

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB



TWENTY - FOURTH  
ANNUAL  
REPORT

1941 - 1942

*Presented to Members at the Club Rooms, Burnwood  
21st August, 1943.*

# THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB.

34A GEORGE STREET, BURWOOD.

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## Office-Bearers, 1941-42.

### PATRON:

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

### PRESIDENT:

E. J. Siddeley.

### VICE-PRESIDENTS:

The Mayor of Concord.	J. E. Holmes.
The Mayor of Enfield.	E. P. Love.
A. J. Austin.	R. W. May.
G. F. Bevan.	J. O. Meeks.
M. R. Blair.	R. R. Turner.
R. B. Clark.	H. G. Whiddon.
J. Cousins.	Dr. R. W. Walsh.
F. J. Herlihy.	P. C. Murray.
Dr. W. J. Hull.	C. N. Neale.
J. D. Hunt.	A. J. Robinson.
R. G. Herford.	J. H. Stone.

### TRUSTEES:

R. W. May.	E. J. Siddeley.
Hon. H. W. Whiddon, M.L.C.	

### HON. TREASURER:

L. B. Meulman.

### HON. SECRETARY:

C. Mitchell (Resgd. 15/2/42)  
R. Glasgow (Apptd. 15/2/42)

### HON. ASST. TREASURER:

M. A. Hill.

### HON. AUDITOR:

N. G. Wales

### GENERAL COMMITTEE:

H. Govers.	I. Cozens (Resgd. 9/41).
R. Jackett.	B. McKittrick.
J. Hollands.	R. Wallis.
A. Land.	W. Elder.

### SENIOR STEWARD:

H. Govers (Resgd. 3/42). W. Elder (Apptd. 3/42).

## 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
R. W. May	..	..	..	..	1936/1937
R. W. May	..	..	..	..	1937/1938
R. W. May	..	..	..	..	1938/1939
E. J. Siddeley	..	..	..	..	1939/1940
E. J. Siddeley	..	..	..	..	1940/1941
E. J. Siddeley	..	..	..	..	1941/1942

# TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE AND HON. TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

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To the Members of The Briars Sporting Club,  
Gentlemen,

The Twenty-fourth Annual Report of your Club's activities, for the year ended 30th June, 1942, is presented herewith.

The year 1941-42 has been a most difficult one for all sections of the community, and conditions have been very much against progress in such institutions as The Briars Sporting Club.

Our main object during the period under review has been to maintain what we have, against the time when the large number of our members who are in the Fighting Forces will return to hearth and home.

We cannot foresee the future and it would be idle to suggest that next year will be anything but difficult from a Club Management point of view. It is felt that more members could take an active part in the Club's affairs and make more use of the Club's amenities than was the case last year, when it was left to a mere handful of chaps to carry on. Carry on they did and in doing so set an example which can well be followed by others.

Of the Club's major sporting activities—Cricket and Football—only the former was maintained during the year. This was due primarily to the fact that no Sub-District Rugby Union Football was conducted this year.

It is very pleasing to record the success of the Club's cricket teams. Two teams were entered in the Municipal and Shire "A" Division Competition, which the first team was successful in winning. The second team also occupied a high place on the competition table.

Concord Oval was again used as our home ground and it is hoped it will be available again this year.

Total membership has only just been maintained at last year's figure, but a greater number are now in the Services, and we must not relax our efforts to seek the introduction of new members.

Membership at 30th June, 1942, was as follows:—

Active	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33
Associate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Country	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Honorary (members on Service)	..	..						129
<b>TOTAL</b>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	192

Difficulty has been experienced in filling vacancies on the General Committee and this has caused a regrettable curtailment of our domestic sporting activities, Club room entertainments and pastimes. It is difficult to visualize any near future improvement.

## CRICKET.

Sub-Committee: J. Hollands (Chairman), B. McKittrick, L. Davis, R. Glasgow, D. Way and J. Carson (resgd.).

The Municipal and Shire Competition for the 1941-42 Season was confined to one grade only and was played in two separate divisions. Your Club entered two teams in the A Division, and both these teams maintained the cricket prestige of the Club. The 1st Eleven won the Competition by a small margin, while the 2nd Eleven finished fourth. As was anticipated, some difficulty was found in keeping two teams at full strength, but only on one or two occasions did our teams take the field actually short. Several of our older members, and others whose sporting activities had been confined to football, filled places at short notice and are to be commended for their fine spirit.

### "A" TEAM.

When the season commenced with several of our mainstays of previous years unavailable, due to enlistment, the outlook was not bright. The loss of such players as D. Prowse, J. Walker and M. Gillies left gaps in the team's strength. I. Cozens, J. Carson and C. Mitchell also enlisted at various stages of the season.

