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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
R. W. May	1942/1943
H. G. Whiddon	1943/1944

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

To the Members of The Briars Sporting Club.

Gentlemen,

The Twenty-seventh Annual Report of your Club's activities, covering the year ended 30th June, 1945, reveals further satisfactory progress in nearly every feature of its affairs.

Naturally, while the war lasts, many aspects of the Club's life must, of necessity, remain retarded, but some foundations for postwar activity are now being established on such a firm basis as to augur well for future years. This is reflected particularly in membership figures.

During the year under review, total membership increased by 31 and now stands at 240, of which 138 are listed as Honorary Members, being those on active service.

Complete details are as follows:

Full	55
Junior	20
Honorary	138
Associate	25
Country	2
Total	240

Encouraging as these figures would appear at first sight, they still allow of improvement, when it is realised the number of members, possessing the necessary qualities of youth and physical capability, that is required to maintain our cricket and football teams at full strength, with adequate replacements.

With a view to encouraging the admission into the Club of boys while still at school, the Rules have been amended to provide for this class of membership. This, we hope, will establish a valuable link between the schools and the Club, and should result in securing excellent prospective material for our teams.

The standards established by your cricket and football teams in past years have been maintained. The now quite imposing record of the Club in cricket was further added to by your First XI, which was successful in winning the Municipal and Shires' Competition.

After a lapse of four years, a team was again fielded in the Western Suburbs Cricket Association's Competition, and performed creditably.

The Club has been fortunate to have had the use of Concord Oval during the past five years as its home ground for cricket, but since this was only held on a yearly tenancy it was deemed advisable to reopen the question of laying a turf wicket on Rothwell Park, where the opportunity of a longer tenure presented itself. Concord Council was therefore approached to have

this ground put in order for cricket and football, with a view to having the use of this playing area as our home ground for both winter and summer sports.

Council agreed to carry out the suggested improvements, provided that the Club could supply some of the labour necessary for the work. This, we agreed to do, and thanks to the enthusiasm of quite a number of members this work is now being carried out on Saturdays, and is progressing satisfactorily.

Rothwell Park is conveniently situated on the Cabarita tram line, four stops beyond Parramatta Road, and when the essential improvements have been completed it will provide a ground satisfactory to our requirements in every way. At present, the area is not enclosed, but we are hopeful that this necessary feature will be added after the war.

The sympathetic treatment and helpful advice and assistance received from the aldermen and officials of the Council in this matter have been much appreciated.

CRICKET

(Sub-Committee: Chairman, J. G. HOLLANDS, W. ELDER, T. MOBBS, E. F. WATT.)

With the introduction of several new members and, in addition, the discharge of others from the Services, it was found possible to field an extra team in the 1944-45 season, and although, at times, some difficulty was found in keeping the teams at full strength, the results were very satisfactory.

The Club again entered two teams in the Municipal and Shire Competition and one in the Third Grade of the Western Suburbs Cricket Association's Competition.

The wicket on Concord Oval was again uncertain early in the season, but improved considerably after some good rains in the early summer.

Practice was available to members on Thursday afternoons, but was of doubtful value due to the lack of preparation on the wicket. Nevertheless, quite a number of players attended regularly and, if averages are any guide, benefitted by their keenness.

Material was still a big problem, and the greatest care had to be exercised in conserving our stock. Bats were the main difficulty, but we were able to see the season through without inconvenience. Prospects of obtaining supplies appear no better for the coming season, but with careful maintenance we should be able to manage.

FIRST ELEVEN

With the return of two-day matches, the season was invested with greater interest, and this, together with the fact that all the previous year's players were again available, caused us to look forward to a successful competition. Our hopes in this direction were realised when the team ran out winners by a clear margin, but not before it had had many close calls.

The form of the batsmen was always uncertain; this was most disappointing, as there were seven men in the team who had proved themselves reliable run-getters the previous year.

W. Elder was the most consistent, and his average (22.1) was the team's best. His defence was always good, but he was more restrained than formerly, when well set.

L. Davis was more aggressive and played some good innings when runs were needed.

L. Hokin showed good defence, but only on two occasions did he demonstrate his undoubted stroke making ability.

J. Hollands started the season well, but then lost his form and never quite recovered it. Was inclined to open out too early.

A. Leadbeater batted attractively at times after he settled down. His 62 not out against Glebe in the last match of the season was a fine effort.

The usually reliable A. Land had a very lean season, but knowing his powers of recovery we expect some prolific scoring from him next year.

The success of the team was undoubtedly due to its bowling strength. The evergreen A. Rose was again well to the fore, and his 60 wickets at an average cost of 8.2 was an excellent performance.

J. Mason, who was promoted from the second team, headed the averages with 35 wickets at 8.1. His match winning effort of 7 for 13 against Epping was outstanding.

