

N-S-W-R-F-L



THE NORTH SYDNEY RUGBY LEAGUE
REFEREES ASSOCIATION

38th ANNUAL REPORT

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Dear Sir,

The Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held at the Anzac Memorial Club - Blue Room - Bellevue Street - Cammeray on Wednesday 18th February, 1970 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 Motion.
6. Committees Report.
7. Election of Life Members.
8. General Business.

February, 1970.

J. Montgomery.
PRESIDENT.

B. R. Barry.
HON. SECRETARY.

OFFICIALS FOR SEASON 1969

PATRON	Mr. T. Bellew.
PRESIDENT	Mr. J. Montgomery.
HON. SECRETARY.	Mr. B. R. Barry.
HON. TREASURER.	Mr. J. Porteous.
ASST. HON. SECRETARY.	Mr. B. Daveron.
HON. SOCIAL SECRETARY.	Mr. J. Quinn.
VICE PRESIDENTS.	Messrs. Mr. S. Morris Mr. J. Quinn. Mr. E. Tinsley.
DELEGATES TO N.S.W. REFEREES ASSOCIATION	Mr. D. McDevitt. Mr. P. Nelson. (Resigned 19.6.69) Mr. J. Porteous. (Elected 19.6.69)
DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE	Mr. B. Minett. Mr. K. Jackman.
DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY SCHOOLBOYS ORGANISATION	Mr. M. McKenzie. Mr. J. Porteous.
HON. AUDITORS	Mr. G. McManus. Mr. B. Minett.
REFEREES APPOINTMENT BOARD	Mr. J. Quinn (Pres) Mr. D. Brown (Sec.) Mr. A. Boyd (J.L.) Mr. D. McDevitt. Mr. J. O'Keefe. Mr. R. Saunders. Mr. J. Ticehurst.
DELEGATE FROM NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE	Mr. J. Crooke.

A WORD FROM THE PATRON

It is my privilege to once again include a short foreward in the Association's Annual Report.

In doing so, I congratulate the Executive Officers of the Association on a most successful Season 1969. At this time it is well to pause and reflect on the work of those who have made this success possible. There have been times in the past when even the Association's continued existence was in jeopardy and it is only due to the work of those, many of whom tend to be forgotten, the the Association has achieved the position it holds to-day.

If I were to mention individual members it would be inevitable that someone be left out. However, I think it appropriate to mention two men still actively connected with the Association for the work they have done in assisting the Association to achieve and maintain its present position. I refer to President, Mr. John Montgomery and Secretary Brian Barry. Both these men are active Grade Referees with other commitments, who devote considerable time to guide the destinies of our Association. For this they deserve the gratitude of all members along with those who saw the Association through some turbulent times in past years.

In the last Annual Report, I expressed the wish that North Sydney would in the near future obtain some new representation in the ranks of Grade Referees. This wish was fulfilled with the elevation to Grade status of Joe Ticehurst for season 1969. Not only was Joe graded but I think it fair to say that at the end of the season he had the most successful record of any of the newly graded referees. I congratulate Joe on attaining Grade status and wish him well for the future. Association Referees also met with success in the representative Junior competitions with John O'Keefe refereeing a Final and this too augurs well for the future.

With best wishes for an even more successful Season in 1970.

T. J. Bellew.
PATRON.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

The 1969 Rugby League season was a most successful one in many respects for this Association. We saw Mr. Joe Ticehurst elevated to the grade ranks and in his first season obtaining recognition of his ability by being appointed to officiate second grade fixtures. Congratulations Joe.

Another notable achievement of one of our members was that of John O'Keefe's appointment to referee the S.G. Ball final. Congratulations John.

In addition, I would like to extend my congratulations to all members who were appointed to semi-finals, finals, grand-finals, President Cup, Jersey Flegg and S.G. Ball competitions during the season 1969.

It is worthy of note that two referees and life members of this Association are carrying their Rugby League interests further for the betterment of the game by continuing to act as Secretaries of the North Sydney Junior League and North Sydney Schoolboy's competition; I refer of course to Ron Carey and Bert Cowley respectively.

