

# THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB

34a GEORGE STREET, BURWOOD

## THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ending, 8th August, 1931

Presented to Members at the Masonic Hall, Croydon  
18th August, 1931

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## THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

GENTLEMEN—

We are pleased to present to you this evening your Thirteenth Annual Report.

The past year has been a splendid one, notwithstanding conditions that have been far from favourable.

Your representatives have met with a fair share of success in sport, and, although some disappointments have been encountered, we feel very satisfied with the results achieved. The Club Rooms have worked without loss, and our social activities have been most gratifying.

The membership has been maintained, and remains at 97, the same as last year, and the new members have sustained the standard of previous years.

The balance-sheet presented to-night puts us in a happy frame of mind, too, and, of most importance, perhaps, the good feeling existing between members, always a strong feature of your Club, and one, we think, essential to its progress, is more manifest than ever, a result, no doubt, brought about by the influence of the Club Rooms.

It is gratifying to record the continued interest in this section of the Club. It was anticipated that, owing to the difficult times we are passing through, there would be a serious falling off in attendance and revenue, but, all things considered, we should be well content with our progress.

Throughout the year your Committee has endeavoured to promote a greater interest in Club life, and in this connection many of our younger members, by their attendance, interest, and participation in Club activities, have given evidence that they will be valuable additions to our membership.

The monthly billiard tournaments have greatly stimulated that section, creating considerable interest and a noticeable improvement in the standard of play generally.

The monthly bridge evenings, too, have proved a great attraction, and have induced many of our members to take up the game. Commencing with four tables, the circle has grown to nine tables, and is now the most popular function we hold. On these occasions supper is provided, and adds to the enjoyment of the evening.

With a view to extending the social side of the Club, and entertaining the ladies who have so generously assisted at our dances, your Committee are now considering the practicability of holding small functions there during the forthcoming year.

In their last report, your Committee found it necessary to comment on the fact that not more than one-third of the members were regular in their attendance at the Rooms, and although there has been a slight improvement this year, there is still room for betterment in this respect. Everything possible is being done for your comfort and enjoyment, and the full co-operation of everybody is needed. We earnestly commend this matter for your attention.

It is pleasing to report that we have had an opportunity of entertaining a number of visitors throughout the year. Many of the fathers of the boys have spent an evening with us, and we take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of their interest in our welfare. We are always pleased to have them with us, and hope that many more will visit us from time to time.

Many members have also exercised the privilege of entertaining their friends at the Club premises.

There has been a decided falling off in the revenue from billiards and cigarettes, but that from cards has shown an increase. The decreased earnings can be attributed to the fact that many of the members are feeling the effect of the times, but we feel sure that tobacco sales could be vastly improved if you all made a practice of obtaining your supplies at the Club.

During the year the loan of £80 raised amongst members for the second billiard table has been reduced by £50.

We desire to place on record our appreciation of the excellent work performed by the Stewards who have been in charge of the Club Rooms throughout the year. These members have sacrificed many evenings in the interests of the Club generally.

The Library has again been popular with members, and more than 2,500 issues were made during the period under review. 52 volumes have been added since our last report.

A new departure has been the supply of illustrated periodicals and magazines, and these have been availed of largely.

Your thanks are due to Mr. Adam Stuart for his generous action in supplying doors for the book cases, and also for his gift of a wash basin.

We thank, too, those members who have been kind enough to donate books during the year.

### CRICKET.

Last season we found ourselves with sufficient members to provide for three teams, and these were entered in the Western Suburbs Junior Cricket Association's competition—one in Second Grade and two in Third Grade.

The Firsts started off in a promising manner, but, with the exception of two or three members, the batting of the side proved weak, and it was a disappointment to find so many of undoubted ability fail to strike form. The fielding, too, was slack at times, and the catching very faulty.

The team played 14 matches, winning 9 and losing 5. It finished up in third position with 34 points.

N. Wales batted extremely well for 561 runs, at an average of 40.0, whilst F. Mitchell, with 455 runs, at 23.9, and K. Jenkyn 415 runs, average 23, also played their part.

The bowling was not up to standard. P. Murray did best with 45 wickets, at an average of 12.9. W. Stephens also bowled well at times.

We are indebted to Mr. J. McGregor for once again scoring for the team.

The season's honours undoubtedly went to the Second Eleven, and their achievement in reaching the Final, after many exciting games, was very fine.

Its success can be attributed to splendid bowling and fielding that has never been bettered by a combination from this Club. The batting, too, was by no means weak, and every man was capable in this respect, with no one outstanding. W. Dyer was a happy choice as Skipper, and had the confidence of a very happy team.

Their record—in a strong division—of 11 matches won, 1 drawn, and 2 lost, was splendid, and qualified them to meet Concord Baptists in the Semi-Final. This produced an interesting game, and our lads ran out winners on the first innings. The match terminated on Easter Saturday morning, and in the afternoon the Final against Mortlake was commenced. This provided a great struggle, and your representatives were unfortunate to go down by the narrow margin of one wicket.