T. Mobbs, the team's fast bowler, lacked the condition of yore, but nevertheless performed quite creditably in securing 53 wickets at 10.3. Tom showed imagination with the bat at times and, with improved defence, should be a force to be reckoned with in this direction.

E. Watt always commanded respect with his medium pace trundling, and his bag of 32 wickets was a useful contribution to the team's success.

J. Roberts also bowled well with his slow left-hand deliveries up to the time of his enlistment, and took some valuable wickets. He proved a good hitter as a batsman and, when the occasion demanded, showed sound defence.

In the wicket-keeping department, J. Whiting displayed marked improvement, taking 11 catches and stumping 4; he allowed very few byes.

The fielding of the team was very safe throughout the season; few catches were dropped and the ground work was solid. L. Davis took the most catches (14), while W. Elder (11) and E. Watt (12) were reliable in slips.

Mr. E. J. Siddeley scored for the team throughout the season and we once again express our appreciation of his kindness.

SECOND ELEVEN

The Second Eleven, playing in the same grade as the Firsts, had every reason to feel satisfied with its performance in finishing in sixth position, and was a worthy opponent for all the leading teams, going down narrowly on the first innings to our senior team, Bexley and Lindfield in the only defeats suffered. The team's inability to force outright wins when in a favourable position cost many points, while the fact that 28 members played with the team at various times was not conducive to the best results.

Many exciting matches were played, notably that against our "A" team who, after leading on the first innings, narrowly avoided outright defeat when time was called with their last man at the crease and 39 runs in arrears.

Another great game was that against Lindfield, when we failed to overtake our opponent's score of 206 by a mere 7 runs.

Perhaps the most thrilling match was the team's encounter with Cumberland. After leading comfortably on the first innings, our second innings was closed, leaving Cumberland 145 runs to get in 120 minutes. With only five wickets down for 137 and plenty of time left for play, they looked certain winners. However, the last five wickets fell in the next nine balls bowled for the addition of only four runs, leaving our team victors by a very slender margin.

R. Fulwood stood out from a very even lot of batsmen with some splendid performances and was equally at home in defence or attack. He exceeded the half-century four times to top the aggregate and average with 443 runs at 34.1.

The most consistent batsman was J. Robinson, who played some nice innings, totalling 292 runs at 22.5.

S. Hall proved a find as opening bat, and his rather unorthodox style produced 246 runs at 22.4.

H. Lennartz, the baby of the team, showed promise and has the ability to do really well once he overcomes his impatience to score quickly. His 50 runs against Lindfield was a splendid effort.

F. Richards, with his finished stroke play; R. Ackerman, another unorthodox but effective batsman, and T. Brennan, a solid opening bat but with a leg side weakness not usually found in a left-hander, also played a large part in the team's success.

The bowling lacked variety, but generally the attack was accurate and was treated with respect.

That good team man, E. Annetts, obtained the best average with 14 wickets at 8.9, and his slow medium spinners were a source of continual worry to the batsmen.

R. Fulwood was seldom off the wicket with his pace bowling. He obtained the greatest number of wickets (38) at an average of 12.

J. Robinson bowled as consistently as he batted, and was rewarded with 27 wickets at 10.5.

H. Lennartz, given the opportunity as opening bowler half way through the season, was instantly successful, and his swing bowling accounted for 29 wickets at 10.7.

The team's slow bowler was T. Brennan, and his innocent looking deliveries snared 17 victims at 13.7.

R. Burns kept very well until sickness caused his withdrawal from the team, and we were fortunate to have such a capable successor in F. Richards.

The fielding of the team was quite sound, except in slips, where many opportunities went begging.

We thank Mrs. Fullwood for so kindly scoring for the team.

FIRST AND SECOND ELEVEN RESULTS

Municipal and Shire Competition

	Matches							%	Comp Pos.
	Played	W.	W.I.	L.	L.I.	D.	T.		
1st XI	13	9	3	—	—	1	—	88.46	1st
2nd XI	13	3	6	—	3	1	—	60.76	6th

	Runs			Wickets		
	for	for	Avg.	Agst.	Agst.	Avg.
1st XI	2342	140	16.7	2113	229	9.2
2nd XI	2925	179	16.3	2523	198	12.7

AVERAGES

First Eleven

BATTING

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
W. Elder	15	1	49	310	22.1
L. Hokin	13	—	88	278	21.4
L. Davis	17	1	89	341	21.3
J. Hollands	16	1	61	249	16.6
A. Leadbeater	15	1	62*	219	15.6
T. Mobbe	15	1	36	204	14.5
A. Land	16	—	47	220	13.7
E. Watt	13	4	19	120	13.3
A. Rose	10	5	15*	59	11.8
J. Roberts	9	3	26	64	10.6
J. Mason	5	2	12*	21	7.0
J. Whiting	12	3	13	36	4.0

* Not out.

