

66th ANNUAL REPORT
AND
BALANCE SHEET
1983 — 1984

The Briars
Sporting Club Limited
Burwood



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Presented to members at the Club Rooms
30A George Street, Burwood,
on Friday, 7th December, 1984

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H. W. WHIDDON	1926-1928
E. J. SIDDELEY	1928-1929
R. W. MAY	1929-1931
E. J. SIDDELEY	1931-1932
H. W. WHIDDON	1932-1933
R. G. HERFORD	1933-1935
J. E. HOLMES	1935-1936
R. W. MAY	1936-1939
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your Board of Directors and Management Committee present for consideration and adoption by members, this 66th Annual Report of the Club's activities and the financial position for the year ended 30th September, 1984.

The Club did not win a premiership this year but I am pleased to say that the Club had a good year on the sporting fields and an even better year on the administration side with the future looking most encouraging.

Financially, the Club is sound but turnover reduced slightly compared to last year, due to a full year of the drink driving laws in New South Wales. I am pleased to report that our gross profit on bar sales has increased but there is still room for further improvement. With the introduction of low alcohol beer in September of this year, there has been a 20% increase in the September turnover. This had little effect on the overall turnover for this financial year but is most encouraging for 1984-1985. A problem which must be overcome is regular bar stewards. I would hope in the next few months this can be resolved as it is definitely the answer to attract more trade.

The Sporting Chairmen again financially controlled their sports well and in this day and age, with ever-increasing costs, it is not an easy job. Again, half the proceeds of the N.S.W. Open Golf were directed towards the sports, which helps the Chairmen balance their budgets. While on the N.S.W. Open Golf, the Club raised \$6,300 for our efforts at Concord. Congratulations to Greg McPhee for an outstanding effort in organising Briars' part in the tournament.

A further fund raising effort during the year was the delivery of telephone books. The Club raised \$5,200 which was allocated in full to the sports, on the basis of time put in by each sport. The organising committee of Greg McPhee, Ian Richard and Bill Hooker are commended on a job well done.

The Club rooms are in excellent condition, with the last major repair work being carried out during the year; that of re-wiring. For this I thank Ray Tuffin and Doug Staniforth for their tireless efforts in making the Club a pleasant place to meet.

The membership of the Club has increased with a concerted effort by Marty Watts, our Personnel Chairman. The increase is shown below :-

	<u>1983-1984</u>	<u>1982-1983</u>
Full members	345	321
City Associate	50	48
Country	50	49

During the year Board and Management have devised a plan in recruiting juniors to the Club from schools within the area. This plan will come into effect in 1984—1985. It will consist of literature being prepared and Club representatives attending schools. Junior sides can then be set up which would then feed into our senior sides. This is a large project and you will notice in the accounts an amount set aside for this purpose.

A major discussion during the year was the introduction of another major sport. The Board felt that the Club should encourage other team sports and after intensive research, the Board felt that Basketball was most compatible. I wish Steve Schomberg and his men every success in the following years.

A Briars Tennis Day was revived after many years and was held at the Concord Tennis Courts. Sixty members, friends, wives and girlfriends attended making it a most enjoyable Sunday afternoon. Phil England was the convenor and is congratulated on putting forward the idea.

The sports, as mentioned, did not win a premiership in any grade but I am pleased to see the improvement in Hockey, especially in the junior area. A tremendous amount of time has been put in by Robert Wood and Paul Huggett for which I am sure the Club will benefit in the next few years.

Cricket again, under the leadership of Bill Hooker had a most successful season; the B's and C's making the finals. In particular, C grade, under the captaincy of Peter Lucas, for their fine effort all season, who upset all the fancied teams to make the finals.

Rugby did not have a good season, falling into the relegation zone. Numbers were good and a fifth grade side was formed but the Club must attract more quality players, so that we stay in the Kentwell Cup Division.

Squash was the biggest disappointment of all sports. For the first time in many years a premiership was not won and our playing strength has declined to four sides. Squash must improve its administration, otherwise it will be non-existent by next year.

The internal running of the Club is a most important function and four members who have given excellent service, Greg McPhee — Focus; David Lewis — House; David Blair — Assistant Executive Officer and Neil Quinlan — Assistant Treasurer, have retired or moved out of Sydney. Thanks fellows, for jobs well done.

The social scene was low key and more effort must be made to hold functions in our Club rooms. The Annual Dinner again was a success, with record numbers attending.

The most pleasing aspect of this year was the effort put in by both Board and Management. Changes during the year to Management brought in new ideas and enthusiasm to get things

done, which leads to a healthier Club. Board responded well to this enthusiasm and gave good support to Management.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the efforts of Ted Stockdale during the year. Ted retired from Board and Honorary Executive Officer a few years ago after many years of loyal service to the Club, but is always on hand when you need someone to help solve problems which arise regularly – thanks, Ted.

In my absence whilst overseas, I would like to thank Ian Richard for being Chairman of the Board and Management and doing an excellent job.

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

Burwood and Concord Councils

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 competition available:—

Sydney Rugby Union
Sydney Suburban Rugby Union
Sydney Hockey Association
Sydney Hockey Umpires' Association

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

IAN BLAIR,
President.

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CRICKET REPORT

1983 — 1984 Season

At the outset of the Cricket Season there was an air of confidence around 30a George Street that we were about to embark upon our most successful season. Still living off the pleasures of success from the previous season, we were somewhat over-confident that the sky was the limit.

However, as the last piece of equipment was locked away for its winter hibernation, we looked back on the season with an air of disappointment. The 1983—84 year did not live up to those early season expectations, and yet, on reflection, the season could have been our best yet. We had the players and experience in all grades to win Premierships but were unable to put in 100% effort all the time.

After finishing in fourth place, the 'B' and 'C' Shires performed magnificently to reach the Finals, only to be runners-up with the B's letting a certain Premiership slip from their grasp. The C's were forced to a fighting draw, due to a 'wash-out' on the first day. We can be proud of our performance in reaching the Finals and, hopefully, the experience so gained will enable us to be that one better next year.

If ever a team should have won a Premiership it was the A Shires. On paper we had the best bowling and batting in the competition, having steadily built up a young, experienced team for the past couple of seasons. However, through maybe a degree of over-confidence in our ability, we lost games that should have been easily won. To finish in 6th position was disappointing to all associated with Briars Cricket. Again the season was a lesson in experience and the age old adage that "a game is never won until the last ball is bowled", will ring in our minds each game next season.

My thanks go to the Captains — Ian Blair (A Shires), Peter Richardson (B Shires) and Peter Lucas (C Shires), for the hard work and fine leadership they displayed during the season.

To Steve Schomberg, as Chairman of Selectors and Practice Captain, a special thanks for a job well done. The success of Cricket over the past few years is largely due to the tremendous time and effort that Steve has put into the running of well-organised practice, combined with the pressure of ensuring that the best possible teams represent the Club each weekend.

Another mixed season of success was experienced by the City and Suburban Team. All matches had their highlights that only Briars C & S can produce. Col Dennis, once again, did a remarkable job in organising and administering an enjoyable season.

The Croydon—Briars Under 16 team, after experiencing a number of games where we struggled to field a complete side, performed remarkably well to reach the Finals. The organisation and management of the team by David Goss and Robert Flood of the Croydon Club was most appreciated. A greater involvement by Briars' personnel is necessary to ensure the continued success of our Junior sides.

On the social side we again played host to Wagga over the New Year weekend, however, as in the previous year, rain prevented a match being played. The weekend was, as usual, a memorable one and we look forward to the continuation of these annual pilgrimages between Wagga and ourselves. Thanks to Dave Scoble for his help in making this event the success it was.

BBQs, Double Wicket Tournament, Annual S.C.G. game, a 'Colts' game against Wests, and other functions, all helped make the 'Social Season' a highly enjoyable one. To all the Committee my sincere appreciation for the fine support and help given to me during the season.

Since the end of the Season we were greatly saddened by the passing away of Dave Brooks. To all of us associated with Briars and who knew Dave, we found him to be a wonderful friend and inspiration. Apart from his on-field fine performances with our C & S team, Dave actively promoted the Club to young, aspiring cricketers. That 'abundance of youth' that we boast about is due to the dedicated efforts of Dave Brooks.

We will miss Dave and I personally will miss his guidance and help that he has given me since taking on the Cricket Chairmanship. However, in Dave's passing, our resolve will be all that stronger to ensure that we offer the youth of the area the conditions and opportunities whereby they can develop their skills in the friendly atmosphere that Briars can offer.

To that ever faithful band of supporters in Ted Stockdale, Aud Land and Chris Mitchell, a special thanks for your encouragement and assistance. A day at Rothwell wouldn't be the same without these fine Clubmen.

Congratulations to all our opponents for the fine manner in which the same was played. To the following Clubs our congratulations on Premierships well won:

- A Shires (Wentworthville—Blacktown D.C.C.)
- B Shires (Epping D.C.C.)
- C Shires (Strathfield C.C.)
- D Shires (Epping D.C.C.)
- Club Championship (Pennant Hills D.C.C.)

BILL HOOKER
Chairman.

"A" SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1983-1984

This season would have to go down as the most disappointing as far as results were concerned. The team came 6th, only two points away from 4th in a very tight competition.

We did not capitalise on our good start, as we lost three games in a row in the middle of the season and due to rain interfering on three other occasions, where the side was in an excellent position to win a place in the semi-finals was lost.

The side was virtually the same as the previous season that performed so well and we probably became a little complacent knowing that we could win enough games to make the semi's. When the 'wheel' was replaced, it was too late to make up lost ground.

The side showed its character and strength by winning the round-robin matches at the end of the season by convincing margins which all goes well for next season. In one game against Epping, the side scored 259 runs in 40 overs and then dismissed Epping for 74.

The team was again strong in the bowling department but it was our batting that let us down on a couple of occasions when we were only chasing small totals. The fielding was good all year with some fine catches taken. Memorable games were against Lane Cove, where we forfeited our second innings, leaving the opposition to score 170 runs in one hour and a half and twenty overs, and won by 50 runs, and the Epping game mentioned above.

Practice was not fully utilised by the team and as mentioned in previous reports, if players do not attend training, it definitely shows up on Saturdays — many thanks to Steve Schomberg for an excellent job in organising the practice for the Club.

The future of the 'A' Shire looks good with many good young cricketers in the side and lower grades. In one game when the captain was out injured, trying to hurdle fences delivering telephone books, the average age of the side was 23, quite amazing for the Club's senior side. Many thanks must go to Stockdale and Mitchell, whose preparation of afternoon tea and advice was appreciated by all.

All in all it was an enjoyable season and I am sure the team will go from strength to strength in the seasons to come.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Wentworthville for winning the 'A' Shire Premiership for 1983-1984.

Ian Blair: (Captain) Did not get as many innings as he would have liked due to injury and rain affected matches. Opened the batting at the end of the season with instant success. Bowled well.

Stuart Irwin: Started the season off well with the bat but runs were hard to come by at the end of the season; might have something to do with practice or lack of it. A talented opening batsman.

Paul Thomas: Paul also started the season off well with the bat but lost form in the middle of the season; kept wickets well during the year but did not get the opportunities to take as many wickets as the previous season. With the slow bowlers not getting many opportunities, he did not make a stumping all season. A talented cricketer.

Gary Schomberg: Gary amassed the most runs in the team with a very consistent performance all year. Although his style is not in the text book, he has an excellent 'eye' and good concentration, something which is needed at No. 3. Took some great catches fielding close in and claimed his first wicket with the Club.

Bart Pozuelo: Had a fine season all round by heading the batting averages and taking the most number of wickets. He and Gary were the backbone of the batting. Bowled well all year with a personal best 8-32 against Auburn. Scored his maiden century with the Club during the year. Fielded well.

Gerrard Price: Gerrard had a good year with both bat and ball. Did not get as many opportunities as he would have liked in both areas but is an excellent team man. His advice on the field was appreciated by the Captain. Fielded brilliantly all year and was rewarded with 14 catches.

Rod Smith: A late start to the season due to Rugby commitments but soon made his presence felt with two fine innings against Canterbury and Wenty respectively. Bowled well when the opportunity arose.

Steve Schomberg: Steve returned to 'A's after a back injury which made him miss the previous season. Bowled well all year without luck. Did not get many chances to show his batting skills.

Matt Appleton: Is turning into an all-rounder with some fine batting performances during the year. Did not bowl as fast as the previous season but bowled well on occasion. Could benefit by attending practice more often.

Greg Wallace: Joined the team halfway through the season and proved to be a good opening bat. A very promising leg spin bowler. Has a good future with the Club.

Richard Tregagle: Also joined the team halfway through the season after a bad Rugby injury and quickly made his presence felt with some fine bowling. Headed the bowling averages. An excellent fieldsman.

Many thanks to David Trewin, Nigel Sterry, David Young (injury), Claudio Orlando and Paul Price who played a number of games in the 'A' Shires during the year.

IAN BLAIR

'A' SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Lost O/R	Won 1st	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
16	1	—	7	4	4	40	6th

Runs for	Wickets for	Average	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average
2704	102	16.9	2504	148	26.5

BATTING (x Not Out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest	50's	Aggregate	Average	Catches
B. Pozuelo	16	5	102 x	3	431	39.2	9
G. Schomberg	16	3	88	3	496	38.2	8
G. Price	13	6	74 x	1	231	33.0	14
M. Appleton	7	2	47 x	—	131	26.2	5
I. Blair	9	1	81	2	200	25.0	7
P. Thomas	14	2	61 x	1	286	23.8	13
S. Irwin	14	1	52	1	222	17.1	5
G. Wallace	10	—	51	1	166	16.6	5

Also Batted:

R. Smith	3 for 133	D. Young	3 for 76
D. Trewin	4 for 67	S. Schomberg	4 for 30
R. Tregheagle	2 for 14	D. Baccarini	1 for 7
P. Caruana	3 for 32	N. Sterry	2 for 12
P. Price	4 for 3	C. Orlando	2 for 2

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Avg	Most Wickets in an innings
R. Tregagle	95.4	23	264	18	14.7	5
B. Pozuelo	200.1	51	555	37	15.0	8
S. Schomberg	111.4	37	256	17	15.1	3
N. Sterry	51.0	11	152	10	15.2	3
G. Price	73.1	18	209	12	17.4	3
R. Smith	53.4	12	144	8	18.0	3
M. Appleton	146.0	34	412	22	18.7	5

Also Bowled:

P. Price	6 for 202	D. Trewin	8 for 90
G. Wallace	3 for 47	I. Blair	1 for 10
G. Schomberg	1 for 8	S. Irwin	0 for 5

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"B" SHIRE CRICKET 1983-1984

The 1984 season saw the B's reach the final for the third time in four years, only to be defeated by the narrowest of margins after victory was seemingly well within grasp.

