and Paul Price. Special mention must be made of Paul Price, who had little bowling early in the season but improved tremendously as the season progressed, with a match-winning effort against Canterbury.

Our batting improved as the season progressed with players sacrificing a chance of a good innings to enable the side to score valuable points in the competition — Bexley being a notable example.

One of the pleasing aspects of our batting was the lack of run-outs, compared with the previous season of ten. This season two — one when a player was going for the winning runs on the last ball of a match, the other being the captain who thought he was still fast between wickets, whenever that was.

The general catching of the side was good, with Paul Thomas collecting 39 victims, 31 catches, 8 stumpings for the season, an excellent performance, equalling David Walker's "A" Shire record, but our ground fielding let us down on a few occasions and this area must be improved. At one stage during the season, the A's had three Prices in the side, Kevin, father Gerrard and Paul sons; I am sure a record for the Club.

The captain again had trouble with the toss, losing nine out of thirteen, but as one unnamed member said, it is just another person telling him what to do.

All games were played to win and the side responded well to challenges. It is a pity some sides play negative cricket when they have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Memorable games were against Macquarie Uni — winning on the second last ball of the

game, beating Wenty in the round and semi-final, an exciting outright win against Lane Cove, when both sides had a chance to win, missing by only one run to beat Bexley outright and a solid win against Canterbury in the last round to help win the Club Championship for the first time in 20 years.

The final was a big disappointment with the first day being "washed out" — How can one damage a wicket two weeks before the Rugby season?

The second day we did not take an early chance to put the pressure on and Lindfield batted for most of the day on a 'dead track' but the side did not let up even when the chance of victory was beyond our reach — it was a credit to all concerned.

Many thanks to our resident kitchen staff, Stockdale and Mitchell, whose preparation of afternoon tea was appreciated by all.

Steve Schomberg did an excellent job in running Wednesday practice; unfortunately not used enough by the team on a regular basis. Congratulations to Lindfield on winning the "A" Shire Premiership for 1982—1983.

And finally, two reasons for a successful season —

- (i) Bill Hooker's excellent leadership in running cricket for the year, and
- (ii) that the side played as a team.

**Ian Blair (Captain) :** Not the best season with the bat but his eye-sight is in good condition despite his age, by holding the most number of catches outside the 'keeper.

Received great satisfaction in the team's excellent performance during the season.

**Bob Streeter:** Had to attend his usual weddings at the start of the season and did not regain his place in the 'A's until round six. Got a start in most innings but did not carry on with the job. Took some good catches in slips.

**Stuart Irwin:** Joined the Club halfway through the season and really made his presence felt in the opening position. In seven innings, only failed once. Was most unfortunate to miss the final through illness. Should have a big year next season. OPSM fielding award.

**Peter Caruana:** Did not have a good season and was dropped during the season, which was most unfortunate as he showed a tremendous potential the previous season. Must attend practice which will also help his fielding.

**Bart Pozuelo:** Bart at the ripe old age of 21 years is starting to show his potential by

heading both the batting and bowling averages. Put down the batting order during the year, his batting became most reliable and gave the middle order a much needed boost. Bowled well all year, his best performance being 6—43 against Wenty. Fields well in all positions.

**Gary Schomberg:** Gary's batting improved when promoted to number 3. Was the most consistent batsman in the side and was rewarded with a fine century against Epping. Fielded well during the year, taking some good catches close in.

**Paul Thomas:** His keeping during the year improved remarkably and was credited with 31 catches and 8 stumpings — as mentioned earlier, equalling the 'A' Shire record. His stumping off Nigel Sterry's bowling in the final will be well remembered by all those who were at the ground. His batting at times was explosive and in the game against Canterbury, scored 50 runs which included 12 fours. A gifted cricketer.

**Gerrard Price:** Gerrard had a steady season with both bat and ball and was unlucky not to make bigger scores due to the situation of the game where innings were closed, with Gerrard being not out in the twenties. Proved a handy stock bowler and fielded very well during the year, taking the most number of catches with the Captain, outside the 'keeper.

**Rod Smith:** Form fell off during the season and was dropped but came back with a vengeance, especially in the bowling, taking a fine 5—40 against Bexley and bowled well in the semi-final and final. Age catching up in the field but held some good catches.

**Nigel Sterry:** Nigel bowled very well during the year and was great support to the opening bowlers. Was most unlucky early in the season with dropped catches. Although not the best figures for the year, his bowling in the semi against Wenty, when he took three wickets in 15 balls, really set us on our winning way. Did not get much of a chance with the bat and took a couple of good catches, but ground fielding needs improvement.

**Matt Appleton:** Joined the Club with Stuart during the year and really added the fire power we needed after Richard Tregeagle went overseas. Left many a bruised body and broken hand after each Saturday, a genuine quick bowler. Did not get a chance to show his batting skills, fielded well.

**Paul Price:** The "baby" of the side at 17, improved as the season progressed. A fine leg spin bowling performance against Canterbury and Lindfield in the final, were highlights of the season. With Nigel, had the most catches dropped off his bowling, which did not help his early confidence. Did not get a chance to prove his batting, but assures the Captain he would be the best number 11 in the competition. Fielded well during the year.

# **'A' SHIRE STATISTICS**

<b>Matches Played</b>	<b>Won O/R</b>	<b>Lost O/R</b>	<b>Won 1st</b>	<b>Lost 1st</b>	<b>Drawn</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Position</b>
13	2	—	6	1	4	50	2nd

<b>Runs for</b>	<b>Wickets for</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Runs Against</b>	<b>Wickets Against</b>	<b>Average</b>
2311	92	25.1	2850	152	20.2

## **BATTING (x NOT OUT)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>No. of Innings</b>	<b>N.O.</b>	<b>Highest</b>	<b>50's</b>	<b>Aggregate</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Catches</b>
B. Pozuelo	11	4	53x	1	290	41.4	6
G. Schomberg	14	3	104x	3	391	35.5	6
P. Thomas	14	3	76	3	369	33.5	31c) 8s)
S. Irwin	7	1	59	1	195	32.5	1
G. Price	14	4	40	—	223	22.3	10
I. Blair	10	2	50x	1	156	19.5	10
R. Streeter	10	2	53	1	149	18.6	4
N. Sterry	6	3	19x	—	51	17.0	5
M. Appleton	5	2	24	—	44	14.7	3
P. Caruana	9	1	24	—	96	12.00	3
R. Smith	6	—	34	—	72	12.00	5

<b>Also batted:</b>	W. Hooker	2 for 0
	P. Price	5 for 33
	D. Young	3 for 89
	S. Schomberg	1 for 4
	R. Tregeagle	2 for 4
	K. Price	1 for 19

## BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Most Wickets in an innings
B. Pozuelo	241.1	89	505	39	12.9	6
M. Appleton	167	53	379	26	14.6	4
R. Smith	119	16	308	18	17.1	5
N. Sterry	194.4	41	519	29	17.9	5
R. Tregaeagle	97	27	244	11	22.2	3
G. Price	53.2	14	201	7	28.7	3
P. Price	121.5	5	497	14	35.5	4
<b>Also Bowled:</b>						
S. Schomberg	—	—	3 — 90			
K. Price	—	—	4 — 107			

**IAN BLAIR.**

## B SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1982–1983

The 1982–83 season for the B's ended in resounding success, when, after being Minor Premiers at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds, recorded the Club's first Premiership win in this division for 10 years.

The side performed consistently throughout the preliminary rounds to finish with 50 points, 6 ahead of second placed Canterbury. During this period undoubtedly the highlights were our memorable wins over last year's premiers Epping and Roseville, who ultimately finished in third place. Against Epping, we dominated in all facets of the game to pass their moderate score of 157, with the loss of only two wickets; Peter Mansford and Bob Streeter batting extremely well in a partnership of 125.

The only loss suffered during the season was at the hands of Wentworthville, when in pursuit of first innings points our 6 for 264 declared proved inadequate on a wicket which unduly favoured the batsmen.

In the semi-final at Mona Park, Auburn won the toss and elected to bat in extremely hot and humid weather. Led by our opening attack of Richard Tregaeagle (4 for 44 off 22 overs) and Adam Lax (3 for 40 off 16 overs), the team performed admirably in the exhausting conditions to dismiss Auburn for 163 in just under 5 hours. Our response, after a steady start to be 2 for 68 at stumps on the first day, lacked a positive approach and against an attack that was accurate but lacking in hostility, we were dismissed for 126 shortly after lunch on the second day. The only redeeming feature of the innings was a

determined effort by Peter Mansford who scored 29 in the two hours towards the end of the gruelling first day.

With just under four hours of play remaining and a lead of 37, Auburn proceeded to the formality of playing out time on a perfect batting wicket, to win a place in the final. However, our return to the field was marked by a grim determination to give of our best in the time that remained. The result of this approach was incredible, producing what must surely rank as one of the most remarkable recoveries experienced in the Club's cricket history. In only 12 overs, and in less than an hour, Richard Tregagle (4 for 10) and Adam Lax (5 for 7), supported by some brilliant close to the wicket catching, demolished the Auburn innings for a total of just 18 runs. The atmosphere during this hour was absolutely electric; the sense of elation will surely long remain in the memories of all those who were part of the team on that day.

Needing 56 to win, our openers adopted a determined, yet positive approach and our target was achieved without loss of wicket, with Peter Richardson scoring 39 not out.

And so to Rothwell Park for the final against Canterbury. After rain during the week delayed commencement of play by 90 minutes we took the field after winning the toss.

Setting the pattern for a low scoring game, Canterbury were dismissed for 64, with Richard Tregagle (7 for 26) and Adam Lax (3 for 31) continuing their devastating semi-final form, again supported by some excellent close to the wicket catching. On a wicket that continued to assist the bowlers, but which was far from treacherous, our batting again lacked purpose and succumbed to a lively Canterbury attack to be dismissed for a lowly 59, leaving us with a first innings deficit of five. In the hour's play that remained, our opening duo again responded to the challenge and at stumps Canterbury were reeling at 5 for 20.

The early part of the week that followed brought heavy rain and prospects of further play and a chance of victory appeared pessimistic. However, strong drying winds later in the week saw play resume in ideal weather conditions on a wicket that retained some moisture. After an initial brief recovery, Canterbury were dismissed for 41, the last five wickets falling for just three runs, with the familiar names of Lax (6 for 14) and Tregagle (4 for 18) again the destroyers.

The 47-run chase for victory itself presented a few tense moments, for at one stage we were 5 for 22, until Kevin Holley with sensibly controlled aggression and David Trewin, turned the tide to secure a well deserved victory by five wickets.

Although it is not unusual for games in the final series to be dominated by bowlers, the performance of our opening bowlers was indeed outstanding. These achievements would

not have been possible without the excellent support provided by the field, where catches, some of which were magnificent, accounted for 24 of the 39 wickets which fell. Indeed, one can recollect only two chances, both difficult, which were put down in the four innings.

What then were the dominant factors which led to the team's success? These can be summarised briefly as follows:—

- (a) A consistent performance throughout the preliminary rounds to be minor premiers, with emphasis on team effort rather than the individual members,
- (b) a fighting determination and will to win, which was no better exemplified than in the final two games, when, after being behind on the first innings, the team showed its character and morale by recording resounding ten and five wicket wins.

The team throughout gave full support to the Captain, who with the confidence provided by this support endeavoured to take the initiative by attacking at every opportunity. It has indeed been a pleasure to be associated with such a fine team, who not only were Premiers of the division but also played a vital part in the Briars convincingly winning the Club Championship for the first time in twenty years. Many thanks to the small band of members who followed our progress during the season and to Bill Hooker and his committee for providing the basis for a highly successful season.

**PETER RICHARDSON (Captain)** — Derived immense satisfaction in leading a side to finals win at his third attempt. He experienced his most successful season for many years by heading the batting aggregate with 383 runs and taking most catches with 13.

**PETER MANSFORD** — Featured prominently in mid-season following a disappointing start. Probably showed his best form for many years in a superlative innings of 75 against Epping. His experience, particularly in the semi-final, contributed much to the team's success.

