

71st ANNUAL REPORT

AND

BALANCE SHEET

1988 — 1989

The Briars
Sporting Club Limited
Burwood



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Seventy-First Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1988 — 1989

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your Board of Directors and Management present for consideration by members this seventy-first Annual Report of the Club's financial position and activities for the year ended 30th September, 1989.

We are able to report that the Club has continued on, successfully pursuing the objectives so cleverly defined by our founding echelon . . . "to foster and promote amateur sport".

Financially the strength of recent years has been repeated and we are again in the fortunate position of submitting a favourable Profit and Loss Report and Balance Sheet. Our principal sources of income continue to be derived from property and investment income and proceeds from our association with golf tournaments. During the past year our operating expenses have increased significantly and so has our income. Rents have increased due to lease re-negotiations; Interest due to several compounding investments maturing; and, Golf income due to increased involvement. The main increase in operating expenses has been Repairs and Maintenance and this was brought about by the refurbishing of both the kitchen and toilet areas and replacement of curtains and other necessary items. The Board has resolved (as in past years) to provide \$5,000 for Sport Development for the continued sponsorship of junior teams and subsidise sporting fees of junior members.

In reviewing the important side of the Club's contribution to society, which are our sporting activities and associated functions, we are also able to report that the Club has generally gained strength. Probably the most memorable aspect of the season for Cricket, Rugby and Hockey was the weather, where we experienced one of the most disruptive wet periods in the Club's history.

Cricket improved on last year's results with an adequate number of players including a lot of new members. The B Grade played very well and came 2nd in the competition while our overall position improved to 4th in the Club Championship. Our appreciation is extended to the retiring Cricket Chairman, Steve Schomberg, who has performed very well in the role and deserves congratulations for a job well done.

Rugby experienced a difficult year, virtually having to rebuild in a new division. This has been achieved and the season was closed with a team in the semi-finals, a Club Championship position of 6th and a wealth of young players who have shown their keenness to continue the rebuilding. The Club must thank the Rugby Chairman, Owen Moore, who took on the job knowing the problems and having a will to solve them. He has built a new foundation for continued improvement and deserves congratulations for a job well done.

Hockey is continually improving in its playing abilities and strength of numbers. All senior teams reached the semi-finals, which is very creditable, and two of the players were selected for representative sides. The Hockey Chairman, Paul Huggett, has performed very well in the running of this sport.

Squash has again performed "in its winning ways" — to quote the Chairman. They fielded five sides and won premierships pennants in three. There has been a noted consolidation of the older players while also enrolling the talents of new and younger players. Thanks and congratulations are due to Ken Kable for his efforts as Squash Chairman.

Basketball again fielded three teams and employed the efforts of 26 players. The C2 grade performed notably, having lost the Minor Premiership on a countback and then proceeding to 2nd position in the Grand Final. The standard has improved and one team has been upgraded as a result. Thanks are due to Marty Watts who has performed the task of Chairman admirably.

The quantitative results of the sports have been supplemented by a very successful qualitative result for the year — all observations suggest the players have enjoyed all the joys and enjoyment of team sporting activities.

The Club Social activities have been very well supported and enjoyed thoroughly by those who supported them. The Annual Ball was commented on by those present as being one of the most enjoyable Balls for many years. The Annual Dinner deserves special mention where those present were exposed to the gifted reveries of John Coates, the Manager of the Australian Olympic team to Seoul, and a colleague of many Briars. His contribution made the night one of the most successful for years. The success of the social calendar can be credited in the main to the hard work and efforts of the Social Chairman, Paul Price.

Focus was produced quarterly and we are pleased to see the time between writing and distribution decreased. This publication is an important communication between Briars and it is awaited with interest by all recipients. The high quality of this contribution to Briars is due to the efforts of Gerrard Price, who has retired and is thanked and congratulated for his dedicated efforts.

The administration and management of the Bar and Clubrooms have been very capably handled by the untiring efforts of Col Dayman, and the Club is aware and thankful of his dedicated efforts to ensure the success of the Bar and the physical hospitality of the Club rooms.

The Personnel and Schools Liaison functions have been performed creditably by Marty Watts and John Price and the Club thanks them for their dedication and efforts.

At the last Annual Meeting one of the Directors, Peter Mansford retired as a Director. The Club thanks Peter for his long and dedicated service.

I personally would like to thank all those who made my first year in the office of President a pleasant and rewarding task.

The Club enjoyed competing against our many friends in the endeavour of sport and thanks them for their competition and friendship. We thank the Municipal authorities in Concord and Burwood Councils and the Cumberland College of Health Science for the provision of the fields of endeavour.

We also thank these sporting bodies for making competition available: N.S.W. Rugby Union, Sydney Suburban Rugby Union, Sydney Hockey Association, Sydney Hockey Umpires Association, Squash Racquets Association of N.S.W., Bankstown Basketball Association, Parramatta Basketball Association, N.S.W. Cricket Association, Council of Municipal Shire Clubs, City & Suburban Cricket Association.

**Ian Richard
President**

OBITUARIES

It is with regret that the club advises the death of three senior members. Our deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

Neil Baurell — Neil was a member of the Club for over 50 years, a front row forward he played before World War 2, saw overseas service in the Army, returned to continue his football with the Club and played in the 1949 Kentwell Premiership side. At the time of his death he ran his own accountants office.

Mike Friend — A member for over 30 years, mainly played in the Burke Cup in the fifties. Always maintained his interest in the Club, a regular attender at the Old Members evenings and assisted in the NSW Open Golf Days. Prior to his death Mike worked with C.S.R. He retired early because of ill health and had to cut short an overseas holiday. Bob Clark probably was the last member to see Mike before his untimely death.

Doug Staniforth — Although only a member for a short duration had a great impact on the Club. Played with the "Golden Oldies" when he was 50+, ran the football canteen, assisted in the Open Golf Days. When we had maintenance problems at the Club, Doug was always on hand to fix the problem. In the short number of years Doug was a member he gave a 100% effort. The Club is fortunate to have John his son as club solicitor and director and his wife still helps in the football canteen.

Ted Stockdale

BRIARS CRICKET REPORT

(ANNUAL REPORT)

The 1988/89 cricket season showed a marked improvement on the previous year. Our numbers were good this year and a lot of new members joined the Club. This season could possibly be remembered as the season of the "big wet", with a record number of games being washed out and virtually no play after the second last round of the competition.

The highlights of the season included:—

- Richard Tregeagle's achievement in taking 53 wickets in the season.
- The great performance of the B grade side (2nd)
- Improvement in the Club Championship (4th outright)
- Very successful seven-a-side and double wicket days.
- Enjoyable trip to Wagga to play a day-night game.

I wish to thank all who assisted during the season:—

The Captains — Gerard Price, Peter Richardson, Phil Davis, Bill Hooker, Brian Price, Alan Thompson and Paul Simpson

Gerard Price — Social Co-ordinator

Bob Streeter — Chairman of Selectors

Paul Price — Glebe Reporter, Treasurer, Social

Paul Simpson — Training Co-ordinator

Stuart Lind — Newsletter Co-ordinator

John Price — School's Liaison, Seven-A-Side

Brett Howle/Paul Mattick — NSW Open

Norm Bush — Providing meat trays for raffles each week

Dave Blair, John Threlfo, Ted Stockdale, Col Dayman — Regular supporters at Rothwell Park

Ted Stockdale — Afternoon teas at Rothwell Park every Saturday

(Much appreciated, Ted.)

I would like to congratulate the respective clubs that we played this year for their efforts and especially:—

Warringah — A grade Premiers, Club Champions

Lane Cove — B grade Premiers

Bexley — C grade Premiers

Wentworthville — D grade Premiers

This is my final report as Cricket Chairman and I wish Gerard Price and his committee every success in the following seasons. I have greatly appreciated the co-operation and willingness shown by all cricketers to pitch in and help out with the administration. With the current trends, especially in the area of junior development, the continued success of cricket is assured.

Steve Schomberg
(Cricket Chairman)

“A” SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1988-1989

After our fantastic performance during the previous season, I firmly believed we had the potential to win the competition this season, especially with the return of Richard Tregear and the addition of newcomers Gerard Abood and Bede Maher.

In our first game of the season we defeated last year's premiers, Wentworthville, and then proceeded to win our next three games. Up to Christmas we had lost only one game and were running 2nd but then we lost three of our next four games and were left in the position of winning the last round against 5th placed Bexley and hoping either the 2nd, 3rd or 4th placed teams were defeated so that we could make the semis. But, the rain ruined any chance and we eventually finished in 6th position — just one win from 2nd place.

The closeness of the competition can be seen by the following games which, had we won, would have put us in the semis:

- vs Lindfield. We scored 150 and had Lindfield 9-140. They won and finished 2nd.
- vs Baulkham Hills. We scored 9-143 in our 60 overs and had Baulkham Hills 9-128. They won and finished 3rd.
- vs Warringah. We scored 9-142 in our 41 overs and with one ball remaining had Warringah 5-142. They won and finished 1st.

Throughout the season it was clearly our batting that once again let us down badly. There were no centuries scored and only six half centuries during the season and on only three occasions did the team score in excess of 200 — a total needed for any team to be competitive.

The bowling and fielding throughout the season were of a consistent high standard and regularly proved too much for our opposition.

Overall, though, a successful season that, with an ounce of luck could have seen us as the A Grade trophy winner. Next year will be a big one.

Congratulations to Warringah on winning the premiership as they were probably the most consistent team in the competition.

Also, congratulations and thanks to Steve Schomberg on the tremendous efforts he has made over the past three years as Cricket Chairman. He deserves the break.

The players: —

Greg Lippiatt — scored his maiden half-century in A Grade with 53 not out against Pennant Hills, when involved in an unbeaten partnership of 112 with Andrew Macky. Also had a few other scores of 30 plus in a mixed season. With a little more consistency could be a real force in A Grade in the coming seasons. One of the keenest trainers and a very enthusiastic clubman.

Gerard Abood — Was his debut season in A's and is only 17 years old. Must learn to control his emotions a little as he gets frustrated if every ball is not hit in the middle or he plays and misses. He has the potential to be a heavy scorer next season. Scored an excellent unbeaten 52 against Auburn but then failed to convert his scores of 15-20 into

something bigger. An improvement in his ground fielding will ensure he fields in the covers each week.

Garry Schomberg — Not a typical season for Garry with a mixture of scores. On his day can take any attack apart with his aggression. His 95 not out against Roseville helped set up our big total but apart from this failed to hit the ball like he usually does. He also was our wicket-keeper and performed quite solidly. With a little more dedication to this aspect of his game will become a fine "allrounder".

Paul Price — Has the potential to be a consistent run-getter in A's but loses concentration at critical times. He played some valuable innings this year, with 37 not out against Macquarie University and 43 against Canterbury when promoted to number 4. Earlier Friday nights wouldn't go astray. Bowled well this year picking up wickets nearly every time he bowled. Took a great "Steve Waugh" catch against Strathfield at a vital time.

Paul Simpson — Had five scores in the 20's and 30's but failed to convert these into 50's. With some improvements in technique could be a solid A grader. Feels he is a victim of the "tall poppy syndrome" and that is the reason for his lack of bowling. Fielded well throughout the year and also ran a strict training session. His running between the wickets with Alex Fookes was a treat to watch as they kept the crowd amused.

Steve Schomberg — Not one of his greatest seasons with the ball but still a valuable team member picking up 16 wickets. Batted well against Wentworthville when we were in trouble and then scored a brisk 30 against Lane Cove batting at number 4. Rarely let the team down when batting and outshone the upper order nearly every time. As retiring Cricket Chairman we expect next season to be his best.

Richard Tregeagle — What a welcome sight he was! Had an absolutely sensational season taking 53 wickets at an average of 12.13. On five occasions took 5 or more wickets in an innings and was a real inspiration. He troubled every batsman in the competition with his swing and cut and was a big help to the captain. Also involved in a valuable last wicket partnership with Smithy against Lane Cove.

Paul Thomas — Unfortunately, Thommo missed most of the season whilst travelling overseas. He batted very well against Auburn scoring 44 and also played well against Baulkham Hills. Needs to develop his throwing arm if he is to become an outfielder.

Bede Maher — Was promoted to A's mid way through the season after some good lower grade performances. His good form continued in A's with some very important knocks against Pennant Hills, Macquarie University and Warringah. An excellent timer of the ball who, if he can develop his leg side game, will be a very valuable A grader. Not given many chances with the ball due to Tregeagle taking all the wickets.

Andrew Macky — Another who was promoted to A's mid year and continued his fine form. A very good 60 not out against Pennant Hills set up an outright victory. A gifted batsman and when in form plays some elegant shots. This season he developed his leg spin bowling and bowled well when given the chance. Has a dress sense only matched by John Price.

Alex Fookes — One of the more casual members of the team who, if he concentrates, can be superb. However, due to lack of training his game was affected and consequently was dropped to B's. Took four catches in an innings against Pennant Hills (equalling the record) and if he worked a little harder at training would be far more consistent. Unfortunately, Alex will be overseas next season but we hope to see him soon.

Rod Smith — Still a good cricketer even at his age. Unfortunately he was "moved" to B's when he persisted to shower after the game when in A's. Was a match-winner against Lane Cove when he scored 40 not out and we passed them 9 down, but his lack of training affected his bowling early in the season. His experience is invaluable and is a great team man. Keep going Dad!

Warwick Giblin — Another of the boys who, due to lack of training was unable to perform to his potential. A very valuable cricketer who should be able to force his way back into the top grade. A new sweater wouldn't go astray.

Gerard Price (Captain) — Had a mixed season. Topped the batting averages but did not convert his starts into any big scores and as yet has failed to pick up the elusive "ton". Almost snatched victory against Baulkham Hills with a superb 76 under difficult circumstances. Bowled well on most occasions without luck and hence only picked up 14 wickets. As is with all captains is learning all the time, however, must employ a tossing captain next season after losing seven of the last nine tosses.

Ted Stockdale — Our perpetual 12th man once again didn't miss a game. Was always on hand to prepare and then clean up after afternoon tea and remains the Briars biggest asset. Thanks from all the cricketers, Ted.

Greg Wallace, John Price, Jim Marinos and Brett Howle — Although they only played a handful of games between them, their efforts were well appreciated.

Greg Sneesby — Easily the most dedicated and enthusiastic groundsman in Shires cricket. Prepared a first-class wicket every week and always willing to help the club in every way. His efforts were appreciated by everyone who played on Rothwell this season.

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
13	1	6	1	3	2	48	6th
Runs For	Wickets For	Average	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average		
2444	121	20.19	2182	127	17.18		

“A” SHIRE STATISTICS

BATTING

Name	Matches	Inn	N.O.	Runs	Avg.	H.S.	50's	Catches
G. Price	13	15	4	315	28.64	76x	2	6
B. Maher	6	6	1	138	27.60	40	—	—
A. Macky	7	7	2	128	25.60	60x	—	4
G. Schomberg	11	11	1	242	24.20	95x	1	15c 1s
P. Thomas	5	5	—	98	19.60	44	—	3
R. Tregear	13	7	5	39	19.50	12x	—	6
R. Smith	5	5	2	58	19.33	40x	—	—
S. Schomberg	12	10	2	153	19.13	30	—	7
G. Abood	13	15	1	247	17.64	52x	1	2
P. Price	12	12	1	188	17.09	43	—	6
P. Simpson	13	14	1	218	16.77	36	—	2
G. Lippiatt	13	15	1	231	16.50	53x	1	6
A. Fookes	9	10	—	102	10.20	35	—	7
W. Giblin	5	7	1	51	8.50	19x	—	2

Also batted: G. Wallace 2 innings for 31 runs 2 catches
 J. Price 2 innings for 17 runs
 B. Howle 1 inning for 1 run

BOWLING

Name	Over	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Avg.	Run/Over	Over/Wkt	Best
P. Price	67.5	17	18	191	10.61	2.81	3.78	4-11
R. Tregear	225.5	49	53	643	12.13	2.85	4.26	6-21
W. Giblin	22.1	4	5	74	14.80	3.36	4.40	4-41
A. Macky	45	23	7	142	20.29	3.16	6.43	3-61
S. Schomberg	140.5	44	16	332	20.75	2.35	8.81	4-28
G. Price	171	49	14	462	33.00	2.70	12.21	3-18
B. Maher	17	1	2	71	35.50	4.18	8.50	2-65

Also bowled: J. Price 1-61; G. Wallace 1-40

B SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1988-89

After finishing eleventh in the competition in 1987-88, the B's showed considerable improvement during this season to finish in second place and reaching the final, only to be thwarted from a chance to become premiers by the weather.

The most redeeming feature was the high level of team spirit that developed during the season without the need to rely on one or more outstanding performers. Indeed I consider the effort as a team of this side to have been one of the best from B Shires for some years.