Also batted: A. Lynch, 2 innings (1 not out) for 12 runs; B. McKittrick, 1 for 10; E. Annetts, 3 for 27; N. Neville, 1 for 6.

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wickets	Avg.
J. Mason	89	11	286	35	8.1
A. Rose	153	14	497	60	8.2
T. Mobbs	163	23	546	53	10.3
J. Roberts	35	4	127	11	11.5
E. Watt	119	17	397	32	12.4

Also bowled: E. Annetts, 4 wickets for 39 runs; J. Hollands, 5 for 66; L. Hokin, 0 for 20.

Second Eleven

BATTING

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
R. Fullwood	19	6	72*	443	34.1
J. Robertson	15	2	39	292	22.5
S. Hall	14	3	58	246	22.4
H. Lennartz	21	1	50	305	15.3
F. Richards	13	2	41	162	14.7
R. Ackermann	9	—	31	132	14.7
T. Brennan	21	—	53	290	13.8
R. Clark	15	6	23	112	12.4
E. Annetts	9	2	35	84	12.0
R. Burns	10	1	37	105	11.7
L. Meulman	17	—	28	135	7.9

* Not Out.

Also batted: L. Hokin, 2 innings for 77 runs; D. Prowse, 1 for 52; B. McKitt-
rick, 1 for 26; J. Rudd, 2 (1 not out) for 25; A. Leadbeater, 3 (1 not out)
for 41; A. Lynch, 3 (1 not out) for 32; J. Mason, 5 (3 not out) for 27;
G. J. Lee, 4 (1 not out) for 36; W. Farnsworth, 5 for 48; R. Neilson, 2
for 14; R. McLaughlin, 1 for 7; G. Wallis, 3 for 18; R. Creighton, 2 for 10;
D. Thomas, 5 for 15; E. Perrin, 1 for 3; K. Campling, 3 for 8; S. Hipwell,
1 for 2.

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wickets	Avg.
E. Annetts	39	7	179	14	8.9
J. Robertson	86	12	285	27	10.6
H. Lennartz	95	9	313	29	10.7
R. Fulwood	142	19	455	38	12.0.
J. Mason	40	5	179	14	12.8
R. Clark	72	7	305	23	13.3
T. Brennan	56	5	233	17	13.7

Also bowled: R. Ackermann, 9 wickets for 122 runs; W. Farnsworth, 5 for 137;
L. Meulman, 1 for 5; F. Richards, 1 for 42; D. Thomas, 1 for 34; A.
Lynch, 0 for 40.

THIRD ELEVEN

The third team had a season of varying fortunes. The first match resulted in a win against the eventual Premiers. However, the promotion of one or two key men to the higher teams made a vast difference. This left us with a very weak side composed mainly of footballers who played only so as to enable the Club to field a team. During the season, no less than 37 members played at various times. This could have been most disheartening, but our players seemed to revel in adversity and, under the able guidance of skipper Don Walker, an excellent team-spirit was developed which, together with the recruitment of some able players later on, enabled the team to finish the season in a blaze of glory, losing only one match (and that by a narrow margin) out of the last five played to finish third in the competition.

Among the batsmen, D. Thomas (two centuries) is to be congratulated on his fine average of 40.8 which won for him premier place in the Association's averages for the season. K. Campling was a model of consistency as an opening batsman, failing to reach double figures on only three occasions. R. Thomson, J. Clingan, R. Goodacre and D. Walker were others who did useful work at times.

R. Glasgow headed the bowling averages, followed closely by Don Walker. Both bowled extremely well and thoroughly deserved their figures

R. Thomson, with his slows, showed glimpses of his old form and provided a much-needed variety to the attack. D. Thomas and A. Mobbs also bowled well on occasions. N. Thomas did not have much opportunity to show his undoubted ability but we expect him to be to the fore next season.

The fielding was not good, although it improved towards the end of the season. Outstanding were G. Davis, J. Clingan and K. Campling. As nearly 10 per cent of the runs scored against the team were byes, the acquisition of a capable wicket-keeper in R. Goodacre for the last few matches was a very welcome happening.

Our congratulations are offered to Burwood Rovers "B" team, who were successful in winning the Premiership after a most exciting match in the Divisional Final.

Matches

Played	W.	W.I.	L.	L.I.	D.	T.	Points	Position
14	4	4	3	2	1	—	32	3rd.
Runs for	Wickets for	Average			Runs Agst.	Wickets Agst.	Average	
2153	164	13.2			2448	188	13.0	

AVERAGES

BATTING

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave.
D. Thomas	11	2	120*	367	40.8
K. Campling	10	—	78	282	28.2
R. Thomson	13	1	57	242	20.2
R. Goodacre	9	—	31	116	12.9
D. Walker	13	—	33	160	12.3
N. Thomas	9	2	24	42	6.0
Y. Davis	9	1	19	47	5.9
R. Glasgow	5	—	10	29	5.8
A. Mobbs	15	1	15	56	4.0
P. Nicoll	12	2	16	36	3.6
G. Davis	9	1	10	25	3.1

* Not Out.

