

NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE

REFEREES ASSOCIATION

36th ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET

SEASON 1967

To be presented at the Annual Meeting

on

19th FEBRUARY 1968

at

NORTH SYDNEY ANZAC MEMORIAL CLUB (LEAGUE ROOM)

BELLEVUE STREET,

CAMMERAY.

COMMENCING AT 7.45 p.m.

J. Montgomery,
PRESIDENT.

B.R. Barry,
HON. SECRETARY.

NORTH SYDNEY RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

Dear Sir,

The Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held at the Anzac Memorial Club - League Room - Bellevue Street, Cammeray on Monday 19th February 1968 at 7.45 p.m. You are cordially invited to be in attendance.

- Business.
1. Minutes
 2. Correspondence
 3. Annual Report & Balance Sheet
 4. Election of Officers
 5. Notice of Motions
 6. Committee's Report
 7. Election of Life Members
 8. General Business.

February 1968.

B. Barry.
Hon. Secretary.

OFFICIALS FOR SEASON 1967

Patron: Mr. T. Bellew

President: Mr. J. Montgomery

Hon. Secretary: Mr. B. R. Barry

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. Porteous

Assist. Hon. Secretary: Mr. E. Daveron.

Hon. Social Secretary: Mr. K. Hubbuck (resigned 25/5/67)
Mr. J. Quinn

Vice Presidents: Messrs. S. Morris, J. Quinn
J. Massingham.

Delegates to N.S.W.
Referees Association: Messrs. M. Thurgate & K. Jackman.

Delegates to North Sydney
Junior League Messrs. B. Saunders & B. Daveron

Hon. Auditors: Messrs. G. McManus & R. Saunders

Delegate from North
Sydney Junior League: Mr. J. Crooke.

A WORD FROM THE PATRON

It is my privilege to write a short foreword to this Annual Report on what has been in many ways, a record season in the history of the Association.

This year marks the 60th Anniversary of the foundation of our parent body, the N.S.W. Rugby Football League Referees Association. In looking back on the growth of that Association and our own, as one of its Junior affiliates, over that period it is appropriate to recall the efforts of some of those who have contributed so much to our progress. Apart from a number still actively connected with the Association, those who come readily to mind particularly in respect of their efforts during the last 20 years include: John Burden, Ray Smyth, the late Don Haldeman, Arthur Galbraith, Alf Jones, Herb Carrick & Aub Lehane.

The growth in the number of active participants in the game due largely, of course, to the increase in the number of school-boy footballers, over the last few years in our own district can only be described as dramatic. The interest shown by parents and teachers in the activities of these boys must have won many new friends for Rugby League. We hope that the efforts of the officials of the District Club and the Junior League in this field, will before long, be rewarded by an increase in the number of participants in the higher grades of Junior football.

It has been proved over many years that the standard of Junior referees is directly related to the standard of football in which they officiate. The number of Junior referees elevated to grade ranks is always highest in those areas where Junior League Football is flourishing. It is some years now since any of our members have succeeded in being elevated to the status of grade referee. Many have the potential, but at present do not get sufficient experience in the higher grades of Junior football to develop it. Our Association and each of its members therefore has a direct interest in doing everything possible to further the interests of Junior League in the district.

In concluding, I congratulate the executive officers of the Association for their efforts in 1967 and wish them, the Association and each and every member, a successful season in 1968.

T. J. Bellew.
PATRON.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

The 1967 Season was a very busy one for this Association, in more ways than one. Of utmost importance was the introduction of the new laws of the game which proved most successful. In addition the increase of the number of teams in the school-boys competition and the amalgamation of the North Sydney District Junior Rugby League in some grades with Manly Warringah District Junior Rugby League, created something of a strain on our active members, but once again this Association showed its strength by carrying out its commitments with the utmost efficiency.

On behalf of the Association and particularly on my own behalf, I would like to congratulate our Secretary Brian Barry for obtaining what seems to be a permanent position as a first grade Referee and certainly we wish him the best of luck for the seasons to come.

