



B. Davoren - J. Porteous  
B. Barry - J. Montgomery - J. Quinn.

THE NORTH SYDNEY RUGBY LEAGUE  
REFEREES ASSOCIATION

39th ANNUAL REPORT

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Dear Sir,

The Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held at the Anzac Club - Blue Room - Bellevue Street, Cammeray on Monday 8th February, 1971 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, 1971.

J. Montgomery  
PRESIDENT

B. R. Barry  
HON. SECRETARY.



RETIREMENT OF JOHN MONTGOMERY

Our President Mr. John Montgomery announced his retirement from Active Refereeing this year.

The year saw John gain the honour of being appointed as Touch Judge to the game selected by the N.S.W. Rugby League as the game the Royal Family would see on their Bi-Centenary Tour of Australia, South Sydney v Balmain.

John joined the Association as an active Referee in the year 1950, gaining grade honours in 1959. During these years in grade he was appointed to Tests, World Cup, Interstate, City, Country, Semi-Finals, Finals and Grand Finals in all grades. Always being a credit to this Association on and off the field of play.

On behalf of every member and your many friends, may we offer you our sincere thanks.

OFFICIALS FOR SEASON 1970

PATRON		Mr. T. Bellew.
PRESIDENT		Mr. J. Montgomery.
HON. SECRETARY		Mr. B. Barry.
HON. TREASURER		Mr. J. Porteous.
ASST. HON SECRETARY		Mr. B. Davoren.
HON. SOCIAL SECRETARY		Mr. J. Quinn.
VICE PRESIDENTS	Messrs.	Mr. J. Quinn. Mr. E. Tinsley. Mr. S. Morris.
DELEGATES TO N.S.W. REFEREES ASSOCIATION		Mr. J. Porteous. Mr. D. McDevitt.
DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE		Mr. B. Minnett. Mr. R. Hammond.
DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY SCHOOLBOYS ASS.		Mr. M. McKenzie (Resigned 26.3.70) Mr. F. Payne. (Elected 26.3.70) Mr. J. Quinn
HON. AUDITORS		Mr. G. McManus Mr. B. Minnett
REFEREES APPOINTMENT BOARD		Mr. J. Quinn (Chairman) Mr. D. Brown (Secretary) Mr. J. Ticehurst. Mr. J. O'Keefe. Mr. D. McDevitt. Mr. R. Saunders (Junior League) Mr. A. Boyd (Junior League)
DELEGATE FROM NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE		Mr. J. Crooke.
DELEGATE FROM NORTH SYDNEY SCHOOL BOYS ASSOCIATION		Mr. J. Wyly.

## A WORD FROM THE PATRON

Again it is my pleasure in reviewing the activities of the past season to firstly congratulate the Executive officers on their efforts. It was good to see another member of the Association, John O'Keeffe, achieving grade status as a referee and others being appointed to representative fixtures. To John and all other members concerned, I extend congratulations and at the same time hope that they achieve further honours in the future. The retirement of John Montgomery from active refereeing leaves a vacancy among the ranks of grade referees and it would be most fitting if another member of our Association filled the vacancy. In extending congratulations to John on a successful career, I hope that he will still retain his interests at North Sydney.

It appears that season 1971 is to start with further changes in rules and consequently added responsibilities for referees. The continual changes in rules are to be regretted. It is only two years since the Australian Rugby League published a new rule book after lengthy discussions by a special committee at a number of meetings and after the International Board had given consideration to all sorts of possible changes. It was not long however before some amendments were made and we are now to be faced with more.

Instead of frequent changes in the rules, I would prefer to see a more concentrated effort towards co-operation by all concerned to ensure that the existing rules are carried out. In this regard, it might prove beneficial if the League insisted that all coaches of grade sides pass an examination in knowledge of the Laws of the Game and arranged regular discussions between referees and coaches. It is not unusual these days to attend training sessions of both junior and district clubs and observe players being coached in scrum & play-the-ball procedures which involve major breaches of the rules. If some players are not prepared to comply with the rules and are not encouraged by their coaches to do so, then altering those rules will not solve the problem. Whatever happens, I am sure that all referees will, as in the past, do their best to cope with what has always been a difficult situation following rule alterations, particularly in the early stages.

I extend to all members of the Association, best wishes for a successful year in 1971.

T. Bellew.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

Another season is now behind us and once again it is time to recast our minds over the last 12 months.