Also batted: M. Wanklyn, 9 innings for 14 runs; J. Clingan, 4 for 78; R. McLaughlin, 1 for 0; R. Creighton, 4 for 15; G. Wallis, 3 for 62; S. Hall, 1 for 29; R. Thomas, 2 (1 not out) for 5; L. Meulman, 3 (1 not out) for 91; T. Mobbs, 1 for 33; R. Ackerman, 2 for 24; H. Lennartz, 1 for 19; S. Hipwell, 2 (2 not out) for 18; R. Shaw, 5 for 16; P. Onions, 2 for 29; J. Gemmel, 2 for 1; E. F. Watt, 3 for 10; J. Hollands, 2 for 89; J. Whiting, 2 for 15; R. Clark, 2 (2 not out) for 1; J. Kerr, 2 for 5; R. Atwill, 2 for 2; E. Perrin, 1 for 19.

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wickets	Ave.
R. Glasgow	45	4	173	19	9.1
D. Walker	103	18	354	36	9.3
R. Thomson	80	2	407	33	12.3
D. Thomas	67	3	277	21	13.2
A. Mobbs	84	7	374	19	19.7

Also bowled: R. Creighton, 11 wickets for 91 runs; J. Hollands, 4 for 54; N. Thomas, 4 for 72; J. Kerr, 2 for 26; R. Goodacre, 2 for 26; M. Wanklyn, 2 for 47; T. Mobbs, 1 for 5; Y. Davis, 1 for 17; P. Nicoll, 1 for 22; O. Whiting, 1 for 32; R. Clark, 1 for 36; S. Hall, 1 for 41; H. Lennartz, 0 for 4; R. Ackermann, 0 for 11; J. Clingan, 0 for 16; G. Wallis, 0 for 19; L. Meulman, 0 for 29; E. F. Watt, 0 for 35.

CRICKET SHIELD

During the year, Committee accepted from an anonymous source an offer of a shield to be awarded annually on somewhat similar conditions to the "Gordon Bevan" Football Shield. The award will be made to the winner of a competition carrying points allocated as follows:

Value to team	25	points
Conduct on field	15	"
General keenness as a cricketer	20	"
Value to Club as a Member	30	"
Neatness of dress	10	"
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		100 points

The competition will operate as from the 1945-1946 season.

FOOTBALL

(Sub-Committee: M. A. HILL, H. LENNARTZ, N. THOMAS.)

This year, we were faced with the task of finding enough players to form almost a new team, since only five of the previous season's combination were again available. However, the response to an appeal was very gratifying, and we wish to thank the members, particularly Bob Skow, for their efforts in introducing new players.

An analysis revealed that the team would not be eligible for the Junior Competition, and it was decided to enter in the Fourth Grade District Competition controlled by the N.S.W. Rugby Union.

The material available was very young and inexperienced for this Grade, the average age being under 18 years, but the decision made has been fully justified by the results achieved.

With the assistance of two daylight training runs early in the season, and the keenness displayed by the players themselves, the team finished the first round of the competition in third position—a very creditable performance.

Training is being carried out on St. Luke's Park one night a week. A number of players are unable to attend on account of Technical College classes, but the roll up has for the most part been very good and valuable work has been done, despite the handicap of having no lighting facilities available.

After early teething troubles, the team settled down remarkably well, playing its best football in the wet, and at times surprising the critics with some excellent displays. They are all young, with plenty of football ahead of them and a willingness to learn, and the Club can look forward with confidence to the future. The main weakness is poor tackling. High tackles and failure to ground the man with the ball are commonplace and have been chiefly responsible for the matches lost.

The forwards, ably led by Jack Wallace, have been tireless in their efforts and are working well as a pack, which has more than held its own against heavier opponents.

The back line has not settled down to the same extent, due mainly to individuals having to play out of position. As a result, their movements

have been jerky, and they have not yet revealed that combination which is so essential to a good three-quarter line.

A pleasing feature is the fine spirit which exists among the players, who were nearly all strangers to one another at the beginning of the season. This augurs well for future years, when we can look forward to fielding three teams again.

Jock Rossell is coaching the team, and his knowledge of the game, combined with his enthusiasm, has played no small part in the improvement shown. We are grateful to Jock for his work and also to our President for his valuable assistance and Laurie Knight for his instructive lecture at the Club Rooms on the Rules.

The following are brief comments on individual players:

BRIAN WILLIAMS (*Full Back*): A very promising player; handles well, is a good kick and a sound defender. Could vary his play to the advantage of the team by running his backs into position occasionally.