The batting throughout followed a pattern of consistency with the stated objective of the team building an innings over a full day's play proving most successful. With the exception of a couple of outstanding individual performances, the bowlers toiled well as a unit to a plan, ably supported by very good fielding, and on only two occasions did opposition team scores pass the 200 mark. The relative strength of the side is best evidenced by reference to the overall season statistics which indicate that opposition sides averaged 16.8 runs per wicket compared with our own 23.5.

The team was particularly fortunate in having BEDE MAHER, PETER TOWNSON, NORM EDMONDS and FRANK CARISTO having their first full season playing with the Club, while BRETT HOWLE, MATT YOUNG and JOHN PLATANIA all established themselves as meeting the standards required as B graders for the first time.

Unfortunately, on the other hand, ROD SMITH announced his retirement from Shire's cricket to seek the excitement and challenge of the C & S ranks. Rod's ability and experience over many years, both on and off the field will be sorely missed.

Having finished second at the completion of the preliminary rounds, the team met Bexley in the semi final at Hudson Park. On a rain effected wicket, played over consecutive days, Burwood won the toss and elected to field. After a delayed start Bexley were dismissed late on the first day for 92, all ten wickets being accounted for by catches, including three each by ALEX FOOKES and MATT YOUNG. DAVID TREWIN, in full competitive mode, spearheaded the attack taking 6 for 25 in a particularly fine effort. At stumps Burwood appeared somewhat vulnerable at 2 for 7, but a superb third wicket partnership of 86 between DAVID ABOOD (56) and WARWICK GIBLIN (29) saw the target attained without further loss. Burwood batted through to reach 9 for 185, when play terminated at tea, ALEX FOOKES regaining some late season form with 49 not out.

The side was thus set for the final to be played against Lane Cove over the Easter weekend at Roseville.

Despite the use of covers borrowed from the Western Suburbs Cricket Club (to whom we were most grateful) steady rain which prevailed over most of the two days saw play abandoned without a ball being bowled. The team which was really reaching its peak at the right time with four consecutive convincing wins, was very confident that the game would have been closely contested. Our congratulations go to the Lane Cove team, who, given the circumstances, were deserved premiers, being well out in front in having already taken out the minor premiership.

In addition to the team members, I would like to extend particular thanks to TED STOCKDALE for his consistent and much valued support and interest at home games, and of course his help with the provision of afternoon teas.

Many thanks also to STEVE SCHOMBERG who in his highly efficient and unobtrusive manner completed a very successful and rewarding term as Cricket Chairman.

Brief reports on the individual members who contributed most to the team during the season are as follows: —

David Abood — Despite technical flaws in his batting technique, had a most consistent season. Seven times during the season batted into the twenties, but only on one occasion

carried on to pass 50, when he scored a most invaluable 56 to play a large part in the team's semi final victory. A reliable fielder and good team man.

Bob Streeter — After a sound start, failed to carry on later in the season due no doubt in part to his prolonged recovery from a major knee operation. Displayed a very strong sense of club and team loyalty when assumed twelfth man duties for the semi final after having been part of the team for virtually the whole season. Bob's support in this role was the equal to that given by any other member of the team. Look forward to Bob returning to his form of old next season.

Frank Caristo — Settled into the team admirably in the fifth game, despite being moved about the batting order and being used somewhat reluctantly as a stop gap keeper. In the latter role, adapted very well as he did also in his role as an opening batsman. Looks to have a very promising cricketing future, although should endeavour not to show his disappointment at his own occasional failings.

Brett Howle — Completed a superb season with the bat leading the aggregate with 378 runs at 34, an average which would have been somewhat higher had he not unselfishly sacrificed his wicket on a couple of occasions in the pursuit of quick runs. Has now demonstrated the ability to concentrate on establishing an innings before utilising his full range of strong run making shots. A very good close to the wicket fielder taking eight catches.

Bede Maher — In his short time with the side before promotion to the A's showed to be a very strong batsman in the arc between cover and mid wicket. Should now concentrate on developing strengths outside this range to enhance his run making potential. Useful deceptive medium pace bowler.

Warwick Giblin — During his limited appearances showed to be invaluable to the side, particularly in his innings of dedicated concentration for 29 in the semi final. A useful change bowler, good competitor and of tremendous assistance to the captain with his tactical views and experience.

Andrew Macky — Consecutive innings of 69 and 115 early in the season earned Andrew elevation to the A's after the first five games. Showed his value as a leg spinner against Roseville where in a marathon 22 overs took 7 for 97 on an unresponsive wicket.

Peter Richardson (Captain) — Now batting at the fall of the fourth wicket had his best season for quite some years, providing stability to the lower order. His twelve catches, mostly at first slip, indicated reflexes are undiminished. Although disappointed at once again leading a B side to the final without tasting ultimate success, was greatly enthused by the development of the side during the year.

John Platania — Played six games early in the season, and despite the relative lack of success, clearly demonstrated that he has the potential to become a very good cricketer. John's strength was in a beautifully straight batting technique, which as he develops

strength, combined with his undoubted concentration will give him the basis to become a prolific run getter.

Alex Fookes: Joined the side for the last three games after a somewhat disappointing first season in the A's. Alex is very much an eye and confidence player and when in form is a delight to watch, as demonstrated in his innings of 49 not out in the semi final. The extent of his remarkable reflexes were well exemplified in his slip catching also in the semi final.

David Trewin: A very good B grade cricketer and, because of his competitiveness, an invaluable member of the side being able to produce the required effort with either bat or ball at the most opportune time. There was no better evidence of this ability than in the semi final where his bowling effort of 6 for 25 went much of the way towards securing a win.

Rod Smith: Starting with the side in the fourth game went on to head the bowling averages with 14 wickets at just over 13 runs, and in so doing provided an ideal variation to the otherwise fast/medium attack. Unfortunately did not have the opportunity to produce his hard hitting form with the bat, a strong feature of Rod's play in previous years. As mentioned earlier Rod's absence from future Shire sides will leave a gap difficult to fill.

Norm Edmonds: A most welcome newcomer to the Club. Norm, probably now seen to be entering the vintage category in fast bowling terms, gave a totally wholehearted effort right throughout the season. His 27 wickets at an average of just over 20 undoubtedly did not reflect his true contribution inasmuch as Norm bore the brunt of a disproportionate share of dropped catches. On a limited number of occasions showed his worth with the bat, particularly in his match winning 42 not out against Lindfield. Did much to enhance the overall spirit of the team with appropriate commentaries both on and off the field.

Matt Young: Established in the team for the first time, Matt was leading wicket taker with 34 victims. Along with his opening partner, Norm Edmonds, provided an effort full of stamina, particularly as the season progressed and his fitness peaked. The highlight of the season's bowling performance was undoubtedly Matt's 8 for 26 on a good batting wicket against Epping. Safe pair of hands, taking seven catches.

Thanks also to JOHN PRICE, PETER BEREZ, IAN RICHARD (Jnr), JUSTIN HOSCHKE, BRETT SMITH and JEFF JARRETT, all of whom assisted with occasional appearances.

“B” SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
12	—	8	2	—	48	2nd
Runs For	Wickets For	Average	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average	
2373	101	23.50	2088	124	16.84	

BATTING (x not out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	50's	Aggregate	Average	Catches
P. Richardson	10	2	70x	2	276	34.50	12
B. Howle	14	3	72	4	378	34.36	8
A. Macky	8	—	115	2	242	30.25	2
D. Abood	12	1	56	1	285	25.91	4
B. Maher	6	—	70	1	107	17.83	5
R. Streeter	10	—	54	1	151	15.10	4
Also Batted			Catches	Also Batted			Catches
A. Fookes	2 for	91	5	J. Price	1 for	48	1
J. Platania	5 for	100		P. Berecz	2 for	32	2
D. Trewin	5 for	93	3	T. Worner	1 for	12	—
N. Edmonds	4 for	71	4	I. Richard	1 for	9	—
W. Giblin	4 for	69	5	J. Hoschke	1 for	5	
P. Townson	5 for	64	—	B. Smith	1 for	0	1 (1s)
F. Caristo	7 for	86	6 (2s)	J. Jarrett	—		1 (3s)
M. Young	5 for	45	7				
R. Smith	3 for	16	1				

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. Smith	66.1	14	185	14	13.21
D. Trewin	108	26	319	24	13.29
M. Young	166.3	37	480	34	14.12
A. Macky	37.3	8	173	10	17.30
N. Edmonds	191.2	32	554	27	20.52
Also Bowled					
W. Giblin		5 for	88	J. Hoschke	1 for 35
J. Price		3 for	59	P. Townson	0 for 8
B. Maher		2 for	50	I. Richard	0 for 73

“C” SHIRE CRICKET REPORT — 1988/89

Promising futures abound for a select few due to performances good and bad, during this up and down season.

The good performances came forth from a brigade of last year's "D" graders, namely John Dibiase, John Platania and Tony Evans, for which a bright future with Briars is assured. The bad performances are too numerous to mention, so I won't.

Over 30 players graced the scorebook, with probably the strongest available in the last few games, for which we should thank the higher grade players making themselves available.

Many notable performances should be put in black and white, for future "C" graders to aspire to:

John Dibiase 97/78/55

Tim Worner 97

John Platania 60/51

Frank Caristo 62

John Price 52

Frank Caristo, Tim Worner 128 (3rd Wic)

John Dibiase, Frank Caristo 98 (2nd Wic)

John Dibiase, Tony Evans 80 (1st Wic)

M. Clarke 4-56/5-15/5-57/5-78/4-35/4-60
(30 Wickets)

J. Hoschke 6-64

S. Lind 9 Catches (7 dropped)

Even with these fine performances, on our day we were very good, on the other days we were very bad, with no consistency. With a five win, six loss, two draw situation, for most of the season we had a very real chance of making the semi-finals, only to let the important games out pressure us.

I would like to express my gratitude to:

1. All the players who supported me during the season.
2. Stuart Lind and Jeff Jarratt for their valuable contributions of their experience, on and off the field.
3. My co-selectors and mentors.
4. Tim Worner for creating a more distinguished look for the team, whilst embarrassing others to do same.
5. Michael Clarke for his enthusiasm and proficiency in scoring for every game.

The Players: —

Phil Davis (Captain) — "The Veteran" accepted the challenge of leading the side, endeavouring to implement a positive approach called — we can win this game outright. Due to poor performances early in the season as opener, did a "Richo" to bat at No. 6. Did not show any more promise in this spot either. Most wickets could not adapt to this fine bowler's individual style.

Stuart Lind (Vice) — After a distinguished year as Captain of "D" grade last season, this season was promoted due to some self professed fine bowling performances. A thinker at all times, always prepared to move the field placings, directly after the Captain. A better team player could not be found in Briars. The most professional looking batsman to never score runs at No.11.

Tim Worner — "Mr. Coiffeur" had a shaky start to the season, matter of fact had a shaky finish, but showed his classy ability with a 97 midway. Ever reliable good fielder,

safest hands in the side except off **Clarkey's** bowling, dropped two in a row, most believe a statement for improving one's personal image on the field. Hardly done by in the bowling dept. Given only two spells for 2-31/3-45. Tim the Captain drinks Foster's.

John Dibiase — "The Gazelle", one of the up and coming younger players moving through the ranks with Briars. John's concentration and sturdiness was a major factor in some good wins produced this season. John's aggregate for the season was 303, with an average of 33.7, taking the batting honours. Tried hard in the field with little luck in the slips.

Michael Clarke — The "allrounder" this year concentrated more on his bowling ability than his non-showing with the bat. Accolades have been placed on Clarkey from many quarters this season, but the highest he placed on himself with a haul of 30 wickets from his well flighted deliveries, taking the bowling honours. Michael is a true team player prepared to accept any responsibility asked of him.

Matt Barlin — "Mr. Disco" showed his long locks to us just after the start of the season and quickly proved what a bright future he has with the Briars. Bowls with the "Thommo" hurl and when early for games opened the bowling with much vigour. Good attendances at training improved his batting to be promoted to a regular No.4 spot, scoring consistently.

Tony Evans — "Lefty" worked tirelessly on his batting to secure a regular spot as opener. His more positive and aggressive attitude brought Tony runs as the season progressed. Another team player, who fielded in many positions, mainly at 6'3" tall. Bowled well when called upon. (Refer to comments of Tim Worner.)

Jeff Jarratt — "Grey Power" Jeff's experience showed and was invaluable to the Captain. His wicketkeeping skills still remain, as shown by his proficient stumpings. Can be said to have won the game against Warringah with three shots (6/4/4) when a win looked dubious. The team mentor.

Paul Mattick — "Legal Eagle" a late starter, but providing a much needed venom in our opening pace attack. Paul performed well with both bat and ball in some tight situations. Generally showed his experience on the field.

John Platania — Played half the season in "B" grade after some excellent performances in "C" grade. Another talented younger player, showing he can go all the way with Briars in the next few years.

Peter Cook, David Beattie, Frank Caristo, Anthony Clarke, John Price, Mark Kingston and Justin Hoschke all played at least three games during the season and their contributions were very much appreciated.

Phil Davis

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
13	—	5	1	5	2	34	
Runs For	Wickets For		Average	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average	
1967	101		19.47	2149	114	18.85	

“C” SHIRE STATISTICS

BATTING

Name	Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	50's	Aggregate	Average	Catches
J. Platania	6	2	60	2	174	43.5	1
J. Dibiasse	9	—	97	3	303	33.7	—
T. Worner	12	2	97	1	243	24.3	6
T. Evans	9	1	33	—	116	14.5	1
P. Mattick	5	—	23	—	68	13.6	4
J. Jarratt	6	1	28	—	66	13.2	2
P. Davis	12	—	32	—	156	13.0	4
M. Barlin	8	—	33	—	92	11.5	1
A. Clarke	7	—	30	—	73	10.4	1
D. Beattie	6	—	28	—	51	8.5	3
M. Clarke	11	5	7x	—	41	6.8	5
S. Lind	9	3	12	—	37	6.2	9

Also batted:

F. Caristo	4 for 99	P. Pillinger	1 for 11
P. Cook	4 for 22	R. Marshall	1 for 7
M. Kingston	4 for 15	P. Wallace	1 for 6
J. Hoschke	4 for 10	D. Horniman	1 for 6
J. Price	3 for 107	G. Dunn	1 for 5
G. Wallace	2 for 19	N. Dimas	1 for 4
P. Townsend	1 for 32	J. Martin	1 for 2
T. Alli	1 for 13	P. Breakwell	1 for 0
T. Alley	1 for 12		

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. Price	36	13	76	7	10.9
M. Clarke	102	7	407	30	13.6
P. Mattick	27	5	59	4	14.8
T. Worner	18	2	76	5	15.2
P. Cook	66	6	192	9	21.3
J. Hoschke	68	14	211	9	23.4
M. Barlin	54	7	148	6	24.7
S. Lind	117	10	411	13	31.6
T. Evans	34	7	85	2	42.5

Also bowled:

T. Alley	3 for 68	P. Davis	0 for 1
D. Horniman	2 for 33	T. Alli	0 for 4
G. Wallace	1 for 20	J. Platania	0 for 37
N. Dimas	1 for 49	P. Breakwell	0 for 74
R. Marshall	1 for 64		

“D” SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1988-1989

The 1988-89 season commenced just as did the previous season in D Shires — lack of numbers and depth. The result of which was a humiliating outright loss in the first round against Wentworthville (the premiers), followed by a decisive loss against Auburn-Lidcombe (the runners-up).

It was not until Round 4 against Lane Cove that we were able, with the introduction of Mat Barlin and Brian Price into the Club, to look like a competitive side — and the result showed with a relatively comfortable first innings win. From this point on, the performance of the team improved remarkably and with the inclusion of Phil Tregeagle and John Faulder after Christmas, a solid nucleus of ability and experience enabled us to match it with all sides. Alas, the weather once again proved that you have to get the points before Christmas. With three out of six games after Christmas washed out, we had little chance of improving our position to any great extent.

The role of D Shires is predominantly that of a development grade to new Club members and to turf cricket for the younger players — to this extent the season introduced a number of very capable and enthusiastic new members who, it is to be hoped, will carry Briars fortunes in Shires Cricket in the seasons to come. Of particular note are Brian Price, John Faulder, Robert Marshall, Mat Barlin, Terry Allie and Phil Tregeagle.

Although the performances could have been better, the contribution of all players (the whole 38 over 10 games), made the season an enjoyable one and my thanks to each and every one of them. In particular, I would like to thank Brian Price, Paul Breakwell, Paul Mattick and John Price who stood in for me as captain during the season — my absences did little to help the unity, however, the efforts of the aforementioned were most appreciated.

Performances warranting special mention were:

Terry Allie — some wonderful batting highlighted with a 62 against Canterbury. His 4-20 against Wentworthville and 6-51 against Pennant Hills were indicative of his outstanding potential as a leg-spinner of the future. With maturity, young Terry has the makings of a tremendous cricketer.

Jason Southam and David McIntyre — a 9th wicket partnership of 98 undefeated (we only had 10 batsmen) against Baulkham Hills nearly saw us eclipse the total of 309 to win, missing by 2 runs — a remarkable effort of true grit!