The social activities of the Association were, as usual, arranged by our Social Secretary in his inimitable style and were huge success. Particular mention is made of our Ladies Christmas night and our School-Boy Referees dinner.

The meetings were well attended and I thank all members for their support and courtesy afforded me during the season.

May I express my appreciation to the Executive members of the Association, Tom Bellew, Brian Barry, John Porteous, Brian Davoren, Sid Morris, Bob Tinsley and last but not least John Quinn, for their guidance and excellent work they have carried out during the year. I would like also to thank Mr. H. McKinnon, Mr. H. Forbes, President and Secretary of the N.S.D.R.F.L.F.C. and their committee; Mr. Thompson and Mr. Brown and Mr. Cowley of the North Sydney Schoolboys Competition and their committee; Mr. Dawson, Secretary-Manager of the N.S.L.C. and his staff for their courtesies and cooperation during the year.

J. Montgomery.
PRESIDENT.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mr. President & Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Committee, I have much pleasure in presenting for your consideration the 38th Annual Report and Financial Statement for 1969.

As one year ends and another begins, just let us stop and refresh our memories on a few things that happened during the last year; two successful landings on the moon, a new innovation with a coloured cover on the Annual Report, Balmain winning the Grade Championship, Mr. Col Pearce retiring as an active Referee, also our own Life Member Mr. Bob Tinsley retiring. Both these gentlemen have outstanding records in the sphere of refereeing. As the record book shows they have done games in World Cup, International, Interstate, Semi-Finals, Finals, and Grand Finals, as referee and touch-judge respectively. We must not forget Messrs. Jack Stewart and Laurie Bruyers who also retired this season, these gentlemen visited the Association during their time as Referees, indeed we are sorry these two men have been lost to the game. We wish them well and know that at all times their interest will be with Referee's.

As last year again, we had some Club officials slinging off at Referees; I am sorry gentlemen, but I have not seen any of you at our meetings, asking any questions, but one day have the courage to come and I think you may learn something, one way or another.

My congratulations, to Messrs. J. Ticehurst on gaining Grade honours, J. O'Keefe gaining the Final of the S.G. Ball final, also D. McDevitt, K. Jackman, S. Thompson, J. O'Keefe on being nominated to be considered for Grade Trials in February. We wish them all the best of luck.

We were indeed sorry that owing to unforeseen circumstances we could not attend the Country Referees Camp, but we hope to be able to attend this year.

We saw three members of the Association gaining Life Membership: Mr. John Quinn to the Association.
Mr. Bert Cowley to the NSW Referees Assoc.

Mr. Ron Carey to the North Sydney Junior League.
Congratulations gentlemen, you have gained an honour which every member will agree was rightly deserved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Continued.

I believe that Refereeing in the District is of a very high standard, and with some good young Referees coming up the top men will have to be on their toes at all times. The meetings saw some very good discussions & this is good to see, as it shows members have an interest in the business of the Association.

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

Brian R. Barry.
HON. SECRETARY.

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR SEASON.

L/A Leave of Absence
A Apology
D. Deceased.

MEETINGS HELD 13

LIFE MEMBERS: B. Barry 12 1L/A A. Leane
T. Bellew 13L/A J. Montgomery 10 3L/A
J. Burden S. Morris (Snr)
R. Carey 3 S. Morris (Jnr) 11 2L/A
H. Carrick J. Quinn 12 1L/A
B. Cowley 12 1A R. Smyth
A. Galbraith 1 E. Tinsley 10 1L/A 1A
D. Halderman D J. Turner.
M. Hogan A. Jones 1

ACTIVE MEMBERS
SENIOR:

J. Atkinson 2 3A M. McKenzie 9 2L/A
D. Brown 9 1A G. McManus 3 7L/A 3A
P. Brown 13L/A K. MacRae 9 3A
M. Chapman 2 8L/A W. Collins 12
B. Davoren 12 1L/A J. O'Keefe 13
F. Payne 11 1L/A R. Hammond 12
J. Porteous 12 1L/A K. Jackman 8 2A
R. Smith 12 1L/A D. McDvitt 11 2A
S. Thompson 11 J. McDonald 2 11L/A
M. Thurgate 13L/A J. Ticehurst. 12
P. Nelson 3 3A (Resigned as Active Referee 19.6.69)
T. Crawford 4 2A (Resigned 19.6.69)
G. O'Neill (Resigned as Active Referee 27.3.69)
J. Everett 7 5L/A (Advance to Senior 24.6.69)
M. Franklin 5 1A (Joined 19.6.69)
R. Hardy 4 8L/A (Advanced to Senior 24.6.69)

