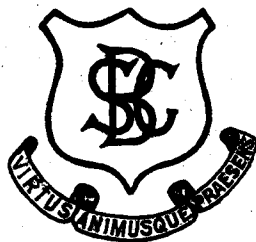




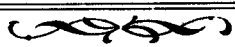
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# The Briars Sporting Club



NINETEENTH

# ANNUAL REPORT



1936 - 1937.

1933-34	488	17	28.7
1934-35	189	14	13.5
1935-36	327	12	27.2
1936-37	284	13	21.8
1937-38			

The 1st. XI.—Although N. Wales was missed from the 1st. XI last season, C. Mitchell filled the gap wonderfully well, and was the batting mainstay in a team that was proficient in this respect. Brought up from the Seconds after the 4th. Round, he started off with 129 and subsequently never failed to reach double figures in an innings, finishing up with an aggregate of 441 runs for an average of 49.0, the best ever recorded in the Club.

N. Neville topped the aggregate with 534 runs and his score of 180 against Waverley C.C. is another Club record.

Others to bat particularly well at times were H. Windon (1 century), C. Nee and A. Land (1 century).

Three partnerships worth recording are: 203 for the 4th wicket by H. Windon and C. Mitchell; 222 also for the 4th wicket by A. Land and N. Neville, and 152 for the 10th wicket by B. McKittrick and R. Clark.

The best of a weak attack were D. Robinson, H. Windon and R. Clark.

The fielding throughout was very fair, and few chances in the air were missed.

The 2nd. XI, runners up the previous season, were a weaker batting combination, and the only member to show to advantage after C. Mitchell's promotion were R. McLaughlin, who played some nice innings, and J. Hollands, a very promising bat.

The bowling was better, and P. Murray and R. Glasgow had an unsuccessful but interesting race for 50 wickets with their consistent trundling. The best average went to A. McNaught, who received few opportunities but made the best of them.

The fielding on the whole was disappointing, and there is room for improvement here.

The 3rd. XI. commenced the season for more powerful in batting than it has been for some years, but the bowling did not match this department in proficiency, nor was the fielding of a high standard early, although this improved as the season advanced.

L. Davis was in great form, scoring 406 runs, including one century, at an average of 45.1. J. Hollands earned his promotion to the Seconds, while L. Keeler would rise higher, too, if only he played regularly. Others to bat well were K. Maxwell, K. Grave, A. Herron, F. Bissaker and D. Fraser.

Although the bowlers possessed average ability, they were far too inconsistent.

	Matches							Pts.	%	Comp. Pos.
	Played	W	L.	L1.	D.	T.				
M. & S.—"A" Grade . . .	12	2	4	1	2	3	—	56	46.66	7
M. & S.—"B" Grade . . .	12	3	4	3	2	—	—	60	50.00	5

	Runs	Wickets	Avg.	Runs	Wickets	Avg.
	for	for		against	against	
M. & S.—"A" Grade . . .	3371	145	23.2	2739	137	19.9
M. & S.—"B" Grade . . .	2573	167	16.4	2533	179	14.1

**AVERAGES:**

**"A" Grade.**

**BATTING:**

Name.	Innings.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave.
C. Mitchell . . . . .	9	—	129	441	49.0
N. Neville . . . . .	17	—	180	534	31.4
H. Whiddon . . . . .	16	3	102	303	23.3
F. Mitchell . . . . .	13	4	46x	202	22.4
C. Nee . . . . .	15	1	68	312	22.3
A. Land . . . . .	13	—	115	284	21.8
D. Robinson . . . . .	14	—	78	271	19.4
B. McKittrick . . . . .	12	5	71x	136	19.4
G. A. Lee . . . . .	18	4	45	235	16.8
R. Clark . . . . .	12	2	82	163	16.3
R. Thomson . . . . .	9	3	30x	83	13.8
I. Cozens . . . . .	13	1	25	123	10.3

Also batted: G. J. Lee, 3 innings for 70 runs; D. Vowles, 2 (1 n.o.) for 4.  
x Not Out.

**BOWLING:**

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wickets	Ave.
D. Robinson . . . . .	114	9	525	32	16.4
H. Windon . . . . .	50	1	235	14	16.8
R. Clark . . . . .	136	16	603	33	18.2
D. Vowles . . . . .	31	—	201	10	20.1
I. Cozens . . . . .	134	18	538	24	22.4
C. Nee . . . . .	28	1	129	5	25.8
R. Thomson . . . . .	41	3	222	4	55.5

Also bowled:—G. A. Lee, 1 wicket for 24 runs; C. Mitchell, 1 for 40; F. Mitchell, 0 for 11.