**CLAUDIO ORLANDO** — Innings of 68 and 76 against Pennant Hills and Roseville respectively, were highlights of an otherwise mediocre batting performance by Claudio's normal standards. Again provided a polished performance as wicket-keeper, particularly in the semi-final and final when his contribution was of a very high standard.

**DAVID YOUNG** — Started the season in fine fashion which earned David a temporary elevation to the A's. Did not quite enjoy the same success during the latter part of the season, but will have benefited from having the pressure of his first final series behind him. Gave a whole-hearted effort in the field, showing much improved enthusiasm and alertness.

**DAVID TREWIN** — The Club was particularly fortunate to obtain the outstanding services



of David Trewin, who, in his first season made a significant contribution to the team's success. David's form with the bat early in the season when he accumulated 211 runs for only three completed innings provided solidarity to the middle order. Unfortunately, after a two game absence in mid-season David did not quite reach the same peak in the latter stages. Despite a tendency at times to direct the ball outside the leg stump, provided much needed hostility as either an opening or first change bowler. Fielding of a very high standard, both close to the wicket and in covers. Expect to see David's appearance as an A Grader in the near future.

**KEVIN HOLLEY** — Enjoyed a most successful season with a fine all-round performance. Bowled consistently and economically, being the leading wicket-taker prior to the semi-final with 32. Did not have the opportunity to add to this tally in the semi-final and final because of the domination of our opening bowlers. Played some useful innings when the opportunity was presented, none more important than his 19 not out to carry us through a crucial period to secure victory in the final. Kevin's catching in the slips was ever reliable; a couple of his efforts in the semi-final being absolutely magnificent.

**KEVIN PRICE** — Although lost to the A's for three matches in mid-season, Kevin played a valuable role taking wickets at vital times. In one of his limited opportunities with the bat, compiled a fine 54 not out against Bexley in trying conditions. His determined and unselfish outlook did much to enhance team spirit.

**CRAIG SMITH** — Craig did not enjoy the same success with his bowling as in the previous two seasons. This is probably due to some modification to his action, a need for a high work rate, and a lack of faster wickets which provide the penetration needed for his style of bowling. Showed promise with the bat on a number of occasions, and fielded to his usual high standard, particularly when posted to his favourite position in covers.

**BILL HOOKER** — Bill joined the side after three matches in the A's and whilst playing a couple of brighter attacking innings was not able to quite recapture his form of old. Fielded well in the slips region, taking an exceptional catch in the final. Bill has indicated his intention to retire from on-field participation at the conclusion of the season. Should this be the case it will indeed be on a high note as Bill has participated in two premierships sides in the last three years. Bill's support throughout the season and guidance to the younger team members, has been very much appreciated.

**ADAM LAX** — Adam bowled consistently well throughout the season to be leading wicket taker with 45. Provided a perfect foil for Richard Tregear with figures of 8 for 47 and 9 for 45 in the semi-final and final respectively; truly magnificent performances. In these two games Adam realised his full potential with an immaculate display of line and length. Safe in the field; still work required on his batting.

**RICHARD TREGEAGLE** — Seldom does a player warrant separate mention having participated with the team for only two matches. Returning from an extended holiday, Richard came into the side for the semi-final, following an enforced change to the A's. His impact upon the scene was devastating as indicated by his figures of 8 for 54 and 11 for 44 in the semi-final and final respectively. Richard has an obvious liking for the big match atmosphere, as he virtually emulated his twenty wicket haul in the corresponding two games for the A's in 1980–81. Couple with his superb bowling, Richard snared five catches, two of which were remarkable reflex efforts.

**BOB STREETER** — Bob played five games with the side before his elevation to the A's. Shared in the dominating century partnership with Peter Mansford against Epping, contributing 53 not out.

**ANTHONY FARINOLA** — Joined the B's for the first time and played seven consecutive games in mid-season. Although given limited opportunities, showed promise, particularly in his supporting role in the 98-run seventh wicket stand with Rod Smith against Auburn. Saved many runs on the field and effected a couple of run-outs with his agility and good throwing arm.

Limited appearances were also made by Peter Caruana (4), Bob Moller (3), Nigel Sterry (2), Rod Smith (2) and Mike Embleton (1). Commentary on the season would not be complete without mention of Rod Smith's match-winning 97 against Auburn in a display of controlled power hitting; certainly deserving of the century he so nearly achieved.

### B SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
13	3	7	—	1	3	50	1st
Runs for	Wickets for	Average	Runs against	Wickets against	Average		
2610	116	22.50	2493	167	14.93		

# B Shire Statistics – contd.

## BATTING (x NOT OUT)

Name	No. of innings	N.O.	Highest Score	50's	Aggregate	Average	Catches
D. Trewin	11	4	79	2	255	36.4	5
P. Richardson	19	3	60	2	383	23.9	13
R. Streeter	7	1	53	1	133	22.2	—
D. Young	11	3	49	—	163	20.4	3
K. Holley	14	5	57	1	173	19.2	11
A. Farinola	7	2	33	—	96	19.2	3
P. Mansford	17	2	75	1	284	18.9	3
C. Orlando	17	3	76	2	237	16.9	23C/5S
W. Hooker	11	—	42	—	168	15.3	4
C. Smith	7	—	46	—	98	14.0	7

<b>Also Batted:</b>	R. Smith	3 for 156	A Lax	6 for 11
	P. Caruana	4 for 120	N. Sterry	2 for 44
	K. Price	3 for 77	M. Embleton	1 for 0
	R. Tregaeagle	1 for 15	R. Moller	1 for 0

## BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. Tregaeagle	51.2	15	98	19	5.8
A. Lax	186.1	39	534	45	11.8
K. Holley	138.1	33	411	32	12.8
K. Price	92.1	18	255	17	15.0
D. Trewin	122	28	332	16	20.7
C. Smith	115	17	415	19	21.8

<b>Also Bowled:</b>	R. Moller	7 for 111	D. Young	1 for 41
	R. Smith	4 for 88	N. Sterry	1 for 46

**P. RICHARDSON.**

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## **"C" SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1982-1983**

I doubt that there is anyone who has pulled on a pair of flannels who hasn't heard the expression "catches win matches" and therein lies the answer as to the failure to make the semi-finals. In all other respects it was an exciting and thoroughly enjoyable season.

The only outright win of the season was against Roseville, thanks to an outstanding all-round performance from Peter Wallace, to win by an innings and five runs.

In the next round against Warringah the side slipped back into its bad habits, dropping over twenty catches to dismiss the opposition for 265. Despite being 2-204, thanks to a third-wicket of 133 by Wayne Broun (101) and Brett Marsden (58) the side collapsed to be all out 247.

The trend of exciting finishes continued in the following two matches. Against Epping (1) we were easily outplayed in the 1st innings but just failed to gain an outright win, which could have gone either way.

The match with Wentworthville saw the C's 4-186, chasing 193 but a nail-biting finish saw the last wicket pair of Tony Kanaan and Michael Clarke, knock off the winning runs.

To make the semis we had to win our last three games but two dropped catches against Pennant Hills cost 90 runs and any chance of advancing. As if to show what the side was capable of, we scored 304 against Epping (2) with everyone making a score; Peter Siebels top scoring with 50 on his debut for the Briars.

As a closing comment only two club members refused to play "C" grade this year, an old and familiar tale but which in no way reflects upon the ability of those who were only too willing to accept the chance of a game of cricket.

Thanks, gentlemen, for a most enjoyable summer.

**ALAN THOMPSON (Captain):** Promoted himself in the batting order in what proved to be a benefit year, that is, was given the benefit of the doubt by all except Mattick.

**WAYNE BROUN:** Capable batsman who scored the only century. Quite capable of holding down a place in "B" grade. Safe hands and good team man.

**MICHAEL CLARKE:** Leg spinner who suffered more than most from dropped catches. Voted the batsman most likely to improve.

**GEOFF CROFTS:** Typical left hander, punishes anything short or on leg but has to improve outside off stump. Good team man.

**MIKE EMBLETON:** Experienced player who joined halfway through the season and was one of the main reasons for lessening the danger of the extra bounce at "The Bay".

**ANTHONY FARINOLA:** Started and finished in C's and appeared more confident for his spell in B's.

**HERMAN HITIPEUW (Wkt.):** Not one of his better seasons but still invaluable team member.

**TONY KANAAN:** Most enthusiastic player but must think more about his bowling and concentrate while fielding. Good team man.

**STUART LIND:** Played some handy knocks down the order when needed. Good team man but must improve his fielding.

**PETER LUCAS:** Looks a capable batsman but never went on with it after good starts. Must make himself available all season.

**BRETT MARSDEN:** Hard hitting batsman (two half centuries) and good fieldsman. Other half of partnership known as "Wett and Brayne".

**PAUL MATTICK:** Was only available late in the season due to law studies (not including L.B.W.) showed himself to be a more than capable bat. Good field, good team man.

**BOB MOLLER:** Took the same number of wickets (19) this year (Avge: 8.32) as last year (Avge: 4.68). Obvious backslider, who again requested to help out in B's.

**STEVE SCHOMBERG:** Became a father, suffered a back injury, joined C's. Refuses to confirm the order of events; a club member who is an example to us all.

**PETER SIEBELS:** Recruited by the "Wagga Touring" side. A good batsman and handy bowler who must be a contender for higher grades.

**PETER WALLACE:** Did not bowl as well as he can but again proved he can handle a bat. Must put his 'back' into his bowling. Good team man.

Thanks also to Greg Lippiatt, John Curtain, Rich Tregear, Mark Powell, Jim Drayton and Gary Hooker.

# **"C" SHIRE STATISTICS**

<b>Matches Played</b>	<b>Won O/R</b>	<b>Won 1st</b>	<b>Lost O/R</b>	<b>Lost 1st</b>	<b>Drawn</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Position</b>
11	1	3	—	6	1	30	7th
4	—	2		1	1		

<b>Runs for</b>	<b>Wickets for</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Runs against</b>	<b>Wickets against</b>	<b>Average</b>
2610	144	18.12	2579	152	18.29

## **BATTING (x Not Out)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>No. of innings</b>	<b>N.O.</b>	<b>Highest Score</b>	<b>Aggregate</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Catches</b>
P. Mattick	7	—	68	229	32.71	5
M. Embleton	12	1	91	284	25.82	4
W. Broun	12	1	101	271	24.64	5
S. Schomberg	12	2	55	222	22.20	10
A. Thompson	16	4	78	243	20.25	10
S. Lind	5	2	34x	59	19.67	—
B. Marsden	11	—	58	202	18.36	6
P. Wallace	14	—	79	253	18.08	5
P. Lucas	7	—	37	98	14.00	5
G. Crofts	14	—	35	195	13.93	2
A. Farinola	8	—	28	111	13.88	1
A. Kanaan	9	4	7x	32	6.40	7
H. Hitipeuw	14	3	18	70	6.36	21/4st
M. Clarke	9	5	1x	3	0.75	4

## **Also Batted:**

P. Siebels	4 for 84	G. Lippiatt	4x for 15
R. Tregeagle	2x for 17	G. Hooker	1 for 3
R. Moller	2 for 15	J. Curtain	1 for 1
M. Powell	1 for 6	J. Drayton	1 for 0

## BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. Moller	67	14	158	19	8.32
S. Schomberg	69	14	204	14	14.57
A. Thompson	254.5	77	672	46	14.61
P. Wallace	96.4	18	280	15	18.67
M. Clarke	118.5	9	452	22	20.55
A. Kanaan	106.1	24	411	14	29.36
W. Broun	45	10	131	4	32.75

### Also Bowled:

P. Siebels	4 for 72	G. Crofts	0 for 8
M. Embleton	4 for 76	G. Hooker	0 for 17
A Farinola	3 for 24	B. Marsden	0 for 19
P. Mattick	1 for 15	R. Tregeagle	0 for 47
G. Lippiatt	0 for 7		

**A. THOMPSON.**

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## CITY AND SUBURBAN

Annoyed is hardly the word. Abandoned perhaps. Forgotten. The entire squad of C&S gentlemen are incensed that no member has ever been selected for Briars cricketing honours.