Despite these handicaps, the result achieved was outstandingly good. In 18 games the side was defeated only three times, and enjoyed a sequence of five successes in the first five rounds, and seven successes in the last seven rounds of the Season.

The batting, with the exception of one or two lapses, was quite consistent. The 200 mark was reached on eight occasions, while six of these innings exceeded 250 runs.

A. Land holds his form remarkably well. In the first game of the season he reached an aggregate of 2,000 runs for the team—the first player to do so for the Club. His aggregate of 555 runs in the 1941-42 season included a fine innings for 142 against Randwick.

W. Elder was undoubtedly the batting find of the season. After showing promise in the "B" Team he was elevated to the "A's" where he established a new record total of 722 runs, beating the record established last season by D. Prowse who scored 698. A left-hander with a solid defence and the ability to punish the bowling when set, he reached the century against St. George after missing the hundred mark by a few runs on two previous occasions during the season. His average of 48.1 runs per innings was also the team's best. Other batsmen to score well were C. Mitchell, L. Davis and E. Watt.

Some outstanding bowling performances were recorded by P. Murray who had a splendid season and took 57 wickets, a new record, at the excellent average of 9.5 per wicket. E. Watt had the best average (9.3) and captured 47 wickets; a fine performance. Although the bowling was a little lacking in variety, it was generally effective. Our opponents reached a total of 200 on six occasions, while our bowlers dismissed opposing teams for scores of less than 100 runs eleven times.

The fielding was good in parts but could be described as average only, although at times some excellent catches were accepted. The team was captained successively by I. Cozens, C. Mitchell and B. McKittrick, the former two prior to their enlistment.

Our thanks are again due to Mr. Siddeley, who scored for one or other of the two teams each Saturday throughout the Competition.

## "B" TEAM

The effort of this team in finishing fourth was very commendable. Frequently the composition of the team was not known even on the morning of a match, but this did not affect its spirit and the performances were quite good throughout a difficult season.

The batting was not consistent and the team had some inexplicable failures in this department. However, special mention is made of the performance of J. Hollands who took a great load on his shoulders when he combined wicket-keeping with the captaincy of the team. Despite these burdens he played many fine innings and compiled a new record aggregate of 530 runs for the season. He also had the best average for the team.

Of the other batsmen J. Rudd, in his first season with the Club, was the best. He compiled the only century of the season, scoring 126 n.o. against Bexley "B".

A total of 200 was reached on three occasions but our bowlers had a similar score hit off them on only three occasions also.

The performances of A. Rose with the ball were particularly outstanding. His deliveries were treated with the greatest respect at all times. He secured a total of 79 wickets, a new team and Club record aggregate; on two occasions he took 8 wickets in an innings, and he also did the hat trick against Bexley "B".

Of the other bowlers J. Atwill and T. Mason were best.

The fielding of the team was only fair but the continued changing of the personnel of the side was not conducive to good team work in this department of the game.

### 1st AND 2nd XI RESULTS—M. & S. "A" DIVISION.

	Played	W.	W.1.	L.	L.1.	D.	T.	Pts.	%	Pos.
1st XI. . . . .	18	4	10	—	3	—	1	117	65.00	1st
2nd XI. . . . .	18	4	7	1	6	—	—	95	52.77	4th
		Runs	Wkts.				Runs	Wkts.		
		for	for		Avg.		Agst.	Agst.		Avg.
1st XI. . . . .	..	3931	178		22.1		2978	233		12.8
2nd XI. . . . .	..	3405	252		13.5		3301	237		13.9

### AVERAGES.

#### 1st XI.

#### BATTING:

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
W. Elder . . . . .	17	2	106Ret.	722	48.1
A. Land . . . . .	21	2	142	555	29.2
L. Davis . . . . .	12	—	63	271	22.6
L. Hokin . . . . .	14	2	49*	237	19.8
C. Mitchell . . . . .	17	1	44	303	18.9
E. Watt . . . . .	19	1	55	814	17.4
J. Carson . . . . .	10	2	25	135	16.9
B. McKittrick . . . . .	15	2	33	191	14.7
R. Glasgow . . . . .	14	3	42	142	12.9
P. Murray . . . . .	10	1	28	106	11.8

\*Not Out.