**"B" Grade.**

**BATTING:**

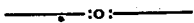
Name.	Innings.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave.
C. Mitchell . . . . .	5	1	43	127	31.8
R. E. McLaughlin . . . . .	10	—	82	303	30.3
R. Buzacott . . . . .	6	—	89	162	27.0
J. Hollands . . . . .	11	—	57	271	24.6
E. Annetts . . . . .	18	5	36	230	17.7
L. Meulman . . . . .	12	2	30	158	15.8
R. Royle . . . . .	11	2	29	141	15.7
G. J. Lee . . . . .	14	—	53	218	15.6
R. Binsted . . . . .	15	1	51	216	15.4
A. Dent . . . . .	5	1	22	49	12.3
P. Murray . . . . .	13	2	27	133	12.1
R. Glasgow . . . . .	15	3	43	136	11.3
A. Rose . . . . .	6	—	36	61	10.2
D. Vowles . . . . .	5	3	8x	20	10.0
R. Thomson . . . . .	9	—	27	73	8.1
A. McNaught . . . . .	7	3	5x	15	3.8

Also batted: A. Land, 1 innings for 28 runs; D. Rossell, 3 (1 n.o.) for 34; J. Murray, 3 for 42; R. Wherrett 4 (1 n.o.) for 42; K. Burnett, 2 for 22; N. Mitchell, 1 for 10; K. Jenkin, 3 for 25; L. Davis, 4 for 33; D. Fraser, 1 for 7; L. Robinson, 2 for 12; K. Maxwell, 1 for 2.  
x Not Out.

**PAST PRESIDENTS:**

J. H. Stone	..	..	..	..	1918/1919
H. W. Whiddon	..	..	..	..	1919/1920
J. O. Meeks	..	..	..	..	1920/1921
H. W. Whiddon	..	..	..	..	1921/1922
H. W. Whiddon	..	..	..	..	1922/1923
H. W. Whiddon	..	..	..	..	1923/1924
E. J. Siddeley	..	..	..	..	1924/1925
E. Love	..	..	..	..	1925/1926
H. W. Whiddon	..	..	..	..	1926/1927
H. W. Whiddon	..	..	..	..	1927/1928
E. J. Siddeley	..	..	..	..	1928/1929
R. W. May	..	..	..	..	1929/1930
R. W. May	..	..	..	..	1930/1931
E. J. Siddeley	..	..	..	..	1931/1932
H. W. Whiddon	..	..	..	..	1932/1933
R. G. Herford	..	..	..	..	1933/1934
R. G. Herford	..	..	..	..	1934/1935
J. E. Holmes	..	..	..	..	1935/1936

# NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE AND HON. TREASURER'S STATEMENT.



To the Members of The Briars Sporting Club—

Gentlemen:

The Nineteenth Annual Report of your Club's activities for the year ended 30th. June, 1937, is submitted herewith.

In our sporting results, there has been a decline. At cricket, the 1st. and 2nd. XI's dropped in the competition table from 3rd. and 2nd. to 7th. and 5th. place, respectively, while the 3rd. XI dropped from 3rd. to 6th. position.

The footballers are having a lean time this season, and the standard is below that of previous years. Yet it is nice to be able to write that, since our last report, the 2nd. XV. were successful in winning the Whiddon Cup for the 1936 season.

Our sporting weaknesses, we feel, are part of the inevitable ebb and flow of athletic bodies, and can be looked upon as a passing phase.

What is causing your Committee more concern is the reduced keenness of members and their reluctance to support Club activities.

We boast a peak membership, but this is not adequately reflected either in the attendances at our domestic sports or at the Club Rooms.

A spirit of complacency appears to be spreading to the various sub-committees and stewards, and is becoming increasingly evident as the older members cease to take an active part in the various phases of the Club.

The new members of recent years are urged to display the interest and enthusiasm necessary to keep the Club organisation on a sound footing, while efforts must be made to awaken greater activity next year to ensure that the Club will maintain and even improve on the expected standard.

## MEMBERSHIP.

The membership at present is 152, a net increase of 3, and is made up as follows:—

Active	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	111
Associate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
Country	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13

## CRICKET.

Three teams were again entered in the competitions, one each in the "A" and "B" Grade Municipal and Shire competition controlled by the N.S.W. Cricket Association, and one in 3rd. Grade of the Western Suburbs Association.

The results generally were not as good as in the previous season, due mainly to the shortage of match winning bowlers.

# THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB.

34a GEORGE STREET, BURWOOD.

## Office Bearers, 1936-37.

### PATRON:

Hon. H. W. Whiddon, M.L.C.

### PRESIDENT:

R. W. May.

### VICE-PRESIDENTS:

G. Bourne.  
J. Cousins.  
L. A. Dunbar.  
J. D. Hunt.  
R. G. Herford.  
J. E. Holmes.  
Ald. R. H. Jenner.  
P. Love.  
J. O. Meeks.