Generally the Association's efforts have more than matched the previous seasons. Our numerical strength of active referees has been maintained and the standard of refereeing has again been of a high calibre and in this respect our thanks must go to the individual referees and to the Referees' Appointment Board although I must admit there is complacency creeping into some referees' attitude.

I had the pleasure of refereeing with some of the junior & senior referees at the last Schoolboy Carnival and wish to compliment all concerned on their dress and high standard of refereeing.

Socially the year has been a real success due to the efforts of our Social Secretary even though unfortunately his efforts have been hindered by some outside influences, bookings etc. The schoolboy referees' dinner was an unparalleled success - ask any of the schoolboy referees.

Looking ahead towards the next 12 months reveals that next year will probably be the most important in the history of this Association.

It is the intention of the Association to hold a Jubilee dinner early in 1972. To enable the Association to do this it will be necessary for every member, and I mean every member, to assist in whatever manner possible to make sure that the dinner will be an unqualified success. You will be notified of a special meeting to discuss all aspects relating to this event.

I would like to thank the Secretary and Committee for their support during the season and particularly to the members who have attended the meetings and supported the Association throughout the year.

It is general knowledge now that I have retired as an active referee. I have been fortunate and received many honours but none as memorable as the presentation to me on the night of the smoko. To all those concerned I humbly thank you. In addition it would be remiss of me not to thank those people of the North Sydney Referees' Association who made the last 21 years possible with all its memories.

J. Montgomery.  
PRESIDENT.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. President & Gentlemen,

Your General Committee has pleasure in presenting for your consideration and approval the 39th Annual Report and Financial Statement for the season 1970.

During the year the Executive entertained some old members of the Association to a dinner at the Leagues Club, which was to start the spade work for our Jubilee Year in 1972. This is an evening I will not forget for a long, long time, because just to hear these men talking about old times could have gone on for ever with me. The Chairman was Mr. H. McKinnon (President of the District Club and Leagues Club) Messrs. T. Bellew (Patron of the Association) Lal Dean (Foundation member) Stewart Morris, Ray Symth (Ex. President of the Association) Frank Hyde (2SM announcer) Sid Morris, Leo McGrath; As you can see these gentlemen have seen many changes in the game of Rugby League, but still claim it to be the best game of any.

My congratulations go to Mr. John O'Keefe on his gaining Grade honours, M. Chapman, J. Porteous, B. Davoren, S. Thompson on being nominated to be considered for Grade Trials. "Good luck from every member of the Association."

Mr. Jim Crooke announced that he was retiring from active work with the Junior League. Jim for many years the Delegate to the Referees' Association, a position he filled with credit to himself and the Junior League. We would like to wish you many years of good health Jim, & thanks for a job well done.

The standard of our Refereeing with the Association during the year met with mixed standard, some Referees have got into a rut, get out of it fellows quick. It is not just for the sake of being a good Referee, but proving to people that you are a good Referee, remember this and try and lift your Refereeing.

Our thanks go to the District Club, North Sydney Leagues Club, Junior League, School Committee, North Sydney Anzac Club and the Brothers and Teachers at Marist Brothers.

B. R. Barry.  
HON. SECRETARY.

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR SEASON.

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

MEETINGS HELD 15.

LIFE MEMBERS:	B. Barry	13	2L/A	A. Leane	
	T. Bellew	5	9L/A	J. Montgomery	11 4L/A
	J. Burden	(D)		S. Morris (Snr)	
	R. Carey	3		S. Morris (Jnr)	2
	H. Carrick			J. Quinn	15
	B. Cowley	14	1L/A	R. Smyth	1
	A. Galbraith	1	1L/A	E. Tinsley	7 6L/A
	D. Halderman	(D)		J. Turner	
	M. Hogan			A. Jones	

ACTIVE MEMBERS  
SENIOR:

D. Brown	5	10L/A	K. Jackman	15
P. Brown			D. McDevitt	15L/A
M. Chapman	6	8L/A	M. McKenzie	14 1L/A
W. Collins	4	11L/A	G. McManus	4 11L/A
E. Carroll	15		A. Morabito	3 12L/A
A. Crawford			B. Minnett	13 2L/A
B. Davoren	15		J. O'Keefe	11 4L/A
J. Everett	1	14L/A	J. Porteous	14 1L/A
R. Hardy	6	3L/A	F. Payne	14 1L/A
R. Hammond	15		J. Ticehurst	13 1L/A
C. Smith	13	1L/A	M. Thurgate	1 14L/A
S. Thompson	11	1L/A		

