

# The Briars Sporting Club Ltd.

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72nd ANNUAL REPORT

AND

BALANCE SHEET

1989 — 1990

The Briars  
Sporting Club Limited  
Burwood



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## **Seventy-Second Annual Report and Balance Sheet 1989 — 1990**

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Presented to members at the Club Rooms  
30A George Street, Burwood,  
on Friday, 7th December, 1990

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E.J. SIDDELEY	...	1928-1929
R.W. MAY	...	1929-1931
E.J. SIDDELEY	...	1931-1932
H.W. WHIDDON	...	1932-1933
R.G. HERFORD	...	1933-1935
J.E. HOLMES	...	1935-1936
R.W. MAY	...	1936-1939
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R.W. MAY	...	1942-1943
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R.S. JONES	...	1953-1957
A.J. LAND	...	1957-1960
R.J. THOMSON	...	1960-1962
W.A. ELDER	...	1962-1965
B.U. WILLIAMS	...	1965-1967
H.G. WHIDDON	...	1967-1969
H.C. FORD	...	1969-1972
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your Board of Directors and Management present for consideration by members this seventy-second Annual Report of the Club's financial position and activities for the year ended 30th September, 1990.

In my last year's report, at the conclusion of my first term as President, we were able to report that the Club had "continued on successfully pursuing the objectives so cleverly defined by our founding echelon ... to foster and promote amateur sport". Again, I see this as being the principal pursuit, and again with continued and increased success.

Financially, we are again in the 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 to a lesser extent proceeds from our association with golf tournaments. During the past year our operating expenses have increased and so has our income. Rents have increased due to lease increases and interest on investments has increased. The Board has resolved to provide \$15,000 for sport development for the continued sponsorship of junior teams and to subsidise sporting fees of junior members.

The club's sporting activities and associated functions have again in the main, gained strength. A positive indication of the depth and strength of The Briars is that of the ten management functions to which I will refer to below, eight have been performed by new people to the posts.

Rugby presented the most notable change, and in a positive direction. The season finished with two teams in the semi-finals: Stockdale Cup (our seconds) being knocked out in the preliminaries to come third; and, Richardson Cup (our fourths) being knocked out in the grand-finals to come second. Barraclough Cup (our firsts) improved as the season progressed and Blunt Cup (all 61 players) were the ones who copped the problems this year. A new innovation in subbies Rugby was the introduction of the under 21 knockout competition which Briars won. There has been in Briars Rugby a significant increase in the number and commitment of helpers and young players. A team has recently concluded a successful tour of New Zealand. The club offers thanks and congratulations to the Rugby Chairman, Milton Howell, and his many helpers for their successful first season.

Cricket again improved on last year's results and therefore had a very successful season. Cricket was arguably the sport which performed best in the Club this year. We improved three positions in the Club Championship to come second, won the competition in "B" and "D" Grades, and just missed the semis in "C" Grade. "A" Grade, "C & S" and Juniors maintained the Briars' competitive reputation and provided the balance. Thanks must go to Gerard Price for his successful opening season as Cricket Chairman and congratulations are deserved for a job well done.

Hockey played well in a hard competition, under difficult circumstances. 1st Grade were knocked out in the preliminaries, 2nd Grade came fifth and 3rd Grade and the Under 17's got to the preliminaries. The Club's thanks and congratulations go to Bill Hooker who took over the Chairmanship this year.

This year Squash fielded 4 teams in the Spring 1989 and the Autumn 1990 competitions. In the Spring competition Briars won two Pennants from three teams competing in the semis, while the Autumn competition reminded our players that they were after all vulnerable and has inspired them to a good start for the Spring 1990 competition. Again Ken Kable has performed well as Squash Chairman and the Club's thanks and congratulations are due to him.

Basketball fielded two teams this year in the C1 and C2 grades of the Parramatta Association Competition. The lack of commitment and reliability of the required number of players made

it hard and unfair for those who were committed and reliable. Those that tried deserved a better result. Thanks are due to Geoff Cassano for performing the task of Chairman under difficult conditions.

The above sports are those which are played to become a member of Briars and compete with clubs on an inter-club basis and members enjoy themselves in these fields of endeavour. To supplement these activities there has been a resurgence of interest in intra-club sporting activities in recent times. We have held doubles and singles snooker, table tennis and darts competitions at the club. Three Golf Days were held – Blackheath then Katoomba then the Briars Open Golf Day at Tuggerah Lakes.

The Club Social activities have again been well supported and enjoyed thoroughly by those who participated. These were the “Old Members” night at the club, the Annual Ball and The Annual Dinner (many thanks to the guest speaker – Michael Cleary) at Concord Golf Club, the Trot Night, and the Baked Dinner Night at West Strathfield Bowling Club. Thanks for the Social Activities to Paul Mattick who performed creditably in his opening year as Social Chairman.

Focus was produced regularly and again we reduced the time between writing and distribution. 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 this year has been due to the efforts of Michael Clarke who is thanked and congratulated for his dedicated efforts.

The jobs of House Chairman and Senior Steward have again been very capably handled by the untiring efforts of Col Dayman, and the club is again made aware and remains thankful of his dedicated efforts to ensure the success of the Bar and the hospitality of the Club rooms.

The personnel function this year has been carried out by Paul Price and Junior Recruitment/Schools Liaison Officer is being handed over by John Price to David Abood. The club thanks them for their dedication and efforts.

Since the last Annual Meeting one of the Directors, Chris Walker, has found it increasingly difficult to fulfill his obligations as a Director (mainly because he lives mostly in Japan) and has resigned. Chris has made a long and very significant contribution to the club in this capacity and we thank him for his dedication. We look forward to him being able to resume these activities when he lives closer.

My thanks to all those who assisted me in the office of President and made the job 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 the sporting bodies for making competition available:

N.S.W. Rugby Union, Bankstown Basketball Association, Sydney Suburban Rugby Union, Parramatta Basketball Association, Sydney Hockey Association, N.S.W. Cricket Association, Sydney Hockey Umpires Association, Council of Municipal and Shire Clubs, Squash Racquets Association of N.S.W., City and Suburban Cricket Association.

**Ian Richard  
President**

## OBITUARIES

### **The late R.E.M. (Bill) McLaughlin**

Bill passed away suddenly on August 31, 1990.

Bill joined the club in 1932 and played cricket and rugby. He was selected as a wicket keeper in the 1932/33 "B" Shire Team, the first club side to compete in a shire competition. This side went on to win the competition. Bill also played in the First "A" Shire Team to be entered in the competition. The season being 1933/34. He played Shires until world war II, being an excellent keeper and a hard hitting batsman. After the war he captained the C&S side for a good number of years.

His football career with the club began in the same year as cricket. He played in the club's winning 1934 Burke side. His potential was noted by Wests R.U. who invited him to play with their 1st XV an invitation he accepted. Bill was then noticed by the Australian selectors and was picked as a centre in the 1936 tour of New Zealand. World War II brought an end to his International career. Bill enlisted in the A.I.F. and saw service in the Middle East and Borneo. After the war Bill played Kentwell for a season and on his retirement from playing coached the club's winning 1949 and 1952 Kentwell sides.

Bill then became a NSW coach and selector. He then became involved with the Australian Rugby Union, he became a selector, then chairman of selectors, he managed a number of touring sides, was made President of the A.R.U. and he was mighty proud that he was the first president to see them out of a loss situation to a profit. Bill was honoured with an M.B.E. for his contribution to Australian Rugby.

Bill was a very hard but fair man. He stood no nonsense if you wore the Australian Jumper you had to behave yourself on and off the field. There are many stories that could be told of his discipline but we will leave this for discussion around the bar.

Even up to the time of his death, Bill was interested in the club, and his wife, June's first duty on Sunday and Monday mornings was to read him the club's cricket and football results. Bill's popularity with Ex Australian officials and players never waned. They frequently visited him at home.

Contrary to ones expectations, Bill preferred to play cricket than Rugby.

To June, Helen and young Bill we offer our deepest sympathy, they have lost a wonderful man and the club had lost a very proud member.

### **The Late Chris Mitchell**

Chris quietly passed away in November 1989. Educated at Sydney Grammar School, he practised as a solicitor. He had "other irons in the fire" which include a sandwich shop in Alexandria which, according to Chris made more money than his solicitor profession.

Chris joined the club in 1932-33, where he played cricket until the 1960-61 season. He scored just over 6000 runs and took 106 wickets. Chris always stated that he was a good bowler but never given the opportunity by many club captains particularly McLaughlin.

A very good golfer, he helped organise the Club Golf Days which in his era were held very frequently.

Chris will be best remembered for his dry sense of humor and his eloquent after club dinner speeches.

To Chris' family our very deepest sympathy, he will sorely be missed.

Postscript: With the passing of Chris and Bill a club era has ended. They both joined the club about the same time, became inseparable friends for just on 60 years. The best story Bill told about Chris is that when travelling, Chris never purchased a return ticket, his reason being that he may die and the return portion of the ticket would be wasted.

Chris and Bill were made Vice-Presidents of the club in recognition of the outstanding services they rendered to the club.



## BRIARS CRICKET REPORT 1989-90

The 1989-90 cricket season will go down as one of the most successful in the Club's history. Not only did we reintroduce junior teams but we were also successful in winning both the B and D grade premierships, and also two junior premierships.

At the beginning of the year we continued our relationship with the local schools enabling us to recruit both quality and quantity. Combined with a more concerted recruitment effort our success was guaranteed prior to the start of the competition.

Before the season began we set our sights on winning the Club Championship – last year we finished fourth – and having all four teams in the semi-finals. Unfortunately, we lost the Club Championship by only 20 points and three of the teams reached the final with the C Grade missing out on the semi-finals on percentages only. Overall, an unbelievable all round performance by all concerned.

One area in which the cricketers excelled was attendance at training throughout the season. Easily a reason for our success was the fact that on average 25-30 players were regularly at Majors Bay Oval on Wednesday afternoons.

Some of the highlights of the season included:

- Paul Price and Terry Alli both scored in excess of 500 runs for the season.
- the performance of the D Grade in defeating the undefeated minor premiers Macquarie University in the Grand Final in dismissing them for only 39.
- Malcolm Graham's semi-final and final performances where he took 5 and 8 wickets respectively.
- the Double Wicket competition which was won by Paul Thomas and Bede Maher.
- the annual Schools 7-a-side competition.
- the great effort by the B Grade in winning the minor premiership and premiership.
- the unforgettable end-of-season nights (both of them!)

Of course, as in past years there were a number of people who assisted me during the season and helped in the functioning of cricket:—

**The captains** – Peter Richardson (B), Stewart Lind (C), Brian Price and Aldo Cantori (D grade), Alan Thompson (C & S)

**Michael Clarke** – The Newsletter Editor

**Richard Tregeagle** – Assistant Chairman

**Norm Ezzy** – Chairman of Selectors

**David Trewin** – Glebe Reporter

**Paul Price** – Treasurer

**John Price** – Schools Liason, Seven-a-side

**Brett Howle** – NSW Golf Open

**Paul Simpson** – Training Co-ordinator

**Ted Stockdale** – the king of afternoon teas.

All the regular supporters – especially during the finals series.

All the players who helped with the juniors during the year, especially Bob and David Abood.

I would like to congratulate the following Clubs on their successes during the season.

A Grade – Auburn-Lidcombe      Club Championship – Wentworthville.

C Grade – Wentworthville

Finally, after my first season as Chairman I would like to thank all the players for their outstanding efforts during the year. With the solid base we have now established we look forward to 1990/91.

**Gerard Price**

## **"A" SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1989-90**

After a disappointing season the previous year all the players were keen to make amends and work hard to make the semis. With the addition of 2 or 3 new players to A's we began the season with a dominating performance to easily defeat Lane Cove however, we were also dealt a savage blow with the loss of Richard Tregeagle for more than half the season due to a stress fracture of his ankle.

We lost the next two games including one by 1 run but these were mainly due to our disappointing batting. From this point on our bowling and fielding dominated the opposition but, our openers aside, our batting let us down. Two of the lowlights for the season included a 6 run loss to Wentworthville when we had 7 LBW's go against us, and a 19 run loss to Baulkham Hills when we were 2-111 chasing 162 but somehow managed to lose our next 8 wickets for only 41 runs on a good batting track.

Of course, there were many highlights too with these including: a great win over last years premiers Warringah where we dismissed them for only 85.

A superb performance in the round game against Roseville where we dismissed them for only 101 after we had scored 145.

And the amazing fightback against Roseville in the semi-final where we were 7-111 chasing 160 and still won by 3 wickets.

As mentioned earlier the strengths in our batting centred around our top 3 batsmen in Paul Price, Johnny Platania, and Peter Carapiet. On no less than eight occasions our openers put on 25 or more and this set us on the road to victory on a number of occasions. Four of these partnerships were in excess of 50 and there was one of 111, however, as can be seen from the following figures the middle order is where our batting needs to improve as we failed to capitalise on the numerous good starts.

<b>Wicket</b>	<b>Ave/Wicket</b>	<b>Best Partnership</b>
1	34.13	111
2	28.67	70
3	19.47	46
4	19.54	64
5	13.69	36
6	17.83	52
7	24.64	111
8	15.90	59
9	8.56	17
10	10.11	30

Although all teams have their hard luck stories, two games which stand out for us include the following:

— vs Macquarie University – in this limited over game we scored 8-172 after 60 overs and after 23 overs they were 4-33. The rain came and according to the rules no points were allocated as 30 overs per side has not been completed. Other games achieved results:

— vs Auburn – we played 50 minutes on day one before the rain came. This left us with

just one afternoon to achieve a result. We declared at tea after scoring 7-146 and in just over 2½ hours had them 9-76. They eventually won the competition.

In summary, I would like to thank all those who played A Grade during the year for their outstanding efforts and to the lower grades for their support and encouragement.

Congratulations must also go to Auburn-Lidcombe on winning the premiership.

### **The Players:-**

**Paul Price** — after putting together some patchy batting over recent years Paul was promoted to opener so as to give him some responsibility. He responded brilliantly scoring 526 runs with 5 half centuries including a very important 68 in the semi-final against Roseville. He regularly demoralised the opposition's opening bowlers with his aggressive batting and along with his 22 wickets he was a deserving "Player-of-the-Year".

**Johnny Platania** — after playing the first half of the season in B Grade he was promoted due to his consistent form and proved the jump was not too much by scoring over 200 runs. His technique is second-to-none and he proved the perfect partner for Paul as he kept the runs ticking over. Scored his maiden A Grade half century and will be a heavy scorer next year after his experience this year. Needs to work on his fielding technique and I'm sure this area will improve next season.

**Peter Carapiet** — unfortunately Peter was unavailable for some mid season games however, when he returned to A's provided a steadying influence in the upper order. An experienced campaigner of immense talent and will be a vital element in our progress in 1990/91. Fielded brilliantly in the Final against Roseville pressuring the opposition at all times. A welcome addition to the team.

**Garry Schomberg** — played the first half of the season as our wicketkeeper and performed quite solidly behind the stumps before Paul Thomas' return. When batting he got away to a few starts but failed to capitalise as in past years, although towards the end of the season was batting very solidly. Still has the ability to be a consistent heavy scorer in A Grade and maybe next season will see him regain this form.

**Andrew Macky** — began the season well with 2 half-centuries in the first four games. Was involved in a match winning seventh wicket partnership of 111 with Paul Simpson against Epping after we were 6-110. Also rescued the side in the semi-final against Roseville when he combined with Steve Schomberg in an 8th wicket partnership of 59 to see us through to victory. The best gully fieldsman in the competition.

**Paul Simpson** — probably his most consistent season in A Grade. Batted well on many occasions especially against Epping where he was in a match winning partnership with Andrew Macky. Was finally given the opportunity to bowl but failed to impress the selectors in his two fiery overs. Fielded well throughout the year so maybe he should concentrate on that part of his game. Was only run out twice this year.

**Gerard Price** — had a mixed all round season. Dominated with the ball and finally picked up his deserved success, taking out the bowling averages and aggregate with 41 wickets. Regularly ripped through opposition teams with lion-hearted bowling typified by a superb 8-52 against Canterbury. Picked up 5 wicket hauls on three other occasions, including a terrific 5-44 off 26 overs in the semi against Roseville. Would prefer to forget about his

batting this season with a 52 against Bexley being the only real highlight. Captained the side well again to what should have been a premiership, had it not been for a Grand Final washout.

**Steve Schomberg** — like wine this bloke gets better with age. What can you say about this “old” man? He can bat, bowl and field as well as anyone in the side and seems to thrive in pressure situations. He took 28 wickets for the season including 4-8 against Auburn and pressured the opposition at all times. Battled very consistently and with Andrew Macky won the semi for us in an unbelievable partnership. The ultimate competitor.