J. McGregor.  
Ald. W. A. McInnes.  
C. N. Neale.  
J. H. Stone.  
E. J. Siddeley.  
R. R. Turner.  
Dr. R. W. Walsh.  
H. G. Whiddon.  
P. J. Wyllie.

### TRUSTEES:

R. W. May.

Hon. H. W. Whiddon, M.L.C.

E. J. Siddeley.

### HON. TREASURER:

M. Mitchell.

### HON. SECRETARY:

R. B. Clark.

### HON. ASST. TREASURER:

D. Fraser.

### HON. AUDITOR:

E. F. Siddeley, A.I.C.A.

### GENERAL COMMITTEE:

J. H. Dinning.  
A. Herron.  
B. McKittrick.

N. Neale.  
D. Rossell.  
Ron. Thomson.

### SENIOR STEWARD.

D. Rossell.

### CLUB ROOM STEWARDS:

J. Cleary.  
E. Crozier.  
L. Dunbar.  
A. W. Hulls.  
L. Keeler.

F. Mitchell.  
L. Nossiter.  
O. Osterman.  
J. Saunders.  
R. Storey.

**BOWLING:**

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wickets	Ave.
A. McNaught	14	—	70	9	7.7
P. Murray	170	20	564	49	11.5
R. Thomson	36	—	191	16	11.9
R. Glasgow	152	17	560	46	12.2
D. Vowles	64	3	320	20	16.0
E. Annetts	80	11	316	14	22.5

Also bowled: R. Binsted, 1 wicket for 2 runs; J. Murray, 1 for 7; R. McLaughlin, 1 for 14; A. Dent, 1 for 17; G. J. Lee, 1 for 19; R. Wherrett, 3 for 80; R. Buzacott, 2 for 55; C. Mitchell, 1 for 29; L. Meulman, 0 for 16; K. Burnett, 0 for 14; R. Royle, 0 for 18; D. Fraser, 0 for 17; J. Hollands, 0 for 10.

**3rd. XI.**

Matches Played.	W.	W1.	L.	L1.	D.	T.	Pts.	Pos.
14	1	7	2	4	—	—	29	6
Runs for	Wickets for	Avge.	Runs against	Wickets against	Avge.			
2983	146	20.4	3428	175	19.6			

**AVERAGES.**

**BATTING:**

Name.	Innings.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave.
L. Davis	12	3	110	406	45.1
J. Hollands	9	2	57	215	30.7
L. Keeler	9	2	51	173	24.7
K. Maxwell	14	2	63x	258	21.5
K. Grave	16	2	44	256	21.3
A. Herron	15	1	62	273	19.5
J. Murray	6	1	26	95	19.0
A. McNaught	7	1	31	107	17.8
F. Bissaker	13	2	94	182	16.5
D. Fraser	16	—	61	255	15.9
N. Mitchell	10	—	36	133	13.3
A. Arnold	9	2	29	93	13.3
R. Curry	7	4	8x	20	6.6
W. Matthews	10	3	11	29	4.1

Also batted: W. McLaughlin, 2 innings for 37 runs; R. Binsted, 2 for 37; A. Rose, 5 for 73; J. Gibson, 3 for 25; A. Travers, 4 for 30; I. Cozens, 2 for 6; E. Annetts, 2 for 5; M. Robinson, 2 for 5; J. Cudlipp, 3 for 4.

