

Golden Jubilee

THE NORTH SYDNEY RUGBY LEAGUE

REFEREES ASSOCIATION

40th ANNUAL REPORT

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Dear Sir,

I wish to advise that the Annual General Meeting of the above Association is to be held at the 'Lecture Room' Marist Brothers School, Miller Street, North Sydney on Monday 19th February, 1973 commencing at 7.45 p.m.

You are cordially invited to be in attendance.

- Business:
1. Minutes of last Annual Meeting.
 2. Correspondence.
 3. Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
 4. Election of Officers.
 5. Notice of Motion.
 6. Committee Report.
 7. Election of Life Member.
 8. General Business.

J. Montgomery.
PRESIDENT.

B.R. Barry
HON. SECRETARY

OFFICIALS FOR SEASON 1972

PATRON	Mr. T. Bellew
PRESIDENT	Mr. J. Montgomery
HON. SECRETARY	Mr. B. Barry
HON. TREASURER	Mr. J. Porteous
ASST. HON. SECRETARY	Mr. K. Jackman
HON. SOCIAL SECRETARY	Mr. J. Quinn
VICE PRESIDENTS.	Mr. J. Quinn Mr. E. Tinsley Mr. R. Hammond
DELEGATES TO N.S.W.R.A.	Mr. J. Porteous Mr. F. Payne
DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE	Mr. B. Minnett Mr. A. E. Brown
DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY SCHOOL COMMITTEE	Mr. G. Smith
DELEGATE TO UNIVERSITY CUP	
HON. AUDITORS	Mr. B. Minnett Mr. J. Byrne
REFEREES APPOINTMENT BOARD	Mr. J. Quinn (Chairman) Mr. D. Brown (Secretary) Mr. R. Hammond Mr. B. Minnett Mr. R. Corcoran Mr. R. Saunders (Junior League)
DELEGATE FROM NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE	Mr. D. Crease
DELEGATE FROM NORTH SYDNEY SCHOOL COMMITTEE	Mr. P. Hanrahan.



Our first President & Life Member S. Morris,
being congratulated by our Patron T. Bellew.



J. Quin Receives the "Purcell Trophy" for a
Job Well Done.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PATRON

Season 1972 certainly got off to a great start with the Dinner to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Association. The Association was privileged to have as guests on that occasion representatives from the spheres of politics, business and sport. It was a memorable event and all who were present would undoubtedly join with me in offering congratulations to the Executive Officers of the Association for the organisation and conduct of the evening proceedings.

During the season, I met many, particularly Rugby League identities who were among our guests that evening and who asked that I convey to the Association their thanks for the opportunity afforded them to be present.

It was pleasing to see so many older members renewing their contact with the Association and, although for some this was short lived, for others, it created the opportunity for what appears to be proving a continuing interest.

The recent decision in principle to abolish or at least curtail activities in schoolboy football in the near future is one that, I am sure, we all hope will not be finally implemented, although there are compelling arguments both for and against. It is of concern to the Association since any reduction in such activities would necessarily restrict the opportunities for younger referees to gain experience and thus destroy what was proving the main source of recruitment for the senior ranks. It would also lead eventually to a decline in membership unless as we all hope, there is a marked increase in the number of teams taking part in Junior League Football.

My congratulations to all who achieved representative and other honours during the season and best wishes for future successes in 1973.

T.J. Bellew
PATRON



The President at it again.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

It is with regret that I write my last report as President of the North Sydney Rugby League Referees Association, but I feel that it is time to let someone else hold the reins and I know that there are members in the Association who are capable to take over my position.

At present our active membership level is at an all time record and indeed the standard is of a high quality, but as always, there is room for improvement. Financially the Association is very sound and augers well for the future.

The 1972 season was a big year socially for our Association, the highlights being the Golden Jubilee Dinner and the Anniversary Ladies Night. Our thanks go to Brian Barry and in particular John Quinn, who I am sure everyone agrees, excelled himself. I have had the opportunity to attend a number of successful Jubilee dinners held by different Referees Associations, but was overwhelmed at the success of ours and the number of people, not only past but present members, who congratulated the Association through me on a wonderful night.

To the schoolboy referee once again the Association thanks you on a job well done and in turn I am sure the schoolboys would like me to thank Brian Barry, John Quinn and the senior referees who helped them during the season.