**Matt Young** — was promoted to A’s when Richard damaged his ankle. He bowled well without much luck and regularly picked up the first wicket in the innings. He can be pleased with 21 wickets in his debut season and we hope he can return to cricket very soon. With his batting he had the distinction of being dismissed 3 times in the season – all LBW!

**Brett Howle** — Charlie played the first half of the season in A’s before we rearranged the teams for the semis. Unfortunately, he didn’t have as good a season as he would have liked but has the ability to rejoin the A’s and be a more consistent scorer. A better team man is hard to find.

**Paul Thomas** — unfortunately for us Thommo was only available for the second half of the season but certainly made his presence felt with both the bat and gloves. We look forward to his return next season.

**Paul Lang** – throughout the season when we had the usual late drop outs we were able to call on Paul to fill in. What an asset he proved to be, especially in the field, and for his efforts we thank him.

**Warwick Giblin** – although he played only 5 games in A’s his contributions were well appreciated. Showed his talent in B’s when he was instrumental in guiding that side to the premiership. A great club man.

**Richard Tregeagle** – a very frustrating year for Richard as he spent most of it in plaster. When he returned though was bowling with good pace and accuracy and will look to next season for a big year.

**Ted Stockdale** – as always Ted was there at afternoon tea every week preparing and then cleaning up. For your efforts Ted we are always grateful and hope you enjoyed the season as much as we did. From all the cricketers, THANKS TED.

**Greg Sneesby** – if there is a better groundsman in the competition we are yet to see them. A very dedicated and conscientious worker who always prepared a top class wicket. Greg, your enthusiasm and efforts were appreciated by all the players.

**Bede Maher, John Price, Rod Smith, Greg Wallace and David Young** – thank you for your efforts during the season.

**Gerard Price**

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
15	1	6	0	4	4	40	2nd
Runs For	Wickets For	Average	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average		
2472	120	20.60	2281	152	15.01		

## “A” SHIRE STATISTICS BATTING

Name	Matches	Inn.	N.O.	Runs	Avg.	H.S.	50's	Catches
P. Price	15	15	—	526	35.07	69	5	5
J. Platania	9	8	1	201	28.71	61	1	3
P. Simpson	14	13	3	254	25.40	55	1	7
P. Carapiet	9	8	—	179	22.38	50	1	3
P. Thomas	8	6	2	85	21.25	26	—	11c 2s
G. Schomberg	14	13	1	225	18.75	48	—	20
A. Macky	15	12	1	198	18.00	59x	2	8
S. Schomberg	15	12	3	136	15.11	32	—	7
W. Giblin	5	5	1	64	16.00	35	—	4
G. Price	15	13	1	175	14.58	52	1	5
B. Howle	9	11	2	121	13.44	23x	—	5
M. Young	14	9	6	27	9.00	7	—	4
P. Lang	6	6	—	43	7.17	13	—	2

Also batted: G. Wallace 2 innings for 27 runs  
 J. Price 4 innings for 20 runs  
 R. Tregeagle 2 innings for 14 runs  
 D. Young 1 inning for 2 runs  
 R. Smith 1 inning for 0 runs

4 catches  
 3 catches

## BOWLING

Name	Over	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Avg.	Run/Over	Over/Wkt	Best
G. Price	243.3	79	41	477	11.63	1.96	5.93	8-52
S. Schomberg	180	53	28	364	13.00	2.02	6.43	4-8
R. Tregeagle	73	28	10	133	13.30	1.82	7.30	3-5
P. Price	119	29	22	326	14.81	2.74	5.41	6-31
A. Macky	103.1	17	17	327	19.24	3.17	6.06	4-54
M. Young	159	27	21	464	22.09	2.92	7.57	4-30

Also Bowled: W. Giblin 2-39; J. Price 1-35; B. Maher 1-32; R. Smith 0-2; P. Simpson 0-9.

## **B SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1989-90**

In 1989-90 the B's concluded a memorable season by winning the premiership.

The team completed the preliminary rounds as minor premiers. As in recent years with the now predictable March weather this factor assumed some significance.

Obviously the feature of the season came with the finals, details of which are now briefly recounted.

In the semi final we met Lindfield at Rothwell Park. After a rain delayed start, Burwood won the toss and elected to field. An enthusiastic performance by Burwood saw Lindfield dismissed late in the day for 84, with bowling honours going to Warwick Giblin 3 for 7 (14 overs) and Michael Clarke 3 for 18. In response, Burwood batted through until after lunch on the second day, reaching a painstaking 129. As usual Warwick Giblin provided the backbone to the innings, scoring 43 while Frank Caristo opened the innings with a dashing 22. Lindfield in an effort to set a target reached 6 for 140 in most entertaining style, leaving Burwood 29 overs to bat out time, which we accomplished with the loss of 6 wickets.

Now to the final against Auburn, also at Rothwell Park. No play was possible at all on the first day. After a delayed start on the second day Burwood won the toss and asked the opposition to bat. Supported by excellent fielding, including three vital run outs, Auburn were restricted to only three runs per over in reaching a total of 114. Glen Evans, David Trewin and Michael Clarke shared the spoils with two wickets each. Left to bat for three hours, Burwood set about the task in a positive fashion with the intent of winning the game, whereas a draw would have sufficed. However, after losing three wickets (including two run outs) the chase was abandoned, Burwood being 5 for 74 when bad light stopped play shortly before stumps. David Abood and Phil Tregeagle batted very well for scores of 24 and 19 respectively.

Although in excess of a day's play was lost, and the match was drawn, it was most pleasing that the premiership was won after competing the final on the field.

The team's success was largely attributed to some fine top order batting, together with a well balanced bowling attack. From an indifferent start the fielding progressed during the season to a very high standard. Observing the lesson of the previous year, when the side finished second only to have the final abandoned without a ball being bowled, the importance of finishing as minor premiers was foremost in the team's thinking. Consequently the team attempted to convert every opportunity to maximise points. Although the benefits of this strategy were ultimately justified, it did mean that the lower order batsmen in most games were denied the opportunity to build an innings either through early declarations, or desire to pursue runs quickly.

Probably the most telling factor contributing to the team's achievements was the ability of individuals to make sacrifices necessary to enhance the overall team result. For this reason the team was not dependant on the efforts of one or two individuals but rather on the combined dedication and will to win of the team as a whole.

Once again particular thanks are extended to:-

- Greg Sneesby, whose continued efforts provided us with one of the best wickets in Sydney. His work to enable play to get underway in the final was very much appreciated.

- Ted Stockdale, for his unflagging support, and invaluable stewardship of afternoon teas and post match refreshments.
- Gerard Price, as Cricket Chairman, for his enthusiastic support and administration of the sport. Much of the credit for the Club's cricket success both on and off the field has been due to Gerard's efforts.

Finally, congratulations to the D's who against all predictions also brought a Premiership Trophy back to the Club. The dual celebrations on final night indeed made it one to remember. Unfortunately our third finalists, the A's, who contributed so much to the evening, were cruelly denied the chance to contest the premiership.

Brief profiles of the players who contributed most to the team during the season are as follows:-

**David Abood** – headed the aggregate with 382 runs. With 8 scores over 20 constantly provided the team with a good start. Must now endeavour to convert these consistent starts into big scoring innings.

**John Platania** – Fully realised potential indicated in previous year by scoring 267 at 38 runs per innings in the first five games. Earned a well deserved promotion to the A's.

**Warwick Giblin** – In the seven games with the team, once again showed, through his competitiveness and determination, particularly in the finals, to be a "big match" player. As a thinking cricketer he is invaluable in such circumstances. Ably supported the captain with his tactical advice and example to the younger players.

**Paul James** – In his first year with the Club was one of the later order batsmen who suffered from the strategy mentioned earlier in the report. Unfortunately did not have the opportunity to participate in the finals when the full complement players became available.

**Frank Caristo** – Performed creditably as wicket keeper taking 19 catches and 3 stumpings. Depending on the team balance and plan for each game batted either as an opener or late order batsman.

**Peter Richardson (Captain)** – Once again enjoyed the thrill of taking a team through to a final. Being content to bat at the fall of the fifth or sixth wicket did not often have the opportunity to build an innings.

**Phil Tregeagle** – After an extended absence from cricket played his first full season with the club. Following a hesitant start, came to the fore with a solid 73 against Wentworthville in the fifth game. Thereafter he played a vital role in the teams progression to the finals. The benefit of his experience and unflappable nature was well demonstrated with his lengthy occupations at the crease at crucial times in both the semi-final and the final. Phil has indeed been a most valuable acquisition to the Club's cricket.

**Bede Maher** – Did not join the team until the sixth game. Apart from a match winning 44 against Roseville had a quiet season, although his opportunities were somewhat limited. Unfortunately a shoulder injury hampered his ability to perform with the ball. Once again stood out with his brilliance in the field.

**Brett Howle** – After being a member of the A's for most of the season joined the team for the last five games. His effort to bat in the final after receiving a severe head injury while fielding earlier in the day was indicative of his courage. Fielded well either close to the wicket or in the deep. A very good team and club man.

**David Trewin** – An accomplished all rounder in all respects. Another who saw limited opportunities with the bat being dismissed on only four occasions. Bowled and fielded with his typical determination.

**Glen Evans** – Proved to be the teams' strike bowler leading the count with 32 wickets. A strong and athletic cricketer, has the ability to extract bounce from most wickets. Showed his ability with the bat in one outstanding innings of 68 n.o. against Epping. A very mobile and enthusiastic outfielder with his safe hands accounting for most catches, being 11. Like most fast bowlers just needs to redirect his undoubted enthusiasm at times.

**Norm Edmonds** – By the end of the season Norm was bowling with immaculate line and length. Was able to maintain this approach consistently over protracted bowling spells. Produced a couple of useful innings with the bat early in the season. Showed wider support for the Club's cricket by acting as Chairman of Selectors.

**Michael Clarke** – This season saw Michael develop significantly in the art of leg spin bowling, thus providing the necessary balance to an otherwise fast/medium bowling attack. Most importantly Michael, being the third most utilised bowler in the side, was often able to come on and secure a break through, as was particularly evidenced in the final. For a bowler of his type was most inexpensive, conceding just over 3½ runs per over for the season.

Thanks also to Matt Young, Tony Sidgreaves, Jim Warwick, David Horniman, Paul Thomas, John Price, Gary Schomberg, Shane Mantle, Peter Carapiet, Terry Alli who all contributed to the team with occasional appearances.

**Peter Richardson**

### **"B" SHIRE STATISTICS**

<b>Matches Played</b>	<b>Won O/R</b>	<b>Won 1st</b>	<b>Lost 1st</b>	<b>Drawn</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Position</b>
12	1*	6	2	3	46	1st

\*After losing on first innings.

<b>Runs For</b>	<b>Wickets For</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Runs Against</b>	<b>Wickets Against</b>	<b>Average</b>
2462	114	21.60	2706	160	16.91



# **BATTING (x not out)**

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Runs	Highest Score	50's	Average	Catches
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J. Platania	7	—	267	64	3	38.14	1
P. Tregeagle	15	6	278	73	1	30.89	8
D. Abood	18	2	382	52	2	23.88	3
G. Evans	8	2	119	68*	1	19.83	11
W. Giblin	10	1	156	43	—	17.33	4
F. Caristo	16	3	163	42	—	12.54	19c 3s
B. Maher	12	3	112	44	—	12.44	8

## **Also Batted**

		Catches
P. Carapiet	2 for 181	1
D. Trewin	4 for 93	9
J. Warwick	4 for 84	—
P. James	6 for 82	9
P. Richardson	9 for 59	8
N. Edmonds	4 for 59	3
P. Thomas	2 for 56	1
B. Howle	5 for 54	6

## **Also Batted**

		Catches
T. Alli	1 for 38	—
D. Horniman	— for 21	—
S. Mantle	1 for 7	—
M. Clarke	3 for 8	6
M. Young	1 for 3	1
A. Sidgreaves	1 for 1	—
J. Price	1 for 0	1
G. Schomberg		1

# **BOWLING**

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
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W. Giblin	89	34	179	18	9.94
N. Edmonds	199.4	56	482	31	15.55
D. Trewin	89.3	21	277	17	16.29
G. Evans	229	53	588	32	18.37
M. Clarke	134.5	23	492	24	20.50

## **Also Bowled**

J. Warwick	5 for 62	D. Abood	1 for 1
A. Sidgreaves	5 for 117	P. James	1 for 46
B. Maher	5 for 145	J. Price	1 for 51
D. Horniman	4 for 54	P. Tregeagle	0 for 2
M. Young	3 for 71	P. Thomas	0 for 17

# NEW SOUTH WALES CRICKET ASSOCIATION

## Municipal and Shire Competition

### B Grade Premiers

### 1989-1990



**Back Row (L-R):** Glen Evans, David Abood, Phil Tregeagle, Norm Ezzy, Michael Clarke, Bede Maher.

**Seated (L-R):** Paul James, Warwick Giblin, Peter Richardson (Captain), Brett Howle, Frank Caristo.

**Absent:** David Trewin.

## **“C” SHIRE CRICKET REPORT — 1989/90**

C Shires opened the 89/90 season strongly with a comprehensive victory over Lane Cove. A promising start for a new look team that had only two surviving members of last year's regulars. Good wins throughout the season were also registered against Bexley, Warringah, Canterbury and Baulkham Hills.

With a 5-3 win-loss record at the conclusion of Round 9 C's were seemingly well placed in equal 3rd position on the competition table. A semi-final berth appeared a strong possibility provided the team played to its potential. This unfortunately proved an ill-fated hope as inclement weather deprived us of a result in the last 4 rounds. We finished equal 4th with Auburn however were relegated to 5th on averages. An improvement from 9th the previous season.

The season nonetheless was very successful for C Grade with the introduction to Briars cricket of some very talented players in Shane Mantle, Adam Marsh and Peter Schouten. During the course of the year Terri Alli, John Dibiase, Matt Barlin and Dave Kable all showed tremendous improvement in their cricket. The players mentioned are the future of Briars cricket and should all press for higher grade selection in the coming year.

Throughout the season the side performed as a unit on the field and it was indeed a pleasure to lead the side every week. One cannot pass up the opportunity to mention our great batting display against Canterbury in scoring 367 runs in an afternoon. This score eclipsed the previous highest score by C's for Burwood by some 50 odd runs.

Congratulations to C Grade premiers Wentworthville as they were by far the most consistent side in the competition.

A huge congratulations to B's and D's for their premiership victories. Condolences to all the A's in securing the runner-up trophy after such an outstanding performance to win their semi-final.

Also well done to Gerard Price in his initial year as Cricket Chairperson. Briars success last season can be seen as a direct reflection of the hard work and effort Gerard has contributed to cricket.

In closing I would like to thank all the players who contributed to C Grade throughout last season. Thank you gentlemen for an enjoyable year.

### **The Players:-**

**Terri Alli** – A fine young batsman who matured in both technique and temperament this season. Delighted his team-mates with a magnificent 132x against Baulkham Hills. Topped the batting average and aggregate in C's, and with his 40 odd in his B grade appearance scored over 500 runs in shires cricket. Fielding improved throughout the year. Destined for A Grade before too long.

**Matt Barlin** – An improved batsman from the previous season showing great patience as an opening bat. A perfect foil for Terri. Matt played a fine knock in compiling 69 against Canterbury. Limited opportunities to show his bowling talent.

**Adam Marsh** – The find of the season for Briars cricket. Destined to great heights as a batsman. A fighting century against Roseville the highlight for Adam. Had the responsibility of the keeping gloves thrust upon him mid-season and took up the challenge performing superbly behind the stumps in taking 19 catches and 1 stumping.

**Shane Mantle** – Started the year well with a couple of good innings. Unfortunately never quite recovered from a brief stint in B Grade and batting form fell away towards the later half of the year. Bowled some telling spells of medium-pace when called on by the skipper. A talented all-rounder who will develop into a top grade Briar. Excellent hands in the slips.

**John Dibiase** – After topping the batting aggregate last year in C Grade, John by his own standards had a disappointing season. Considering most of his innings were in pursuit of quick runs he unselfishly carried out the skipper's instructions. His innings of 78 against Canterbury the highlight. A safe pair of hands in the field wherever positioned.

**Nick Dimas** – Returned this season after a year's absence from cricket. Limited opportunities to show his hard hitting batting talent as the top 5 in the order performed strongly throughout the year. Bowled intelligently when tossed the ball by the skipper.

**Dave Horniman** – Another player who returned to cricket after a year off. Came into the side as a batsman and was promptly handed the new ball in our first game. Toiled hard for little reward throughout the season. Suffered the "Norm Ezzy" treatment by his teammates, i.e., it always seemed to be when Dave was bowling that the catches went to ground. Splendid efforts against Epping and Macquarie Uni. on flat lifeless wickets.