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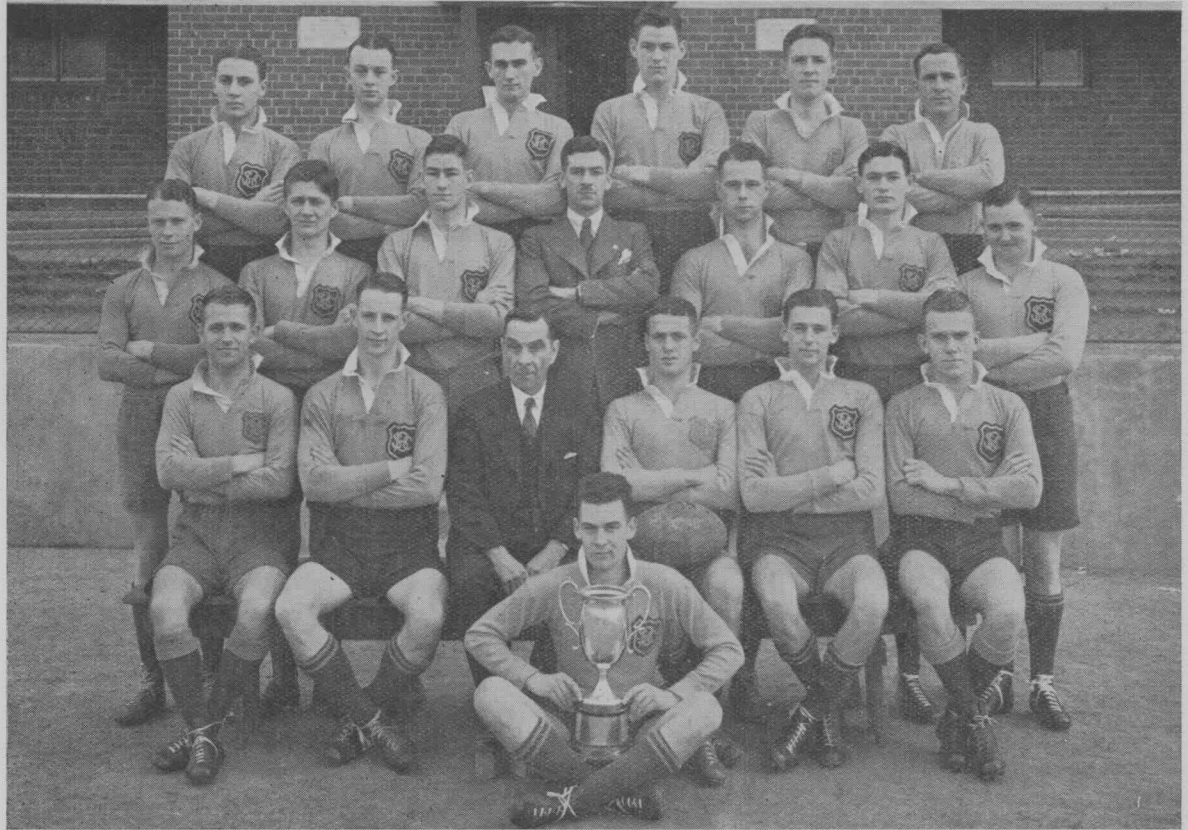
**BOWLING:**

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wickets	Ave.
A. McNaught	23	—	112	11	10.2
J. Murray	43	6	128	16	12.3
F. Bissaker	25	—	135	9	15.0
A. Rose	50	6	244	11	22.2
J. Hollands	35	1	213	9	23.6
N. Mitchell	60	3	334	14	23.8
D. Fraser	122	14	782	32	24.4
A. Arnold	58	13	257	10	25.7
R. Curry	29	1	168	6	28.0
W. Matthews	58	2	309	10	30.9

Also bowled: A. Herron, 1 wicket for 5 runs; L. Davis, 3 for 17; I. Cozens, 6 for 35; L. Keeler, 2 for 15; A. Travers, 10 for 118; M. Robinson, 1 for 15; E. Annetts, 2 for 41; J. Cudlipp, 4 for 106.



THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB 2nd XV.  
M.S.D.R.U. 3rd Grade (Whiddon Cup) Premiers, 1936.



**Back Row:** D. Daly, J. Hollands, R. Watson, L. Dunbar, R. Wallis, B. Turner. **2nd Row:** J. Dinning., O. Osterman, N. Dunbar, R. Glasgow, Esq. (Coach), D. Johnston, A. Herron, K. Metcalfe. **Sitting:** L. Nossiter, P. Hendry, J. E. Holmes, Esq. (President), R. Binsted (Captain), E. Bevan, A. Hadley. **In Front:** K. McDonald. **Absent:** W. Fraser, G. Johnston.

**Table Tennis.—Sub-Committee:** Messrs. R. Clark, Ron Thomson.

Possibly the most pleasing feature of the Club Room entertainment during the past year was the revival of interest in table tennis. This is due, no doubt, to members realising the enjoyment and skill involved in the new form of doubles play. Of course, the game is mainly a winter pastime, but sufficient evidence has been given of its popularity to justify the running of handicap events as a regular feature in future.

Three evenings were held during the year and the provision of supper on the last two occasions proved a welcome addition to the evening's entertainment. The various tournaments resulted as follows:—

21/10/'36	—	B. Kittrick and L. Nossiter.
22/6/'37	—“A” Division .. ..	R. Lamb and L. Kelly.
	“B” Division .. ..	K. Antill and J. Dinning.
	“C” Division .. ..	C. Mitchell and A. Herron.
6/7/'37	—“A” Division .. ..	L. Keeler and Ron. Thomson.
	“B” Division .. ..	Geo. Lee and B. McKittrick.
	Singles .. ..	Ron. Thomson (C. Mitchell runner-up).

**Library.—Sub-Committee:** Messrs. W. Hulls, L. Keeler, Ron Thomson.

During the year the usual quota of new books has been added to the Library, and evidently the additions have proved popular.