SUB-JUNIOR:

J. Baldwin 10 B. Beer 1 1A
J. Byrne B. Chalker
B. Ingliss (Resigned as Active Referee 5.6.69)
A. Morabito 12 C. Reid
M. Robertson 6 J. Simmons 13L/A
M. Scott

SCHOOL BOYS:

G. Arthur M. Gaston P. McDonall
A. Ash P. Johnson M. O'Rourke
S. Betts M. Keirnan D. Peckham
T. Bellew D. Kenyon W. Ryan
D. Brady B. Kremer R. Slattery
M. Burdon A. Langtry P. Settree
M. Crombie W. McReynolds B. Scott
G. Cruise P. McKinn N. Terzis
C. Coady T. McKinn J. McKinn

HON. MEMBERS:

E. Carroll 1 J. Croke 7 2A
W. Hoskins 13L/A J. O'Connor (Joined 11.9.69)
R. Saunders 1A M. Greber (Resigned 24.4.69)
R. Brown,

DISTRICT CLUB

The year 1969 was a mixed year for the District Club, in some games they would look a very good side, only to see the following week a very disappointing one.. Mr. Roy Francis has made a very good impression with his method of training, and we hope that the year 70 will see Norths in the top 4, because they have the ability to get there, if keenness is a top award they could win it.

THE LEAGUES CLUB

The Association is indeed grateful to the Leagues Club Management and the Board of Directors for the assistance given during the year. We are grateful to the District Club and Leagues Club who extended invitations to members and their ladies to attend various social functions during the year.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

The year 1969 seen the North Sydney Junior League conduct its own competition, and what a good competition it was, in all grades, proving the point if you can get teams interested enough, you will get good football.

The Association offers congratulations to the following Premiership winners:
A Grade - Gladesville Sports Club.
B Grade - Mosman.
C Grade - Lane Cove
D Grade - Lane Cove
Reserve Grade - Crows Nest.
E Grade - Collegians No.1 (3rd) combined with East Suburbs.

The Representative Teams in the Presidents Cup, J.H. Flegg and S.G. Ball competitions again did not meet with the success everyone was hoping for. The year 1970 may in no small way see the turn in the road everyone is looking for from these teams, lets hope so.

The visit from Newcastle was a good day with a win by each side. Newcastle winning the under 16 yrs by 19 points to 9, but in the other game Norths under 19 yrs running out winner in a very close game 14 points to 13.

SCHOOLBOY COMPETITION Continued

The Annual visit from Canberra was a success again. We also saw a team from Newcastle play St. Leonards this year and from all reports good football was the order of the day.

The picnic was a day to remember, and credit must go in no small way to our own Social Secretary, John Quinn, who kept it moving at a good pace. This is a day when every boy who has played looks forward to in no small way.

The Association hopes that the happy working basis, which has worked between our two bodies prevails, & takes this opportunity to congratulate all the officials and also thank the Clubs for making this competition such a huge success.

SCHOOLBOY REFEREES

Well I must start off again by saying to these boys, thank you, for the very fine job you do for the Association.

On behalf of John Quinn and myself I would like to thank Brother Frederick and Brother Neil for their help to us during the year. At the meetings held at the school, the boys showed that they were interested in what was told to them.

At the end of the season, we saw a new idea taking the shape of a dinner held at the North Sydney Anzac Club, giving me pleasure to see it meet with such success. I am hoping that at last we have hit on an idea which is acceptable to everyone. The meal was very nice and we finished the evening with a film of the Apollo II trip to the Moon, donated by the P.M.G. Dept.

To the boys who have left school we wish them the best of luck in their chosen careers, and hoping we do not lose their company if they can still see there way clear to Referee.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every boy for the very nice thought put into the presentation to John Quinn and myself on the dinner night. My gratitude cannot be put on paper. The Association thanks every boy for his support in the season 1969 and we hope to have your services again in 1970.