Also batted: D. Prowse, 2 innings for 75 runs; J. Rudd, 6 for 32; I. Cozens, 5 (1 n.o.) for 49; T. Hudson, 7 for 15; D. Walker, 2 (1 n.o.) for 24; E. Annetts, 8 (4 n.o.) for 121; L. Meulman, 4 for 53; L. Knight, 1 for 0; N. Neville, 1 for 8; W. Wyllie, 1 for 0; J. Atwill, 1 for 4; J. Hollands, 1 for 32; N. Neale, 3 (1 n.o.) for 19.

#### BOWLING:

Name	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
E. Watt . . . . .	132	16	437	47	9.3
P. Murray . . . . .	139	16	541	57	9.5
W. Elder . . . . .	32	1	154	11	14.0
R. Glasgow . . . . .	102	9	489	33	14.8

Also bowled: I. Cozens, 5 wickets for 99 runs; T. Hudson, 6 for 135; J. Carson, 8 for 224; L. Hokin, 4 for 91; C. Mitchell, 6 for 160; D. Walker, 0 for 76; E. Annetts, 9 for 123; J. Atwill, 1 for 18; L. Meulman, 1 for 6; N. Neale, 4 for 69.

#### AVERAGES.

##### 2nd XI.

#### BATTING:

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
J. Hollands . . . . .	21	2	80	530	27.9
J. Rudd . . . . .	17	3	126*	335	23.9
W. Rudd . . . . .	10	1	55	168	18.7
E. Annetts . . . . .	14	—	58	244	17.4
T. Mason . . . . .	17	4	33*	173	13.3
R. Williams . . . . .	17	2	39	189	12.6
J. Tatham . . . . .	11	1	32*	117	11.7
J. Atwill . . . . .	24	1	51	265	11.5
A. Rose . . . . .	22	9	31	149	11.5
T. Soden . . . . .	15	—	32	157	10.5
L. Meulman . . . . .	19	2	24*	152	8.9

\*Not Out.

Also batted: D. Prowse, 3 innings (1 n.o.) for 49 runs; L. Davis 8 (1 n.o.) for 119; H. Ford, 9 (1 n.o.) for 108; L. Hokin, 2 for 26; W. Elder, 6 for 68; R. Glasgow, 5 (1 n.o.) for 31; W. Wyllie, 7 (1 n.o.) for 49; W. Goodall, 4 (1 n.o.) for 19; W. Stephens, 8 (2 n.o.) for 36; J. Walker, 2 for 12; D. Walker, 3 for 17; M. Hill, 2 (1 n.o.) for 4; J. Kerr, 2 (1 n.o.) for 4; G. Vanderfield, 4 for 10; L. Knight, 5 (1 n.o.) for 7; K. Bussell, 1 (1 n.o.) for 0; A. Arnold, 1 for 0.

#### BOWLING:

Name	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
A. Rose . . . . .	198	21	728	79	9.2
T. Mason . . . . .	64	2	416	26	16.0
J. Atwill . . . . .	150	20	552	32	17.3
E. Annetts . . . . .	68	6	325	16	20.3

Also bowled: W. Edginton, 3 wickets for 14 runs; D. Walker, 2 for 11; J. Walker, 4 for 23; L. Meulman, 2 for 23; W. Elder, 9 for 126; J. Hollands, 8 for 138; R. Glasgow, 3 for 54; W. Stephens, 6 for 108; R. Williams, 3 for 60; H. Ford, 5 for 113; J. Tatham, 5 for 114; T. Soden, 1 for 24; G. Vanderfield, 0 for 0; M. Hill, 0 for 5; J. Rudd, 0 for 8; K. Bussell, 0 for 8; L. Knight, 0 for 23; L. Hokin, 0 for 53.

## FOOTBALL.

Sub-Committee (Chairman): R. Wallis. At the commencement of the 1942 season it was obvious that we would have difficulty in fielding our usual two teams. However, strenuous efforts were made to secure players and we were prepared to enter one team. It was then learned that there would be no Sub-District football this year due to the inability of most clubs to field teams. As we were unable to provide football for our members wishing to play we advised them to play with the Western Suburbs Club as an invitation had been received from that body. In consideration of the fact that no football was directly available through this Club it was decided to pay the membership fee to the Western Suburbs Club of any Briar wishing to join it. A number of players have figured in all grades with Western Suburbs and have given a good account of themselves.

### THE GORDON BEVAN SHIELD.

This shield, presented for annual competition, and carrying with it a yearly memento, records the winner of a competition conducted with the following conditions:—

1. Attendance at Training . . . . .	20 points
2. Value to his Team . . . . .	20 "
3. Most Improved Player . . . . .	20 "
4. General Keeness as a Footballer . . . . .	15 "
5. Value to his Club as a Member . . . . .	15 "
6. Neatness of Uniform . . . . .	10 "

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100 points

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The trophy was awarded to J. Carson for 1941. Jack fulfilled all the above conditions to a high degree.