Brian Price — everything Brian does is with sheer determination. The statistics speak for his ability however, an innings of 84 not out against Pennant Hills, enabled an outright win — one of many top knocks from a great guy!

Phil Tregeagle — being brother to Richard is a burden in itself, however, Phil was further burdened with continually having to resurrect batting collapses. His innings of 68 not out in his first match (Strathfield), was one of sheer patience and application.

Adam Lax — he only played one match, but displayed the art of swing bowling at its best — in D Shires they weren't good enough to even get a touch. With 5 for 66 off 28 overs, Canterbury didn't know what hit them.

Bill Hooker

“D” SHIRES STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points
13	1	3	1	5	3	30
Runs For	Wickets For	Average	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average	
1953	112	17.44	2131	105	20.29	

Overall Position: 10th

BATTING (x not out)

Name	No. Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	50's	Aggregate	Average	Catches
B. Price	7	3	84x	1	202	50.50	1
J. Southam	5	3	25x		43	21.50	2
W. Hooker	7		51	1	130	18.57	5
P. Breakwell	5	2	42		55	18.33	
T. Allie	10		62	1	183	18.30	5
P. Cramsie	11	2	37		133	14.78	4
T. Kanaan	7	2	19x		64	12.80	1
D. Cowan	7	1	29		71	11.83	
M. Kingston	5		14		54	10.80	1

Also Batted

D. Beatie	2/11
S. Channels	1/1
J. Dibias	3/40
S. Edmonds	3/8
T. Evans	6/38
J. Gahagan	1/36
J. Hoeschke	2/63
D. Hooker	2/25
R. Hutchings	1/5
R. Marshall	1/41
P. Mattick	2/28
P. Murphy	1/14
G. Schomberg	2/11
R. Streeter	1/52
D. Wise	3/27

Catches

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Also Batted

J. Brady	1/17
A. Clarke	2/2
A. Dickinson	4/8
S. Edwards	1/5
J. Faulder	2/33
S. Grahame	3/19
A. Hogg	1/50
G. Hooker	1/0
A. Lax	1/12
J. Martin	7/43
D. McIntyre	1/69x
J. Price	2/34
D. Southam	1/5
P. Tregear	2/120

Catches

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BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. Barlin	23.1	7	43	5	8.60
T. Kanaan	32.7	5	110	9	12.22
A. Lax	28	8	66	5	13.20
B. Price	62	7	164	10	16.40
T. Evans	64.2	8	232	13	17.85
T. Allie	66.4	4	235	13	18.08
P. Mattick	26	12	42	2	21.00
P. Breakwell	38.1	9	120	5	24.00
J. Hoeschke	36	6	102	4	25.50
J. Southam	26	2	111	4	27.75
J. Martin	48	8	152	5	30.40

Also Bowled

J. Brady	3/49
A. Clarke	4/36
P. Cramsie	1/51
S. Edmonds	0/17
J. Gahagan	1/39
W. Hooker	1/28
M. Kingston	1/2
P. Murphy	1/80
D. Southam	0/1

Also Bowled

S. Channels	1/9
D. Cowan	0/20
A. Dickinson	1/6
S. Edwards	3/59
A. Hogg	2/98
G. Hooker	0/9
R. Marshall	3/4
J. Price	0/36

Wicketkeeping:

	Catches	Stumpings	Total
P. Cramsie	4	1	5
J. Faulder	3	1	4
G. Schomberg	2		2
A. Clarke	1		1
D. McIntyre	1		1

UNDER 24 COMPETITION

This year's U/24 competition was one of the disappointments of the 1988/89 season. After coming so close to taking out this competition last season, the side could only manage one win in three games, thus missing the semi-finals.

Again this season, it was decided to give as many players as possible at least one game, with the emphasis on trying to develop the younger players in the Club.

In all three games the batting lacked application, the bowling was steady but without penetration and the fielding was consistently bad, "highlighted" by as many as seven dropped catches against Bexley. On the positive side there was some bright batting at times by Brett Howle, Paul Price and Paul Simpson.

It is anticipated in future years that this competition will provide a valuable nurturing ground for the younger players in the Club. Overall a disappointing performance.

Round 1: vs Strathfield

Strathfield 5-190 defeated Burwood 187 (B. Howle 48, P. Price 43, P. Simpson 35)

Round 2: vs Canterbury

Burwood 8-134 (D. Abood 27, A. Macky 26, D. Horniman 25 x) defeated Canterbury 133 (T. Evans 4-28, M. Barlin 3-31, D. Horniman 3-37)

Round 3: vs Bexley

Bexley 187 (P. Price 5-45) defeated Burwood 156 (P. Simpson 42, P. Price 36, F. Caristo 30)

Paul Simpson

UNDER 24 STATISTICS

BATTING

Name	Matches	Inn	Runs	Avg.	H.S.	Catches	NO
Brett Howle	2	2	66	33	48	—	—
Paul Price	3	3	84	28	43	2	—
Paul Simpson	3	3	77	25.7	42	2	—
David Abood	2	2	39	19.5	27	2	—
Andrew Macky	2	2	29	14.5	26	—	—
Frank Caristo	3	3	40	13.3	30	4	—
Gerard Abood	3	3	38	12.7	27	—	—
David Horniman	1	1	25	—	25x	—	1
Brett Smith	1	1	10	—	10x	—	1

Also played

Tony Evans	3 games — 3 runs — 1 n.o., 2 catches
Alex Fookes	2 games — 4 runs — 4 catches
Matt Young	2 games — 6 runs —
Michael Clarke	2 games — 3 runs — 1 n.o.
John Platania	1 game — 2 runs —
Justin Hoschke	1 game — 0 runs —
Matt Barlin	2 games — 0 runs — 1 n.o. 1 catch

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Best	Avg.
David Horniman	17	5	37	3	3-37	12.3
Matt Barlin	25	8	55	4	3-31	13.75
Tony Evans	26.4	7	87	6	4-28	14.5
Paul Price	36	9	97	6	5-45	16.1
Justin Hoschke	7	1	36	2	2-36	18
Paul Simpson	7.1	—	28	1	1-7	28
Michael Clarke	18	1	76	2	2-43	38
Matt Young	16	3	48	1	1-38	48

CITY AND SUBURBAN CRICKET REPORT

Season 1988-89

It has often been said that the highest position in Briars cricket is Captain of C & S. Indeed the position has been held by such legends as McLaughlan, Balmforth, Trevenar, Brooks and Ireland to name but a few.

Under the misnomer of the C & S Golf Day all interested parties were gathered and the atmosphere was thick with jocularity and rumour.

A Captain was required, a man of leadership whose tactical superiority could weld this vast array of talent and experience into an invincible machine.

Well, we searched the grounds of Concord Golf Club but he was not to be found! Instead it was settled upon one of the overseas players (no more than seven allowed in any one side) who at least had access to a telephone and was known to sleep in on Saturday mornings, essentials when one considers the vast size of the C & S selection committee.

Indeed at one stage it was felt that using only 48 players may have been the reason for the season's poor results. However, Blair and Hickey with their joint diploma from the Alan Bond University pointed out that it was simply a matter of accountancy and that of the 27 scheduled matches 13 had not been lost.

The highlight of the season was a most enjoyable tied game against St. George Vets. Individual honours were almost no contest as Critchley swept the board with the exception of the abandoned Sprint Handicap. Such was his grip on the Billy Ducker Award that the outcome was a foregone conclusion almost as early as Christmas. Other than the amount of time Jamieson and Mansford spent at the crease 'M' was troubled only by O'Kane's shorts and the position of the Volvo.

Rookie of the Year Award was given to Peter Cook who in his first C & S year arranged more home grounds than home games and appears to be heir apparent to the Fixtures Secretary should he require more time to arrange the next C & S Golf Day.

Alan Thompson

BRIARS C&S SEASON REPORT

THE BATTING

(X = Not Outs)

Name	Inns	N.O.	Highest	Ducks	Agg.	Avg.	Catches
C. Hickey	6	1	49x	1	91	18.2	2/2st
D. Jamieson	14	0	50	0	247	17.6	7
G. Kelly	8	4	23x	1	70	17.5	—
I. Blair	11	0	57	2	166	15.1	5
T. O'Kane	8	1	26x	0	102	14.6	3
A. Thompson	12	6	15	2	63	10.5	6
P. Mansford	13	1	25	2	105	8.8	1
P. Cook	7	0	24	3	49	7	—
'M'. Critchley	12	0	19	5	72	6	4
S. Foster	8	1	17	2	43	5.4	1
J. Barrett	6	1	12	2	20	4	2
D. Wright	9	0	3	4	13	1.4	2

The Squad: P. Price 1 - 56(x); P. Wallace 4 - 23(x); K. Holley 2 - 16; J. Jessup 2 - 46; M. Watts 2 - 0; C. Dennis 3 - 15; P. Breakwell 4 - 8(xxx); M. Blyfield 3 - 20; R. Kersey 2 - 1(x); W. Hooker 1 - 17; P. Burt 1 - 0; T. Comer 3 - 21; C. Blair 1 - 0; W. Poulden 1 - 0; B. Pozuelo 1 - 67(x); D. Horniman 1 - 20; D. Abood 2 - 43; G. Abood 1 - 28; P. Simpson 1 - 2; J. Price 1 - 1; N. Edmonds 1 - 3; M. Barlin 2 - 1(x); J. Burt 1 - 28; J. Holley 1 - 0; B. Jones 1 - 1; D. Beech 1 - 9; G. Rowe 3 - 17; S. Graham 1 - 0; S. Woods 1 - 6; D. Conroy 1 - 0; S. Cheeseman 1 - 0; J. Dougan 1 - 0.

THE BOWLING

(Minimum requirements: Must be liked by the Captain)

Name	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Avg.	Best
P. Breakwell	42	8	141	11	12.8	3 - 18
C. Dennis	22	1	115	8	14.4	6 - 41
A. Thompson	140	41	295	20	14.8	4 - 10
P. Cook	70	6	289	18	16.1	5 - 34
D. Wright	49	—	262	11	23.8	2 - 9
G. Kelly	41	3	218	3	72.7	2 - 40

The Squad: I. Blair 1 - 29; 'M' Critchley 1 - 19; P. Wallace 2 - 49; R. Kersey 2 - 67; J. Barrett 0 - 2; K. Holey 2 - 53; T. Comer 0 - 69; M. Clarke 5 - 53; P. Price 1 - 33; D. Horniman 1 - 31; B. Pozeulo 1 - 27; M. Barlin 2 - 82; J. Southam 3 - 83; N. Edmonds 1 - 21; S. Linda 1 - 34; P. Simpson 1 - 10; J. Price 1 - 33; S. Cheesman 0 - 11; D. Conroy 0 - 9.

Other catches: J. Southam 2; M. Clarke 1.

Also played: H. Hitipeuw, J. Longhurst.

Match Results

Played 17

Won 2

Tied 1

Lost 14

Runs for 1576

Wkts for 144

Average 10.7

Runs against 2171

Wkts against 105

Average 20.7

ANNUAL REPORT 1989

BRIARS RUGBY

As far as many would consider, 1989 will go down in the annals of Briars Rugby history as "average at best". On the statistics alone most would agree. We finished sixth out of twelve on the club championship and got one team in the semi-finals. There was however, a dramatic turnaround in our playing strength, depth and numbers from last year.

In all, over one hundred and twenty (120) guys registered this year. This made selecting teams infinitely easier than last year where we had continual trouble fielding teams. New players were invited from various areas including New England University, Homebush and Concord High Schools, Trinity Grammar School and New Zealand. The most success we had was from Trinity Grammar School where we managed to get six players, followed by New England Uni on three. An experiment with New Zealand recruitment proved partially successful providing one regular first grader and two second graders. Parkes proved to be a surprising source for new players providing three players, two of whom turned out to be first graders and one second grader.

This year we also had the services of a first aid officer. Harry Jamison proved to be a competent medico and was greatly appreciated by all those who felt the soothing medicating and stimulating attention he had to offer.

Rounds 1 to 5

With numbers not being a problem and some promising trials under our belt we started the season keen and optimistic. Our first round was a dream start to the season providing three wins and a draw. The Club didn't know what hit it and at that stage we practically led the competition. All attempts to stop the competition there and then and declare Briars the winners were turned down, so we looked toward a very promising and successful year, the hard way. It didn't let us down.

The early part of the season proved frustrating in all grades with combinations still settling in and new coaches trying to mould their players, many of whom hadn't played together, into teams. After five rounds we had won eight games and drawn two out of a possible twenty. The closeness of the other games can be illustrated by the fact that of the other ten games played, four were lost by less than a converted try. Not a bad start for a club that only won eleven and drew two in the whole of last season. At this stage we were still in touch with the top four in all the grades.

Round 6 to 10

It was about this time that the rain started. At first it only provided nuisance value but as the weeks went by nuisance turned into nightmare. As a club full of many new players the last thing we needed was to be confronted with a Noah's Ark Syndrome. It not only rained forty days and forty nights, but it rained ninety days and ninety nights out of one hundred and twenty. Effectively this meant that we couldn't train or play. At one stage we

had not trained on our training ground for six weeks and had only played twice. This wouldn't have been so bad if everyone had been affected the same way but this wasn't the case. Some teams had excellent wet weather grounds and didn't miss a game. In fact the teams that didn't miss many games all did consistently better than those who did.

To cut a long story short fitness dropped off, numbers dropped off and the brilliant start to the season was in tatters. During this unsettled period we trained on a basketball court. Not the best preparation for a game of rugby. The results dropped away and for the next five rounds we could only come up with six wins and two draws. The encouraging part of those wins was that five of them were by second grade. They went on to make the semi's on that winning streak. This was in spite of losing their coach. First and thirds were struggling with continual positional changes disrupting team coordination. Fourth Grade were just outside the four but needed to win a few on the trot to cement a place.

Rounds 11 to 17

The last part of the season was highlighted by the improving performances of second grade and the final realisation of the ability of our first grade team. Second grade won four out of their last six games which put them into fourth place only three points behind second spot. First grade won three out of their last six games. Third and fourth grade were suffering the brunt of our wet weather exodus of players and couldn't field competitive teams for the remainder of the season.

COMPETITION SUMMARY

ROUND 1	OPPOSITION	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH
1	C.B.O.B.'S	9 - 9	9 - 3	17 - 9	12 - 0
2	LEO'S	7 - 22	6 - 16	0 - 16	0 - 18
3	FOREST	6 - 14	3 - 9	6 - 0	0 - 7
4	CHATSWOOD	0 - 18	10 - 7	4 - 4	8 - 4
5	KINGS	18 - 4	7 - 9	6 - 4	9 - 20
6	OATLEY	3 - 7	9 - 9	0 - 10	0 - 0
7	AMP	10 - 14	14 - 6	3 - 9	8 - 4
8	KNOX	0 - 30	3 - 0	12 - 17	8 - 16
9	KILLARA	15 - 21	27 - 0	0 - 10	10 - 0
10	S.H.O.B.'S	FORFEIT			
11	MACQUARIE UNI	0 - 11	11 - 7	6 - 9	4 - 20
ROUND 2					
1	MACQUARIE UNI	13 - 7	13 - 0	4 - 0	3 - 3
2	OATLEY	15 - 26	6 - 3	6 - 40	0 - 0
3	LEO'S	10 - 35	16 - 18	0 - 14	3 - 10
4	CHATSWOOD	16 - 27	16 - 19	0 - 40	4 - 0
5	C.B.O.B.'s	9 - 6	48 - 3	0 - 19	4 - 6
6	KINGS	22 - 10	22 - 0	0 - 6	6 - 6

BARRACLOUGH CUP

Coach: John Dougan

Manager: David Blair

Results: Five wins, one draw, eleven losses

Position on Table: 9th from 12

As a season goes these results represent a poor performance.

First grade was effected by the weather more than any other grade. At this standard, team work is vitally important and any edge the opposition has in this regard is sometimes enough to swing a tight game. Continual positional changes due to injury and uncertainty of players abilities frustrated both team members and the coach. The more John tried to get that ideal combination the more it eluded him. Just when it seemed to all come together against Kings, the rain started and any combination gained was lost. The average age of first grade was about 22 with five guys being only 19. This inexperience coupled with lack of match play was the only obstacle between this team and forth spot on the table.

During the season 32 players were used in first grade, but the most common teams consisted of: —

Forwards	Games Played	Tries	Goals	P/goals	F/goals
J. Healy	12				
S. Humphrey	10				
A. Groves	7	1			
B. Gibson	11	2			
T. Guest	16	1			
J. Golsby	8	1			
J. Jessop	12	1			
S. Hyde	12	1			
T. Wozniak	8	You've got to be kidding!!!			
D. Anese	7	2			

Backs	Games Played	Tries	Goals	P/goals	F/goals
A. Craig	8	2			
R. McQuade	9	1	3	6	
P. Lewis	10				1
M. Guest	14	2			
P. Guest	14				
P. Murphy	16	1	2	7	1
D. Horniman	10	1	3	5	
C. Lamond	9	2			
R. Thompson	8				
D. Guille	4		1	1	

Best and Fairest

First: John Jessup — 14 points

Second: Scot Hyde — 13 points

Third: John Golsby/Tim Guest — 10 points

John Jessup was a revitalised player this year. Inspired by the youth around him he proved yet again what a quality breakaway he really is. Scot Hyde didn't finish the season but while he was there he played inspiring football. Scot and Rob McQuade are probably going to grade next year so from all at Briars, good luck fellas.

