

The Briars
Sporting Club Limited
Burwood



1956-1957

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

39th ANNUAL REPORT AND
BALANCE SHEET

1956/57

Presented to members at the Club Rooms, Burwood on
6th December, 1957.

THE LATE JOHN H. STONE

(Passed away, 20th June, 1957)

The name of John H. Stone is one that will ever be linked with the history of the Briars Sporting Club.

Most present-day members will associate him with the J.H. Stone Trophy, which is awarded annually to the member making the most outstanding contribution to the Club welfare.

Older members, however, the ones who knew John personally, esteemed him as a friend, and as an energetic leader in the days when the Club was first founded in 1918. Evidence of that esteem is recorded by the fact that, although only a lad at the time, he was first President of the Club, and subsequently was Secretary and Treasurer, and finally a Vice-President right up to the time of his death.

We owe to him our very name, "The Briars", adopted from his parents' home in Appian Way, Burwood. The original name-plate is a valued relic in our Club Rooms.

John was one whom we like to regard as a true Briar - his leisure hours were dedicated to the service of his fellow men. This is demonstrated by the number of executive positions he occupied with various benevolent, cultural and sporting bodies. He was Treasurer of the Father and Son Welfare Movement, Hon. Secretary of the Frank Whiddon Masonic War Memorial Homes of N.S.W., a founder of the British Empire Boys' Club, a councillor of the Sydney Rescue Work Society, a director of the South Sydney Hospital, a former Hon. Secretary of the Hornsby District Hospital, a founder of the Epping Baptist Church, an executive of the Parents and Friends Association of his old school, Sydney Technical High, and a committeeman of the Pymble Bowling Club, and a member of the Pennant Hills Golf Club.

His example should be an inspiration to our younger members, particularly now that there is so much scope for those willing and able to take an active part in the Club's administration.

John Stone in the flesh we shall know no more. But may his spirit live on in this Club that he loved so well, and may we be worthy followers in his footsteps.

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

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THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

Gentlemen,

The Board of Directors and Management Committee have pleasure in presenting for your consideration and adoption this report on the activities and financial position of the Club for the year ended 30th September, 1957.

The year was a mixture of success and disappointment in both sporting and administrative spheres.

In the field of sport, our football activities were disheartening although credit must be given to the Kentwell Cup side, which confounded its critics by battling through to the final. Our other two teams lacked keenness and quite often the necessary will to win. Indeed, there were occasions when matches would have been forfeited (an unprecedented happening for this Club) because of the default of some regular team members, had not some ex-players up to the age of 40 filled vacancies, and other enthusiasts played in two games on the one day. Some footballers might well follow the example of Club spirit shown by those who covered up for them.

Our cricketers performed somewhat better; the "A" and B Shire teams both reaching the finals, in which they were defeated. The "B" Shire team won the Minor Premiership.

It is evident, however, that the functioning of these two sporting activities could improve, with particular regard to football. The recruitment of good footballers and cricketers with a sense of club responsibility is of prime importance and in this connection the qualifications of intending members should be more critically assessed in the future.

The Hockey players and the administration of this sport provided one of the bright spots of the year. The "A" team won the Minor "A" Division Premiership, and the hockey teams generally showed commendable club spirit.

The minor sports of Golf, Table Tennis, Tennis and Billiards remained popular. Club Championships in Table Tennis, (singles and doubles) and Billiards were restored after a lapse of many years. A new sport was added to our long list, viz. Squash, and two teams are now playing competitively.

In the field of administration, the year has shown that latent administrative talent must be tapped if the requirements of the ever increasing club activities are to be met. Too much is being left to the faithful few. For some months the office of Senior Steward has remained

vacant and the issue of our club magazine came to a sudden end with the retirement of the editor.

This matter has received the earnest consideration of your management and a plan is being examined which promises to overcome the situation provided that additional administrators are forthcoming. The position is clear, therefore, that the Club's progress is dependent upon the extent and quality of the overall contribution the members make to the administrative work of the Club.

The Club was granted a Liquor Licence on 19th November, 1956. The attendances at the Club rooms have been fair, but on week-days has been disappointing. It is thought that as most members live around the area the trading period in the afternoon would be more popular.

At the 30th September, 1957 the composition of the membership was as under:-

Full	209
Junior	17
Associate	52
Country	<u>30</u>
Total		<u>308</u>

The qualifications for admittance remain unchanged, every applicant having to play two successive years in a major sport (football, cricket or hockey).

The Burwood and Concord Councils continue to show us consideration, and it is desired to record our sincere appreciation of their assistance.

The opportunity is taken to express our thanks to the sporting bodies with which we are affiliated and with whom we associate. We offer our best wishes to the N.S.W. Rugby Union, Metropolitan Sub-District Rugby Union, N.S.W. Rugby Union Referees' Association, N.S.W. Cricket Association, City & Suburban Cricket Association, Western Suburbs Cricket Association, the Council of Municipal and Shire Cricket Clubs, Sydney Hockey Association, Sydney Hockey Umpires Association, and Squash Association of N.S.W.; together with all clubs with whom we competed on the field.

CRICKET

Sub-Committee:

D.A. Walker (Chairman), G. Farrell, K. Astridge,
B. Trevenar

Anticlimatic was the close of the thirty-ninth season of Club cricket. The First and Second Elevens, playing in the Municipal and Shire competition, A and B divisions, were both finalists, but failed to reproduce last season's double win, when they succumbed abjectly to the superior prowess of our opponents.

The covered A Shire premiership trophy, the R.B. Clark Cup, was wrested from our buttered fingers by the Ryde Club, whose success ended for them a barren period of twenty years. The strong Sutherland Second Eleven easily defeated our B team. We offer our congratulations to the triumphant teams. The "B" XI received caps as Minor Premiers.

Rothwell Park was again used by the Shire teams and, whilst the fielding surface may have its shortcomings and most certainly its "ups and downs", the wicket is one of the best in the competition. We are indebted to the constant care and skill of the curator, Mr. Bill Hollis. The lack of a boundary fence and the absence of sightboards are interwoven problems, and seem financially insoluble in the early future. The purchase of new flags and better ground markings has solved the problem of indistinct boundaries. Three bench type park seats have alleviated the absence of seating accommodation, but we do need Dunlopillo for our thinner players. A highly effective scoreboard was devised and produced by Les Davis. This device was so simple in operation that even a child can use it. In fact, most times, a child does! Thank you, L.J.D.

The happiest team in the Club, the Third XI, elevated at our own request to B Grade of the Western Suburbs Cricket Association, experienced much stronger opposition, and received their "bleeding" on matting wickets. Despite some severe haemorrhages on occasions, the spirit of survival ascended over the anaemic start and the team, in turn, dealt in sanguinary fashion with opponents at the close of the season. We regretted losing the use of our previous tree-lined home, Burwood Park, but soon became accustomed to the more open playing field of St. Lukes.

"Ages shall not weary, nor the years condemn" our City and Suburban veterans. Though homeless, and

obliged to travel widely, this team, with a more settled combination than of previous seasons, maintained the high standards of other years. We are thankful for the provision of playing areas by the City & Suburban Cricket Association and by its constituent clubs.

Late in March, a Club team did battle with a Nepean District team at Penrith, which proved to be a successful and entertaining match.

As a finale to the season we visited Goulburn at Easter, and were able to play two matches. Although defeated by a strong combined First Grade team, we were able to turn the tables on a combined Second Grade Eleven. During this weekend, we were entertained royally, and we hope to make these visits a regular feature at the close of the season. However, more support from the senior team members is needed to enable us to field a team of the required standard.

In a general review of the performances of all teams, several pertinent points may be raised. A general deterioration of fielding standards is evident. From slovenly A Shire fielding, through the teams to the mediocrity of City & Suburban out-cricket, a complacent attitude that "nothing can be done about it" has arisen. We look to the selectors and Captains to fire an enthusiasm for out-cricket into our teams. Pre-match practices and lively ball-catching displays during the falls of wicket are ideas worthy of enactment.

Our teams are rarely blessed with the presence of umpires, so that our members who are invariably placed into this onerous position could well make a closer study of the rules, which would build confidence in their ability to give the right decision.

The absence of juniors from Shire teams has provoked criticism. However, this Club caters for all its members, young or old, and the young player is not entitled to promotion merely because of his youth. Ability is the paramount factor in our selection policy, and when the younger players demonstrate that they possess this necessary ability, then promotion to Shire teams is assured.