JUNIORS:

G. Arthur	A. Hyde	J. Simmons
A. Ash	P. Johnson	R. Slattery
S. Betts	M. Keirman	P. Settree
J. Bladwin	D. Kenyon	B. Scott
J. Byrne	B. Kremer	M. Scott
T. Bellew	A. Langtry	T. Stephen
D. Brady	P. McKinn	N. Terzis
M. Burdon	W. McReynolds	S. Taylor
M. Crombie	J. McKinn	T. McKinn
C. Coady	P. McDonall	M. O'Rouke
P. Cross	D. Peckham	W. Ryan
M. Cross	B. Chalker	G. Cruise
M. Gaston	T. Gillespie	

HON. MEMBERS:

J. Crooke	10	J. O'Connor	
W. Hoskins		B. Beer	
A. Boyd		D. Wyley	9 2L/A
M. Franklin		B. Purcell	
J. Atkinson		R. Saunders	
J. Baldwin	4	P. Nelson	
K. MacRae	(Resigned 18.2.70)		

### DISTRICT CLUB

A year of ups and downs for the District Club, A lot of work was done, but the results were rather disappointing for this Committee. Again let us hope that 1971 will see a much bigger showing, as the teams proved that no team in the competition is to hard for them to beat, but Lady Luck just seems to be hiding from them now and again.

This year 1971 could be an omen because it was in 1921 that Norths won the competition, so let us make this a year to celebrate. "Good Luck, Norths."

### THE LEAGUES CLUB

I cannot put into words the Associations gratitude and thanks to the Leagues Club Management and also the Board of Directors for their assistance given to us during the year.

Our thanks also must go to the District Club and Leagues Club who extended invitations to members and their Ladies to attend various functions during the year.

### NORTH SYDNEY CHURCHES

This season began with a reduced number of teams entered in the competition, and again some very good football was seen quite a number of young players joining the teams this year. Most games being played at Tunks Park, Primrose and Willoughby Park.

This year was the return visit of the Queensland Teams, with this game being played at Mosman Oval, the curtain raiser being between Churches "B" Side and a side from C.Y.O. Northern Zone.

We wish this competition and its hard working Committee every success and hope this competition will expand in 1971.

### JUNIOR LEAGUE

The work which goes into Junior Football in any District is due to the officers elected each year and every year Norths band of workers try harder every time. The running of the Competitions, arranging grounds and every other detail is correct. They take their knocks and still come up again.

On behalf of this Association we would like to say "Thank You Gentlemen for a very fine job."

The Association offers congratulations to the following Premiership winners:

A Grade - McMahons Point.  
B Grade - Mosman  
C Grade - Naraweena (joint Manly Comp.)  
D Grade - Crows Nest (Undefeated)  
E Grade - McMahons Point.

Again the Representative teams did not fare as we would have liked, but like the District Club let us hope 1971 will be their year too.

Manly Warringah won the President Cup from South Sydney and we wish to congratulate them also the winners of the Jersey Flegg - Parramatta, the S.G. Ball - St. George.

The Annual game between North Sydney and Newcastle was played at Newcastle on July 5th, three teams involving under 19, 17 and 15 years with Newcastle winning all three games.

Under 19 Newcastle 19pts defeated North Sydney 7pts.  
Under 17 Newcastle 14pts defeated North Sydney 10pts.  
Under 15 Newcastle 13pts defeated North Sydney 5pts.

Congratulations are extended to every winning side, particularly Crows Nest "C" Grade going through undefeated.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I would like to extend appreciation and thanks for the cooperation extended by the Committee during the season.

### CANBERRA TOUR

On Saturday 13th June, teams from the under 9 to 14 years travelled to Canberra, as always being treated royally.

Results of fixtures:

Under 9 years	Chatswood 3 v Canberra 0 (Saturday game) Canberra 12 v Chatswood 0 (Monday game)
Under 10 years	St Thomas 12 v Canberra 0 (Saturday game) Canberra 12 v St Thomas 3 (Monday game.)
Under 11 years	Asquith 16 v Canberra 0
Under 12 years	Canberra 12 v Pennant Hills 3
Under 13 years	Lane Cove 10 v Canberra 3
Under 14 years	Collegians 24 v Canberra 8

The Association again hopes that the happy working basis will continue between our two bodies, and extnd thanks to the Committee of this Association.