John Golsby in his first year with Briars (a University of New England import), was a perfect partner for J.J. John played it tight and hard and was always the first to dive on the ball. A guts player.

Two players who really came ahead in leaps and bounds this year were Tim Guest and Andrew Groves. Tim showed patches of ability last year but this year he really came ahead and played a real second rower's game. Extremely mobile and enthusiastic, Tim was always trying and although playing against opposition stones heavier, never backed off. Andrew Groves proved to be the most improved player in the Club coming from thirds and seconds last year to claim a regular first grade spot at prop. Once again, Andrew played well below the weight of most other props but determination got him through.

Three young players to impress this year were Brett Gibson, Shaun Humfrey and Phill Guest. All showed plenty of potential and with more experience in first grade next year will go on to be class players of the future. Incidentally, each of these guys is only 19 years old.

Rob McQuade had a difficult season to contend with. Because Rob is such a versatile player, he was often moved from position to position when ever the need arose. He always did the job, but was never allowed to settle in. Towards the end of the season he stabilised at five eighth (until injured) and here his true class came through. Well done Rob.

Peter Lewis was in a similar position to Rob in that he also was not allowed to settle into a regular position moving from in center to five eighth. Peter none the less had a strong season in this, his first season with Briars. Being a strong upright sort of runner, Peter had the ability to stand in tackles and this facilitated many second phase movements towards the end of the season.

Other players who played first grade this year were Mark Guest, David Horniman, Peter Murphy, Terry O'Kane, Tony Wozniak, Dean Anese and Andrew Craig. Each did the job expected of them in a season which made it very hard to show real form on a consistent basis. Of these players, Horniman, Anese, Guest and Murphy have yet to realise their true abilities.

In future seasons, it will be up to them whether they fulfil this potential. It is completely up to them. They can do it if they apply themselves.

Special mention must go to JOHN HEALY. John is retiring this year after playing over 100 first grade games with Briars. John is built more like an inside centre but has proved to be the most consistent and skilful prop Briars have had in the last decade. The combination of Healy, O'Kane and Wozniak in the front row was rarely beaten and the cornerstone of that unit was John. It was a pleasure to play with him, good luck in your retirement, John.

In closing one might ask after reading such good things about the first grade team "why they only won five games".

The answer is simple. As a team we only clicked in patches.

The players have the ability as individuals but we all know that teams win grand finals, not individuals. Application and combination will come with more experience together. The rain and loss of coach mid season didn't help team coordination either. If this team of individuals get together next year and play as a team they will have plenty of successes. I coached them for the last six games and I saw enough to believe that if the team apply themselves, play for each other and put in the hard work, they can win a Barraclough Cup.

It's up to them.

Owen Moore

STOCKDALE CUP REPORT

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
16	10	1	5	21	4th

Points for: 210 Against: 99

Despite losing 18-9 to Knox in the Semi Final, the 1989 season was a successful story for the Stockdale Cup team. In a season 'dogged' by rain postponed games some highlights were:

- Semifinalsts
- Defeating CBOB's 48-3
- Defeating Killara/West Pymble 27-0
- Defensive Record (only 99 points against in 16 games)
- Tries scored 32

The above statistics belie their importance — 210 for, 99 against — in a season disrupted through rain, cancelled training sessions (due to the unavailability of grounds), postponed games, to have a defensive record where an average of only 6 points a game could be scored against the side was a remarkable achievement.

The success of the Stockdale Cup team, I believe, was due to the youth in the side, combined subtly with experience. Average age was 21 and with the dedication shown at training and the enthusiasm of youth, this side was able to marry into a very competitive team.

As a player I have always thought that good sides possess the ability to be able to come back when down in a game. Thoughts of the 1st round game against Chatswood when, with a minute to go we scored from the kick off to win 10-7 (a superb try to Peter Lewis).

The game against Oatley when, with 10 minutes to go and Oatley on our line we held out to win 6-3.

The game against CBOBS in the first round showed they were a good side and in the second round when leading 16-3 at half time the team went on to win 48-3. These games showed to me the character of the players in the side, the never say die attitude and the hungriness of points when ahead. One only has to recall the only game against the eventual premiers St. Leos where we were beaten on the bell 18-16 (due to some poor refereeing I might add) to show how close the competition was.

As captain/coach I was most pleased to see our football skills develop in particular areas. Undoubtedly the forward play, where against the "taller opposition" we were able to at least hold our own, if not certainly dominate the ensuing maul with a drive. The introduction of the rolling mauls in the forwards and the confidence to run the ball at the opposition with good support play was reflected by the enthusiasm in the team.

The team learnt one IMPORTANT lesson this year (which some teams still haven't learnt by the way) and that is "YOU MUST BE GOING FORWARD". Regardless of who has the ball, the aim of the game is to GO FORWARD and "cross the advantage line".

I think in summary, the season was all about a bunch of young players who decided to have a go. They found support in each other and built up a good camaraderie which was reflected on the field.

Some statistics were:

Best & Fairest points:

Andrew Moar — 13

Steve Bell — 12

Mark Kingston — 7

Leading Points Scorer:

David Guille — 72

Leading Try Scorer:

Joe Lancuba — 6 (6 games)

A total of 41 players were used in the Stockdale Cup throughout the year. Those players with six or more games as noted in the brackets were:—

David Guille — Fullback (13): Has been the ‘veteran’ for a few years now — had a successful and most enjoyable season playing with the abundance of talent in the team. Rarely upset with the coach.

Chris Lamond — Wing (8): A most talented finisher, possesses good swerve, pace, and a carefree attitude. An extremely good team player who was always prepared to back up in higher or lower grades when required.

Pat Baldry — Wing (12): Always one of the first players picked in the team. Pat, although unfashionable, was extremely good in defence and cover play. Another good team player who showed great Club spirit and pride throughout the season.

Graeme Bayliss — Centre (15): Strong defender and elusive in attack. Did not get the opportunities to score more tries. Will improve with better positional play. Sometimes appears to be “dreaming” of Parkes??

Tom Rampoli — Centre (11): The “Chris Close” of the centres — whilst slow to show his skills, developed into an outstanding attacking centre who could always offload the ball. Defence was strong and as the season progressed developed a good combination with his five-eight. (A future 1st Grade player.)

Rob Marshall — Five-eight (10): Very skilful player, who was always willing to listen — considering it was Rob’s first season in rugby, had an outstanding year. Possesses all the skills to go on and be a good 1st grade player once he learns to read the game. This will come with further experience — has a good attitude.

Mark Witham — Half Back (11): Had one of his best seasons until cut short with injury in the Chatswood game. Mark’s work rate, around the scrum base, always gave us another loose forward. Always one of the first players picked. A bad loss to the team which I’m sure affected the ultimate performance. A good future leader.

Joe Lancuba — Half Back (6): A talented player who could always play 1st grade if he applied himself. Possesses great dedication and will to win. The team was fortunate to have a player of Joe’s talent available with the loss of Mark. Just pipped the fullback as the leading try scorer with six (6) tries.

Scott Barwick — Lock (8): A very good technically correct player who did a lot of the right work. Unfortunately due to personal reasons his season was cut short — the team missed his play.

Steve Bell — Breakaway (12): An outstanding player who possesses all the skills, good mobility and very fit. Has a superb attitude to the game and good dedication to fitness. Certainly a 1st grade player of the future and could go further if he wished to. Just beaten by 1 point in the Best and Fairest.

Andrew Moar — Breakaway (10): Winner of the 'Best and Fairest', Andrew reads the game very well and has a good turn of speed in attack and to put pressure on the opposition in defence. Had a good season and was a justifiable winner of the Best and Fairest. **NEEDS TO NOT LEAD WITH HIS NOSE.**

Tony Toohill — Breakaway/Lock (10): Tony had probably one of his best seasons. His defence was always superb and in addition his attacking flair improved as the season progressed. Was called on to play Lock at the latter stages of the season and handled the position very well. A good team player.

Mark Kingston — Hooker/Second Row (14): A great team player who had a fine season. Mark has the ability to play 1st grade if he wants to. Has good mobility for his size and possesses good ball skills.

Russell Chataway — Second Row (9): A good solid performance from Russell this season. Has a deceptive turn of speed for his size and good mobility and ball skills. Very good in lineouts. Missed a few games through study and the team missed his skills. Certainly, given the time, ensured of 1st Grade selection.

Paul Andreazza — Second Row/Breakaway (7): Very good mobile attacking and defensive player who unfortunately for the team suffered injury late in the season. Had a good year and will benefit from the experience gained.

Dooley Davis — Prop (12): One of Dooley's best seasons. Over the past few seasons Dooley has shown the potential of being a good prop but lacking in experience and aggression. His technique this year with guidance from Terry O'Kane, Tony Wozniak and Ian Duncan improved dramatically. His running from broken play, ball skills and domination at the front of the lineout was a sight to see. On **AGGRESSION** — well, that's not Dooley. Well done — a good season.

Andrew Groves — Prop (9): A fine season by a good club man. Andrew became a manufactured prop which saw him promoted to 1st grade on performance. His performances and attitude to the Club and the game are an example to all players.

Dean Anese — Prop (6): One of the team's most popular players whose robust play and enthusiasm was an asset to the team. His extremely good attitude towards training has to be tempered with performance. Unfortunately an injury shortened his season — a great loss to the team. **NEEDS TO PRACTICE TECHNIQUE.**

Terry O'Kane and Tony Wozniak — Due to their work commitments Terry O'Kane and Tony Wozniak only played to the later part of the season and their attitude and performances greatly assisted myself and the team.

Terry O'Kane — Hooker: Fearsome in attack and defensive play and superb technique. Terry's attitude and congenial manner and art of talking will make him a good **COACH** when he so desires.

Tony Wozniak — Prop: Over the years when I've been in the same team as "Woz" there have been more wins than losses. Would always be one of the first picked when fit (his work commitments make it hard). Possesses good technique, ball skills and great knowledge of the game. His try this season where he showed the ball, dummied and sidestepped the fullback was a sight to see (shades of 'JJ').

Other players who contributed to the team's performance and were a sad loss to the side were Peter Lewis, Rob McQuade and Shaun Humfreys. All players went on to play 1st grade and performed very well.

Special thanks must go to the manager of the side who assisted me greatly throughout the year.

Ted Callaghan: Ted was never too busy to assist wherever required and I know personally that all the players appreciated his effort. Thanks, Ted.

Thanks also to the club 'Zambuck' — "Harry" (as he is affectionately known). Through rain, hail or shine, "Harry" (i.e. David Jamieson) was always there. Even when the season was over for other teams, Harry supported us at training and the semi. Thanks, Harry.

To David Blair, Manager 1st, who always made an effort to keep us informed on the rules of the competition. Thanks, David.

To Ian Duncan for his efforts (at short notice) at training. Thanks, Dunc — the players certainly learnt the finer points of the game.

Special thanks must go to Owen Moore (Football Chairman for 1989). In a season totally disrupted by rain, which resulted in postponed and reorganised games, lost players, lost coaches, Owen was able to maintain morale, coach 1st grade and 3rd grade (to the later part of the season) and generally ensure everything ran smoothly — a truly remarkable effort. WELL DONE, Owen!

In conclusion, I've no doubt that the team can go better in the 1990 season. I would strongly recommend that the players endeavour to stay together and build on their established camaraderie. With the talent and youth available in this team, combined with the experience of the established players, there is no reason why this side cannot go on and be PREMIERS.

It has been a great pleasure for me to be associated with such a fine group of young men and I would hope that they go on and realise their full potential.

David Guille
Captain/Coach

BLUNT CUP

Coach: Owen Moore/Rodney Smith/Kim Piefke

Manager All of the above

Results: Five wins, one draw, eleven losses

Position on Table: 9th from 12

Third grade started the year on fire winning three and drawing one out of five. But as we lost players during the rainy season thirds took the brunt. There was however a core of players who backed up week after week despite continual losses and to those guys thank you.

Forwards	Games Played	Tries	Goals	P/goals	F/goals
J. Staniforth	9				
S. Runton	10				
P. Viglienzzone	11				
R. Bertie	11				
G. O'Grady	13				
M. Waddington	11				
T. Swanson	9				
P. Bray	11				
Backs					
A. Craig	8	1			
R. Lancuba	8	1			
T. Lane	13	2	1		
T. Roth	8				
M. Johnson	8				
D. Brownhill	8				
D. Horniman	5	1		5	
J. Lancuba	3	1		1	
G. Stewart	1			1	
J. Dougan	2		2		

Best and Fairest

First: John Staniforth 10 points

Second: Terry Roth 8 points

Third: Andrew Craig 7 points

Stano played his usual no frills but effective game all year and got best and fairest accordingly. Other players who hung in there when the going was not all that pleasant were Spensley Runton, Bob Bertie, Paul Viglienzzone and Terry Roth.

A few young players who would have benefitted from the year were Mathew Waddington, David Brownhill and Gavin O'Grady. Each applied themselves in patches and with a few more experienced players around them next year, could develop into strong higher grade contenders.

A few of the older breed of Briars showed that they still have some kick in them, those being Andrew Craig and Tony Lane (Boxer). Keep it going fellas.

RICHARDSON CUP

The season could have, and should have been, one of more success which would have been a just reward for a team that did not stop trying and narrowly missed winning a number of games.

The effort put in by the forwards throughout the season was outstanding with them dominating all but one of the other teams. Maintaining a nucleus of players in the pack as well as half back was the main contributing factor in their consistent performance with Len Hollis playing all 16 games, Milton Howell 15, Peter Stewart 15, Gary Stewart 15, Larry Thompson 14 and Steve Hansen at half, 14 games.

To those players who have intimated their retirement, the thanks of Briars for their efforts and contribution to the Club this season and those past, and don't forget to come to Rothwell and support the teams next season.

Lastly I would like to thank Greg Vincent who as Manager contributed greatly to the organisation of the team and was very supportive of myself during the season. To Owen Moore, the team's appreciation for his application during a very weather disrupted season — "A TOP EFFORT".

Statistics: Played 16 — won 5, drew 4, lost 7

Best and Fairest: Gary Stewart — 17 points

Gary Pearce — 14 points

Len Hollis — 13 points

Gary Sly

Coach and Co-ordinator for the team's 15 Assistant Coaches

IN CONCLUSION

1989 was a turning point for Briars Rugby. At the end of 1988 it was sink or swim and thankfully we are alive and well.

This year we have shown that with an injection of new, young players we could become competitive again, and competitive we were. Briars have been their strongest as a Club when the seconds have been strong and the fact that our seconds made the semi's means we are back in business.

1990 has started for us. We have had two committee meetings already and a full committee has been elected including our new chairman, The Right Honourable Milton Howell R.C. Under his astute guidance a recruitment drive has already been instigated attacking schools and Universities again as well as country areas such as Parkes and Orange. We have had commitments from at least 15 school leavers that they will be playing with us next year and we are also expecting several players from Armidale University as well.

In the near future we will be looking at the coaching staff. If you are interested in becoming involved in coaching or managing please contact Mr. Howell for an interview. This area of Briars Rugby administration offers tremendous opportunities. If you want to be involved with a young, energetic, competitive Rugby Club, Briars is the place for you.

If you haven't the time to help, why not come down once in a while and support us. After all, we are your team. See you at Rothwell.

Owen Moore



First Grade — BarracloUGH Cup.



Second Grade — Stockdale Cup.

Fourth Grade — Richardson Cup.



Third Grade — Blunt Cup.



SENIOR HOCKEY REPORT 1989

This year was very successful for senior hockey. All three senior teams were placed in the semi-finals, with third grade proceeding to the minor finals. These excellent results are the best for many seasons, and backed up our good results from last year. The overall result of the season has been a consolidation of the teams, improving the strength and standard of hockey overall, and also increasing the membership.

This year was fortunate for many reasons. As you may recall, the senior teams failed last year to obtain minor premierships, with first grade losing the minor-final, and third grade making it to the grand final. This did not qualify the Club to move up a division, and at the start of the year, we were faced with another season in "C" division. However, the Armenian Club broke up for a number of reasons. They had a first grade team, and the lower grades were substituted by AMP Hockey Club. AMP did not wish to continue in the "B" division, so we were offered the spot, as we had three senior teams and commitment to juniors.

We were also fortunate this year to obtain some much needed players, some of whom were very talented. This strengthened the teams to give us the best three grades seen for many years. The results speak for themselves.