**Tim Worner** – Having set the grooming standards for C Grade the previous season we all looked to Tim for a big year. However Tim had limited appearances in C Grade before consolidating his position in the D Shires premiership side. Ever reliable in the field with a swash-buckling 48 against Warringah.

**Tony Sidgreaves** – All-rounder who had little opportunity to flourish in a very talented side. Shows good batting technique and bowls a good line and length. Good team man.

**Stuart Lind** – Shouldered the responsibilities of the captaincy well. Returned to top form with the ball after a miserable year the previous season. Bowled well throughout the year in taking the bowling average and aggregate. Was accused of injudicious bowling changes when the tail appeared at the crease, however I cannot comply with this theory. Due to the sides brilliant batting had few opportunities to put the pads on and show true all-round talent.

**Peter Schouten** – Skipper was always pleased to see Peter's name on the team sheet as he has a mortgage on the No.11 batting position. Was plagued by injury in a few games however always gave 100%. Fully fit Peter has the talent to put pressure on the B Grade bowling line-up. Often too quick for C Grade batsmen and would repeatedly beat the bat in a game. Fantastic spell against Auburn in capturing 5 for 28.

**Dave Kable** – Unfortunately final year exams and overseas jaunts interrupted David's cricket this season. Bowled with pace and hostility on the few occasions he took the field.

**Robert Breedon** – Another of the young talent John Price has fostered from local schools. Showed great promise early in the year before a back injury curtailed Robert's cricket for 89/90.

**Colin Craven** – Our English import torn between C Grade and a leisurely Saturday afternoon with C & S. By far the best in the field for C's, however never quite got going with the bat.

**Stuart Lind**

## “C” SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
13	—	5	—	3	5	38	5th
Runs For	Wickets For	Average	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average		
2076	82	25.31	2400	113	21.23		

## BATTING

Name	Matches	Innings	N.O.	Runs	Average	H.S.	50's	Catches
T. Alli	12	14	3	497	45.18	132x	5	5
A. Marsh	12	10	2	354	44.25	100	2	19c 1s
S. Mantle	12	10	3	213	30.25	84	1	4
M. Barlin	8	6	2	134	33.50	69	1	1
J. Dibiase	12	9	2	160	22.85	78	1	6
N. Dimas	11	8	1	125	17.85	42	—	3
T. Worner	4	4	—	66	16.50	48	—	1
T. Sidgreaves	6	3	1	26	13.00	20x	—	2
S. Lind	12	5	1	40	10.00	19	—	2
P. Schouten	9	4	2	11	5.50	8x	—	4

Also Batted	C.	Also Batted	C.	Also Batted	C.
T. Alley	2 for 15 —	D. Horniman	3 for 5 —	R. Tregeagle	1 for 49 2
P. Tregeagle	2 for 28 —	J. Warwick	1 for 25 —	G. Evans	3 for 46 2
C. Craven	3 for 25 3	M. Hollands	DNB 2	D. Morrison	DNB 1
R. Streeter	3 for 38 1	J. Jarrett	2 for 4 3	R. Breedon	2 for 6 —
D. Kable	1 for 0 1	L. Pegler	2 for 5 —	S. Trobetas	2 for 8 1
J. Colbourne	DNB 1	G. Clarke	DNB 1	K. Kyriakidis	DNB 1
P. James	2 for 25 1	J. Price	3 for 38 1		

## BOWLING

Name	Over	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Avg.	Run/Over	Over/Wkt	Best
S. Lind	134.1	33	26	324	12.46	2.41	5.15	6-57
P. Schouten	82	20	17	229	13.47	2.79	4.82	5-28
D. Kable	51	13	6	107	17.83	2.09	8.50	2-18
S. Mantle	80	17	11	232	21.09	2.90	7.27	3-29
R. Breedon	45	12	6	137	22.83	3.04	7.50	3-15
N. Dimas	63.5	11	8	189	23.62	2.97	7.93	3-51
T. Sidgreaves	40.5	13	4	96	24.00	2.37	10.10	2-24
D. Horniman	152	31	15	393	26.20	2.58	10.13	4-56
T. Alli	38.4	2	6	168	28.00	4.37	6.4	4-67

### Also Bowled:

T. Alley	2-62	G. Evans	2-47	J. Price	0-25
T. Worner	0-59	A. Marsh	0-5	J. Colbourne	1-34
D. Morrison	0-14	J. Dibiase	0-9	G. Clarke	0-13
M. Barlin	1-36	K. Kyriakidis	2-23		

## **“D” SHIRE CRICKET REPORT — 1989/90**

The 1989-90 season saw the welcome introduction of a significant number of new young cricketers to the club, thanks principally to the efforts of John Price as Schools Liaison Officer over the past few years. This combined with the vast improvement in team stability (23 different players made an appearance as opposed to 38 the previous season), was an excellent recipe for success.

Brian Price led the team well prior to his departure just after Xmas at which point the team was firmly holding on to second position on the ladder.

Despite a couple of surprising losses in the new year, Briars finally managed to complete the season in third position and met Bexley in the semi-final. Setting Bexley a target of 172, Briars looked to have the match by the throat until Bexley's last wicket put on 49 runs before falling and giving Briars a victory by a mere 14 runs.

The final was played in dismal conditions against a hot undefeated favourite, Macquarie University. With the first day and a half washed out, Briars won a valuable toss and on a very sticky wicket dismissed the opposition for only 39 runs. With only 23 overs available Briars reached their target for the loss of four wickets — a truly astonishing and memorable result under the circumstances.

I wish to congratulate all the members of the victorious 'D' Grade team for their solid team spirit and unity, both on and off the field, which without any doubt, were the most significant elements in achieving their ultimate success.

**Aldo Cantori**

### **Outstanding Performances**

Anthony Clark	— 110 against Canterbury
Tim Alley	— 72 against Wentworthville
Darren Southam	— 56 against Epping
Laughlin Pegler	— 56 against Baulkham Hills
Anthony Clarke	— 51 against Lane Cove
Mal Graham	— 8 for 23 against Macquarie in the final
Des Morrison	— 6 for 17 against Canterbury
Mal Graham	— 5 for 68 against Bexley in the semi-final
Jason Southam	— 5 for 36 and 4 for 46 against Strathfield
Des Morrison	— 4 for 28 and 4 for 29 against Pennant Hills
Jason Southam	— 5 for 15 against Lane Cove
Darren Southam	— 5 for 36 against Macquarie Uni.

Matches	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost 1st	Lost O/R	Drawn	Points	Position
13	2	5	4	—	2	52	3rd
Runs For	Wickets Lost		Average For	Runs Against	Wickets Taken	Average Against	
2112	121		17.45	2243	138	16.25	

**Aldo Cantori** — Took over the captaincy in mid-season and added a touch of experience to the young team. Provided some stability to the middle order however failed to press on and achieve the big scores he is capable of. A good team-man and always reliable in the field.

**Des Morrison** — Opening bowler and middle order batsman, Des could always be relied upon to give his best. Des had an excellent season with both bat and ball, scoring 251 runs and taking the most wickets with 34 and a personal best of 6 for 17 against Canterbury.

**Darren Southam** — First drop batsman and specialist close-in fieldsman, Darren has the rare ability to turn the tide when opposition bowlers appear to be getting on top. Darren is an aggressive batsman and a handy spin bowler from whom some impressive performances can be expected in the future. Highlights this season include a quick 56 against Epping, 5 for 36 against Macquarie and four close-in catches in the final.

**Mal Graham** — One of the great 'finds' of the season, Mal was our opening bowler who repeatedly beat the bat but often found that luck was against him. Found his true form and consistency towards the end of the season when he devastated the opposition by taking 5 for 68 and 8 for 21 in the semi-final and final respectively. Mal is a fine young bowler who should go from strength to strength as he gains confidence and experience.

**Brett Graham** — Brett was our opening batsman and a great team man who constantly encouraged other team members. Brett is a punishing batsman when in full flight and is capable of playing all the strokes in the book. Brett scored 263 runs for the season which included five scores in the thirties and forties. Needs to start to convert these starts to bigger scores.

**Anthony Clarke** — A very aggressive player with a strong will to win, Anthony is an excellent all-rounder to watch for in future. Took 26 wickets and scored 322 runs including a century when he destroyed the opposition with his magnificent straight drives.

**Jason Rudd** — Jason joined the team as an opening batsman in the second half of the season and immediately impressed with his very correct batting style and brilliant fielding in the gully. Jason added much needed stability to the top order and some big performances are surely just around the corner.

**Kiri Kyriakides** — Kiri is a totally dedicated and talented all-rounder who was given limited opportunities to show his abilities. He is a very accurate and deceptive medium-pace bowler who is extremely difficult to score runs off. Kiri's fielding is also of a very high standard. An excellent prospect for the seasons ahead.



**Nigel Stafford** — Nigel was our wicket-keeper and top order batsman. Another of the young 'finds' of the season, Nigel has a natural talent as a wicket-keeper with the added ability to score a lot of runs. Nigel, who bats at number three, made a number of solid starts — this augers well for some big performances next season.

**Paul Cramsie** — Paul shows the temperament and determination to develop into a solid opening batsman. When given the opportunity, Paul also demonstrated an ability to use flight and spin to always keep the batsman in two minds. Always safe and reliable in the field at cover, where Paul took some scorching catches.

**Tim Worner** — Tim, a cricketer of considerable experience, was always off to a good start with the bat but unfortunately big scores eluded him. Tim is a constant thinker and is an invaluable asset to any team. His fielding is always excellent with a number of memorable catches to his credit.

**Brian Price** — Brian skippered the team for the first half of the season and was a sad loss to the side when he went overseas. Brian is an excellent tactician and a natural leader by example with a skill for motivating and encouraging the younger players. His best performances for the season include a match-saving 43 against Warringah.

**Mat Jennings** — Mat was one of our medium pace bowlers who when called upon, performed creditably. He is a very dedicated and determined young man. Needs to be a little more consistent but his genuine dislike for batsmen should bring him some good results in the seasons to come.

**Dave Matthews** — Dave is a medium pace bowler who works very hard at improving his game. Dave is always very keen and conscientious but unfortunately was not given many opportunities throughout the season. Needs to be a little more consistent with his line and length but should prove to be a valuable asset to the club next season.

**Aldo Cantori**

# **“D” GRADE STATISTICS**

## **BATTING**

Name	Innings	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Ave.	50s	100s	Catches
M. Graham	12	1	65	25	5.91	—	—	9
P. Cramsie	11	1	85	25	8.50	—	—	8
J. Rudd	7	—	73	20	10.43	—	—	4
N. Stafford	14	2	128	32	10.67	—	—	18
A. Cantori	12	4	104	26	13.00	—	—	4
D. Matthews	8	5	39	22	13.00	—	—	3
B. Graham	17	1	263	47	16.44	—	—	5
D. Morrison	16	4	251	45	20.92	—	—	2
B. Price	8	—	182	43	22.75	—	—	4
A. Clarke	16	2	322	110	23.00	1	1	13
D. Southam	16	2	328	56	23.43	1	—	13
T. Worner	6	3	83	34	27.67	—	—	3

**Also batted:** J. Southam 5 for 42      T. Alley 2 for 80  
M. Jennings 4 for 10      D. Young 1 for 10  
J. Clarke 4 for 1      M. Barlin 1 for 24  
K. Kyriakides 4 for 23      A. Sidgreaves 1 for 6  
L. Pegler 3 for 71

## **BOWLING**

Name	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Avg.	Best
J. Southam	62	21	19	152	8.00	5-15
D. Southam	27	6	7	87	12.43	5-36
D. Morrison	201	58	34	453	13.32	6-17
M. Graham	210	54	33	495	15.00	8-21
A. Clarke	192	69	26	417	16.04	3-15
K. Kyriakides	34	6	5	116	23.20	3-3
D. Matthews	47	9	5	141	28.20	2-39
P. Cramsie	42	3	5	144	28.80	2-10

**Also Bowled:** T. Alley 4-57; M. Jennings 4-133; J. Clarke 3-70; M. Barlin 2-30;  
R. Breedon 2-12; A. Sidgreaves 2-6; B. Price 0-10; A. Cantori 0-1; L. Pegler 0-1;  
B. Graham 0-1.

# NEW SOUTH WALES CRICKET ASSOCIATION

## Municipal and Shire Competition

### D Grade Premiers

### 1989-1990



*Back Row (L-R):* David Matthews, Mal Graham, Darren Southam, Tim Worner, Jason Southam, Des Morrison, Kyri Kyriakides.

*Seated (L-R):* Paul Cramsie, Brett Graham, Anthony Clarke, Aldo Cantori (Captain), Jeff Clarke, Nigel Stafford, Jason Rudd.

## UNDER 24 COMPETITION

Following last season's disappointments (which resulted in the axing of skipper Simmo), all players were hopeful of a successful season. Yet, for the second season in a row, the Briars U/24 side failed to do themselves justice in this one day competition. With the quality of junior talent available in the club, it was expected that we would at least reach the semi-finals. However, as was the case last year, a lack of dedication and application resulted in only one win from 3 games.

The fact that this win was easily achieved against a strong Baulkham Hills side, gave an indication of the side's strength. Hopefully, next year's players will show more commitment and achieve the success Briars Cricket has become accustomed to.

During the season, a number of fine individual performances were displayed. Paul Price, Paul Simpson and Paul James all batted consistently. Of the younger players, Adam Marsh, Shane Mantle and Terry Alli performed splendidly. Adam's brilliant bat-breaking exhibition resulted in him winning the annual "Spit-the-Dummy" award, while Shane's feats with the bat almost won him the prestigious "Billy Ducker" award.

Sadly though, Paul Price and Andy Macky are no longer eligible for this competition, and it is hoped their losses will not be too much for the team to bear next season.

### **Round 1: vs Warringah**

Burwood 85 (P. Price 28) lost to Warringah 4/87.

### **Round 2: Wentworthville**

Burwood 162 (T. Alli 54, P. Simpson 30, P. James 33) lost to Wentworthville 7/166.  
(A. Macky 3-35)

### **Round 3: vs Baulkham Hills**

Baulkham Hills 189 (P. Price 3-34) lost to Burwood 7/190 (J. Platania 20, T. Alli 26, P. James 22, P. Simpson 34, A. Marsh 31, P. Price 34x).

**Andrew Macky**

## UNDER 24 STATISTICS BATTING

Name	Matches	Runs	Ave.	H.S.	N.O.	Catches
P. Price	2	62	62	34x	1	0
T. Alli	2	80	40	54	0	0
P. Simpson	3	83	27.7	34	0	0
P. James	2	55	27.5	33	0	2
A. Marsh	3	45	15	31	0	5
A. Macky	3	28	9.3	12	0	2
J. Platania	3	27	9	20	0	0

### Also played

T. Alley	1 game — 0 runs
D. Abood	2 games — 10 runs — 2 catches
F. Caristo	2 games — 0 runs — 2 n.o., 1 catch
J. Dibiasse	1 game — 0 runs
G. Evans	1 game — D.N.B.
D. Horniman	1 game — 4 runs
B. Howle	2 games — 14 runs — 1 catch
S. Mantle	3 games — 0 runs
M. Young	1 game — 0 runs

## BOWLING

Name	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Ave.
P. Price	25	2	46	3	15.3
D. Morrison	8	—	31	2	15.5
G. Evans	12	1	40	2	20
A. Macky	18.3	2	61	3	20.3
S. Mantle	25	4	73	3	24.3
D. Horniman	14	3	52	2	26
T. Alley	15	5	48	1	48
P. Simpson	20.3	1	69	1	69

**Also Bowled:** A. Marsh 1/0; M. Young 0/3.

## UNDER 14 REPORT 1989/90

For a team to not win a game in the previous season, this side had an exceptional year. After a good start to the year, a win was required in the final game to qualify for the first division semi-finals. Unfortunately, a one wicket loss resulted, leaving us as the third team to qualify for second division.

A draw and 2 first innings wins resulted in a place in the final, which ended in a draw, giving us the premiership.

**Michael Abood** — Played a couple of very good innings, including a fighting 13 n.o. made in 1½ hours to stave off outright defeat against St. Pats 1. Captained the side very well.

**Mark Secivanovic** — Fine prospect who scored 2 hundreds and took 39 wickets, including a 7 wicket haul against CB Burwood.

**Joe Jutrisa** — Technically sound batsman and very good opening bowler who had no luck most of the year. Scored a good 56 vs CB Burwood and took 6-12 vs St. Pats 2 in the semi.

**Sammy Hraiki** — Clown of the team, superb fieldsman especially in slips and more than useful opening bat.

**Glenn Stewart** — Took up the gloves and improved markedly through the season. Played a superb knock of 38 n.o. in the final to save the game (when his previous highest score was 7 and the team was 8-70).