W. Evitt batted nicely throughout the season, scoring 522 runs (one century), at an average of 27.4, while A. Lock, with 296 runs, at 18.9, and N. Fisher, with 256 runs, at 18.7, also batted in an able manner.

The bowling honours were taken by A. Rose, with an average of 7.34 for 41 wickets. D. Vowles also bowled remarkably well whenever called upon—he performed the hat-trick on one occasion—and came second, with an average of 8.0 for 31 wickets, followed closely by N. Pardoe with 56 wickets at 8.3, A. Hulls, 46 wickets, average 8.5, and W. Dyer 63 wickets at 9.9.

It is fitting to mention here that a Committee of our fair supporters, headed by Miss Dot Fisher, supplied the team with a very excellent lunch at the Club Rooms during the interval between the Semi-Final and Final matches. Their kindness was much appreciated, although the boys were too excited to do justice to the many good things provided.

The Third Eleven commenced the season as an entirely new combination, and although it lost four of the first seven matches played, the team gathered strength, and finished the season with a run of seven wins, which enabled it to record second position, with 32 points—a very creditable performance.

I. Macready, who later played with the Firsts, recorded the only century, and also headed the batting averages, with 220 runs, at 31.4, followed by M. Fenton, with 306 runs, at 18.

D. Johns was in great form with the ball, and finished up with 53 wickets at 5.8. His brother, Gordon, distinguished himself by performing the hat-trick.

It is unfortunate that the Club has never been able to field its true strength owing to the aversion of a number of splendid cricketers to playing on concrete wickets, and efforts have been made during the year to field a team in the City and Suburban Association, which conducts its games on turf. However, it does not appear that anything can be done for the coming season, as entries are not considered until too late for your Committee to make other arrangements should our application be rejected. Further efforts will be made this year in the hope that something can be done to accommodate us in the 1932-1933 season.

During April a Picnic Match was played at Fairfield between the First and Second Elevens, and this was attended by quite a large number of friends. Unfortunately rain marred proceedings, but a good day was spent notwithstanding. The match resulted in a win for the Firsts by a narrow margin, and a repetition of the fixture is recommended for this season.

### FOOTBALL.

At the time of our report last year we were approaching the end of the 1930 season. Your three teams all performed creditably, the First fifteen finished up in second position, the Seconds being fourth, and the Thirds came third.

We are able to record with pleasure the winning of the Sub-District Club Championship Pennant.

This season it was deemed advisable to enter only two teams—one in "A" Grade (Kentwell Cup) and the other in "B" Grade (Burke Cup) of the competition controlled by the N.S.W. Rugby Union.

The Firsts had all last year's backs available with the exception of M. Mitchell, but suffered five losses from the forwards, which vacancies were filled quite satisfactorily, and it was expected that the team would acquit itself well. Our hopes were realised until midway through the season, when the team fell away somewhat, and three defeats were recorded in succession.

At the moment it has played 12 matches, won 7 and lost 5.

The strength of the combination is undoubtedly with the backs, and they have given some fine displays, but they are inconsistent, and, with the exception of R. Glasgow, who has played finely throughout, they seem to lack penetrative ability, and too much kicking is indulged in, with detrimental effects to the forwards, who are run off their feet. It is disappointing, too, that no successful counter to the crowding tactics employed by our opponents has been evolved.

The forwards, although a bit on the light side, have played very well indeed on occasions, but lacked pace.

The Second Fifteen hold the somewhat dubious record of being the first combination from this Club to fail to win a match, but injuries to the more prominent members were prevalent right from the outset, and the reserves were not up to standard. However, the team stuck to its guns well, and 9 points gained from 2 drawn matches, 2 byes, and 2 forfeits received, make things look quite creditable on paper.

We are grateful to Inspector Jim Mortimer for the interest he has taken in coaching the First team, and are sorry it has not produced results in keeping with his efforts.

An invitation to visit Bathurst over King's Birthday week-end could not be accepted owing to the financial position of members, but an enjoyable trip was made to Hawkesbury Agricultural College by both teams early in the season, and each recorded a win. We thank the College authorities for their hospitality on that occasion.

Dr. Walsh is also thanked for his kind attention to various members who unfortunately met with injury during the season.

We are very grateful to Messrs. J. Cousins and W. Houslar for their generosity in supplying the Firsts with oranges at half-time in their matches.

It is gratifying to record that Messrs. M. Blair and G. Ross were chosen to represent their State against Queensland, and that the former, together with E. Love, were included in the Australian team now touring New Zealand.

They have all thoroughly justified their selection, and we offer them our heartiest congratulations.

### GOLF.

This sport has taken a hold on a great number of members, and, in order to bring them into competition together, it is proposed to conduct a tournament during September, for which purpose enquiries are now being made regarding a suitable course.

### SOCIAL.

The Annual Meeting last year was the best of all similar functions, and we hope the large number of parents and friends present enjoyed the evening.

Three dances have taken place since our last report, and they each eclipsed all previous efforts.