Thursday afternoon practice at Rothwell Park was reintroduced last season, and had only average attendance. This season, however, the provision by Bill Hollis of a new strip on the western side of Rothwell will enable us to have a more organised practice in future, and we look for more support for this necessary part of the game.

The Western Suburbs District Club were successful in winning the First Grade Premiership and deserve our heartiest congratulations, as also do the South Strathfield Club in winning the "B" Division of the Western Suburbs Cricket Association.

FIRST ELEVEN

The proud holders of the R.B. Clark Cup from the previous season entered the fray full of confidence; nevertheless, after five rounds we were second last on the points table. At this stage it was becoming very evident that everyone was playing on his laurels from the previous season, so it gradually dawned on the side that failure was the reward of carelessness.

Our first encounter with Ryde was the turning point. We lost the match outright after leading on the first innings by nine runs. From this match on, aided by a little luck here and there, such as beating Auburn by one run, we managed to score seven wins in a row to finish second in the Competition with 68 points.

Fortune continued to smile on us, and in the semi-final against Epping, their last man in was foolishly run out when 4 more runs would have given them victory.

In the final at Ryde, we were 6 runs behind on the first innings when Geoff Tweeddale joined Col Jones in a last wicket stand; they batted like veterans and carried the score to 12 past to give us a very handy lead on the first innings at the end of the first day. Unfortunately it did not rain the final day and, through a shocking exhibition of fielding, Ryde were able to close with 5 wickets down for 232, leaving us $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours to bat or 222 runs to make. The batting wilted, the tail made a gallant effort to save the match, but we were well beaten by 60 runs.

Once again we express our sincere thanks to Mr. R. Walker, who acted as scorer throughout the season. Many times he was not feeling well, but he stuck to his job. Our thanks also to Mr. E.J. Siddeley, our Patron, for his loyal support and advice, to the ladies who washed the dishes, prepared the afternoon teas and minded the kids, and to everyone who made it possible for us to partake in another very successful and enjoyable season.

LES. DAVIS (Captain): Captained side well and was able to enthuse keenness into team when, at one stage, it was very low. Useful bowler, but batting was below usual good form.

DAVID WALKER (Vice-Captain): Went close to breaking his own record of dismissals in the Aunt Sally position. One of the brightest batting hopes.

TOM MOBBS: The team's most prolific scorer, proved a handy bowler when required.

GRAHAME IRELAND: Opening bat. A very welcome newcomer to the side, he rarely failed with the bat, good in the field and a handy change bowler.

FRED RANDLE: Topped 550 runs in shires for the season and won the bowling average.

DOUG. PROWSE: This was not one of Doug's outstanding seasons, but he still recorded some very handy scores. The most respected batsman in the Competition, but what a pity he is so reckless.

TED WATT: As is usual, Ted's record at the close of the season is very creditable. Shortened his run at bowling and took most wickets.

NEIL WALKER: Started badly, but soon settled down to deep concentration, which paid off to give him the coveted batting average.

COLIN JONES: The team's "slow" bowler did not get as much work as his ability warrants. Batted well at times, fielding not up to usual standard.

GEOFF TWEEDDALE. Can make it very uncomfortable for the batsmen, with natural uncontrolled swing; was the chief sufferer from the team's bad fielding.

BARRY CARDWELL: Hard hitting batsman, a handy swing bowler, and one of the few safe fielders in the side.

KEN ASTRIDGE: Due to family commitments Ken withdrew after playing in four matches. He was sorely missed.

JOHN HOLLANDS: Jack is the oblige unit who gets put everywhere and anywhere at anytime, and never lets us down. A very handy man in any side.

<u>"A" SHIRE</u>						Minor	Final
Matches						Prem.	Position
<u>Played</u>	<u>W.O.</u>	<u>W.I.</u>	<u>L.O.</u>	<u>L.I.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Position</u>
14	3	* 6	* 2	2	2	2	2
* Led 1st Innings but lost Outright							

<u>Runs for</u>	<u>Wkts. for</u>	<u>Avgc.</u>	<u>Runs agst.</u>	<u>Wkts. agst.</u>	<u>Avgc.</u>
3,463	144	24.05	3,059	187	16.36

AVERAGESBATTING

<u>N a m e</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
N. Walker ..	15	5	66*	395	39.50
T. Mobbs ..	18	1	120	605	35.59
F. Randle ..	8	-	54	263	32.87
G. Ireland ..	16	-	80	402	25.12
D. Prowse ..	18	2	67	394	24.62
E. Watt ..	14	4	90	220	22.00
D. Walker ..	16	-	77	340	21.25
B. Cardwell ..	11	2	39	160	17.77
L. Davis ..	17	2	86	262	17.47
G. Tweeddale..	9	4	15	65	13.00
C. Jones ..	11	2	35	108	12.00

* Denotes not out

ALSO BATTED: R. Elvery, 1 Innings for 5 runs, J. Hollands, 5 innings for 59 runs; A. Land, 2 innings for 21 runs; J. Wade, 1 innings for 0 runs.

BOWLING

	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wkts.</u>	<u>Average</u>
F. Randle ..	31	2	152	11	13.82
L. Davis ..	119	11	494	33	14.97
E. Watt ..	154	12	571	38	15.03
K. Astridge ..	64	10	221	14	15.79
C. Jones ..	84	4	321	20	16.05
G. Tweeddale..	152	24	543	32	16.97
T. Mobbs ..	69	9	296	15	19.73
B. Cardwell ..	30	2	134	6	22.33

ALSO BOWLED: G. Ireland, 1 wicket for 20 runs; J. Hollands, 1 wicket for 74 runs; N. Walker, 2 wickets for 40 runs; D. Prowse, 0 wickets for 20 runs; D. Walker, 1 wicket for 8 runs; D. Way, 2 wickets for 7 runs.

"B" SHIRE

Once again the "B's" had a most enjoyable and successful season. After having been Minor Premiers we were soundly defeated by Sutherland in the final.

The continued success of the "B's" can be largely attributed to the team spirit existing among the players. It can be fairly said that the members of the "B's" play

as a team and for the team. On several occasions the last five batsmen scored more than the first five, and the wickets were fairly evenly shared by all the bowlers.

Our batting showed a marked improvement as evidence by the fact that the team scored 3,312 runs in 14 matches, with 9 batsmen having averages of over 20 runs per innings.

The bowling attack was shared by the same players as the previous season. The fielding on most occasions was sound, but there were a number of times when a few unnecessary lapses proved costly.

Once again we express our sincere gratitude to our scorer, Mr. A.J. Robinson. "Robbie" is a legend in "B" Shire cricket, a most critical, but loyal supporter of the game of cricket, and one who is held in high esteem by members of all clubs. Our score book was, as always, a model of neatness and visiting scorers, umpires, players and spectators alike, all come in for "Robbie's" own inimitable "dressing down" when necessary.

BILL MAGRATH: A popular Captain, who had the full support of his team at all times. Handled his bowlers well, but after a few good scores his own batting slipped until the semis, when he made a welcome return to form.

HAMMY LENNARTZ: By far the team's most successful all-rounder. A matchwinner with the bat, the ball or fielding in slips, where he took some amazing catches (17 in all).

AUD LAND: Made a welcome return to the "B's", where his sound advice was of great benefit to some of the younger batsmen. Batted well.

BRUCE TREVENAR: Again bowled very accurately and economically. A great team-man who always gives his best.

ALAN ROSE: The best "wicket for age" bowler in the Club. Still bowling an immaculate length and thoroughly deserved his 53 wickets.

BRIAN ADCOCK: Had a good season with both bat and ball. He played some very attractive innings, and seemed to concentrate far more than previously.

RON THOMAS: Had his best season for some time. Batted most attractively and with far more power than in past years. Took over the "Aunt Sally" position and despite some nasty knocks he improved with every match.

FRED RANDLE: Unfortunately only played six matches with the "B's" before promotion, and in those six games scored two brilliant centuries.

ERIC ANNETTS: A handy all-rounder. Played several good innings during the season, especially in the semi and final, and generally seemed to get runs when they were most needed.

ROGER KERR: Figured in some good opening partnerships. Running between wickets has improved a lot. A fair field whose main weakness is returning the ball to the 'keeper.

NEV. MILNE: Had a season of ups and downs. Batted extremely well on occasions. A handy change bowler and an excellent fieldsman, especially close to the wicket.

JACK HOLLANDS: Played only in six matches and seemed to have lost all form. However, Jack still has many seasons cricket ahead of him, and no doubt he will fight his way back to form before very long.