To Brian Barry go the congratulations of the Association for a successful year in the grade ranks. Brian was appointed as a Touch Judge in the Test Match on the 1st Grade Final and Grand Final.

To the executive who have given me so much support throughout the season namely Brian Barry, John Porteous, John Quinn, Kevin Jackman, Ron Hammond and Bob Tinsley, I thank them.

What can I say to the Association which has enabled me to gain so many honours in this game of Rugby League, to the friendship and comradeship that I gained throughout the years and finally to the support given to me by all and sundry over the last 12 years as your President, except, Thank You.

J. Montgomery
PRESIDENT



Our Secretary in a serious mood.

HON SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. President & Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I submit to you, for approval and adoption, the Association's Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

The year 1972 was our Jubilee Year, 50 years takes a long time to gather, but passes very quickly, to say that this year was a success would be an understatement, because it was a bonanza.

Before I go any further, a lot of credit must go to our Social Secretary, Mr. John Quinn, without his expert knowledge on how any function should be conducted, the functions carried out by the Association would not have been the success they were. The Association is indeed very lucky to have a man of John's calibre for our Social Secretary, "Our sincere thanks, John".

Guests at our 50th Dinner came from all representatives of various walks of life, business, politics, sport and news media. To name them all would take a book on its own, but to mention a few; Mr. W.R. Buckley, President of N.S.W.R.L.; Mr. A. Shiner, President of N.S.W.R.A.; Mr. Stewart Morris first President and also Life Member of the Association; Mr. Lal Deane, Foundation Member; Mr. Ray Smyth, Ex President. A number of older and younger members had quite a lot to talk about during the evening, a night which everyone who attended will remember for a long time to come.

Bad luck struck us a blow with photos of the Jubilee Dinner, as they were destroyed in a fire at the printers where the Leagues Club Journal is printed, something which we have no control over.

Our Association gained new members this year both Senior and Junior. It is hoped that their stay with us will be to our mutual satisfaction and we give them a hearty welcome.

Never a year passes without some disappointments and gains; our Association has not had the run of luck regarding having members graded, but maybe 1973 will see some of our members gain this honour. May I say Good Luck to any member who has the chance to run in the trials.

It is quite pleasing to see older members of the Association attending our meetings and also functions again, as they can remember happenings of bygone times and they are always interesting to listen to.

To the members of the Appointments Board, who were involved in the destiny of the District Referees go our thanks, that each week the responsibility to appoint referees for so many games fall on this group of men illustrates the amount of work involved.

Our President, John Montgomery has announced his intentions of retiring as President; John has given yeoman service at Executive level which has extended over many years, during which time he has been instrumental in shaping our organisation as we know it today.

Through the help of the Association and to show our gratitude to our ladies, our Social Secretary and his wife Mary, organized a function at the 'Windsor Gardens' which made the social headlines, every lady received a gift and the evening was one which I am sure was equal to our Mens Dinner at the Leagues Club, our thanks go to John and Mary Quinn.

Before closing I must say thanks to a chap who is a terrific worker for the Association and that is Brian Minnett, my thanks to him and his wife cannot be expressed on paper, please except our Thanks.

B.R. Barry
HON. SECRETARY

VALE

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



Who said the President couldn't talk.

Brian and John in a jovial mood.



The Journalists have their say.

This time Brian on the receiving end.



Last year's "R. Purcell Trophy" winner.



D. McDonald on his feet.

Smoko time!



CONGRATULATIONS

To all Senior and Junior Referees and Touch Judges appointed to Semi-Finals and Grand Finals of the Junior League, also Schoolboy Competitions.

Special mention to Mr. Earle Carroll on his appointment to the "A" Grade Grand Final.

Mr. JohnQuinn on receiving the R. Purcell Trophy.

Mr & Mrs Kevin Jackman, Mr & Mrs Don Brown, Mr & Mrs Ron Hammond
Mr & Mrs John O'Keefe, Mr & Mrs Mike McKenzie,
Mr & Mrs A. Brown to all these couples for their new arrivals
in their homes.

Mr & Mrs Jim Baldwin on their marriage.

Mr. Peter Gardiner on his 21st Birthday also Mr. Hillary Griffiths and Tony Ash who with Peter gained their Senior Referees Badge.