Two of the players were selected for representative teams. Rick Francisco and Chris Head both made the state Veterans teams. This is a great effort, and also a credit to Rick who has looked after the Vets team for some time. It is good to see some of the senior players receiving some reward for their efforts.

Several functions and social events were held during the year:

- Pre-season Indian Dinner at Strathfield
- Valleys/Briars Hockey Day — June Long Weekend
- Assistance during Baked Dinner Night
- Hockey Presentation Night

The running of the various events went smoothly, largely due to the efforts of Steve Redfearn and his fiancée Sam, Peter Jones and his girlfriend Jane, Laszlo Kovacs and his girlfriend Jackie. Bob Streeter also made sure the Valleys match went smoothly, despite the problems on the day.

There have been some disappointments during the year. Junior hockey did not fare too well due to the consistent wet weather. The Under 15 team played only one match, with the season being cancelled. The Under 17 team missed out on the semi-finals by one point, which was a great effort despite the new season in the Sydney Competition. A concerted effort is needed to ensure the juniors survive next year. It was also disappointing to see some conflict between a few of the players and the coaches. This is the usual story, and unfortunately no doubt will continue in future years.

The coaches did an extremely good job this year. We did not have a second grade coach, and this showed in their inconsistent results, despite having the strongest team for many years. Rick Francisco again steered his team into the semi-finals, proving his value to the Club. Laszlo Kovacs also was able to guide his team into the minor finals, being beaten in that match by Parramatta.

Many thanks to this year's committee for their valuable assistance during the season. Bob Streeter organised the selection committee this year, and it was pleasing to see Bob get more involved in the administration. Laszlo Kovacs performed the bulk of the work, performing the secretarial and treasury functions, and his efforts are greatly appreciated.

To conclude I can say that this year has seen the Briars hockey step up in standard and cement itself as a major Club sport. A sincere effort was made to involve more of the players in Club activities, and on the most part this has been achieved. It would be good to see the younger players mature a touch and lend a hand to the older members who have done more than enough over the years.

Paul Huggett
1989 Hockey Chairman

BRIARS 1ST GRADE HOCKEY REPORT

After last year's so-so performance 1989 was going to be a real 'make it' year for Briars 1st Grade. The year started with the news that the Briars had been promoted back into the B Grade competition of the Sydney Hockey Association.

When Briars 1st Grade started the season we quickly developed the reputation as the team to beat. This was mainly due to the efforts of our coach Ricky, as he was able to attract a few new players to the Club. This influx of new 'blood' to the side and a magical mixture of 'old heads' leading young hungry ones worked well for the side.

The results for the year are as follows:

Played 18 Won 12 Drawn 2 Lost 4

Goals for 42, Goals against 24

Position: equal 3rd.

The side was undefeated for all of the 1st round and the first defeat was only due to the unusual inability to convert many opportunities.

Best and fairest for 1989 was Peter Carapiet. Peter was awarded best and fairest points in 50 per cent of the games. In second place, behind the master, was the apprentice, Ian Reynolds.

Highest goal scorer for the year was Chris Head with 15 goals (this was also the highest goal score of the B1 competition). Greg Dunn was next with 9 goals.

The players are:

Umar Hanif — a new member to the Club. Umar, as goalkeeper, showed solid defence and was ever reliable to win the side's many games by his magnificent saves. Umar made a few guest appearances in 2nd grade where critics claimed he played one of his best games ever.

Alex Head — another new member to Briars, Alex is only 16 years old but is already a very accomplished hockey player with a very solid hit. Alex started off the season at fullback and after some experiments by the coach ended up as centre half. Alex's contribution to the team was invaluable and his ability will take him a long way in hockey.

Jerry Serrao — also a new member, Jerry as fullback has an ability to organise the defence effectively and provide excellent ball distribution to the halves. Jerry unfortunately had a wrist injury late in the season and missed a few games when he was needed.

Paul Huggett — started the year in the halves where he filled in well with the new style of game required in that grade. Due to personal commitments Paul decided to play lower grades towards the end of the season (a blessing as selections were hell with so many good players to choose from). Best wishes for your impending marriage Paul.

Peter Carapiet — Peter was, without doubt, the most valuable player in the first grade. As centre half Peter not only was the general who directed the play, but what was more spectacular than his playing ability was the effect and influence he had on the whole side,

especially the younger players. The knowledge that Peter gave our 'juniors' was invaluable. With Peter's further commitment to Briars, now as a first grade cricketer, the presence of Peter will ensure that all of our players will continue to excel in the following years.

Jamie Ryan — Jamie came through our junior ranks and started the season in 2nd and 3rd Grade and it was not until halfway through the season that he clinched his permanent spot in First Grade, as a half. Jamie was intent to play first grade this year, so he watched, listened and practised until he achieved his goal. Excellent direction and advice from Peter Carapiet helped Jamie along the way. Jamie undoubtedly was the most improved player of the year.

Michael Taylor — another new member this year. Michael played either in the half line or in the forwards, due to this Michael was a little frustrated in his efforts to do his best. Michael is a fierce competitor, a hard tackler often giving the opposition a lot to think about.

Paul Price — started off on the wing, but eventually ended up as centre forward. Paul had one of his best seasons yet. The tough competition forced PP to bring out his best hockey, however he has not lost last year's disease of putting more balls past the goal instead of in it. 1990 should find Paul as a leading goal scorer for the Briars.

Ian Reynolds — played either as inside forward or as centre half this year. Ian, like Jamie, was able to benefit from the experience and skill of both Peter Carapeit and Chris Head. These two encouraged and helped Ian play at his best throughout the year. Ian is still the most promising player in the side and his new toughness will ensure that Ian will have a memorable 1990.

Chris Head — Captain of the side and leads by example. Chris's enthusiasm and will to win reflected on every player in the side. As either centre forward or inside forward scored more goals than any other player in 1st Grade. Chris was selected in the NSW 1sts Veteran side to compete in the Australian Championships in Perth, where he has an excellent opportunity to be selected as an Australian representative player. Best of luck Chris.

Greg Dunn — Greg started the year in a mixed fashion, having great games and then occasionally finding himself in 2nd Grade. A consistent second half of the season enabled Greg to be the 2nd highest goal scorer in First Grade with 9 goals and 4th highest goal scorer in the competition.

Gerard Price — often was found catching colds on the wing rather than the ball. However, when the ball finally came his way he was able to score in spectacular fashion (as was the case with his hat-trick at Moorebank during the Semi Final), or miss. It appears that there is a hereditary disease in the Price family when it comes to both scoring and missing goals.

Being the first year that these players have played together, I can predict that next year will see a new photo on the wall in the Clubhouse, that of a premiership winning side.

This side could not have achieved what it did without the help of others who have helped throughout the year, and they must be thanked. A special thank you must go to the coach of the side, Ricky Francisco.

I believe Ricky has an incredible amount to give to Briars. He has expressed interest in the Junior sides and I hope that this avenue is taken further. Thank you Ricky on behalf of all the players.

1990 is destined to be the year of The Briars in hockey.

Laszlo Kovacs.

2nd GRADE HOCKEY REPORT

1989 was a very frustrating year that will look much better in retrospect than it ever felt on the paddock.

The bare facts are that 2nd Grade finished 4th in the premiership, and subsequently drew their semi-final after three periods of extra time, therefore stepping aside to allow Parramatta to progress to the final.

In reality the side was never a premiership threat, although it is interesting to note that the side's best performances were almost invariably against the top sides. However, against lower standard opposition we generally played lower standard hockey (eg Baulkham Hills, Forest, Parramatta — 1st round, Macquarie Uni — 2nd round).

When 2nd Grade played well, we did in fact play very well, but premierships are won by sides that exhibit the commitment displayed by the Manly Club (1st and 2nd Grade premiers as expected) and the Bankstown 1st Grade side that came back from 1 - 3 down against Briars 1st Grade in the minor semi-final with not a lot of time left and won going away! That was undoubtedly the most courageous win of the season, the only problem being that it was Grand Final form two weeks too early!

Highlights of Briars 2nd Grade performances were the second round win over Glenorie at Cumberland College of lumps and troughs, and the narrow losses to premiership front-runners Manly and Bankstown. Wests, Forest and Gordon were accounted for in both rounds, while neither Baulkham Hills games bear talking about. Glenorie at Glenorie is always the low point of any season and this year was no exception (perhaps this should be the first game played every year).

Performances were obviously affected by lack of training facilities, but such facilities as were made available were not well patronised by 2nd and 3rd-Graders, who by definition need training the most. Commitment?

THE PLAYERS

Michael Sterry (Fullback) — Deservedly won the best and fairest competition in 2nd Grade, relishing the additional time on Astroturf necessitated by the extraordinarily high rate of washouts in the first round. He was consistent, reliable, committed and one of the more regular trainers. Often played 2nd and 3rd Grade to get his eye in.

Russell Roberts (Right Wing) — Runner-up in best and fairest. No longer quick but got plenty of good ball across. Also converted most penalty strokes.

Brett Howle (Inside Right) — 3rd in best and fairest, and probably the success story of the year in Briars Hockey. Scored the second most goals (behind Russell) and always showed determination and commitment. Valuable member of the side.

Bob Streeter (Centre Forward/Fullback) — Should have stopped after a first-game-of-the-season-hat trick against Macquarie (with the motivation of playing in front of big Mal!). Not enough involved in the play. Led the side on most times.

Allan Chu (Left-Half) — Often a key backline player, especially effective in the late season games at Centre-Half in Jerry Serrao's absence. Added fire to the defence but a little more discretion would benefit his game.

Jamie Ryan (Left-Half) — Used in the early games as Inside Forward, played strongly and was elevated to 1st Grade when injuries took their toll of that team. His development over the 1989 season was very pleasing, and he hopefully will be an asset to the Club for years to come.

Jerry Serrao (Centre-Half) — A skilful player who unfortunately missed several games due to work commitments, disrupting his own form and the half-line. Had several big games but must learn not to react to umpiring decisions.

Derek Sterry (Right-Half) — Solid player who had a fairly consistent season. Earned promotion to 1st Grade in the second round and was a regular reserve for that grade. Still probably the quickest of the Briar's half-line players.

Peter Jones (Fullback) — Had a very good season, commencing in 3rds (with Mike Sterry) and quickly cementing a 2nd-Grade spot at Fullback with consistent displays. Improved fitness levels were of benefit and regularly doubled-up without complaint.

Sandor Kovacs (Left-Wing) — Played well when available and earned a chance in 1st Grade in the second round. Also played Inside Forward. Looking forward to a more consistent season in 1990.

John Price (Left-Wing) — Another regular replacement Forward who showed excellent commitment to the Hockey Club in 1989. John played strongly in both 2nd and 3rd Grade most weekends and his skills were a vital part of the forward line in both grades.

Martin Wood (Inside-Left) — Showed great spirit and development in 1989 and featured well in the best-and-fairest. Scored some vital goals and regularly covered for older and slower team-mates.

Paul Huggett (everywhere) — Unfortunately suffered a hamstring injury early in the season and dropped out of 1st Grade. "Mac" had a busy year in 1989 and although unable to give his usual full commitment was always ready to perform wherever required in the lower grades. We hope 1990 is more personally rewarding.

Laszlo Kovacs (Goalkeeper) — Played most of the season in 2nds and generally had a pretty fair season. Injuries and unavailabilities were the main factors influencing goalie selections this season, but the Club was lucky to have three Goalkeepers capable of playing 1st Grade, and both Umar Hanif and Matthew McFarlane performed well in 2nds at different times (with Umar's game against Manly in the wet being absolutely outstanding). However Laszlo deserves special recognition for his performance in 1989 in all aspects of Briars Hockey, as player, selector, coach, secretary and management committee representative. Thanks Laz.

At last count 30 different players represented 2nd Grade during the year, which in itself is an indication of the sort of season we had. Several players dropped out very early in the season for assorted reasons, affecting the Club's capability to strengthen competition for places in the sides, a necessary factor for player and Club development.

Special mention must be given to Gavin Bourke, Ian Reynolds and Greg Dunn for their support and strong performances in the games they played for 2nd's in 1989.

Thanks guys.

THE STATISTICS

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Points	Position	Goals For	Goals Against
18	8	3	7	19	4th	32	22

Semi-Final vs Parramatta — drawn 0-0 after three periods of extra-time.

C-GRADE HOCKEY

Having started the season rather slowly, the boys of C-grade eventually regathered their form of the previous season, and began their now customary haul towards a semi-final birth.

With almost the same team as last year playing several grades higher, we were prepared for the more consistently stronger opposition in 1989.

Initially, the rain interrupted season not only prevented us from playing, but also training. This non-training habit unfortunately lasted for the entire season, and eventually proved our downfall. Lack of skill, training and fitness led to our only losses of the season, and proves that C-grade must be prepared to train on a regular basis if they really want to win a competition.

However, to reach the finals again this year was a truly remarkable effort. The team was constantly changed, meaning we had a differing forward line almost every week, making a goal scoring combination difficult to find amongst the fifteen forwards who played C-grade this year.

Perhaps the reason for our success can be found in our relatively unchanged half and back line. Steve Schomberg, Gavin Bourke and Norm Wong backed up again this year to form our steady half-line. These guys constantly controlled the midfield and paved the way for our many wins. Undoubtedly the loss of three teeth from a deliberate stick in the mouth suffered by Steve Schomberg against Glenorie was the low-point of the season.

Mike Sterry, Peter Jones and Peter Wallace made up our backline, with Steve Redfearn playing when available. These players thwarted many opposition goalscoring intentions. Bill Hooker popped in and out of retirement to also lend the backs a hand (and later dazzled the opposition as a winger with his blistering speed).

Our goalkeeping was capably maintained by Mat McFarlane and Danny Thiele. Perhaps the occasional lapses in concentration was their only disappointment. The fact that C-grade had two extremely capable goalkeepers competing for one position was a typical example of the strength of hockey this season.

The forward line often suffered from inconsistency, particularly notable during the preliminary final against Parramatta. John Price led the goal scoring, topping all three grades. Paul Burgess had his best season to date, and like many third graders, would benefit from regular training. Graeme Varis had a good season on the wing. The real weakness in the forwards was mainly the lack of team combinations, largely due to the limited training, but also from the number of players who filled in at various times. Brett Howle improved during the season, and although he possesses a good eye, he needs a more consistent hit and control of his back stick.

Recapping, the season highlights included:

- Billy Hooker developing into a flying winger???
- Steve Schomberg having to be replaced so he could take his kiddies to the toilet.
- Rick Francisco's goal in the semi-final, a masterful piece of dilly-dallying.
- Defeating premiers Bankstown 1-0 in round two of the competition.

- Laszlo again helping out as coach, thanks Laz.
- Making the finals again.
- The improvement of skills from our younger team members.

Finally, it is hoped that an improved attitude and attendance at training will take us one step further next year. Without a doubt all enjoyed the 1989 season and are looking forward to 1990.

THE TEAM

Goalkeepers

Danny Thiele — has grown six inches, gained one stone and again improved immensely this season. Keep growing.

Mat McFarlane — a mixed season of good and disappointing. Maybe those late Friday nights are catching up a little Mat?

Backs

Bill Hooker — steady as usual, maybe a little old to start a career on the wing.

Peter Wallace — still improving and will benefit greatly from training on synthetic next year.

Mike Sterry — consistent and solid as a rock. Really made a difference when it counted.

Peter Jones — had a great season. Made life very difficult for opposing forwards.

Steve Redfearn — when available, Steve played well considering his limited match practice. Needs to develop an approach where the ball is fed through to the half line, rather than straight through to the forwards.

Halves

Gavin Bourke — a key defender and instigator of many attacking raids. Never stops trying and was vital to the team's success.

Steve Schomberg — never stops running (except to find his teeth). Steve's will to win (at his age!!) is a real inspiration to team members.

Norm Wong — Another improver. Played his best when the opposition behaved at their worst. Needs a more forceful hit, and a greater enthusiasm to join into the attack.

Forwards

Paul Burgess — Paul's enthusiasm never stops. Improved enormously again this year. Needs to continue listening to advice and practising. Would benefit from some aerobic fitness training.

Graham Varis — The most improved player of the year. A little more aggression will see Graham play higher grades next year.

Paul Huggett — Provided the forwards with the stability required in this higher grade. Scored several valuable goals and never stopped trying.

Rick Francisco — A most skilful player, whose aggression made life difficult for the opposition. A great clubman, and an even money bet against Billy Hooker in the 100m dash.

John Price — The man with the six-million-dollar-knee inspired the forwards with a dazzling array of goals. John needs more confidence with his dribbling skills, which can be obtained only from regular training attendance. John was deservedly the top goal scorer (for all three grades). John was this year's Best & Fairest player.

Ben Keneally — the wanderer. Tried hard all season (when available) and another who would benefit enormously from regular training. More thought is needed on his positional game.

Brett Howle — found his niche as inside right and improved enormously as the season progressed.

Tony Bosnjak — Tried hard, but must learn to listen closely to experienced players' advice and practice at training.

Russell Roberts — an arrogant forward who shows little respect for his opposition. His cool attitude provides stability in an otherwise hap-hazard game.