P. CROCKER (*Wing*): Has shown all-round improvement in this position. Uncertain handler but shows determination when in possession. Fair defence. Could use the cross kick at times with some benefit.

K. DEANE (*Wing*): Uncertain on occasions, due to inexperience; runs hard, weak tackler.

R. STEWART (*Centre Threequarter*), Vice-Captain: Fast, handles well and has the ability to penetrate. Weak in defence, except when tackling from behind. Inclined to go for the intercept.

D. POTTER (*Centre Threequarter*): Strange to the position but will improve with more experience and concentration. Lacked condition early. Unreliable defender. Useful goal kick.

J. POWELL (*Five-eight*): Is playing consistently well in a strange position. A trifle slow but plucky and tireless. Is keen to learn.

N. STOCKER (*Half Back*): Has improved considerably since last year. A game little player who has stood up to the hard play very well. His service from the base of the scrum is still too slow, but this may be improved by quicker heeling.

M. WANKLYN (*Breakaway*): A good loose forward at times but play suffers from lack of condition. Disinclined to take part in tight play.

R. SKOW (*Breakaway*): Should develop into a really good player. Fast and quick to seize an opportunity. Lacks experience at present but has shown vast improvement.

J. WALLACE (*Lock*), Captain: An inspiring leader and forward. Always in the thick of it. Uses his weight to advantage. Keen as mustard.

R. CROFTS (*Second Row*): Probably the best forward in the team. Has the happy knack of always being where the ball is. A tireless worker. Should go far in the game.

D. BARLOW (*Second Row*): An honest forward, who revels in the hard play. A much improved player.

J. ALFORD (*Front Row*): Perhaps the most experienced man in the team. Sound in his general play; tackles well and is always on the ball.

T. OLSEN (*Front Row*): A hard worker; is seldom seen but is always in the thick of it.

R. WADE (*Centre Forward*): Wins his share of the ball; plays far above his weight. Is particularly good in the rucks.

Y. DAVIS (*Wing Threequarter*): Poor handler. Must learn to concentrate on the ball. Is young and will improve.

K. SHAW (*Front Row*): A recent addition to the team. At present short of condition, but a handy forward.

We congratulate J. Carson and N. Dunbar, who are representing in 1st Grade football with the Gordon and Western Suburbs Clubs respectively.

THE GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

This shield, presented as a perpetual football trophy and carrying with it an annual 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 keenness as a footballer ..	15	"
(5) Value to his Club as a Member	15	"
(6) Neatness of uniform	10	"
Total	100	points

The trophy last season was presented to Neville Thomas, who fulfilled all the above conditions in a satisfactory manner. As Captain of a team which had the misfortune to go through the competition without a win, he held it together with his own inspired play and enthusiasm. In addition, he is a good Club man, taking part in all its activities and assisting in the administration. The award was well deserved.

TENNIS

(Sub-Committee: MESSRS. L. KNIGHT, H. LENNARTZ, R. THOMSON.)

In last year's report, mention was made of the desirability of reviving Club activity in this sport. This year, despite scarcity of material, particularly sand-shoes, we finally were able to organise a tournament along the lines of pre-war functions.

In accordance with the usual practice, the tournament consisted of a men's doubles handicap, and was played at the Strathfield Recreation Club's courts. Eighteen members took part, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

L. Knight and D. Rossell emerged as the winners, with R. Fulwood and T. Mobbs runners up.

Encouraged by the success of this function, the sub-committee arranged another event during June. However, bad weather caused a postponement on two occasions, with the result that finally it was decided to hold further tournaments in abeyance until the weather settled.

We feel confident that, from now on, Tennis will again be a regular feature of the Club's activities.

CLUB ROOMS

The year under review has been most gratifying in respect to Club Room attendances, due to three main reasons:

1. The keenness of the younger members, particularly the footballers.
2. Visiting servicemen on leave.
3. The re-entry into civil life of servicemen.

We would like to see more of our members avail themselves of the amenities available throughout the year, rather than allow their interest to lag during the off season, as is now the case with many.

Cigarettes are still not plentiful, and the resultant rationing has been carried out on a satisfactory basis.

We lost the services of our cleaner during the year and it has not been found possible to obtain another one. However, the rooms have been maintained in good order, mainly by the work of R. Thomson, who is untiring in his efforts. Thanks, Ron.

As it is only necessary, as yet, to open on Monday and Friday nights, only two stewards have been appointed—H. Lennartz and N. Thomas—and they have carried out their work very well.

BILLIARDS

(Sub-Committee: R. CLARK, N. THOMAS and R. THOMSON.)

Due to the fact that the tables are in such demand on Friday nights, only one tournament was held during the year. This was restricted to junior members, and was won by K. Campling, who beat Y. Davis in the final.