**Michael Rodrigues** — Good change bowler who bowled well on occasions. Hit a gutsy 40 vs Earlwood to save the match when all seemed lost.

**Darren Durrant** — First year of cricket, can bat both right and left handed (need I say more). Very dedicated, always at training and very good in the field.

**Ryan Sutton** — Another in his first year who tried very hard. Made only 2 in the final but batted for over an hour in a match winning last wicket stand of 45.

**Pierre Faddout** — Great gully fieldsman. Also batted well on occasions, featuring a 1¼ hour innings of 12 in a semi-final.

**Steve Drakoulis** — Very good opening bat who made a couple of half centuries. Needs to work on his running between wickets.

**Sahid Ayoub** — The lethal leggie who claimed 5-30 vs Hurlstone Park. Has ability but needs more commitment. Shocked all by hitting a six in the final.

**Guiseppe Serratore** — Able to give the ball a fair whack but not able to find his touch this year. Always tries hard and a good team man.

**David Abood (Coach)**  
**Bob Abood (Manager)**

## C & S REPORT 1989/90

The team played 22 games and we were unlucky in that (opposition too good) we only won 6.

The noble LANCASTRIAN, Alan Thompson, led the side admirably. Naturally, he was assisted on a few occasions by Smithy, O'Kane, Dennis, Jamo etc., etc. to no avail.

The season had its highs and lows (some are unprintable), some good bowling with Thommo, Breakwell and Spears to the fore whilst Terry O'Kane, David Young and Kenny O'Brien batted very well. On occasions the fielding and catching were average but when you consider the age and physical condition of some players, perhaps it wasn't all that it seemed (or was it?).

Generally, the games were enjoyable to participate in, particularly the St. George Vets and Paddington matches in which we managed a couple of successes. One or two Old Boys' sides tend to treat the games as Test matches and consequently it was not much fun.

To all the fellas who played, a sincere thank you for your participation and to Thommo, a hearty thank you for your efforts throughout the season.

**David Young** — batted well throughout and managed to top the averages. Dave's knock (68x) against Aloysians was a gem. Considering the extra kilos he carries these days, his fielding was good. Like all those in the Young clan, his attitude was exemplary.

**Ken O'Brien** — Enjoyed his cricket and was rewarded with a couple of good innings, notably a slashing 51 against Paddo. Ken was able to use his height to advantage against the rising ball and he possesses one of the strongest arms in C&S (if not N.S.W.). His attitude was typical of the older player (crawling sod) in that he managed an over or two.

**Terry O'Kane** — Attitude was average, talked all day in the field, never offered to umpire or score and tried to influence the unknowing. When this failed he became a real cad. Alan spoke to him, I spoke to him but to no avail (typical) but when Helen had a chat with him, alas a changed man. He proceeded to take most catches, scored most runs, thus turning over the proverbial leaf has its rewards. A delight to have had you in the team.

**Bob Streeter** — With a minimum of weddings and knee operations, Bob managed 13 games (surely a record) and batted solidly throughout the Summer. He took 6 catches, mostly in slips and his fielding was sound. Like O'Brien and O'Kane, Chance needs a U.B.D. and a clock. Obviously a man of principle, he did not suck up to the captain, consequently he did not get a bowl. His attitude was excellent and running between wickets average, about a 6 on the scale (according to Jamo).

**David Jamieson** — Was consistent for 2/3 of the season then fell right away thus he became a proper bastard for the last part of the Summer. He kept wickets for the majority of games and did a good job. He would not crawl to the skipper so hardly got a bowl (obviously a man of principle too). His running between the wickets was pathetic (ask Smithy) though not as bad as O'Kane. His attitude was only average.

**Maurice Critchley** — "M" played in 14 games and always gave of his best, his best verbals were interesting to say the least, his best batting was a score of 21 (H/S) against Caringbah.

His best bowling (only bowl) was 0/27 off 2 overs. His fielding in the gully was good, taking a few catches including a gem or two. "M"'s attitude was like so many of the others . . . only average (must be the age) nonetheless a man who enjoys his cricket and perhaps deserving of more success than he obtained last Summer.

**Col Dennis** — One of the genuine all-rounders. The grey-haired one had a good season. Col's batting was solid, his running between the wickets excellent and I believe his bowling was good, especially when one considers he was generally brought on when the batsman had his eye well and truly in. Determination is one of Col's stronger points and an example to follow for those in the know. I cannot fault Col's attitude and his fielding and throwing etc. was first class. I would also add that I have always been taught to respect my elders.

**Rod Smith** — Another all-rounder, Smithy still does some magic things (from time to time) and perhaps with more support in the field, would have taken more wickets. Once or twice though, even Rod got a sunburnt roof of his mouth watching the ball sail over his head. Rodney's batting in a couple of matches was good, notably 42 against Wyvern. But his running between wickets was only fair (even when Jamo wasn't playing). His attitude was as you naturally expect from someone of Rodney's character and ability . . . ordinary. He enjoyed batting with Jamo who always managed to keep him on his toes. A good team man.

**Noel Spears** — To my mind a first change bowler for "B" Shires. Noel didn't make Shires and proceeded to take 17 wickets at 19.30 in 12 matches. A big fella who week in and week out bowled consistently well and deservedly topped the averages. Noel was just getting used to us all and the subtleties of C&S humour when the season came to a close (a country boy). A little sleepy in the field and capable with the bat. His attitude was good.

**Paul Breakwell** — Opened the bowling in tandem with Thommo and performed admirably, taking 17 wickets at 20.18 and finishing just behind Noel. Another whose mind seemed to wander whilst in the field, probably tiredness due to the length of his run-up. He did not get many opportunities with the bat. His attitude could have been better.

**Alan Thompson** — (Captain). Alan bowled particularly well in some games and exceptionally in others and was without doubt the workhorse in the side, consequently he took most wickets and deserved them. Thommo was sometimes in two minds, should he keep himself on when bowling well or give other bowlers a fair go and I believe he succeeded in that he managed to do both and in the spirit of how C&S should be played. He batted with limited opportunities but managed with some lusty hitting to lead the side to a good win over Mosman Vets. Alan's fielding and catching was not as consistent as he would have liked. His attitude (according to Jamo) was unbelievable, his accent was unbelievable, his drinking was unbelievable, etc. etc. A hard job done well.

**Peter Wallace** — Only played 4 games and managed a top score of 20 and in another game picked up 6 wickets for 7 runs off 10 overs including 5 maidens. He should play more often. He could lose a kilo or two as well.

**Michael Blyfield** — Michael enjoys his cricket immensely and filled in on many occasions. A good team man, Blowfly has crook knees and sometimes would take two or three days to recover and typifies the classic C&S spirit . . . too old and unfit. A pleasure to play in the same side with you Michael!



**Herman Hitipeuw** — The smiling one, Hermie played too rarely. Such a pity as he helps all around him to enjoy their cricket. He plays a lot of golf these days (and doing well) hopefully more cricket next year.

Finally, an invitation to anybody who enjoys their cricket irrespective of age — colour — creed, why not a game in C&S?

**David Jamison**

## **GOLDEN OLDIES RUGBY REPORT**

In September/October 1989, the Briars participated in their fourth Golden Oldies Rugby Festival in Toronto, Canada with a post-festival tour of the east coast of the U.S.A.

1990 has been a quieter year with the planning for our fifth festival in Perth, Western Australia well in hand under the supervision of Bob "Speedo" Stephenson. Being almost a local event for the Briars the numbers for Perth are lower than we had hoped for, however the Briars will be there keeping our record of consecutive festivals since Sydney, 1983 unblemished. Although we would prefer to field an "all Briar" team where possible, there are always willing recruits who are pleased to become honorary Briars for the day or the week which adds to the friendly spirit which these festivals promote and helps spread the word about what a great club the Briars is.

Naturally, Rugby is the club sport from which most Golden Oldies are recruited, however we would heartily welcome any Briar from any club sport into our ranks as a "player" or as a tourist. All Briars who will be 35 years or over in 1993 might like to think about joining the Golden Oldies now with a view to the 1993 festival?

At the time of writing the venue for the 1993 festival is undecided with Yugoslavia and Ireland being amongst the possibilities.

1991 should be another great year with the Perth Festival and the chance for us to entertain some of our good mates from overseas clubs who will be passing through Sydney on route to Perth. There are also plans in hand for a Golden Oldies v President's XV match as part of rugby's pre-season training for the 1991 season.

## **ANNUAL REPORT 1990**

### **BRIARS RUGBY**

To many people, to finish in the middle of the second division club championship ladder, would seem an unsatisfactory result for a club which used to be one of the strongest in sub-district rugby. However, only a couple of years ago the club was really struggling to field four teams, let alone four competitive teams and we risked facing the prospect of being a two or three team club or worse. Some players had gone consecutive seasons without seeing a win. Player morale was not high. Happily, the slide seems to have been arrested to the extent that we can now focus ourselves on the short and medium term goals of winning premierships and returning to first division.

The turnaround in our fortunes, whilst obviously incomplete, has not happened by accident and the hard work and initiatives of previous chairmen, Geoff Moss and Owen Moore are beginning to bear fruit. Neither of these guys received enough reward for their efforts.

Whilst the season did have its disappointments, I feel these were outweighed by our achievements. We set ourselves the realistic goals of improving our standard of rugby and enjoying ourselves both on and off the paddock. These goals were achieved, particularly the latter, with a significant improvement in the numbers attending after match speeches and social functions that proved to be not only enjoyable, but lucrative, with some record takings over the bar.

At the end of the 1989 season all coaches and managers decided to call it a day so we faced the daunting task of putting new faces in every position, as early as possible, preferably before Christmas. We only half succeeded and it is probably indicative that our two successful teams had the early coaching appointments. Peter Stewart had been promised the captain coach position of fourth grade. He had to settle for coach. To be honest, fourth grade has never been more than an organising role, but as the second round rolled on, Pete actually began to coach, and coach well. This surprised a few, possibly including Peter, but he finished the season with a minor premiership, a grand final, and the respect of all his players.

Andy Craig picked the wrong year to be 'coerced' into the third grade coaching position. He got the rough end of the pineapple, particularly later in the season when he was forced to field a bits and pieces team. Had the highest turnover of players, but always put the clubs' best interests first.

Brian Hurley was the only person to actually ask to be a coach. My thanks go to him for bearing the brunt of coaching during the trials. Quickly assumed the mantle of 'super coach' as Stockdale Cup made the early season running. A fantastic effort to get his team to the major semi in his first year of coaching. At the time of writing he is unsure of his plans for next year. I hope Maggie will let him out again in 1991.

Despite many promises and assurances, the first grade side took the field for the first competition game without a coach. It was an embarrassing situation and one which I apologise to the players for. The Woz, although business commitments severely restricted his time, offered to help out. Myself, the club and the players owe him an enormous debt of thanks for his efforts. His contribution to the club over the last decade and more, should have been

rewarded with an enjoyable year playing fourth grade. When others turned their back, Woz took on a 'hiding to nothing' situation and turned our first grade into a competitive outfit. Had he been able to coach the team from the outset would have been semi final contenders. Woz received valuable assistance at times from Owen Moore, who also has a lot to offer as a coach.

As I said earlier the achievements of the season outweighed the disappointments. Some of the highlights were:-

- Our ability to run a financially successful year. Our playing fees are the lowest in subbies and we were able to incorporate the clubs sporting injury insurance scheme in the fees. If any rugby player still owes money, remember – I know where your families live.
- The efforts of fourth and second grades making the semi finals, including our first minor premiersip since the 'unbearables'.
- The selection of Scott Hyde in the subbies representative side.
- A magnificent win by our first grade against the then competition leaders on vice presidents day.
- The victorious under 21 team. A marvellous effort beating first division clubs in a tough competition. Our first competition win of any description since 1975.
- A hugely successful rugby tour to New Zealand. Details out soon in paperback.

In closing, there are a few people who deserve special mention for their contributions this year.

Andy Craig – Again took on duties as club captain.

Col Dennis – For organising the successful vice-presidents day.

Col Dayman – Introducing Sambuca to the club.

Shaun Humfrey – For his assistance with gear.

Graeme Johnson – For being our only fair dinkum manager – until stricken with the dreaded Jimmy Lises.

## **BARRACLOUGH CUP FIRST GRADE**

The 1990 Barracloough side won six games, drew one and lost eleven, completing the competition in seventh place. This was a slight improvement on 1989.

Our position on the table reflected the fact that as a team, coach and players, we were not prepared for the task we assigned ourselves. Our first training session as a team was prior to our fourth game.

Given the past three years, the objective of the side was to become competitive against all teams. Once we established the best side and had trained for a few weeks, we proved our ability by winning three games and drawing one in a row. However, towards the end of the season a combination of the Under 21's and a slip in application led to poor results.

While the 1990 season was not memorable, it had highlights, some which, if exploited, will benefit the team in the short-term. They were:-

- our character building second round 3-0 win against Oatley, defending premiers, after being beaten 25-0 in the first round.
- the 21 all draw against Blue Mountains at Lapstone, after the previous week's 29-0 loss to Knox. It was first grade's first point against Blue Mountains at Lapstone since 1983.
- on the few occasions our best fifteen took the field, we could match any team.
- the emergence of Tom Rampoldi as a class first grade centre and the entrance into rugby of Brandon Sheppard a class footballer.
- the arrival of Scott Hyde as a team leader and Tim Guest as a consistent quality performer.
- the realisation by a new crop of first graders of the commitment necessary to win games.

A total of 36 players took the field and the main contributors were:-

**Brandon Sheppard** (9 games) full-back – the type of player who others enjoy playing alongside, has all the skills, is committed and above all, thinks.

**David Horniman** (8) full-back – has all been said before “Has all the natural ability but...”. If only I knew which language he understands.

**Chris Lamond** (16) winger – a good second season with the club, continues to improve and with another 10-15% improvement will be a consistent try scorer.

**Fai Tsang** (10) winger – new addition to the club who quickly moved through the grades into first grade. Only small but has great courage, skills and also uses his brain.

**Mark Guest** (17) winger/centre – usual slow start to the season which gradually led to a reasonable overall performance, given his vast ability.

**Phil Guest** (7) centre – stop smashing mirrors! Absolutely no luck, had more stitches than all props in last ten years. Also had natural ability and with an even break will get to show it in 1991.

**Tom Rampol** (7) centre – provided he stays away from injury has the ability to dominate his position against all opposition. Possesses skill, maturity and commitment.

**Peter Lewis** (17) five-eight/centre – average season given his ability, hard to gauge whether he is fit, did suffer from change in personnel around him.

**Rob Marshall** (7) five-eight/centre – suffered from team's disjointed start to the season. May have found his natural position at full-back.

**Mark Witham** (17) half-back – a consistent season, continually seeking improvement in his play. A courageous player.

**Scott Hyde** (14) lock and captain – although only 20 years old, Scott has natural ability to lead for he fears no one and is willing to lead by example. Standard of play will reach a new level when he gets fit.

**John Golsby** (10) breakaway – deserved winner of best and fairest, a pleasure to watch, totally committed to the ball, puts his body on the line!

**Steve Bell** (10) breakaway – aggressive, hard, competitive but not fit. His best is around the corner especially if he gets fit.

**Tony Toohill** (7) breakaway – helped the team early and late season. In 1990 was not as committed as 1989.

**Tim Guest** (18) second row/lock – played the full complement of games, consistent throughout. Could become a dominant player with the right support – won clean line-out ball, equivalent to a lotto win at Briars.

**Mark Kingston** (16) second row – only 19, surprised with his performance, worked hard in the tight stuff, a good listener. Needs to get fitter.

**Gary O'Brien** (15) prop – elder statesman of the team, added necessary starch to the scrum, will need to get fitter – good clubman.

**Dooley Davis** (17) prop – I wish he would grow! Dooley had a good season, scrummaged well and his general play showed improvement. Has at least 30% more in him and if he finds it, will dominate.

**Terry O'Kane** (13) hooker – has all been said before, another 14 please! Had the pleasure to be in a side with him and now coach a team he is in. Rates with JJ as the best player of the last ten years.

Others who played various games were:-

Pat Baldry – not lacking in courage; Graeme Bayliss – hard committed player; John Jessup – big loss after early season injury; John Ward – only 18, has a ton of talent and a heart bigger than Phar Lap; Andy Moar – only 19, also possess a ton of talent, its up to you Andy; Craig Hogg – only 19, played well in his two games in firsts; Graham Banks – will put extreme pressure on first grade breakaways next season; Shaun Humfrey – Terry's successor at hooker.