The season itself was particularly disruptive for reasons both of the weather, whereby six complete days were lost, and the composition of the team which saw no less than 25 players representing the team. The principal reason for this high representation resulted from players from the Club's two senior teams being unavailable for a number of reasons, most of which could be said to be within the control of the players' concerned. This in itself is most disappointing, and whilst it had an impact upon the B's, it is not difficult to imagine the lack of stability it causes to the team next in line. The fact that the C's themselves contested the final indeed speaks well of their achievement in difficult circumstances. I trust that this message will provoke stimulation in the thinking of those contemplating unavailability next season.

At the conclusion of the preliminary rounds the team finished equal third (but relegated to fourth behind the other ultimate finalist, Epping, on percentages), 4 points behind the minor premiers, Lindfield. In fact we would have finished minor premiers had we not lost the final game, a limited over fixture, by a 1 run margin. Our task was not helped by the vagaries of the final 2 round random re-draw, wherein we were required to play the teams that finished 2nd and 4th in the previous season, whereas the other three ultimate semi-finalists had a considerably easier path.

Unquestionably the highlight of the season was our dominating semi-final win against Lindfield, who in the course of our earlier meeting comprehensively brought about our defeat. Having won the toss, Lindfield, on an easy batting wicket, were dismissed for a lowly 133 due to some fine bowling by Adam Lax, 3 for 26 (off 20 overs), particularly well supported by David Trewin, David Baccarini and Kevin Holley.

Adopting a positive approach, our top three, Peter Mansford (60), Peter Richardson (25) and Bob Streeter (46), provided a fine start to bring the side to within 2 runs of the target with the loss of only 1 wicket. Despite a minor collapse, David Trewin and Peter Siebels, provided the basis for a final score of 224. Batting a second time, Lindfield reached 7 for 148 at the conclusion of play.

The first day of the final was lost by virtue of the heaviest overnight downpour Sydney had seen for many years. The scene was set on the second Saturday at Epping Oval, with Burwood requiring a win to take out the premiership. The significance of our misfortune in not securing the minor premiership, now assumed some significance. Nevertheless, after winning the toss and asking a very experienced Epping side to bat, our bowlers, despite some

catching lapses, gave us every opportunity to turn the tables by dismissing the opposition for 125 on a wicket that was two-paced.

Nigel Sterry, in taking 5 for 48 off 17 overs, bowled magnificently, being ably supported by Adam Lax (3 for 31) and David Baccarini who captured 2 valuable middle order wickets for 33.

Our openers in reply gave the team a good start with 39 runs, and at 1 for 51 we looked to have the game well within control. However a middle order collapse saw us in trouble at 7 for 81 to be finally all out for 110, losing the last 3 wickets for 3 runs, after an 8th wicket revival.

Despite the disappointing conclusion, the season, despite the earlier mentioned disruptions, can still be termed as highly satisfactory. There can only be one winner and to Epping, our old rivals, go our congratulations.

This report would not be complete without mention of the retirement of two players who in their different ways, have made a significant contribution to Briars Cricket.

Kevin Holley, can best be described as the ultimate competitor. His fierce determination was a trademark established over 25 consecutive years of cricket in both A's and B's. In recent years Kevin has shown a keen interest in the encouragement of young players, initially through his foresight and contribution towards the development of junior cricket, which has been the main factor in the Club's renewed status in the competition, and later through his experience and advice on the field.

Kevin Price came to the Club in the twilight of his career, during which period he gave clear evidence as to the skills which must have been in evidence in his earlier days. His experience and commitment contributed much to the Club's resurgence in recent years.

It has been a pleasure indeed to have been associated with two such fine players and Club men as Kevin Holley and Kevin Price, and I would like to place on record my appreciation for their commitment and support over recent years.

Thanks also to Bill Hooker for his tireless efforts behind the scenes, to my fellow selectors and to our small group of supporters, particularly Ted Stockdale and Chris Mitchell, who appeared regularly at our games and assisted with the afternoon teas.

The principal participants for the team this season were:—

PETER RICHARDSON (Captain) — Apart from 2 innings of 79 and 52, and his contribution together with Peter Mansford to get the side away to good starts in both the semi-final and final, lacked the consistency of previous seasons. In an otherwise safe fielding

exhibition, missed a couple of slips chances in the final. Once again thoroughly enjoyed the experience and privilege of leading the side.

PETER MANSFORD — On five occasions this season Peter was dismissed before the team's score passed 6, a most uncharacteristic statistic for one of the Club's most consistent opening batsmen in recent years — needless to say in not one of his remaining 10 innings, did his wicket fall before the score was 25. His experience, temperament and ability to withstand the pressure of the end of season big games was particularly well exemplified for the second succeeding year with scores of 60 and 25 in the semi-final and final respectively.

BOB STREETER — The inevitable conflict posed by Bob's penchant to seek every opportunity, both to score runs and attend weddings, saw the former suffer somewhat at the expense of the latter. Nevertheless, on the occasions he was available to the B's, the stability provided to the side by his batting, was significant; no better evidenced than in the semi-final when he joined Peter Mansford in an 83-run partnership to pave the way for victory. It is hoped that Bob's unavailability early next season due to work commitments will not be prolonged.

PAUL PRICE — Rejoined the B's after a season and a half in the higher grade. Bowled economically if not with much success. After a couple of seasons languishing at the tail of the batting order, was given the opportunity of elevation to number 4 on the list for the last 3 games, where he showed definite promise. Given the confidence which will come with success, he should develop into a very competent all-rounder.

ANDREW MACKY — A newcomer to the Club, Andrew's appearances in the B's were restricted due to an extended period of unavailability in mid-season. A sign of his ability and potential is evidenced in the time he appears to have to play his shots, together with the effortless timing execution.

STEVE STAPELFELDT — A player of undoubted natural ability, together with power and timing. A propensity for the lofted drive has and will continue to lead to his downfall unless he can temper his desire to score boundaries for the occasional judicious placement of shots for 1's and 2's. Perhaps the strategy could best be encouraged together with a program designed towards achieving a higher level of general fitness. With a greater commitment to the game, the scope to convert his potential is unlimited.

DAVID BACCARINI — Selected initially as a batsman, by the end of the season David had developed into a more than useful change bowler. His economical approach, good line and ability to deceptively move the ball off the wicket, served the team well, particularly in the semi-final and final. Showed good anticipation and speed in the covers with a good throwing arm. Played some innings of note when able to get away to a confident start. A good team man.

PETER SIEBELS – Another whose unavailability during the early part of the season restricted his appearances in the B's. However, once established, Peter's lower order batting with 5 completed innings at an average of 48, added much depth to the side. A useful change bowler although was affected by a nagging back injury late in the season. Peter has been a most welcome addition to the Club, and will assuredly make his name in a higher grade.

DAVID TREWIN – Returned to the B's for the last seven games after starting the season in the A's. Because of limited opportunities did not quite attain the same form with the bat as was shown in the early part of the previous season. An aggressive and determined bowler, operated with a much improved line towards the end of the season.

CLAUDIO ORLANDO – Claudio's keeping was consistently good throughout the season, with glimpses of brilliance at times, particularly some of his leg-side stumpings. In most other Clubs, Claudio would be a regular A grade keeper, such is the wicket-keeping strength the Club once again has the good fortune to possess. His batting did not realise its full potential, having developed a vulnerability outside the off-stump, which should not be difficult to remedy.

KEVIN HOLLEY – Turned in another wholehearted performance in this, his final season, and was bitterly disappointed in not going out with a second successive premiership. Provided the necessary variation to the bowling attack, with an attacking yet economical approach. Very good season at second slip where he secured most catches with 14. Because of the overall strength in the batting line-up, seldom did Kevin have the opportunity to show his wares.

ADAM LAX – Bowled consistently well throughout the season, particularly in the latter stages, where the big games seemed to bring out the best in Adam. Although he played in 11 games it was not until the final that he scored his first run of the season. Took a couple of fine catches, particularly one he still talks about against Bexley.

NIGEL STERRY – In his restricted appearances in the B's, bowled with his usual immaculate line and length. His 5 for 48 in the final was a fine effort, enough to set up a chance for victory which was sadly not realised.

STEVE SCHOMBERG – In the course of a well-deserved return to the top grade, after a constricting back injury, played 6 games, during which he performed to his usual high standard with both bat and ball. Through his competitive Club spirit, was a fine example to the team.

Also appearing for the side during the season were Peter Caruana (7), Paul Mattick (4), Kevin Price (4), Anthony Ferinola (3), Craig Smith (3), Rod Smith (3), Greg Wallace (2), Richard

Tregeagle (2), Peter Wallace (2), Stuart Irwin (2) and Paul Thomas (1). The one appearance of Paul Thomas saw a dominating 106 not out against Auburn on a wicket that was not conducive to good batting.

"B" SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
15	2	5	5	3	50	2nd

Runs for	Wickets for	Average	Runs against	Wickets against	Average
2592	119	21.78	2702	171	15.80

BATTING (x Not Out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	50's	Aggregate	Average	Catches
P. Siebels	6	1	77*	1	240	48.0	2
S. Stapelfeldt	6	2	57	1	139	34.8	4
A. Macky	8	4	44*	—	124	31.0	1
R. Streeter	10	2	61	1	210	26.3	2
D. Baccarini	13	2	45	—	213	19.4	8
D. Trewin	7	1	46	—	110	18.3	2
P. Mansford	15	1	60	1	255	18.2	3
P. Richardson	18	1	79	2	273	16.1	5C/1S
K. Holley	9	2	39*	—	112	16.0	14

Also Batted:

		Catches		Catches	
P. Thomas	2 for 118	2C/1S	P. Mattick	4 for 25	4
S. Irwin	1 for 65	2	P Price	6 for 40	4
R. Smith	1 for 34	—	N. Sterry	3 for 10	—
G. Wallace	3 for 93	—	K. Price	1 for 28	2
S. Schomberg	5 for 84	2	P. Wallace	1 for 10	1
A. Farinola	3 for 41	1	C. Smith	1 for 3	1
P. Caruana	7 for 83	1	A. Lax	5 for 1	6
C. Orlando	12 for 101	18C/6S	R. Tregeagle	—	2

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
N. Sterry	51.3	8	153	12	12.7
S. Schomberg	125	36	297	23	12.9
K. Holley	111.4	27	290	19	15.3
A. Lax	210.1	47	566	37	15.3
D. Baccarini	102	29	281	17	16.5
D. Trewin	64.2	13	182	11	16.5

Also Bowled:

R. Tregaeagle	13 for 71	P. Price	5 for 162
R. Wallace	4 for 56	G. Wallace	3 for 100
C. Smith	4 for 64	K. Price	3 for 125
P. Siebels	8 for 159	A. Macky	0 for 10

PETER RICHARDSON

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"C" SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1983-1984

What a season ! The side lost two and drew two of its first five matches. Not a great start to the season considering we had to play the undefeated Warringah in the sixth round.

With six key players either unavailable or in B's for the Warringah match, the side was not finalised until Saturday morning with Bill Hooker coming out of retirement and Richard Tregear coming back from injury early. The team bowled and fielded magnificently to dismiss Warringah for 64 and 116. Despite a very thin batting side we managed to gain outright points. Had our fortunes changed ?

The side was not to lose another match before the semis. Five first innings victories and two draws saw us finish in fourth position. This was a remarkable effort considering we did not field the same side in any two matches. In fact, in several matches, we started the match with only nine or ten players.

So the semi-final saw us playing the minor premiers Epping 1; what a semi-final it was to be. After winning the toss and electing to bat we soon collapsed to be 7-42. Then Alan Thompson joined Gary Holmes, who had not played since round 5. This pair shared a magnificent eighth wicket partnership of 107 (G. Holmes 76 and A. Thompson 47*) to put some respectability in their score. We were finally out for 162. Epping only needing a draw ended the first day at 7-167. After a brisk start their batsmen went on the defensive against the spin bowling of Michael Clarke. Michael finished with 4-40 off 22 overs without conceding a boundary.

Things looked bleak but we still had a full day's play. Peter Wallace and Steve Stapelfeldt quickly wrapped up the last 3 Epping wickets, leaving us with a deficit of 12 runs on the first innings. We were all out for 160 mid-afternoon. Paul Mattick hitting a fine 46 and Alan Thompson a quick 20, including one enormous six. Needing 149 for victory, Epping were 0-34 shortly before tea. However, we came back with 3 quick wickets before tea. The final session saw a nail-biting finish. In the end we ran out victors by 35 runs.

So to Hudson Park for the final against Strathfield. Unfortunately, the first day was washed out.

The second day saw a nice sunny day. We won the toss and invited Strathfield to bat. An early wicket boosted our confidence. However, a tedious second wicket partnership of 71 saw our early elation turn to frustration. The early life in the wicket disappeared quickly, leaving a dead track. On the lifeless wicket we found wickets difficult to come by. Strathfield were finally all out for 270, leaving us just 19 overs to score the runs. In

the end we finished at 1-76. Needing only to draw, Strathfield were thus premiers and we had to settle on being runners-up. A disappointing finish but congratulations to Strathfield.

But, in conclusion, the "C" Shires had a very successful season, particularly when you consider we used 30 players during the season.

I must thank all the players for the support and effort during my first season as captain. In particular, I would like to thank Bill Hooker, Steve Schomberg, Peter Richardson and Ian Blair for their help.

Peter Lucas: Had a disappointing season with the bat.