The equipment has been maintained in good order through a quarterly service by Heiron & Smith

LIBRARY

There has been little activity in the Library, due to the scarcity and high price of books and members interested are carrying on with pre-war publications.

TABLE TENNIS

(Sub-Committee: A. LAND, E. F. WATT)

The popularity of this game is governed entirely by the availability of balls. So far, we have been fortunate in being able to dig up one or two at crucial moments but at present the outlook is not at all bright. We ask members, therefore, that if they have any idea at all as to where fresh supplies may be obtained, they let us know immediately.

It is hoped that the coming year will see a relaxation of the present restrictions upon the import of balls and, if it does, no time will be lost in organising table tennis functions along the lines so successful in pre-war years.

ENTERTAINMENTS

(Sub-Committee: M. MITCHELL, M. HILL, J. HOLLANDS, D. WALKER)

The Entertainments' Sub-Committee handled a fairly comprehensive programme throughout the year.

By the courtesy of the Vacuum Oil Company, a very successful picture night was held at the Burwood Masonic Hall. The showing was well attended and, as a result, the sum of £15/9/- was handed to the Club's War Comforts Fund.

Last November, a Cricket-Football Dinner was held at the Club Rooms. A special dinner was provided by the Ladies' Committee for an attendance of 58, which included wives, parents and friends of members.

A most enjoyable Christmas Party was held at the Club in December, the Comforts Fund receiving £18/15/1 as a result of this function.

A card night, held in March, attracted an attendance of 60 members and their friends, and a pleasant night was spent at a variety of card games.

In celebration of the Club's success in the cricket a dinner took place at the Club rooms in May. Later in the evening, a table tennis tournament, billiards and cards were the order.

The regular monthly mixed evenings have continued their popularity during the year.

Our thanks are due to the members of the Ladies' Committee, whose assistance has contributed much to the success of the various functions held in the past twelve months.

Sub-Committee members, Messrs. D. Walker, M. Hill and J. Kerr have worked well and are deserving of the thanks of members.

CLUB HISTORY

(Sub-Committee: R. CLARK, S. MCGREGOR, L. MEULMAN, E. SIDDELEY, R. THOMSON, and D. WALKER.)

A matter which has been exercising the minds of the older members for some time now is the question of compiling a suitable record of the Club's development since its foundation.

Many present-day members are not aware that this Club reached its 25th birthday on 7th August, 1943. Due to war-time conditions, of course, no attempt was made to organise any special celebration of the occasion.

However, that does not alter the fact that the Club is rapidly approaching the stage where it can claim its traditions and realisation of this has now taken concrete form by the setting-up of a Sub-Committee whose function it is to collect data and draft a history of the Club.

The object is that upon some fitting occasion, such as the first annual Meeting after the war or our thirtieth birthday (the point has not been decided yet), the History will be published in souvenir form. It is hoped that the publication will be a comprehensive one, containing, in addition to the actual story of the Club's career, photographs of winning teams, outstanding personalities and memorable events, as well as the necessary statistics.

The job is well in hand but inasmuch as it demands the recollection of events which cannot always be obtained from existing records, the Sub-Committee is most anxious to receive suggestions and reminiscences from as many of the members as possible. Co-operation in this regard will be most appreciated.

FOR KING AND COUNTRY

In the last annual report it was recorded that Bill Edginton and Bill Theyer had been posted missing on air operations in Europe. It is with sorrow that we add that subsequently both were listed as "Believed to have been killed."

With deep regret we also record that during the year two other members, Chris. Daly, R.A.A.F., and Malcolm Gillies, A.I.F., were posted as "Missing, Believed Killed" and "Missing," respectively.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the relatives and friends of these men.

It is pleasing to report that Hec. Scott, who was taken prisoner of war whilst serving with the R.A.A.F., was released following the cessation of hostilities in Europe.

WAR COMFORTS FUND

The Comforts Fund Committee is pleased again to report another successful year's work.

During the year two new members were welcomed to the Committee in Mrs. Fulwood and Mrs. Brennan; the rest of the Committee and Office Bearers remain the same, except that Miss Walters, the Secretary, is now Mrs. Osterman.

The number of parcels posted away over the year totalled 246 and the funds which enabled this accomplishment were raised from several different sources, the main functions being the usual Xmas Party, and a Card Party held in the Club Rooms. A General Appeal was very successful and brought in £74/7/- up to 30th June.

Though the war in Europe has come to a close and we feel it is the "beginning of the end," we still realise there is a great deal to be done in other theatres and that our work is just as important as ever to our club members who are still "doing their bit." We congratulate them and go on wishing them all the luck they deserve and assure them of our continued support at their Club till the end, which perhaps is nearer than we dare to think.