The remaining players were Tony Lane, Shaun King, Rob McQuade, Phil de Francesco, Scot Stephens, Paul Andreazza, Andre Witham, Dean Anese and Paul Viglienze.

A timely contribution was made by Owen Moore, who helped me with the side, especially in regards to the backs, an area I had not taken much notice in the prior 25 years. Thank you.

On behalf of the players our major thank you goes to Milton Howell, who performed to the highest standard in his role of football chairman. To the team managers Kim Peifke and Graeme Johnson, and David "Harry" Jamieson, thank you for your contributions.

## 1991

We can best describe 1990 as a vertical learning curve. The feeling among all concerned, players, coaches and administrators, is that we can make a quantum leap forward in 1991. The structure is already taking shape:

Coach: Tony Wozniak

Manager: David Blair (the best in subbies)

Players: All committed to 1991

Message to Players: Get fit and ready to start mid January.

A final note on 1990, congratulations to CBOBS on winning the Barraclough Cup.

**Tony Wozniak**

# STOCKDALE CUP — SECOND GRADE

Played 20

Won 14

Lost 6

When the season started, I set myself the following goals:-

1. Teach the players the basics of winning rugby.
2. The philosophy that the team and the club mean more than the individual.
3. To instill in the players that winning was the natural outcome when they took the field — not a bonus.
4. Reach the semi finals.
5. Win the competition.

The level of our success in attaining these goals can be judged by the fact that we reached the semis, but did not win the competition. With hindsight, both losses in the semi finals could have gone the other way with better luck, but probably our sins during the season came back to haunt us.

The two highlights of the season in my opinion were the last round win over Blue Mountain to put us in the major semi, and the win against St. Leos when we were without most of our players and everybody lifted themselves. A special mention should be made of boxer, who played two games in a row that day without complaint.

Overall, the season saw a large number of faces pass through Stockdale Cup. All contributed in some way, even Condo. The following formed the basis of the team throughout the year.

**Rob Marshall** – A very good player who I believe the club could use in any position and get good value. Always happy to help by playing out of position. In my opinion a natural fullback.

**Pat Baldry** – Classy finisher who also happily played out of position to help out. Unfortunately the position he would happily play in was first grade five-eight.

**Phil Di Francesco** – Very good winger who will greatly improve as the opposition gets better. A real first grade player in future years.

**Ross Thompson** – The old warhorse played consistently throughout the season. He encouraged the other players around him and showed that 34 year old accountants with young babies still have a lot to contribute.

**Stuart Brisbane** – A true rough diamond. Has learnt a lot this season and will benefit greatly from a full season of coaching.

**Graham Bayliss** – The snout managed to fit in a few games between work. He must be the hardest working water board employee in Sydney. With Stuart Brisbane formed a devastating combination when given a fair share of the ball.

**Rob McQuade** – A welcome return. This very talented player was his own harshest critic, and the backline operated at its most fluid when he was at inside centre. Took on added responsibilities at the end of the season without complaint, although I'm sure he didn't really enjoy the role.

**John Hurley** – Nepotism run riot. I don't think too many other Briars coaches have had two members of their family as captain during the one season. John's calm and calculating play at five-eight continually made us many metres and turned opposition packs around. A tremendous help to me during the season. John continually expected too much from everyone – not a bad way to be.

**Scot Stephens** – A very promising half back who I hope learnt a lot during the season. Kicking game at times was a trifle overplayed and could do well to realise that for a half, his primary role is to give fast accurate service to his backs.

**Greg Mitchell** – The forwards always lifted themselves in response to Mitch being on the field with them. Invaluable to me in his knowledge of forward play. His own game during the season improved with every game he played. Always led the forwards from the front. A very serious, potentially fatal, injury to his little finger robbed us of his services during the semis. Together with John Hurleys knee, Mitch's finger will be my fondest memory of the 1990 season.

**John Ward** – A whole hearted player who gave 110% every time he took the field. His attitude often led to personal injury, which he actually seemed to enjoy. A rigorous off season program will see John play first grade next season – provided he grows two feet taller and puts on three stone.

**Craig Hogg** – The club has yet to see the true potential of this man. Commitment when the ball was on the ground was inspirational at the end of the season. He also possesses one attribute which will carry him up the grades – he hates to lose. Big things ahead of him.

**Fred Roebeck** – Could be one of the key players in Briars march back into first division. Potential unlimited. His try in the second last round from a set move will long be remembered by all who saw it, particularly the opposition blind side winger.

**Dean Anese** – The groin took immense punishment during the season. On his day was a driving force in our forward pack, however occasionally let himself down by letting his emotions get the better of him.

**Shaun Humfrey** – Dependable and consistent hooker who never let me down. On the occasions he led the forwards he did so with a maturity well beyond his years. If any areas of his game need improvement they are his lineout throwing and his loose play in general. Again, a player the club should look to as we strive to get back to first division.

**Graeme Banks** – Made a huge difference to our loose game as he was continually on the ball. His aggression and determination were an inspiration to the rest of the side. Possibly spent too much time in the same team as Andy Moar as he was about a yard behind the play in the last games. I'm sure this was only temporary and in 1991 will be a prime candidate for a first grade back row spot.

**Andy Moar** – A slug. Could be a world beater if he lost two stone. At times was a world beater whose impact on the game was huge. A man who lived to train who I'm sure will team with John Ward to pursue a rigorous off season program and be back bigger and better in 1991.

I enjoyed coaching these and the other players who passed through Stockdale Cup this year. I thank them all for their efforts and wish them well for future seasons.

**Brian Hurley**

## **BLUNT CUP — THIRD GRADE**

Won Four, Drew Three, Lost Eleven.

Early in the season, third grade showed every prospect of making the semi finals. Throughout the second round however, the side was let down by injuries, unavailabilities and a massive turnover of players. In all, sixty one players were used. Often not knowing the make up of the team until the morning of the game, obviously caused a lack of cohesion. I would especially like to thank the following players who formed the nucleus of the side.

Tony Lane (Boxer) 16 games — a deserved winner of the best and fairest award.

Dave Brownhill — 16 games, Matt Loxley — 13 games, Flash — 11 games, Bob Lancuba — 12 games, Bob Swindle — 12 games, Henry D'amici — 9 games, Matt Waddington, Bob Bertie, Sean King and Graham Georges — 8 games each. To all the players that space precludes mention, thanks for your effort.

It is good to see the younger players maturing and enjoying their rugby as this will only help the club in future years. The year was a learning experience for myself, and I would like to thank Milton for all the hard work he has done. With the spirit developing over the past couple of years, Briars rugby can only get better.

**Andrew Craig**

## **RICHARDSON CUP — FOURTH GRADE**

Won 15, Drew 1, Lost 4.

Alas, always the bridesmaid but never the bride. At the beginning of the season, Milton Howell and myself were in the carpark of Macquarie Uni waiting for players to arrive — any players, to make up a side for Richardson Cup. We lost.

However, we did find some players and with a bit of effort, we were able to play in the Grand Final. The same effort enabled 4th grade to go through the second round undefeated. The same effort had 4th grade being the most represented at training on Wednesday nights. And the same effort had the players form into a most formidable side, that looked forward to their rugby.

Such was the enthusiasm of the players, it turned training nights from being a lottery to see who turned up, to having a full squad plus reserves, so that we could train as a team and show off our efforts on the football field. Although we lost the game that counted, all the players accounted for themselves with pride, with the most rewarding aspect that every player has vowed to back up for the 1991 season.

By winning games, it made my job a most pleasurable task, and made even easier by the assistance I received from the senior players. My thanks go to those players, as my thanks go to all the players who played Richardson Cup throughout the season.



In concluding it is nice to know that 4th grade was not made up by geriatric footballers this season, with one player being the ripe old age of fifteen. So with the pledge of these players to continue to play football for the Briars, the future looks bright. See you at training next year.

The following were the Richardson Cup regulars

**Tony Wozniak** – (Prop). Woz as captain fantastic always complained that the players talked more than he did. That's pretty hard to believe as he would talk more than me.

**Steve Currie** – (Prop). His fitness and enthusiasm enabled Steve to play every game of the season. Not bad for a bloke who only came down for the first game to help me out when I was short of players.

**Milton Howell** – (Hooker). Scored a most spectacular try in the major semi, by fielding a high bomb on his own tryline, sidestepping the whole opposition and diving over in the corner. (True story).

**Tony Clarke** – (Second Row). Golden boots was something 4th grade has yearned for, for many years. His accurate kicking won us many games and we all forgive him for missing that one in the grand final.

**Steve Moore** – (Second Row). A player who improved with every game. Steve is keen to learn and play the game and will be an asset next year.

**Gary Pearce** – (Lock). The new players were amazed at how this player could train so hard. He led by example and won the best and fairest.

**Craig Nordstrand** – (Breakaway). Strong player with the ability to set the ball up. Couldn't get the game points every week, even though he asked.

**Simon Burt** – (Breakaway). Was never in my good books after he told everyone that he was only four years old when I played with his father. Played in many positions and always played well. (Just ask Milton).

**Mick Wright** – (Halfback). Mick came into the side late in the season and played strongly in the finals. Seemed to enjoy himself so much, that at the club after the grand final he did some amazing things. Just ask him if he can remember.

**Geoff Cassano** – (Five-Eight). 'I just love tackling' was what he said, and he did that to perfection. Strong player who will be even better when he gives up ski-ing, or only does it on Sundays.

**Norm Ezzy** – (Centre). Anyone that would chase an indoor cricket umpire around the nets so he could thump him, and get the whole side suspended, was the player for me. After plying him with booze, I got him to sign on the dotted line. A strong player.

**Tim Burt** – (Centre). More likeable than Simon because he didn't make any comments about my age or hairline. Another to play in many positions and had the philosophy 'if you take their head off their shoulders, they can't run'. He did it well too.

**Jeff Clarke** – (Wing). Won the award for the best haircut, which he said reduced wind resistance. Like his brother, fitted into the side well, played any position asked and will be back next year.

**Bruce Moore** – (Wing). On a fine ANZAC day, I found Bruce a little worse for wear at the Palace Hotel. After a strong conversation that neither of us can remember, he came to rugby and brought his brother too. Scored a few tries and generally had a good time.

**Aaron Maher** – (Fullback). Was good to see him back at the club. His experience helped the other players. Unfortunately due to a head problem, nearly missed the major semi final, only arriving 5 minutes before kick off. I am very envious.

**Bob Coulter** – (Any position in the pack). Bob sacrificed his position to the younger players saying that they had more to offer because of their youth. Was always there at training and on game day and played when required. Although he said he would retire from playing, will be back to manage next year.

**Scott Carey** – (Hooker, Back Row, Outside Back). Someone had to be left out and unfortunately it was Scott. His dedication is an example. Although he had played higher grades, I wasn't prepared to drop anyone due to our winning run. Scott copped it on the chin, and I know he will play higher grades next year.

**Dick Tregear** – (Fullback). The Eagle was our regular fullback until he broke his ribs in the second last game. Even though he tried, was unable to get back on the paddock before the grand final. Still turned up at training and games to encourage the other players. His young lady blames me for ruining their love life for a while.

**David Moir** – (Wing). I don't know what the records say, but at fifteen, David must be one of the youngest to play rugby at Briars. He showed courage and commitment far beyond his age. He didn't say much to anyone, just liked to play football. He liked to play hard, and only his inexperience stopped me from playing him in the finals. With a season under his belt, and a year older, will see David as one of the next year's assets.

**Chris Murray** – (Any bloody where). I have saved the best till last. Only for youth, fitness and ability, I would have played Chris like other senior players (and myself) again, always the bridesmaid. Chris trained both nights (and let me know it). When he played, he played bloody well, but accepted the fact that younger players were selected. Didn't complain when on the bench for the finals.

**Peter Stewart**

# NETBALL

There were three netball teams representing Briars during 1990, two indoor teams and one outdoor side.

The Indoor Winter Competition netball side that played at Five Dock Indoor Sports Centre, are to have their photo framed and hung on the wall alongside all the other victorious Briars teams. They defeated RPA 21-16 in the Grand Final and will play one grade higher when they begin the Spring Competition. The team players were: Christine Rippard, Rachel Kelly (the greatest shooters Five Dock has ever seen), Kim Kelly, Jody Swift (superb defenders and rebounders), Suzanne Lewis, Christine Atchinson (the most improved players) and their captain Sandra Fisher. Each player a great asset continually improving with each game.

The other indoor team, the Briars Boozers, played in the C grade competition at the State Sports Centre, were not so victorious. After making it through a tough and successful season they made the regional finals (which consists of all the top C grade teams from the surrounding areas between Homebush and Liverpool), just losing two games 8-7 and 8-7, drawing one 6-6 and winning the last game 9-6. However this was only good enough to make 3rd place. This team was made up of: Alison Kirby, Kristen Delany, Samantha Morrow, Tricia Etheredge, Nicki Huckstep, Sherrin Howle, Kirsten Simms, Jo Casey and Jo Price.

Finally, you may all remember the Briars Beercans who played in the Western Suburbs Winter Competition losing very consistently. I can however, assure you that no matter what you may have heard, this was a very talented team. Unfortunately for them they were graded too highly and were not used to playing together, unlike the teams they opposed. They were not lucky enough to win any games but the spirit within the team was commendable. It was very enjoyable. We played to our best ability never giving up hope, ignoring what the scoresheet said. Many of these girls have returned year after year to play Basketball or Netball for Briars because of the great support from the club and players. This team was made up of: Alison Kirby, Kristen Delany, Sherrin Howle, Monica Poole, Ellen Rapley, Diane Tape, Caroline Aston, Kylie Duffy, Tamra Bartholomaeus and Jo Price.

All these teams would like to thank Briars for supporting them both financially and socially up the club, after the games and at the games on the side lines. Hopefully this sport will grow within Briars to the same standard as Cricket or Football, so if you know anyone interested, tell them to contact myself or any one of the girls above.

Once again, thank you Briars, for supporting netball in 1990.

**Jo Price**

# HOCKEY REPORT

With the loss in the off-season of Ricky Francisco as Coach to Baulkham Hills and the loss of players of the calibre of Steve Schomberg, John Price, Paul Huggett and others, the task of Hockey Chairman was looking daunting, although challenging.

However, what apprehensions I may have had at the outset were soon put to rest when the Summer Cup performances indicated that we were still competitive as a Club. With Chris Head and Peter Carapiet as Club Coaches and Bob Streeter heading up team selections and training, a more capable three I could not wish for. They handled the on field side of hockey with great expertise.

The overall performance of the Club was one that we can be pleased with yet slightly disappointed in that we failed to win a Premiership. The first grade side on occasions played some fantastic hockey, while on other occasions such performances were tainted by the weaker sides. This was also the case in the lower grades.

Parramatta and Bankstown finished on top in all grades because they consistently put in good performances. As a Club we failed to have that burning desire to be "Number 1". This was reflected in the sometimes poor attendances at training sessions. If we are to win a premiership then we will need to have a greater resolve to win.

The secretarial matters were, as usual, performed admirably by Lazlo Kovacs. On the social side, Bob Streeter, Peter Jones, Lazlo and Sandor Kovacs organised the Queen's Birthday weekend trip to Canberra and the Baked Dinner — my thanks to their efforts.

From the financial aspect, alas, this season showed that hockey as a sport is now by far the most expensive sport to administer. The Club is now playing in the highest grade of hockey that it can compete at, and as such, to remain in this grade will not only involve the retention and development of top players, but will also involve considerable financial expense.

With the use of the State Sports Centre for most games, the allocation of umpires for all our teams, the cost of hockey equipment escalating dramatically, and the need for top training facilities, we are now looking at costs in the order of \$10,000 per season to field 3 teams. Having to compete against Clubs with highly paid players and coaches does not make the task any easier. To compete at such a high level and yet make the sport affordable to our young members is the greatest hurdle facing Briars' Hockey in the future.

The Club was delighted to see Chris Head selected in the Australian Veterans team that played in the World Cup in Malaysia. Chris was a key player in Australia's success in winning the tournament and his selection was befitting to a guy that is highly respected by his peers.

There is no doubt that within the Club we have players of tremendous ability with youth on their side. We have the coaches to develop our pool of talent. With a bit more dedication and resolve we can become a highly successful Club — it is purely a matter of attitudes.

To all the players I thank you for your efforts over the season, your support and friendship, and look forward to a successful 1991.

**Bill Hooker**  
Chairman

# 1st GRADE HOCKEY

Following a fairly successful Pre-Season competition, the competition rounds commenced on a high note with expectations of a great season.

Initial attendance at the Wednesday night fitness training sessions was high, however, as the season progressed the number of players attending fell away.

This lack of training and fitness reflected in a number of vital games midway through the season in which we struggled to beat fairly ordinary teams.