You know the sort of thing the club goes on about.

Cricketer of the Year. Most Improved short leg fieldsman, etc. etc. ad nauseum, and this is a slight against the only side to correctly represent the club. We are, gentlemen, **The Briars City & Suburban Team**; not pseudo representatives of an inner Western Suburbs area.

Well, we're going it alone. Our own Awards. Laboured over by the members until true consensus was reached and now published for the first time.

### ONLY THE CITY AND SUBURBAN AWARDS

**Best Scorer:** Not a large group of nominees in this category. Most of our members treat scoring as a job for someone else. The sound of the scorebook flopping on the bench

generally produces lots of rummaging in the kit and trips to the toilet. Marty, who's always nicely attired, does a competent job but without much flair. David Wright volunteers but only to escape from umpiring. His book work is sloppy, even for a schoolboy.

Only David Blair understands the subtleties. He scores to please the Captain; to get a bowl and a reasonable place in the field. And he brings his own pencil case.

**Best Umpire:** This has to be seen from the team's advantage point. It has nothing to do with what's best for the game or fair to the opposition. Graeme Ireland figured prominently in the voting, as did Colin Blair. However, both of them have been known to make a decision in favour of the bowler, and so they lost out. Not so with Craig Hickey who learnt all about handling appeals from the opposition by taking Joh Bjelke's correspondence lessons. A worthy, if not brutal winner.

### **WORST BAT TO LEAVE IN**

Because of lengthy disagreement over the definition, the Committee released the following statement of clarification :

"The award shall go to the player, who bats with authority and consistency, and in so doing adopts a superior attitude, placing unnecessary stress on other members of the team."

The Committee is said to announce David Jamieson's success, but due to previous past performances, he has only drawn a severe caution.

### **HARDEST TO HIDE IN THE FIELD**

So many names have been put forward, that hours of videotape replays were required to arrive finally at this season's champion.

What finally broke the deadlock, catapulting Roger Bailey into cricketing prominence, were a few frames on some of the tapes that actually captured Marty and Bob Kersey shaking their heads in disbelief.

The final vote was still a razor's edge decision and it is doubtful if Roger can successfully defend his title.

### **BEST DAVID WALKER SUBSTITUTE**

There should be an indelible picture in the minds of all who witnessed the blinding leg side stumping by the Captain, against Paddington. This rare appearance behind the stumps swept aside all other efforts by Jamieson or Hickey. The easiest award to choose.

### **WORST DAVID WALKER SUBSTITUTE**

As above. Now the Captain has two first places.



## **MOST FEARED UMPIRE**

After training for so many years, Noel Young's skills are as crisp as an Ireland square cut. Affectionately known in C&S circles as the Bowlers' Umpire. Noel troubled all of our batsmen consistently throughout the season. He should have won this award by streets. But Brooksy, gaining confidence with several pathetic decisions really pushed hard and Noel only just got the judge's finger.

## **MOST WORRIED PLAYER**

This is the true all-rounder award, calling for great dedication in all phases of the game. It runs from worrying about selections, through batting, fielding, running between wickets, umpiring and arriving on time. And takes into account anxieties about the general welfare of the team and the Captain's crude strategies.

Well Marty, you can stop worrying, you pulled it off.

## **BEST IMPRESSION ON THE OPPOSITION**

Walking to the wicket, upright, clear eyed. With his 1938 premiership cap set squarely, Mr. Ireland just bowls them over. They always set a respectful field too. Two slips, two gullys and a backward point. Here is a man classy enough to get an edge. Most impressive against Paddington, Cricketers Club, I. Zingari and such. A little off the pace against Parramatta, Homebush and others, but still polled well enough to ease home. A new man, Paul Friday may challenge strongly in future.

## **MOST LIKELY TO MOVE AHEAD**

The Committee were out for hours again on this one. David Guille figured prominently in early voting, but no-one could quite substantiate a case. Move, yes. Ahead? It just didn't come together.

There was some excitement about Bob Kersey, but it was acknowledged that the Captain's policies had wrecked his real opportunities and Bob had failed to continue his personal drive up the batting order.

In the end it was decided not to make a presentation. However, the Committee were of the opinion that Laurie Yeomans would be in a powerful position next season with the impending return of Bob Moller to shove him along.

Several months of administration lies ahead for the Captain, in obtaining copies of score sheets from our opposition clubs, in order to recover from the loss of the season's score book. Hence no statistics. A matter that will be corrected for the sake of club records and published at a later date. Overall the side won about 50% of matches, due to good results before Christmas. After that, performances fell away.

David Jamieson topped the aggregate and as a result, played in the combined C&S team. David Guille headed the batting average with a figure somewhere in the early twenties. David, along with Laurie Yeomans and David Blair also did well in the bowling statistics. The team's run gathering, put the chances of success under constant stress and generally left little margin for error for the bowlers and in the field.

It is nice to win a reasonable share of matches so that there is some reward for the season's effort.

It is more important to perform well, in order to remain competitive and keep our status in the Association's ranks. As always, some practice would be most beneficial to many of us. With daylight saving and excellent practice facilities at Concord, the opportunity is always in front of us, to mix with the Shire players and hit a few in the middle.

Chris Mitchell and Ted Stockdale joined in a delightful afternoon at our end of season social, and supervised the running of the C&S sprint with finesse and authority.

**COL. DENNIS.**

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### **FOOTBALL ANNUAL REPORT 1983**

Another season has come and gone and Briars once again missed out on winning a pennant. However, I believe the spirit and optimism of players has greatly improved, which augurs well for 1984.

This rekindled spirit is evidenced most by Briars placing in the Club Championship.

Only one side made the semi-finals, yet the club managed to finish in third position behind Colleagues and Hunters Hill.

Results were as follows:—

<b>Club Championship</b>	—	<b>3rd</b>
<b>Kentwell Cup</b>	—	<b>5th</b>
<b>Burke Cup</b>	—	<b>4th</b>
<b>Whiddon Cup</b>	—	<b>7th</b>
<b>Judd Cup</b>	—	<b>8th</b>

Coaches for 1983 were:

**Kentwell — Ken O'Brien** — This was Ken's second year at coaching 1st grade and he obviously gained from last year's experience. The team was similar, so the improvement in results from 9th to 5th position must relate to Ken's ability to gain maximum effort from the players.

**Burke — Leo Purtill** — Sidelined due to a shoulder injury, Leo decided to try his hand at coaching this year. He immediately proved that he had the ability to pass on his wealth of experience gained as a player. Once again Burke Cup made the semis but didn't quite have the finishing power to carry them through to the Grand Final.

**Whiddon — Graeme Johnson/David Jamieson** — It was difficult finding a Whiddon Coach this year, so I volunteered. It's difficult teaching old men new tricks, but I think that at least some of the younger players learnt something. Jamo aptly filled in during the middle of the season and was a great favourite replacement of the players.

**Judd — Peter Stewart** — Peter must have spent a lot of time just keeping a head count to make sure that players were given a fair go. Two teams consistently attended training for Judd Cup and is an indication of Peter's ability to maintain the enthusiasm of players.

Respective team managers were:

**Kentwell — Dave (Marathon) Blair** — backed up once again this year.

**Burke — Terry (Hello Sailor!) Daly** — proved he hadn't lost his touch.

**Whiddon — Dave (Back-up) Garrity** — it is remarkable that David put in so many fine playing performances after having to concentrate on Whiddon Players earlier in the day.

**Judd — Doug Staniforth** — A long term Annual Dinner participant out to get his spurs.

I would also like to thank the various committee members who helped out during the year:

**Peter Dunlop** — performed the job of Club Captain for the first time this year and did an excellent job in the motivation of players.

**Joe Lancuba** — as a half-back and Treasurer, he did a fine job.

**Chris Murray/Ray Tuffin** — a tireless effort in maintaining the canteen.

**Dave Blair** — kept an accurate statistical record of the players' performances.

Other regular helpers were "**Agro**", **Brian Hurley**, **Mal Weber**, **Adam Lax** and **Larry Thompson**.

Thanks are also extended to the many supporters of the Club. Players always perform better with encouragement from their various friends, wives and girlfriends.

After a drought of some years, Briars finally made another tour to New Zealand this year. Congratulations to Rod Smith, Ian (Beast) Richard and Lindsay Calloway on organising an extremely successful tour. Apparently there was a lot of team spirit.

Once again this year Rugby celebrated a successful conclusion to the season in fine style with a presentation night at Western Suburbs Soccer Club. Attendance — 138.

Best and Fairest results were announced as follows:

<b>Kentwell</b>	—	<b>Bob Bishop</b>
<b>Burke</b>	—	<b>John Hurley</b>
<b>Whiddon</b>	—	<b>Dave Saunders</b>
<b>Judd</b>	—	<b>Gary Stewart</b>

Most Improved Player	—	<b>Jack Ellison</b>
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As a final thought, I would like to urge everyone to put in a greater effort both on and off the field next season. I believe the cumulative effect of this is all that is needed to return Briars to the winning arena.

**GRAEME JOHNSON.**

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### **KENTWELL CUP**

The 1983 Kentwell Cup season started off for the Briars somewhat as a handicap event in that the coach and team combination we only formulated the week before the competition was to start. Our first match being an easy one against Hunters Hill, the team, under the circumstances performed very well, being a little unlucky, coming away with a narrow loss. From there, things went downhill until Round 4, where we had a crushing, I say crushing, win over Lindfield. From there we went on to win five out of the

next six games. During the second half of the competition, we were to have great wins over Hunters Hill and Chatswood, courageous losses to Bondi and Colleagues, and a memorable mental breakdown to St. Pats. This all ended up giving us enough points to get into the 1982 Kentwell Cup semi-finals. Unfortunately, they had been played and we went on to drown our sorrows.

The 1983 season to me, as coach, proved to be one of the most satisfying and enjoyable since my involvement with the club. Physically, the team was short on size, light on weight and big on heart. I believe the 1983 Kentwell Cup team did the club proud with the forwards being outstanding in their determination. With inspiration from Peter Dunlop; mayhem from Gordon Brown; second opinions from John Jessup; thuggery from Steve Bardwell; back-chatting from John Healy; rest breaks from Bob Bishop and total destruction from Terry O'Kane. They played above themselves, below themselves and occasionally with themselves. But behind them were the big, new, Joe Lancuba and Jack Ellison. The will to win of these two guys was indicative of the entire team. The centre combination of Brian Hurley and Ross Thompson, performed quite well, with Ross having his best season I have seen with the club. Wingers, well we had heaps. We had big ones, little ones, fast ones, slow ones and sober ones. At fullback, we had David Garritty, with the ability to turn the game our way at will. In a number of games he did just that. David still has to work at the consistency area of his game but that will come with experience and determination. The team was well led by David, filtering through his team, his keenness to win.

The team's forwards were expertly tutored by Bruce Robinson which we are all very grateful for and managed most professionally by David Blair.

**KEN O'BRIEN.**

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### **BURKE CUP**

The 1983 season was, I would like to think, a successful one. Whilst we lost a closely fought semi-final, we have the satisfaction of having beaten both teams who contested the grand final, during the course of the season.

We started the season fairly poorly, but made significant strides as the season went on, losing only one game in the entire second round. Of course, that was a most forgettable loss at that.

The additional Monday training sessions in the early part of the season were helpful from the point of view of morale as well as the additional opportunity to work on specific techniques, and it is difficult to do this when only training the one night a week. While certainly not being an advocate of two training nights religiously, those early season nights' work did start to show some dividends as the season went on.

I have taken every opportunity throughout the season to emphasise the fact that this is a team game, made up not only of the 15 players who take the field on any particular Saturday. We used a considerable number of players throughout the season for a variety of reasons, not the least of which was the injury toll. To each and every one I would like to congratulate you on your efforts. I would further hope that every one of you will be back next season to build on the effort of this season. In this way we will develop the consistency of performance from which grand finals are won. I believe in the last two seasons I have been with the Briars, I have seen developing, an attitude throughout the club, of knowing how to win and the club needs to have this attitude fostered if more pennants are to come back to the club.