### UNIVERSITY CUP

This competition was a new one controlled by the N.S.W.R.F.L. North Sydney being selected to control games in their area.

Nine teams played in this competition and it produced very good football. Games being played at Macquarie University, Middle Head Oval on the North side; South Sydney, Newtown Parramatta also having games under their control.

The Committee is one which the Secretary was Mr. Vic Saunders who was connected with Canterbury Football Club, before taking over this position, and a lot of credit must go to this man for the amount of work he done to put this competition on its feet. The President Mr. P. Webb was tied up with the 2nd Division Side, Sydney University side. I've only named these two gentlemen, but the Committee was a very hard working bunch of chaps.

In 1971 they hope to increase the number of teams going to Teachers Colleges and Tech Schools, the N.S.W.R.F.L. are giving them as much help as they can and with any luck this competition will become as big as the University Shield. Congratulations Gentlemen and we are always willing to help as much as we can in this Association.

### SCHOOLBOYS COMPETITION

I seem to say this every year but this Body does a very good job for the chance of any boy wishing to play Rugby League, to participate in their competition.

Congratulations are extended to the following:

Under 7-1	Asquith "D"
Under 7-2	Asquith "B"
Under 7-3	Asquith "B"
Under 8-1	Asquith "A"
Under 8-2	St. Thomas
Under 9-1	Asquith "C"
Under 9-2	St. Thomas
Under 10-1	Collegians "B"
Under 10-2	Lane Cove
Under 11	Collegians "A" - Asquith "B"
Under 12	Collegians "B"
Under 13	Asquith "B"
Under 14	Collegians "A" - St. Leonards.

Fate dealt a very bad blow to the Annual Picnic this year with rain falling very heavy and in the end the Committee had to call a stop to the day, a big disappointment for a group of gentlemen led by our own John Quinn. We are indeed very sorry because it must have been a heartbreak but we pray that next year you are lucky with a nice sunny day. We thank you for all the time you gave up to organise this day.

This Body this season conducted the school Carnival with teams from their competition. We are most appreciative of the overall effort of so many people who ensured this day as well as the many boys, their parents, teachers, coaches etc, who combined to make this Carnival a huge success. It is hoped their reward was to have been part of it.

## SCHOOLBOY REFEREES

This has been another highly successful year for this organization, but on a sad note we lost a very good friend in Brother Frederick who has taken up another position in school teaching at Camperdown from everyone of the Referees we wish you every success and thank you for all your help during the year.

Our Annual Dinner this year was one to remember, our guest speaker being Dennis Pittard, a gentleman who has played for Australia, Interstate and World Cup, who made this night a very memorable one. Again, from the Executive and everyone who attended, our sincere thanks. Also to Mr. Frank Martin who gave up his time to show the films for us.

Our Meetings held at the school were well attended every fortnight, credit must go to Mr. Joe Ticehurst and Mike McKenzie for their work at school with these boys. Any boy who has left school we would like to wish you the best of luck in your chosen careers.

The very kind gift give to Mr. John Quinn and myself at the dinner, I would like to thank everyone of you for the cuff-links which I am very proud of. But, and I am sure John would agree with me, we do this work because we like to help you boys in any way we can, and I only hope that I can say one day when one of you will be doing First Grade that he was a school-boy Referee from North Sydney, and I know it will come.

Again the Executive thanks every boy for the way they conducted themselves during the year and hope to see you again next year.

## CONGRATULATIONS

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

### Junior League Competition:

"A" Grade	M. Chapman	J. Quinn	M. McKenzie
"B" Grade	B. Davoren	K. Jackman	R. Hammond
"C" Grade	M. Thurgate	S. Thompson	J. Porteous
"D" Grade	F. Payne	M. McKenzie	S. Thompson
"E" Grade	K. Jackman	J. Everett	E. Carroll

### Churches Grand Final:

(ReP Game)	M. McKenzie	J. Quinn	J. Porteous
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### N.S.W. Churches v's Queensland Churches

J. Porteous	S. Thompson	D. Brown
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### Insurance Grand Final:

A. Morabito	B. Cowley	D. Brown
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### N.S.W.R.F.L. University Cup:

L. Green (S.S.)	J. Everett (N.S.)	P. Pierce (N. Town)
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### Possible v Probables:

D. Brown (N.S.)	J. Everett (N.S.)	G. Vallinan (S.S.)
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### Massingham Shield:

M. Thurgate	B. Minnett	J. Everett
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### School Boy Competition:

1. Under 7	J. Quinn	D. Brown	J. Everett
2. Under 7	M. McKenzie	E. Carroll	S. Thompson
3. Under 7	J. Everett	G. McManus	R. Hammond
1. Under 8	B. Davoren	G. McManus	J. Quinn
2. Under 8	E. Carroll	M. McKenzie	F. Payne
1. Under 9	R. Hammond	J. Everett	D. Brown
2. Under 9	J. Porteous	A. Morabito	B. Minnett
1. Under 10	S. Thompson	F. Payne	B. Minnett
2. Under 10	B. Minnett	A. Morabito	J. Porteous
Under 11	G. McManus	J. Quinn	B. Davoren
Under 12	K. Jackman	A. Morabito	J. Porteous
Under 13	D. Brown	G. McManus	B. Davoren
Under 14	F. Payne	E. Carroll	S. Thompson

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. Tom Bellew our Patron on his 25th year with the Association.

To Mr. John Montgomery who attained grade honours, also his appointments to the 3rd Test Australia v Great Britain, Bi-Centenary Royal game Balmain v South Sydney, to grade Semi-Finals, Finals and Grand Finals.

To Mr. Joe Ticehurst who attained grade honours.

To Mr. John O'Keeffe on his elevation to grade.

To Mr. Merv Chapman on his appointment to Referee the "A" Grade Grand Final.

To Mr. A. Morabito on his 21st Birthday.

To Mr & Mrs Kevin Jackman on the birth of their baby son.

To Mr & Mrs John Porteous on the birth of their 2nd baby daughter.

To Mr. John Porteous on receiving the R. Purcell Trophy.

To Mr. Bill Pretti on gaining Life Membership to the Junior League.

To Mr. Frank Payne and his fiance on their engagement.

To Mr. Harry McKinnon for being elected on the Queens New Year Honour List.

To South Sydney/Newtown/Easts for wins respectively in the Grade Competition.

### 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,  
N.S.W. Rugby Football League,  
North Sydney District Club,  
North Sydney Leagues Club,  
North Sydney Junior League,  
all Junior Football Clubs  
The Brothers of Marist Brothers School.

My own personal thanks go to Messrs. J. Montgomery, Tom Bellew, J. Porteous, B. Davoren, J. Quenn, B. Minnett for their assistance during the season.

Also to every member for their help during the year. My thanks to Mr. Bill Kelly and Cyril Wigzell for their visits to the Association during the year.

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

To the incoming Committee, I wish every success for the season 1971.

Brian R. Barry  
HON. SECRETARY.

### VALE

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



NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY FOOTBALL  
LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR 1970 SEASON

<u>CASH AT BANK</u> - 8th December, 1969		82.69
<u>ADD RECEIPTS</u>		
Affiliation Fees	578.00	
Badges	8.00	
Bank Interest	7.51	
Donations	101.00	
Fines	5.50	
Lapel Badges	1.60	
Lottery Raffle	44.00	
Novelty Raffle	180.00	
Sundry Income - refund blazer badge	3.00	928.61
		<u>\$1011.30</u>
<u>LESS PAYMENTS</u>		
Affiliation Fees - N.S.W.R.A.	5.00	
Annual Meeting Expenses	20.00	
Bank Fees	5.00	
Convivials (Note 1.)	235.35	
Donations	10.00	
Floral Tributes	39.00	
Instruction Board	25.00	
Lottery Raffle	11.00	
Novelty Raffle	90.00	
Presentations (Note 2.)	69.44	
Printing & Stationery	11.11	
Receipt Duty	1.52	
Smoko (Note 3.)	316.78	
Telephone and Postage	97.51	
Trophy - Golf Day	3.75	940.46
		<u>\$ 70.84</u>
<u>BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1970</u>		
<u>MEMBERS FUNDS</u>		\$126.04
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>		
CASH AT BANK	70.84	
LAPEL BADGES	23.20	
BADGES	32.00	
		<u>\$126.04</u>

NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY FOOTBALL  
LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

NOTE 1 - CONVIVIALS

Grand Final Day	11.00
Ladies Night	29.10
Schoolboys Night	151.15
Sundry Meeting Nights	44.10
	<u>\$235.35</u>