As expected, we believed there were only 3 teams in the competition who had premiership aspirations (Bankstown, Parramatta and Briars). Accordingly, we played a number of games expecting the win to be a formality, only to find ourselves struggling.

When it came to the finals the team performed exceptionally well with performances of skill, teamwork and enthusiasm. Every player played inspired hockey and we were very unlucky not to have proceeded into the Grand Final.

It was unfortunate that we lost Peter Carapiet prior to the finals with a serious knee injury. Peter is such a dominant player in this grade of hockey. To the team's credit, everyone applied themselves and played admirably.

To comment upon individual players who played throughout the season is unnecessary, as it was a total team effort, with each member contributing to the success of the team. The most encouraging feature was the manner in which the younger team members applied themselves with teamwork, drive and companionship towards every other member of the 1st Grade team.

I feel that in the forthcoming years these young experienced 1st Grade players will be the back-bone to an exceptionally competitive 1st Grade side within the B1 competition. This is particularly the case when considering that we have a number of very good juniors coming through the Grades — the future does definitely look bright for Briars in the years ahead.

Players: Kush Naidu, Ian Reynolds, James Ryan, Peter Carapiet, Gerard Price, Chris Head, Greg Dunn, Matt McFarlane, Matt Ayres, Michael Girvan, Umar Hanif, George Giga, Paul Price, Ross Davies, Martin Wood, Joe Serrao, Greg Pierce.

## RESULTS:

Win	Draw	Loss	For	Against	Points	Position
11	2	7	60	32	22	3

**Chris Head**  
Captain/Coach

## 2nd GRADE HOCKEY REPORT

- A disappointing season with a few highlights.
- Equal fifth with Glenorie . . . not good enough.
- Insufficient team training and lack of organised team set plays compared to good sides.
- Plenty of talent, but insufficient motivation.
- Pre-occupation with disputing umpires.
- No constructive talking — too much yap.

### THE TEAM

#### **M. McFarlane, Goalkeeper**

A brilliant season, thoroughly deserves his spot in 1st Grade, but needs continued hard work to realise his great potential.

#### **P. Carapiet, Full Back**

Leading goal scorer in Second Grade, very consistent player, organised the defence very well. Scored most of his goals through short corners with his brilliant stick work.

#### **P. Jones, Full Back**

Mixed season for Peter. Played some very good games and also missed a few games through work commitments. Just watch out for the pot holes Peter.

#### **D. Sterrey, Half Back**

Good half back. Had some good games, but found wanting on occasion against good sides. Tighter marking is much needed.

#### **G. Serrao, Centre Half**

Has the ability to be a good player, though on most occasions found arguing with the Umpire, which is not needed.

#### **J. Ryan, Half Back**

Second in the B&F Award. Gutsy player who never gives up. Excellent stick work and fitness could see him cement a permanent spot in First Grade.

#### **C. Francis, Right Wing**

One of the new players to Briars. Gave some excellent balls from the wing, but sadly missed support.

#### **M. Ayres, Inside Right**

One of the quickest players in the competition. Scored some good goals through his pace, but needs to improve on his stick work.

#### **R. Roberts, Centre Forward**

Second top goal scorer. Showed flashes of his best form, but needs to be motivated every game to bring out his best.

### **M. Wood, Inside Left**

Clear winner of the B&F Award with three major awards. Martin is certainly one of the most skilful forwards in the competition, but needs to work on his finishing off.

### **S. Kovacs, Left Wing**

Has the speed, when fit for the position, with more ball control and a good back stick, could be ideally suited for the position. Came back in latter part of season with vigour, physical and verbal.

Thanks to all the guys who have helped throughout the season in Second Grade, which are too numerous to mention.

Congratulations to Martin Wood on winning the B&F Award with many outstanding performances.

**Russell Roberts**

## **3rd GRADE HOCKEY REPORT**

This season was going to be one of unknowns for the third grade. After making the finals for the last two years the side had a lot going for it. However, it was unfortunate that two of the most valuable players had retired from the game. John Price had to take time off to have his knee operated on, and we hope that his recovery is complete and speedy as the centre forward position may be vacant in '91, and Stephen Schomberg who, after losing his smile playing hockey decided to retire and his ability was very sorely missed during the year.

3rd Grade finished the year in fourth spot. The side won eight, had two draws and lost eight. They scored 38 goals and had 40 scored against them. The highest goal scorer was Gavin Bourke with 7 goals and Gavin also won the Best & Fairest with 15 points. The side made the finals once again, and had to play Baulkham Hills, who had previously defeated them 7-0 and 5-2. The final was probably the best game that was played during the whole year, only just losing 3-1.

The players were:

**Gavin Bourke** — Centre Forward: Gavin started the year in the halves, made a few appearances in the backs, missed a few games due to work, but overall had one of his finest years playing hockey. Gavin is a real team player and his commitment and drive are an example to the other players. Gavin not only won the best and fairest with 15 points, but was the highest goal scorer with 7 goals. Had Gavin played all year as centre forward who knows what he would have scored. Congratulations Gavin, look forward to next year.

**Danny Thiele** — Goal Keeper: Danny again showed his promise with plenty of gutsy performances. He was second in the Best and Fairest with 10 points. If Danny would be a little more aggressive when attacking players and the ball, he would find that his goalkeeping would improve dramatically. Overall, an excellent year.

**Michael Sterry** — Full Back: Michael has been the rock of defence with the club as long as I can remember (17 years). Michael has a great ability to read and stop most forwards. Michael's contribution to the side was yet again invaluable. He must also be thanked for his half time advice which helped all the players. Michael received 8 points for Best and Fairest.

**Warwick Campbell** — Half: It was Warwick's first year with the club and his game just kept improving game after game. Warwick was fourth in the best and fairest with 7 points, all which were scored in the second round. Warwick made a few appearances in the seconds. Warwick's improvement was mainly due to his willingness to both listen and to try his hardest all the time.

**Peter Jones** — Back: Peter caught the John Price knee disease this year. Peter played his solid reliable game. He received 6 Best and Fairest points. Hopefully, Peter will recover from his operation in time to join the team once again next year.

**Kush Naidu** — Forward: Kush played only two games in the thirds, but in doing so scored a goal in both appearances and received 4 Best and Fairest points. Thanks for the help during the year.

**Patrick Detjen** — Back/Forward: Pat had a solid year showing a marked improvement in form. Pat is only a junior but scored a goal and received 4 Best and Fairest points. Pat will undoubtedly become a regular player in our higher grades.

**Laszlo Kovacs** — Forward: Laszlo also caught the John Price disease this season. Laszlo will however not be back next year playing Hockey, but will be pursuing an Umpiring career instead. Laszlo was previously the 1sts goalkeeper and his run on the field this year was an experiment. Laszlo managed to score a goal and received 4 best and fairest points.

**Grahame Varis** — Forward: Grahame is another of the talented juniors with the club. Grahame scored 4 goals this year and also received 4 Best and Fairest points. His speed down the wing and rapid acceleration are features of his game.

**Russell Roberts** — Forward: Russell, whilst being a regular second grader, helped the side during the years. Russell in the 3 games he played, scored 7 goals and received 4 Best and Fairest points. Thanks for the help Rus.

**Bill Hooker** — Who Knows: Bill played with the side on a few occasions, scoring a very spectacular goal and receiving 4 Best and Fairest points. Whilst getting a little slow, his mobility and ability to tackle made him a valuable player during the year.

**Derek Sterry** — Half: Derek had a very good year in the thirds. He was sticking to his winger better than ever before and really strengthened the left side of the team. Derek received 3 Best and Fairest points.

**Peter Carapiet** — Forward: Peter played a few guest appearances, the most memorable was the 5 goals in the one game against Macquarie Uni.

**Reuben Brown** — Back: Reuben could not complete the season due to work and study commitments, but was part of the team of juniors that made up the side. Reuben's game has become increasingly sounder game after game. Reuben received 2 Best and Fairest points.



**Ben Anthony** — Centre Half: Ben was another of the new players with the club. With him came a wealth of knowledge and experience he tried to impart to the rest of the side. Ben may have been misunderstood on a few occasions but his contribution to the team was 100% commitment. Hope to see you again next year. Ben scored 1 goal and received 2 Best and Fairest points.

**Stephen Redfearn** — Back: Stephen is a butcher and some of his tackles and clearing strokes resembled his trade. But Stephen is also a keen team member and his commitment to the club is second to none. Congratulations on getting married to Sam and also thanks to Sam for running our fitness training sessions. Stephen received 1 Best and Fairest point.

**Robert Streeter** — ??: Bob played against advice from doctors but scored a goal and received 1 Best and Fairest point as well. Hopefully after his knee operation he will be back. (Knees are popular in hockey).

**Brett Howle** — Forward: Brett was a casual player this year, playing a few games, scoring a goal and receiving 1 Best and Fairest point. Looking forward to playing full time again next year.

**Wayne Allsop** — Forward: Wayne was another new club member who somehow only received 2 Best and Fairest points, although in reflection he was probably one of the most consistent and best performing players in the side. He has great pace, good tackling and was always there to assist the backs when needed. We will have to talk to the selectors about their points allocations.

**Pat Ryan** — Forward: Pat is Jamie's brother and at his first year of hockey showed the same determination and tenacity that has taken Jamie to 1st Grade. Pat scored 5 goals (second highest goal scorer in the grade) and received 3 Best and Fairest points.

**Paul Burges** — Forward: Paul would have to be the most conscientious player in the side. Always at training, always getting involved in club activities, and when given the opportunity to go on, trying to do his very best. Unfortunately, due to a high number of players, Paul was not able to get a regular run, but to his credit he always turned up to the game.

Next year will hopefully be one of consolidation and development with the side. Most players have indicated that they will stay on and that will have a very stabilising effect in the side. Overall, a very successful 1990 season.

**Bill Hooker**

## UNDER 17 HOCKEY

Even though the team failed to reach the Major Finals the season was highly successful in the development of the team through the season, both in general team play, and in the individual skills of all players.

The first 8 rounds of the season were difficult with the team facing large defeats in most rounds. However, once recording their first win, and with the advent of Chris Head coming on-board as Coach, there developed a marked improvement, and the team went forward in leaps and bounds.

Chris Head and myself were extremely pleased with the performance of all the boys throughout the season – as a team they were not over-endowed with ability, however, they listened and absorbed, and then went onto the field applying what had been instructed to them – no coach or manager can ask for more than that.

Next season will see a tremendous improvement in the performance of these players. From a struggling side at the commencement of season they finished as a strong, and well-disciplined successful side.

My thanks go to all the players for a rewarding season and to Chris Head for a tremendous job in coaching and developing the boys, as well as undertaking the umpiring duties each week – he really is a Mr Magic!

### TEAM RESULTS:

After first 13 rounds (14 teams)

Position	Wins	Draws	Losses	Points	For	Against
10	3	0	10	6	17	86

After 7 Rounds of U17 B Division (7 teams)

4	3	2	2	8	8	7
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### Player Profile:-

**Malcolm Grahame** (Goalkeeper) – a keener and more enthusiastic team member you could not find. Improved dramatically thru the season and will play seniors next season as a very talented and reliable player.

**Phillip Crawford** (Wing/Inside) – Phil shows a lot of ability in attack and is willing to defend. As his confidence increased so too did his display of skills. Will improve further as he gains in confidence.

**Brett Grahame** (Winger) – At the start of the season showed only a small degree of ability and was clumsy in ball control. Improved dramatically throughout the season to be a very competent winger with a lot of speed and good finishing ability. Needs to work on his tackling skills.

**James Ivarrson** (Inside/C. Forward) – James has now been playing with the Club for a number of seasons. He has natural ability and plenty of skills (particularly in attack). Needs to apply himself for the full game and lift his workload. When running, needs to stretch out.

**David Foster** (Inside/C. Forward) – a new recruit from Homebush High, David showed his ability to attack and score goals from the outset. Has heaps of ability and will go a long way in hockey. Was unavailable for a large part of the season.

**Mathew Hua** (Inside) – another recruit from Homebush High, Mathew, like David Foster, has heaps of ability and is a fine player in both attack and defence. We look forward to Mathew playing for us in the senior grades. Was unavailable for most of the season due to a broken nose incurred midway through the season.

**Mike Ackroyd** (Inside/C. Forward) – Mike is a player of the future. He trains hard, is keen as mustard, and has tremendous ability. His attacking skills and goal shooting are at a high level. Mike will, with continued application, be one of the stars of the forthcoming seasons.

**Pat Ryan** (Inside/Wing) – joined the team mid-season and strengthened the side with his more aggressive attack and defence. Improved tremendously over the season.

**Patrick Detjen** (Half/Back) – Patrick is one of the most talented players we have in the Club. Has been playing 2nd/3rd grade as well as Under 17s and still has 2 seasons of eligibility to go in that grade. Is aggressive and a very confident player with a bright future in hockey ahead of him. With Graeme Varis, Rueben Browne and Danny Thiele formed a very solid defence.

**Ben Scully** (Half/Wing) – Ben was one that improved significantly during the season. A regular trainer and enthusiastically keen player he will improve further as he gains confidence in his ability.

**Marcus Thiele** (Half) – once he overcame the “chopping tackles” he improved markedly and his defence tightened up. Is a keen player and trains well. Will improve further now that he has ironed out some of his bad habits.

**Wayne Allsop** (Half/Inside) – joined the team mid season to help strengthen the defence with his more aggressive style of play. Wayne is a very enthusiastic and keen member. We look forward to his involvement with Briars for many years to come. A very talented player with heaps of guts.

**Brad Irwin** (Half) – was only available for first half of the season. Has played for a number of seasons but is still only 15 which makes it difficult against the size of 17 year olds. Improved as his confidence grew. “Tiger” will further improve with training and increased strength.

**Rueben Browne** (Back) – Rueben is the “Joe Cool” of the side. Generally safe as a rock, he controlled the defence superbly. A 2nd/3rd grade player, Rueben has tons of ability and experience. A key player of the future.

**Graeme Varis** (Half) – as centre half the total team pivoted around Graeme. His control of the mid-field was critical to the success of the side in the latter part of the season. Will be playing 1st Grade very shortly. Another Steve Schomberg!

**Danny Thiele** (Back) – a top Goalkeeper in the senior grades, Danny showed his veratility with his strong defensive play. When he learns to hold the stick with two hands he will be a very formidable player. A good clubman and very popular with all members.

**Bill Hooker**

# BASKETBALL 1990

This year Briars had two teams competing in the Parramatta Association Competition which is run at the Auburn Basketball Stadium.

## Grade C1

The competition had a mixture of team standards and of the ten teams that competed for the title the Briars side was certainly in the top half. The team had the ability to make the semi-finals but lacked depth and struggled to field a starting line on some occasions. This lack of depth was eventually to prove the downfall and as a result the side missed out on the semi-finals.

The Parramatta competition starts at 6.15 p.m. 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 1991 competition.

## Team Profile

**Andrew Wall** – Good, tall centre who always let the opposition know he was there.

**Tony Sidgreaves** – Strong team player who was sometimes unavailable because he works at Kings Cross at night???

**Ed Moore** – Good individual player who won the Dummy-Spitter of the Year Award.

**Malcom Chaney** – Played strong, done good but was sometimes unavailable due to work commitments.

**Mark Ayres** – By far the most improved player who finished the year as our key man in attack.

**Russell Chataway** – Required when we only had 3 or 4 players to make up the numbers.

## Grade C2

1990 was not a very successful season for the C2 side after the mighty fine effort of 1989 in reaching the grand final. This year the side even failed to make the semi-finals. This however, can be put down to the lack of commitment from certain players and also the loss of some very tall and experienced players. The side had 5 wins and 2 draws out of a total of twenty games. Seven games were lost by six points or less so it comes down to a season of what might have been.

## Team Profile

**Peter Butler** (Guard) – Speed and agility were some of Peter's good qualities, it's just a pity that they were not seen every week.

**Geoff Cassano** (Guard) – Geoff had one of his better seasons this year, now only if he could sink that elusive layup basket.

**Eugene Tong** (Guard/Forward) – The skilful member of the side, Eugene's ball handling skills had to be seen to be believed again a pity they weren't seen every week.

**Ian (3 pointer) Blair** (Guard/Forward) – What more could be said about this dynamic 3 point player.

**Simon Campbell** (Centre/Forward) – A model of consistency, Simon only missed two games all season and fitted into the new centre role very well.

**Mat Appleton** (Forward) – The mainstay of the side, Mat's calling from the back of the key certainly helped a lot of the new players, also our highest scorer on many an occasion.

**Rob Cassano** (Centre) – This was the first season Rob had played in the seniors and I predict bigger and better things to come.

The side was also ably helped during the season by Jason Chan, David Joseph, Mark Blundell, Gerard Price, Brett Howle and Bart Pouzelo.