We began the season fairly light on in terms of numbers and it was no coincidence that as the total numbers improved, the overall performance improved. There is a lesson to be learned here. The consistency in performance and in attendance by players makes for a successful football club and let's hope to see everyone back for the beginning of the season next year.

To mention each player individually would be to extend this for several pages, and suffice it to say that I always thought this Burke Cup team had the capability to do well and with a little luck, win the competition. We dipped out on a bit of luck, however, I was proud of the effort put in.

To all the other coaches and team managers, thanks for the assistance, and particularly to all the Burkies, than you for a very enjoyable season.

**LEO PURTILL.**

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### **WHIDDON CUP REPORT**

Whiddon Cup finished up in equal sixth position (this sounds better than seventh, based on for and against) in the competition. It was an extremely close competition and two additional wins would have placed us in the semi-finals.

It is difficult to say which two games cost us the semi-final berth because we had seven losses and two draws. A slow start to the season and an undramatic finish.

I would like to thank Dave Jamieson for filling in as coach in my absence during the middle of the season.

As is normally the case Whiddon Cup consisted of a mixture of old and new players to the club. The older players assisted with coaching, captaining and providing advice. Whilst the newer players provided enthusiasm. Next year's results should improve if players aspire to all of these attributes.

The Best and Fairest Competition was once again close this year. (Fortunately Phil came 3rd).

<b>Dusty Saunders</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Rick Murphy</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Phil England</b>	<b>9</b>

Apparently 55 players took to the paddock in Whiddon this year. It is traditional to provide some quip remarks regarding the major players. Comments are normally abusive in the case of older players and encouraging for younger players:

**Dave Jamieson (11) – Fullback** – Bob Hawke once said there is a time and place for arbitration. Good defensive effort and highest points scorer (29)

**Robert Lancuba (8) – Wing** – A new player who showed great speed and determination for the line when given the opportunity.

**Ross Seabrook (7) – Wing/Breakaway** – Because of speed and lack of speed of other players, Ross made an excellent winger convert.

**Grant Sutherland (8) – Wing** – Plenty of speed and a good taker of high balls. Went walkabout towards the end of the season.

**Roger Fish (12) – Centre** – Consolidated his position in Whiddon Cup after being a Judd Cup player for some years. Provided an excellent blending of attack and defence.

**Rod Smith (12) – Centre** – If Smithy got changed sooner and warmed up, he might have provided more of his block-buster attack throughout the whole game. More involved than at fullback. A contender for the Bob Hawke school of oratory.

**Harry Hansen (8) – Five-Eight** – Came back from walkabout over the past few years to put in some very skilful displays. Greater discipline will see better things.

**Steve Hansen (8) – Half-Back** – a steady performer. No abusive comments even though he is old.

**Dusty Saunders (13) – Break-Away** – a constant effort. As an older player, Dusty should know that he should only pick on smaller players.

**Chris Murray (6) – Lock** – once again a tireless effort. No abuse.

**John Staniforth (7) – Break-Away/Lock** – took advantage of his golden oldies fitness to put in some fine performances.

**Paul Wilson (11) – Second Rower** – a new Kiwi player who was not an All Black triallist. With an improvement in his ball skills, Paul will become a very valuable member of the Club.

**Ross Pearson (8) – Second Rower** – it's amazing how he keeps going and putting in such good performances. A candidate for the Jack Ferguson school of patience.

**Kim Piefke (6) – Second Rower** – lots of potential, but unfortunately was injured early in the season.

**Mark Burton (11) – Prop** – Strong as an ox, a listener and a greatly improved player on last year. Needs the help of an experienced prop to help him to develop his skills more fully.

**Bruce Richards (6) – Prop** – a new exciting pie-eater addition to the club. Greater fitness next season will see Bruce go a lot further than Whiddon Cup.

**Steve Curry (7) – Hooker** – a conscientious player with good fitness and plenty of strength. Needs to make friends with Bruce Robinson to teach him a few tricks.

Other players worthy of a mention : **Neil Quinlan, Paul McMahon, Phil England, Richard Crook, Paul Johnson, Ray Tuffin, Peter Wallace, Aaron Maher and Gary Latham.**

Thanks also to **David Garrity** for his assistance as Team Manager.

**GRAEME JOHNSON.**



## JUDD CUP REPORT, 1983

In reflection, the 1983 season couldn't be hailed as one with the greatest success for "Judd Cup". Even though a total of 65 players pulled on a jersey during the season, only winning 4 and drawing 3 games.

It was said we were unlucky, only being beaten by the odd point in most of the games, but, in actual fact, it was lack of total commitment to see that we were on the winning rather than the losing end of the slate.

However, the high morale of the team was maintained by the fact that most of the players still turned out to the end of the season and the experience they gained this season, coupled with their enthusiasm, will guarantee a more determined side for the future.

Some of the most consistent players at the end of the season were :

**Peter "Chang" Bowyer** — Played anywhere I asked, became leading try scorer — one try — and didn't get cauliflower ears.

**Peter Wallace, Wing** — gained confidence with every game. Would like to see him start at the beginning of the season.

**Terry Daly, Wing** — always there when required. Filled in nicely as manager, too.

**Clive Playell, Centre** — Strong running player and voted by the team as having the best looking girlfriend of the side.

**Les Mullins, Centre wing** — Never played the game before. Showed great determination. Will be better for it next season.

**David Wright, Five-eight** — His experience with the new players was a great help and showed out on the field.

**Aaron Maher, Half** — Another new boy willing to listen and very keen. Will be better for it next season.

**Paul Johnson, Lock** — As captain, proved his great importance both on and off the field. However, wasn't impressed with his hand and Warren Bryan's boot.

**Warren Wran, Breakaway** — Very good defender. Youngest player in the side.

**Gary Stewart, Breakaway** — Showed his consistency by winning best and fairest in the side. Wish he wouldn't lose his car keys though !

**Fred Lewis, 2nd Row.** — What can be said about a player who has international written all over him.

**Len Hollis, 2nd Row** — Another new boy, just hitting his straps, when badly injured.

**Warren Bryan, Prop.** — Sprint training in the off-season paid off. He can now do 100 metres in 3½ minutes. Very strong player.

**Brent Cash, Hooker.** — The most energetic player in the side. Played several positions to help out.

**Dick Crook, Prop.** — Slow start due to being very unfit but came into his own. Still very unfit.

Plus many, many more.

With 65 players, assistance came from several people and my sincere thanks go out to them.

**Mick Liubinakas** for all the conditioning work. Hope to see you next year, Mick.

**Bruce Robinson, John Boyle, Craig Hickey** and **Ian Duncan**, for all the help at training and to the one person, who, without his advice and assistance, I would not have been able to cope. He may not have been the quickest sand-bucket in the club, but he was always there with clean jerseys, tape and anything else you could think of in his little green bag. I think I speak for all the Judd Cup players when I say thanks to **Doug Staniforth**.

In conclusion, although sometimes exasperating, my appreciation goes out to all concerned with Judd Cup.

**PETER STEWART**

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## **GOLDEN OLDIES RUGBY REPORT FOR 1983**

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

The Third International Golden Oldies Rugby Festival was held in Sydney in July, 1983 and the Briars were one of the 128 teams from many parts of the world whose members

enjoyed the fun, friendship and fraternity which this event offered. Two previous Festivals had been held, one in New Zealand and one in U.S.A., but the Sydney Festival brought together the largest number of players to date.

Apart from the age qualification, Golden Oldies Rugby players should be content to play the game for the game itself, as the results are truly secondary — an ability to hold a drink or two and paid up medical insurance are also desirable.

Some 45 or so players turned out for the Briars and were cheered on by a small but loyal band of supporters. The Club's introduction to Golden Oldies Rugby came in a trial match against Western Suburbs in the mud at Concord Oval — the good spirit shown on the field and after the match hospitality afforded us by Wests was a good indication of what we were to experience in the Festival. The Briars were fortunate to draw three international games during the Festival and all players thoroughly enjoyed games against The Glenfield Grizzlies from New Zealand, the Old Frothonians from U.S.A. and The Cayman Island Rugby Club. Thankfully no serious injuries were suffered by our players although Tony McSweeney found the Old Frothonians a little more willing than he would have liked.

On the financial side, a small profit was made which will form the basis of a tour fund, as the present indications are that the Briars team will be represented at the next Festival which is to be held in London in 1985. One of the highlights of the Festival Week was the function in honour of our opponents, which packed the Briars Clubrooms until the early hours. The Golden Oldies would like to thank all Club members for their support during the Festival.

Finally, any member who will be at least 35 years old in 1985 is invited to contact Bruce Robinson or John Staniforth for further information about playing in or supporting our Golden Oldies team.

**JOHN STANIFORTH**

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## **HOCKEY REPORT — 1983 SEASON**

The 1983 hockey season was never going to be an easy one for Briars. The major problem being the lack of regular players. No longer could the seniors draw players from the junior ranks, as this source of talent had disappeared.

This season was the inaugural year of the U-17 team, playing prior to the third grade fixture. The S.H.A. have now made it compulsory for all clubs to provide an U-17's team which made the recruiting of a junior team even more pressing. After extensive contact with all of the local schools, a team was finally mustered. After some initial teething problems, the side, ably led by Paul Price, finally settled down to play some good hockey. Several fellows showed ample potential at this level and with some encouragement will develop into good players in the near future. No sooner was an U-17's team created when Robert Wood announced that he had arranged an U-15's team from our old stamping ground at Marsden. 'When it rains, it pours' was the catch-cry in both the literal and metaphorical senses, as attendances due to rain, caused havoc with organisation.

However, if the 1983 season is to be heralded in the annals of Briars hockey, then it will be remembered as the year of the rebirth of Briars juniors. The help of Robert Wood and Paul Huggett to create and maintain the junior talent through a turbulent season, must not go unnoticed and unapplauded. The financial backing of the Club for these junior teams is also appreciated and helped the sport, still stricken with player subscription shortages — balance the budget.

The year will not be remembered by the senior teams' performances. Only 29 regular senior players could be mustered for the 1983 season of which 5 were new to the game. Although there was some doubling of senior players, the majority of the gaps were filled by the junior newcomers, a luxury that was not available last season. This enabled the top two grades to continue unmolested by lower grade commitments which was essential if we were to gain enough club championship points to escape relegation. This policy met with success as we finished ahead of UNSW and just squeezed out Wests. With two clubs being relegated, we can consider ourselves lucky to escape the cut from the Premier B competition to the 1st Division. This policy also meant the 3rd grade bore the full brunt of the player shortage problem with, on many occasions, taking the field with only a few experienced senior players. Now that the junior ranks have been established, the strengthening of the 3rd grade with the available raw talent will be a major objective in the oncoming season.

In a stronger competition this year we gained slightly more club championship points. The second grade was performing well during the second half of the season and the first grade is still reaching peak performance. Although nobody should be under any illusion that the 1984 season will be any easier than 1983, strengthening of the lower grades and injection of newly emerging junior talent could have seen the bottoming of the hockey recession, with the pendulum swinging now in the right direction for a recovery.

The usual lack of enthusiasm in administration reared its ugly head again during the season

and it constantly amazes me why Briars hockey does not alter its administrative staff more frequently, as the great brunt of the workload is inevitably left to these few slaves, of necessity. After saying this, a sub-committee was formed but really failed to function effectively as a lack of commitment and enthusiasm by some of its members to getting the job done, usually meant 'somebody else' had to finish it off. If hockey administration is to be successful, everybody must realise that leaving the work to the same few genuine helpers, is a sure way of losing the support of these people. Time and time again, this is being written in annual hockey reports yet no improvements are seen the following year. A general stamping out of these slack attitudes is well overdue to prevent them contaminating the incoming players.