Whilst on this subject, the attention of members is invited to the necessity for their collaboration when taking out and returning books. It is a source of deep regret that the courtesies have not been properly observed during the past year, and this fact is no doubt the cause of the alarming increase in the number of books unreturned and not able to be traced. The position has become so serious as to warrant earnest consideration being given by the Committee to the curtailment of the Library facilities which, of course, will be a definite inconvenience to all concerned.

**Entertainments.**—The 1936 Christmas Smoko was not attended as largely as usual, but this did not mar the enjoyment of the night. Through the kindness of Mr. R. Porter, a very fine programme of artists was arranged and was fully appreciated.

**Cigarettes.**—It is pleasing to see that the sale of cigarettes and tobacco has increased slightly, but this is still absurdly low for our large membership.

**Stewards.**—Some of the stewards appointed this year were not as satisfactory as usual, and better attendance and greater interest is expected in the coming year.

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

**Dances.—Sub-Committee:** Messrs. J. Dinning, H. Haigh and A. McClintock. Only two dances were held during the period under review. The annual event attracted a gathering of more than 250, and was a most enjoyable night, but the New Year's Eve function received little support, due, no doubt, to so many people being away for the long holiday week-end.

**Dinner.**—In recognition of its performance in winning the Whiddon Cup, a dinner in honour of the 2nd. XV was held in September last, and was attended by 79 members.

**Annual Meeting.**—The substitution of a Smoko for the usual Social at the termination of the business at our Annual Meetings was so successful last year that the change will be continued.

## FINANCES.

The finances of the Club have continued on a sound basis, and we are pleased to report that this year's surplus of £34/7/8 has exceeded that of the previous twelve months by £19/2/3.

Sales of tobacco, cigarettes, etc., have increased by £24/1/3, compared with last year's figures and, whilst this improvement is gratifying, it is thought that with a little more effort on the part of members, even better results might be expected next year.

The higher cost of cricket has been more than offset by the grant of £20 from the N.S.W. Cricket Association, but it might be mentioned here that this grant cannot be expected every year.

Dances and entertainments which, in past years, have been of considerable assistance to the Club's finances, have barely shown a profit, but the increase in proceeds from Club Room Amusements has provided some compensation for this loss of revenue.

Fixed Assets have been depreciated by £23/2/3, and the surplus of Assets over Liabilities now totals £349/7/4.

## COMMITTEE:

Your Committee has met on 13 occasions during the period under review, and the following attendances were recorded:—

R. B. Clark . . . . .	13	M. Mitchell . . . . .	12
J. H. Dinning . . . . .	10	R. W. May . . . . .	13
D. Fraser . . . . .	7	N. Neale . . . . .	8
A. Herron . . . . .	11	D. Rossell . . . . .	11
R. G. Herford . . . . .	5	E. J. Siddeley . . . . .	11
J. E. Holmes . . . . .	7	Ron. Thomson . . . . .	10
B. McKittrick . . . . .	10	H. G. Whiddon . . . . .	12

Mr. Eric Siddeley, who has given so much of his time to the auditing of our books during the past four years, will be unable to continue in the position this year, and we take this opportunity to express our appreciation of his services.

## CONGRATULATIONS.

We heartily congratulate the following members on becoming proud fathers since our last report:—

Don. Ross—a daughter; Max Connery—a son; John Stone—a son; Ken. Jenkyn—a son; Norman Wales—TWINS (son and daughter). Great work Normie!

The following marriages are recorded with pleasure:—

Burt Bailey to Miss Marjorie Gilbert.  
Harry Beardsmore to Miss Gwen Thomas.  
Harry Windon to Miss Elsa Lee.  
Harold Watson to Miss Ivy Martin.  
Les. Robinson to Miss Lena Walton.  
Perc. Foster to Miss Nancy Becker.  
Alan Rose to Miss Doris Hocking.

Our congratulations are offered to George Arthur and Miss Dorothy Davey, Norman Neale and Miss Jean Elphinstone; also Roy Glasgow and Miss Phyllis Arthur on their engagements.

## TENNIS.

**Sub-Committee:** Messrs. L. Keeler, R. Storey, Ron. Thomson.

The potentialities of tennis in the development of the Club's social spirit have been fully availed of during the past year.

The four American doubles handicap tournaments held were played on the lawn courts at Strathfield, and from the entries received it was evident that the innovation was a great success and there is every reason to expect continued popularity of these events.

The following results were recorded:—

30/8/'36—"A" Division	.. .. .	R. Wherrett and N. Neale.
"B" Division	.. .. .	P. Pollock and L. Nossiter.
1/11/'36—"A" Division	.. .. .	F. Bissaker and S. Osborn.
"B" Division	.. .. .	K. Maxwell and S. Jones.
14/3/'37—"A" Division	.. .. .	C. Mitchell and R. Storey.
"B" Division	.. .. .	N. Dunbar and H. Searl.
23/5/'37—"A" Division	.. .. .	B. McKittrick and D. Rossell.
"B" Division	.. .. .	R. Wherrett and R. Kelly.
"C" Division	.. .. .	R. Binsted and S. Coldham.