Herman Hipiteuw (V-Capt.) (Wkt): Had a mixed season. Showed fine form with the bat against Wentworthville at Westmead. One of the most likeable fellows playing the game.

Paul Mattick: Scored a lot of runs after returning from the B's. Magnificent fieldsman and awkward bowler to handle at the Bay.

Peter Wallace: Scored the most runs; took most wickets and most catches outside the keeper. Not a bad season.

Alan Thompson: Bowled consistently throughout the year. Would help team mates if he could speak English.

Michael Clarke: Missed early part of season because of H.S.C. Showed great improvement during the year. Those few who witnessed his magnificent innings against Wentworthville (3*), still talk about it.

Craig Smith: Invaluable member of side who would bowl all day if required. Unfortunately, missed a number of games due to an overseas football trip.

Wayne Broun: Unluckiest batsman in the team. Scored a well deserved 48* in the final.

Stephen Staplefeldt: Fine all-round cricketer. Played B's during the year and should be regular in higher grades next season. One of the hardest hitters of a ball in the Club.

Stuart Lind: One of the most enthusiastic members of the Club. More players should try to emulate his attendance record at practice.

Peter Caruana: Came down from B's late in the season obviously lacking confidence. Took some memorable catches.

Andrew Mackay: Another new boy to the Club who looks to have a fine future ahead of him.

Anthony Farinola: Missed number of games because of H.S.C. Went up and down between B's and C's. Need to make himself available for entire season.

Thanks also to J. Drayton, G. Holmes, W. Hooker, R. Treggeagle, A. Lax, R. Streeter, R. Smith, N. Dimias, P. Godsell, H. Harpinski, A. Kanaan, G. Crofts, P. Siebels, R. Morrisey, G. Salmon, A. Boyce, G. Lippiatt.

PETER LUCAS

"C" SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won D/R	Won 1st	Lost D/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
15	2	6	—	2	5	54	2nd

Runs for	Wickets for	Average	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average
2268	122	18.59	2879	172	16.74

BATTING (x Not Out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average	Catches
A. Mackay	6	2	81 x	193	48.25	3
P. Mattick	8	1	61	212	30.29	4
P. Siebels	5	1	48 x	96	24.00	2
G. Holmes	6	—	76	133	22.17	2
P. Wallace	12	1	66	227	20.64	10
S. Staplefeldt	7	—	42	139	19.88	5
A. Farinola	6	1	35 x	89	17.80	2
W. Broun	7	1	48 x	106	17.67	1
A. Thompson	10	2	47 x	132	16.50	2
C. Smith	6	2	19	64	16.00	5
P. Lucas	15	1	47	192	13.71	3
P. Caruana	6	—	33	76	12.67	6
J. Drayton	6	—	19	52	8.67	5
H. Hipiteuw	9	3	26	49	8.17	23-2
M. Clarke	6	3	3 x	4	1.33	2

"C" Shire Statistics (Contd.)

Also Batted:	R. Morrisey	4 for 69	P. Godsell	3x for 13
	A. Lax	1x for 50	R. Tregeagle	1x for 12
	W. Hooker	3 for 43	G. Crofts	3 for 9
	R. Streeter	2 for 41	G. Lippiatt	1 for 5
	R. Smith	1 for 35	H. Karpinski	2 for 4
	A. Boyce	1 for 24	A. Kanaan	1x for 1
	S. Lind	3 for 14	G. Salmon	1x for 0
	N. Dimas	3 for 13		

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
C. Smith	143.1	27	275	22	12.50
P. Mattick	149.5	28	339	25	13.56
M. Clarke	72	11	204	14	14.57
P. Wallace	218.1	54	594	37	16.05
A. Thompson	249.4	76	567	31	18.28
S. Staplefeldt	82.2	25	180	9	20.00

Also Bowled:	R. Tregeagle	6 for 35	G. Lippiatt	1 for 11
	A. Boyce	4 for 28	W. Broun	1 for 25
	W. Hooker	3 for 54	R. Smith	1 for 30
	P. Siebels	3 for 128	H. Karpinski	1 for 6
	P. Godsell	2 for 44	S. Lind	0 for 11
	N. Dimas	1 for 8	A. Lax	0 for 26
	A. Farinola	1 for 11	A. Mackay	0 for 29
			G. Salmon	0 for 45
			A. Kanaan	0 for 73

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CITY & SUBURBAN REPORT

SEASON 1983-1984

Despite all previous written comments, the death of David Brooks belongs at the head of this report. Not to expand on the sorrow all of us felt, but simply to signify that David's final contribution to cricket was in the Briars C & S ranks.

By now Brooksy will have found his way into another XI and will be just as well regarded and respected as he was with us.

Statistical aficionados will have noted that we almost broke even for the season, with nine wins out of nineteen. Due to favourable climatic conditions we amassed four (yes 4) more runs than the sum total of our opponents. In any normal competition eighteen points would have secured a place in the semis, but as is well documented, C & S is anything but normal and no further claims can be made.

But moving along, here is a claim that needs urgent consideration by the responsible authorities and (dear reader) don't lethargically move on to some other part of this Annual Report, without serious consideration of the following critical issue. Through a measured balance of capable selection, the C & S avenue provided **forty** Briars with a chance at fame during the season.

Clearly, that is a significant contribution to the member's enjoyment, morale and club spirit.

It is, pro rata, more worthy of reward than the efforts of the other three sides that ran around under the Club's nom-de-plume. It is, pro rata, more worthy of reward than the efforts of Rugby, Squash and Hockey. Nearly ten percent of the Club's total membership were blessed with complete sporting enjoyment from **one** cricketing side. And this is a yearly occurrence.

The movement, gentlemen, is therefore, towards C & S power.

No longer can this group be relegated to a nomadic lifestyle. The mob want blood and land rights.

The land is Rothwell Park. The cry is out. Throw the wretched Shires off Rothwell and turn it over to those who represent best the Briars principles. The meeek shall inherit

Rothwell Park, and a period of great expansion will follow, including a pigeon proof statue of the Honourable Mitchell. This movement has strength and real teeth if Mr. (Dr.) David Walker can be believed or blamed. Mr. Ireland is at its helm ably supported by the finest from the C & S ranks and this story is only just starting to unfold. However, enough of threats and policy planning. It is time to move onto the serious prose and being to life certain dominant aspects from the season past.

Firstly, improbable as it seems, there was a coup, and early on it was.

Faced with end-to-end tossing losses, Mr. Watts replaced the official Captain in this domain. Well away, he failed to last and finished an object of derision. It is an exercise unlikely to be repeated, along with his startling success with the bat mid-season.

With two not-outs apiece (testimony to their continued selfishness), Mr. Hickey and Mr. (Dr.) Walker both amassed handsome averages and will be unreasonably admired.

Tantalisingly, both are glovemen, although the ball falls regularly from the palm of one -- and you may take your pick.

Mr. Jamieson proved that the previous season was (as we all know) an absolute fluke, by hardly scoring a run when it counted, whilst the official Captain continued his steady form leading to speculation that Saturday arvo at the Bath Arms cannot be too far away.

Mr. Brooks shuffled and fiddled about picking up most of his runs from overthrows, and Mr. Ireland's blade flashed nicely in the direction of point but generally after the keeper had flicked the ball to first slip.

Mr. Priday simply crashed his way to 33 runs against Old Cranbrookians. However, the Rose Bay ground, is of course so petit, that some members likened it to a score of nine on any normal field. Bitterly hurt, by what was only average Briars criticism, he failed to complete the season, and is rumoured to have contacted several Victorian Clubs.

Master Chegwyn showed us that a famous surname is no barrier to failure. Still his father, Ray, is a Briar. He has a nice telephone manner. Tried to obey the official Captain and was most courteous to senior team members. Very close to Player of the Year, I would imagine.

Looking through the bowling statistics for highlights or hope, is an exercise that would depress even Peter Clyne. Mr. Moller, it must be admitted, if somewhat reluctantly, did clean bowl four I. Zingari batsmen on his way to 6-14. And even though he continues

to masquerade as a Shire player, Rod Smith took a handy 5-2 off three overs, to send the Hunters Hill Captain in search of the valium.

Mr. Wright scraped into respectability with twenty-two wickets. Whilst Mr. Guille helped us to a fine win over Yaralla by staying off the grog for a few days and finishing with five wickets.

Both of these lefties' averages is aided by judicious use of leg side theory, i.e. if you don't attack the wicket, you can't get hit over the fence.

Mr. David and Mr. Colin Blair took fifteen wickets between them at a combined average of 12.73, which is the only way to even allude to anything resembling a positive contribution. David surprised us by forgetting his pants on only two occasions this season and Colin came straight from tennis several times looking very pretty in his co-ordinated blue pastels.

Mr. Jamieson who rather fancies himself as a game breaker, took three spiteful wickets in the very first match at the end of September. But by the time stumps were drawn for the last time, some six months later, had only just made double figures. Another contender for the Bath Arms.

Mr. Yeomans, whose mum told him never to cross Parramatta Road, took a wicket every forty-eight balls at an average of 22.83. Unfortunately, Club rules forbid the publication of any wicket tally less than seven, so the aggregate is a secret between Laurie and the official Captain.

If the C & S sprint was held I can't remember it, which is a great pity, as it has for years been the most memorable part of the entire season.

And so say all of us.

CITY & SUBURBAN STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won	Lost
19	9	10

Runs for	Runs Against	Wickets for	Wickets Against
2030	2026	137	149

Batting Averages (minimum ten innings)

Name	Innings	N.O.	A.S.	Aggregate	Average
D. Jamieson	15	—	33	161	10.73
G. Ireland	12	—	33	131	12.09
P. Friday	11	—	33	114	10.36
D. Walker	11	2	27	132	14.67
M. Watts	11	—	20	72	6.55
C. Dennis	14	1	20	92	7.08
C. Hickey	15	2	39	202	15.54

Also Batted:				
	A. Chegwyn	9.56	P. Thomas	2.33
	R. Morrissey	1.20	C. Blair	3.15
	L. Yeomans	4.23	N. Dimas	4.97
	D. Wright	9.61	G. Holmes	1.5
	D. Blair	8.16	W. Brown	3.52
	W. Hooker	1.26	J. Boyce	2.20
	P. Seibel	2.43	I. Blair	1.21
	D. Brooks	9.12	G. Schomberg	1.29
	D. Young	2.21	G. Young	1.1
	D. Guille	5.42	B. Pozuelo	1.89
	N. Young	2.15	G. Hooker	1.1
	R. Smith	1.49	C. Burt	2.23
	R. Moller	5.10	T. O'Kane	2.18
	J. Harvey	1.0	N. Sterry	1.0
	R. Kersey	3.17	S. Lind	1.10
			P. Burt	1.12

Bowling Averages :

Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
L. Yeomans	48	6	6	143	22.83
D. Wright	117	16	22	314	14.27
C. Dennis	72	6	14	280	20.00
D. Blair	25.2	1	7	112	16.00
D. Jamieson	28.4	5	10	87	8.7
D. Guille	63	15	11	189	17.18
R. Moller	74	21	17	169	9.94
C. Blair	20	—	8	79	9.88

Also Bowled :

P. Seibel	3.74	G. Young	2.22
N. Young	0.20	B. Pozuelo	0.35
J. Harvey	0.10	A. Thompson	4.46
R. Smith	5.2	R. Kersey	4.55
N. Dimas	3.64	N. Sterry	2.25
C. Hickey	3.74	S. Lind	1.5
J. Boyce	1.30	P. Burt	3.25
S. Schomberg	2.20		

Honours List :

Best Batting Average	:	C. Hickey	15.54
Highest Score	:	B. Pozuelo	89
Highest Aggregate	:	C. Hickey	202
Best Bowling Average	:	D. Jamieson	8.7
Most Wickets in Season	:	D. Wright	22
Most Wickets in Innings	:	R. Moller	6.14
Most Catches in Season	:	D. Wright	7

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FOOTBALL ANNUAL REPORT 1984

In attempting to place the 1984 results —

Club Championship	—	8th
Kentwell Cup	—	6th

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Burke Cup	—	8th
Whiddon Cup	—	7th
Judd Cup	—	7th

In perspective, three bench marks have become increasingly obvious. They are:—

- (1) To compete — to participate in the competition
- (2) To be competitive — i.e. comparable with the opposition
- (3) To be successful — to win either the Club Championship or an individual cup.

When applying these bench marks to the Briars 1984 season, it can be summarised as follows:—

- (1) The Briars did compete on an extended basis in 1984 with the new Sutherland Cup team. John Staniforth in his commentary goes into specific details of the efforts of his team and I would like to endorse his comments as to the administration of this side in the future. By fielding a fifth team the perennial problem of players being lost to the Club in the early part of the season was significantly overcome. As a result, the basic concept of competing in the top four grades, which count for the Club Championship, was enhanced in 1984. On the administration side, the one-off cost and teething trouble for setting up another side and playing field were sorted out, laying a good foundation for future years.
- (2) In relation to being competitive in 1984, the Briars certainly were. When comparing 1983's performance (3rd Club Championship) to 1984 (8th), this may sound strange, however the only significant difference between the individual grades was in Burke Cup where we slipped from 4th to 8th.

Whilst evaluating the Briars performance, it is important to understand that the competition in which we are playing has significantly altered, with compulsory promotion and relegation based on Club Championship results. The lower grades are becoming stronger, arguably at the expense of Kentwell Cup, however, irrespective the success of the newly promoted clubs, was certainly evident in 1984. Congratulations to the Blue Mountains — all four sides in the semi-finals — Whiddon Cup premiers and to Newport lower three grades all in the semi-finals. Both these clubs relied significantly on enthusiasm and will to win as their key elements.

In discussing the competitiveness of the Briars, special mention must be made to change in the basic pattern of the Kentwell Cup sides. At the start of the season, the commitment was made to endeavour to open up our attacking options where possible. Both Bruce Robinson and Rex Harris deserve special praise for sticking to their commitment and the rewards were many exciting backline plays. More important was the filtering through the grades of the notion of running the ball rather than kicking away valuable possession. Of course this pattern of play is dependent on firstly being able to control possession and secondly having the necessary skills to run with that possession.