Socially the Association had one of its best years on record apart from our Smoko which again was an outstanding success, our two Ladies Nights at North Sydney Leagues Club which were well attended were voted by the members and ladies alike as a complete success. In this department congratulations are extended to our Social Secretary and his coworkers for their success.

Our relationship with the North Sydney District Junior Rugby League was generally a happy one and I thank the President and Secretary for their courtesy and co-operation.

Congratulations are extended to Tom Bellew, Bert Cowley and Sid Morris to whom the Association has seen fit to represent Life Membership blazers, during season 1968.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for the co-operation and support I received from Brian Barry, John Porteous, Brian Daveron, John Quinn and for the excellent job they have done during the year, also to the members generally for their support and loyalty.

John. Montgomery.
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. President & Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Committee, I have much pleasure in presenting for your consideration and adoption the 36th Annual Report and Financial Statement for 1967.

The season just completed, probably the most outstanding feature was the successful introduction of the 'Four Tackle Rule' and the new rule relating to the 'Penalty Kick' both providing a much faster game of Rugby League.

This Association offers congratulations to the N.S.W. Referees Association on this their 'Diamond Jubilee Year' but are very sorry to see the present President Mr. Arthur Davis not standing for office this season, owing to his new position as Secretary of Kogarah Golf Club. Arthur, we wish you all the best in your new appointment.

The touring team of Kanagroos had a mixed tour, winning the 'Ashes' in England, but suffering a loss in France. Quite a number of the team suffered injuries, and we were sorry to see such a great player as Reg Gasnier having to finish his touring career with injuries, as he has been acclaimed as one of the best centres ever to play the game.

This Association has two unique firsts, the first one last year saw our own Association Badge cast, and this year we have the representation of Life Membership Blazers to Mr. T. Bellew, Mr. S. Morris and Mr. B. Cowley for their outstanding services to the Association. Congratulations Gentlemen!

Our thanks go to the District Club, North Sydney Leagues Club, and the Junior League for their assistance during the season.

Brian R. Barry.
HON. SECRETARY.

Membership and Attendance Record for Season

Meetings held, I4. (L.A) Leave of Absence (A) apology.

Life Members: B. Barry I4, T. Bellew I4L/A, J. Burden,
R. Carey 5. 3a, H. Carrick, B. Cowley I2, 2L/a,
A. Galbraith I, D. Haldeman, M. Hogan, A. Jones,
A. Leane, J. Montgomery I4, S. Morris (Snr)
S. Morris (Jnr) 8, 2a, R. Smyth, J. Turner,
E. Tinsley I.

Active Members: Senior
D. Brown 2, I4L/A, B. Bourke I, resigned 20/3/67.
A. Boyd 8, Ia, D. Chapman, M. Chapman 2, IOL/A,
W. Curnoe IO resigned 3/8/67, E. Carroll I2,
B. Daveron I4 (advanced from sub-junior to Senior
20/3/67) M. Greber 8, IL/A, Ia, K. Hubbuck 6
resigned 6/7/67, G. Hicks 6, 2a (8/6/67), W. Hoskins
3, 2L/A, (25/5/67), K. Jackman I2 (advanced from
sub-junior to Senior 20/3/67), G. McManus 8, 5L/A,
M. McKenzie 8, 6L/A, D. McDevitt I2, J. McDonald I3,
B. Minett 5 (20/7/67) J. Porteous I3, IL/A, (advanced
from sub-junior to Senior 20/3/67), J. O'Keefee I3,
J. Quinn I2, IL/A, J. Ticehurst I2 (I3/4/67)
M. Thurgate I3, IL/A, M. Sayer 2 (22/6/67)

Sub-Juniors
G. Bagnall 5, F. Payne I4, P. Porter 3, G. Smith I4,
S. Thompson I3.

Schoolboys
J. Baldwin, T. Bellew, B. Beer, S. Betts, J. Byrne,
P. Casey, R. Chalouhi, H. Dwyer, D. Fox, D. Hawkins,
B. Inglis, P. Johnson, M. Keirman, P. Kimmins,
J. McCarthy, A. Morabito, P. Morre, P. Myers,
R. Peckham, J. Pizzalato, M. Robertson, W. Ryan
J. Simmons, M. Scott, B. Scott, C. Smith, M. Smith,
J. Stapleton, G. Thompson.