Mr. L. (Jockey) Brown and Ken Diversi who gained Life Membership of the District Club.

Mr. John Kohne and Mick Cameron who were made Life Members of the Junior League.

Mr. John O'Keefe who retained Grade honours.

Mr. Kevin Wasson on his appointment as Junior League Secretary.

To: Manly-Warringah, Canterbury-Bankstown, St George for wins respectively in the Grade Competitions.

DISTRICT CLUB

Again 1972 was not the year of the Bears, injuries took a big toll in nearly all grades during the year. In the Annual Report it is stated that there were fifteen players sidelined in the last match of the year, quite a strain on any team.

Congratulations go to Mr. McKinnon and other members of the Rugby League for their bold step to bring in the ceiling price on players, because it was getting out of hand.

Congratulations to George Ambrum, Tim Pickup in gaining Test Blazers. It was a pity that neither player was lucky enough to be picked for the World Cup Side.

We also see a new idea to do away with 3rd grade but have created an under 21 years competition which will be a big encouragement to all Juniors in the district.

The Association wishes you well in 1973.

THE LEAGUES CLUB

The Association is indeed grateful to the Secretary-Manager Mr. Eric Dawson, and also the other members of the Board of Directors for their assistance given to us during the year. Thanks must go to the District Club and Leagues Club for invitations extended to members and their ladies to attend various functions held during the year.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

To the Junior League Committee headed by their chairman Fred Thompson and Secretary Ron Carey, go our warmest congratulations on the completion of another successful season. Together with the delegates and officials of the various clubs, the Committee has moulded a very strong Junior League following in the area.

A touch of sorrow finishes the Junior League Report and Balance Sheet with the announcement that Ron Carey will not be standing for the Secretary position this season owing to his new promotion at work. Ron has become a byword in North Sydney with Junior League also being a Life Member of the Referees Association, he has upheld the high standard which was set by previous Secretaries before him. We wish you every success in your career, Ron and hope we will be able to see you now and again at our meetings.

Our Association has a vital role to play in Junior League and over many years has shown its strong support to all concerned with junior football in our area. While from time to time we have had our differences with the League, I am confident that in the future such differences will be resolved to our mutual satisfaction.

<u>Premier Team</u>	<u>Referee</u>	<u>Touch Judges</u>
A. Strata - Hotel	E. Carroll	J. Quinn R. Hammond
B. Lane Cove	K. Jackman	T. Ash B. Minnett
C. Crows Nest	F. Payne	J. Byrne D. Brown
D. Narraweena	Manly Referees	Controlled
D. (Reserve) Harbord United	Manly Referees	Controlled
E. Collegians	J. Byrne	M. Burdon R. Atkinson
Massingham Shield Willoughby District	M. Thurgate	R. Atkinson P. Punch
Club Champoinship	McMahons Point.	

JUNIOR LEAGUE Continued

The representative teams again failed to fulfill the hopes of winning one of these competitions. Congratulations to South Sydney, South Sydney, Canterbury-Bankstown for their respective wins in the competitions.

On the visit to Newcastle again Norths were unfortunate to be on the losing sides, but let's hope that this year will see a big improvement.

UNIVERSITY CUP

Each year this competition goes from strength to strength, having more teams again this year.

16 teams participated in the competition which speaks volumes for itself, having a total of 504 players on their books, this season I am told it will be run in two divisions, a credit for a very hard and sincere working Committee;

Premier Team - Alexander Mackie Teachers College.

The big disappointment was that the Association failed to get a representative on the panel for the Grand Final of this Competition. I hope we have better luck in 1973.

SCHOOLBOY COMPETITION

The season for this competition was a huge success for a very hard working Committee, its Chairman L. Brown, Secretary - B. Cowley supported by its various Sub-Committees do tremendous amount of work every Saturday, and is gratifying to see its getting such support each year.

The Association hopes that the suggestion regarding the stopping of young boys playing football is not true, as every boy looks forward to playing football of some kind during winter, and if we stop it they will go to Rugby Union, and may be lost to League for all time.

SCHOOLBOYS COMPETITION Continued

This Committee has lost a very good worker in Kevin Wassen, who has taken the position vacated by Ron Carey with the Junior League. Kevin on behalf of this Association may we offer you our sincere congratulations and wish you well in your new position, which we feel sure you will prove to be a good Secretary, and hope that the friendship you have made with this Associations members will continue for many years to come.