Another administrative problem of the year was the lack of experienced coaches. Hockey has never had a non-playing coach since Bruce Trevenar retired. It is always the case that once the playing days are over the old club stalwarts leave to pursue other interests instead of imparting their knowledge to younger players. It is in the interests of Briars to foster the talent of the large number of young, inexperienced hockey players that we presently have. Training must be approached on a more professional level if we are to continue in this level of competition. I am convinced that the club presently possesses numerous hockey players that will not fulfil their potential, either as players or as part of a team, if experienced coaching is not forthcoming.

A number of successful socials were organised throughout the year. The first was against our annual foes, Barton. Briars won 5-2 (for a change), in the first grade and drew 1-1 in the second grade. The second was a round-robin tournament against John Kemp's North Wollongong Club and Philip Adair's Wests, Newcastle. Wests were victorious, but everybody had a successful day. With talks of Taree interested in visiting Burwood next year, it is planned to make a four-way round-robin a permanent fixture on the Briars hockey calendar.

We were limited to one night a week training on a rough and poorly lit Central Park this year. Additional training facilities are needed and planned for the 1984 season. Hopefully, the benefits of this additional expense will be seen on the field as fitness was possibly the single greatest flaw in Briars hockey armour.

- The defending premiers of the Metropolitan A indoor hockey competition - Briars 1 - performed admirably again during the summer by making the semi-finals. However, they were well beaten by a strong AMPOL side.

Congratulations go to the following players who win the best and fairest awards :

**1st grade                      -                      Andre Declase**

2nd Grade	—	Warren Widger
3rd Grade	—	Bill Hooker
U-17	—	Paul Price

#### STATISTICS AT A GLANCE :

	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	Pts.	Position
1st Grade	4	2	12	26	41	10	8th
2nd Grade	4	6	8	29	37	14	8th
3rd Grade	0	1	17	9	87	1	10th
U-17	2	3	9	14	40	7	7th
Club Championship							8th

#### NIGEL STERRY

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#### "A" GRADE REPORT

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	Pts.	Position
18	4	2	12	26	41	10	8th

This season was an unusual one for 1st grade. The team format was re-organised by the adoption of a 3-3-3-1-1 system instead of the 'normal' 5-3-2-1 system. Four main reasons led to this decision at the start of the season. Firstly was the fact that one player in the team — Andre Declase — was one of the outstanding players in our whole competition and his skills were being sadly under-used. He was used as an attacking forward and the weakest part of his game was being able to score. The majority of team members had had at least 3 years of Premier Division hockey and our results had deteriorated in the last 2 years. Three of the best players had played in our junior side in a 3-3-3-1-1 system format 2 years previously. Another reason was because opposition teams found us very vulnerable to a centre field attack.

Taking these problems and trying to design a system to suit our players, strengthen our weaknesses and yet not completely confuse everyone was difficult. We were several games into the season before players started to realise the new facets of the game that this combination opened up. Although several lower grade players were critical of the system — the 1st grade players themselves favoured the system and most agreed they enjoyed the year and felt that with improved fitness and training next year the system could show vast improvements in the 1st grade's performance.

When looking at the individual games during the year the Chairman's comment in his report on the number of games lost by 1 goal is highlighted. Six games were lost by 1 goal and three of those games were against teams that made the semi-finals. While from the negative side it could be said that we must have been lacking something to lose all those games by only 1 goal, nevertheless on the positive side these teams were beating us by 3 or more goals last year.

One of the highlights of the year was the win against the (Barton) Valleys side from Canberra. The friendly, long standing rivalry between the two teams always makes it a good year when we win the trophy.

One of the disappointments of the season was the first round game against North Sydney. The second half of the game was played in very wet conditions when we were 1 nil down. Nearly 90% of those 35 minutes were spent camped in their half and yet we could not score and ended up losing 1-0.

Another disappointment was the last round game against Northern Districts. Of all the teams in the competition, the one that we have the most problems with on their home ground is Northern Districts. So the time we were to play them on our home ground, Burwood Council had decided to dump several tons of sand on the ground and obliterate the line markings with athletic ground markings. So we played Northern Districts on their home ground and lost 3-1 — our closest game yet with that side, on their ground. Yet if we could have played them on Burwood?? With our team keyed up to do well to prevent relegation we might have toppled them and ended the season on a tremendous high — thanks Burwood Council — it's hard enough playing against the opposition without our own Council against us.

The highlights of the season included:—

- Paul Price's first year in 1st grade; Paul impressed many players with his fine teamwork. Paul appreciates the meaning of teamwork and his immediate passing to a teammate who calls for it was an example to the whole team.

- Steven Schomberg's return to hockey and 1st grade after being unavailable because of his back injury. He showed what fitness, the ability to learn, and determination can do.
- The match against Sutherland in the second round. Despite losing 4—2, we had the top team in the competition 2—0 down on their home ground after the first 20 minutes — then the wheels fell off. Even the Sutherland players conceded that we would have given them a hiding if we could have kept our first 20-minute effort up.
- Nigel Sterry's hat-trick of goals against University of New South Wales in the second round. Nigel showed what a first time hard accurate shot can do to the back of an opposition net.
- Andre Declase winning the best and fairest. Well done, Andre. He is probably the best player that Briars has seen and if only players can try and adapt to his play and run off him, our team must benefit. For if we try to bring Andre down to our pace and tactical ability, our main method of improving our team performance is nullified. The method needed to improve is to at least try to adapt to Andre's style, by running into gaps or drawing defenders wide and calling for the ball at the right times. The team showed itself capable of this on wider grounds such as the Bankstown and Sutherland home grounds.
- On a sad note the 1st grade stalwart, Bob Streeter retired after the last game of the season. Bob's playing skills will be sadly missed but we hope Bob will stop the Briars hockey trend of, retire from playing equals retire from hockey. Hockey could use your great experience on the sideline Bob where, as you know, a non-playing Coach/Manager would be invaluable.

## THE TEAM —

- L. KOVACS (goalkeeper):** Showed us glimpses of great goal-keeping through the season but needs more consistency in his game. Travelling from Bathurst for half the season did not help but showed his tremendous enthusiasm. Needs to practice clearing the ball on the ground and playing with an outdoor hockey stick.
- R. STREETER (Sweeper):** Bob found his niche as sweeper in the second half of the season. Always a good, forceful tackler and loves clearing the ball early down the field. His calling and constructive comments on the field were much appreciated by the Captain. Back problems forced retirement. Will be a great loss to the side as his calming influence and great experience will be sorely missed in the defence.



**S. SCHOMBERG (Left wing back):** Returned after a lay-off to impress the selectors in pre-season trials to gain a 1st grade spot. Added extra determination and thoughtfulness to the team. Made many good constructive changes to his and other players' games, to help out teamwork and understanding. With more confidence in himself and more experience, will be a very valuable cog in the team machine.

**M. STERRY (Captain/Centre back):** Showed glimpses of his true ability this year. However, tended to try difficult moves with other players too early in the new team formation. Needs on occasions to concentrate more on his own game and allow sideline players to help in watching for the problems in the team work. His enthusiasm was given full rein as Captain.

**D. STERRY (Right Wing Back):** When motivated, can cut up an opposition defence with driving from the back and pinpoint passing. Tends to react too slowly to a call for a pass. Has trouble adapting his game to adverse conditions. Good, reliable team man. Derek found the added responsibility to his liking and combined well with the rest of the defence.

**N. STERRY (Left Centre Midfield):** The third Sterry and perhaps the most talented. Found he could score goals. Used his added reach and good fitness well on occasions but needs more confidence in himself. His stickwork has improved and if he can combine more with Andre and Paul, that trio could control the whole game. Found space well this year but needs to call more for the ball.

**A. DECLASE (Centre Midfield):** The workhorse and stalwart of the team. Enjoyed the added responsibility this year and on the whole coped well with the added marking and 'attention' he received from the opposition. Must, however, control his temper with Umpires and avoid sin-bin rests. Should try with more patience to impart his tactical knowledge to the younger players who do not possess his skill and experience. Very fit this year.

**P. PRICE (Right Centre Midfield):** The find of the year. Paul fitted into the team well and is beginning to realise what Andre is about. Showed brilliant flashes of individual skill which were balanced with his good teamwork and passing. One of the few players to appreciate the passing angle is 360°. Found the under 17's game took a bit away from his ability to move from a defensible formation or an attacking one as quickly as possible. Uses his intelligence on the field well. A great future ahead.

**G. WAGER (Left Wing):** Another mood player with good skills. Turned on dazzling individual displays at times, but needs to work more with the rest of the team and adapt to lumpy or very wet grounds. Has difficulty leaving a marker and tends to drift too far from the wing without passing on that intention to team mates. If used individual skills in short bursts and varied his play, could create nightmares for opposition defences.

**C. HUGGETT (Centre Forward):** Relies well on speed and cross-field movement to get away from his marker. Stickwork is developing. Could use his speed with greater effect if adapted more to Andre's game. Has a hard, accurate hit and needs to shoot more from the top of the circle. Good team man who could develop into our best forward. Fitness not as good as in previous seasons. Like his Captain, he plays best on good surfaces.

**G. PRICE (Right Wing):** One of the fastest forwards in the competition. Made many penetrating runs down the right flank. Scored 8 goals this year — nearly one-third of the total number of goals scored. Seemed to relish the greater freedom up front but needs to vary his play a little more. His calling was improving at the end of the year but must respond more quickly to fellow players who call for a pass at top circle centre. Good team man with great potential.

**R. WOOD (Sweeper/Centre-Back):** Robert's tennis commitments and an operation on his nose meant he did not play the whole season. Nevertheless, Robert played well and although lacks a lot of confidence in his own game, showed the ability to adapt to the new formation. Shows the ability in defence to work with other players and enjoys attacking runs.

**MICHAEL STERRY.**

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### **"B" GRADE — BRIARS HOCKEY CLUB**

What follows is a condensed version of the events of 1983 "B" grade hockey season. As captain, I was extremely pleased with the way all players performed throughout the season.

The normal team of eleven, stretched to twenty-two and saw the addition of some new faces. All performed well. But let me name the twelve players that serviced the team for most of the season:

**Las Kovacs, Warren Widger, Peter Jones, Ken Chaves, Bob Streeter, Paul Huggett, Michael Tass, Russell Roberts, Allan Walker, Colin Huggett, Sandor Kovacs, Eric Wade and Gerard Price.**

The goalie positions were shared by the club's **only two** goalies — Warren and Les. Though they were not able to deter every ball from entering the net, they were, however, excellent, especially during the second half of the season.

The lack of "Stamina" showed at times in our full backs, when the opposing teams put us under some pretty heavy pressure. However, when you least expected it, people like Eric Wade, Peter Jones and Robert Woods were able to achieve the incredible.

For most of the season the 'halves' were serviced by Ken and Paul. To boost the team's chances of reaching the finals, Bob Streeter came "down" into 'B' grade and performed well.

Except for myself, Michael Tass and Russell Roberts, the forwards were changed in teams and positions throughout the '83 season. Yet, a good standard of attack was maintained by all players.

Without wishing to appear biased (as those who know me will realise), I must hasten to point out that I was the highest goal scorer for the '83 season.

The team supported the club in all social events and carnivals. Let me take this opportunity to thank Peter, Les, Mr. and Mrs. Kovacs for their full support during the season, especially the carnival at Rydalmere and Lane Cove picnic.

When approaching the second round, I realised that we did, in fact, have a chance (however remote) of making the semi's. So we put that little extra effort into the second round and nearly pulled it off.

A fine performance saw only two games go against us during this round, there's always Next Year !

Speaking as captain and fellow team mate, I certainly hope to see all players back with the club next year. I am also sure we will achieve better things in the coming year.

Please do not feel offended if I have omitted anyone as I am sure you will realise, it is difficult when you have to sit down and recall quite a few months of hockey games into a few pages. Everyone, no matter what part/position they played was a credit to Briars Hockey Club and I can only hope to see more of this spirit in the coming season.

(I would also like to thank my wife, Christie, who has acted as secretary).

See you next year.