BERNIE BARNESLEY: Only available for five matches, owing to National Service Training, but still managed to capture 24 wickets. A good opening bowler, a most aggressive left-hand batsman, and an excellent fieldsman.

Matches Played	W.O.	W.I.	L.O.	L.I.	D.	Minor Prem. Position	Final Position
14	5	7	1	1	-	1st	2nd
Runs for	Wkts.for	Avge.	Runs against	Wkts.Agst.	Avge.		
3321	129	25.7	2996	206	14.5		

AVERAGES

Name	BATTING		H.S.	Runs	Average
	Innings	N.O.			
F.A. Randle	6	-	109	321	53.50
H.W. Lennartz	14	2	81	447	37.25
B.W. Adcock	11	4	88*	252	36.00
R.W. Thomas	15	2	102	415	31.92
A.J. Land	14	2	100*	372	31.00
E. Annetts	11	3	72	220	27.50
N. Milne	15	4	69	254	23.09
R.E. Kerr	16	-	60	339	21.18
C.W. Magrath	13	-	71	271	20.84
B. Barnesley	6	2	22	44	11.00

BATTING Contd.

<u>N a m e</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
A.W. Rose ..	10	4	16*	53	8.83
J.G. Hollands ..	6	-	31	51	8.50
B. Trevenar ..	11	1	26	84	8.40

ALSO BATTED: J. Rudd, 1 Innings for 6 runs, G. Farrell, 1 for 2, I. Mackie, 1 for 14, R. Elvery, 1 for 13 (not out), K. Farrah, 1 for 0, B. Jordan, 1 for 14, R. Atwill, 1 for 1.

BOWLING

<u>N a m e</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wkts.</u>	<u>Avge.</u>
A.W. Rose ..	158.5	22	652	53	12.3
B. Trevenar ..	150	23	558	41	13.6
B. Barnsley ..	87	7	343	24	14.3
B.W. Adcock ..	83.1	7	381	26	14.6
E. Annetts ..	35.7	3	169	11	15.4
H.W. Lennartz ..	126.4	18	522	32	16.3

ALSO BOWLED: C.W. Magrath, 4 wickets for 51 runs
N. Milne, 1 for 70, J. Hollands, 3 for 46,
G. Farrell, 0 wickets for 2 runs.

"C" TEAM

Looking through the record books it could be said that the "C" team had the worst season of any team fielded by the Briars. Although the team finished second last in the competition, there were many matches that could have gone either way. The keenness and good sportsmanship shown by the team left nothing to be desired. It is pleasing to note that the team won its last three matches and, with the dearth of talent available among the younger members, we are looking forward to a successful season next year.

The promotion from "C" Grade to "B" Grade proved a big hurdle to overcome but was a most necessary move and one that will be of benefit to the younger members, who will find, when they are promoted to the Shires, that the standard will not vary to the degree it would have had the team stayed in "C" Grade.

There were no outstanding performances, each man played for the team and the high spirit of comradeship on and off the field was of the highest nature, and because of this, a most enjoyable season's cricket was completed.

DICK ATWILL (Captain); Captained side well. Batted well on occasions. Fielding, as usual, was excellent.

TED STOCKDALE (Vice-Captain): Batted well at times, not his usual good season, but came to the rescue on a number of occasions.

WARWICK DUNN: Took the bowling averages, should have scored a lot of runs. Good team man.

GRAHAM THOMPSON: Batted well on the odd occasion. Keeness could not be faulted.

JACK LANG: Played only a few matches. Not a good season. Could have proved the backbone necessary to the team if available for the whole season.

BILL ZEALL: Bowled steadily as usual. The seven iron has now become a two iron.

PETER MANSFORD: Gained confidence as the season progressed. Has the ability to develop into a good batsman. Took the honours as the best field.

GRAHAME FARRELL: Lacked confidence early in the season. A most attractive batsman when in form. Fielding could improve.

ERIC WADE: Batted well on occasions. Quite a useful bowler.

MAURIE CUMMINS: A most useful batsman, but unreliable in making himself available for selection.

RAY ELVERY: Only played in the early part of the season. An example of keeness.

IAN BLACK: Kept wickets quite well. Has the makings of a good batsman when he learns to concentrate.

ROSS ANSTEY: Bowled with fair success. Batting unreliable, but very keen.

NOEL YOUNG: Our mainstay in the bowling, although a little erratic on occasions, Must improve. Batting improving.

JOHN ROBERTSON: Our other mainstay in the bowling. Will develop into a very useful cricketer for the Club. Has the ability to become a good batsman.

KEVIN PHELPS. Not a good season with the bat. A good team man, and always good for a laugh.

Matches

<u>Played</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>W.I.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>L.I.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>T.</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
14	1	2	6	5	-	-	16	7th
<u>Runs for</u>	<u>Wkts.for</u>	<u>Avge.</u>	<u>Runs Agst.</u>	<u>Wkts.Agst</u>	<u>Avge.</u>			
2,518	226	11.15	2,775	157	17.64			

A V E R A G E SBATTING

<u>N a m e</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
M. Cummins ..	7	-	41	140	21.00
R. Atwill ..	13	1	59	221	18.42
E. Stockdale ..	17		53	310	18.24
G. Farrell ..	20		73	326	16.30
J. Lang ..	9	1	46	120	15.00
G. Thompson ..	17	2	44	212	14.13
E. Wade ..	16	1	56	188	12.53
P. Mansford ..	15	-	47	157	10.47
N. Young ..	20	11	20	97	8.82
W. Dunn ..	22	2	29*	149	7.45
I. Black ..	11	-	22	75	6.82
J. Robertson ..	14	-	14	75	5.36
K. Phelps ..	17	-	24	80	4.71
R. Elvery ..	6	-	12	28	4.66
R. Anstey ..	9	-	11	31	3.44
W. Zeall ..	14	6	3*	10	1.25

* Denotes not out

ALSO BATTED: K. Farrah, 3 Innings for 45 runs; I. Thompson 5 for 22; R. Jordan, 3 for 7; T. Baker, 5 for 9; D. Walker 2 for 0; A..Reid, 2 for 0.

BOWLING

<u>N a m e</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Avge.</u>
W. Dunn ..	53	2	358	23	15.56
N. Young ..	145	9	677	43	15.75
J. Robertson ..	83	3	523	32	16.37
E. Wade ..	27	1	212	11	19.27
W. Zeall ..	56	4	291	14	20.79
R. Atwill ..	23	2	158	6	26.33

ALSO BOWLED: R. Anstey, 4 wickets for 81 runs; P. Mansford, 3 for 66; G. Farrell, 2 for 62; G. Thompson, 0 for 11; K. Phelps, 0 for 10.

CITY AND SUBURBAN ELEVEN

The team completed yet another successful season, having enjoyed its fair share of victories. All the matches were keenly contested and on quite a few occasions the difference between a win and a loss was only by half a dozen runs.

The results were good considering the number of matches the team played without more than one recognised bowler, and the situation didn't improve till well into the season.

The season was notable for its perfect cricket weather, as only one match was washed out just prior to the tea interval, and another was abandoned completely.

Reviewing the performance generally, the lion's share of the bowling was borne by Wal Smith and Bob Clark; between them they accounted for 93 scalps and their aggregate would have been considerably more if the catching had been of a higher standard.

It was unfortunate that Ray Young was severely handicapped by a back injury as we didn't see him at his best until well into the season, after he had received medical treatment and a forced rest of several weeks. Even so, he turned in a good performance in securing 25 wickets.

The occasion must not be allowed to pass without mention of Wal Smith's "hat trick" against the strong Yaralla team.

The team's star batsman was "Colonel" Rudd, who could always be relied upon to weather the opening attack, and he was closely followed by Wal Smith, Alec Leadbeater, Spence Hipwell and David North. The balance of players gave only spasmodic glimpses of batting ability.

The fielding was generally below standard and didn't improve until the infusion of youth into the side mid way through the season.

In conclusion we wish to thank all the teams who entertained us so well, the most memorable occasion being the Xmas party under the gum trees after the game at Turramurra Oval against Northern Districts.

Matches

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>		
27	12	14	1		
<u>Runs for</u>	<u>Wkts. for</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Runs Agst.</u>	<u>Wkts. Agst.</u>	<u>Average</u>
3,582	204	17.5	4,322	211	20.5

A V E R A G E SBATTING

<u>N a m e</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
R. Thomson ..	12	5	41*	175	25.
S. Hipwell ..	16	2	47*	342	24.4
A. Leadbeater ..	18	2	63	343	21.4
J. Parsons ..	16	2	63	292	21.0
W. Smith ..	23	1	77*	425	19.3
W. Rudd ..	25	1	70	445	18.3
D. North ..	17	2	50	274	18.3
R. Clark ..	13	9	14*	64	16.0
A. Taaffe ..	25	3	33*	199	9.0

* Denotes not out.