Thanks also to Patrick Detjen, Gerard Price (due to relegation), Derek Sterry, Rueben Brown and a cast of several for their efforts during the season.

JUNIOR HOCKEY REPORT

Under 15 Team

It rained. And rained, and after it rained it rained some more. The team was so keen at the start of the year. Training was initially well attended, with fifteen players ready for battle against the scourge of the Parramatta/Hills competition. However they were dealt a savage and merciless blow with the season being cancelled after playing only one match.

Several players from this team appeared regularly in the Under 17 games, and proved that they had a lot of heart, as they were playing against teams that were a couple of years older and more experienced.

These players were James Ivaasen, Andrew McNamara, Phil Crawford, Michael Ackroyd, Chris Ackroyd, Marcus Thiele and Ben Scully.

If players like these stay with the Club, the future looks bright. However, the damage has been done with this year's cancelled season, and it will take a concerted effort to regain a strong junior foundation next year.

Under 17 Team

1989 saw the Briars place their first team into the Sydney competition. The players ranged in ages from 14 to 17-ish (on average) and were struggling for numbers every week. The teams we came up against were very strong, and often consisted of representative players. Briars still managed to put together some good results against the more experienced opposition, and at the end of the season were one point away from the semi-finals.

The team has many players who have a bright future ahead in Briars hockey. Patrick Detjen played consistently well all season, and was awarded the Best and Fairest trophy.

Danny Thiele proved yet again that he is easily one of the best goalkeepers in the competition, and will next year trouble the senior selectors with four good keepers to choose from.

Andrew McNamara, James Ivaasen, Phil Crawford and the other Under 15 players who filled in all had good seasons, despite their size and limited experience. Rueben Brown and Graham Varis played well, but didn't capitalise enough on their greater experience to take more control of the game. Graham and Rueben will both be welcome additions to senior hockey next year.

Overall it was a good season to start with in the Sydney competition. Two major points were highlighted during the season. Firstly, an effort needs to be made to obtain more players. The few Homebush Boys players who turned up for a few games at the start did not stay for the whole season. We need to be able to attract players for the whole season. Secondly, a revitalised junior committee needs to be established, with representation from the parents. The coaching of the team this year was basically handled by Rick Francisco, although Rick did not have time to commit himself fully to the team. Thanks for your help, Rick.

Thanks to Russell Roberts, Laszlo and Sandor Kovacs and Paul Huggett for the support that they gave the team. The parents and players were also excellent in tolerating the limited effort by the junior organisers in the administration and coaching of the team.

Matt McFarlane
Junior Hockey Co-ordinator

A GRADE BASKETBALL

This was not one of the most successful seasons for the A grade basketball side. For the first time in many seasons we failed to make the finals in both competitions. This can probably be attributed to our lack of consistency. Too often we would defeat teams leading the competitions but be beaten by teams at the bottom.

The first competition of the year saw us off to a great start with wins in our first five games. Then the horrors set in where we struggled to score 30 points a game. This was very frustrating as we had been scoring 50 points a game in our first five. We recruited a few new players and promoted one from the C grade side and lost a couple of our regular players from previous seasons due to work and family commitments. It was taking time for our new unit to settle in and play together as a team. We struggled for the remainder of this first competition especially in the offensive department and this cost us a position in the finals. We finished 5th.

The second competition saw us get off to a very slow start losing three out of our first five games. Once again, a similar problem was creeping into our game, an inability to score easy baskets. With monotonous regularity, we were missing lay-ups and shots as close as a metre from the basket. If it wasn't for the fact that we were playing excellent defence we would have been totally out of contention in most games. The highlight of this competition was the game we played against Cardinals. Cardinals had not lost a game by round 10 and we were placed 8th. In our previous two games we had amassed 26 and 32 points respectively. We didn't rate our chances very high of even being competitive with Cardinals. However, this was not to be. This game proved to be a bruising and very physical encounter with several intentional fouls being called. Something about the game and the way the opposition were playing it, lifted our blokes and we put on a performance of basketball that even amazed us. Ron Ruskin was dynamic with his fast breaks up the court. Bob Perl, Craig Maddox and Ben Seaman absolutely dominated the boards both defensively and offensively. Steve Schomberg and Steve Cruden finally found their range and were sinking baskets from all over the place, Schomberg hitting three, three pointers to extend our lead to 12 points three minutes from the end of the game. We played very aggressive defence all game and this seemed to upset the Cardinals who started concentrating more on what the referees were calling and not on what we were doing. We won the game 68-58 and every player on our side scored at least 8 points.

This game really showed the potential of our team, a potential we would like to see utilised more consistently. The very next game we also won but we only scored 32 points. This inconsistency has probably been the most frustrating aspect of the entire year. We finished 6th in the second competition.

Player Profiles

Bob Perl (Centre) — Bob had one of his better years, being much more consistent with his rebounding and close range shooting. If we could get him to pass the ball occasionally, he would probably be scoring 20 points a game.

Ron Ruskin (Guard) — One of our new recruits, Ron has fitted in well both with his speed up and down the court and his perimeter shooting. A valuable asset to the side.

Craig Maddox (Forward) — Promoted from our C grade side, Craig has mentioned several times that there's not much difference in the standard (I think he's right too!). Craig played excellent defence this year pulling down many rebounds. Offensively, he played well with many moves on the baseline resulting in several goal baskets. Scored most fouls for the year.

Ben Seaman (Forward) — Ben had a good year playing well at both ends of the court. He likes to think of himself as a guard and defensively — he did play well. He set himself well for defensive rebounds and it was rare that he didn't get the ball back after a shot was missed.

Steve Cruden (Guard) — An inconsistent year for Steve. Due to a change in jobs, he was often tied up with clients and missed games or arrived late. Some games he would come out and score baskets from everywhere on the court, but at other times his shots would be way off target.

Steve Schomberg (Guard/Forward) — A better year offensively from Steve who had obviously decided to take shots rather than pass off. Defence was strong making many steals and intercepts. Was just beaten by Craig for most fouls of the year.

Chris Bradley (Guard) — Played the first competition with us and was dynamic with his speed and agility up and down the court. Some games he was outstanding in the shooting department but was again inconsistent with these performances. Work commitments kept Chris from playing the remainder of the year.

Jeff Loftis (Forward/Guard) — Jeff played well in the first season, with strong defence and a good offensive contribution. However, work commitments stopped him from playing the second competition.

Murray Brown (Guard) — Murray kept the team amused once again with his antics both on and off the court. However, as with Jeff he has begun his own business and is unable to fit in both basketball and work.

BASKETBALL 1989

Grade C1

The C1 team competed in the Parramatta Association Competition which is run at the Auburn basketball stadium. The competition had a mixture of team standards and of the 10 teams who competed for the title, the Briars side was certainly one of the top four sides. The team had the ability to win the grade but we lacked depth and struggled to field a starting line on some occasions. This lack of depth was eventually to prove our downfall and we missed out on a semi final spot by just one point brought about by the fact that we could not field a full side for the final round of the competition thus incurring a penalty of the loss of one point. The Parramatta competition starts at 6.15 pm and the early games always presented a problem for some players trying to get to the stadium from work. Hopefully we can add to our playing strength for the 1990 competition.

Team profile

Ed Moore (Capt. Coach) — A very experienced player entering the veterans stage but still a very good organiser of the play. Topped the teams leading scorer on many occasions but tight marking by the leading teams saw him lose the effectiveness of his experience when needed most.

John Dickman — Another very experienced player with a very good shooting arm, a strong defender and has a good temperament. John had a very good season and his playmaking certainly was valuable to the other players in the team.

Brian Neal — Brian had one of his best seasons for the Briars and improved greatly in the area of rebounding. His contribution under the boards was a very big factor in the team doing so well. A big contributor to the teams points tally and topped the leading scorer on many occasions.

Joe Finn — Joe was a new recruit to the Club and was playing his first competition for the Briars. A very good player under the boards with good control. After a slow start where he was obviously trying to fit into the team, Joe finished the competition very strong and his great strength to the team was his ability to control our defensive rebounds against tall opposition.

Russell Chataway — Russells contribution to the team had to be seen to be believed. His total commitment and never say die attitude was an inspiration to all other team members. The most improved player award would have to go to Russell where his allround game is getting better on every outing.

Ed Moore

C2 BASKETBALL REPORT

1989 was a very successful year for the "C2's", even allowing for our demise in the grand final. The result was one of the best achieved by the Club in its short basketball history and I was very proud of the way my boys played.

Twenty-one games were played with 18 wins and 3 losses, with the team finishing 2nd on a countback, winning the major semi-final by four points, 31-27, but unfortunately losing the grand final by six points, 37-31.

I would like to thank and congratulate all players for the manner in which they played the game and for upholding the Briars spirit throughout the season.

The team was made up of the following players: —

Matt Appleton, Geoff Cassano, Paul Mattick, Warwick Negus, Richard Tregeagle, Ian Blair, Robert Kirkby, Steve McGregor, Gerard Price, Marty Watts.

Martin Watts
Captain/Coach

SQUASH REPORT

1988-89 has seen the Squash Club continue in its winning ways, with premierships for three teams. There has been a consolidation in our player numbers plus an influx of new and young members.

The only social function for the year was once again the Christmas water ski day, held at Cliff and Lorene Priest's lovely waterfront home. Blessed with good weather and favourable water conditions the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present. Cliff and Lorene have made their home and boats available to the Squash Club for about 10 years now and I thank them for this terrific contribution. Thanks also to Joe Franco for his anorexic Santa Claus impersonation. Joe weighs about nine stone wringing wet and we made sure that was the way he arrived on the water scooter. Thanks also to my wife Gaye for being Santa's helper and making up all the gift packs plus finding an appropriate outfit for Joe.

Statistics for the year

Spring 1988. Five teams entered and this really stretched our player numbers a bit too much, resulting in forfeits and lack of confidence in some of the teams.

A3 Ken Kable, Greg Menz, R. Pontifax, A. Cameron, Joe Caristo, Steve Clark. A team loaded with experience once again managed a semi-final placing, only to be eliminated in the semi by the eventual winners.

C1 John Mathews, Cliff Priest, Grant Heggarty, Steve Madz and Peter Rae. A side on paper that was capable of winning more than its fair share of matches, unfortunately the team on the court never resembled the team on paper.

C4 Ed Moore, Bert Houston, Gary Phillips, Wayne Rastall and Frank Smith. Suffered from the same problems as the C1 side and really found it hard to get into full stride.

E2 John Jessup, Greg Kelly, Ron Marshall, Brandon Shephard, Phil Byrne. This is basically the pennant winning F1 side from the previous competition with the addition of Greg and Ron. A big step up in grades gave this team a bit of a shock at the start of the competition, but in typical fighting spirit they came back to finish 2nd. They then produced great form to win the grand final for a well earned premiership.

F1 Joe Franks, David Catts, David Kable, Mike Franco and Patrick Jessup. A good young side most of whom were having their first comp. This side really were too good for this grade and only gave their opponents a chance by having players play out of order etc. Basic mistakes that are understandable with such an inexperienced team.

Luckily they got their act together for the final series and really did win their grand final very easily for another pennant.

Winning two pennants on the one night gave the boys a great excuse to celebrate which they did in fine form.

David Kable playing in his first competition won the performance trophy. Must have been undergraded or overcoached.

Autumn 1989

Once again we entered five teams and once again suffered the same problems as the previous comp. The situation was not helped by the Western Districts Squash Association, who, without any consultation with Clubs, allowed 60 extra teams into our Comp. who had previously been playing in the south western area. This effectively extended the boundaries from Campbelltown to Blaxland to Nepean to Ashfield, rather a large area for night time competition.

A4 Ken Kable, Greg Menz, Alan Cameron, Adrian Stodolka, Steve Clarke. Coming off a semi spot in A3, and adding Adrian to the team, we considered ourselves a real chance. Unfortunately not to be, the opposition was too good and we came in 5th.

C2 Neil Richardson, Steve Madz, Cliff Priest, Grant Heggarty and Russell Butler. A team that struggled with a lack of team members plus very strong opposition. They came back well at the end of the Comp. and only just missed a semi spot.

C4 Ed Moore, John Mathews, Wayne Rastall, Gary Phillips, John Healy and Greg Kelly. A team badly affected by the change in boundaries and lack of consistent player numbers. Finished well down in 8th place.

D6 John Jessup, Brandon Shephard, Frank Smith, Phil Byrne, Joe Franco, Peter Murphy. A very well balanced side with J.J., Brandon, Phil and Joe all winning their 3rd Comp. in a row. A great achievement. Up against an unbeaten minor premier (who beat them in the semi quite easily), the boys turned on a super performance to win the grand final. I think the only reason they win is so they can stay at the Club and celebrate, any excuse.

E6 David Catts, David Kable, Mike Franco, Patrick Jessup, Steve De Wit. Thrown in against some very good opposition, managed a very creditable 5th place.

Best performance was difficult to judge as all results were not entered properly on the board, but it was very close between Peter Murphy, Brandon Shephard, John Jessup and David Kable.

1989 Spring Competition is well under way with four teams entered out of which we have three in the semis, two of them minor premiers.

A3 3rd, C2 minor premiers, C4 8th, E3 minor premiers. Good luck to all those involved in these competitions.

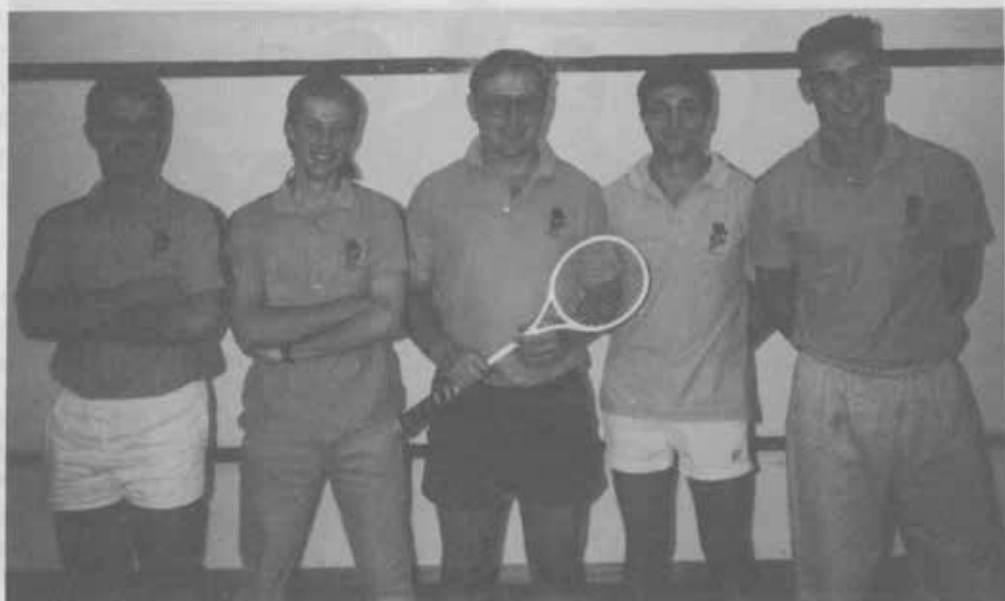
For all other Club members who may be interested in night time competition, please ring Ken Kable (W) 790 4155 or (H) 73 5411.



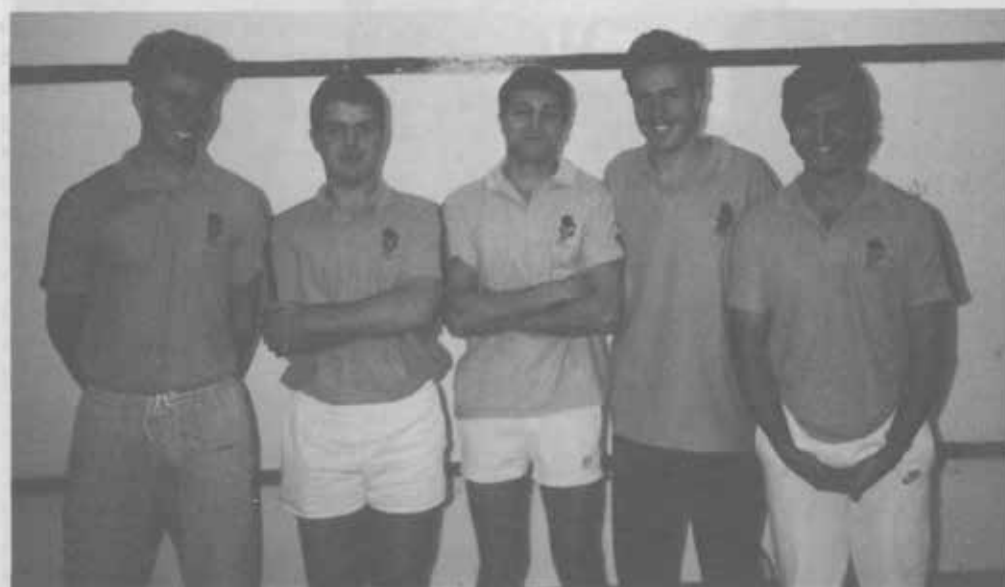
Spring 1988 — E2 Premiers. L-R: J. Jessup, P. Byrne, B. Sheppard, G. Kelly (Capt.) R. Marshall.