## DANCE.

Only one dance was held during the year—that taking place at the White City. It was a successful function socially, and while it was not as great a financial success as some in the past, it resulted in a sum of £10/7/1 being made available to our War Comforts Fund.

### WAR COMFORTS FUND.

The Ladies Committee has carried on splendidly again this year and are to be congratulated and thanked for their efforts on behalf of our members who are or have been overseas.

Funds have been raised by organising cocktail parties, theatre and card entertainments and these have been augmented to some extent by donations.

Letters from members overseas are filled with expressions of gratitude and admiration for the work of the girls and members at home can assist the continuation of their good efforts by attending and giving their support to such functions as may be organised by the Comforts Fund in the future.



## HONOUR ROLL.

The following Members are serving in the Fighting Forces.

H. Anderson	P. O. Friend	M. Mitchell
K. M. Antill	P. Gee	C. Morgan
A. Arnold	R. Gee	J. Morrow
G. H. Arthur	A. J. Gibson	J. C. Munro
J. Atwill	M. Gillies	G. Musgrove
A. N. Austin	P. T. Glanville	C. P. Nee
A. P. Barnes	W. Goodall	V. J. Nee
J. Barnes	W. Gunn	N. Neville
N. Barrell	H. Haigh	C. B. Noble
D. Beale	†A. A. Herron	L. R. Nossiter
R. H. Beale	D. Hilger	S. Osborn
H. Beardsmore	R. Hillis	R. E. Osterman
E. P. Bevan	R. Hofstetter	D. Page
R. Binsted	R. Hooker	P. J. Pollock
A. E. Bradley	B. Hopkins	D. V. Prowse
J. L. Brereton	N. Horton	R. Randle
H. H. Brown	T. Hudson	G. Ross
F. C. Brownhill	A. W. Hulls	D. Russell
K. Burnett	Alan Hulls	W. Rudd
K. Bussell	L. Jarvis	W. Sams
J. V. Buzacott	E. Johnson	J. Saunders
R. V. Buzacott	D. Johns	†H. P. Searle
J. Carson	L. N. Keeler	H. A. Scott
S. S. Coldham	A. L. Lachlan	N. Sharpe
R. B. Clark	R. L. Lamb	W. Smith
J. Cleary	G. A. Lee	W. G. Smith
R. Clifford	J. G. Lee	R. Stephens
R. Coote	G. J. Lee	R. P. Storey
I. D. Cozens	E. W. Love	P. Tainton
C. N. Daly	R. McAnally	H. J. Tatham
F. Dane	A. McClintock	W. Theyer
J. H. Dinning	B. McCrossan	J. Thompson
J. Divett	L. McGlynn	R. J. Thomson
†L. N. Dunbar	W. McKay	A. Thomson
N. Dunbar	R. E. McLaughlin	D. Vanderfield
W. Edginton	C. G. McMaster	R. D. Vanderfield
†R. E. Farnsworth	F. C. McMaster	A. L. Vincent
N. D. Fisher	N. C. Marshall	J. H. Walker
H. Ford	W. D. Marshall	B. Ward-Smith
P. Foster	K. W. Maxwell	R. R. Watson
B. W. Fraser	J. D. May	R. H. Watts
D. D. Fraser	R. May	D. R. Way
J. Fraser	A. E. Mitchell	R. Wicks
A. D. Friend	C. Mitchell	R. Williams
		G. Wright

† Killed on Active Service.

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

### Christmas Party.

The Smoko last year gave way to a mixed Social Evening which was held at the Club Rooms to augment our War Comforts Fund. The function was well attended and enjoyed by all. It is to be hoped that there will be a bigger roll up at any similar function which may be held this Xmas.

### Annual Meeting.

As in the previous year the Annual Meeting was held at the Club Rooms, it being less formal than on other occasions. The usual after-meeting entertainment was again eliminated.

## CLUB ROOMS.

The rooms have continued to receive a fair measure of support, but the position is far from satisfactory. As mentioned earlier in this Report, the support has come from far too small a section of the members. If every member still in civilian life would make a point of visiting the Club at least once each month the Club would benefit very considerably.

**Stewards.** Difficulty has again been experienced with stewardships. Committee members have endeavoured to make up for this lack whenever possible.

**Cigarettes.** Although supplies have been difficult to obtain, sales have increased. The only explanation for this increase being that members have patronised the Club's supply more frequently as they have been unable to get their smokes elsewhere.