ALSO BATTED: C. Mitchell, 8 innings (1 not out) for 112 runs; B. Williams, 6 (3 n.o.) for 124; K. Farrah, 5 (1 n.o.) for 7; D. Guest, 3 (1 n.o.) for 23; B. Nix, 3 for 4; N. Milne, 1 for 6; C. Jones, 2 for 7; P. Mansford, 2 for 1; A. Holden, 4 for 12; R. Whiteside, 1 (1 n.o.) for 28; D. Ireland, 1 (1 n.o.) for 4; W. McKellar, 1 for 10; A. Duffy, 1 for 2; R. Williams, 1 for 0; J. Sandes, 1 for 24; E. Wade, 2 (1 n.o.) for 13; G. Farrell, 1 for 0; J. Robertson, 1 for 8; I. Black, 1 for 17; R. Young, 5 (3 n.o.) for 31; A. Frew, 1 (1 n.o.) for 3; R. Anstey, 3 for 8; J. Wade, 2 for 37; B. Barnsley, 3 for 14; T. Baker, 1 for 0; B. Cardwell, 4 (1 n.o.) for 52; D. Walker, 2 (1 n.o.) for 67; R. Elvery, 2 for 10; G. Tasker, 3 (1 n.o.) for 1; R. Jordan, 4 for 49; M. Cummins, 2 for 49; L. Davis, 1 for 0; G. Bennett, 1 for 5; R. Atwill (1 n.o.) for 0; J. Hollands, 2 for 71; G. Tweeddale, 1 for 5.

BOWLING

<u>N a m e</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wkts.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
A. Taaffe ..	32	2	217	12	18.1
R. Young ..	88	4	460	25	18.4
W. Smith ..	171	5	931	49	19.0
R. Clark ..	170	8	885	44	20.1
R. Thomson ..	46	2	351	12	29.2
B. Williams ..	44	-	269	6	44.4

ALSO BOWLED: B. Nix, 2 wickets for 103 runs; D. Guest, 0 for 42; J. Hollands, 5 for 71; N. Milne, 1 for 19; R. Whiteside, 1 for 16; D. Ireland, 3 for 12; P. Mansford, 0 for 21; E. Wade, 2 for 64; W. Dunn, 0 for 52; R. Williams, 0 for 22; J. Robertson, 1 for 64; J. Parsons, 0 for 29; C. Mitchell, 2 for 15; R. Anstey, 4 for 9; J. Rudd, 2 for 14; B. Barnsley, 2 for 85; J. Wade, 0 for 18; D. North, 9 for 169; N. Young, 0 for 30; B. Cardwell, 1 for 88; C. Jones, 2 for 38; R. Jordan, 3 for 30; L. Davis, 0 for 29.

CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

This Trophy was donated to the Club as a Memorial for those members who lost their lives during the War, and it is awarded annually to the cricketer obtaining the most points in accordance with the following scale:-

Value to Team	..	25	points
Conduct on Field	..	15	"
General Keenness as Cricketer	..	20	"
Value to Club as a Member		30	"
Neatness of Dress	..	10	"
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		100	"
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The winner for the 1956-57 season is David Walker. David is Chairman of the Cricket Committee and has been a member of Management Committee for many years; vice-Captain of the "A" Hockey XI and also of the "A" Cricket XI.

FOOTBALL

Sub-Committee - S. McGregor, Chairman, I. Middleton, I. Brabant, S. Bailey, J. McKinnon, P. Wherrett and R. Anstey.

The outstanding feature of the 1957 season was the erratic form of all three teams. This was exemplified by the Kentwell Cup side, which was the only team to defeat the strong undefeated Western Suburbs club in the last game of the third round. This burst of good form enabled the team to reach the semi-finals. In this game we defeated Mosman but in the final against Colleagues, failure to adapt themselves to the very wet conditions resulted in a convincing win by the eventual premiers.

No trips away were undertaken this year, as no dates were available. However, one social match was played on a Saturday morning prior to an All Black Test Match against the newly formed Rylstone Rugby Union Club.

The Rylstone team were entertained at the Club Rooms after the match.

Thanks are due to the respective coaches, Doug Vanderfield (Kentwell Cup), Peter Hotten (Burke Cup) and Don Walker (Whiddon Cup) for their hard and sometimes heartbreaking work. Not only did they work conscientiously at coaching, but they also played when an astounding shortage of players developed in the middle of the season. This was responsible in bringing about a unique situation of a father and son appearing in club football on the same day. Anything approaching this has never occurred in the forty years of our football history. The persons concerned in this feat were Don Walker (a former Gordon Bevan Trophy winner) and his son Chris.

The Club's once proud position in Sub-District football has been severely shaken in the past few years and we must set about rectifying the position.

We are pleased to say that two members, Messrs. E. Stockdale and R. Clark, Hon. Secretary and member of the Management Committee respectively, are still assisting in the administration of the Sub-District Rugby Union.

Congratulations are offered to the Colleagues Club for the rare distinction of winning the Club Championship together with the Kentwell and Burke Cup competitions - a feat that has never been accomplished before. We also congratulate the A.M.P. club for their win in the Whiddon Cup.

We cannot close this report on our football without again thanking Mr. Gordon Young for his enthusiastic work as honorary "Zam-Buk". His work is much appreciated.

KENTWELL CUP

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Pts.for</u>	<u>Pts.Against</u>	<u>Position</u>
15	7	8	-	165	178	3rd

After a somewhat unsteady start the team settled down to a very solid combination and on its day was capable of upsetting any team in the competition. The forwards were always reliable, full of spirit and not shaded by any of the packs they played against. Unfortunately so many of the experienced and capable backs we had, spent much of the season on the side lines through illness and injuries and although the replacements gave of their best it was too much to expect that with the constant changing of personnel the back line could develop the standard necessary to better such a young, vigorous and well conditioned team as the Colleagues. We had our best season for some years; a very happy season from the players point of view.

RAY YOUNG. (Prop)(Captain). Set a fine example as leader of a hard working and often fiery pack which had many old Briars making comparisons with the great packs of the past.

STEVE BAILEY. Five-eight. Full of heart and determination both in attack and defence. Played some great games.

TOM FONG. Full Back. Took a while to settle down to this standard of football but always played with great courage and gave us some beautiful examples of the flying tackle.

BRUCE COMMENS: Wing. Out of form for early part of season, but developed his old brilliance and went looking for opportunities later on.

REX LAMB: Wing. Although somewhat slow for a winger was always looking for opportunities. Tackled well, gave some beautiful cross kicks and used his head.

GEOFF HUGHES. Centre. Gave the back line much needed experience and solid defence but unfortunately left for the Solomon Islands when reaching top form.

JOHN HARPER. Wing. Was set for his best season ever until injured. Had pace, determination and scoring sense; tackled well.

LANCE CURRY. Five-eight & Centre. Brilliant in attack and tackled well. Hampered by injuries for most of the season.

CHRIS WALKER. Half. Gradually worked his way up to the Kentwell team and his plucky and determined displays behind the pack made it clear that he was there to stay.

IAN MacLACHLAN. Breakaway. Played as well as ever this season and showed his versatility in a number of games as a back. Was missed when he left for the country.

BRIAN DARRAGH. Breakaway. Played with plenty of fire and spirit and never let up.

PETER DARRAGH. Lock. Gradually improved through the season and was one of our best forwards at end. Always ready to cover others mistakes and go down on the ball if necessary.

JOHN COMERFORD. 2nd Row. A strong tireless worker who made his presence felt in all the rucks. Improves with age.

KEN KURTZ. 2nd Row. Had one of his best years with the club and until hampered by injury did great work in line outs.

RAY ELVERY. Front Row. Another who improves with age. Played some of his best football ever in the latter part of season.

NOEL YOUNG. Front Row. A very solid forward particularly in the close work.

CLIFF DODDS. Hooker. Our best forward, always on the ball and looking for opportunities to score. Fearless and fiery.

JOHN PARSONS. A most versatile player who played in every forward position as well as centre and full back. Determined. Tigerish and one of our best.

JOHN McKAY. Five-eight. A solid and experienced back; tackles soundly.