NOTE 2 - PRESENTATIONS

J. Montgomery	22.00
J. Crooke	7.45
Members Wives	39.99
	<u>\$69.44</u>

NOTE 3 - SMOKO

Artists	120.00	
Chicken	126.00	
Chips & Peanuts	36.86	
Drinks	323.26	
Fish	35.00	
Frankfurts	31.00	
Hall Rental	56.00	
Plates	12.80	
Prawns	184.00	
Sundry Food	25.64	
Table Cloths	27.22	
Waiters	27.00	1004.78
Less Receipts		<u>688.00</u>
		<u>\$ 316.78</u>

NOTE 4

A contingent asset exists for the following outstanding monies:-

Affiliation Fees	29.00
Novelty Raffle	6.00
	<u>\$35.00</u>

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

## SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr President, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is once again time to sort out the social jottings for 1970 and we had, I feel, more functions for the Referees this year but our Ladies' nights were restricted due to lack of suitable dates.

One of our successes again this year was the Schoolboys' Dinner, held at North Sydney Anzac Club. An excellent attendance of the schoolboy referees and a very distinguished gathering of V.I.P.'s. The highlight of the evening was a talk by Dennis Pittard, the international footballer, on his ideals of life and for an encore he gave an account of his trip around the world. Our Executive were very pleased with the choice of Guest Speaker and our thanks to Dennis. The Schoolboys made suitable presentations to your Secretary Brian, and self. The Marist Brothers were well represented by Reverend Brothers Neil, Peter and Peter at this function. We are all looking forward to some good performances from our school boys in 1971.

Our President, John, provided some good film for the lads and everyone went home very satisfied. A word of thanks to the management of North Sydney Anzac Club for providing and servicing such a first class show.

A gathering that stands out in my memory as a very successful event was the meeting night that we had Bill Kelly from NSW Referees and Jack Percival the New Zealand International Referee. We really learned a few facts this night - a Referee in New Zealand would have no taxation problems. We thank Mr. McKinnon for looking after Mr. Percival after the meeting. The only complaint I have of the show was that it was hard to convince my wife that you can drink tea at the Manhattan Hotel, Kings Cross at 3 a.m. Our thanks to Bill Kelly for his part in the night - we were all pleased to hear his comments and hope the boys going over this year have taken heed.

Another good meeting night started with a dinner provided by the North Sydney Leagues Club for our Senior Executives, John, Brian and Life Members of the Association. Mr. McKinnon entertained some ten of these gentlemen and then they came to our meeting and were introduced to our present members. One of these gentlemen was Lal Deane, the International Referee of 1930's and now nearing 80 years of age. All these men spoke to our members and finally at 9 O'Clock we listened

Our President, John Montgomery with the "Photo of the Year" he received on behalf of the Association. If you haven't seen it yet please let John Know.



These men do a lot for football and Referees in General

(L to R) H. Forbes -  
B. Cowley - Brother  
Peter Vincent, B. Barry

T. Bellew - J. Brown -

K. Wassell, - H. McKinnon - Brother Neal, Dennis Pittard -  
J. Montgomery - (seated) Gray Arthur - Brother Peter

J. Porteous receiving the Bob Purcell Trophy for 1970.



Jim Crooke's receives a memento from the Referees for his services to the Association.



to our guest speaker, Frank Hyde. This talk was a bottle no one even moved in their seats, supper got cold but no one worried as Frank held everyone's attention in the palm of his hand. We are hoping for a repeat performance from Frank this year as I am sure after his last tour with his pilgrims he will have many stories to tell.

So far this season we have had one Ladies Night. We had the misfortune to lose our Christmas night due to another function coinciding with our night. On September 7th twenty of our members and their ladies graced the North Sydney Auditorium and I have been told it went with a bang. "Lover Boy" Everett announced his engagement to Fran and we were all very happy to see John place the ring on Fran's finger. We are hoping that John will be a better Referee now that he has an added responsibility.

We celebrated Jenny Smith's 21st Birthday on this night and we had a taste of her cake.

President John got ambushed on this evening by the women - they wanted to know why they could not come to the smoko or else have a Ladies Night - John O'Keeffe went into bat for the president but was soon howled down and the result was a win for the ladies but the "Smoko" still went on as scheduled.

This night was the first for John Byrne and his young lady and they certainly livened up the Cowleys. Joyce was never off the dance floor all night and Bert the Squirt can still hold his own with the younger clan on the dance floor.