**A. G. WALKER**  
**Captain 'B' Grade.**

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#### **"C" GRADE – BRIARS HOCKEY CLUB**

<b>Results –</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Drew</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Pts.</b>	<b>Position</b>
	0	1	17	9	87	1	10th

It is easy to have scathing remarks about a side that, on their results, have performed extremely poorly. Obviously the team was not competitive in this grade and lacked in all facets of the game. Before criticism can be heaped on the players it must be remembered that for the greatest majority of the time the team consisted of players that had either not played before or of U-17's backing up from the previous game.

The team consisted of players that can learn from superior teams and improve as their talents develop over a number of seasons. If the players can keep their interest in the game and continue to put in their full effort, talented players will emerge from this present side. If this has happened then that in itself can be construed as being a successful season.

#### **Players' Profile –**

**Richard Coghlan: (Captain/Full Back)** – Leads by example. Richard foiled many attacks and performed skilfully in a frustrating season. Showed excellent dedication this year.

**Sandor Kovacs: (Wing)** – Unfortunately left for overseas half way through the season but showed increased speed and flair. Augurs well for a top season in 1984.

**Eric Wade: (Full Back)** — Was fitter this year due to his games in the Sydney veterans side. Rarely plays a bad game.

**Lew Martin: (Wing)** — Has pace and skills but lacks the aggression to dominate in his position. Had a good year.

**Ken Chaves: (Half)** — A new, experienced player who immediately impressed the selectors. Made a regular spot in the second grade. Is also an excellent club member.

**Russell Roberts: (Half)** — Is far too good a player for the third grade. Was the only player to play all three grades this year. With dedication, Russell would cement a first grade spot easily.

**Paul Huggett: (Half)** — Has grown much stronger and fitter than previous seasons and is developing into a good all-round player. Frequently frustrated by lack of support.

**Paul Mattick (Inside Forward)** — Was the find of the year. Considering that this was his first season of hockey, Paul shows exceptional talent. Improved during the season and should be one of the stars next season.

**William (Bill) Hooker: (Full Back/Half)** — Was only available for 3rd grade and for only half of the season yet still managed to win the best and fairest award. A superior player that we could well have used in the higher grades.

**David Dibiase: (Forward/Half)** — Must gain confidence in his game if he is to use his enormous talent.

**David Chaves: (Forward/Wing)** — His first year with the Club. Has loads of enthusiasm and is a solid player. One of the few Briars to offer his assistance to off-field activities and a valuable club man.

**Henri Karpinski: (Centre Forward)** — A hypertensive player that would do better to relax more on the field. Can play well but must learn to control his verbal comments.

**Peter Mansford: (Wing)** — Reliable as usual, gave valuable support to an inexperienced side.

**Michael Kemp: (Inside Forward)** — Played well for his first year of hockey. Will gain valuable experience from this season and better things are hoped for next season.

**Steven Broadhurst: (Back)** — Solid in defence and filled in well on many occasions. Added fitness would not go astray if he wishes to play higher grades.

**Keith Orango: (Forward)** — Another beginner who is very fit and has the ability to become a good player.

— plus the many U-17's players who were continually called upon.

**Domonic Romeo: (Goal Keeper)** — 'Fearless'. Showed immense courage for a youngster to more than match the constant barrage of shots that came his way. Narrowly missed out on the best and fairest award.

**Darren Nash: (Half)** — Is keen and talented and will add much to Briars in the future.

**Edward Fernandes: (Full Back)** — Played excellently in the Juniors but was overawed in the senior grade. Will be a top player.

**Michael Friend: (Back)** — Improved out-of-sight during the year.

**Bill Tabick: (Forward)** — Is fast, even by senior standards. Will go all the way in hockey.

**Brian Hassan: (Forward)** — Will only benefit from his experience this year. Has great potential.

**Angelo Natsis: (Forward)** — Has plenty of go. Must become more reliable in attendance.

— also **A. Nassif, K. Hegarty, G. Natsis, W. Thais, J. Nassif and T. Ailleo.**

**RICHARD COGHLAN.**

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## **JUNIOR HOCKEY**

Two teams were entered this year in Junior Hockey. The primary objective was to enter an UNDER 17 side in the Premiers B competition.

Not only was there an UNDER 17 side, but an UNDER 15 side was entered in the Central Zone competition. The U-17 team was developed from existing club juniors, and students from Punchbowl Boys High School. The U-15 team was an amalgamation of boys from Marsden High School and Juniors from Western Suburbs Hockey Club.

## UNDER 17 -

The competition in the Premiere B Juniors was extremely strong. Our side had many talented players. However, no possible arrangement could be made as regards training. Hence, the team suffered from poor combination and co-ordination.

The results of 18 games on the draw were 3 WINS; 3 draws and 12 losses. This placed the team 7th out of 8 teams entered.

Paul Price earned himself the best and fairest award, and Martin Friend was the most improved player (from Punchbowl Boys High).

**PAUL PRICE: (Centre forward/half)** - Paul played consistently well throughout the whole season. Not only did he play well individually, he also combined well with fellow forwards.

**DOMONIC ROMEO: (Goal keeper)** - Domonic is fearless in goal. His skill often enthralled many crowds. He shows tremendous potential to become a top grade keeper.

**DARREN NASH: (Centre half)** - Darren played well in his position. Improved fitness and better attendance at games could make Darren an extremely useful player.

**MARTIN FRIEND: (Right back)** - Martin worked hard in every game. More thought in his game should make him a solid defender.

**ANGELO NATSIS: (Left half)** - Angelo could benefit from concentrating on marking his winger. Too many times he was caught out of position, placing extra pressure on the other defenders.

**GEORGE NATSIS: (Right wing)** - George needs more fitness to last the whole game. This could allow more involvement in the game and hence make it more enjoyable. His game improved by playing with experienced players.

**JIM NATSIS: (Left wing)** - Jim needs more enthusiasm. When he gets involved in the game, he is a useful player.

**BILL NATSIS: (Left wing)** - Bill also showed lack of enthusiasm. Better motivation could see a big improvement.

**JOE NASSIF: (Inside left)** — Joe is a very talented Junior. With a bit more experience, he will be a valued player for future senior grades.

**BRIAN HASSAN: (Left half/right half)** — Brian shows good versatility. He is a very useful player who follows his forwards in attack.

**BILL TABICK: (Inside right)** — Bill is extremely fast on the field. Improved stick skills will improve his game and make him a dynamic striker.

**EDWARD FERNANDEZ: (Left back)** — Edward showed he had good stick skills, but was often too clever for himself. More thought is required by Edward on his positional play.

Other players that filled in during the season were : **Dean Smith, Ken Hegarty, Arthur Xiracostas and Abraham Nassif.**

#### **UNDER 15 —**

The Under 15 side was less fortunate with their scores. They travelled through the season without a win or a draw (but not scoreless). In fact, their performances on the field were good, considering none of the Marsden High School boys had played before.

The side played enthusiastically, despite their losses. They now **Know** and **Exhibit** the basic skills required to play a competent game of hockey. Next year, they will benefit from their experience and basic knowledge, and will hopefully be able to produce some good combinations to play as a team.

**MARK GOLDIE: (Full back)** — Mark shows good potential. His game improved greatly over the season. More guidance by senior players will be of great benefit to him.

**CLIVE HIND: (Left wing)** — Clive should get more involved in the game. This will make his game more enjoyable and promote faster improvement.

**MATTHEW McFARLANE: (Right half)** — Matthew played courageously in defence. His keenness will make him into a solid player.

**PAUL BURGESS: (Right wing)** — Paul showed a big improvement towards the end of the season. Keep up the effort.

**DUNCAN BAINBRIDGE: (Inside right)** — Duncan lacked the fitness to last the whole game. More effort in training is required.



**BEN MILTON: (Left half/centre half)** — Ben shows a remarkable talent for stopping the ball. He played well all season.

**DAVID MASEY: (Full back/half)** — David should stop complaining so much and get more involved in the game. He shows good potential when he applies himself to the game.

**STEVE HEGARTY: (Inside left)** — Steve played a few games to help make up numbers. He is a very adaptable athlete.

**DEAN SMITH: (Centre forward)** — Dean was one of the most promising Junior players. His talents shone out over the other players. However, he dropped out of the competition halfway through the season.

Plus the Western Suburbs Under 15's.

**PAUL HUGGETT (Coach).**

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## **SQUASH ANNUAL REPORT**

The '82-83 Squash season had its ups and down. The club saw many of its higher graded players either lost to other squash teams or retire out of the sport. This resulted in the number of teams being reduced from ten to six. Even so, Briars still managed to maintain their standing as a strong Squash Club and field two 'A' grade sides. Players were also lost from the middle and lower grade sides but an influx of new faces bridged this gap and helped to strengthen the sides even more so than before the loss. As a result, two pennants were won during the '82-83 season and broke the drought from the year before.

### **SPRING 1982.**

As described in last year's Annual Report, seven teams were entered, and of these, four made the semis. Three teams were knocked out in the semi-final and final rounds, but the C10 side proved the critics wrong and had an amazing 3-0 win in the final. The Grand Final was a cliff-hanger from start to finish with the Briars winning the pennant on the last game of the night.

The winning team was :—

<b>C10</b>	—	<b>GRANT HEGGARTY (Captain)</b>
	—	<b>JOHN HEALY</b>
	—	<b>BRIAN DOUGLAS</b>
	—	<b>BRIAN McGUREN</b>
	—	<b>KEN BELL</b>

### **AUTUMN 1983.**

Seven teams were entered for this competition and at the end of the fourteen rounds the C5, E8 and F12 sides had made it into the semi-finals. It was quite pleasing to see the F12 side do so well, as it was made up mostly of new players to the sport. Unfortunately, team injuries prevented them from getting any further and they were knocked out in the semi-finals.

Once again it was the 'C' grade side that proved the pennant winner for Briars. The C5 side were unlucky not to be minor premiers for the competition, being pipped at the post, in the last couple of rounds. Revenge was sweet in the Grand Final and this provided Briars with the second pennant for the '82—83 season.

The winning side was :—

<b>C5</b>	—	<b>PAT LONG</b>
	—	<b>BERT HOUSTON (Captain)</b>
	—	<b>JOHN HEALY</b>
	—	<b>BRIAN DOUGLAS</b>
	—	<b>PETER RAE</b>

### **INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES —**

It was disappointing not to see the Club Championships completed prior to the 1983 Spring Competition. The Club knockout is played each year between the spring and autumn pennant and this year, unfortunately the knockout is to be completed, time permitting, at the end of the current pennant season.

During the two competitions, two players are worthy of mention. Ken Kable had an excellent competition for the spring '82 pennant. Ken played thirteen out of the four-

teen rounds, winning twelve and losing one. His final average was 5.2 (maximum 6.0) giving him an 87% efficiency rating. In the autumn '83 pennant, Ray Barros played twelve out of the fourteen rounds, also only losing one match. His final average was 5.5, giving him an efficiency rating of 92%.

### **CURRENT SEASON —**

Six teams were entered for the Spring '83 pennant. Competition to date has been strong but Briars are hopeful of having up to four out of the six sides in the semi-finals. The teams entered are :

- A1 — Dick Humphries, Gary Cornish, Egor Blaszcwski, Ray Pontifex (C), Ken Kable.**
- A4 — Ray Barros, Alan Cameron (C), John Degeorge, Neil Richardson, Pat Cole.**
- C3 — Pat Long, John Healy, Bert Houston, Peter Rae, Brian Douglas (C), Grant Heggarty, Ed Moore.**
- D2 — Greg Kelly, Brian Eddy, Gary Signor, Dan Power (C), Steve Madz.**
- E2 — Andrew Haynes (C), Peter MacMorran, Ken Matwejev, Ross Pearson, Laszlo Kovacs.**
- F2 — Paul Quinn, John Pearson, Bill Barnwell (C), John Powell, Dave Bowen, Des Stewart.**

It is expected that the 'C3' side will be one of the teams to make the semi-finals. If the team manages to win a pennant, it will mean a hat-trick for both John Healy and Brian Douglas, a truly excellent feat. I wish them all the best.