By the virtue of being competitive, a degree of satisfaction was experienced by the club throughout the season. Some of the high points were Kentwell's victory over Hunters Hill at Boronia, in the last play of the game, and the lower grades' efforts in the last round.

- (3) Notwithstanding this, these and other high points should not be mistaken for success. For the Briars to accept anything less than victory in the Club Championship or individual premierships is to sell ourselves short. The frustration of Briars Rugby in the 1980's should categorically prove this.

For my part, Briars do (1) and (2) very well and this is why people enjoy playing rugby for the Club. For us to achieve success there has to be a change in attitude from wishing to do well, to wanting and needing to win. I would like to leave the following three points as broad suggestions for the future.

- (a) All Briars accept the need to win and the effort it requires.
- (b) Two nights per week training for Kentwell Cup is a must and the probability that Burke Cup will have to do the same.
- (c) Those people who can afford the time and have the desire to assist in the administration to step forward and offer their services.

In conclusion, whilst 1984 was an enjoyable season for those involved, I trust that the lack of anticipated results proves the catalyst for a greater effort in 1985.

Finally, my thanks go to the respective coaches, managers, those people who helped in running football this year and the players and supporters for their efforts throughout the year. Congratulations go to Colleagues for dominating the year, their effort in winning Kentwell, Burke and Judd Cups, as well as the Club Championship; this was a remarkable feat. My best wishes go to those who will look after rugby in 1985 and trust that they will have a successful season.

Peter Dunlop – Football Chairman.

KENTWELL CUP

The story of the Kentwell Cup in 1984 was almost a repetition of the previous two years — so close but so far away. We played the last game of the season against Lindfield with still a chance of making the semi-finals, after storming home in the second round but at the end we were not quite good enough. So perhaps in this report rather than dwell on resounding victories and glorious deeds, I should reflect on why we didn't make it and what we should be doing to win that elusive cup.

At the commencement of the season Rex and I set out with two objectives — firstly to make the semi-finals and secondly (and just as importantly) expand the options open to fifteen man rugby by developing the necessary skills and tactics both within the team and with individuals. In more simplistic words "get ourselves a backline". Whilst we failed to make the semis I do, however, believe we achieved in the end a balanced team that could and did play with all options. The statistics themselves bore this out — of the 22 tries scored in the season, 17 were scored by our back division, an almost complete reversal from recent years. Our forward pack continually played above themselves and bowed to no one (with the possible exception of Colleagues) throughout the season whilst our defensive pattern produced the second best defensive record of the competition. So what went wrong and what are the lessons that can be learned? The salient points are:

1. You cannot win competitions by kicking 36 goals from 96 attempts. We must **develop** goalkickers.
2. We lost (or drew) at least four games early in the season in the last five minutes. Luck had nothing to do with it as some claimed (Isn't it strange how Randwick keep winning games in the last five minutes). What about that vital concentration that comes from pre-season fitness.
3. We must have some bigger forwards. Not only for lineout ball, where all season we were at a disadvantage but so that we don't wear down — we dominate those vital last minutes of each half.
4. A major recruiting drive is required to strengthen our depth — particularly in the backs. I don't believe that there were more than three players outside the normal Kentwell Cup backline who had the ability to play in this grade.

Put all these four together, goal kicking, pre-season fitness, lineout ball and depth in the backs and the Briars can win Kentwell. We had this year most of the other ingredients — high commitment, a good scrum with commensurate rucking — mauling skills; excellent defence and some good individual skills. Above all this, I believe an excellent team spirit developed with players committed to not letting the team down.

I would like to sincerely thank the team for their support and comment briefly on their contribution throughout the year.

David Guille – Captain, fullback. Played some excellent games and contributed significantly to the backline development. Gave his all to the team and the game.

Brent Cash – Winger. Very good “first up” year and will develop further as experience is gained. Won the most improved player award.

Tim O’Reilly – Winger. After (for him) an indifferent start, came back full of fire and displayed all his many talents. Always a danger to the opposition.

Owen Moore – Centre/Winger. Our most penetrative back and had a big year. Needs some further refinement to establish himself as one of the top players in the competition and should do so in 1985.

Ross Thompson – Centre. We all know he can tackle but who else could take Harry’s passes. Was the ultimate team player and rock hard when we needed it.

“Harry” Hansen – Five -eight/Centre. If only Harry had John’s kicking game he could play for Australia. Has great hands and excellent defence.

John Hurley – Five-eight. Overseas trips and injury marred John’s season but when on the paddock made a significant contribution to the team and the backs in general.

Joe Lancuba – Half Back. After some early problems developed this year into a top Rugby half back. He always had the blinding speed and anticipation and this year added significantly to those skills by developing his passing game.

Chris Walker – Half Back. What can I say about a man whose dedication and drive was and is unsurpassed. Certainly a bit slower but the skills are still there and earned him his games in Kentwell. A great example to all – both young and old.

Tony McLaughlin – Centre/Breakaway. Very solid but I wish I had played him breakaway earlier in the season. I have no doubt Tony will be a major force in the backrow in Kentwell in 1985.

Bob Bishop – Lock. Great year and deserved representative recognition. Perhaps next year, Bob. Tops in attack and defence but must get fitter earlier.

Gordon Brown – Breakaway. He’d have trouble getting a heart transplant – they couldn’t find one big enough. Must not go on holidays with Harry next year.

John Jessup – Breakaway. Possesses great talent and deserved the best and fairest award

with a non-stop effort. Let's win the cup next year JJ.

Peter Dunlop – Vice Captain. Second Row. Despite the burden of the football chairman's duties, Peter again displayed the technique and vigour to combine both a hard man with a thinking approach. A great help to me and the team.

Steve Bardwell – Second Row. If Steve was a bit taller he would be unbeatable. Some very strong games indeed and technique certainly improved.

John Healey – Prop/Second Row. Pound for pound the best prop in sub-district and a most underrated player (except by me); needs a bit more agro.

Tony Wosniak – Prop. Showed great fortitude in playing his way into Kentwell, with very tough opposition - had a fine season.

Paul Bevins – Prop. What a change in Bandy – catching, passing, fending, sidestepping, mauling, rucking and winning lineouts – all with considerable skill. Not only that but he even went into the scrums.

Terry O'Kane – Hooker. Represented sub-district and well deserved this accolade. Took some time to get fit but eventually showed why he is a top player. Should be looking to the challenges of leadership next season.

My thanks also go to all those other players who contributed to Kentwell. In particular, Milton, Garry Sly and Kerry Weale – all top players.

Lastly, I would make special mention of three people. **Chris Walker** who was an inspiration when he flew back from holidays in Queensland to attend training – a great effort. **David Blair** the "El Supremo" of managers. If we could only play and coach as well as he manages. And lastly **Rex Harris**. I cannot pay a high enough tribute to Rex from myself and the team. His contribution to the backline was tremendous and was able to pass on his own great skills to the Briars. Thanks, Rex.

Thanks to all the players and the Club – let's get stuck into 1985.

BRUCE ROBINSON.

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BURKE CUP

The 1984 season promised more than it produced for our Burke Cup team. Whilst we won only a handful of games, there were only a few games in which the team was out-classed. Our losses for the most part, by only a few points, produced disappointment

within the team as well as for individuals. Having been involved with Burke Cup for the last few years, I can understand the feelings of disappointment as I know there was more ability in our team than was evident in our results.

A major problem for us throughout the season was the turnover of players. Having an average of four to five changes to the team each week makes it difficult to achieve the degree of stability and continuity required for successful football teams. Whilst the problem is not necessarily unique to the Briars, I think it is one to which more attention needs to be given by our coaching panel if we are to achieve the success we all want.

A pleasing aspect to the season was the development of some of our younger players, namely, Aron Maher and Robert Lancuba, together with new recruit Brett Schoffield, who had an unfortunate run of injury. Though not being in the younger brigade, Richard Crookes also showed that he has benefited from the past twelve months going back to last year's tour of New Zealand. My appreciation too, for the efforts throughout the year of our captain, Milton Howell and also to a group of regulars in Mal Weber, Lindsay Calloway, Kim Piefke and, of course, my congratulations to Chris Murray in winning the award for the year. To our late starting and early finishing backrowers in Adam Lax and Andy Steele; let's see if we can get a little co-ordination going next year. There is too much talent being wasted fellas and the Club needs it. It is difficult to cover everyone who came into the team during the year and to those who I may not have mentioned, let me express my appreciation for their efforts. We saved our most satisfying effort for the last game and showed the spirit which I believe this Club is renowned for.

To our manager, Ray Tuffin – I'm sorry I couldn't make the birthday party. Thanks for the enthusiasm and patience in putting up with a coach who has been known to be a little vocal, if not volatile. My thanks also to the rest of the panel of coaches for their support and encouragement.

LEO PURTILL.

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WHIDDON CUP

Seventh in a competition of ten teams doesn't sound real good. However, the position, when taking into consideration the evenness of the competition over the year really isn't as bad as it appears on paper.

Up to the last three rounds, the side was in the race for the 3rd and 4th positions on the ladder, however, our draw against Hunters Hill and our loss to Old Waverlians, together with our excellent defeat of grand-finalists Lindfield in the final round, was not enough for us to clinch a spot in the "four".

The side has had some 46 players go through its ranks, with 31 of these being asked to play Burke Cup at some stage of the year. The majority of these 46 travelled in and out of Whiddo's during the first half of the year.

Our statistical performance compared with the 1983 season is interesting to compare – if "compare" is the word that should be used.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Points	Position
1984	18	7	2	9	121	125	16	7
1983	18	7	2	9	111	131	16	7

Twelve tries were scored during the year; 6 out of 12 conversions were successful and 15 out of 42 penalty kicks hit the mark. Rod Smith was the season's top scorer with 36 pts. and Roger Fish ended with 13 pts.

Our prudent awarders of the Best Player Award throughout the year were even with their praise, resulting in Bob Stephenson and Gordon Pegler sharing the award with 10 points, closely followed by Rod Smith on 9, Peter Bowyer and Geoff Moss on 7, and grandfather time Chris Walker on 6.

Special mention of Gordon and Chris' performances should be made as they amassed their points from only 8 and 7 games respectively.

Only Deeble, Smith (16) – Bowyer (15), Spaul (14), Stephenson (13), Poole, Thompson (12), Moss, Fish (11) and Williamson (10) – played in excess of half a season in Whiddos.

Rod Smith – played as per program – one up, four down.

Tim Deeble – gained a lot of experience during the season and proved he can catch, tackle and run.

Peter Bowyer – spent most of the year as captain and excellent with his performance in this portfolio, as well as proving more than adequate skills as a No. 8.

Trevor Spaul – is very under-rated and would not let anybody down in higher grades.

Bob Stephenson – can tackle, can pass, can run and mauls with himself. Well and truly deserved his '84 award.

Barry Poole – a fine, defensive back and even after all his talking has proved he is not an attacking back. However, valuable to our '84 efforts.

- Larry Thompson** – was finally chosen by Leo, not only for his football ability but because he is short.
- Geoff Moss with Gordon Pegler** – were the perfect complement. As second rowers they have no peers in the club – as lineout jumpers, if only they were "piers".
- Roger Fish** – had a quiet season football-wise but a hectic one Pooley-wise.
- Steve Williamson** – had an up and down season and only needs to become more constructive with his aggression and generally more consistent with the good games he can put in.

Mark Burton, mellow as he is, had a good season and responded well to the presence of the more seasoned campaigners such as Ross Pearson and the unbearable Bob Hawthorn.

Our season started off with four promising young players in Luke Edmonds, Bob Lancuba, Aaron Maher and Alex Chegwyn. The senior football certainly did Alex no harm. He will develop in future years as the important half back skills polish up and the football brain settles. Many of the club's great half backs of the past and present love yet to come to grips with the latter of these traits. Aaron, Bob and Luke went from strength to strength and will no doubt provide a sound platform for future Kentwell coaches to develop.

David Wright, Peter Wallace, John Lackey, Richard Crooks, Ken Bartrim and Dusty Saunders all played above the majority of expectations in their short season in Whiddon.

Apart from those mentioned, an additional 21 players took part in Whiddo's season. To mention each in this report would be as intolerable as Robbo's pre-match talks, but to each thank you for your efforts.

With one or two early round victories, I believe that the team could have given the competition a real shake, but the expected early season ins and outs of players through injury, unavailability and the like did not aid us with the needed results.

Our March, April, May search for a backline ended with a sound combination which lacked the attacking flair to be able to relieve pressure on our pack.

No doubt every second person will come up with a different point of view on how Whiddos performed during the year, but I believe there is no doubt that the season has seen a significant breaching of the gap between Burke and Whiddon as has the fine '84 performance of Judd seen them bridge the gap between 3rd and 4th grades. This is a healthy condition on the proviso that each grade continues to improve in its own standard from year to year. To say this has been the case in 1984, I am sure, would create an immense amount of debate and hence it should be a priority in 1985 to make this debate more of a one-sided discussion.

To succeed simply means greater application from players, coaches, manager and administrators.

IAN DUNCAN.

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JUDD CUP REPORT 1984

As the dust settles on the 1984 Rugby Season once again, the Briars Judd Cup side failed to reach the semi-finals; to all associated with the team, it was a very disappointing result.

We started the season on a high note, winning our first three games, but a series of injuries and the loss of players to higher grades depleted the team of that much needed experience and without a reliable goal kicker, matches that should have gone our way didn't. On several occasions we scored more tries than the opposition but failure to convert those tries robbed us of valuable competition points.

Our statistics supplied by David Blair showed we converted only 16 goals from 51 attempts.

50 players pulled on a jersey for Judd Cup this season and of these players the team mainly consisted of –

- Gary Pearce** – his Kentwell Cup experience was a great value to all the forwards who played.
- Steve Curry** – started the season as hooker, then moved to prop. His dedication to training and the game was an inspiration to all.
- John Staniforth** – John got his chance at lock and blew it, so back to the second row. Very experienced player who helped all around him.
- Len Hollis** – Len recovered from a bad injury of last year and improved with every game – pity he didn't get a try.
- Warren (Wok) Rann** – Has told everyone he is retiring but I didn't see him throw his boots away – very hard worker around the ruck.
- Ross Pearson** – Informed me that now he has reached 32 he may retire in a couple of seasons – another very experienced player.
- Gordon Pegler** – His first question after every game was, "who got the points". A loss to the side when selected in higher grades.