Heard some good news today - our other "Twin" Frank Payne, has become engaged and has promised to bring his fiancée to meet us all on January 15th. Congratulations to John 'Money Bags' Porteous who became a proud father on Xmas Day again - a daughter, Tania - congratulations to Deidre and John.

Our Smoko was again a sell-out. The numbers over 200, Food-wise we seemed to have plenty for everybody. We did have one complaint from a referee that his table did not get sufficient. The idea of using professional waiters to place the food on the tables was successful and members only had to do half shifts on the ale leaving them more time for chatting with their friends.

Entertainment-wise we had mixed feelings - once again - over the choice of comics. Our thanks to all who gave their time on the Friday to prepare the hall and our members who proved very efficient waiters on the night.

"Smoko" 1970 was John Montgomery's Smoko - he had announced his retirement a week before from Active Refereeing and on this night the Association presented John with a golf buggy and also a very unique presentation designed and set up by Brian Davoren. It was a photo of "Dobber" in full flight down the side line a yard behind the winger with the corner post in view. Brian Barry made the presentation to John

These gentlemen get first hand knowledge from Dennis Pittard.



What a big family John Quinn has!



and for once "Dobber" could not go on the field to make a report. To both our Brians many thanks for your part in this presentation. It is one that will always be remembered.

This year the "Purcell Trophy" was won by John Porteous - again a very close contest. It has been a good year for John, a new job and a second daughter - here's hoping, Deidre for 1971.

Before I pull down the curtain on the '70 Smoko a word of thanks to the three workers in the kitchen - Brian Barry - Brian Davoren and Ernie Tinsley. A good job well done. My only regret is that it is nearly two o'clock when these people finish. More hands after the show would lighten the work.

Just a word of praise to all the Referees who turned out in the rain and helped with what we had of the Schoolboys picnic. Once again a very good turn up and getting away from the men thank you to Mrs. Hammond and Mrs Minnett for helping out with the prizes in the shed on this day.

All those who represented the Association at kindred Associations functions all reported that they had been well received. Talking to Chris Coady who attended his first and he had a grand time at Newtown.

Next year, 1972, will of course be the social event of the century for the Association. A lot of planning and work is under way already and to make our "Golden Year" a success we need the support of all our members.

November of this year the Association entered into another "first" for a long time with a game of cricket with Balmain Association. "Two Man" Cricket a very successful wet day - one had to be a spectator to see what went on at Balmoral this day, the rain never stopped and neither did the cricket. Everyone got wet and ever though numbers were not good, some of our people did not front after accepting no one complained not even when Jacko and Money Bags Portous put the stem in the wrong hole in the keg. Many thanks to Frank Walsh and his gang.

In conclusion may I wish those going to the Grade Trials for 1971 every success and thank you one and all for your cooperation and attendance during 1970.

John Quinn.

'Oh, what a night it was.'  
Who said you can't get drunk on orchy, look at us two.



Supper Time at the Head  
Body Life Member  
Presentation Night at  
Beverly Hills Bowling  
Club.



No Names.  
This is what happens to the  
housekeeping money.



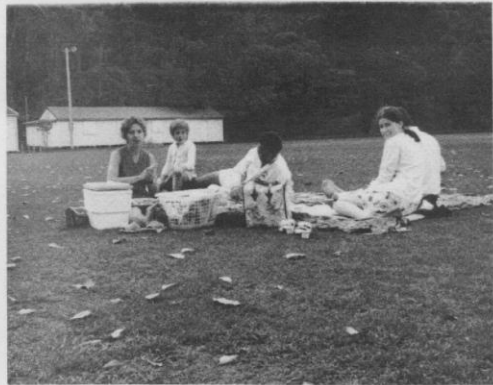
The Junior Referees  
around three gentlemen  
who do a lot of work  
for these young fellows.



More drinks allround.  
These Ladies are having a  
ball.



A Picnic setting during  
the Cricket day held at  
Balmoral and played against  
Balmain Referees.  
The Ticehurst Family, Mike  
McKenzie and his lovely  
lady friend Jill, have lunch  
during the stoppage of rain  
and Boy did it rain that day.



NOTICE OF MOTION

I Wish to submit the following notice of motion at the  
Annual Meeting 1971.

"That all Life Members who are active Referees, be  
required to pay fees equivalent to that paid be active  
members for the current year.

Seconded: Brian R. Barry.  
John O'Keeffe.