**GRANT HEGGARTY.**

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### **1983 GOLF REPORT**

Due to clashes with other sporting fixtures, only one Golf Day was held, this was the 21st May, 1983. However, 33 chaps went up to Blackheath on the bus with another six going by car.

It was quite an experience on the .05 Express and to Howard Slee and Tony Andrew, thank you for providing us with a day some of us will never forget. To the Highway Patrol Officer a hearty thank you, also to the Shell Service Station Assistant for supplying the windscreen wiper blade and to those who went up by bus only to return by car, well you missed a great trip home on the Red Devil.

The weather for once was not really good, however this did not deter the keen ones and some good scores were recorded.

Steve Bardwell was victorious with four Birdies and an Eagle, however he just pipped Marty (Personnel) Watts, by a stroke.

Gordon (Judd) Brown in his first game of golf, took out the Bradman — Well don !

Marty (married to a lovely lady) Watts and David (ex-Pres.) Walker won the awards for the closest to the Pin.

Garry (Smiley) Magrath (no relation) won the visitors prize from Ken Shelston and Garry was so overcome by the win he was speechless all the way home.

Following are some of the highlights :

- (i) Junior Beast's shot on the 1st tee.
- (ii) Ken Shelston's reaction to same.
- (iii) Dusty (Rocky) Saunders did not turn up.
- (iv) Warren (Golden Oldie) Bryan's card playing.
- (v) Ray Tuffin's eating habits.
- (vi) No hole-in-one.
- (vii) Sorry Fatty.
- (viii) The tremendous rucking on the bus.
- (ix) Larry Thompson and that lovely red sweater.
- (x) Bob (Gorilla) Bishop's tremendous driving and putting.
- (xi) Alan Thompson speaking and Dave Lewis actually being able to understand.
- (xii) Steve (Beer Hunter) Hansen's general behaviour.
- (xiii) John Hurley did not spit his dummy out all day.
- (xiv) The pathetic handicapping.
- (xv) The foresight shown by Col Dennis, Marty Watts and Ian Blair in opting for a lift home by car (no guts).

- (xvi) The fact that Col Blair did not win.
- (xvii) David Blair's unavailability and our State Treasurer's disappointment.
- (xviii) The novel sanitary arrangements on the .05 Express.
- (xix) Larry and that black sweater.
- (xx) Chang and his unusual humour.

Finally, I would like to once again thank everybody who came and hope to see you all next year.

**DAVID JAMIESON** — P.S. Any defamation suits are to be directed to John Staniforth.

Those present and their handicaps with nett scores :

Steve Bardwell	(21) 57	David Walker	(12) 72
Marty Watts	(31) 58	Larry Thompson	(17) 74
Ian Blair	(33) 64	Ian Richard (Jnr Beast)	(22) 74
Barry Cardwell	(13) 65	Peter Wallace	(28) 75
Noel Young	(31) 66	Col Blair	(29) 75
Col Dennis	(30) 68	Garry Pearoe	(34) 77
Geoff Moss	(27) 68	Bob Stephenson	(30) 79
Craig Hickey	(32) 68	J. Stark	(24) 82
Arthur Chipperfield	(20) 70	Alan Thompson	(31) 84
Steve Hansen	(28) 71	David Lewis	(36) 84
Gavin McDonald	(24) 71	John Hurley	(32) 85
Richard Tregeagle	(27) 71	Gordon Brown	(33) 91
Bob Bishop	(34) 72		

Ray Tuffin, Warren Bryan, Rod Smith and myself opted for the dryness of the Clubhouse.

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## 1983 N.S.W. OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Once again the Briars have participated in the running of the N.S.W. Open and once again it has been a raging success.

Our fourth consecutive year of involvement has earnt the club a further \$6,300.00, a result all of those who took part, can be justifiably proud of.

A large number of people deserve special thanks on behalf of the whole club: Firstly, all those members and friends (over 140 people in total) who contributed some of their valuable time to our effort. Secondly, those people who assisted with phone committee, food organisation and the 1001 other jobs that must be done, and thirdly, Greg McPhee for putting it all together and making the event the success it was.

The organisers have once again requested our help for the 1984 Tournament, with the promise of more money and the need for more numbers — so please keep late October, 1984 free.

The venue and further details will be advised as soon as they are to hand.

**BOB BISHOP.**

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### **BRIARS SKI LODGE REPORT**

1982 Season turned out to be one that sent Commercial Operators running to their therapist. The snow was poor to an extreme and Thredbo was fortunate that tennis was available as an alternative.

1983 has been more the normal pattern and we had excellent early snow. It was not a large fall but did provide a reasonable season.

The club has now survived 21 years, withstanding some notable crowds and exuberant entertainment in that time. We are planning a further 21 years and possibly 50 years beyond. Items on the agenda include extension of our lease which expires in year 2002. The fire ordinance has been upgraded and we spent some \$18,000 conforming to this regulation. Hopefully the new kitchen will be in by Christmas. The lodge will be painted fully and a new roof and extended carpark are planned. The flat is to be further improved.

It is to be hoped next season is successful. We have remained financially in good shape and should benefit from any future developments in the Village. Summer/Autumn development is now such that the Village is attractive to a wide range of persons not attracted to winter sports.

For bookings contact Andy Clifford.

**ROSS ANSTEY.**

## **HOUSE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 1983**

1983 has seen the completion of one of the longest and most expensive projects in the Club's history — the refurbishing of the Clubrooms.

Major works completed in 1983 included the laying of the floor covering in the games room and the installation of new electrical wiring, switches and metering. Most thanks for seeing these through successfully goes to Philip England, Ian Blair, and one of the Club's newest members, Doug Staniforth.

Also completed was the work necessary to meet the requirements of the Licensing Court. Thanks to John Staniforth for organising the paperwork on this one. Minors may now enter the Clubrooms without the fear of being in moral danger. However, they must be in the company of a responsible, adult member. It is presumed that there may be such members of the Briars.

Many thanks on numerous occasions for their behind the scenes efforts to Bruce Ferguson, Greg McPhee and Ray Tuffin. Bruce and family have sought greener pastures up north, we wish them all the best.

Last, but by no means least, my gratitude to the vast majority of members who willingly responded to numerous requests for assistance around the Club.

By the time this report is presented, new facilities will be installed in the games room. Also, much of the Club's memorabilia will be on more prominent display.

One of the more disappointing things is that in the past few seasons the members of the Briars, participating in the Club's team sports, have won several of those elusive premier-ships. However, no team photograph was ever taken. Considering all the effort that goes into winning a pennant, I would expect no member to let the opportunity slip to gain rare recognition and immortality, by being in the team photo hanging on the walls of the Briars.

**DAVID LEWIS.**

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## **SENIOR STEWARDS REPORT**

With the new bar in operation for a full year, the Senior Stewards job was made a lot

easier, and the soft drinks dispenser, replaced at the end of the financial year, the bar can now handle large crowds efficiently as was shown on the Golden Oldies night.

Bar Trading turnover decreased for the year but the profit percentage increased which was due to two factors:

- (a) better equipment, and
- (b) regular bar stewards, although this area still can be improved greatly by members offering their services.

Many thanks to Kim Piefke, Ray Tuffin, John Elton and wife and Friday night guest spots, Craig Hickey, Rod Smith, David Blair, Greg McPhee and David Lewis.

Random Breath Testing was the main factor for the decreased turnover, and to improve this trend, more internal functions must be held by way of encouraging other organisations to use our Club Rooms as well as the members.

I am retiring at the end of this year due to a move to the country and would like to thank all those who helped me over the past two years — do not forget we are lucky to have licensed premises, let's use them.

**BRUCE FERGUSON.**

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## **PERSONNEL REPORT**

This year, being my first as Personnel Chairman, has been reasonably successful with 29 new members joining the club. Whilst being satisfied with these results, a problem still exists in that there are still people participating in the four sports who are still not members of the Club. I shall endeavour in the coming twelve months, with the help of the sporting chairmen, to rectify this problem. It is also my desire to convince members, especially the new members, to become active in more than one sport.

**MARTIN WATTS.**

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## **'FOCUS' — 1983**

1983 saw Focus published five times, each edition containing at least some advertising. Each publication contained reports from the Sporting Chairmen, news from the Club's Management, classifieds, and a number of regular and irregular articles. During the year, Focus has had pleasure in informing club members about much good news and at times some bad news. Nevertheless, Focus' main function is information dissemination, and we do hope, we have in some way, achieved this. One disappointment to me, is that we have not been able to reintroduce our 'in profile series', this year — perhaps next year. However, in order to produce our magazine a number of people must be thanked:

Advertising	—	<b>Col Dennis</b>
Cricket Chairman	—	<b>Bill Hooker</b>
Rugby Chairman	—	<b>Graeme Johnson</b>
Squash Chairman	—	<b>Grant Heggarty</b>
Hockey Chairman	—	<b>Nigel Sterry</b>
News from Committee	—	<b>Craig Hickey</b>
Here and There	—	<b>Rod Smith</b> and other club characters)
Heard These	—	<b>Warren Bryan</b>
Sports Quiz	—	<b>Paul Bevins</b>
Crossword	—	<b>Phil England</b>

Thanks also, to all those who sent an article or a letter. One must not forget our advertisers. Thanks to all those members who have in this very valuable way aided in the publication of our Club's tabloid.

**GREG McPHEE.**

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## **ADMINISTRATION**

Both Board and the Management Committee met on 12 occasions during the period 1st October, 1983 to 30th September, 1983. Attendance by members was as follows:—

**BOARD —**

I. Blair	12	
J. Edmonds	9	
R. Crookes	6	Resigned March, 1983
K. Wearne	6	Resigned March, 1983
M. Mathews	11	Leave of Absence 1 meeting
C. Walker	6	Appointed March, 1983
C. Dennis	7	Appointed March, 1983
P. Mansford	6	
C. Hickey	12	
J. Staniforth	12	
I. Richard	11	Leave of Absence 1 meeting

**MANAGEMENT —**

J. H. Edmonds	4	Resigned March, 1983
I. G. S. Blair	8	Appointed March, 1983
C. Hickey	12	
D. Blair	11	Leave of Absence 1 meeting
R. Bishop	6	Resigned July, 1983
D. Lewis	8	Leave of Absence 2 meetings
G. Johnson	11	Leave of Absence 1 meeting
B. Ferguson	7	
W. Hooker	12	
R. Streeter	4	Resigned January, 1983
R. Stephenson	1	Resigned December, 1982
G. McPhee	9	Leave of Absence 1 meeting
A. Krallis	2	Resigned December, 1982
G. Heggarty	7	Appointed December, 1982
N. Sterry	8	Appointed January, 1983
M. Watts	1	Appointed July, 1983.

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**J. H. STONE TROPHY**

The 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 who has made an outstanding contribution to the Club's welfare during the year. This year the trophy has been won by Neil Quinlan. Neil is a rugby player and carries out the most important function of Assistant Treasurer. Congratulations Neil.

## 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 as follows:—

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

This trophy is won by Bill Hooker. Mr. Modesty Hooker is the Cricket Chairman and his leadership qualities are obvious when the results of cricket are as outstanding as they are currently. Well done, Billy Ducker.

## 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	—	<u>10 points</u>
		100 points

Peter Dunlop is the winner of this trophy. Peter's enthusiasm as a Kentwell Cup Player and as football captain were contributing factors in the football season success. Challenging Rex Mossop as a speechmaker. Good on you, Peter.

### **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
	<u>100 points</u>

This appears to be the Hockey Chairman's trophy, although this year's winner, Nigel Sterry, certainly deserves this honour. Nigel's job has been a hard one, carried out well.

### **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
Keeness as a player	— 20 points
Improvement as a player	— 15 points
Conduct on squash court	— 15 points
neatness of dress	— 10 points
	<u>100 points</u>

Brian Douglas is this year's winner. Brian's squash has improved with every competition and this year was Treasurer for Squash. Congratulations, Brian.

## **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.

The dominance of the Price takeover continues. Paul Price has once again won this trophy. Well done, Paul, an outstanding effort.