Hon. Members: J. Crooke II 2a, J. Massingham 5 5L/A 2a,
R. Saunders 9 Ia, 4L/A.

DISTRICT CLUB:

The club did not enjoy a very good year, as far as their various grades went, but all coaches trying hard to keep their teams playing entertaining football.

The Association extends congratulations to the following members, Messrs. K. Irvine, R. Warner, D. O'Bryan on gaining representative honours. Special Mention to Ken Irvine on playing in all 3 Tests against New Zealand and also gaining Kangaroo Honours.

THE LEAGUES CLUB:

The Association was indeed grateful to the Leagues Club Management and board of directors for the assistance given us during the year.

We would also thank the District Club and Leagues Club for the cordial invitations extended to members and Ladies to attend various social functions during the season.

JUNIOR LEAGUE:

Again the Junior League amalgamated with Manly- /arringah to keep both bodies with a good share of teams and abling both Junior Leagues to give their Juniors good football.

Congratulations go to the following Premiership winners 'A' Belrose, 'B' North Curl-Curl, 'C' Mosmah, 'D' Harbord United, 'E' Narraweena, 'F' Avalon. Asquith again winning the Club Championship.

Representative teams were entered in the Presidents Cup, J. H. Flegg and S.G. Ball competitions. We are sorry to say not meeting with the success everyone had hoped for, but we wish them a lot more luck this season.

Coaches and Managers have again been elected for season 1968, to one and all we extend our very best of success this season.

NORTH SYDNEY CHURCHES:

This competition has never looked back since it was started. Always every team trying their hardest to play bright football. This season there were IO teams, one more than last year.

This year the Annual fixture against Queensland was played in Brisbane, with Queensland winning I3.3 so it goes to show that the game up there is pretty strong. To the officials and Clubs we extend thanks for the assistance given.

SCHOOL BOY COMPETITION

This Competition is going ahead leaps and bounds with as much keenness shown by fathers and mothers as by the players themselves. The number of teams being 82 ranging from 7 years to unders 14 yrs. with a total of 1391 registered players. The Association extends congratulations to the following premiership winners - West Pymble 'B', Chatswood 'B', St. Thomas, Asquith 'B', Willoughby District Hornsby, Collegions 'A', Collegions 'A' (13 years)

Honours go to the Willoughby Club for such a good record of being undefeated playing 14 games, 12 wins, 1 draw, 1 bye.

The Annual Picnic was held again, and the weather gave it a big help by being fine. Mr.(Jockey) Brown and his band of helpers are to be congratulated on their very fine job.

The Annual games against Canberra this year gave North Sydney 3 good wins, everyone voting this a very good weekend. Our thanks go to the organisers of this function for the manner in which it was controlled.

SCHOOL BOY REFEREES:

The Association offers its congratulations to these boys for the sterling job they done during the season. We are pleased to see an increase in the numbers again with 1966 17 to 1967 30.

These boys attended meeting held at school every fortnight during the lunch-hour with the Senior members in attendance in the persons of Mr. J. Montgomery, J. Quinn & B. Barry.

Over the season quite a few problems were ironed out, but I feel that some lads are not trying enough or listening to what they are told, because each week the Junior League had some school-boy Referees name brought to their notice. Being on time to start games seems to be the biggest mistake, as this holds up other games during the morning, so try and get there before your game is due to start. Dress has come under fire too, remember always look like a good Referee, tidiness does not cost a lot.

Any lad who has left school we hope you still will keep up Refereeing joined by others to become Sub-Junior Referees.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Brother Coman for his assistance during the season.

VALE:

To Members of the Association, all Clubs affiliated with North Sydney Rugby Football League, we extend our deepest sympathies on bereavements suffered during 1967.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Messrs. J. Montgomery and E. Tinsley who attained grade honours.
To Messrs. M. Chapman, W. Curnoe, B. Daveron, G. McManus, M. Thurgate on being appointed to Representative Fixtures of the N.S.W. Rugby Football League.
To Our President J. Montgomery and E. Tinsley on their various appointments in International, also Grade, Semi-Finals, Finals and Grand-Finals.
To G. McManus on his appointment to the Presidents Cup Final as a Touch Judge.