- Ross Seabrook** – His ability to play well in both the backs and forwards was a great value when injury hit the team.
- Steve Hansen (Captain)** – His deft line kicking nearly broke his ankle. Steve lead the side well; was prepared to play in different positions and deservedly won the Best and Fairest.
- Alex Chegwyn** – Alex accepted the challenge to play fullback late in the season and played well, his first season with the club and will benefit by it for next season.
- Dave Jameson** – Dave started midway through the season and fitted in well with an already well-oiled machine.
- Mick (Home Game) Lubinskas** – Mick's ability on the field is a match winner. Unfortunately Mick's work commitments plus injury hampered him this season.
- Gary Stewart** – Gary is another who started midway through the season and was our fill-in kicker; a very strong player who reads the game well.
- Tony Toohill** – First season with the club. A very strong player out wide in both attack and defence. Will be an asset to the club next season.
- Ray Dalgleish** – Personal commitments and injury hampered Ray's season but when on the field proved his ability by being the side's leading try scorer.
- Ray Tuffin** – Before Ray could take the field he had to produce a medical certificate. Well everybody should be happy to know Ray is now capable of being, "Faster than a speeding bullet; more powerful than a locomotive; able to leap tall buildings in a single bound" and yes, play rugby.

Also, to the other players that took part, your efforts were appreciated.

Thanks go out to all who helped with Judd Cup, from both the players and myself, with a special mention to John Boyle for his valuable help at training. And, last but not least to:

- Doug Staniforth (Manager)** – This season Doug has outdone his previous efforts. Besides managing a group of men who have the ability to get lost in their own home, he put his time and energy to other aspects of running the rugby, which will surely be recognised by all, and I know I speak for all the players when I say, thanks Doug.

PETER STEWART.

SUTHERLAND CUP – 5TH GRADE (“THE SUPER FIVES”)

1984 saw the conjecture as to whether the Briars could or should run a 5th Grade side put to the test, thanks to the foresight of Peter Dunlop in proposing and supporting a change in the format of the competition. With 5th Grade results having no bearing on the Kentwell Division Club Championship, we were in the privileged position of being able to play the game for the personal enjoyment and improvement of the players – and enjoy and improve we did! Several players new to the Club, like Dom Keating, Jamie Scott, “Douly” Davis, Frank Jason and Chris Reeve formed the nucleus of the side and were supported by the more experienced Warren Bryan, Ian Steele, Col Dayman the Manager and the Coach and, late in the season, by Luke Edmonds. 5th Grade enabled senior players like John “Redback” Baker, Billy Burns, Tony Asmus and Laurie Yeomans to take the field in 1985 and Craig Hickey to take the field – and leave the field (no season would be completed without at least one lively debate between Craig and the referee). Ian Duncan showed some innovative 5/8 play against Newport. All players mentioned above contributed to a productive first season for Briars in 5th Grade and hopefully better results will follow next season. Several players were lost to 5th Grade and the Club, like Les Clarke, Brian Sherman, Greg Wells and Stuart Lemon, for various reasons including injuries and lack of games due to byes and forfeits but I believe the Club benefited by the experience.

Throughout the season it was necessary to hi-jack a few players from Judd Cup to complete the team and the team’s thanks go to Steve Curry, Ross Seabrook, Len Hollis, Tony Toohill, John Lackey, Clive Playell, Ray Dalgleish, Alex Chegwyn, Warren Rann and Steve Hansen for backing up on several occasions.

Several players passed through “The Super Fives” on their way to higher grades including Gordon Peglar, Dave Jamieson, Dave Wright, Peter Wallace and a special mention should be made of Simon Gribben, who reached Burke Cup.

This year’s congratulations must go to –

Chris Walker & Charley Williams – For their astute Best and Fairest points awards.

Ross Seabrook – A worthy runner-up in the Best and Fairest Awards with several consistent performances and a dynamic game against Colleagues in the last round.

Col Dayman – For adding a little extra weight to our pack.

“Douly” Davis & Dom Keating – Both players trained hard all season and, in my opinion, picked up all the necessary forward skills to equip them for higher Grades next year.

**Jamie Scott &
Chris Reeve**

– I think these players came to the Club already possessing the necessary skills and I hope they will back up next year for a full season in higher grades.

Terry Daly

– Yet another top season as Manager – possessed the cleanest and best sign-written buckets of any Manager in any Grade. Probably as a result of picking up a touch football premiership in the summer, T.D. was one of our safest and most reliable players with sound handling, effective tackling and several penetrative bursts down the wing.

Our Opponents

– For playing the games with a mixture of fun and good spirit but at the same time providing some good hard rugby throughout the season.

On the administrative side of things I consider that the S.S.R.U. should not accept teams into Sutherland Cup next year unless they have a ground available to play all games at 1.15 p.m. as I observed that all Clubs relied on their Juddies to make up the numbers.

Owing to the large number of players involved and the fact that many will not see out a full season, the Briars should have 5th grade players paying a weekly match fee towards registration costs except for those players who elect to pay the full registration fee in one hit.

Thanks to all those associated with 5th Grade for making my 18th (or 19th?) season with the Briars as enjoyable as my first.

POSITION VACANT

1985 – 5TH GRADE COACH

The successful applicant must have unlimited access to a telephone on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings and must be capable of compiling an extensive telephone list of likely players. A sound working knowledge of the latest coaching techniques is not essential but must be able to provide in depth coaching as well as outline the game plan and finalise positions as the team runs on to the field for the kick-off.

JOHN STANIFORTH.

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BRIARS GOLDEN OLDIES RUGBY

ANNUAL REPORT

1984 was a quiet season for the Golden Oldies after the 1983 Sydney Festival. A well-attended Reunion was held at the Club in late 1983 at which several home movies of the games played in the Sydney Festival were shown.

In June 1984 a return game against the Western Suburbs "Black Knights" was played with about 30 Briars turning out to display some fine running rugby from the backs – which was just as well because Wests had the wood on us in the forwards, at least until the final quarter when Robbo enticed John Griffiths to join our pack. Rumour has it that a goal kicked by "Griffo" for us may have had some bearing on the result. This game saw several "junior" Golden Oldies get their first caps such as Rod Smith, Steve Hansen, Gary Sly and Len Hollis. Burtie kicked his usual goal from the side-line and Leo Purtill played like a man possessed and amazed many of his Burke Cup team who were part of the large contingent of spectators. The match against Wests will be a definite annual fixture.

The only other game played was the match against the Presidents XV in July, 1984. As a report was published in Focus, I will not dwell on this game except to say that this game too will become an annual event especially as it is designed to build up Club spirit and to show some of our more elderly competitive rugby players that there is no need to hang the boots up at 35. I am sure the Presidents XV learnt that they cannot approach next season's "clash" lightly and that they will need to settle their team selections early and sort out their tactics in order to match the superb team work and understanding between players, which is starting to emerge in the Golden Oldies outfit.

Throughout 1984, preliminary arrangements were made for the 1985 Festival in London. Briars were one of the early entries for the tournament with our entry being accepted by the London organisers in January, 1984. We then obtained a tour itinerary which met with approval and now have a touring party of 27 players and about the same number of supporters. Accommodation has already been confirmed in the Henry VIII Hotel, Queensway, London and, even allowing for the possibilities of drop-outs, this tour promises to be the highlight of 1985 for the Golden Oldies. The tour itinerary has us flying out of Sydney on 25th September, 1985, enjoying the London Festival for one week and then travelling back home through Europe over 3 weeks, with possibly 3 rugby games in Amsterdam, Munich and Paris. Although all tourists are expected to pay their own way, our Fund Raising Committee will be active in seeking to raise funds with which we hope to provide gear for the team and anything else which will help to enhance the Briars impact on this International Festival. Since helping organise the Golden Oldies, it has become clear to me that the Briars Club enjoys a very high reputation in rugby circles generally because of its

unique history and club facilities and our appearance in the London Festival will enhance this reputation greatly – so we ask all Club members, both current players and the Older Brigade, to please support the fund raising efforts.

Finally, next season will obviously see many more games played as a lead up to London and it is hoped that about six games will be arranged well before the start of next season and details of the fixtures widely published within the Club.

JOHN STANIFORTH.

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BRIARS HOCKEY REPORT

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Results at a glance –

	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	Points	Posn. Out of 10
1st	18	5	4	9	22	32	14	5
2nd	18	7	0	11	31	47	14	7
3rd	18	2	2	14	17	80	6	9
Club Championship							180	8

Best & Fairest –

1st	C. Huggett (17)	R. Wood (16)	G. Price (15)
2nd	R. Roberts (13)	M. Tass (12)	P. Price (10)
3rd	I. Trimble (18) D. Chaves (12)	R. Rogan (15)	D. Romeo (12)

Leading Goal Scorers –

1st	G. Price (7)	C. Huggett (4)	P. Price (4)
2nd	R. Roberts (7)	C. Kovacs (4)	M. Shorter (4)
3rd	R. Rogan (5) M. Friend (2)	H. Karpinski (2) W. Hooker (2)	B. Tabikh (2)

The 1984 hockey season, playing wise, can easily be broken into two distinctly different sections. The first half of the year saw us struggle in all grades with the first grade gaining

only 4 points, second grade 6 and thirds 3. As well as this there were no wins in the first four games of the second round. At this stage Briars were easily running last in the Club Championship. The depths of despair were clearly shown against North Sydney where we lost third grade 14-0 and seconds 11-0. It became clear to every member of Briars hockey after these disasters that hockey could not endure many more defeats of this magnitude and still maintain some remnants of club spirit. In the next match we were pitted against Glebe and Moorebank on the one weekend. The two clubs were placed immediately above us in the Club Championship and were the clubs that we had to finish ahead of to avoid relegation. A fairy-tale result happened with 52 out of 56 Club Championship points being gained. Against Glebe we won the top two games and the Moorebank game saw Briars win all three grades (only the second such occasion in five seasons). After this weekend we moved from tenth to eighth on the Club Championship and were never again in the relegation zone. The second grade then recorded four wins on the trot knocking off the leaders Sydney University on their own hallowed turf at St. Pauls. The first grade lifted their grade placements from ninth at the end of the first round to finish a creditable fifty. The thirds, although not recording another win were always in contention for a positive result.

The efforts of Ian Trimble to pull back the thirds from the precipice should not be overlooked and his constant encouragement not only enabled the club to retain the interest of all the members of the team throughout the year, but, we ended up in an embarrassing position of surplus personnel. This caused problems of a completely different nature to the previous season's drought of players. However, the injection of a great deal of new blood throughout the three grades augurs well for a further upward trend in playing results in the immediate future. No less than 41 players wore the Briars colours during 1984, which forms, once again, a stable, senior resource base with which to continue.

The development of these resources, however, will continue to be hampered by a lack of coaches and adequate training and playing facilities. A major priority must then be to secure another playing area as, Burwood Park was declared "not suitable for hockey" by Sydney Hockey Association. Practice at Central Park continues to be plagued with poor playing and lighting conditions which makes it hard even for the most highly organised training outfit (which we certainly are not) to allow players to enjoy training and hence encourage them to continue to attend throughout the year. A second night of training was reintroduced again this year at Auburn Netball Centre, but, was continually stricken with low attendances due to a less than ideal training time of 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The key to future Briars success lies on how successful training can become. In this better standard of hockey we have been forced to play over the last five seasons, it has become clear that no matter how much talent Briars possesses it must be harnessed through training, otherwise we will continue to battle against relegation each year.

Our annual pilgrimage to Canberra to play against the Valleys (Barton) Club turned out to be more of an invasion as numerous Briars bodies swarmed to Canberra en masse, startling the opposition by our player strength and breathing life back into a traditionally disappointing turn-out by visiting clubs.

The fact that we had fresh recruits for the first grade team plus the magic wand of Bob Streeter, enabled us to retain the Barton Trophy for the first time in 12 years, with a well deserved 1-1 draw. The second team narrowly lost 2-1 in an enjoyable encounter, with Briars a little unlucky not to have won.

The success of the trip left organisers scratching their heads wondering why Briars have not patronised past hockey or club socials.

The other, now annual social games were played against North Wollongong, Wests Newcastle at Meadowbank Park on the 19th August. This year Wollongong took the honours from Newcastle. Maybe it will be our turn next year.

A Briars veterans team was mustered at the end of the year to cross swords with a strong Briars outfit. The result was always beyond doubt and I hope the old fellas can put up a better showing against our modern hockey outfit next year.

Congratulations go to Northern Districts, North Sydney and Northern Districts for winning the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade premierships respectively.

NIGEL STERRY.

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1ST GRADE HOCKEY

On paper the 1st grade result of 5th equal was the best result Briars has had in the Premier B grade competition. Yet in looking back over the years the team did not play its best hockey this year. Without detracting from our 2nd round performance, the 1st grade team work was disappointing. The competition this year was the weakest we had experienced and the grounds we played on were, on the whole, the worst. These factors did not foster good hockey.

The most disappointing element of the season was the fact that although most of the team had played together for several years, team work if anything was worse than last year. Perhaps the reason was that the 5-3-2-1 team combination was reverted to, rather than 3-3-3-1-1 combination of last year. This to most of the team seemed to mean that they didn't have to think about their positioning and team work any more now that they

were back in a familiar formation. When will we learn that this is a team sport and a good team will beat a team of good individuals nearly every time. You only have to remember the Olympic Hockey final where Australia lost, to bring that point home. Maybe one day the whole team will attend training sessions and become interested in learning how to combine in team moves and learn how to adapt their game to the game of their teammates? — but then whose kidding whom?

The first half of the season saw the side lose easy games by the odd goal and showed up our lack of training and fitness. By the end of the first round we were at the bottom end of the table.

Despite the above criticism, the effort put in by the team in the game situation in the second half of the season was commendable.