CLINT DAWKINS. Lock. A trier at all times but could not get into condition.

BURKE CUP

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Points for</u>	<u>Points Agst.</u>	<u>Postn.</u>
15	6	9	-	105	189	3rd
						in Division

As in previous years the Burke Cup team was in the unfortunate position of having to provide players for the Kentwell Cup team in order to replace injured players or those unavailable for a multitude of reasons.

The team on the whole had a reasonably good season, although it had a rather shaky start. Some of the earlier games could have been won if a little more spirit had been put into the football. Towards the end of the season the team spirit improved and, on occasions, spectators witnessed some bright open football.

RUSS MURRAY. Full-back . Although out of condition played heady football. Tackling could improve. Unfortunately retired early in season.

RODNEY PEGLER. Full-back. Takes and handles ball well. Runs with determination and should improve next year.

RON AIKEN. Wing. Very fast and at times showed penetration and trickiness. Inclined to run infield and thus into trouble.

COLIN DENNIS. Centre. A promising young player. Unfortunately, injured early in season and did not quite regain his confidence when he resumed.

ROSS ANSTEY. Centre. Defence good; always gained ground.

PETER QUINN. Centre, Determined player; handled well; stood off side too much.

WARREN MILLSOM. Five-eight. Condition poor early; good handler and safe tackler. Penetrated well.

KEVIN PLUMMER. Half. Played well until injured; always a trier.

LAURIE ROUTLEY. Capt. Lock. Old faithful; plays anywhere; keenness an example to others; led team well.

BRIAN BELL. Breakaway. Good tackler and a determined player; positional play bad.

JOHN MCKINNON. Breakaway. Hard tackler; played well but persistently off side.

BOB STEPHENS. 2nd row. Line-out expert; played well in open.

GEORGE GELL. 2nd row. A little loose for a forward; should improve with experience.

JOHN LOVE. 2nd row. Good tigerish forward; excels in tight play; always on ball.

JOHN STILLER. Front row. Hard-working forward; relishes rough going. Prospective Kentwell player for next year.

BOB SWINNEY. Front row. Slow to reach top condition; played excellent football when he did.

IAN BRABANT. (Hooker). Won fair share of ball; excels in open play.

BOB FISCHER. Breakaway. Injured early; then played well but must watch condition.

WHIDDON CUP

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won.</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Pts.for</u>	<u>Pts.Against</u>	<u>Position</u>
15	3	11	1	74	186	5th
						in Division

This team suffered the fate of all Whiddon Cup teams over recent years. Commencing the season with thirty players and finding extreme difficulty in providing matches for so many in the early games, we were faced with the other extreme towards the concluding matches when considerable trouble was experienced in fielding a full fifteen.

In a club such as ours, it is inevitable that the Whiddon Cup should be affected by the promotion of players to higher teams. To make the position worse, injuries were abnormally high, although we feel that in many cases these were trivial. National Service training also affected attendances, but a certain "something" is lacking, and it behoves the Committee to endeavour to ascertain the reasons for failing to imbue the younger members, footballers in particular, with the necessary interest and enthusiasm so as to ensure a full measure of support for all teams.

Apart from the fact that two of the opposition teams were considerably superior, our Whiddon Cup team acquitted themselves creditably and gave promise of developing into a good team while they were left intact. Many games were interesting, all were enjoyable and several players showed promise of improving their game next season.

The following commentary on the players is designed to assist them with their football:-

GRAHAM WHITE. Full-back. Has definite football ability. Must learn that the team is more important than the individual.

PETER WHERRETT. Wing. This boy should play much better football than he does. Showed pleasing improvement in some departments.

BRIAN OWEN. Centre. Tackles well; with concentration and coaching can develop into a good three-quarter.

WARWICK BAILEY. Five-eight. Generally good; tackles well and good in attack. Unfortunately sustained a severe injury about half way through season.

JOHN SHAILER. Centre. Showed great potential; a natural in attack; must improve his tackling.

IAN FISCHER. Half-back. Young and as yet insufficiently robust; has courage and determination to improve.

GRAHAM FARRELL. Centre-forward. Captain. Led them intelligently and with inspiration. Acquitted himself creditably when given opportunity in higher team.

TONY HOLDEN. (Prop.) Tries hard but does not display sufficient knowledge of the fundamentals of the game. Must develop greater determination.

WARWICK ROURKE. (Prop.) Appears to have talent but must realise that hard rucking and spirited play are essentials for a good forward.

BILL HERRON. Hooker. Definitely a good hooker. Plays with 'devil' and intelligence, but somewhat casual as yet in his attitude to the game.

RON SIMMS. Second-row. Experienced forward; never really attained top condition.

LAURIE SULLIVAN. Second-row. When available played well.

COLIN BUTTENSHAW. Second-row. Was only able to play a few games due to his absence in the country; played well.

GARRY DENT. Breakaway. Played consistently and well until injured.

JOHN CARTER. Breakaway. A heady player with good prospects for the future. Tackles well but inclined to be too loose in general play.

DON MAYHEW. Breakaway. Played in numerous positions, and showed keenness in excess of any other player. At present inexperienced in the fundamentals but must develop with such keenness.

THE GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

This is the most sought after Trophy of the Club. It is awarded annually to the footballer who makes the greatest contribution to Club welfare, calculated along the following lines:-

Points are awarded as follows:

Attendance at Training	..	20	points
Value to his Team	..	20	"
Most Improved Player	..	20	"
General Keeness	..	15	"
Value to the Club	..	15	"
Neatness of Uniform	..	10	"
		100	Points

The winner for the 1957 season is Laurie Routley, captain of the Burke Cup Team. The choice of Laurie is a very good one. His keeness is all that could be desired; he is an excellent Club member and has rendered valuable assistance from time to time in the Club's administration.

HOCKEY

Sub-Committee:- B. Trevenar (Chairman), P. Paterson,
E. Lander, E. Wade.

The Club was represented by two teams in the Minor Division of the Sydney Hockey Association's Competition, and enjoyed a most successful season. The "A" Grade side won the Minor Premiership and followed this success by defeating Gladesville in the final by one goal to nil, and thus the J.A. Pearce Cup was returned to the Club after a season's absence.

The "B" Grade finished the competition in 5th position in a very close competition, the four semi-finalists not being decided until the last round. We take this opportunity of congratulating Gladesville on winning the B Grade Competition.

The Barton-Briars Shield this season was competed for at Rushcutters Bay Oval and ended in a win for the Club by 5 goals to nil in a very fast match. Barton were entertained in the Club Rooms and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all who attended. The Club is now looking forward to the 1958 trip to Canberra.

Burwood Park was used as our home ground; its surface was not quite as good as in past seasons, mainly due to

the dry spell early in the season, but we thank Burwood Council for their help in the ground preparation.

It is pleasing to see another member of the Club awarded an A Grade Badge for umpiring; congratulations to Peter Paterson. Also to Tom Mobbs who was appointed umpire in the New Zealand v. N.S.W. game.

F I R S T E L E V E N

The success of the "A" Team winning back the J.A. Pearce Cup as due to the determination of all players. Without the high standard of club spirit which prevails in hockey, this success would not have been possible.

The team played 23 matches (including semi-final and final) winning 21 and losing 2. Goals scored 103 for, with 14 against, this being a club record.

BRUCE TREVENAR: (Captain) Right Back. Until injury captained team well, as usual was inspiration to team.

COLIN JONES: (Vice-Captain) Centre Half. Upheld the high standard set by his predecessors as Vice-Captain. As centre half he played some class hockey particularly in the games he Captained the team, his stick work was very good and he is a much improved player all round.

DAVID WALKER. At Left Back he was the usual tower of strength of past seasons. With a half game as centre forward, or thereabouts, proved he could score goals.

JACK CASSIDY. Always reliable at right half, and is becoming a very useful team man by playing right back when injuries hit the team; in this position he acquitted himself very well.

SAM BEADSWORTH. Left Half: Never knows defeat, always feeds the ball to the forwards. A good club man.

PETER PATERSON. Right Wing: Had varied season, some very good days and some not so good. Always a hard trier. He must learn that there is only one captain per team. A good club man with the right spirit.

JOHN BROWN. Inside Right. Played most of his hockey this season as inside forward and with some matches as centre forward, was by far the most improved player in the club. Scored 42 goals for the season.

TED LANDER: Centre Forward. Ted was lacking condition mainly due to his not being available throughout the season. The goals he scored were all polished shots; he gave good support to fellow forwards and set up many opportunities.