**Geoff Cassano**

## **SQUASH REPORT**

The 1989-90 season has seen a year of mixed fortunes for Briars Squash.

The spring 89 competition was completed in November. We had 4 teams entered with 3 making it into the semis and 2 teams winning pennants.

**A3** — Ken Kable, Adrian Stodolka, Greg Menz, Alan Cameron and Steve Clark. Very consistent performance – running in the top 4 all comp. Eventually beaten by the narrow margin of 6 points in the semi final.

**C2** — Paul Byrne, Steve Madz, Cliff Priest, Grant Heggarty and Peter Murphy. A super performance from this well balanced team, they led the competition throughout, finishing up minor premiers. They carried their good form into the final series and came away with the pennant.

**C4** — Ed Moore, Gary Phillips, John Jessop, Greg Kelly, Ron Marshall and Joe Franco. Found themselves up against some very good teams early on and never really got going. The team eventually came in last (not J.J. in a team that came last), it did shut him up for a short time.

**E3** — David Catts, Yosry Seden, Mick Franco, Pat Jessop and Peter Valontis. The youthful enthusiasm in this team proved unstoppable. Disrupted at the start with last minute team withdrawals. Got their act together mid way through the first round and went on from there to an easy final win. Congratulations to the pennant winning teams, we certainly have been having a great run of success over the last few years.

Best performance trophy goes to Paul Byrne with a very impressive unbeaten competition.

### **1990 Autum Comp.**

Once again 4 teams entered, for this competition.

**A3** — Ken Kable, Greg Menz, Geof Walsh, Alan Cameron, Steve Clarke and Steve Ackling. Two new boys to Briars, Steve Ackling and Geof Walsh, both established A grade players formerly with Beecroft. With this additional strength we thought we would be a good show, having narrowly lost the semi in the previous comp. Unfortunately, we ran into the hottest A3 comp in many years and horror of horrors, we came last.

**C1** — Paul Byrne, Steve Madz, Tony Porter, Grant Heggarty, Cliff Priest and Phil Byrne. Initially struggled to get players onto the court. Tony joined the team half way through the comp and after this, they never looked back. They charged through their semi final and looked great for a final win only to be denied by 1 rotten point on the night. Great form shown by all players but especially Paul Byrne once again.

**C4** — Gary Phillips, John Jessop, Ed Moore, Wayne Rastall, Greg Kelly and David Catts. This team finished! Gary learnt you can't win at No.1 without practice, Ed found "himself" too strong an opponent. J.J. 2 comps without a pennant must have got to him so he went and damaged his knee (any excuse). Greg, big heart, big belly unfortunately at the end of tough matches the latter overcame the former. Wayne, first comp after being out to pasture, will be better for the run. David, congratulations, unbeaten for the comp, coming up from E grade, narrowly beaten for performance trophy, hasn't stopped complaining.

**D4** — Joe Franco, Yosry Seden, Mick Franco, David Kable and Pat Jessop. A most inconsistent team for performance, one week looking like world beaters, following the next week by a loss to a weak team. Managed to get into the semis with a good second round performance but were well beaten on the night. Joe could not find the form that saw him race into C grade the previous comp. Yosry seems to play to the same standard as his opponent. Good opponent he plays well, bad opponent he plays badly. Mick would be a world beater if matches were the best of 1 set instead of best of 5. David slow start after having previous comp off, came home like a train. His ability to really "kill" his opponent when he gets on top gave him the points for the best performance trophy (again). Second time in only 4 comps with the Club, well done, Dave. Pat started the comp really well with some very good performances, but went walkabout with study taking priority over sport (doesn't sound like the Jessop I know.)

So at last we have had a hiccup in our continuous run of pennants, I am certain it will not be for long.

Spring 1990 comp has started with the usual 4 teams entered.

**A3** — Ken Kable, Geof Walsh, Alan Cameron, Steve Clark, Paul Byrne and Greg Menz at the half way mark running in 4th place mainly due to good performances from Geof and Paul.

**C1** — Tony Porter, Joe Elias, Steve Madz, Grant Heggarty, Cliff Priest and Robert Bedic. Have started the comp with all guns blazing, at the half way mark have not looked like losing a match. Odds on favourites for a pennant.

**C3** — Phil Byrne, David Catts, Wayne Rastall, Greg Kelly and David Kable. Before the comp started I thought this team was a real show for a pennant. Unfortunately, they have not shown that form. However, they are still in semi final contention.

**D2** — Ed Moore, Jim King, Joe Franco, Ron Marshall, Yosry Seden and Mick Franco. Another team with great potential, not quite showing it all at this stage. Still a semi contender, could come good.

We are looking forward to a successful conclusion to this competition and have very high expectations with a lot of players to come back for next year.

If you are interested in comp squash ring me on 790 4155 or 743 4511.

**Ken Kable**

## **BRIARS SKI CLUB — THREDBO**

**Directors** – Richard Vanderfield (Chairman), Brian Darragh, Andrew Clifford, Michael Kennedy, Peter Arnold, Jim Field and Maurie Catt.

**Secretary** – Bruce Evans

**Hon. Auditor** – Col Jones

The club has just had its most successful season for many years. Bookings were very heavy reflecting the particularly good snow this year.

The lodge is in very good condition thanks to the efforts of Michael Kennedy and his maintenance crew.

Special thanks to Bruce Moore for his preparation of the accounts for the last couple of years, and to our long standing honorary auditor, Col Jones.

The club is now approaching 30 years old, and a sub-committee headed by Peter Arnold is looking at alternatives for its future directions.

Thredbo has been developed as a summer resort and activities abound in the skiing off season. The lodge is however under utilised, and bookings can usually be easily made in this period. In the skiing season Briars members will be accommodated when possible after Ski club members. The booking officer is Andy Clifford, who can be contacted on 261 5601 (Bus.). Many thanks to Andy for his efforts in this area over many years.

John Edmonds did not stand for re-election as a director because of the other activities, and his 25 or so years association with the board has been very much appreciated. Maurie Catt became a director in his place and Bruce Evans stepped in Maurie's shoes as Secretary.

**Bruce Evans**

## **PERSONNEL REPORT**

The year 1990 has been an extremely successful one in regards to new members. Since taking over the role of Personnel Chairman from Marty Watts in late January a further 77 new members from all sports have been accepted into the club.

The majority of new members have come from Cricket, Rugby and Hockey with the most encouraging sign being the amount of 18-25 year olds being inducted into the club.

By the time this report is read it would seem fairly safe to assume that in the year since last years report, and with the cricket and squash seasons about to commence, over 100 new members would have joined the club.

With the continual emphasis on ensuring that all players are members of the Briars it is hoped that 1991 will be an even more successful year, perhaps bettering what seems to have been a record year in regards to new Briars, and enabling membership numbers to reach their greatest ever.

**Paul Price**  
**Personnel Chairman**

## HOUSE REPORT 1990

It is pleasing to report that there has been a considerable increase in the usage of the clubrooms by members and their guests thus vindicating the money expended over the past couple of years in updating the premises.

Early in the year in conjunction with a structural engineer we were successful in fixing the long standing water leak problem with the western wall and all damage has been repaired and a new window installed.

The committee has agreed to look at further improving the facilities available and some interesting proposals should be put forward in the near future.

The club has been used for meetings by the shires cricket association, committees of the suburban rugby union and the hockey umpires association and it is our committee's intention to continue to foster more similar use of the premises by affiliated parties. We also played host to a combined services cricket team from the UK in conjunction with the Old Collegians Cricket Club.

The club has also hosted an array of normal functions including disco nights, presentation nights and the now famous Golden Oldies Fashion Parade.

On a more sour note I have to report the continuing source of problems with the abuse and misuse of equipment in the games room. Snooker cues do not get snapped and table tennis bats smashed by normal wear and tear. The average life of tips on billiard cues is about two weeks. If we are to retain quality equipment in the games room more co-operation is required to avoid damage.

The Third Annual Club Championships were conducted during the year and the results were as follows:-

### Singles

Snooker – Ian Richard

Table Tennis – Paul Price

Darts – Geoff Moss

### Doubles

Snooker – Brandon Sheppard and Joe Franco

Table Tennis – Paul Price and Bart Pozuelo

Darts – Col Dayman and Gary Sly

Whilst the competitions have proven popular the most difficult task has been to have games played on time. More co-operation is requested to avoid the waste of time being experienced.

Also during the year we ran a ten week knockout snooker competition with the point score winner being Glen Evans.

Congratulations to all winners and thanks to all those who took part in the competitions.

I wonder if next year whether John Threlfo will get rid of his "Bridesmaid" tag.

I would again like to thank the management committee and board for their continued support and in particular their making available the funds necessary to update and maintain the premises and look forward to their continued support with the further work now under consideration.

Thanks to Bruce Ferguson who handled all the handyman tasks around the club and believe me Fergo you are a hard man to replace.

In conclusion it is good to report that the club has withstood another twelve months of activity but remember to treat her gently as she is a fairly old girl and damages easily.

**Col Dayman**  
**House Chairman**



## **BAR REPORT**

The bar has again made significant increases in sales and continues the trend over recent years. Only one price rise was made on 1 October, 1989 so we have been able to trade successfully on that basis but it has been necessary subsequently to effect another increase.

The club opened on all Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights during the year. Friday nights continue to be popular with the normal suppers and meat raffles. Again Norm Bush and Rod Smith have been of great assistance in this area.

The range of drinks available has been extended and all stocks appear to be moving in an acceptable manner.

The football committee again purchased their canteen stocks from the club and their continued support is appreciated.

The sporting clubs have again contributed well both in connection with sales and with the provision of bar staff. I would like to give a special thank you to the "bald gentleman of rugby" who has done an excellent job particularly on function nights.

During the year in conjunction with Carlton United we replaced all our beer lines which has proven an excellent decision. It has saved Greg Mitchell some work but after a great deal of conjoining he has again done a good job.

For a couple of weeks during the year the place did not seem the same but it is good to see Ted Stockdale back and doing the till as well as his obligatory bar duty early on Friday nights. Thanks again for your great assistance Ted.

Remember if you are looking for a drink or even a little idle chat, why not support your club.

**Col Dayman**  
**Senior Steward**

## **JUNIOR RECRUITMENT AND SCHOOL LIAISONS**

1990 proved a most successful year for our juniors, the highlights of which included:

1. Premiership winning U/14 and U/16 junior cricket
2. Successful 7-a-side Rugby interschool knockout.
3. Successful 7-a-side Cricket interschool knockout.

Cricket had an outstanding year with U/10, U/12, U/14, U/16 all fielding competitive teams in local competitions. All boys played to the best of their ability and proved great ambassadors for the club. Special thanks must go to the Abood family (David, Bob and Gerard), Gerard Price, Johnny Platania, Paul Simpson and all the others who helped and supported on Saturday Mornings.

Our interschool knockouts for both Rugby and Cricket proved very popular. Many new schools participated this year and next year knockouts are assured of success. Ashfield Boys High were Rugby champions whilst a combined Briars school boys team took the honours in our cricket knockout.

Sponsorship of both Concord and Hombush High Schools first XV Rugby football jumpers was again approved this year and warmly received by both schools.

Finally, this was my last year as Schools Liaison Officer and I have handed over to David Abood to take control. I am sure David's enthusiasm and new ideas will ensure a continued steady progression of junior recruiting. To all those who helped me in establishing this management position, and those who assisted in many time consuming events, I thank you.

**See ya at the club**  
**John Price**  
**Schools Liaison Officer**

## **FOCUS REPORT — 1990**

Probably the most interesting things to happen to Focus this year were a change in editor, a change in printers and a change in format.

Gerard Price resigned as editor late in 1989, and I would like to thank him for his continuing help. Gerard's assistance allowed the change of editor to occur without any major problems or misadventures.

My first task was to establish rapport with new printers, R.M. Gregory and Sons, Croydon Park. It was perceived that Focus needed to be printed within a two week period to enable readers to enjoy an up-to-date product. Apart from a few early hitches and a mid-year form slump from some regular contributors, the most recent editions have been distributed in good time.

Finally, a few changes in layout gave Focus a new look. The Club's journal is now printed in an easier to read type on a larger size page with advertisements now appearing regularly throughout the text. I'm sure you had already noticed.

Many thanks to our regular advertisers, whose association with Focus, I hope, shall continue:— Raine and Horne, Drummoyne; Sercombe, Stainforth and Mattick; Scanart Design; Complete Sign Services; TC's Surf and Ski; Log Products; Wearne and Co.; Johns' Video Show, Five Dock; Robert J. Hodgson; Pontifex Jewellers; Drugstore Restaurant; P.F. Wallace and Co.; Budget Wholesale Meats; J.G. Mortlock (Australia); and Len Hollis Automotive Repairs.

Thanks to our regular contributors:— John Jessup, Bill Hooker, John Price, Gerard Price, Paul Price, Geoff Cassano, John Threlfo, Paul Mattick, Jo Price, Ted Stockdale and Ken Kable.

Special thanks to everyone who read Focus over the last year and autographed footballs go to those who offered some feedback.

**Michael Clarke**  
**Editor**

## **SOCIAL REPORT**

The 1990 Social Calender commenced with the Annual Old Members Night. Once again a very successful night was assured due to the ground work put in by Ted Stockdale. The night was well attended and enjoyed by all those who attended.

The next event was the Annual Ball at Concord Golf Club. While numbers were down on the previous year it was an excellent evening for all those who attended. It is hoped the ball will continue next year at Concord with a slightly changed format to increase its popularity.

The Annual Dinner also returned to Concord Golf Club in 1990. Once again the numbers were disappointing when it is considered that we were back at Concord. All those who attended were entertained by Michael Cleary our guest speaker. The night saw an excellent "Vote of Thanks". A marvellous debut performance. Well done John Jessup.

The Trot Night was held at Harold Park in September. While lacking a big race the attendance was good and all seemed to enjoy the evening. Thanks to Craig Hickey and Ken Kable for their efforts in helping get the numbers along.

At the time of print the Baked Dinner Night is still to be held at West Strathfield Bowling Club. A change of Venue has occurred to enable this night to be opened up to more numbers. If this night is as good as other years it will be a real success.

The last event for the year will be the Christmas party. If last years party is any reflection it should finish the social season on a high note.

Finally I would like to thank my predecessor Paul Price for all his assistance and advice. It has made the first year as social chairman a lot easier than it would otherwise have been.

**Paul Mattick**  
**Social Chairman**

## ADMINISTRATION

Both the Board of Directors and the Management Committee met on 12 occasions during the period 1 October, 1989 to 30 September, 1990. Attendance by members was as follows:-

<b>Board</b>	I. Richard	12 (re-elected at AGM Dec. 1989)
	P. Richardson	12
	J. Staniforth	12
	P. England	11
	C. Walker	1 (granted leave of absence for 8 meetings)
	J. Crockart	10
	W. Hooker	2 (resigned at AGM Dec. 1989)
	G. Rolleston	9
	C. Hickey	8 (elected at AGM Dec. 1989)
<b>Management</b>	I. Richard	12
	J. Threlfo	9
	B. Howle	11
	P. Price	3 (resigned Social Jan. 1990)
	P. Price	7 (appointed Personnel Mar. 1990)
	C. Dayman	12
	M. Howell	10 (elected Rugby Nov. 1989)
	G. Price	11
	P. Mattick	7 (appointed Social Feb. 1990)
	M. Watts	4 (resigned Personnel Mar. 1990)
	K. Kable	9
	J. Price	12 (resigned Schools Sep. 1990)
	W. Hooker	8 (elected Hockey Dec. 1989)
	G. Cassano	4 (appointed B'Ball Apr. 1990)
	P. Cramsie	1 (appointed A/Treas. Aug. 1990)
	M. Clarke	12

## **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 continues to display commitment and dedication on the playing field and carries these qualities into his position of Assistant Honorary Executive Officer. It is pleasing to report that a number of younger members are accepting a greater administrative role in the club and Brett is a good role model to these members. The executive takes great pleasure in awarding the J. H. Stone trophy to Brett for the second consecutive year.

## **CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY**

The trophy is intended as a remembrance to 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	—	<u>10 points</u>
		<u>100 points</u>

The winner of this trophy is Brett Howle. Brett was very active in the administration of cricket last season, lending a hand in the running of the juniors and organising cricketers to work at the NSW Golf Open Tournament. Brett was also a member of the premiership winning B Grade team as well as being a very active Club member. Well done Brett.

## **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 points
Value to the team	—	20 points
Most improved player	—	20 points
General Keenness	—	15 points
Value as a Club Member	—	15 points
Neatness of uniform	—	10 points
		<u>100 points</u>

This award goes to John Golsby. Apart from being the Barraclough Cup best and fairest winner, John was instrumental in the success of rugby social functions this year. He also played a key role in getting the New Zealand tour off the ground. John is one of the most worthy recipients in recent times.