The second half of the season saw the 1st grade side only lose 3 of the 9 games and these were against the teams that finished 1st, 2nd and 4th. The addition of Malcolm Shorter added needed fire-power to the forwards.

The game against Northern Districts was a good example of our turn around. Northern Districts led the first grade competition from the start and only lost one game in the whole season. The game was fought in good spirit, but, with both defences receiving a lot of pressure. The score was locked on 1—1 at the start of the 2nd half. The team played extremely well to hold Districts to 1—1 until only 3 minutes from the end when Districts scored. With a minute left Briars hit the woodwork of the Districts' goal and unfortunately the ball bounced back out and the score remained 2—1. During the game Briars were lucky enough to have a penalty stroke awarded to them, but, unlucky enough to see their Captain miss the stroke. All-in-all Briars were very unlucky not to at least draw the match.

This year's game against Valleys-Barton at Canberra saw us retain the trophy with a well deserved draw. This is the first time in over a decade that Briars have returned from Canberra with the 1st grade trophy. One of the highlights of the game was the return of Bob Streeter for his one and only game of the season. Due to a bad back, Bob has had to give the game away but his experience, skill and determination is still much needed by Briars and it is hoped that next year he can return to hockey in some capacity.

What is the answer for next year to avoid embarrassing results early in the season, because of a probably much stronger competition next year? The obvious answer is we need a lot of early pre-season training with a good coach. But what is needed before that can happen is the dedication of the players and their commitment to a serious attitude to training and fitness. Then perhaps we can all play good team hockey which we are capable of playing and as a result all enjoy our games much more and bring the name of Briars back into semi-final hockey — it has been too many years in the wilderness.

INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS –

COLIN HUGGETT – Inside Forward:

Deservedly won the Best and Fairest. Colin's workrate and reliability were excellent. An ankle injury hampered him slightly, otherwise Colin could probably have scored more goals. With improved stickwork and someone to work with in the forwards, Colin could reach even greater heights.

ANDRE DECLASE – Inside Forward:

Had a mixed season. Has great individual skills but lacks some team skills and the ability to shoot for goal. If Andre could feed our faster wingers with through balls and scoops into forward space, he could use the fact that he is drawing several defenders to him to the team's advantage. Needs a strong coach to bring out his best.

MALCOLM SHORTER – Centre Forward:

Still the best goal-scoring forward in Briars. If Malcolm concentrated solely on his own game he would be Premier A material. Hopefully, rumours of his retirement are exaggerated as he still has plenty to give the Club as Briars lack that goal-scoring instinct that Malcolm possesses.

GERARD PRICE – Right Wing:

Developed into a very good right winger with a good turn of speed and the ability to score goals. Gerard needs to improve his game in the skills department and the ability to work with his inside forward. He could, with these added skills and more experience turn into a very good centre forward.

PAUL PRICE – Left Wing:

Paul still lacks confidence and experience in the position but turned on some fine performances. Must learn to get away more from his marker. Needs to look and call for the ball more when unmarked. With more 1st grade experience Paul could become a good all-round forward, i.e. play in any forward position.

DEREK STERRY – Right Half:

Derek played well in the first half of the season but went off the boil in the second half. Is probably the best attacking half in the club but uses that ability too sparingly. Needs to adapt his game more to the conditions and combine more with his winger. A consistently safety-first minded defender in his own 25.

MICHAEL TASS – Inside Forward:

Michael played a number of games in 1st grade but found the going a bit hard. Michael has the ability but doesn't seem to be able to put his full effort into the game. Needs to practice shooting for goal and needs to call for the ball more when in an unmarked position. A player who could greatly improve with good training.

STEVEN SCHOMBERG – Centre Half:

Helped solidify the defence and towards the end of the season improved the attacking part of his game. Found that fitness is one of the key ingredients of a centre half's play. Is capable of forming one of the pivots of an improved team performance.

NIGEL STERRY – Left Half:

Nigel returned to his old position this year. Found himself drifting infield a bit too far on occasions. One of the best tacklers in the team and when motivated, one of the hardest triers. Found the work of the Chairman, i.e. managing under 17's, setting up the field, umpiring, marshalling, getting teams on the field, etc. drained his performance on the field. With Steven, could be an integral pivot in creating better team play.

ROBERT WOOD – Right Back:

Always one of the best on the field. A very good team man who is one of the few who knows and understands that team work and understanding of the role of his position in that team is vital to that team's performance. Helped the Captain on and off the field with good advice and encouragement throughout the season.

MICHAEL STERRY – Captain/Left Back:

Still learning how to play a full back position after coming from the halves via the forwards. Played his best games on good surfaces. Needs to practice penalty stroke, taking more. Fitness and keenness were as good as ever this year.

LAZLO KOVACS – Goal Keeper:

Lazlo's performances suffered this season from not being always available due to scouting commitments and due to a knee injury later in the season. Has the ability to meet forwards head on and come out with the ball. Still has not reached the potential he showed a few seasons ago.

WARREN WIDGER – Goal Keeper:

Also found, due to pressure of work was unable to make himself available for the full season.

Has a good understanding with his defence and allows very few soft goals to be scored against him. Adapted well from indoor hockey back to outdoor.

Other players to play during the season: Alan Walker, Alan Clarke, Peter Jones, Ken Chaves, Sandor Kovacs, Michael Tass, Paul Huggett and Martin Wood.

MICHAEL STERRY.

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HOCKEY – 2nd GRADE REPORT – 1984

Results achieved for the season were nothing to get excited about, however, under the circumstances, which is expected, the B grade team, as well as the C, are always subject to disruption to fill positions in our A side, and in the first round was unable to settle down to any real combination.

Be it this was the reason, or improved fitness, better results were achieved in the second round with four straight wins in a row, one of which being the most memorable, a 1–0 win over Sydney University, the competition leaders who thought Briars B would be a pushover.

With the exception of a defeat, 11–0 by a "stacked" North Sydney side, and the late arrival of three regular key players, all suffering from "Friday night blues", all other games were close, with the luck just not going our way. This is evidenced by a season result of 31 goals for and 47 against. It is interesting to note that win points scored of 14 were exactly equivalent to A grade, which became very important in the second round in saving Briars Hockey relegation from First Division.

In all, an up and down season that, in my opinion, with more individual dedication, fitness and luck could have seen our team in a semi-final position. The team finished the season a well balanced one, with morale and comradeship high, and I for one enjoyed the season and the fellowship of all my team members. Thanks for the support you all gave your captain.

ERIC WADE (Capt.)

WARREN WIDGER – Goals. Pleasing to see Warren for a full season, experienced, safe and fearless, comforting to know you are behind us Warren.

PETER JONES – Fullback. Good positional player as well as an apt "sweeper" when

needed. His understanding and nous makes it easy for his other fullback to play with him. Well done, Peter.

ERIC WADE – Fullback. Experienced veteran of hockey with 28 years Briars hockey. Still nippy and cagey enough to rout an opposition charge. Eric's other team, Sutherland St. George Mens' Vets won the Sydney Veterans Competition 1–0 in a hard, close final against Manly Diggers in September.

KEN CHAVES – Half. Improving every year in skills and distribution, a valuable and deserving team member with plenty of fire and dedication.

RUSSELL ROBERTS – Centre Half. Instrumental, many times, in turning defence into attack in excellent trapping and distribution, tends to overplay good stick work at times without reckoning with opposition's speed, a good team man with plenty of "Fire". Congratulations Russell on winning Best and Fairest for the season.

PAUL HUGGETT – Half. Always dedicates himself to the game and never stops trying. Doesn't "charge" through when in possession but usually achieves his objective. A valuable player destined for higher grades.

LOU MARTIN – Wing. One of the fastest players in the side. If holds possession, devastating in attack, always a trier with a "one" hander that has to be believed.

ROBERT ROGAN – Forward. A player with ability, drive and guts who works with his other forwards and scored some great finishing goals. A regular "B" player, if not "A" for my money.

MARTIN WOOD – Half/Fullback. Improving with "age", played a few games in "B" grade. Experienced capable player and an asset to any team, proved his worth in defeat of Sydney University, 1–0.

MICHAEL TASS – Forward. "Ferret" surprised this season – can hit a ball – always on the spot when needed, even if he has left ball behind. Has good stick work and has scored some excellent "tight" goals.

MALCOLM SHORTER – Forward. Still fast, even though lacking some condition. Always a danger man in possession. Finished the season in "A" grade but invaluable to our side whilst there. "Fiery" to say the least and still believes "shorter" point between A & B is straight ahead.

SANDOR KOVACS – Wing. Another speedster who this season surprised with his penetration and passing. Another "fiery" player, strong in attack and a good team man – "like the boy".

BILL TABIKH – Wing. A young player coming through the ranks and improving with experience, has speed and drive, and a future asset to Briars Hockey. Well done, Bill.

DOMENIC ROMEO – Goals. Filled in, in "B" grade on quite a few occasions. A young goalie but no indication of expected ability; consider Domenic equal to many holder goal-keepers, cannot remember him having a "bad" game.

A special mention of **Gerard and Paul Price** whilst regular "A" players, doubled up on many occasions. Valuable players who figures in some good wins. Thanks, fellas.

Statistics –	Wins	Losses	Draws	For	Against	Points
	7	11	–	31	47	14

Average goals **for** per match **1.72**

Average goals **Against** **2.61**

ERIC WADE.

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3RD GRADE – BRIARS HOCKEY CLUB

Results –	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	Points	Position
	2	2	14	17	80	6	9th

The above dismal results are misleading and do not show the achievements the team made as the season progressed. In both rounds we won and drew a game but in the second round the results were closer and on three occasions we lost by only a single goal.

Bankstown	2–8	0–8
St. George	0–6	0–3
Northern Districts	0–8	3–4
North Sydney	1–4	0–14
Moorebank	3–2	3–0
Glebe	0–1	0–1
Manly	2–5	0–0
Sydney Uni.	0–10	0–2
Baulkham Hills	<u>1–1</u>	<u>2–3</u>
	9–45	8–35

If you deduct the scores of our worst defeat (North Sydney) from the total, you will see that we improve by 20 goals in the second half from 8–41 to 8–21.

This highlights the main problem the selectors had in fielding a regular forward line. Through lack of numbers and absenteeism the forward line changed weekly and only became stable towards the end of the season. The defence tightened up their game in the second round but we lacked teamwork in the forwards.

At the beginning of the season there were never enough senior players to field a complete team and four or five U–17's had to back-up from the previous game. In the second round, when the U–17's competition ended, these players were able to start the game 'fresh' and we also gained three senior players giving the selectors a chance to not only select a more stable forward line, but also have some reserves (in fact 5 in one game)!

I would like to thank all the players for their support and increasing enthusiasm and a special thanks to the U–17's for doubling up in the early part of the season.

If we can retain most of our players next season, we should see further improvement and have a good chance of finishing higher up the ladder.

THE TEAM –

Oliver Ploskodniak (Goal/Wing)– Very keen player showing moments of brilliance but needs more consistency in his game. Fast on the wing and reasonably fit.

Domenic Romeo (Goal) – Extremely good and courageous. Did not play in every game but even so was third in Best and Fairest Awards.

Steve Dewit (Right Back) – Talented and reliable. Always played a solid game. Good positional play.

Ian Trimble (Left Back) – The 'old hand' dragged back from retirement. Not fast, but cunning.

Tony Ruggiero (Right Half/Forward) – Joined us at the beginning of the second round. A welcome addition to the team, showing talent and promise for the future.

David Dibiasie (Centre & Right Half) – Keen and solid player with talent. Good in both attack and defence but more at home at right half.

Bill Hooker (Centre Half) – Experienced player with a strong hit and good at passing to the forwards. Scored two goals with a few near misses. Unfortunately unable to play every week but still high on the Best and Fairest Award.

David Chaves (Left Half) – Always reliable and he improved with every game culminating in a magnificent effort against Sydney Uni. Good club member.

Andrew Langdon (Right Half/Forward) – Very talented and enjoyed his move to the forwards. Discouraged when we were behind and needs to maintain pressure until the end of the game.

Henri Karpinski (Forward) – Extremely fast and a good hitter, scoring two goals. Needs to keep the ball and his temper under more control. His keenness and support were greatly appreciated.

Robert Rogan (Forward) – Our best and most talented player. Scored 5 goals, including a hat-trick. Dangerous in attack and helpful in defence. Very fit. Promoted to '2nd' grade during the second half of the season and thereby robbed himself of the Best and Fairest Award. Better luck next season in the '2nd' grade.

Michael Kemp (Forward) – Improved with every game and became a great asset to the team. Scored one goal and helped to score others.

Bill Tabikh (Forward) – Very fast and talented young player who scored two goals before his promotion to '2nd' grade. Has potential to be a great hockey player.

Gary Hooker (Forward) – Very fast and versatile, playing on both wings – not in the same game ! Combined in a number of good attacks and helped score goals. Should come further back during 16-yard hits.

Keith Arango (Forward/Half) – Joined us late in the season and a welcome addition to the team. Found his place in the forwards during the last game, scoring a brilliant goal and narrowly missing others. Hope to see him at the beginning of next season.

Charlie Charalambous (Forward) – Joined us with Keith and played on the wing. Lacks some experience and with practice will be a useful member of the team.

Martin Friend (Forward) – Not always available but when on the field can score goals – 2 in one game. With more dedication could become a great hockey player.

Brian Hassan (Forward) – Potentially a very good player and with more experience will curb his tendency of following the ball. If you stay in the right position, the ball will come to you.

Thanks must also go to some 1st and 2nd grade players who helped us out on a number of occasions – Colin Huggett, Paul Huggett (1 goal), Martin Wood (1 goal), Lew Martin (1 goal) and Ken Chaves.

IAN TRIMBLE.

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HOCKEY – ANNUAL REPORT UNDER 17's

This was really the season that never was, as the shortage of players and of opposition caused an unsatisfying season for players and administrators alike.

The season consisted of five games only as the competition was disbanded at the end of the first round. This situation was caused initially by the unsatisfactory competition structure, as St. George, Sydney University, Glebe and North Sydney were all unable to field sides. The competition limped on until both Bankstown and Northern Districts pulled out.