To Mr & Mrs Don Brown on their marriage on 6th January 1968
To Mr & Mrs John Porteous their marriage on 20th January 1968
To. Mr. Glen Smith to Miss Jennifer Rice on their engagement.

To Mr. Brian Daveron on his 21st Birthday.
To Mr. John Porteous on his 21st Birthday
To Mr. Kevin Jackman on his 21st Birthday.

To Mr. John Quinn on receiving the 'R. Purcell Trophy'

To F. Payne outstanding Sub-Junior Referee .

To all Junior Referees and Touch Judges appointed to Semi-Finals and Finals of the Junior League and Schoolboy Competitions, special mention to the following on appointments to Grand Finals:

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| Under 7 years (Div 2) | B. Daveron, S. Thompson, G. Smith |
| Under 7 years (Div 1) | J. Quinn, J. McDonald, G. Hicks. |
| Under 8 years (Div 1) | J. Ticehurst, M. McKenzie, K. Jackman |
| Under 8 years (Div 2) | M. Greber, A. Boyd, J. Porteous. |
| Under 9 years | D. Brown, G. McManus, J. Quinn |
| Under 10 years | K. Jackman, B. Daveron, S. Thompson. |
| Under 11 years | M. Thurgate, J. Ticehurst, E. Carroll. |
| Under 12 years | B. Daveron, J. O'Keffee, S. Thompson. |
| Under 13 years | J. Ticehurst, K. Jackman, G. Smith. |
| Under 14 years | J. O'Keffee, S. Thompson, J. Ticehurst. |
| 'A' Grade G/Final | M. Thurgate, G. McManus, J. O'Keffee |
| 'B' Grade Final | M. Thurgate, K. Jackman, B. Daveron. |
| 'C' Grade G/Final | M. Chapman, B. Daveron, K. Jackman. |
| 'D' Grade Final | B. Cowley, J. Ticehurst, B. Daveron. |
| 'E' Grade Final | B. Daveron, J. Ticehurst, K. Jackman. |
| Churches G/Final | G. McManus, E. Carroll, D. McDevitt. |
| Under 7 year Divisional Grand Final. | J. Quinn, S. Thompson, G. Smith. |
| Under 8 year Divisional Grand Final. | J. Ticehurst, J. Porteous, K. Jackman |

APPRECIATION:

The Association wishes to extend sincere thanks to the following for their support during the season.

The N.S.W. Rugby Football League - N.S.W. Rugby Football League Referees Association - North Sydney District Club - North Sydney Leagues Club, - North Sydney Junior League - also all Junior Football Clubs.

To Messrs. C. Brown & C. Wigzell who visited the Association during the season.

In closing my own personal thanks go to Mr. Bert Cowley for his help to get this report together. As Members know Mr. Cowley did not stand for a position this year, but just to enlighten you on his record. Mr. B. Cowley joined this Association in the year 1948, His first year he was elected Deputy Delegate to the Junior League, in 1949 he was Deputy Delegate to N.S.W. Referees Association, the following year 1950 he became Secretary of the Association holding that position till last year with a 2 year break. The Association seen fit to recognise his good work making him a 'Life Member' in 1959, his name has become well known in Rugby League in the North Sydney District; Bert, please accept the Associations very sincere thanks for a job well done, and from my own personal side I would Like to say following you in the position of Secretary I only hope I can do as well.

My thanks go to Messrs. J. Montgomery, T. Bellew, J. Porteous, B. Daveron, J. Quinn, for their assistance during the season, also every member for bestowing the Honour of Life Membership on me., which words cannot express my feelings .

Tonight your committee retires and is eligible for re-election To the incoming Committee I wish every success for Season 1968.

Brian R. Barry.
Hon. Secretary.

NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

REFEREES ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS 1968 SEASON

| <u>Receipts</u> | | <u>Payments</u> | |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Bank Balance 26/1/67 | 212.05 | Affiliation N.S.W.R.F.L.R.A. | 1.50 |
| Affiliation Fees | 335.00 | Annual Meeting Expenses | 8.00 |
| Badges | 22.00 | Badges | 24.00 |
| Bank Interest | 11.11 | Convivials | |
| Donations | 66.50 | Final Meeting Night | 23.61 |
| finer | 15.00 | Grand Final Day | 6.92 |
| Lapel Badges | 43.40 | Ladies Nights | 111.10 |
| Lottery Raffle | 48.00 | Schoolboys Picture Night | 64.48 |
| Novelty Raffle | 194.00 | Floral Tributes | 11.00 |
| Smoko | 325.00 | Lapel Badges | 58.90 |
| | | Life Member Blazer(B. Barry) | 30.00 |
| | | Lottery Raffle | 11.00 |
| | | Novelty Raffle | 90.00 |
| | | Postages | 11.80 |
| | | Presents | |
| | | Mrs. B. Barry | |
| | | J. Porteous | 12.75 |
| | | Printing | |
| | | Annual Report | 27.28 |
| | | Constitution | 56.25 |
| | | Prizes Junior Referees | 7.00 |
| | | Smoko | 543.95 |
| | | Stationery | 19.02 |
| | | Telephone | 41.33 |
| | | Bank Balance 15/12/67 | 139.17 |
| | <u>\$1299.06</u> | | <u>\$1299.06</u> |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 15th DECEMBER 1967

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|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Members Funds | 160.37 | Cash At Bank | 139.17 |
| Novelty Raffle Prize | | Badges | 8.00 |
| owing to J. Kohne | 10.00 | Lapel Badges | 17.20 |
| | | Novelty Raffle dues | |
| | | owing J. Kohne | 6.00 |
| | <u>\$170.37</u> | | <u>\$170.37</u> |

We have audited the records of the North Sydney District Rugby League Referees Association and submit that they, together with all explanations given present a true and fair view of the Association affairs.

G. McManus)
R. Saunders) 9.1.68

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. President and Gentleman,

Our first Ladies Night was held at North Sydney Leagues Club mid-June and took the form of a dinner dance. It was not very well attended, nevertheless those present had a very enjoyable night. The function was slow to get going but a transport strike did not help matters. An enjoyable meal was had by all, and we danced & wined until midnight. Ken Hubbuck travelled from Newcastle for the evening so as to keep his eye on the local talent, and supervise the first social junction for the year. Each lady present received a box of sweets from our President John Montgomery. In all a good beginning to a new era.

Next came September 29th, football over for 1967, and we were ready for the 'Blue Ribbon' Social event of the Referee's calendar - 'Our Smoko' - held at Anzac Memorial Club, our room for the evening gaily decorated during the afternoon by our members, 150 chairs crammed into the room, everything looked really good as our guests began to arrive at 8p.m. The evening went with a bang - the food excellent, plenty of ale and orchy and the entertainment was first class.

The success of this show was due to the teamwork of all the North Sydney Referees, every member had a part to play on this night and without exception carried out their duties very well. We did not know we had so many professional waiters.

The Organization prior to this night was thorough, and great credit is due to the two 'Johns' (Montgomery & Porteous) and the two 'Brians' (Barry & Davoren). This foursome spent many nights preparing the details for the night, arranged the ordering of supplies, picked up the goods, and all the hundred and one things that went to make a successful show. Our thanks to you all for a 'good night'. I am sure our Secretary Brian will always remember this event, the night he was presented with his Life Membership Blazer. Congratulations Brian.

Many thanks to the Referees who helped on the day of the show, your help was appreciated and a special mention to Ken Hubbuck who came many miles to give a hand in the Kitchen. By the way boys, no more plastic bags, they can be dangerous, have been known to smother their contents.

Our next show was the Ladies Christmas night, again held at North Sydney Leagues Club, on the 1st December. Our attendance 39 people, nine people did not attend after finally accepting in mid-November. At this function our Association was charged for these nine people, and we mention this fact to bring to the mind of member

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the necessity of being accurate when accepting, otherwise they are only wasting the associations money.