## **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 of team as a member	—	35 points
Value in the 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
		<u>100 points</u>

The winner for this year is Bob Streeter. Bob has done a sterling job in the conduct of training, team selections, and in the general administration of Hockey. While suffering an injury which kept him on the sidelines for a large part of the season, this did not deter his enthusiasm.

## **DOUG VANDERFIELD TROPHY**

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. This Trophy is presented to the squash player who has contributed the most to Squash and the Club in general. Points are awarded as follows:

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

The winner this year is Paul Byrne. Whilst Paul has only been playing squash with the club for a short time, his dramatic improvement has seen him go from a C2 player into the A3 division. He has undoubtedly been a 'find' for squash in recent times. His competitive, aggressive on-court behaviour has seen him undefeated in two competitions, providing a solid foundation for the team. The trophy is being held in the Byrne family for another year, as last years winner was younger brother Phil. Congratulations Paul.

## **E. G. STOCKDALE TROPHY**

This Trophy has been donated by the Board of Directors in recognition of the outstanding contribution 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 Keenness	—	15 points
Neatness of Uniform	—	10 points
Conduct	—	15 points
		<u>100 points</u>

The winner this year is Simon Campbell. Simon is a member of the C2 side who was new to the sport this year. His attendance at every game and enthusiasm on the court was seen in the consistent improvement he showed throughout the season. Well done Simon.

## **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 a past President who showed great interest in the formation of junior teams.

The winner this year is Malcolm Graham. As well as being an aspiring cricketer for the Club, Malcolm is developing into an outstanding Goal-Keeper. His enthusiasm for the Club is second to none. Well done Malcolm.

## **GEOFF ARCHIBALD TROPHY**

This is awarded to the rugby player who has made the greatest contribution to the Club in his first year playing rugby for the Club. This year's winner is Brandon Sheppard. Brandon is a top class utility back who has provided the flair and spark that has been missing in Briars' backlines for some time.

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

The scholarship donated by the Patron of the club, Bob Clark, is awarded to a younger member who in the opinion of the executive, displays outstanding potential to contribute to the welfare of the club and it is considered that attendance at an Outward Bound course would assist in the character development of the individual. Phil Guest is a very worthy recipient of this year's scholarship.

As members would be aware, all office bearers are honorary positions which inevitably demand a significant amount of time, and on occasions additional expense, to ensure the job gets done. The club has grown in numbers in recent times, particularly in younger members, and it is very pleasing that a number of sports are performing particularly strongly. We are sure that the dedication of office bearers is reflected by this fact. We wish to place on record our appreciation of the exemplary effort of Harry Jamieson towards ensuring many activities within the club are successfully accomplished. Harry's commitment certainly goes beyond his appointment as the club's first aid officer.

We are certainly in changing times and your club is considering a number of proposals, e.g. the forging of a closer relationship with West Strathfield Bowling Club, which could significantly impact on the future direction of the club. You can rest assured that members will be kept informed of all developments and be given an opportunity to participate in the final decision-making process.

Finally, we wish members every success, individually and as teams representing the club, in the upcoming year.

**R. I. Richard**  
President

**J. F. Threlfo**  
Honorary Executive Officer



# **THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**

## **(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Your Directors present their report on the Accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th September, 1990.

In the opinion of the Directors the Results of the Club's operations during the financial year were not substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material or unusual nature.

#### **NAMES OF DIRECTORS**

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

<b>Names</b>	<b>Qualifications</b>
<b>RICHARD, Robert I.G.</b>	Computer Consultant
<b>RICHARDSON, Peter D.</b>	Chartered Accountant
<b>STANIFORTH, John W.</b>	Solicitor
<b>CROCKART, John F.</b>	Accountant
<b>ROLLESTON, Graeme B.</b>	Accountant
<b>ENGLAND, Philip C.</b>	Personnel Consultant
<b>HICKEY, Craig R.</b>	Real Estate Salesman
<b>BOWYER, Peter G.</b>	School Teacher

#### **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 \$25,411 (See Note 1(d) regarding Income Tax).

The Directors have reviewed the operations of the Company and advise that the Club has operated successfully and that the new financial year will be a period of continued growth with the Board's policy of continual improvements to the Club attracting more patronage of members and their guests.

In the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, no item, transaction or event of a material or unusual nature, has arisen which is likely in the opinion of the Directors, to significantly effect the operations, results or state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial years.

#### **DIRECTORS' BENEFITS**

Since the end of the previous financial year no Director of the Company has received or become entitled to receive a benefit other than normal Directors' remuneration.

**R.I.G. Richard**  
Director

**G.B. Rolleston**  
Director

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors  
at Burwood this 23rd day of October, 1990.

**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
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**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 and Australian Accounting Standards.

**R.I.G. Richard**  
Director

**G.B. Rolleston**  
Director

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors  
at Burwood this 23rd day of October, 1990.

**AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF**  
**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
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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, 1990 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 and Australian Accounting Standards.

**C.G. Jones**  
Chartered Accountant

Signed at Sydney  
this 26th day of October, 1990.

**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1990**

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>NOTE</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1989</b>
Cash	2	5,021	3,320
Receivables	3	16,072	19,908
Investments	4	143,454	126,209
Inventories	5	28,812	25,636
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>193,359</u>	<u>175,073</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Investments	6	58,713	32,979
Property, Plant & Equipment	7	38,862	42,798
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>97,575</u>	<u>75,777</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>290,934</u>	<u>250,850</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors & Borrowings	8	1,295	3,731
Provisions	9	27,066	9,174
Other	10	2,445	3,449
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>30,806</u>	<u>16,354</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Other	11	3,200	2,979
Creditors & Borrowings	12	3,100	3,100
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>6,300</u>	<u>6,079</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>37,106</u>	<u>22,433</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>\$253,828</u>	<u>\$228,417</u>
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>			
Retained Profits		<u>253,828</u>	<u>228,417</u>
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>		<u>\$253,828</u>	<u>\$228,417</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these accounts

**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS**  
**AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1990**

**NOTE 1 — STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**(a) Basis of Preparation of the Financial Statements**

The Club's accounts have been prepared on the basis of the historical cost and except where stated, do not take into account current valuations of non-current assets.

**(b) Depreciation**

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

**(c) Inventories**

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost has been determined by specific identification.

**(d) Income Tax**

There has been no provision for Income Tax due to the Club being a Sporting Organisation and therefore exempt from Income Tax.

**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
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**SCHEDULES TO BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1990**

<b>NOTE:</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1989</b>
<b>2. CURRENT ASSETS — CASH</b>		
CASH		
Cash on Hand	300	300
Cash at Bank	<u>4,721</u>	<u>3,020</u>
	<u><b>\$5,021</b></u>	<u><b>\$3,320</b></u>
<b>3. CURRENT ASSETS — RECEIVABLES</b>		
OTHER DEBTORS		
Debtors	7,825	10,121
Prepayments	<u>8,247</u>	<u>9,787</u>
	<u><b>\$16,072</b></u>	<u><b>\$19,908</b></u>
<b>4. CURRENT ASSETS — INVESTMENTS</b>		
INVESTMENTS		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies — at Cost	113,027	109,853
Deposits	<u>30,427</u>	<u>16,356</u>
	<u><b>\$143,454</b></u>	<u><b>\$126,209</b></u>
<b>5. CURRENT ASSETS — INVENTORIES</b>		
INVENTORIES		
Stock on Hand	<u><b>\$28,812</b></u>	<u><b>\$25,636</b></u>

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**SCHEDULES TO BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1990**

<b>NOTE:</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1989</b>
<b>6. NON-CURRENT ASSETS — INVESTMENTS</b>		
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies — at Cost	<u>55,513</u>	<u>30,000</u>
<b>TRUST FUND</b>		
<b>R.J. THOMPSON MEMORIAL TRUST FUND</b>		
(To be held by the Club and used for such purposes as agreed to by the family of the late Ronald John Thompson)		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies	700	700
Cash at Bank	<u>928</u>	<u>844</u>
	<u>1,628</u>	<u>1,544</u>
<b>J. SHEEHAN SPORTING SCHOLARSHIP</b>		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies	1,071	934
Cash at Bank	<u>501</u>	<u>501</u>
	<u>1,572</u>	<u>1,435</u>
	<u>\$58,713</u>	<u>\$32,979</u>
<b>7. PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>		
<b>LAND &amp; BUILDINGS</b>		
Freehold Land & Buildings — at Cost	28,772	28,772
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>7,593</u>	<u>7,217</u>
	<u>21,179</u>	<u>21,555</u>
<b>FURNITURE &amp; FITTINGS</b>		
Furniture & Fittings — at Cost	57,110	55,239
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>39,427</u>	<u>33,996</u>
	<u>17,683</u>	<u>21,243</u>
	<u>\$38,862</u>	<u>\$42,798</u>

**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
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**SCHEDULES TO BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1990**

<b>NOTE:</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1989</b>
<b>8. CURRENT LIABILITIES —</b>		
<b>CREDITORS &amp; BORROWINGS</b>		
CREDITORS & ACCRUALS		
Trade Creditors & Accruals	<u>\$1,295</u>	<u>\$3,731</u>
<b>9. CURRENT LIABILITIES — PROVISIONS</b>		
PROVISIONS		
Provision for Deferred Maintenance	17,000	7,000
Provision for Sport Development	<u>10,066</u>	<u>2,174</u>
	<u>\$27,066</u>	<u>\$9,174</u>
<b>10. CURRENT LIABILITIES — OTHER</b>		
OTHER		
Subscriptions Paid in Advance	<u>\$2,445</u>	<u>\$3,449</u>
<b>11. NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES — OTHER</b>		
OTHER		
Trust Funds	<u>\$3,200</u>	<u>\$2,979</u>
<b>12. NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES —</b>		
<b>CREDITORS &amp; BORROWERS</b>		
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>
<b>13. UNCALLED CAPITAL AND</b>		
<b>MEMBERS LIABILITY</b>		
The amount of capital which is not capable of being called up, except in the event of and for the purpose of the winding up of the Company, is not to exceed \$2 per member by virtue of the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association.		

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**STATUTORY PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1990**

	1990	1989
<b>Retained Profits</b> at the beginning of the Financial Year	228,417	206,558
<b>Add:</b> Profit for Year	<u>25,411</u>	<u>21,859</u>
<b>Retained Profits</b> at the end of the Financial Year	<u><u>\$253,828</u></u>	<u><u>\$228,417</u></u>



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**BAR TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE  
ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1990**

<b>BAR RECEIPTS</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1989</b>
Sales	75,209	49,001
Less: Cost of Sales	36,587	29,192
Gross Bar Profit	<u>38,622</u>	<u>19,809</u>
<b>LESS: BAR OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Liquor Licence	2,396	1,758
Bar Expenses and Maintenance	2,109	3,924
Depreciation of Bar Equipment	287	359
	<u>4,702</u>	<u>6,041</u>
<b>BAR TRADING PROFIT</b>	<u>33,920</u>	<u>13,768</u>
<b>ADD: INCOME FROM</b>		
Property Rents	38,729	35,750
Members Subscriptions	6,540	5,076
Interest Received	26,000	27,747
N.S.W. Open and Australian Open Golf Championships	3,114	14,007
Surplus/(Loss) on Sale of Clothing, Etc.	(127)	138
Surplus/(Loss) on Sporting Activities (Note 14)	(1,871)	(2,326)
Surplus/(Loss) on Social Activities	(275)	(226)
	<u>106,030</u>	<u>93,934</u>
<b>LESS: OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Administration and Club Room Expenses (Note 15)	42,786	53,229
Property Expenses (Note 16)	7,689	6,170
Depreciation of Furniture, Fittings, Air Conditioner, Cash Register, Carpet and Vinyl Floor	5,144	4,343
Amortisation — Rothwell Park Facility	—	3,333
	<u>55,619</u>	<u>67,075</u>
<b>OPERATING PROFIT</b>	<u>50,411</u>	<u>26,859</u>
LESS: Transfer to Provision for Deferred Maintenance	10,000	5,000
Transfer to Provision for Sports Development	15,000	—
	<u>25,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
<b>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>	<u><u>\$25,411</u></u>	<u><u>\$21,859</u></u>

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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS  
AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1990**

<b>NOTES:</b>		<b>1990</b>	<b>1989</b>
<b>14. NET COST OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b>Hockey:</b>	Ground Hire, Gear, etc.	8,877	7,071
	Less: Receipts for year	<u>5,206</u>	<u>5,384</u>
	Net (Cost)/Surplus of Hockey	<u>(3,671)</u>	<u>(1,687)</u>
<b>Cricket:</b>	Ground Hire, Gear, etc.	10,568	8,903
	Less: Receipts for year	<u>10,442</u>	<u>10,028</u>
	Net (Cost)/Surplus of Cricket	<u>(126)</u>	<u>1,125</u>
<b>Football:</b>	Ground Hire, Gear, etc.	24,427	16,498
	Less: Receipts for year	<u>26,892</u>	<u>15,488</u>
	Net (Cost)/Surplus of Football	<u>2,465</u>	<u>(1,010)</u>
<b>Squash:</b>	Court Hire, Gear, etc.	4,304	3,964
	Less: Receipts for year	<u>3,680</u>	<u>3,450</u>
	Net (Cost)/Surplus of Squash	<u>(624)</u>	<u>(514)</u>
<b>Basketball:</b>	Court Hire, Gear, etc.	267	615
	Less: Receipts for year	<u>352</u>	<u>375</u>
	Net (Cost)/Surplus of Basketball	<u>85</u>	<u>(240)</u>
<b>NET (COST)/SURPLUS OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES</b>		<u><u>(\$1,871)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$2,326)</u></u>

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AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1990**

<b>NOTES:</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1989</b>
<b>15. ADMINISTRATION AND CLUB ROOM EXPENSES</b>		
Repairs, Maintenance and Cleaning	13,722	31,346
Stationery, Postage, Telephone and Bank Charges	3,391	4,035
Light and Heating	3,243	3,344
Annual Reports	3,900	3,200
Insurance — General	1,516	2,009
— Sports Injury	9,320	5,651
Interest Paid	30	30
Billiards and Table Tennis	80	90
Focus	2,906	1,435
Donations and Presentations	1,016	785
General Expenses	662	304
Tour Subsidies	3,000	1,000
	<u>\$42,786</u>	<u>\$53,229</u>
<b>16. PROPERTY EXPENSES</b>		
Insurance	3,015	3,225
Rates	4,298	2,569
Depreciation of Buildings	376	376
	<u>\$7,689</u>	<u>\$6,170</u>

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**SOURCES AND APPLICATIONS OF FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1990**

	NOTE	1990	1989
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS</b>			
Inflow of Funds	17	147,319	129,167
Outflow of Funds	18	96,908	102,308
		<u>50,411</u>	<u>26,859</u>
<b>Add:</b> Depreciation — Bar		287	359
— General		5,144	4,343
— Buildings		<u>376</u>	<u>376</u>
<b>FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS</b>		56,218	31,937
<b>REDUCTION IN CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Other Debtors		3,836	5,847
<b>INCREASE IN NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Other		221	33
<b>TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>		<u>\$60,275</u>	<u>\$37,817</u>
<b>APPLICATIONS OF FUNDS</b>			
Fixed Assets Purchased		1,871	9,447
<b>INCREASE IN CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash		1,701	3,220
Investments		17,245	8,616
Inventories		3,176	11,286
<b>INCREASE IN NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Investments		25,734	1,877
<b>DECREASE IN CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors and Borrowings		2,436	(1,844)
Other		1,004	(414)
Provisions		<u>7,108</u>	<u>5,629</u>
<b>TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF FUNDS</b>		<u>\$60,275</u>	<u>\$37,817</u>

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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS  
AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1990**

**NOTES:**

**17. INFLOW OF FUNDS**

	1990	1989
Income — Bar	75,209	49,001
— Property Rents	38,729	35,750
— Members Subscriptions	6,540	5,076
— Interest Received	26,000	27,747
— NSW Open & Australian Open Golf	3,114	14,007
— Surplus/(Loss) on Sale of Clothing	(127)	138
— Surplus/(Loss) on Sport Activities	(1,871)	(2,326)
— Surplus/(Loss) on Social Activities	(275)	(226)
	<u>\$147,319</u>	<u>\$129,167</u>

**18. OUTFLOW OF FUNDS**

Cost of Goods Sold — Bar	36,586	29,192
Bar Operating Expenses	4,703	6,041
Operating Expenses	<u>55,619</u>	<u>67,075</u>
	<u>\$96,908</u>	<u>\$102,308</u>