For the games that were played, however, Briars recorded one win from the five games. Our side was never made up of the full complement and usually a number of different faces each week meant a continual reshuffling of players' positions, causing continually disjointed play.

The players themselves were always keen on the field and all players gave wholehearted performances. The established U-17 players – Martin Friend (Captain), Bill Tabilck, Brian Hassan, Domenic Romeo, Andrew Langdon and Edward Fernandes – were the mainstays of the team and made up the nucleus of the senior third grade team. In this respect, these players were not lost to Briars at the end of the U-17's season. However, the younger members of the team – Joe Nasif, the three Natsis brothers, Stuart Deer and John McNally were unable to command senior grade positions. Briars can hardly afford to lose young talent like this, as these players are the future of the club.

Efforts are continuing to regenerate an U-17's unit for the up-coming season in a viable competition.

Statistics:	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Loss</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Position</u>
	5	1	4	4	8	5th

NIGEL STERRY

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U-15 REPORT

Junior Convenor's Report:

Looking back over the 1984 season, I think that this one, more than any other, has been the most enjoyable and rewarding season for myself, with regards to my association with the current juniors in the under 15's team and Minkey program.

Over the years, Briars juniors have tended to be an assortment of misfits, myself included,

who came together each week to play hockey. No other team, since my association with the club, has shown the cohesion and team spirit that has prevailed this year.

The emphasis this year has been enjoyment of the game. This was certainly achieved, together with the added bonus of increased skill of individuals and team work. What more could a player or coach want?

Thanks must be given to the coaches who helped make the 1984 season the success it was. As Junior Hockey Convenor, I look forward to continued growth in the Junior Program and increased support from other senior members. May 1985 prove to be as successful, if not more so, for players and all concerned, as it was in 1984.

ROBERT WOOD.

Under 15's Report:

Confidence is one of the most important qualities that all sportspeople try to acquire. It can mean the difference between winning and losing.

Sportsmanship is another important quality.

In coaching the Under 15 side this year, I have been able to observe various teams in the competition. One team always complained to the umpires, and played rough, but they won. They had confidence, but no sportsmanship. They played only to win. Another team tried hard every week to win, with not so much success, however, they enjoyed themselves. This was most noticeable in how the team played together. They certainly had amongst them some oncoming "stars", but these "stars" maintained throughout the season the ability to "share" the game with other team mates.

They may not have had the most confidence, but they certainly were the best sports.

To all the sportsmen in the Briars Under 15 hockey side, I give my congratulations to the great effort they have injected into their hockey season. Trainings were always well represented, and all matches were exceptionally well attended. Your attitude to sport does the whole team credit.

In general, it was a rewarding season for all the boys, if you consider that they now can play a really good game of hockey. I hope that all of the team continue to play together next year, but even if they don't, they will at least be able to demonstrate some of the skills that are necessary to play the game. With a year's experience behind them, there is no reason why they can't win next year.

The players' positioning for the most part is good, although some of them could think about marking the opposition a touch more.

Most players are starting to back tackle well, as well as being capable of tackling an on-coming player.

Hitting could be improved by some, but in general everyone in the side can direct the hit in the direction they want it to go. A few of the players, Greg Dunn in particular, have developed an excellent hit.

Pushing needs a lot of work by all players. A couple of players can manage to "get rid" of the ball by pushing, but few rarely use the push apart from that. Next year they should concentrate on developing the push through passing combinations.

Once their pushing has strengthened, the boys will find that they will be able to lift the ball more readily as in the flick.

One thing I would most like boys to do next year is not to stand-off the opponent who has the ball, but to get in there and hassle him. This puts pressure on the opponent to either pass the ball quickly, or to dribble around you, and it may force an error enabling you to gain possession of the ball.

I would like to thank all the parents and families that came along to cheer from the side line, and hope that their support continues.

To finish up, next year I will be unable to be coach of the Under 15's side, since I will have moved house out "west", so I would like to wish all of the boys the best for next year.

Statistics –

<u>Goal Scorers</u>	<u>Goals</u>
Marshall Patterson	3
Greg Dunn	2
Tim Anderson	1
Ben Keneally	1
Wins = 1	Against Navahoes

Best and Fairest: **Tim Anderson**

Most Improved: **Ian Reynolds**

TEAM SYNOPSIS –

Paul Williamson: (Goal Keeper): Shows excellent natural talent. Needs to sharpen his movements around his goal and recover quicker after making a tackle. A very capable player.

Ian Reynolds: (Left Fullback): A solid battler who never gives up. Had his off days like most others, but bounces back the next week. His hitting is accurate, and his positioning and covering is good. Needs to concentrate more on stopping the ball.

Bernard Russell: (Right Back): Stops the ball exceptionally well. Hitting improved towards end of season. Needs to learn a bit of variety, and to anticipate what his opponents are about to do.

Paul Foster: (Right Half): Paul has the necessary skills required to become a great player. In fact, in various skills tests, he was near the top of the charts. His fitness is what lets him down. When he controls the ball, he holds his own, and is a capable trapper, tackler and feeder of the ball.

Duncan Bainbridge: (Utility Half/Fullback): Duncan, like Paul, needs to improve his fitness. He has increased his stamina towards the end of the season, despite some illness, and could benefit from some summer activity. Duncan needs to think more about the game, and try to interpret the need to balance himself between marking a player, and going for the ball.

Tim Anderson: (Centre Half): Such a keen and talented player deserves to gain representative status next year. Tim has a great deal of natural talent and an even more resilience to knocks. Don't get discouraged by the size of your opponents. Nothing looks more foolish than a "stocky" player being outplayed by a leaner opponent.

Mathew MacFarlane: (Left Half/Reserve Goalkeeper): Has a lot of guts. Needs to improve general skills. A good all-rounder. Must sometimes keep the ball himself and have a go, rather than always pass off to other players. His goal keeping is quite good. He made some excellent saves.

Paul Burgess: (Left Wing): Two hands on the stick is always better than one. Paul is always super keen. Learn to slow down a little bit and pass the ball when the call is made. Try to get behind the line of the ball when receiving a pass, rather than trying to snatch at it after it passes you. No one rarely catches up to a pass which has passed them, and then hope to gain control afterwards.

Ben Keneally: (Inside Left): Ben has good, capable skills, but needs to concentrate on his positioning. A good inside forward defends as well as attacks. His last game rewarded his efforts with a fine goal, as good as any other scored.

Greg Dunn: (Centre Forward): Greg has a super-cool attitude and when the going gets rough, he gives as good as he gets. He should try to use his backstick a little less, and hammer the ball whenever he gets the opportunity. Greg gets caught occasionally trying to dribble around the defender a little too late, ending with a lunge for the ball. He passes and back-tackles extremely well, and his hit is the most solid of all the players in the team.

Marshall Patterson: (Inside Right): The quiet achiever of the team. Marshall has a great reserve of athletic talent. He deserved better than the 3 goals he scored. If he can become more aggressive on the field, he will find he will get more opportunities to score. A bit of defensive work couldn't hurt either.

David Wells: (Right Wing): David must appreciate that the ball will not automatically travel to the area he stands in. Once he gets involved in the game, he will find that he will enjoy it more, and his skills will improve. His hitting could improve. Try not to belt the cover off the ball, but concentrate on timing your hit.

Thanks also to Mark Goldie and David Massey for their playing contributions during the season.

Good luck next year,

PAUL HUGGETT (Coach)

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MINKEY PROGRAM REPORT

This program was implemented for young children, so that they could experience the game of hockey and learn the skills, in a non-competitive atmosphere.

To the participants of the program, I wish to thank you for your enthusiasm and dedication, all of which contributed to both the success of the program and everyone concerned enjoying themselves immensely. Also, I would like to mention, the older players showed maturity and restraint when playing with the younger participants. A commendable attribute.

The Minkey participants were :-

Marcus Thiele	Rosa Yunis
Danny Thiele	Vicki Yunis
Graeme Varis	Matthew Moussa
Phillip Constable	Mark O'Hara
Patrick Detjen	Michael Ackroyd
Reuben Brown	Spencer Golightly
Kenneth Crowe	

The ability for all the players to adapt to the various positions in both attack and defence was displayed and a very good level of skill was demonstrated by all. Rarely seen at that age, and a concept that some thought could not be achieved in the first year, was team work.

However, as the season progressed, players increasingly came to understand the principles of team work, positioning and letting the ball do the work. This resulted in their games being more open, allowing it to flow more and look more 'professional'. I feel that the players enjoyed and appreciated the game more because of this.

When I look at these players, I don't see good hockey players, but champion hockey players. I say this with all sincerity and hope that their enthusiasm towards the game will continue to grow.

I look forward to seeing the younger participants in the program next year and wish the older players success in their transition to Saturday morning competition.

The parents who gave support to the program and myself during the year was tremendous. I sincerely thank them and the seniors who helped umpire/coach the games on Sundays.

ROBERT WOOD.

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ANNUAL SQUASH REPORT

Briars fielded six teams in the 1984 autumn competition, consisting of two 'A' grade sides, one 'C' grade side, one 'D' grade side, one 'E' grade and one 'F' grade side. The teams were as follows :-

A1	Dick Humphreys Gary Cornish Ken Kable Egor Blaszcnski Ray Pontifex (C)	C1	John Healy Frank Mandile Bert Houston (C) Peter Ræ Eddie Moore Brian Douglas	E3	Ken Matwejev Andrew Haynes (C) Gary Daw John Pearson
A3	Ray Barros Allan Cameron Neil Richardson (C) John De George Pat Cole	D1	Grant Heggarty Brian Eddie Greg Kelly (C) Steve Madz Gary Signor	F2	Peter McMorran Dave Bowan Des Stewart Bill Barnwell (C) Rod King

Of the six teams entered, three made the semi-finals. The A1 side, captained by Ray Pontifex had very strong competition and lost in the semi-finals. The C1 side, captained by Bert Houston, had a fighting chance for a pennant but, unfortunately, were also knocked out in the

semis. The C1 side, captained by Greg Kelly, breezed through the semi-finals, certainly looked good to take the pennant out, but failed in the finals.

During the 14-round competition, two names are worthy of mention. Dave Bowan showed very consistent form and produced the best all-round performance for the Club. John Healy again showed his strength as a squash player and produced the second all-round performance.

With a few 'A' grade players retiring and some drifting to other clubs, Briars were only able to field four teams for the 1984 Spring Competition. The sides were as follows:--

B2	Robert Bedic John Healy (C) Frank Mandile Laas Brandar	C5	Greg Kelly (C) Gary Signor Dave Bowan Dan Power
C3	Peter Rae Eddie Moore (C) Lou Tourian Brian Eddie Grant Heggarty	E6	Rod King (C) Des Stewart Paul Quinn John Powell Peter MacMorran

Briars did not fare at all well during the competition. Injuries created problems for all teams and for the first time in many years no team made the semi-finals. Of the 19 players that played during the competition, Gary Signor stands out as being the most consistent and has taken out the award for the best average for the competition. Peter MacMorran, who virtually won the wooden spoon award last comp. for his overall average, completely reversed his form, winning most of his matches and almost pipped Gary Signor for the best performance award.

Competition resumes again next February, with the 1985 Autumn Competition and with the loss of the 'A' grade sides and the dismal performance in the past competition, I hope the squash teams can forget their morale problems and prepare for the ensuing competition. On paper, the Club has some excellent squash teams and I am convinced that pennants will flow again in the future.

GRANT HEGGARTY
(Squash Chairman)

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1984 N.S.W. GOLF OPEN TOURNAMENT

Your Club was again invited to participate in the staging of the 1984 National Panasonic N.S.W. Golf Open Tournament, held at The Lakes Golf Course between 18–21 October, 1984.

The organisers of the tournament allocated similar functions to previous years, i.e. car parking, rope crew (sometimes), course communications, leader boards, press tent and the additional function of club security/will call. As well, the Club was offered the opportunity to conduct the practice range from the Monday through to the Sunday.

In order to adequately cover all of these functions, a hard working telephone committee was co-opted to ensure a maximum number of people were in attendance. Due largely to the efforts of members of the telephone committee, we were able to have sufficient people available to ensure all of the duties were adequately staffed. Numbers could have been slightly better for Thursday/Friday but a plan has already been formulated to cover these days in 1985.

Each function was allocated a team leader as follows:-

Press Tent	— Bob Hanthorne
Leader Boards	— Bill Hooker
Rope Crew	— Ross Seabrook
Club Security/Will Call	— Lindsay Calloway
Practice Range	— Bruce Trevenar/Charlie Williams

My personal congratulations and, I am sure the Club would echo my sentiments, to these fellow members for the extremely efficient manner in which they carried out their duties. The tournament directors were highly impressed with the organisation of the Briars participation, and this reflects very favourably on all of the people who volunteered their services over the duration of the tournament.

I would be very remiss in not publicly acknowledging the enormous amount of time and effort contributed by Greg McPhee to ensure the success of the Briar's participation. The Club (and sports, ultimately) has benefited to the amount of \$9,000.00, less expenses. Proceeds from the practice range totalled \$1,665.00, with over 1,600 golf balls to be sold for another tidy amount to go into the Club coffers.

Personally, I have been very pleased to be associated with the organisation of the Club's involvement this year. I hope all volunteers enjoyed themselves and will be available for the 1985 Tournament which is set down for Concord.

JOHN THRELFO.

BRIARS SKI CLUB – THREDBO

Directors: R. Anstey (Chairman), A. Clifford, B. Darragh, J. Edmonds, P. Arnold, M. Kennedy, R. Vanderfield, M. Catt (Secretary).

The Club has just been through a most difficult period, as the result of a tree falling through the lodge in November of last year. This entailed substantial damage and extensive repairs had to be carried out. There were a number of problems with the builder carrying out the work and the club is most grateful for the help of Grant Hickey in expediting and overseeing this work. Subsequently there were some legal hassles and Jim Fields assisted greatly in resolving them.

Whilst the lodge was operating again by winter, the snow season started very slowly. The snow improved dramatically late in the season, although occupancy was nowhere near capacity.

Our usual thanks are expressed to Don Walker for preparing the accounts and to our Hon. Auditor, Col Jones.