JUNIOR LEAGUE Continued

I hope that the year 1970 sees the same harmony prevail between the two Associations, and may I pass on my thanks to the Junior League Executive for the help given to me and the Association during the past.

NORTH SYDNEY CHURCHES

This competition in 1969 was one which left a thought in your mind for 1970. Some teams trying to play good football others not only proving a headache for Referees but public alike. These teams seemed to think nothing of the use of bad language during a game also turning on the knuckles. If this is the best they can produce then the competition would be better off without them. So lets hope that the good word is spread for 1970, as we do not want to see this competition get a bad name, after the good work done by the officials.

Willoughby again proved creditable winners of the Grand Final, playing good fast football against Naremburn at Mosman Oval.

This year the Annual Interstate game was won by Queensland 18-17. As the scores show it was a very close game.

May I extend thanks to the Executive officers and hope that next year we will see good football played through out the competition.

SCHOOLBOY COMPETITION

Congratulations go to the officials of this body because what a terrific job they are doing. The Association congratulates the following Premiership winners: Club Championship - Lane Cove
Under 7-1 Asquith "A"
Under 7-2 Ridge St. (Undefeated)
Under 7-3 St Leonards "B"
Under 8-1 Asquith "A" (Undefeated for 2 years)
Under 8-2 St Thomas "A"
Under 9-1 Asquith "A"
Under 9-2 Ridge Street.
Under 10 Asquith "B"
Under 11 Pennant Hills
Under 12 Collegians A (Undefeated)
Under 13 Collegians A (Undefeated)
Under 14 Collegians A (Undefeated)

VALE

To members, families and friends who suffered bereavements during the year, our deepest sympathy is extended to them.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Messrs. John Quinn, Ron Carey, Bert Cowley on their Life Membership Honours.

To Mr. John Montgomery who attained grade honours, also his appointment to Grade, Semi-final, Final and Grand-Finals.

To Mr. E. Tinsley who attained grade honours, also on his appointment to Grade Semi-Finals.

To Mr. J. Ticehurst on his elevation to Grade.

To Mr. John O'Keefe on his appointment to the S.G. Ball Final as a Referee and also the "A" Grade Grand Final.

To Mr. John Everett on his 21st Birthday.

To Mr. Bob Hardy on his 21st Birthday.

To Mr & Mrs. Kevin Jackman on their recent wedding.

To Mr & Mrs J. Porteous on the birth of a baby daughter.

To Members and their families who had additions to their families.

To Brian Minnett on receiving the R. Purcell Trophy.

CONGRATULATIONS Continued

To all Junior Referees and Touch Judges appointed to Semi-Finals and Finals of the Junior League School Boy Competitions; Special mention to the following on appointments to Grand-Finals.

JUNIOR LEAGUE COMPETITION

"A" Grade	J. O'Keefe	J. Quinn	R. Hammond
"B" Grade	D. McDevitt	M. McKenzie	S. Thompson
"C" Grade	M. Thurgate	D. McDevitt	D. Brown.
"D" Grade	J. Porteous	B. Minnett	M. McKenzie
"E" Grade	J. Quinn	B. Minnett	J. Everett.

CHURCHES GRAND FINAL

K. Jackman	M. McKenzie	J. O'Keefe
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NEWCASTLE TOUR

Under 16 Yrs	D. McDevitt	S. Thompson	K. Jackman
Under 19 Yrs	J. O'Keefe	J. Quinn	J. Porteous

SCHOOLBOY COMPETITION

(1) Under 7	J. Quinn	B. Minnett	R. Hardy.
(2) Under 7	J. Everett	K. Macrae	W. Collins.
(3) Under 7	J. Quinn	G. McManus	D. Brown.
(1) Under 8	R. Hammond	J. Quinn	J. Porteous
(2) Under 8	J. O'Keefe	W. Collins	K. MacRae
(1) Under 9	S. Thompson	J. Quinn	B. Davoren
(2) Under 9	M. McKenzie	B. Davoren	J. Simmons
Under 10	D. Brown	J. Porteous	K. Jackman
Under 11	B. Davoren	J. Quinn	D. Brown
Under 12	M. McKenzie	R. Hammond	S. Thompson
Under 13	D. McDevitt	M. McKenzie	J. Porteous
Under 14	G. McManus	J. Quinn	D. McDevitt

APPRECIATION

The Association wishes to extend sincere thanks to the following, for their support during the season. The N.S.W.R.L.F. Referees Association - NSW Rugby Football League - North Sydney District Club - North Sydney Leagues Club - North Sydney Junior League, also all Junior Football Clubs and the Brothers of Marist Brothers School.