We are grateful to the following, who have aided the fund with donations during the year:—

Angus & Coote Pty. Ltd.
John Herford & Sons Ltd.
Alfred Heine
Allan C. Lewis
Nestle & Anglo Swiss Condensed Milk
Coy.
Guy F. Bevan
T. Cleary
J. H. Prowse & Sons
Austral Meat Co. Pty. Ltd.
James Barnes Pty. Ltd.
Thatcher & Oberg Pty. Ltd.
Kell & Rigby.
Vanderfield & Reid Ltd.
A. J. Bush & Sons
McMaster Holland & Coy.
R. W. May
D. Vowles

David Beale
Harbottle Brown & Co. Pty. Ltd.
Paper Bag Supply Pty. Ltd.
Alfred J. Morgan & Son
Ve-Toy Biscuits Pty. Ltd.
B. V. Ward Smith
W. J. Coote & Sons Pty. Ltd.
Thcs. Borthwick & Sons
Whiddon Pty. Ltd.
Norman G. Wales
Rogers Meat Co. Pty. Ltd.
Dr. K. Y. Kerr
A. Nunn Patrick
N.S.W. Sports Store Pty. Ltd
Murray & Coy Pty. Ltd.
N. A. Pardoe
Heiron & Smith Ltd.
Tanner Middleton Pty. Ltd.

"BRIARS" LETTER

(Editor: D. WALKER)

Four issues of this letter to "Briars" in the Services have been sent out during the year. It was not possible to send them as frequently as during the previous year, due to unavoidable circumstances. However, each issue sent was a comprehensive one and kept our members up to date with Club activities.

Members are further reminded that items for inclusion in the letter will be welcomed by the Editor at all times.

COMMITTEE

Your Committee has met on 13 occasions during the year, with the following attendances:

R. Clark	11	L. Knight	5
W. Elder	12	A. Land	9
R. Glasgow	8	L. Meulman	9
M. Hill	13	M. Mitchell	12
J. Hollands	13	D. Walker	12

Sub-Committees appointed to organise various phases of the Club's activities have functioned in a most satisfactory manner.

The Club can count itself most fortunate in the return from service and the then immediate entry into duty on the Committee of Bob Clark and Mal. Mitchell. Later, another ex-committeeman in Ron. Thomson became available for the same reason, and his services were utilised ex-officio.

Peter Meulman has continued to act as Hon. Treasurer, and has carried out the duties of that office in his usual efficient manner.

Bill Elder again capably discharged the many duties of Senior Steward.

FINANCE

The following are extracts from our Auditor's report:—

"As a guide to your Committee, I set out hereunder a comparison of the Club's activities for last year and the year just completed.

Club Room Trading Account.—An increase of £5/8/10 has been made in the profit on sale of cigarettes, etc., compared with last year, sales increasing by approximately £2.

Cricket.—A loss of £49/17/3 is shown in this branch of the Club's activities this year, as compared with £10/10/6 last year; but as the purchase of materials last year was exceptionally small, and an additional team was catered for this year, the increase is quite understandable.

Football.—Receipts from this sport dropped by £1/12/- and expenditure was reduced by £1/19/4, a slight loss of £1/4/8 being shown.

Billiards.—The receipts from billiards increased by £8/3/2, whilst expenditure rose by £3/13/-. This account showed a profit of £15/13/3 for the year, which in my opinion is an excellent achievement, both financially and

socially, as it appears that many more members are now taking advantage of the Club Rooms and its facilities.

Entertainments.—This account shows a profit of £131/8/2, after donating to the War Comforts Fund the sum of £64/3/4, which sum represents the net proceeds of various entertainments held during the year, and is an excellent result.

Subscriptions.—Members' subscriptions for the year increased by £7/5/- due to the larger membership, and after writing off £18/11/3 for bad debts.

Administrative and Club Rooms.—Expenses have increased by £23/4/9, mainly accounted for by repairs and maintenance to furniture, and plumbing expenses in connection with the Club Rooms.

Furniture and Fittings.—No depreciation has been written off this account for this year, following on my advice in last year's report. The installation of new equipment has increased assets by £120.

Bank Balance.—The balance with the Commonwealth Savings Bank is reduced by £16/11/8, as compared with last year.

Sundry Creditors.—The figure of £40 shown under this heading represents the balance due on the purchase of new furniture and fittings.

Conclusion.—I cannot let this occasion pass without extending to the Committee my heartiest congratulations on its success in turning a profit of 12/11 last year into an amount of £39/1/7 this year, and all members of your Committee and Sub-Committees have reason to be proud of what they have done for the Club.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Laurie Jarvis and John Walker, whose engagements have been announced.

The marriages of the following members are recorded with pleasure: Laurie Knight, Fred Richards, Hector Anderson, Bob Coote, John Dinning, Roy Hooker, Vic. Nee, Stan Osborn, Olaf Osterman, Doug. Prowse and Don Sams.