Autumn 1989 — D6 Premiers. L-R: Brandon Sheppard, Joe Franco (Capt.), John Jessup, Peter Murphy, Phil Byrne.



Autumn 1988 — F1 Premiers. P. Jessup, P. Byrne, J. Jessup (Capt.), J. Franco, B. Sheppard.



Spring 1988 — F1 Premiers. L-R: D. Kable, P. Jessup, J. Franco (Capt.), D. Catts, M. Franco.

PERSONNEL REPORT

1988/89 was a very successful year in terms of new members joining the club, with 55 being admitted. This is a record during my term of office and all sporting chairmen are to be congratulated on their efforts. I hope 1989/90 will be just as successful.

I would like to thank all Board members who participated in the new members' nights with their words of welcome.

Martin Watts
Personnel Chairman

HOUSE REPORT

The Club has continued its policy of updating the Clubrooms and this year we have remodelled the kitchen area as well as making significant changes in the main area of the Club.

The kitchen has been extended to include a dishwasher and a barbecue facility as well as the provision of new cutlery, crockery and cooking implements.

With the updating of the kitchen we have been able to run seafood nights, a curry night and we have also seen the return of the baked dinner night. The new facilities really open up the uses for the Club and a number of different suggestions are under consideration. There were obviously some teething problems but these should now be overcome to make it much easier to function.

A new stereo system and speakers have been installed in the main bar area and we are currently building up a cross section of tapes to be played on the system.

New curtains have been hung in the main bar area and a general emphasis has been placed on facilities to keep the Club neat and tidy.

We have for many years had a problem with water leakage to the western wall which has now been addressed with the assistance of a structural engineer and hopefully work currently being undertaken will eradicate the problem.

When this matter is finalised all major upgrading work should be completed and we can revert to matters of maintenance only.

Whilst a lot of work has been done to upgrade the premises, members should keep in mind that the building itself is very old and therefore easily damaged. All members should ensure it is looked after at all times.

The Games Room continues to be well patronised and the improvement noticed in this year's Club Championships shows that the facilities have been well used.

Congratulations to the winners of the Singles Championships for 1989 being: Andrew Craig — Snooker; Bart Pozuelo — Table Tennis and Milton Howell — Darts. The Doubles have unfortunately been delayed but should be completed shortly.

I would like to thank the Management Committee and the Board for their assistance and backing in making available the funds to make the Clubhouse the highly presentable premises they are today.

I would particularly like to thank Jo Weber for her assistance during the renovations. Also thanks to Andrew Groves who did this job early in the year and also to Bruce Ferguson and Bruce Evans for their assistance since then.

Col Dayman
House Chairman

BAR REPORT

The bar has continued to increase sales which this year have resulted in a jump of almost 20 per cent, and considering the prices had not been increased for two years this appears to be most satisfactory. The profit margin also appears to have been maintained at an acceptable margin.

The prices have subsequently been increased as from 1 October, 1989 but they are still competitive with similar establishments.

The Club has continued to open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night and other nights particularly during the Club Championships. Friday nights have remained popular with suppers provided by Norm Bush and the meat raffles held in conjunction with the Friday nighters resulted in enough profit to put on the curry night with no charge for food.

During the year we have reintroduced bottled wine which has proven most popular whilst most of our other lines of liquor appear to be moving well. Some thought may have to be given to our range of spirits, particularly on function nights.

It was good to see the Football Committee buy their canteen stocks off the Club after an absence of a couple of years.

It was particularly encouraging during the year to see the number of younger members who have taken an interest in working behind the bar and a couple have become very proficient. Thanks fellas and keep up the good work.

Also my coke drinking mate Greg Mitchell has kept the pipes clean and done most of the running repairs on the equipment — it is almost worth all the hassles I have to go through with him to get the work done — thanks Mitch.

Every year I have had to end up my report with a special vote of thanks to Ted Stockdale. Nothing has changed this year with his input into the running of the bar and again I record my vote of thanks for his assistance.

In conclusion, if you want a few beers and some good conversation, why not spend some time at your Club.

Col Dayman
Senior Steward

BRIARS SKI CLUB — THREDBO

Directors — Richard Vanderfield (Chairman), Brian Darragh, Andrew Clifford, John Edmonds, Michael Kennedy, Peter Arnold, Jim Field.

Secretary — Maurie Catts

Hon. Auditor — Col Jones

The Club has just completed its 28th snow season in Thredbo. From a skiing point of view the season was good and bookings were heavy.

Briars members are reminded that there are often vacancies in the lodge after Ski Club members' bookings have been made. Andy Clifford welcomes enquiries.

The period from October through summer to April remains under-utilised. Thredbo has been extensively developed as a summer resort and nowadays offers a wide range of activities — golf, tennis, horse riding and some magnificent mountain bush walks, being but a few.

Special thanks to Don Walker for his preparation of the accounts and to Col Jones who is our honorary auditor.

For bookings, please contact Andy Clifford at 29 8601.

Richard Vanderfield

1988 NSW OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 1988 NSW Open Golf Tournament was held at Concord Golf Club between 20 — 23 October, 1988. Planning for the Briars Club involvement commenced many months prior to this time.

Whilst the Golf Management Committee handled negotiations with the promoters and put in place the initial recruiting procedures, the bulk of the recruiting was carried out by “volunteers” from the various sports and the inimitable George Wright.

It would be an understatement to say that our contribution to this tournament was an outstanding success with the 6P formula prevailing (to the uninitiated it means “prior planning prevents --ss poor performance”). Much of the credit should flow to the recruiters, including George, Ted Callaghan, Brett Howle, Owen Moore, Matthew McFarlane and Ken Kable who should be acknowledged for a job well done.

However, in the final result, it really comes down to all the people who volunteered their time to work at the golf and who carried out their allotted tasks in a “thoroughly professional and competent manner”. Those words are emphasised to echo the thoughts of the Golf Management Committee and are also the words used by the promoters, Tuohy Allen and Associates, to describe the Clubs’ contribution in ensuring the organisational success of the tournament.

It would be remiss not to also acknowledge the valuable contributions of the following people for their assistance over the duration of the tournament:

Ollie Osterman (getting “Ollie’s Trolley” to the post again)

Charlie Williams (for being the “Hitler” of the driving range)

Kath Williams (for putting up with Charlie)

Marty Watts and Harry Jamieson (for running the press tent so effectively)

Peter Mansford (who handled the communications in the press tent like a duck to water)

Fred Schomberg (for his exemplary attendance record)

Ken Kable (never try to con a con)

Greg Kelly (who almost kept pace with Ken Kable) Norm Bush (for ensuring the activities at the end of the day went smoothly)

Ted Callaghan (for being mother to the “Jacob’s coat” brigade)

George Wright (oversighting the daily activities of the senior brigade)

Fred Lewis (for assisting with “Ollie’s Trolley”)

Ernie Jones (for coming down from the mountains every day)

Peter Richardson (excellent job on communications)

The club also benefited very greatly in a financial sense which was distributed to the sports/functions on the same basis as previous years, percentage breakup being:

Rugby — 32.0

Cricket — 22.3

Golden Oldies — 20.6

Focus — 8.8

Hockey — 7.6

Squash — 4.1

Basketball — 2.4

Junior Hockey — 2.4

The assistance of a small band of volunteers from Auburn Cricket Club is also gratefully acknowledged.

**John Threlfo and Bill Hooker
for Golf Management Committee**

1988 BI-CENTENNIAL AUSTRALIAN OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1988 Bi-Centennial Australian Open Golf Championship was held at the Royal Sydney Golf Club, Rose Bay, between 24 — 27 November, 1988.

With this tournament being so close to the NSW Open, it was decided to involve a number of other clubs in providing volunteers. This worked to the Briar's Club advantage, as we were able to adequately man additional tasks requested by the organisers the day before the tournament commenced. Of course, this also meant extra money on top of the amount already negotiated. There was also a good response from within the Briar's Club, thanks to the recruiting team mentioned in the NSW Open article.

The tournament was a complete success from our point of view and the promoters, Tuohy Allen and Associates, were unstinting in their praise for the manner in which our personnel carried out their duties. And what duties they were; course communications, leader boards, press tent, etc. No car parking!

Our thanks go to the following clubs for providing their required number of workers and being, probably, the major factor in ensuring the Briar's Club involvement was so well received:

Auburn Cricket Club;
Randwick Rugby Golden Oldies;
Hunters Hill Rugby Union; and
Police Department Social Golf Club.

The Golf Management Committee is very mindful of the time donated by all volunteer workers and appreciates their demeanour and approach to performing the tasks in as professional manner as possible. It reflects great credit on all concerned. Even John Hadley was seen to smile and comment favourably about our people.

Of course, there are a number of people whose efforts on behalf of the Club were outstanding, including:

Harry Jamieson (press tent again)
Ted Callaghan (recruiting and running "will call")
Fred Schomberg (Jack of all trades and keeping Keith in line)
Greg MacIntyre (running communications network)
Ken Kable (man Friday duties and being the "official" tester of Heineken products)

The management committee is especially appreciative of the many hours put in by Julie Lewis in computerising the worker attendance lists. This meant the dissemination of material prior to the tournament was made so much easier and was of great assistance in organising the daily tasks.

Moneys received was distributed to the various sports/functions in the normal manner, percentage breakup being:

Golden Oldies — 22.7

Rugby — 20.3

Focus — 18.9

Cricket — 18.5

Hockey — 6.7

Squash — 6.7

Junior Hockey — 4.3

Basketball — 1.9

Finally, the management committee wishes to thank Barbara Thiele and her band of helpers from junior hockey for the quality of lunches provided at both tournaments.

**John Threlfo and Bill Hooker
for Golf Management Committee.**

JUNIOR RECRUITMENT AND SCHOOL LIAISONS

Whilst 1989 may be remembered for the year the big three television stations went broke, Briars certainly won't forget the big steps taken in the area of junior recruitment.

We now boast four cricket, two basketball and two hockey junior teams with plans to reintroduce our squash juniors next year.

After discussions with the Ashfield Catholic Club Cricket Club, we agreed to assist in the running of their four junior cricket teams. With Under 10, 12, 14 and 16 year old teams the newly formed A.C.C Briars now play in the Combined Western Suburbs and Canterbury Junior Cricket competition. With Bob Abood, sons Gerard and David, and Tim Worner coaching the u/14's and Norm Edmonds, Brett Howle, Paul Simpson and Johnny Platania looking after the u/16's, the 1989/90 season is looking extremely prosperous.

Our basketballers under the guidance of Dick and Margaret Knapp had a mixed year. The u/14 team lacking a little experience finished in the middle of the field while the u/16 team were runners up in sensational circumstances. All members of the u/16 team were told that the final was to be played at 7.30pm by competition officials. When officials changed the playing time to 6.30pm on the same night, they neglected to inform our team and consequently we forfeited the final. Our protests fell on deaf ears.

The hockey report will elaborate on our juniors performance who had an up and down year but look forward to next year.

Ken Kable and boys from De Le Salle Ashfield have begun plans to resurrect our squash juniors. This would certainly lead to boom time for our squashes.

Overall, 1989 was a great year and I look forward to continuing progress in 1990.

**John Price
School Liaisons Officer.**

FOCUS REPORT — 1989

With the last of the 1989 editions now complete, I think we can all be satisfied with our contributions throughout the past 12 months. The five editions have provided some very interesting information and reports on both the social and sporting sides of the Club and our members, and also kept us informed of administration changes and improvements around the Club.

Although the cost of everything seems to be constantly on the rise it is pleasing to note that we were able to attract regular contributors in the form of advertisers who were able to subsidise, to an extent, the cost of producing the FOCUS. These people we thank: Robert J. Hodgson, K.E. Wearne, Drugstore Restaurant, Complete Sign Services, Pontifex Jewellers, Log Products, John's Video Show, Len Hollis Automotive Refinishers, Budget Wholesale Meats, Pymble Timber Company, Raine and Horne, Sercombe Staniforth and Mattick, J.G. Mortlock, Philip England, Burts Pharmacy and TC's Surf and Ski.

Also, the following people must be thanked for their contributions:

Advertising	Philip England
Rugby	Owen Moore
Cricket	Gerard Price
Hockey — Senior	Paul Huggett
— Junior	Matt McFarlane
Squash	Ed Moore
Basketball — Womens	Joanne Price
— Mens (A reserve)	Steve Schomberg
— Mens (C1, C2)	Ed Moore, Ian Blair
Golf	John Threlfo
Social	Paul Price
Golden Oldies	Ted Callaghan
Schools Liaison	John Price
Senior Members	Ted Stockdale
Honorary Executive Report	John Threlfo

Special thanks must go to Grant Heggarty for his assistance in arranging the printing and distribution of each edition.

As I have now passed on the duties of FOCUS editor to Michael Clarke, I would like to thank all those people whom I have dealt with over the past four years as they have helped make my role an enjoyable one. I hope that we can all continue to support and assist Michael in his new role so as to maintain the current standards of our publication. Thank you again

Gerard Price
Focus Chairman

SOCIAL REPORT

After a good year in 1988, the 1989 social year proved to be an even more successful one. We kicked proceedings off with the Old Members Night in March. Thanks again must go to Ted Stockdale who did a tremendous job in once again producing record numbers. This evening seems to be going from strength to strength with many of our non regular Club attendees coming out of the woodwork to attend the night.

The next of the functions was the End of Season Cricket night, also held in late March. Over 100 attended the night and enjoyed the seafood and free flowing beverages, and all danced the night away in celebrating the End of the Season, and Maurice Critchley's acceptance of the Billy Ducker Award.

The Annual Ball made a triumphant return to Concord Golf Club in June with over 160 attending what was described as the best Ball for years. Concord is now certain to be the regular venue for the Ball in future years and in doing so has saved its existence.

Over 210 attended the Annual Dinner at Canterbury during July. Guest speaker John Coates was very entertaining as was Peter Burt's Vote of Thanks. The now famous Briars Double Decker ride to and from the Dinner was once again a sell-out as over 100 ventured back to the Club to see out the evening — and see in the next morning.

The Baked Dinner Night made a successful return to the social calendar with capacity numbers attending. The Hockey guys and Mrs. Kovacs did a terrific job in organising the table settings and superb three course meal and wine. A moby disc provided the music for the night and Peter Wallace took out first prize in the raffle, winning a 10 speed racer. The success of the evening assures its existence for years to come.

On writing this report there were still three functions remaining. The first of those will be the Trot night which is a sell-out and is to be held in the Ribands Function Room, Harold Park, on Miracle Mile Night. A superb night is guaranteed. The Picnic Day which is also to be held in late November at Cabarita Park, Concord was shaping up well with Steve and Rhonda Schomberg taking over the responsibility of organising the family day.

The third, and possibly my, final function will be the Christmas party to be held once again at the Club on the 16th of December. Last year a record 170 attended what was a super night with plenty of drinking, celebrating and dancing. John Price was an unpopular winner of the colour TV, which was the major prize in the raffle. Another HUGE raffle will be held again this year and beach wear will be the dress for what we hope will be another record breaking evening.

In what was possibly my final year as social chairman, I'd like to thank all those who assisted in any way over the past few years. The job, although at times demanding, was very satisfying and I only hope that we can continue the success of all our functions and in some cases improve on attendances. Those who aren't attending any of these functions or the Club itself are kidding themselves if they regard themselves as members. The future of the Club depends on your support, so put in the effort — you won't be disappointed.

Paul Price
Social Chairman

ADMINISTRATION

Both the Board of Directors and the Management Committee met on 12 occasions during the period 1 October, 1988 to 30 September, 1989. Attendance by members was as follows: —

Board	I. Richard	11 (Director, then elected President at AGM Dec. 1988)
	P. Richardson	11 (resigned as President, then elected as a Director at AGM Dec. 1988)
	J. Staniforth	11
	P. Mansford	2 (resigned at AGM Dec. 1988)
	P. England	11 (filled casual vacancy — elected at AGM Dec. 1988)
	C. Walker	6 (re-elected at AGM Dec. 1988)
	J. Crockart	9 (re-elected at AGM Dec. 1988)
	W. Hooker	9
	G. Rolleston	9 (filled casual vacancy — elected at AGM Dec. 1988)
Management	I. Richard	10
	P. Richardson	2
	J. Threlfo	10
	B. Howle	3 (appointed July 1989)
	P. Bowyer	7 (resigned in June 1989)
	C. Dayman	12
	O. Moore	11
	G. Price	12
	P. Price	9
	M. Watts	10
	K. Kable	10
	S. Kovacs	2 (resigned at AGM Dec. 1988)
	J. Price	10
	S. Schomberg	7 (resigned June 1989)
	A. Groves	6 (elected at AGM Dec. 1988 — resigned July 1989)
	P. Huggett	7 (elected at AGM Dec. 1988)

J.H. STONE TROPHY

The trophy is named after the first President of The Briars Sporting Club, the late John Stone. It can only be won by a Club member, under 25 years of age, who has made an outstanding contribution to the Club's welfare during the year.