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## **ADDENDUM**

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

**I. G. S. Blair**  
**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.

**I. G. S. Blair**  
**President.**

**C. R. Hickey**  
**Hon. Executive Officer.**

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# **THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER, 1983**

Your Directors submit herewith their Report with respect to the Profit and Loss Statement of the Company for the year and the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the year.

The Directors in office at the date of the report are:

I. G. S. Blair (Chairman)	C. K. Dennis
J. H. Edmonds	J. F. Crockart
J. Staniforth	R. I. Richard
C. D. Walker	P. Mansford

The excess of Income over Expenditure for the year amounted to \$8,045 (1982 \$7,833).

The principal activity of the Company during the course of the financial year consisted of promoting and playing amateur sport.

There was no significant change in the nature of that activity during the year.

During the year an amount of \$2,000 was transferred to provision for deferred maintenance. Apart from the foregoing there were no material transfers to or from reserves or provisions during the financial year.

No shares or debentures were issued during the year.

Before making out the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet of the Company, your Directors took 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 to cause all known bad debts to be written off and adequate provision, where necessary, to be made for doubtful debts.

At the date of this Report your Directors are not aware of any circumstances which would render the amount written off for bad debts or the amount provided for doubtful debts inadequate to any material extent.

Before making out the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet the Directors took reasonable steps to ascertain whether any current assets other than debtors were unlikely to realise in the ordinary course of business their value as shown in the accounting records of the Company. Where necessary the Directors have caused the assets to be written down to an amount that they might be expected so to realise or have made adequate provision

for the difference between the value shown in the accounts and the amount they might be expected so to realise.

At the date of the Report the Directors are not aware of any circumstances that would render the values attributed to current assets in the accounts misleading.

At the date of this Report there is no charge on the assets of the Company which has arisen since the end of the financial year to secure the liability of any other person.

No contingent liability has arisen between the end of the financial year and the date of this Report.

No contingent or other liability has become enforceable, or is likely to become enforceable, within the period of twelve months after the end of the financial year which, in the opinion of the Directors, will or may substantially affect the ability of the Company to meet its obligations as and when they fall due.

At the date of this Report your Directors are not aware of any circumstances not otherwise dealt with in the Report or Accounts which would render any amount stated in the accounts misleading.

The results of the Company's operations during the year were not, in the opinion of the Directors, substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature.

In the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this Report no item, transaction or event of a material or unusual nature has arisen which is likely, in the opinion of the Directors to affect substantially the results of the Company's operations for the next succeeding financial year.

Since the end of the previous financial year, no Director has received or become entitled to receive any benefit other than emoluments reported in the accounts by reason of a contract between the Company and himself, his firm or a company in which he has a substantial financial interest.

**Directors:** Messrs. I. G. Blair, R. I. Richard and J. F. Crockart retire in accordance with the Articles of Association and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

and in accordance with its resolutions

I. G. S. Blair — Director

Dated at Sydney this 14th day of  
November, 1983.

R. I. Richard — Director

**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1983**

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1982</u>
<b>RESERVES AND ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT</b>		
General Reserve	<u>\$19327</u>	<u>\$19327</u>
<b>ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT</b>		
Balance 30/9/82	76859	69026
ADD: Profit year ended 30/9/83	<u>8045</u>	<u>7833</u>
Total Accumulated Earnings	<u>\$84904</u>	<u>\$76859</u>
Total Reserves and Accumulated Earnings	<u>\$104231</u>	<u>\$96186</u>
This is represented by:		
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Land and Buildings (Note 4)	23811	24187
Fittings, Furniture, Air Conditioner, Cash Register, Carpet and Vinyl Floor (Note 5)	<u>26212</u>	<u>31476</u>
	<u>\$50023</u>	<u>\$55663</u>
<b>INVESTMENTS</b> (Note 6)	53300	20059
Trust Funds (Note 7)	<u>2322</u>	<u>2134</u>
	<u>\$55622</u>	<u>\$22193</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Stock at lower cost or market value	4902	4345
Prepayments	4661	3275
Debtors	600	32303
Cash at Bank	4270	—
Cash on Hand	<u>260</u>	<u>260</u>
	<u>\$14693</u>	<u>\$40183</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$120338</u>	<u>\$118039</u>
<b>LESS: LIABILITIES</b>		
Trust Funds (Note 7)	<u>\$2322</u>	<u>\$2134</u>
<b>Debentures &amp; Gifts</b>		
5% Debentures maturing 30th September, 1991	1200	1200
Interest Free Debentures maturing 30th September, 1991	<u>2500</u>	<u>2500</u>
	<u>\$3700</u>	<u>\$3700</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Provision for Deferred Maintenance	2000	—
Bank Overdraft	—	323
Trade Creditors and Accruals	3059	8684
Subscriptions paid in advance	3526	5512
Provision for Sport Development	<u>1500</u>	<u>1500</u>
	<u>\$10085</u>	<u>\$16019</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$16107</u>	<u>\$21853</u>
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	<u>\$104231</u>	<u>\$96186</u>



**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
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**BAR TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1983**

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1982</u>
<b>BAR RECEIPTS</b>		
Sales	33759	38658
LESS: Cost of Sales	<u>21391</u>	<u>27744</u>
Gross Bar Profit	<u>\$12368</u>	<u>\$10914</u>
<b>LESS: BAR OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Liquor Licence	1770	1632
Bar Expenses & Maintenance	674	882
Depreciation of Bar Equipment	1370	360
Assets Scrapped	<u>—</u>	<u>485</u>
	<u>\$3814</u>	<u>\$3359</u>
Bar Trading Profit	<u>\$8554</u>	<u>\$7555</u>
<b>ADD: INCOME FROM</b>		
Property Rents	16691	12690
Members' Subscriptions	7529	6578
Interest Received	5173	7413
Surplus on Social Activities	—	354
N.S.W. Open Golf Championship	3044	3000
Sundry Income	—	63
Net Surplus Sporting Activities (Note 3)	<u>1185</u>	<u>—</u>
Gross Income	<u>\$42176</u>	<u>\$37653</u>
<b>LESS: OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Administration and Club Room Expenses (Note 1)	20262	20213
Property Expenses (Note 2)	5133	5360
Net Cost of Sporting Activities (Note 3)	—	1793
Depreciation of Furniture, Fittings, Air Conditioner, Cash Register, Carpet and Vinyl Floor	5996	1756
Loss on Social Activities	240	—
Assets Scrapped	—	698
Tour Subsidy	<u>500</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>\$32131</u>	<u>\$29820</u>
<b>OPERATING PROFIT</b>	10045	7833
<b>Less:</b>		
Transfer to Provision for Deferred Maintenance	<u>2000</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>SURPLUS FOR YEAR TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT</b>	<u>\$8045</u>	<u>\$7833</u>

**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**  
**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1983 ACCOUNTS**

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1982</u>
<b>1. ADMINISTRATION AND CLUB ROOM EXPENSES</b>		
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	11222	11766
Stationery, Postage, Telephone & Bank Charges	1455	2070
Lighting and Heating	2425	1979
Annual Reports	1797	2040
Insurance	1110	921
Billiards and Table Tennis	171	44
Focus	1172	628
Donations and Presentations	135	163
General Expenses	775	602
	<u>\$20262</u>	<u>\$20213</u>
<b>2. PROPERTY EXPENSES</b>		
Insurance	2087	2540
Rates	2670	2444
Depreciation of Buildings	376	376
	<u>\$5133</u>	<u>\$5360</u>
<b>3. NET COST OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Hockey:</b>		
Ground Hire, Gear, etc.	3074	4204
LESS: Received from Players	<u>2371</u>	<u>4141</u>
Net <u>Cost</u> of Hockey	<u>\$703</u>	<u>\$ 63</u>
<b>Cricket:</b>		
Ground Hire, Gear, etc.	5338	3752
LESS: Received from Players	<u>5389</u>	<u>3070</u>
Net <u>Surplus</u> Cricket	<u>\$ 51</u>	<u>\$(682)</u>
<b>Football:</b>		
Ground Hire, Gear, etc.	6717	3233
LESS: Received from Players	<u>7220</u>	<u>3116</u>
Net <u>Surplus</u> Football	<u>\$503</u>	<u>\$(117)</u>
<b>Squash:</b>		
Court Hire, Gear, etc.	4077	6050
LESS: Received from Players	<u>5411</u>	<u>5119</u>
Net <u>Surplus</u> Squash	<u>\$1334</u>	<u>\$(931)</u>
<b>NET SURPLUS SPORTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<u><u>\$1185</u></u>	<u><u>\$(1793)</u></u>

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	<u>1983</u>	<u>1982</u>
<b>4. LAND AND BUILDINGS</b>		
At Cost	28772	28772
LESS: Provision for Depreciation	<u>4961</u>	<u>4585</u>
	<u>\$23811</u>	<u>\$24187</u>
<b>5. FURNITURE AND FITTINGS</b>		
At Cost	36048	33946
LESS: Provision for Depreciation	<u>9836</u>	<u>2470</u>
	<u>\$26212</u>	<u>\$31476</u>
<b>6. INVESTMENTS</b>		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies At Cost	20000	2000
Government Bonds at Cost	8000	1000
Deposits — 30 Days' Notice	5000	—
Deposits — At Call	<u>20300</u>	<u>17059</u>
	<u>\$53300</u>	<u>\$20059</u>
<b>7. TRUST FUNDS</b>		
R. J. Thompson 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 Thompson).		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies	700	700
Cash at Bank	<u>461</u>	<u>367</u>
	<u>\$1161</u>	<u>\$1067</u>
J. Sheehan Sporting Scholarship:		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies	700	700
Cash at Bank	<u>461</u>	<u>367</u>
	<u>\$1161</u>	<u>\$1067</u>

## **NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1983 ACCOUNTS (Contd.)**

### **8. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting practices adopted by the Company are in accord with the accounting standard required by the Australian Accounting Bodies and/or by law. The accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical costs and do not take into account changing money values.

### **9. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **(a) Depreciation of Fixed Assets**

Depreciable assets are written off by the diminishing value method over their estimated useful lives.

#### **(b) Basis of Preparation of Accounts**

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the convention of historical cost accounting as practiced in Australia.

**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**

**DIRECTORS' STATEMENT**

**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER, 1983**

In the opinion of the Directors:

- (a) The attached Profit and Loss Statement for the year ended 30 September, 1983 is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the Profit and Loss of the Company for the financial period; and
- (b) The attached Balance Sheet as at 30 September, 1983 is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at that date.
- (c) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

and in accordance with its resolutions

.....  
I. G. S. Blair - Director

.....  
R. I. Richard - Director

Dated at Sydney this 14th day of  
November, 1983.

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**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

In my opinion:

- (a) the accompanying accounts are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Companies (New South Wales) Code and so as to give a true and fair view of:
  - (i) the state of affairs of the company as at 30th September, 1983 and of the profit of the company for the year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) the other matters required by Section 269 of that Code to be dealt with in the accounts;
- (b) the accounting records and other records, and the registers required by that Code to be kept by the company have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions of that Code.

DATED at Sydney this 14th  
day of November, 1983.

**C. G. Jones**  
**Chartered Accountant.**

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED  
Municipal and Shire 'B' Grade Premiers 1982-1983



**BACK ROW:** R. J. TREGEAGLE, A. LAX, W. F. HOOKER, I. G. S. BLAIR (President), K. HOLLEY,  
R. M. STREETER, D. TREWIN

**FRONT ROW:** A. FARINOLA, P. MANSFORD, K. PRICE, P. D. RICHARDSON (Captain), D. YOUNG,  
C. SMITH, C. ORLANDO

## **ROBERT BRUCE CLARK — OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIP**

During the year Bob Clark established an Annual Scholarship for a young member of the Briars, to undertake a standard course conducted by Outward Bound Australia. The full cost of the course will be paid for by Bob Clark during his lifetime. This year's Scholarship has been awarded to **David** Garritty, who has been a member for two years and is currently captain of Kentwell Cup. David is a 3rd year Physical Education student and will be attending the course in early January.

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