Owing to wet weather the Annual Doubles Championship was postponed until nearly a month later than the date originally set down. The delay, however, did not have any adverse effect on the entries and twelve pairs participated in what was, for the most part, a very evenly contested struggle. The final between A. Land—C. Nee, E. Siddeley—D. Rossell resulted in a win for the former pair after a three-set battle.

As in previous years, the matches were played on courts made available by the members, and in this connection G. Lee, D. Rossell, R. Storey and E. Siddeley and their parents are to be thanked for their kind and material assistance.

A final remark might be made to record the Committee's pleasure at the practical interest shown by the younger members in the Club's tennis functions, and the continuance of this interest is confidently expected.

A team of six players visited Hawkesbury College for a match in April last, and although beaten had a very pleasant trip.

## GOLF.

**Sub-Committee:** Messrs. A. Herron, A. W. Hulls and L. Nossiter.

Three tournaments were held during the year, and an average of 30 players took part.

The Club Championship was played at Oatlands Course in October, L. Keeler winning for the first time. The "B" Division, for which a trophy was presented by Mr. L. P. Plasto, was won by A. Herron.

The Four Ball Championship, in April, was also played at Oatlands, the winners being Alan Hulls and A. W. Hulls.

Following are the results in the various events:—

- 11/10/'36—Club Championship.—L. Keeler, 1st; N. Fisher, 2nd.  
 18 Hole Stroke Handicap.—R. Jackett, 1st; L. Keeler, 2nd.  
 18 Hole Par Handicap.—L. Keeler, 1st; A. Herron, 2nd.
- 10/4/'37—Four Ball Championship.—A. Hulls and A. Keeler, 1st; L. Keeler and C. Mitchell, 2nd.  
 18 Hole Stroke Handicap.—D. Johns, 1st; A. W. Hulls, 2nd.  
 4-Ball Best Ball v. Par.—R. Buzacott and R. Lamb, 1st; L. Vincent and R. Jackett, 2nd.
- 18/7/'37—Par Handicap.—“A” Grade: L. Keeler; “B” Grade: G. Arthur.  
 Canadian Foursome.—K. Burnett and R. Wicks, 1st; A. W. Hulls and G. Arthur, 2nd.

We are indebted to Mr. A. Travers and the Spurway Ridge Club for the invitation to take part in 12-aside matches. Two were played during the year on the Surway Ridge Course and both resulted in wins for your representatives—the first by 6 matches to 4, and the second by 7 matches to 4.

## HOCKEY.

It has been suggested that the Club might take up Hockey as an additional Winter sport next year, and Committee is prepared to support the proposal providing sufficient members evince an interest in the idea.

## CLUB ROOMS.

As mentioned earlier, Club Room attendances have been poor, and we would welcome any suggestion for improving them.

The means for recreation already provided seem adequate, but some new interest may be needed to give the Rooms a boost.

**Billiards.**—Sub-Committee: Messrs. B. McKittrick, E. Siddeley and L. Nossifer. While the members are not as keen on this game as of yore, the three tournaments held attracted good fields.

The Spring event, held in September last, was won by K. Maxwell, at his first attempt, beating D. Fraser in the final.

The Christmas handicap went to A. Crago, together with the ham; L. Nossiter was a good second.

The tournament at Easter was won by E. Siddeley from H. Searl. The winner received a cue, presented by Mr. G. Turner, to whom we are grateful for his generosity.

Mr. Turner also paid two visits to the Rooms; on the first occasion he gave tuition to members, and the second time he brought along two fine exponents of the game in Messrs. J. Turner and C. Williamson, who gave an interesting and instructive exhibition of billiards and snooker to the 30 odd members present.

During the year, new cushions were fitted on one table, while the cloths were turned on both tables.

**Cards.**—The monthly card nights have shown signs of becoming popular again, after a lapse of time, and four held in the second half of the year provided enjoyable evenings and attracted an average attendance of 24.

**General.**—The ground at Burwood Oval was extremely hard last season, due to the absence of rain, and it is proposed to have the infield harrowed and top dressed as soon as the football finishes.

The Concord Council has given the Pavilion a much needed renovation, inside and out, but the removal of the seats outside the Pavilion will be an inconvenience.

Our requests for the provision of gates at the Parramatta Road entrance and a bank to prevent the ball going into the storm-water channel were acceded to by the Council, and we are thankful for this assistance.