My own personal thanks go to Messrs. J. Montgomery, T. Bellew, J. Porteous, B. Davoren, J. Quinn for their assistance during the season, also every member for all there help during the year.

Tonight your committee retires and is eligible for re-election.

To the incoming Committee, I wish every success for the season 1970.

Brian R. Barry
HON SECRETARY.

Before closing this report, I would like to write about two gentlemen you all know.

Firstly Mr. Bob (Ern) Tinsley and his wife Norma, I would like to wish all the very best in his retirement from refereeing. Bob has been refereeing since 1946, having held every position on the Executive side of the Association. As I have already mentioned before in this report he has been appointed Touch Judge for World Cup, International, Interstate, Semi-Finals, Finals and Grand Finals in all grades, a record which I know he is very proud of. He is also a member we feel an honour to be able to say belongs to our Association and also to have been made a Life Member.

Let us not forget that every man owes a lot to a person who we do not give enough credit to and that is his wife. At No time has Norma let Bob down. Seeing that every time he went on the field he was a credit to himself & his Association. On behalf of every member may I say "Thank you Norma," and again we wish you both a long & happy life together.

Number two. Mr. John Quinn our Life Member for the year 1969. John has gained his Referees ticket in the year 1950, he has also held various positions with the Association. This year saw him do a stirring job as Chairman of the Referees Appointments Board, one which in past years has not been an easy job, but credit for the success must go to John, who had every member working together, something which he seems to be able to do with no trouble. The Association is in debt to John for the huge success he has made the position of Social Secretary, with each year our Annual Smoko getting bigger and better, all have been huge successes thanks to John.

Also with his good wife Mary, they have made our Xmas nights something to look forward to.

The Association has received letters of praise from Clubs, Secretaries, Mothers, Fathers and Coaches of the fine job he does with schoolboy games. He is patient, and will go out of his way to tell the boys what they are doing wrong and how to rectify it. From every member in the Association and every one who is connected with football, may I say "Thank you John," and we hope you and Mary will know that words cannot express how high we hold your friendship.

Brian R. Barry.
HDN. SECRETARY.

NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY FOOTBALL
LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 1969 SEASON

Cash at Bank - 8th January 1969		129.60
<u>ADD RECEIPTS</u>		
Affiliation Fees	599.00	
Badges	8.00	
Bank Interest	1.55	
Donations	82.50	
Fines	6.00	
Lapel Badges	9.20	
Lottery Raffle	38.20	
Novelty Raffle	199.00	
Rule Books	9.40	
Smoko	589.00	1541.85

\$1671.45

LESS PAYMENTS

Affiliation Fees N.S.W.R.A.	5.00	
Annual Meeting Expenses	10.00	
Badges	48.00	
Convivials -		
Grand Final Day	8.32	
Ladies Nights	67.99	
Schoolboys Night	123.03	
Donations	40.00	
Floral Tributes	11.30	
Lapel Badges	35.81	
Lottery Raffle	11.00	
Novelty Raffle	100.00	
Presentations -		
Life Membership blazer	30.00	
J. Quinn		
Blazer - J.D'Keeffe	31.50	
Members Wives	20.40	
Printing & Stationery	38.62	
Receipt Duty	.67	
Carried Forward	581.64	1671.45

NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY FOOTBALL
LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 1969 SEASON

Brought forward	581.64	1671.45
Repairs - Typewriter	9.50	
Rule Books	10.20	
Smoko	918.85	
Telephone & Postage	64.62	
Trophy - Western Suburbs Golf Day	3.95	1588.76
		<u>\$ 82.69</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 8th DECEMBER 1969

Members Funds		\$ 116.49
<u>Represented by:</u>		
Cash at Bank	82.69	
Lapel Badges	33.60	
Rule Books	.20	<u>\$ 116.49</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 Associations affairs.