Briars members are reminded that there are frequently vacancies in the lodge after Ski Club members' accommodation requirements are met. Rates are very competitive with commercial lodges. Summer is particularly under-utilised, even though there has been a great deal of development work to popularise Thredbo as an off-Snow Season resort.

Booking enquiries can be made to Andy Clifford at 647-2811 (Bus.) or 427-2673 (Home).

RICHARD VANDERFIELD.

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HOUSE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I took over the position of House Chairman from Dave Lewis early this year. You really don't appreciate the work that Dave had done for the club for so long, until you have to do it yourself. It is hard to keep up the same standards he set.

The club rooms have taken on a new look this year, to the thanks of many members. A special thanks must go to Doug Staniforth, for his endless work. Services have been given by many members, saving the Club many dollars. Thanks to Dave Guille, Craig Hickey, Greg McPhee and Rod Smith.

The games room has taken on a look of being a games room. Two dart boards have been

placed on the west wall and lighting just about completed. The telephone box has been painted in the Club's colours. All pennants have been placed on the walls, leaving plenty of room for 1985. I am at present trying to obtain action pictures of the Club's sports to cover the walls. If any person has some good action photos worth blowing up, would they please contact me.

The hardest part of this job is cleaning up after members. A lot of you would be very disgusted if you saw the way the club is left. So please remember, if you use it, clean it and put it away. If you don't, someone else has to.

RAY TUFFIN.
House Chairman.

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PERSONNEL REPORT FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year has been fairly successful in terms of personnel, with 36 new members joining the Club. Quite a considerable improvement has been made by all sports to ensure that all their players are financial members of the Club.

I wish to thank all the Sporting Chairmen for their efforts in this regard and hopefully this trend will continue in future years. Also, I wish to thank Ian Blair and Colin Dennis for their assistance in welcoming new members to the Club.

1984 also saw the formation of a Recruitment Committee, made up of members from all sports, to sell the Briars to Schools in our area. I hope that the efforts of this Committee will be successful in attracting new members to the Club.

MARTIN WATTS,
Personnel Chairman.

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FOCUS – 1984

The 1984 year, my first as editor of the FOCUS, has been one that has provided me with many new friends and a large degree of satisfaction.

Throughout the year there have been four editions published with one to follow in late December. Unfortunately, due to continuing publishing problems, our main aim of a FOCUS every two months was not achieved but next year I'm sure the regularity will be evident.

To produce such a paper requires financial support and this was provided by our advertisers such as our 'regulars' in Pymble Timber Co., Raine & Horne, Kerry Trollope Antiques, J. G. Mortlock Insurances, and of course, Burt's Pharmacy. We hope their support continues in 1985, along with any other new advertisements.

As the FOCUS is the Club's newsletter, all contributions were provided by Club members. These people must be thanked for their information, which included sports reports, management and board reports, as well as humour in the Here and There column. The regular contributors included :

Board and Management	—	Craig Hickey
Advertising	—	Col Dennis
Rugby Chairman	—	Peter Dunlop
Cricket	—	Bill Hooker/Gerard Price
Hockey	—	Michael Sterry
Squash	—	Ed Moore
Here & There	—	Rod Smith/Gerard Price
Heard These	—	Warren Bryan
Social	—	Paul Bevins

Thanks to all those who have provided support throughout the year and here's hoping next year will be even bigger and better.

GERARD PRICE
Focus Chairman.

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ADMINISTRATION

Both Board and the Management Committee met on 12 occasions during the period 1st October, 1983 to 30th September, 1984, with one meeting being a combined Board and Management Committee. Attendance by members was as follows :

BOARD —	I. Blair	10	Leave of absence 2 meetings
	J. Edmonds	7	Leave of absence 1 meeting
	C. Walker	10	Leave of absence 1 meeting
	C. Dennis	8	
	P. Mansford	9	
	C. Hickey	11	
	J. Staniforth	12	

BOARD (Contd.) –

I. Richard	12	
J. Crockett	9	Appointed October, 1983
P. Bowyer	1	

MANAGEMENT –

I. Blair	10	Leave of absence 2 meetings
I. Richard	2	Acting Chairman
C. Hickey	10	
D. Blair	7	Resigned June, 1984
P. Bowyer	3	Appointed June, 1984
P. Bevins	6	
G. Heggarty	5	
W. Hooker	10	
A. Steele	3	
N. Sterry	11	
P. Dunlop	8	
R. Tuffin	5	Appointed March, 1984
M. Watts	8	
G. McPhee	6	Resigned March, 1984
D. Lewis	4	Resigned March, 1984
B. Ferguson	1	Resigned December, 1983
G. Johnson	2	Resigned December, 1983
G. Price	5	Appointed March, 1984
J. Healey	3	
S. Schomberg	2	Appointed August, 1984

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BAR REPORT

It is very pleasing to see that bar trading has increased over the past two months, with the introduction of Board and Management on duty every week night.

This is also a result of the introduction of Toohey's 2.2 on tap and this seems to be allowing more people to frequent the club without the fear of over-indulging.

My appreciation goes to all those who help clean up the bar at the end of the night and at organised functions.

Good news for Resches drinkers; we are trying to get Resches back on top, with the updating of the bar equipment but until then the club will be periodically serving Resches on tap.

SEE YOU AT THE BAR !!!

ANDREW STEELE
Senior Steward.

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 Gerard Price. Congratulations, Gerard.

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>
		<u>100 points</u>

This trophy is won by Steve Schomberg. Steve played in "A" Shires and is a member of the Cricket Committee.

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 Keeness	—	15 points

Gordon Bevan Shield (Contd.)

Value as a Club Member	—	15 points
Neatness of uniform	—	<u>10 points</u>
		100 points
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John Staniforth is the winner this year. John's dedication to rugby over the years has been outstanding. Congratulations, John.

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	—	<u>10 points</u>
		100 points
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This year's winner is Robert Wood. Not only is Robert playing top grade Hockey but has also been outstandingly successful in organising our juniors.

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

Doug Vanderfield Trophy (Contd.)

Conduct on squash court	—	15 points
Neatness of dress	—	<u>10 points</u>
		<u>100 points</u>

John Healey was the unanimous winner this year, for his efforts on the squash courts and administrative involvement. Congratulations, John.

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.

Tim Anderson this year has the honour of winning this Trophy. We look forward to Tim's success in the senior sides.

GEOFF ARCHIBALD TROPHY

This is a new trophy, donated by Club members in memory of Geoff Archibald. The trophy is awarded to the most outstanding rugby player in his first season with the Club and having qualified by playing at least 12 games. The first winner of this trophy is Trevor Spaul.

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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. Exec. Officer.

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THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER, 1984

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 \$11,722 (1983 \$8,045).

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 \$2,500 was transferred to provision for Sport Development. 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. J. Staniforth and C. K. Dennis 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 22nd day of
November, 1984. R. I. Richard — Director

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1984

RESERVES AND ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT		1984	1983
General Reserve		<u>\$19327</u>	<u>\$19327</u>
ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT			
Balance 30.9.83		84904	76859
ADD: Profit year ended 30.9.84		<u>11722</u>	<u>8045</u>
Total Accumulated Earnings		<u>\$96626</u>	<u>\$84904</u>
Total Reserves and Accumulated Earnings		<u>\$115953</u>	<u>\$104231</u>
This is represented by:--			
FIXED ASSETS			
Land and Buildings	(Note 4)	23435	23811
Furniture, Fittings, Air Conditioner, Cash Register, Carpet and Vinyl Floor	(Note 5)	<u>21243</u>	<u>26212</u>
		<u>\$44678</u>	<u>\$50023</u>
INVESTMENTS			
Trust Funds	(Note 6) (Note 7)	68000 <u>2066</u>	53300 <u>2322</u>
		<u>\$70066</u>	<u>\$55622</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock at lower cost or market value		10392	4902
Prepayments		6200	4661
Debtors		510	600
Cash at Bank		2725	4270
Cash on Hand		<u>189</u>	<u>260</u>
		<u>\$20016</u>	<u>\$14693</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$134760</u>	<u>\$120338</u>
LESS: LIABILITIES			
Trust Funds	(Note 7)	<u>\$ 2066</u>	<u>\$ 2322</u>
Debentures & Gifts			
5% Debentures maturing 30th September, 1991		1100	1200
Interest Free Debentures maturing 30th September, 1991		<u>2500</u>	<u>2500</u>
		<u>\$ 3600</u>	<u>\$ 3700</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provision for Deferred Maintenance		2000	2000
Trade Creditors and Accruals		3408	3059
Subscriptions paid in advance		3733	3526
Provision for Sport Development		4000	1500
		<u>\$13141</u>	<u>\$10085</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>\$18807</u>	<u>\$16107</u>
Excess of Assets over Liabilities		<u>\$115953</u>	<u>\$104231</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these accounts

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
BAR TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1984

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
BAR RECEIPTS		
Sales	33297	33759
LESS: Cost of Sales	<u>20386</u>	<u>21391</u>
Gross Bar Profit	<u>\$ 12911</u>	<u>\$ 12368</u>
LESS: BAR OPERATING EXPENSES		
Liquor Licence	1636	1770
Bar Expenses & Maintenance	472	674
Depreciation of Bar Equipment	<u>1096</u>	<u>1370</u>
	<u>\$ 3204</u>	<u>\$ 3814</u>
Bar Trading Profit	<u>\$ 9707</u>	<u>\$ 8554</u>
ADD: INCOME FROM		
Property Rents	18222	16691
Members' Subscriptions	8412	7529
Interest Received	7763	5173
N.S.W. Open Golf Championship	2993	3044
Sundry Income	380	—
Net Surplus Sporting Activities (Note 3)	<u>47</u>	<u>1185</u>
	<u>\$47524</u>	<u>\$42176</u>
LESS: OPERATING EXPENSES		
Administration and Club Room Expenses (Note 1)	23635	20262
Property Expenses (Note 2)	5061	5133
Depreciation of Furniture, Fittings, Air Conditioner, Cash Register, Carpet and Vinyl Floor	4331	5996
Loss on Social Activities	246	240
Loss on Sale of Asset	29	—
Tour Subsidy	<u>—</u>	<u>500</u>
	<u>\$33302</u>	<u>\$32131</u>
OPERATING PROFIT	14222	\$10045
Less:		
Transfer to Provision for Deferred Maintenance	—	2000
Transfer to Provision for Sport Development	<u>2500</u>	<u>—</u>
SURPLUS FOR YEAR TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT	<u>\$ 11722</u>	<u>\$8045</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these accounts

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1984 ACCOUNTS

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
1. ADMINISTRATION AND CLUB ROOM EXPENSES		
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	12884	11222
Stationery, Postage, Telephone & Bank Charges	1535	1455
Lighting and Heating	2681	2425
Annual Reports	2080	1797
Insurance	1219	1110
Interest Paid	64	—
Billiards and Table Tennis	132	171
Focus	1952	1172
Donations and Presentations	—	135
General Expenses	<u>1088</u>	<u>775</u>
	<u>\$ 23635</u>	<u>\$ 20262</u>
2. PROPERTY EXPENSES		
Insurance	2311	2087
Rates	2374	2670
Depreciation of Buildings	376	376
	<u>\$ 5061</u>	<u>\$ 5133</u>
3. NET COST OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES		
Hockey:		
Ground Hire, Gear, etc.,	4750	3074
LESS: Received from Players	<u>4530</u>	<u>2371</u>
Net <u>Cost</u> of Hockey	<u>\$ 220</u>	<u>\$ 703</u>
Cricket:		
Ground Hire, Gear, etc.	6377	5338
LESS: Received from Players	<u>5982</u>	<u>5389</u>
Net <u>Cost</u> of Cricket	<u>\$ 395</u>	<u>(\$51)</u>
Football:		
Ground Hire, Gear, etc.,	13886	6717
LESS: Received from Players	<u>14350</u>	<u>7220</u>
Net <u>Surplus</u> Football	<u>\$ 484</u>	<u>\$ 503</u>
Squash:		
Court Hire, Gear, etc.	2960	4077
LESS: Received from Players	<u>3138</u>	<u>5411</u>
Net <u>Surplus</u> Squash	<u>\$ 178</u>	<u>\$ 1334</u>
NET SURPLUS SPORTING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ 47</u>	<u>\$ 1185</u>

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1984 ACCOUNTS

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
4. LAND AND BUILDINGS		
At Cost	28772	28772
LESS: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>5337</u>	<u>4961</u>
	<u>\$23435</u>	<u>\$23811</u>
5. FURNITURE AND FITTINGS		
At Cost	36507	36048
LESS: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>15264</u>	<u>9836</u>
	<u>\$21243</u>	<u>\$26212</u>
6. INVESTMENTS		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies at Cost	39000	20000
Government Bonds at Cost	23000	13000
Deposits — At Call	<u>6000</u>	<u>20300</u>
	<u>\$68000</u>	<u>\$53300</u>
7. TRUST FUNDS		
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>333</u>	<u>461</u>
	<u>\$ 1033</u>	<u>\$ 1161</u>
J. Sheehan Sporting Scholarship		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies	700	700
Cash at Bank	<u>333</u>	<u>461</u>
	<u>\$ 1033</u>	<u>\$ 1161</u>

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1984 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, 1984

In the opinion of the Directors:

- (a) The attached Profit and Loss Statement for the year ended 30 September, 1984 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, 1984 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

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R. I. Richard — Director

Dated at Sydney this 22nd day of
November, 1984.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have audited the accounts comprising:—

- (i) balance sheet and profit statement of the company together with the notes attached thereto;
 - (ii) the statement by directors:
- in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

In my opinion:—

- (a) the 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:

Auditor's Report (Contd.)

- (i) the state of affairs of the company as at June 30, 1984, 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;

and are in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

- (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 22nd day of November, 1984.

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C. G. JONES
Chartered Accountant.

OUTWARD BOUND REPORT

ROBERT BRUCE CLARK – Outward Bound Scholarship

This annual Scholarship established by Bob Clark has been awarded to **ANDREW MACKY**.

Andrew currently plays cricket with the Club and is a cadet Traffic Engineer. He will be attending the course in early January.