The wicket provided was generally an excellent one, and Mr. F. Rowlings, the groundsman, is to be thanked for his careful preparation.

Opportunity for practice on Concord Oval was available through the courtesy of Mr. Reg. Herford and the Western Suburbs Club, and this action is appreciated.

Mr. A. J. Robinson once more filled the position as official scorer for the 1st. XI, for which service we are truly grateful.

During the season a match was played against the Hawkesbury Agricultural College at Pratten Park, when your Club was able to act the part of host and repay some of the kindnesses received by your representatives from time to time at the College. The match resulted in a win for Hawkesbury on the 1st. innings.

## FOOTBALL.

At the time our last report was written, the 1936 season was nearing the close with the 2nd. XV in a favourable position for winning the premier-ship in the 3rd Grade (Whiddon Cup), and we are pleased indeed to write of the team's ultimate success.

The teams' performances for that season are set out hereunder:—

	Played	W.	L.	D.	B.	Pts. for	Pts. Against	Comp. Pts.	Pos.
1st XV. . . . .	14	5	8	1	—	93	157	11	6
2nd XV. . . . .	18	14	1	1	2	328	70	33	1

This year, the sub-committee was faced with the difficult task of fielding teams in the Kentwell Cup and Burke Cup competitions with some of last year's members not playing and new ones not offering too freely and, with one or two exceptions, not up to the usual playing standard.

On the results to date, it might be said that the grading was not justified, but, really, both teams have put up a good showing and their defeats have been by narrow margins.

Our 1st. XV. has a light but sound pack of forwards and a set of backs that showed promise early. Reg Lamb, a breakaway forward, has filled the gap at half-back quite creditably, while Neil Sharpe, at outside centre, has shown great improvement on last year's play, and Pick Binsted has been the usual dour defender, at five-eight, on last year's play. It is hard to select any

of the forwards for special mention, though it has been pleasing to see two of last season's Seconds in N. Dunbar and R. Watson playing so well in the higher grade.

The 2nd. XV. never once showed its capabilities in the first round of matches. Latterly, however, the team has been putting more vim into its work and, although combined play is rare, there is now a determination in evidence that was entirely lacking earlier.

L. Davis and D. Fraser in the backs, with H. Searl and G. Christmas in the forwards, have been the teams most consistent players.

Attendances at training have been fair only, and enthusiasm lacking. With so many young fellows playing, the reason is hard to fathom, but it does appear that the teams' committees are largely at fault and, with it, the present system of their selection. While it may seem logical for members of a team to elect its officers, our experience has proved this method a weakness, due mainly to the lack of thought given to the selection by members.

A recommendation is to be made for remedying this disability.

Much work will require to be done before next season comes along, if we are to field a team worthy of our name. New members are of first importance, but they must be keen and have a knowledge of the game. Now is the time to start team building.

Performances to 30th. June are set out hereunder:—

	Matches Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts for	Pts Against
1st. XV. . . . .	10	2	8	—	83	125
2nd XV. . . . .	10	3	7	—	103	94

The annual match in 1936 against Royal Military College was played towards the end of the season and was lost by 27—3.

This season we were unable to accept the College's invitation to play at Duntroon, owing to the absence of a holiday week-end.

The two playing areas at St. Luke's Park were again sub-let to the N.S.W. Rugby Union.

## SWIMMING.

Sub-Committee: A. Herron, B. McKittrick and L. Nossiter.

We are sorry to have to report that the swimming section of our sport was not as popular this year as formerly and was finally abandoned.

Weekly swims were held at Enfield Baths during the first half of the season, but unfavourable weather was usually encountered and the members did not give the support which was expected.

Up to the time when the racing was discontinued, we had five swims and the most successful competitor was D. Hilder with 11 points, followed by D. Beale with 10 and A. Herron with 8 points

Most of the members who scored in the points competition were regular attendants at the Baths, and it is a pity that a greater section of the Club did not match them in keenness.

The Carnival held in 1936 was wonderfully successful, and it is to be hoped that next season will see a renewed interest in this sport amongst the members.

## OBITUARY.

We were very sorry to learn of the death of Mr. P. J. Wyllie, a Vice-President of the Club, and extend our sympathy to Bill and his family.

We also offer our condolences to Doug. and Gordon Johns on the death of their father, and to Harry Beardsmore on the loss of his sister.

Harold Watson and his young wife have our sincere sympathy in the loss of their baby son recently.

## APPRECIATION.

Your Committee records its thanks to the following:—

N.S.W. Cricket Association for grant received.

Western Suburbs Rugby Union F.C. for donation received.

Messrs. R. W. May and E. J. Siddeley for gifts of periodicals.

Mr. J. O. Meeks, for donation received.

Mr. N. Dent, for donation towards football dinner.

Dr. R. W. Walsh, for his many kindnesses.