MAURICE CUMMINS: Inside left. Has natural ability for hockey, very good positional play and good stick work. His injury in the latter part of the season was a blow to the team.

PHILIP WILSON: Right Half. Brought into the team as a left wing, but was changed to the halves. He plays his hockey hard, but must remember that it is usual for the umpires to see a retaliation, not the first blow.

ALAN PRICE. Left Wing. Alan was dogged by sickness and we missed the hockey he normally plays. It is hoped that next season to see him back to his usual standard and holding his own in a regular position in the team.

RAY BARHAM. Left Wing. Ray was brought into the side replacing A. Price on the left wing. A very timid player took a while to run into form, but should be a much improved player next season. Always a trier.

BILL TURNER. Goal. Bill in his first season as goalie did a very good job, but took sometime to get the art of kicking the ball. By the final, his clearances were all that could be desired, as indicated in goals scored against him - only 14.

DON WOMBEY: Inside Left: Don was brought from the seconds for the last 7 games to replace M. Cummins and proved an asset. Was deadly in attack and soon fell into step with the rest of the forward line.

ERIC WADE: Half. Only played three games in the "A's" but they were three very important ones; semi-final as centre half, and right half in the Final. He fitted into the picture very well.

DON CLOUTON: Was called on to replace injured players and gained some experience in the higher grade, which should stand him in good stead for seasons to come. A very hard trier at all times.

ARTHUR BEADSWORTH. Mascot. Arthur this season was a familiar sight when the "A's" took the field, a real Briar in the making; full marks for keenness.

SECOND ELEVEN

This team put up a fine performance to finish fifth, considering that they were called on to fill the replacements of the "A" team due to injuries. They had some inexperienced players in the team which made combination hard to build up. However if these players continue to improve, the Seconds will be much stronger next year. Each member of the team is advised to learn the rules thoroughly, and to sit for the umpires' examination, which would enable him to share in the team's duty to supply umpires, and help lift up the standard of umpiring.

The team played 21 matches for 9 wins, 5 draws and 7 defeats. Goals scored were 50 for, which 31 against.

DON WOMBEY. (Captain) Right Back: As Captain did an excellent job in building up the team's strength. He was always a strength at right back, very sound in defence, and is good stick work set the team on attack.

ERIC WADE (Vice-Captain) Centre Half: As centre half was the strength of the halves, but has a habit of wanting to run with the forwards.

JOHN FRIPP: Left Back. First season after his forced retirement, and played a solid game in the backs; combined well with fellow backs, and gave the team some good scoring moves.

MAX SPENCER: Left Half. A player who has improved considerably this season, a sticker for the rules of the game and with a little more concentration should improve even further. Max was always willing to do his share of umpiring.

JOHN ROBERTSON. Right Half. A newcomer to Hockey and for a beginner mastered the ball well and is sure to improve.

GEORGE NORTH. Right Half. The permanent right half for the team and always a mainstay, a good safe half who perhaps played more as left back, but filled both positions extremely well.

MAURICE HILL. Goal. One of the older hockey players, who still enjoys his game and gives it all he has got. Did an excellent job and was a driving force to the team.

TOM BAKER. Right Wing. A newcomer to hockey this season. Tried on the right wing and from his display in this position earned a permanent place in the team.

KEITH WATSON. Inside Right. Improved player has exceptionally good stick work; if he would only pass the ball forward more, he would combine better with his forwards. A good team man.

PETER RICHARDSON. Left Wing. Always willing to get in the thick of things and plays well in his position.

MAX HILL. Centre Forward. A new player to the club but an experienced one who filled the position as centre forward extremely well.

NORM ELLIS. Centre Forward. Norm was unavailable half way through the season due to other commitments, as centre forward always a potential goal scorer.

RICHARD MACKENZIE. Right Wing. Another player who played various positions, but tends to lack the dash of some other players but is always a trier who would improve considerably with a little more condition and concentration.

DON CLOUTON. Left Wing. Played various positions. Inclined to allow himself to get flustered at times but likes to play the game hard.

KEVIN PHELPS. Inside Left: Kevin only played two games when he broke his ankle in his first attempt at hockey.

JACK HOLLANDS. Back. Jack was drawn out of retirement again to fill the team at a lean period and showed he has lost none of his old fire; a very fine club man with hockey at heart.

JOHN KERR. John was another player who was prepared to play at a minute's notice which shows the fine team and club spirit even when the players retire.

GEORGE MILLER. George played on the wing but received an early set-back by way of injury, it is hoped he will line up next season.

THE J.H. STONE TROPHY

This trophy was donated to the Club by the late Mr. John Stone for the member under the age of 25 who contributes most to the administrative side of the Club.

Roger Kerr is the winner for 1956-57. Roger is the Hon. Treasurer and has carried out the duties of this officer in a most conscientious manner over the past three years. He is also a member of the 2nd XI. We congratulate Roger.

INDOOR ENTERTAINMENT

With the completion of the alterations to the club-rooms early in the year members have again been able to make use of the table tennis table and billiard tables. Our thanks go to Mr. Fenwick for his excellent repainting of the table tennis table.

During the year we have held several knockout competitions which have proved quite popular despite the fact that a few have continued until late at night.

The Annual Table Tennis Championships were reintroduced this year, the winner of the singles being Peter Paterson, while Ian McLachlan and David Walker managed to scrape home in the Doubles. Unfortunately for the Table Tennis stars it was not possible to enter into the Association's Competitions as the only nights available were Wednesday and Thursday.

A Billiards Championship for the year is under way and should be completed by the end of November.

G O L F

Sub-Committee: R. Thomas (Chairman), R. Anstey and C. Mitchell.

During the year four Golf Days were held as compared with five the previous year, but we were favoured with excellent weather on each occasion.

The first outing was in November 1956 when a disappointing field of only sixteen players journeyed to Leura. Possibly the lure of the beaches proved too strong for most of the regulars, but those present enjoyed the mountain sunshine and some good scores were recorded.

The usual summer break then followed until April of this year when a record field of forty-seven players faced the starter at Leura under ideal conditions.

In July of this year we became venturesome and visited Campbelltown Course instead of Leura so as to avoid the possibility of having to endure snow and the like at the latter venue. The weather was again perfect for golf and although the course was in good condition.

It would appear as though Leura still seems to be the popular choice for all Golf Days and members prefer to run the risk of encountering bad weather rather than play at Courses closer to the City.

The final day of the year was held at Leura in September and thirty-six players took advantage of perfect golfing weather.

Stableford Competitions were again the most popular although one aggregate stroke competition was held and various individual stroke events were also held in conjunction with the main competition. We have also re-introduced prizes for such events as "Longest Drives" and "Nearest to the Pin" which events have proved popular.

The only disappointing feature to report in respect of the Golf Days is the number of members who announced their intentions of playing on a particular day and they then fail to turn up or else let the organisers know only the day before that they won't be attending, in most cases for very minor reasons. Throughout the year these members have caused the Club considerable embarrassment with caterers at Leura and Campbelltown and it is hoped that something can be introduced that will make these members more mindful of their obligations. We must also complain about the number of players who persist in arriving late at the Course. This causes considerable confusion and it has been decided that on future occasions all late comers will not be eligible for the competition.

S O C I A L

Sub-Committee: P. Paterson (Chairman), E. Wade, K. Watson, G. Farrell, P. Wherett, I. Brabant, G. Ireland, T. Baker.

The 1957 social season has been a particularly bright one - both socially and financially.

The Annual Ball, held this year in the New Commodore Ballroom, was again the highlight of the social season, although the attendance was disappointing.

Early in the year an evening was held for the "Introduction of the New Club Rooms" to various sporting bodies, local dignitaries and administrators.

The Old Members' Night brought together past and present Briars. "Remember the time when...." was the theme of the evening. It was very pleasing to see these old members together again in the club rooms.

Father and Son Night. This new event on the social calendar presented an opportunity for members to introduce the club to their fathers and, in so doing, many found their dads more than a match on the table tennis and billiard tables.

The Football-Hockey Smoko was held to mark the end of the season. Those present were provided with some novelty entertainment by one of Sydney's TV stars. No doubt this function will be eagerly looked forward to next year.

The committee wishes to express their sincere thanks to the ladies whose assistance assured the success of the social evenings.

ACCIDENT FUND

(Treasurer: I. Brabant)

The Accident Fund was run on a similar contributing basis as the previous year, viz. 10/- per player for footballers and 4/- per player for cricketers.