## BILLIARDS.

Due to increased outside activities of members occasioned by war conditions it was possible to conduct only one billiards tournament during the year. This tournament drew an excellent entry of 52 players and was won by W. Elder after an exciting final match with W. Stephens.

Considering the comparatively small number of members who are now able to make use of the tables the success of this pastime has been very gratifying. The receipts have been good and members have been able to enjoy many hours of entertainment—particularly with the increase in popularity of four-handed snooker.

## LIBRARY.

Due to the inability to locate a new librarian and the high cost of new books library activity has not been very great. W. Elder, has kept an eye on the library in addition to his duties of Senior Steward and is to be thanked for his unflinching interest.

## FINANCES.

The activities of the year showed a deficit of £38/2/5 compared with a deficit of £21 the previous year. Large contributory items to this loss were the payment of £10/7/1 to the War Comforts Fund, being the profit made on the one dance held, and £13/11/9 for presentations to members on Active Service.

The sum of £21/6/- was written off Furniture and Fittings A/c. as Depreciation. The bank balance was reduced by £13/14/10 and now stands at £140/1/6. Outstanding subscriptions less reserve for doubtful debts stand at £33/6/- compared with £33/1/9 last year. Your Committee regrets that this sum has not been reduced.

We are very grateful to Mr. Norman Wales who has carried out the audit of the Club's books, a task of no small magnitude.

## FOR KING AND COUNTRY.



Ray Farnsworth.



Lindsay Dunbar.

The loss of Lindsay Dunbar and Ray Farnsworth, who gave their lives in the service of their country has occasioned great sorrow throughout the Club. They were both held in very high regard by their fellow members and played a prominent part in our sporting and social affairs.

To their relatives we extend our very sincere sympathy.

## COMMITTEE.

Chris Mitchell, who did such excellent work as Acting Secretary during R. Clark's absence in Camp, joined the A.I.F. in February of this year. He was replaced by R. Glasgow.

Hugh Govers was forced to relinquish the position of Chief Steward due to changing his place of abode. This office was filled by W. Elder and we were fortunate to obtain his services for this difficult post.

We were extremely fortunate to have the services of Peter Meulman as Treasurer once again. He has put in a tremendous amount of work and we are very grateful to him.

M. Hill has acted as assistant to both the Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary.

The Committee has worked under difficulties due to enlistments and other causes and Sub-Committee strength has suffered. For the Club to continue to function these offices must be filled and volunteers for Committee and Sub-Committee duties are invited to place their services at the disposal of the Club even if it be only for a night each two weeks.

## **“THE BRIARS LETTER.”**

In order to keep the members, who are now scattered far and wide, posted with our doings “The Briars Letter” was introduced during the year. This filled a long-felt and oft-expressed want of the members overseas.

Successful future publications of the paper are dependent upon items of news being supplied regularly and it is hoped members will assist in this respect.

## **CONGRATULATIONS.**

We congratulate the following members who have announced their engagements:—

J. Dinning, N. Neville and W. Goodall.  
The undermentioned marriages are recorded with pleasure:—  
Doug. Vanderfield to Miss Josie Heine.  
Eric Annetts to Miss Phyllis Bell.  
Ken Burnett to Miss Betty Jones.  
Les Keeler to Miss Marie McQuiggan.  
Chris Mitchell to Miss Mary Edgar.  
Ron Watson to Miss Dorothy Bedwell.

The following have been blessed with heirs, etc., and our congratulations go to them:—

Norman Neale—a son.  
Bill Stephens—a son.  
Harry Haigh—a daughter.  
Laurie Hokin—a son.  
Bruce McKittrick—a daughter.  
Bob Beale—a daughter.

The above lists may be incomplete and we make apology for possible omissions.

## **SYMPATHY.**

To Stan McGregor, Bill Wyllie, Bob Clark and Mal Blair who have suffered bereavements we offer sincerest sympathy.

## APPRECIATION.

Your Committee records its thanks to the following:—

Western Suburbs R.U.F.C. for donation received.

The Ladies of the War Comforts Fund for their untiring efforts on behalf of our members on Service.

Those members who have kindly placed their cars at the disposal of the Club from time to time.

Messrs. Harbottle Brown & Co. for their generous offer of a golf trophy.

For and on behalf of the Committee.

E. J. SIDDELEY, President.

R. W. GLASGOW, Hon. Secretary.

## ADDENDUM.

I would like to add my thanks to Chris Mitchell and Roy Glasgow who have ably filled the position of Secretary during a most difficult year.

E. J. SIDDELEY,  
President.