Their popularity is increasing to such an extent that it has been found necessary to restrict the sale of tickets rather than overcrowd the Hall, and your Committee is hard put to formulate schemes by which the difficulty may be overcome.

At our latest function the visiting Queensland Rugby Union Football team was entertained, and they enjoyed themselves immensely.

We are indebted to Mesdames H. Whiddon, R. Rudd, and A. J. Bullock, and the Misses D. May, M. Thompson, and J. Lucas for their splendid achievement in making 200 souvenir pennants for this dance. Their hard work was well rewarded by a ready sale.

We also are grateful to the Misses H. Bailey, M. Vowles, and V. Chenowith for all the time and trouble they take in preparing the supper—dance after dance. And we cannot forget those kind parents who are for ever answering our requests for sandwiches.

It is our pleasure to offer congratulations on the arrival of a son in each case to Mr. and Mrs. J. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lane, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Meulman. Nominations for membership are expected shortly.

Your Committee has met on 20 occasions during the period under review, and performed splendid work in closely looking after your interests. In March last A. Higgs was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of N. Wales, and has proved an acquisition. The presence on the Committee of your President, Mr. R. W. May, and Vice-presidents Messrs. J. E. Holmes, E. J. Siddeley, and H. W. Whiddon has been invaluable, and their keen interest in all Club activities is very gratifying. Their handling of the supper at our dances, assisted by Messrs. J. McGregor and A. Patrick, is worthy of your best thanks.

The attendance of the Committee at Meetings during the year is as follows:—

M. R. Blair .....	18	P. Murray .....	19
R. B. Clark .....	20	N. Wales (replaced 19/3/31) .....	10
A. Higgs (appointed 19/3/31) .....	9	G. Whiddon .....	20
J. Holmes .....	13		

It is regretted that J. Holmes will not be a candidate for election this year owing to business taking him to the country frequently. He will be missed.

P. Murray is deserving of praise for his efforts throughout the year, and for presenting you with such a satisfactory balance. The Treasurer's work is becoming increasingly strenuous, and it is hoped that a willing assistant will be forthcoming during the current period.

Messrs. N. Pardoe and J. Stone, as auditors, have spent some considerable time on the books of the Club, and their honorary work is much appreciated.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

R. W. MAY, President.

R. B. CLARK, Hon. Secretary.

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Statement of Receipts and Payments during the 11 Months ———— 1st August, 1930,  
to 30th June, 1931.

## RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>General Account:—</b>						
To Balance 1/8/30 .....	40	14	1			
" Annual Subscriptions ..	113	7	6			
" Cricket Fees .....	39	15	2			
" Football Fees .....	27	3	6			
" Dances .....	159	3	0			
" Donations .....	6	8	3			
				£386	11	6

### Club-room Account:—

To Balance 1/8/30 .....	43	5	10			
" Billiards .....	76	12	9			
" Cards .....	34	7	9			
" Cigarettes, etc. ....	101	5	11			
" Library .....	8	6	10			
" Rent—Committee Room ..	2	0	0			
				265	19	1

The written-down value of the Club's Assets as at 30th June, 1930, was £301 18s. 10d., on which £32 3s 9d. was owing.

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## PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>General Account:—</b>						
By Annual Meeting .....	13	18	0			
" Cricket .....	112	11	11			
" Football .....	42	3	6			
" Dances .....	96	2	7			
" Stationery and Stamps ..	13	12	0			
" Donation .....	3	3	0			
" Bank Charges .....	10	0	0			
				282	1	0

### Club-room Account:—

By Billiards .....	4	16	1			
" Repairs Billiard Tables ..	12	6	0			
" Cigarettes, etc. ....	90	15	7			
" Electric Light .....	12	18	5			
" Library .....	8	7	7			
" Cards .....	4	1	0			
" Rent .....	100	0	0			
" Cleaning .....	14	7	1			
" Insurance .....	3	13	2			
" Tobacco License .....	5	0	0			
" Repairs & Maintenance ..	4	17	10			
" Gas .....	1	2	0			
" Interest on Advances ..	1	3	4			
" Sundries .....	1	16	0			
				247	14	9

### Club-room Account—Assets Purchased:—

By Furniture & Fixtures ..	7	6	9			
" Electric Fan and Installation ..	9	7	6			
" Electric Lamp .....	17	7	0			
" Repayments Billiard Tables ..	20	0	0			
				37	11	10
				£567	7	7

### Balance N.S.W. Government Savings Bank:—

General Account ....	38	10	1			
Club-room Account ..	23	2	6			
				61	12	7

### Balance Commonwealth

Bank of Australia ...	35	6	5			
Add Outstanding Deposit ..	10	0	0			
	35	16	5			
Less Outstanding Cheques ..	12	6	0			
				23	10	5

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We have compared the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments with the Books of Account and Vouchers of The Briars' Sporting Club, and hereby certify that it is in accordance therewith.

JNO. H. STONE, A.I.C.A., A.A.I.S.  
N. A. PARDOE, A.L.I.A., A.I.C.A.

P. C. MURRAY, Hon. Treasurer.