Receipts from contributions amounted to £14 representing 28 players. Five more than the previous season. Interest received amounted to £3/3/0 making the total receipts £17/3/0.

Claims amounted to £55/5/0 a record payment. There were eleven claims and where the member was a contributor to a Medical Benefit Fund the difference on the claim was paid, if he was not a member the amount was paid in full. £5/0/0 was paid to the N.S.W. Cricketers Association Disablement Fund, this amount will be recovered from the members of the Shire cricket teams. The usual donation of £3/3/0 was paid to St. John's Ambulance Brigade. There are no outstanding accounts. The total expenditure

amounted to £63/8/0 and the income was £17/3/0 making a loss for the year of £46/5/0.

We express our keen appreciation of the work carried out by Gordon Young, a member of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade. Gordon was always at our games and his presence alone gave the boys confidence.

We also wish to thank Dr. Roger Vanderfield for his assistance and advice to injured players.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

<u>Receipts</u>	£	s.	d.	<u>Payments</u>	£	s.	d.
To Balance B/F	125	8	4	By Claims	55	5	0
Fees from members	14	0	0	Cricket Insurance	5	0	0
Interest	3	3	0	Donation. St. Johns Ambulance Brigade	3	3	0
				Balance C/F	79	3	4
	<u>£142</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£142</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>
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HALF TIME

"Half Time", the Club magazine, continued its chequered career, inasmuch as the "stoppings and startings" of its publication were as in previous years.

It is generally agreed that a Club Paper is a desirable part of Club life, but it would appear that the effort required by Editors and their assistants is such that enthusiasm to maintain consistent publications cannot be sustained for a reasonable time.

The opportunity for keen members to re-start Half Time now presents itself, as, for the year 1956-57, Half Time lived for only a few months. Pressure of work forced the Editor to relinquish his position. Since then only one Member has shown any keenness for the job, but he will only accept if help by other Members is readily forthcoming.

For the short period in which Half Time was published, the articles submitted by Reporters were of the required standard, special mention being made of the efforts of the few Football, Cricket, Hockey and Social writers, who did make a very fair effort.

It is hoped that soon some Members may offer his services, and that Half Time may again be published for all to enjoy.

CLUB ROOMS

The Club was granted a liquor license late in November 1956, and thus has operated under these conditions for approximately ten months.

A House Committee was set up to administer this aspect of the Club's activities and was responsible for formulating a set of house rules, and successfully negotiated the rather difficult transition period fairly smoothly. A roster of honorary bar stewards was made and these members have carried out a very good job, particularly in the period between 5.00 and 6.30 p.m. on each Monday to Friday.

The holding of a liquor license has brought with it many pitfalls that can only be overcome with experience, and we are gradually becoming wise to the "musts" and "must nots". The Licensing Police have paid us visits and have pointed out various faults in our administration of the Liquor Act, which we have rectified.

An aspect that has always given us some concern for altogether different reasons has now been taken out of our hands for decision, and that is the position of unfinancial members.

The law does not admit of such a category in our membership, and if a member is unfinancial now he is not allowed on the Club's premises. Misunderstandings will be avoided if members would bear this in mind and pay their fees promptly.

Another point that we have been advised on is the control of visitors. In the past, we have worked on the understanding that members of visiting teams are guests of the Club, but this is not the legal interpretation and all visitors must be introduced individually by members who sign them in on the register and must remain with them until they leave the Club's premises.

Plant. The bar plant has functioned satisfactorily and the various stewards have learned to handle the equipment in an expert manner. The glass washing machine which was not part of the original set up but was demanded by the Licensing Police has more than proved its usefulness.

Stock. It was not an easy matter to decide on the amount and variety of stock originally, but we now have a fairly good idea of members' requirements. Some lines are asked for occasionally that we cannot supply,

but with our limited sales it is not possible to carry a wider variety.

Stewards. Fortunately, we were able to arrange a full roster of stewards for duty each evening between 5.00 and are indeed grateful to Messrs. J. Alford, J. Hollands, M. Hill, A. Taaffe, B. Trevenar, K. Watson and W. Zeall, who have carried out their duties in a conscientious and capable manner despite lack of encouragement from members in the way of numbers.

In addition to the abovenamed, Messrs. T. Baker, G. Miller, A. Reid, J. Robertson, W. Turner and others have carried out stewards' duties on Friday and Saturday nights, and their interest has contributed materially to our well-being.

However, it would be unreasonable to expect the same members to continue with their work indefinitely, and volunteers to help keep the bar functioning efficiently would be most welcome.

Service. The service provided to members has, we think, been quite satisfactory and gave little cause for complaint. Occasionally, of course, we have the odd member who comes to the Club at odd hours being rather upset when told that the beer is "off".

The quality of our produce has been consistently good and this is due to some extent to careful attention being given to the plant.

Dining Room. The dining room has operated modestly and catering for twelve members has been handled without difficulty.

On occasions, Mrs. Hotten, Peter's mother, has taken pity on our cooking and provided a very succulent curry in sufficient quantity to feed twenty members. The variety and also the quality of these meals was very much appreciated and we thank Mrs. Hotten for her kindness.

Deliveries. One of our biggest worries early was to devise ways and means of receiving stock, which was likely to arrive at any time between working hours, and it was a great relief to us when Mr. Bill Simes, a tenant, offered to do this onerous and persistent job. He has continued to carry out the task in a very satisfying manner, and we are most grateful to Mr. Simes for his kindness.

Cleaning. The premises have been kept clean in a satisfactory manner by voluntary labour. It is a job that must be done consistently and well if we are to maintain appearances, and assistance from members would never be refused for these chores. Mr. W. Turner is doing yeoman service for the Club in this direction.

House Committee. Messrs. R. Clark, R. Elvery, C.J. Jones, A. Reid, D. Way and Dr. I.R. Vanderfield were members of the original sub-committee which did very good work in the initial stages, and was responsible for the framework of our organisation. Unfortunately, this sub-committee has now virtually ceased to function, and the Club has not had a Senior Steward since Mr. R. Elvery resigned from this position in January last.

The ordering of supplies has been carried out capably by Mr. A. Reid, while Messrs. R. Clark and D. Way are responsible for keeping a close eye on stocks.

Stocktaking is carried out at regular intervals and the results indicate that the movement of stock is being correctly recorded.

Looking at the results achieved since obtaining the license, we can say that they are up to our modest expectations - just. Fortunately, the Club has a solid core of really loyal members, who have displayed the same interest in helping the Club succeed in its new acquisition as they have shown in other directions, and it is to these members largely that we owe thanks for much of the result achieved.

We can only look forward to the future with the hope that this support will extend generally throughout our membership.

CONDOLENCES

During the year, the Club lost one of its Vice-Presidents in the person of Mr. G.F. Bevan. Mr. Bevan was the proud donator of the Gordon Bevan Shield for participation among the footballers. This shield perpetuated the memory of his son who tragically lost his life in a car accident. We extend our sympathy to the family of the late Mr. G.F. Bevan.

We also offer our condolences to Len Fozzard, Hughie Sefton, Barry Nix, Harry Meeks, Brian Dobson

and Ray Elvery upon the bereavements suffered by them during the year.

CONGRATULATIONS

(Sub-Committee: Messrs. Cupid, Hymen and Stork).

It is our mournful duty each year to record the names of those who have allowed themselves to fall victims of the feminine wiles to the extent of either asking a fatal question or honouring the contract previously made.

During the year just past, the following took the "First step". The Tragic list is as follows:-

The "first step" E n g a g e m e n t s

David Hotten	to Pamela Horton
Alan Burford	to Zelma White
Ray Elvery	to Helen Deaman
Grahame Ireland	to Maureen Ritchie
David McKeown	to Yvonne Jones
Bob Stephens	to Sandra Patterson
Ian Middleton	to Pamela Mitchell
Peter Paterson	to Marilyn Yates
Noel Young	to Elaine Berrick
Ken Kurtz	to Shirley Gillespie
Bill Turner	to Judy Terrill
Geoff Highes	to Audrey McKinnon

The "second step"

M a r r i e d

John Lewis	to Patricia Maidment
"Ned" Kelly	to Margaret McKay
Jeff Stinson	to Margaret Atkinson
Geoffry Vanderfield	to Judy Arnott
Peter Tanner Vanderfield	to Janette Johnson
Ron Wiley	to Michal Ingleton
Ron Aiken	to Audrey Hill.

We congratulate the happy couples and can only hope that the members concerned will get "off the chain" sufficiently to visit us occasionally.