We are also pleased to note the zeal with which the Stork favoured our members during the year. The happy fathers are: Dick Buzacott (a son); Perc. Murray (a son); Bill McLaughlin (a daughter); Rex Wallis (a daughter); Eric Annetts (a son); Norman Dunbar (a son); Norman Neale (a son); Norman Fisher (a daughter); Don. Walker (a son); Norman Wales (a daughter); Roy Brownhill (a son); Stuart Coldham (a son); Alan Lynch (a son), and Pick Binsted (a daughter).

We apologise for any possible omissions from the above lists, and would like to hear about them.

APPRECIATIONS

Our thanks go to the following:

The ladies of the Briars War Comforts Fund Committee for their excellent work on behalf of our members in the Services.

Western Suburbs Football Club (Rugby Union) for donation received.

Guy F. Bevan, for donation of playing cards.

Concord Council for the courtesies extended.

Members who have assisted with their cars, the transport of players in the various teams.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

H. G. WHIDDON, President.

R. W. R. GLASGOW, Hon. Secretary.

ADDENDUM

I wish to place on record my appreciation of the work performed throughout the year by R. W. R. Glasgow (Hon. Secretary), L. B. Meulman (Hon. Treasurer), R. B. Clark (Assistant Hon. Secretary), M. Hill (Assistant Hon. Treasurer), W. Elder (Senior Steward), N. Wales (Hon. Auditor), also members of the General Committee, Sub-Committees and Stewards.

H. G. WHIDDON, President.

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB

34A GEORGE STREET, BURWOOD.

CLUBROOM TRADING ACCOUNT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 30th JUNE, 1945.

	£	s	d	£	s	d	
To STOCK ON HAND, 30th June, 1944—							£ s d
Cigarettes, Tobacco, etc.	5	18	0				
" PURCHASES—							
Cigarettes, Tobacco, etc.	95	2	7	101	0	7	
" GROSS PROFIT transferred to Income and Expenditure Account				17	9	4	
				£118	9	11	£118 9 11

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 30th JUNE, 1945.

	£	s	d	£	s	d	
EXPENDITURE							
TO CRICKET—							
Hire of Ground	53	0	0				
Material, etc.	55	10	0				
Registrations	2	17	6	111	7	6	
" FOOTBALL—Registrations, etc.				3	14	8	
" CLUBROOM AMUSEMENTS—							
Billiards				10	16	0	
" ANNUAL MEETING				12	5	0	
" DONATION TO WAR COMFORTS FUND				64	3	4	
" ADMINISTRATIVE & CLUBROOM EXPENSES—							
Rent and Cleaning	91	12	9				
Lighting and Heating	12	11	9				
Repairs and Maintenance	22	1	4				
Stationery, Stamps and Telephone	15	6	8				
Insurance	8	2	7				
Sundry Expenses	1	0	0				
Donations	3	3	0				
				153	18	1	
" BALANCE, being excess of Income over Expenditure for year				39	1	7	
				£395	6	2	£395 6 2
INCOME							
By GROSS PROFIT FROM TRADING ACCOUNT							17 9 4
" CRICKET—							
Fees, etc.,	59	0	3				
Subletting Oval	2	10	0	61	10	3	
" CLUBROOM AMUSEMENTS—							
Billiards and Library	26	9	3				
Entertainments	195	11	6	222	0	9	
" FOOTBALL							2 10 0
" ANNUAL MEETING							2 10 0
" TENNIS							3 0
" ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS							80 8 9
" SUNDRY INCOME—							
Interest	2	6	8				
Donations	5	13	6				
Telephone	9	5					
Newsletter	5	0					
Exchange	6						
				8	15	1	
				£395	6	2	£395 6 2

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1945.

	£	s	d	£	s	d	
LIABILITIES.							
SUNDRY CREDITORS				40	0	0	
DEPOSIT ON CLUBROOM KEYS				19	0		
SURPLUS OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES—							
Balance as at 30th June, 1944	315	14	7				
Add Excess of Income over Ex- penditure for year	39	1	7	354	16	2	
				£395	15	2	
ASSETS.							
FURNITURE AND FITTINGS AT COST							
Less Depreciation							248 13 0
STOCK ON HAND AT VALUATION							
Cigarettes, Tobacco	5	2	3				
Badges, etc.	15	6	0	20	8	3	
SUNDRY DEBTORS—							
Less Reserve for Doubtful Debts							7 9 2
COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK							119 4 9
				£395	15	2	£395 15 2

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of account and vouchers of the Briars Sporting Club for the year ended 30th June, 1945, and the above balance sheet, in my opinion, presents a true and correct view of the club's activities at this date to the best of my knowledge and belief and according to the books and vouchers inspected by me.

N. G. WALES, A.A.P.A.
Public Accountant and Auditor.

26th July, 1945.