President John was in very good form this evening and made the ladies very welcome. On behalf of the Association John made a small presentation to Treasurer John Porteous and his fiancée Deidre Ardill, who are to be married on 20/1/68. We also had the pleasure of meeting for the first time Miss Olga Gilbert, fiancée of Don Brown and we learnt that Don and Olga are to be married on the 6/1/68. We noticed this same night one of our Junior Referees Glen Smith holding hands very intently with Miss Jennifer Rice, and on making inquiries found that they had recently announced their engagement. We had already learnt a lot and the night was only young.

Our dinner was very nice and Secretary Brian saw that the wine & ale flowed freely and soon we had a very happy family. Brian Daveron arrived late, had a lovely excuse, all the way from Fairfield this time, some talk he may even settle up in this area. Kevin Jackman was still celebrating his 21st Birthday on this evening, those machines seem to have a fascination for Kevin. We were all pleased to be able to wish Mr & Mrs Sid Morris a Happy Christmas. It was noted that the latter couple spent some time in earnest conversation with Mr & Mrs B. Cowley, no doubt discussing the pros and cons of being good grandparents. We were very pleased to have Bill Curnoe and his wife with us on this evening, Bill has now settled in his new home at Woy Woy. Another to come a long way were Geoff and Mrs McManus from Warrimoo. Whilst speaking of people we welcomed an intending member this night in the person of Mr & Mrs Brian Maloney, Brian hopes to start season 1968 with us.

A highlight of the Christmas party night came when the North Sydney 'Go-Go' Girls appeared on the second occasion, and danced with members of the audience. One of the Referees obliged, and with our President organising and leading the cheer squad the volunteer dancer won the contest and a nice prize - good on you Joe! Santa Claus visited the ladies during the course of the evening & each received a small present from the Association. The evening ended too quickly and we hope for a larger attendance next year.

So much for the three big events. Our Association had two or three small socials. One in mind was our last meeting night, at this we saw a change in the usual menu, had a hot dish instead of the usual sandwich, and it was enjoyed by all.

Another small function was held at North Sydney Oval at conclusion of the 'A Grade' Grand Final. Our President presided and congratulated all the Referees on their display that afternoon. There were fourteen Referees present, standing room only in the dressing room. It was general opinion that Max Thurgate

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should be awarded an "oscar" for the way he summoned the 'Zan Buk' from a sitting position on the field that day. Max was not the only one who developed cramps during that game, it was a thriller. Our thanks to Bert Cowley for arranging the tea & biscuits for this function.

During the season we had two 'get togethers' for the School Boy Referees. Our first, mid season took the form of a film evening, followed by a lecture on the Rules of Rugby League by Mr. A. Wigzell. Mr. Jack Stewart arranged the films and secured some of the best film coverage and these were enjoyed by all present. At completion of the films Secretary Brian had arranged an inviting supper for the lads and the adult visitors. Our thanks to Rev. Brother Coman for his co-operation at this function and during the year. Our Patron Mr. T. Bellew, President John Montgomery and members of his Executive were present on this night.

The final function for the Schoolboys Referees for 1967 was held on Saturday afternoon 24th September at the Plaza Cinerama Theatre. This date and venue was decided by the boys themselves. Our President, dressed very suitably for the occasion and later on referred to as 'The oldest teenager in the business' together with 'Debonair Brian Barry', 'Money Bags Porteous' and 'Dasher Daveron' met the boys in the foyer and saw the show, an excellent picture. The Association Executive were a little amazed at the attendance, some seven lads did not bother to attend and once again the Association's money was wasted. This fact was hard to understand as Secretary Brian Barry had contacted everyone during that week and these seven lads accepted. More of this matter in the future. Those of us present are all wondering if the 'Shapely blonde Referee' sitting in our midst will turn out for us in 1968.

Summing up, I feel that 1967 was a very good year for all Referees socially. We got to know a little more about one another met the wives and lady friends, learnt of their families and I feel became a little more united.

Many thanks to one and all for the help and co-operation given during the year and if I have forgotten anything, my apology, I am really out of practice at writing reports.

Regards,
'The Oldest Cab on the Rank'