The intake of new Briars was equalled by the weaker sex, that is as far as club membership is concerned.

The boys, John Brown, Barry Nix and Don Wombey.
The girls, Geoff Tweeddale, David Walker and Ted Watt.

To the above our heartiest congratulations.

Doubtless there are others who we have missed, or wanted to be missed, to these we convey our congratulations.

FINANCE

The Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th September, 1957, together with a Balance Sheet as at that date and the Report of the Auditor thereon are appended to this report.

Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year amounted to £16 after providing £102 for depreciation of Club Room Furniture, Fittings and Equipment and £436 for redemption of debentures.

With the completion of the improvements to the Club Room and the establishment of the Bar, we can now look forward to a steady improvement in the Club's financial position.

The following extracts have been taken from the Report of the Club's Auditor:

"An analysis of the various items of income and expenditure is set out below.

Cricket, Hockey and Football. The net loss on these sports was £194 for the year, compared with a loss of £128 for the previous year, and was due to considerably increased expenditure on cricket material. Expenditure on football material and equipment was reduced in this year and, of course, the expenditure on the installation of lighting at Goddard Park, which was charged in the previous year, did not recur.

Bar Trading. Because of the different method adopted in this year's accounts to record trading profits, comparison with previous results is not possible. Some of the profit included this year under this heading was included previously

in Entertainments and Social Activities. The profit on trading after charging expenses directly applicable, was £860, a result which was not as good as could be expected. Regular patronage by a greater number of members is needed to boost trading revenue which is, of course, the Club's main source of income, and its means of financial success.

Club Room Amusements. For the reasons stated above comparative figures regarding Social Activities and Entertainments are not possible. However, the net cost of billiards and table tennis dropped by £47, due mainly to decreased expenditure.

Subscriptions Received. The amount of subscriptions received, after provision for subscriptions in advance was £518, an increase of £62, and was due to a reduction in outstanding fees.

Administrative and Club Room Expenses, increased by £121. Additional expenditure was incurred on lighting, maintenance, stationery, stamps and insurance as was expected. General expenses last year, included £50, for legal fees, which were not incurred again this year.

Property Expenses. The only significant variation from last year's figures was in the amount paid in interest. This of course, was due to the fact that a full year's interest was not previously payable on the more recent debenture issue.

Donations received, were considerably less than those received in the previous year when a drive was made to obtain funds for the building additions and alterations."

ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Directors and the Management Committee each held 12 meetings during the year. The attendances were as follows:-

BOARD

<u>N a m e</u>	<u>No. of Meetings Attended</u>
R. Clark	11
H. Ford	11
S. Jones	11
A. Land	11
L. Meulman	8
D. Prowse	11
E. Watt	10
E. Way	11
* G. Whiddon	5

* Leave of absence granted, 7 months pending trip abroad.

COMMITTEE

R. Elvery (Res'd March)	6
S. Jones	11
C. Jones	10
R. Kerr	10
S. McGregor	8
P. Paterson	6
A. Reid	11
E. Stockdale	11
R. Thomas	8
B. Trevenar	8
I.R. Vanderfield	5
D.A. Walker	9

ADDENDUM

I wish to place on record my appreciation of the work performed throughout the year by E.G. Stockdale (Hon. Secretary), R.E. Kerr (Hon. Treasurer), C.J. Jones (Hon. Asst. Secretary), L.W. Routley (Hon. Asst. Treasurer), C.W. Magrath (Hon. Auditor), also members of the Board, the Management Committee and the various Sub-committees and stewards.

R.S. JONES
President

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1957

	£	£		£	£
30/9/56			30/9/56		
£ CRICKET-		300	110	PROFIT ON BAR TRADING	860
54 Ground Hire and Registrations	100			CRICKET	
39 Material and Insurance	<u>200</u>		114	Batting Fees and Insurances	132
HOCKEY				HOCKEY	
77 Ground Fees and Equipment		141	55	Ground Fees and Sale of Equipment	102
FOOTBALL		123		FOOTBALL	
85 Ground Hire and Registrations	78		69	Ground Hire, Registration and Sale of Equipment	136
94 Material and Equipment	45		35	HALF TIME MAGAZINE	23
85 Lighting - Goddard Park	-			CLUB ROOM AMUSEMENTS	41
62 HALF TIME MAGAZINE	-		13	Billiards and Table Tennis	27
CLUB ROOM AMUSEMENTS		38	-	Surplus on Dining Room	14
66 Billiards and Table Tennis	33		383	Entertainments	-
- Loss on Social Activities	<u>5</u>		119	Surplus on Social Activities	-
ADMINISTRATION AND CLUB ROOM EXPENSES		526	456	SUBSCRIPTIONS	518
44 Lighting and Heating	107		83	DONATIONS RECEIVED	7
30 Repairs and Maintenance	52			PROPERTY INCOME	206
109 Stationery, Stamps & Telephone	183		205	Rentals Received	205
27 Insurance	47		1	Interest Received	1
55 Annual Reports	63				
59 General Expenses	18				
58 Donations and Presentations	23				
23 Depreciation-Furniture & Fittings	<u>33</u>				
PROPERTY EXPENSES		445			
110 Commission	10				
115 Interest	276				
60 Insurance	61				
82 Rates	<u>98</u>				
408 DEBENTURE REDEMPTION RESERVE		436			
Excess of Income over Expenditure transferred to Accumulated Funds		<u>16</u>			
70					
£ 1712		<u>£2,025</u>	£1712		<u>£2,025</u>

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BAR TRADING ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1957

30/9/56 £	£	30/9/56 £	£
- Liquor Licence	234	Gross Profit - Beer and Spirits	1088
- Depreciation - Bar Equipment	69	- Sales	3411
- Repairs to Equipment	29	- Less Cost of Sales	<u>2323</u>
- Profit on Trading transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	860	Gross Profit - Cigarettes, Chocolates etc.	104
110		925 Sales	959
<hr/>		<u>815</u> Less Cost of Sales	<u>855</u>
£110	£1192	£110	£1192
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1957

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30/9/56		£	£	30/9/56		£
£	ACCUMULATED FUNDS		569	8298	LAND AND BUILDINGS (At Cost)	9266
483	Balance 1/10/56	553			30-34a George Street, Burwood	
70	Excess of Income & Expenditure for year	<u>16</u>	3166	458	CLUB ROOM FURNITURE AND FITTINGS (At cost less Depreciation)	660
1066	RESERVES (Used in the Business)			536	BAR EQUIPMENT (at cost less depreciation)	629
	General Reserve	1066		5	SHARES IN RUGBY UNION CO-OP TRADING SOCIETY LTD.	5
1600	Debenture Redemption Reserve	<u>2100</u>	6950	900	DEBENTURE REDEMPTION FUND INVESTMENT	900
	DEBENTURES				£900 - 4% M.W.S. & D.B. 1968 Loan (at cost)	
4745	£5 - 5% Debentures	4765			STOCK ON HAND (At Valuation)	329
2185	£5 - Interest Free Debentures	<u>2185</u>	50	81	Cigarettes, Chocolates etc.	61
50	N.S.W.C.A. SPECIAL GRANT			-	Beer and Spirits	175
103	SUNDRY CREDITORS		313	12	Metal Badges	5
	SUBSCRIPTIONS IN ADVANCE		265	7	Cricket Caps	10
18	Fees	242		24	Football Material	32
-	Half Time	<u>23</u>		-	Glasses, Crockery etc.	41
225	COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA (Secured by Mortgage)		826	-	Dining Room Sundries	<u>5</u>
	R.S. JONES, Director			28	SUNDRY DEBTORS	42
	D.V. PROWSE, Director			-	CASH ON HAND	8
	R.E. KERR, Hon. Treasurer			130	COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK OF AUSTRALIA (Current Account)	93
				66	PREPAYMENTS	<u>207</u>
<u>10545</u>			<u>£12139</u>	<u>£10545</u>		<u>£12139</u>

AUDITORS REPORT

I report to the members that I have examined the Books of Account and Vouchers of THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED for the year ended 30th September, 1957. I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required and in my opinion, the attached Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at that date, according to the best of my information, the explanations given to me, and as shown by the Books of the Company.

In my opinion, the Register of Members and other records which the Company is required to keep under the Companies Act, 1936, or by its Articles of Association, have been kept in proper manner.

DATED AT SYDNEY
12th November, 1957.

C.W.C. MAGRATH, A.S.T.C.,
A.A.S.A.
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT & AUDITOR