Those members who kindly place their cars at the disposal of the Club for the conveyance of members to the various sports.

For and on behalf of the Committee.

R. W. MAY, President.

R. B. CLARK, Hon. Secretary.

## ADDENDUM.

I wish to place on record my appreciation of the work performed throughout the year by R. B. Clark (Hon. Sec.), M. Mitchell (Hon. Treas.), D. Fraser (Hon. Asst. Treas.), D. Rossell (Senior Steward) and Members of the Committee and Sub-Committees.

R. W. MAY,  
President.



# THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB

## COMBINED WORKING ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1937.

### CLUB ROOM TRADING ACCOUNT.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
To Stocks of Cigarettes and Tobacco, etc., 30/6/'36				9	15	9
„ Purchases: Tobacco & Cigarettes	83	14	1			
„ Chocolates	6	5	4			
„ Gross Profit				89	19	5
				22	5	9
				£122	0	11

	£	s	d	£	s	d
By Sales: Cigarettes and Tobacco	104	15	9			
„ Chocolates	8	9	6			
Stock, 30/6/'37: Cigarettes & Tobacco				113	5	3
				8	15	8
				£122	0	11

	£	s	d	£	s	d
<b>To EXPENDITURE.</b>						
Cricket.—						
Hire of Grounds	36	0	0			
Materials, etc.	62	12	8	98	12	8
Football.—						
Hire of Grounds	30	0	0			
Affiliation and Registration Fees	11	12	0			
Photographs	3	6	0			
Materials and Training, etc.	12	1	3	56	19	3
Dancing and Entertainments.—						
Dances, etc.	92	6	7			
Club Room Entertainments and Annual Meeting	65	15	3	158	1	10
Club Room Amusements.—						
Billiards	10	5	2			
Table Tennis	5	6	0			
Library	10	14	11	21	5	7
Sundry Sports.—						
Golf	33	13	6			
Tennis	16	13	10	50	7	4
Club Room Upkeep.—						
Rent	93	0	0			
Cleaning	14	3	11			
Electric Light and Gas	11	17	10			
Repairs and Maintenance	2	8	2			
Wireless License	1	1	0			
Telephone	8	19	11	131	10	10
Administrative Expenses.—						
Printing and Stationery, etc.	28	4	2			
Sundry Expenses	5	15	10	34	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>				550	17	6
Net Surplus for Year				34	7	8
				£585	5	2

	£	s	d	£	s	d
<b>By INCOME.</b>						
Gross Profit Club Room Trading A/c.				22	5	9
Cricket.—						
Fees, etc.	44	3	7			
N.S.W. Cricket Assn.—Grant	20	0	0	64	3	7
Football.—						
N.S.W. Rugby Union, for Ground Hire	30	0	0			
Registration Fees, etc.	12	10	0			
Photographs	2	11	0	45	1	0
Dancing and Entertainments.—						
Dances, etc.	116	5	0			
Club Room Entertainments and Annual Meeting	45	4	6	161	9	6
Club Room Amusements.—						
Billiards	32	16	0			
Table Tennis	14	0	0			
Library	1	11	3			
Cards	3	15	7			
Sundry Items	38	18	6	77	15	4
Sundry Sports.—						
Golf	34	4	6			
Tennis	16	9	0	50	13	6
Annual Subscriptions				154	15	0
Sundry Items.—						
Donations	7	2	6			
Interest	12	1	0			
Telephone Calls	15	11	0			
Proceeds of Competition	11	0	0	9	1	6
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>				£585	5	2

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1937.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>						
Sundry Creditors				15	0	0
Surplus of Assets over Liabilities.—						
Balance, 30/6/'37	338	1	11			
Add Surplus for Year	34	7	8	372	9	7
Less Depreciation written off Furniture, as per Contra	23	2	3	349	7	4
				£364	7	4

	£	s	d	£	s	d
<b>ASSETS:</b>						
Furniture and Fittings, etc.—						
Balance, 30/6/'36	231	2	4			
Add Additions during year	20	17	6	251	19	10
Less Depreciation				23	2	3
				228	17	7
Sundry Debtors.—						
Members, for Fees, etc.	53	6	0			
N.S.W. Rugby Union	15	0	0	68	6	0
Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia				52	9	6
Stock on Hand				8	15	8
Suspense Account				5	18	7
				£364	7	4

M. MITCHELL, Hon. Treasurer.  
D. FRASER, Hon. Assistant Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of The Briars Sporting Club, submitted for my inspection, and that the above Balance Sheet is in accordance therewith, and, in my opinion, exhibits a true and correct view of the financial position at the date thereof.

E. F. SIDDELEY, A.I.C.A.,  
Hon. Auditor.

Sydney, 30th June, 1937.