G. McManus } 8.12.69
B. Minnett }

Our Social Secretary, John Quinn
doing one of his many good jobs.

THE SOCIAL SECRETARYS REPORT.

Mr President & Gentlemen,

Here it is 1970, time to write
the Social Report for season 69,
So here goes.

To my mind the most gratifying
function to the executive was
the School-Boy Referees dinner.
This evening - a brain wave of
your Secretary, Brian Barry &
with the cooperation of Mr Sibotti
catering officer for North Sydney
Anzac Club, the function went off
with a bang. Held in September.

Our young Referees acquitted
themselves magnificently, their dress immaculate. The formal part
of the evening they carried out to perfection. They chose their
own speech makers and they carried out their duties as if they
were doing these things every night. Your Executive was in full
attendance and our Patron Mr. T. Bellew was present together with
Rev. Brother Neill.

John Montgomery gave the lads a treat after our good friend Jack
Stewart got himself free of the expressway, with some real special
film, one was a gem, dealing with the latest space mission. We
thank Mr. Stewart for his time and equipment in spinning these reels.

During the years gone by we have not been able to stage a successful
function for the young School-Boy Referees but I feel we now have
the answer. Two of the lay teachers also attended the night.
Namely Mike McKenzie and Joe Ticehurst.

A very pleasant presentation was made by the boys to our debonair
Secretary Brian and your truly for our interest in their well being.
We were both deeply touched by this gesture, Brian could not find
words to reply and the best I could do was to blow a poor blast on
the whistle. Thanks lads for the gift.

Note the attendance figure on this show. Thirty two boys eligible
to come to dinner, thirty one came.



Rev. Brother Neill & Junior Referees at the end of season dinner.

The end of the year (last meeting) night was I think a huge success this year. President John and the Appointments Board had a yarn with each referee present and this seemed to be a successful venture. We were then joined at our meeting by Mr. Cox the Secretary N.S.W. Rugby League Referees Association and his son John a member of the Newtown Association, and after all the formalities were completed we were all entertained well, fed and the ale was nice and cold and flowed to everyones contentment. We thank Mr. E. Dawson, Mrs Heggie and the girls for this successful evening.

Unearthed a couple of story tellers, the only trouble was that we could not get them both off the stage that night. The Executive of the North Sydney Junior League attended this function as our guests.

Following on this night came our 'Smoko' on the 28th September and this really went off with a 'BANG'. Our lads in the kitchen this evening were very fortunate that they

were not hurt, when the oven exploded at 8 p.m. We could not say the same for our friend Des Kelly who had to go to hospital with 3rd degree burns. I was talking to Des recently and he asked me to let the members know that he will be OK for 70 and expects that his hair will be grown by then and that he won't have to borrow a wig.

As usual on this night, the food, drink and entertainment were well received by all our friends. The work involved in seeing that this show goes is still borne by our few members who were present. Our thanks to the Referees who attended during the afternoon for the setting up of the hall. This show seems to be getting bigger each year.

It was at this night that the Purcell trophy was presented for 1969 and this year it went to Brian Minnett. A tireless worker for the Association in his own way and the honour was bestowed by the donor of the trophy Mr. Bob Purcell.

This year 1969, we had the pleasure of the company of Mr. Austin Shinner and President of N.S.W. Referees Association at our show, together with the Referee of the Year Mr. K. Page. Both men took the rostrum and spoke to the gathering. Speaking of the Senior body it was nice to see their Social Secretary Mr. Frank Walsh present as also the Social Secretary of the Junior League Mr. Darcy Nelson.

A blazer was presented to John O'Keeffe to honour the fact that he was chosen to Referee the S.C. Ball Final for 1969. It was fitting that his friend, Brian Barry made the presentation and with the side levers grown for the occasion the pride of Willoughby bus depot looked really good in that blue blazer. We are all hoping that this year John will take another step further and obtain grade status.