Brett Howle is a very worthy recipient of this year's award. Brett currently represents the Club in the sports of cricket and hockey. He is a fine ambassador for the Club on and off the playing field, as well as displaying a keen competitive spirit. In the past few years Brett has organised cricket's involvement in the various golf tournaments at which the Club has been required to provide volunteers and the sport has benefited greatly from the financial input.

In July, 1989, Brett was appointed as the Assistant Honorary Officer and is already making a significant contribution to the administration of the Club. The future of the Club is in good hands when members of the calibre of Brett come forward to readily accept a greater role in ensuring the ideals and tradition of the Club are enhanced.

CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

The 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 Club as a member	—	25 points
Neatness of dress	—	10 points
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		100 points

The winner of this trophy is Steve Schomberg. Steve was the hard working cricket chairman this year and a member of the A-Shires side. Steve's enthusiasm and effort on and off the field for Briars cricket was reflected by a very enjoyable season being had by all cricketers. Deserving special mention is Steve's wife Rhonda, whose time and support towards not only the cricket but to the Briars Club in general is greatly appreciated. Congratulations Steve (and Rhonda).

GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

The Gordon Bevan Shield is awarded to the player who, in the opinion of the Club, has done the most toward football and the Club in general. The criteria for selection are as follows:

Attendance at training	—	20
Value to the Team	—	20
Most Improved Player	—	20
General Keeness	—	15
Value as a Club Member	—	15
Neatness of Uniform	—	10
		<hr/>
		100 points

The recipient for 1989 is Andrew Craig. 1989 saw Andrew as Club captain and in a season which was totally disrupted by the weather Andrew helped whenever asked without question or complaint. On the paddock, he was willing to play anywhere and in any grade. His constant chants of "help him, help him" are famous behind Briars rucks and mauls. As a Club member, Andrew has become heavily involved in preparation for the 1990 season and will probably run as Club captain again. In his second year Andrew will be even more involved with the administration of rugby and I'm sure he will be of great assistance to the chairman elect Milton Howell. Thanks Andrew.

A.J. ROBINSON SHIELD

The Shield was donated by the late A.J. Robinson ("Robbie") and is won by the Hockey Player obtaining the most points in the following manner:

Value to team as a member	—	35 points
Value in Hockey Administration	—	20 points
Value to the Club other than Hockey	—	20 points
Conduct on field of play	—	15 points
Neatness of dress	—	10 points
		<hr/>
		100 points

This year's award winner for the A.J. Robinson Shield is Laszlo Kovacs. Laz capably runs the secretarial and treasury functions of the Hockey administration, in addition to playing at a consistently high level of hockey. His dress and personal attitude during and after the game are an excellent example to be followed by the younger members of the Club. During the year, Laz has also taken on the job of supervising the Club clothing orders for tracksuits, blazers, ties, jumpers and team outfits.

DOUG VANDERFIELD TROPHY

The Trophy is presented to the Squash player who has contributed the most to Squash and the Club in general.

The Trophy was donated by the late R.D. Vanderfield who was very instrumental in commencing Squash in the Club and having it recognised as a major sport. Points are awarded as follows:

Value as a team member	—	20 points
Value as a member of the Club	—	20 points
Keeness as a player	—	20 points
Improvement as a player	—	15 points
Conduct on the Squash Court	—	15 points
Neatness of dress	—	<u>10 points</u>
		<u>100 points</u>

The winner of the Doug Vanderfield Trophy this year is Phillip Byrne. Phillip is a deserved winner of this trophy as both his attitude and value to the squash side in which he competes exemplify the spirit of the Doug Vanderfield Trophy. Well done Phillip.

E.G STOCKDALE TROPHY

This Trophy has been donated by the Board of Directors in recognition of the outstanding contributions made to the Club over the years by Ted Stockdale. It is awarded to a Basketball player on the following basis:

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

The winner this year is Ian Blair. Ian is a member of the C2 side. Congratulations Ian.

R.D. VANDERFIELD TROPHY

This Trophy is awarded to a member of the Junior Hockey teams 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 junior teams.

Danny Thiele for his second consecutive year has won the R.D. Vanderfield Trophy. Danny has consistently played well during the year, and has actively helped out with various administration and Club functions. Danny was also a regular player in the Third Grade senior team, and his conduct and attitude are highly commendable.

GEOFF ARCHIBALD TROPHY

The Geoff Archibald Trophy is awarded to the player who has made the greatest contribution to the Club in his first year of rugby. This year it has been awarded to John Golsby. John has displayed in his first year that it's not how big you are but how good you are. All season, John has had three breakaways in second grade, oozing in "YOUTH" & guts, after his position in first grade. John has responded by simply showing them a lesson in "SKILL" and guts. It's these skills that John has brought to Briars and will continue to pass on to the younger players for years to come. John is also a member of the 1990 committee and will be helping in such things as recruitment from the University of New England and also with social functions.

ROBERT BRUCE CLARK — OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIP

The winner of this award is Phillip Byrne. Phillip is a squash player who commenced with The Briars whilst still at De La Salle College. He started off in the Junior sides and quickly advanced into the mens side, having competed in three competitions and being part of the premiership winning side on each occasion. Phillip's standard of play on the squash court has continually improved since starting with The Briars. His overall keenness and on court behaviour is a credit to him.

Phillip will take part in the Scholarship in December. Congratulations, Phillip.

We would like to acknowledge the selfless dedication shown by all honorary Office Bearers to their particular tasks during this reporting year. It is quite easy to glance over this statement but the altruism that "you get out of the Club what you put into the Club" certainly applies to our current executive members. They can quite rightly be proud of their own contribution to the furtherance of the Briars tradition. Particular mention is made of the contribution of Peter "Chang" Bowyer to the efficient administration of the Club over a number of years whilst carrying out the often demanding duties of Honorary Executive Officer.

In conclusion, we wish members every success, individually and as teams representing the club, for the forthcoming seasons and fervently hope the club continues to prosper and add to its already significant role in the life of the community.

R.I. Richard
President

J.F. Threlfo
Honorary Executive Officer

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors present their report on the Accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th September, 1989.

NAMES OF DIRECTORS

The Directors in office at the date of this Report are:—

R.I. RICHARD (Chairman)

J.F. CROCKART

P.D. RICHARDSON

W.F. HOOKER

J.W. STANIFORTH

P.C. ENGLAND

C.D. WALKER

G.B. ROLLESTON

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal continuing activities of the Company are:—

THE PROMOTING AND PLAYING OF AMATEUR SPORT

There was no significant change in the nature of those activities during the year.

RESULT

The net result of operations for the year was a Profit of \$21,859.

DIRECTORS' BENEFITS

Since the end of the previous financial year no Director of the Company has received or become entitled to receive a benefit.

R.I. Richard
Director

G.B. Rolleston
Director

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors,
at Burwood this 13th day of November, 1989

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

DIRECTORS' STATEMENT

(1) In the opinion of the Directors:—

- (a) The accompanying Income and Expenditure Account is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the Profit of the Company for the current financial year;
- (b) The accompanying Balance Sheet is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year; and
- (c) At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

- (2) The accounts have been made out in accordance with Applicable Approved Accounting Standards.
- (3) In respect of the current financial year the Company has:—
 - (a) Kept such accounting records as to correctly record and explain the transactions and financial position of the Company;
 - (b) Kept its accounting records in such a manner as would enable true and fair accounts of the Company to be prepared from time to time; and
 - (c) Kept its accounting records in such a manner as would enable the accounts of the Company to be conveniently and properly audited in accordance with the Companies (New South Wales) Code.
- (4) The Accounts have been properly prepared by a competent person.

R.I. Richard

Director

G.B. Rolleston

Director

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors,
at Burwood this 13th day of November, 1989.

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

I have audited the attached Accounts in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

In my opinion, 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:—

- (1) The state of affairs of the Company at the 30th September, 1989 and of the Profit of the Company for the year ended on that date;
- (2) The other matters required by Section 269 of that Code to be dealt with in the Accounts;

and are in accordance with Applicable Approved Accounting Standards.

C.G. Jones

Chartered Accountant

Signed at Sydney
this 15th day of November, 1989

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1989

CURRENT ASSETS	NOTE	1989	1988
Cash	2	3,320	100
Receivables	3	19,908	21,755
Inventories	4	25,636	14,350
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>48,864</u>	<u>36,205</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments	5	159,188	148,695
Property, Plant & Equipment	6	42,798	38,429
Other	7	—	4,000
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>201,986</u>	<u>191,124</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>250,850</u>	<u>227,329</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors & Borrowings	8	3,731	1,887
Provisions	9	9,174	9,803
Other	10	3,449	3,035
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>16,354</u>	<u>14,725</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Other	11	2,979	2,946
Creditors & Borrowings	12	3,100	3,100
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>6,079</u>	<u>6,046</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>22,433</u>	<u>20,771</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>\$228,417</u>	<u>\$206,558</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained Profits		228,417	206,558
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		<u>\$228,417</u>	<u>\$206,558</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these accounts.

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1989 ACCOUNTS

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Company's Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the prescribed requirements of the Schedule 7 of the Companies (New South Wales) Code as in force on 1st October, 1986 and are based on the historical cost convention. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous year.

(a) Depreciation

Freehold Land and Buildings, Plant, Fittings and Equipment are written off over the estimated life of each asset using either of the straight line/diminishing value methods.

(b) Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

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SCHEDULE TO BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1989

NOTE:	1989	1988
2. CURRENT ASSETS — CASH		
CASH		
Cash on Hand	300	100
Cash at Bank	3,020	—
	<u>\$3,320</u>	<u>\$100</u>
3. CURRENT ASSETS — RECEIVABLES		
OTHER DEBTORS		
Debtors	10,121	5,248
Prepayments	9,787	16,507
	<u>\$19,908</u>	<u>\$21,755</u>
4. CURRENT ASSETS — INVENTORIES		
INVENTORIES		
Stock on Hand	<u>\$25,636</u>	<u>\$14,350</u>
5. NON-CURRENT ASSETS — INVESTMENTS		
INVESTMENTS		
Secured Debentures in Listed		
Companies — At Cost	139,853	138,009
Deposits	16,356	7,740
	<u>156,209</u>	<u>145,749</u>

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SCHEDULE TO BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1989 CONTD.

NOTE:

5. TRUST FUND

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 Depentures in Listed Companies

Cash at Bank

1989

1988

700

700

844

760

1,544

1,460

J. SHEEHAN SPORTING SCHOLARSHIP

Secured Debentures in Listed Companies

Cash at Bank

934

1,059

501

427

1,435

1,486

\$159,188

\$148,695

6. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

LAND AND BUILDINGS

Freehold Land & Buildings — at Cost

Less: Accumulated Depreciation

28,772

28,772

7,217

6,841

21,555

21,931

FURNITURE & FITTINGS

Furniture & Fittings — At Cost

Less: Accumulated Depreciation

55,239

45,792

33,996

29,294

21,243

16,498

\$42,798

\$38,429

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SCHEDULE TO BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1989 CONTD.

NOTE:		1989	1988
7. NON-CURRENT ASSETS — OTHER			
OTHER			
Prepayments		<u>—</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>
8. CURRENT LIABILITIES — CREDITORS & BORROWINGS			
CREDITORS & ACCRUALS			
Trade Creditors & Accruals		<u>\$3,731</u>	<u>\$1,887</u>
9. CURRENT LIABILITIES — PROVISIONS			
PROVISIONS			
Provision for Deferred Maintenance		7,000	7,000
Provision for Sport Development		<u>2,174</u>	<u>2,803</u>
		<u>\$9,174</u>	<u>\$9,803</u>
10. CURRENT LIABILITIES — OTHER			
OTHER			
Subscriptions Paid in Advance		<u>\$3,449</u>	<u>\$3,035</u>
11. NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES — OTHER			
OTHER			
Trust Funds		<u>\$2,979</u>	<u>\$2,946</u>
12. NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES — CREDITORS & BORROWINGS			
LOANS — DEBENTURES			
5% Debentures Maturing 30/9/1991		600	600
Interest Free Debentures Maturing 30/9/1991		<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
		<u>\$3,100</u>	<u>\$3,100</u>

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED
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STATUTORY PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1989

	1989	1988
Retained Profits at the beginning of the Financial Year	206,558	186,445
Add: Profit for Year	<u>21,859</u>	<u>20,113</u>
Retained Profits at the end of the Financial Year	<u><u>\$228,417</u></u>	<u><u>\$206,558</u></u>

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BAR TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1989

	1989	1988
BAR RECEIPTS		
Sales	49,001	45,742
Less: Cost of Sales	29,192	25,268
Gross Bar Profit	<u>19,809</u>	<u>20,474</u>
LESS: BAR OPERATING EXPENSES		
Liquor Licence	1,758	1,636
Bar Expenses and Maintenance	3,924	3,370
Depreciation of Bar Equipment	359	449
	<u>6,041</u>	<u>5,455</u>
BAR TRADING PROFIT	13,768	15,019
ADD: INCOME FROM		
Property Rents	35,750	28,426
Members Subscriptions	5,076	6,200
Interest Received	27,747	17,187
N.S.W. Open and Australian Open Championships	14,007	6,779
Sundry Income	138	—
Surplus/(Loss) on Sporting Activities (Note 15)	(2,326)	(1,027)
Surplus/(Loss) on Social Activities	(226)	(126)
	<u>93,934</u>	<u>72,458</u>
LESS: OPERATING EXPENSES		
Administration and Club Room Expenses (Note 13)	53,229	34,190
Property Expenses (Note 14)	6,170	7,083
Depreciation of Furniture, Fittings, Air Conditioner, Cash Register, Carpet and Vinyl Floor	4,343	2,738
Amortisation — Rothwell Park Facility	3,333	3,334
	<u>67,075</u>	<u>47,345</u>
OPERATING PROFIT	<u>26,859</u>	<u>25,113</u>
LESS: Transfer to Provision for Sport Development	5,000	5,000
SURPLUS FOR YEAR	<u><u>\$21,859</u></u>	<u><u>\$20,113</u></u>

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1989 ACCOUNTS

NOTES:	1989	1988
13. ADMINISTRATION AND CLUB ROOM EXPENSES		
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	31,346	10,495
Stationery, Postage, Telephone, Bank Charges and Television	4,035	3,425
Light and Heating	3,344	2,555
Annual Reports	3,200	3,185
Insurance — General	2,009	1,355
Sports Injury	5,651	5,209
Interest Paid	30	30
Billiards and Table Tennis	90	1,197
Focus	1,435	3,793
Donations and Presentations	785	220
General Expenses	304	2,726
Golden Oldies — Tour Subsidy	1,000	—
	<u>\$53,229</u>	<u>\$34,190</u>
14. PROPERTY EXPENSES		
Insurance	3,225	3,015
Rates	2,569	3,692
Depreciation of Buildings	376	376
	<u>\$6,170</u>	<u>\$7,083</u>

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		1989	1988
NOTES:			
15. NET COST OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES			
Hockey:	Ground Hire, Gear etc.	7,071	5,111
	Less: Receipts for year	5,384	5,493
	Net (Cost)/Surplus of Hockey	(1,687)	382
Cricket:	Ground Hire, Gear etc.	8,903	9,211
	Less: Receipts for year	10,028	9,019
	Net (Cost)/Surplus of Cricket	1,125	(192)
Football:	Ground Hire, Gear etc.	16,498	15,299
	Less: Receipts for year	15,488	14,343
	Net (Cost) of Football	(1,010)	(956)
Squash:	Court Hire, Gear etc.	3,964	3,015
	Less: Receipts for year	3,450	2,841
	Net (Cost) of Squash	(514)	(174)
Basketball:	Court Hire, Gear etc.	615	1,292
	Less: Receipts for year	375	1,205
	Net (Cost) Basketball	(240)	(87)
NET (COST) SPORTING ACTIVITIES		<u>(\$2,326)</u>	<u>(\$1,027)</u>

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STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND APPLICATION
OF FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30th SEPTEMBER, 1989

FUNDS PROVIDED BY:

DECREASE IN ASSETS

Debtors and Prepayments	5,847	
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INCREASE IN LIABILITIES

Subscriptions in Advance	414	
Other	33	
Trade Creditors and Accruals	1,844	
		2,291
		8,138

LESS: FUNDS APPLIED TO:

INCREASE IN ASSETS

Investments	10,493	
Inventories	11,286	
Furniture & Fittings	9,447	
Cash	3,220	
		34,446

DECREASE IN LIABILITIES

Provisions	629	
		35,075
		26,937

LESS: NON-CASH ITEM — DEPRECIATION

		5,078
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		\$21,859