My personal thanks to the kitchen maids, Brian Daveron and Brian Barry for their part in this Smoko.

Unfortunately the night did not do the writer any good, I ended up in the dog house again, lost all my wifes carving knives and the new ones I bought are nothing like those we bought 20 years ago - so Mary says.

To sum up the Smoko, members should think about whether we should have more professional waiters on this show and give the members more time with their friends.

This year we had two evenings for the Ladies, both held in the auditorium at North Sydney Leagues Club. Attendance at both functions, 38 each time. Our Christmas night went well but in future, boys if its seven o'clock for dinner see if you can make it. I realise baby sitters are a problem, but at that time of the year the serving of dinner is very neatly timed.

We were all pleased to see at this show Mr. & Mrs Earl Carroll, down from their country home St. Marys. Not to be outdone were the McManus couple, from Warrimoo, but I beleive that Geoff had such a good time he ended up at Katoomba on the return journey.

Pop and Mrs McRae made their first appearance at our night and Pop's words about 10 p.m. were "How long have these nights been going on". Congratulations to the McRae's I beleive the stork paid a visit recently.

During the evening we nearly lost two of the members wives, they tried very hard to get an invitation to go with the entertainer Freddy Paris, and it was only the quick work of John O'Keeffe & Brian Barry that saved the day.

Father Christmas paid the ladies a visit during the dinner and President John welcomed each and every lady. We also changed the menu a little this time.

John (Money-Bags) Porteous had a worrying night again - he had no reason to be worried according to Deidre and once again she was proved right. Congratulations to John & Deidre, they now have a very lovely daughter Kerri Ann.

During dinner, our Vice President Sid Morris - Ernie Tinsley made suitable presentations to our President John & wife Val, and to our Secretary Brian & wife Rose. Both these men and their wives do a great deal for our Association each year, & a lot of personal effort and precious time has to be given up. During the festive season, I received two nice letters from Val & Rose stating that they were thrilled with their gifts which were a nice cup, saucer and plate. By the way, talking to a former prominent footballer and now a television commentator and he informs me that Val & Monty are in training for the tandem cycle event next games - they went very well on the cycles at Lord Howe island; Another piece of news from Lord Howe, Monty attended choir practice every day from 4.30 pm till 6 p.m. We should get a solo next Smoko. These holidays cruises are good I beleive, Ernie Tinsley forgot all about his ulcer on his way to Fiji.

In passing I would like to mention the School-Boys picnic held at Tunks Part this year. According to one and all it was a great success and this was due in no small way to the fact that on that day fifteen of our Senior Referees and two Junior members attended and helped in the organization of the sports. presidnet John was very proud of this fact & the School-Boys Secretary, our own Bert Cowley had no complaints this year. Thanks lads for your help and a special thank you to Mrs. Don Brown for her work on the day.



Referee Ron Hammond, Touch Judges John Quinn, John Porteous leaving the field of play after Ron's first Grand Final.

A highlight of this day was in the Referees 100 yd sprint (by the way, they had to have 3 heats) the race was won by Junior member Stephen Betts. Good work Stephen.

Speaking socially - at the end of the season I had the pleasure of attending some 14 club School Boys picnics and parties and our Association received great praise for their work with this type of football during 1969. My thanks to Ron Hammond for filling in on a couple of occasions when the pace got too hot. We had three functions on the one day on one occasion.

Before concluding this report I would like to wish Mrs D. Minnett a quick recovery from a serious operation and hope that she will soon be about again. Dymphy, if you have any ironing problems see "Rowdy" Ron Hammond, I am sure he would have some time - he gets plenty of practice at home I am told.

My personal thanks to all for their support during 1969, especially a mention to the boys of the newly formed Disappointment Board. They attended 21 meetings and gave just on a hundred hours to sorting out all and sundry.

Best Wishes to our seven Golfers in the big Gold-Day on Anniversary weekend. Grandfather Bert is playing good golf according to all reports and has been leading (astray?) some of the younger Referees.

The year 69 was a good year socially, we all got to know one another a little better. Lets hope it brings the best out in our Referees on the field. In conclusion to the four lads going up for Grade trials, good luck and good games to you all.

John Quinn.
SOCIAL SECRETARY