SCHOOLBOY REFEREES

During the season meetings were held on a monthly basis for our schoolboy referees. The attendance at these meetings were reasonable, but unfortunately some members were most lax in this regard. The topics discussed were based on assistance to the younger Referees which I feel is very vital in the development of a Referee.

Visitors during the season were from Messrs. Keith Page, Keith Holman, Laurie Bruyers; these gentlemen gave very interesting talks and I am sure everyone who attended enjoyed the evenings. The Association thanks these gentlemen for giving us some of their time, as they are very busy going from Association to Association during the season.

The Dinner this year was a success with a very good role call from all Junior Referees. Our guest at this night was our foundation member Mr. Lal Deane who was presented with an engraved service tray from the Association.

Brother Neil has been transferred to Queensland, and the Association has lost a very good friend and worker for Schoolboy Referees from my own personal side, I would like to say I have lost a friend who I have the highest regard for, and a friendship I will always cherish.

The Association hopes that any boy who has left school will continue his membership with the Association, the same as he did when at school.

SCHOOLBOY COMPETITION Continued

Various competitions were conducted for this section, and Norths were not disgraced, we wish you luck in the future, on the Canberra tour Norths were too strong winning 6 out of 7 games. Congratulations Norths.

<u>Premier Team</u>	<u>Referee</u>	<u>Touch Judges</u>
6/1 St. Micheals	J. Quinn	F. Moratti T. Ash
6/2 Asquith A.	R. Atkinson	E. Carew B. Minnett
7/1 Asquith B.	M. Wolfe	J. Quinn E. Carroll
7/2 Asquith D.	T. Ash	E. Carroll F. Moratti
8/1 Asquith C.	S. Thompson	J. Baldwin A. Morabito
8/2 West Pymble	E. Carroll	J. Quinn G. Carmichael
9/1 St. Leonards	A. Morabito	M. Keirnan A. Brown
9/2 Pennant Hills	B. Minnett	T. Kremer R. Atkinson
10/1 St. Leonards	A. Brown	S. Thompson J. Baldwin
10/2 Asquith A.	P. Punch	T. Kremer G. Carew
11 Asquith B.	G. McManus	M. Wolfe G. Carmichael
12 Collegains A.	L. McReynolds	M. Burdon M. Crombie
13 West Pymble	B. Davoren	M. Burdon Abraham
14 Collegains A.	K. Jackman	H. Griffiths B. Davoren

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.
North Sydney Schools Committee.
All Junior League Football Clubs.
The Brothers of Marist Brothers School.
North Sydney Anzac Club.

My own personal thanks go to Mr. J. Montgomery, Mr. T. Bellew, Mr. J. Porteous, Mr. K. Jackman, Mr. J. Quinn, Mr. B. Minnett, for their support and assistance during the season 1972. Also every member for their support and help during the year.

My thanks to Mr. Laurie Bruyers, Ray O'Donnell, Mr. Bill Kelly, for their visits during the year, and hope Bill and Laurie's health will improve this year.

To Mr. Brian Davoren who retired this year as Assistant Secretary Over the years he held this position Brian was a terrific help to me, and did a fine job in this position. "MY Thanks, to you Brian."

I hope you enjoy your trip overseas and Best of Good Luck from us all.

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

To the in-coming Committee, I wish every success for the season 1973.

Brian R. Barry
HON. SECRETARY

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR SEASON 1972

L/A Leave of absence
A. Apology
D. Deceased
S.M. Senior Meetings

MEETINGS HELD 13.

LIFE MEMBERS:

B. Barry (13)	A. Jones (1)
T. Bellew (3) 10 L/A	A. Leane (1)
J. Burdon (D)	J. Montgomery (7) 6 L/A
R. Carey 1 L/A	S. Morris (Snr) (1)
H. Carrick	S. Morris
B. Cowley (4) 9 L/A	J. Quinn (12) 1 L/A
A. Galbraith	E. Tinsley (2) 11 L/A
D. Halderman (d)	J. Turner (D)
M. Hogan	

ACTIVE MEMBERS - SENIOR:

R. Atkinson (11)	R. Hammond (10) 3 L/A
T. Ash (7) 2 L/A 4A	T. Hickey (2)
J. Baldwin (4) 9 L/A	K. Jackman (13)
J. Byrne (11) 2A	L. McReynolds (9) 1 L/A 3A
A.E. Brown (8) 5 L/A	D. McDavitt (1) 12 L/A
D. Brown (4) 9 L/A	G. McManus (4) 9 L/A
Father T. Bell (5) 4 L/A	B. Minnett (11) 2 L/A
W. Chipman (2) 7 L/A	A. Morabito (5) 8 L/A
W. Collins 15 L/A	F. Payne (13)
E. Carroll (13)	P/ Punch (8) 3 L/A
J. Dean (5) 8 L/A	B. Smith (9)
B. Davoren (3) 10 L/A	M. Thurgate (1) 12 L/A
H. Griffiths (8)	S. Thompson (10)
S. Goncharoff (4)	M. Wolfe (5)
P. Gardiner (10) 3A	

ACTIVE MEMBERS - JUNIOR:

J. Abraham	W. Kremer
G. Arthur (3) 10 L/A S.M.	T. Kremer
S. Betts (7) 6A (S.M.)	D. Kenyon
M. Burdon (6) 7L/A (S.M.)	I. Makey
T. Bellew	F. Moratti
M. Burge	A. McDonald
F. Carnovale	T. McKinn
G. Carew	R. McManus
M. Crombie	G. Skyes
P. Cross	R. Slattery (5) 8 L/A (S.M.)
C. Coady (6) 7L/A (S.M.)	P. Smith
G. Carmichael	A. Spencer
T. Gillespie	B. Scott (7) 6A (S.M.)
M. Gaston	B. Williams
M. Keirnan	

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR SEASON 1972 - Continued

HON. MEMBERS:

M. Chapman
D. Crease (N.S.J.L.) (10) 1 L/A 2A
P. Hanrahan (School Committee) (10) 1L/A 2A
K. Hubbuck
P. Johnson (2)
J. O'Keefe 13 L/A
J. Porteous (11) 2 L/A
G. Smith (9) 3 L/A
B. Saunders
N. Wallace (2)

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

It is with appreciation that I place before the Association the Financial Statements for this our 50th Anniversary year. Perusal of the statements will disclose that financially our position is extremely healthy. Thanks for this must go firstly to the Directors of the North Sydney Leagues Club for their generous assistance in the running of the anniversary dinner and secondly to our President, John Montgomery, for this assistance in running the 200 Club.

The support of the members for the 200 club, which was run during the season, was somewhat disappointing; however, collections from this source were boosted to the extent of \$200 as the Association was the holder of the ticket which won third prize in the final draw. I understand that the Dee Why Lions would like to run another 200 Club in conjunction with us, in the coming season and I hope that this will be approved by the members at the appropriate time.

Our thanks are extended to the North Sydney Junior League for their donation during the year and also to the members whose efforts have enabled us to keep our expenditure from rising too greatly.

In conclusion may I express my thanks to John Montgomery, Brian Barry and John Quinn for their assistance during the year. To all members I wish a successful 1973 season.

John Porteous.
HON. TREASURER

NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY FOOTBALL
LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE 1972 SEASON

Cash at Bank - 1st January, 1972		27.71
<u>ADD RECEIPTS</u>		
Affiliation Fees	1152.00	
Badges	12.00	
Bank Interest	4.91	
Donations	580.00	
Fines	2.50	
Lapel Badges	1.60	
Lottery Raffle	35.00	
Two Hundred Club (Note 1)	1484.00	
Xmas Hamper - 1971	18.00	
		<u>3290.01</u>
		3317.72
<u>LESS PAYMENTS</u>		
Affiliation Fee - N.S.W.R.A.	5.00	
Anniversary Year Canvivals (Note 2.)	1500.98	
Bank Fees	5.60	
Convivials (Note 3)	448.84	
Donation	10.00	
Floral Tributes	76.45	
Lottery Raffle	6.00	
Presentations (Note 4)	92.70	
Rule Books	2.00	
Smoko (Note 5)	355.03	
Stationery	29.48	
Telephone & Postage	109.23	
		<u>2641/31</u>
Cash at Bank - 31st December 1972		<u>676.41</u>
<u>BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1972</u>		
<u>Members Funds</u>		
<u>Represented By</u>		
<u>Cash at Bank</u>		676.41
<u>Lapel Badges</u>		
<u>Badges</u>		<u>18.00</u>

NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY FOOTBALL
LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

<u>Note 1 - Two Hundred Club</u>	
Collections during 1971 season	945.00
Collections during 1972 season	324.00
Prizes	215.00
	<u>1484.00</u>
<u>Note 2 - Anniversary Year Convivials</u>	
Anniversary Dinner	1004.57
Ladies Night	496.41
	<u>1500.98</u>
<u>Note 3 - Convivials</u>	
Grand Final Day	15.36
Ladies Nights	198.40
Schoolboys Dinner	174.50
Sundry Meeting Nights	60.58
	<u>448.84</u>
<u>Note 4 - Presentations</u>	
Blazer - B.R. Barry	35.00
Members Wives	57.70
	<u>92.70</u>
<u>Note 5 - Smoko</u>	
Artists	180.00
Chickens	157.50
Chips & Peanuts	12.64
Decorations	5.00
Drinks	287.21
Fish	60.00
Hall Rental	66.00
Name Tags	7.98
Plates	26.00
Prawns	235.00
Sundry Expenses	17.95
Table Cloths	19.75
Waiters	10.00
	<u>1085.03</u>

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS - Continued

Brought Forward	
Note 5 - Smoko	1085.03
LESS RECEIPTS	<u>730.00</u>
	<u><u>355.03</u></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.

Sydney, 22nd January, 1973.

John Porteous
HON. TREASURER

J. Byrne E. Minnett
HON. AUDITORS



"Father" Quinn at the hand that speaks.



SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. President, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Here we are once again, time to sort out the social jottings of the past year - our Golden Jubilee Year, 1972.

Our big event was the Golden Jubilee Dinner held on 1st February, and with the help of the Directors and Management of North Sydney Leagues Club, one night to remember.

Attendance wise we had 170 guests with Mr. Lal Deane being our featured guest as we are sure that our beginnings centred around this man.

A very nice menu was provided on this occasion with plenty of liquid refreshments and with the speeches kept to a minimum there was time for renewed friendships - many of our Referees had not seen one another for years.

A feature of the evening was the decor of the Auditorium. Brian Davoren had worked for months preparing the decorations and banners, each kindred associations banner being hung around the wall. Brian (Sally with the Banner) Davoren excelled himself.

To President John Montgomery and Secretary Brian Barry this evening was a dream come true. Contacting all members of the Association was a colossal job in itself and we do believe there were very few missed.

My personal thanks to all our active members on this night for the way they entertained our guests and older members. Our Executive received many congratulations on this aspect of the evening. Personally, I felt very proud to be associated with our Executive and Referees on this occasion.

Your Executive felt that we should give our Ladies a very special night in our Golden Jubilee Year and we took them to Windsor Gardens on 15th August, 1972. This night turned out to be a bottler - the ladies really turned out in class; the frocking would have done credit to any A.J.C. Ladies day - some lovely frocks - "stunning" might be a good word.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - Continued

From all accounts the smorgasbord was a success and each lady received a carving set to remember the night.

It was good to see Pat, Dennis McDevitt, Joan, Les McReynolds, Bill Collins and his wife and life member Ron Carey and Kenva at this function. We all enjoyed their company. We entertained on this night Mr. & Mrs. McKinnon, Mr. & Mrs. Forbes and Mr. Jack O'Reilly from the District Club. I was a bit disappointed that Mr. Mac did not have his mouth organ as he is a good artist.

Our Ladies had their usual two nights out during the year, both held at North Sydney Leagues Club. Mid-year attendance was 36 and at Christmas night we had 40. We were very pleased to have Mr. & Mrs. Lynch join us at our Christmas night and the hit of this evening was the exhibition dance presented by debonair Secretary, Brian Barry and Mrs. Lynch. With the help of the floormaster, John O'Keeffe, this couple really showed us some excellent Latin style dancing. Speaking to Rose afterwards she told me that Brian used to be always good at that jiving and it has only been during the preparation for his grandfatherhood that he has been so placid. Best wishes to Sue and husband - we are all glad you have joined "The Club". Ngairé Brown was at the Christmas function. She brought her hospital bag with her that night. Have news now that the Browns have a son.

Talking about the "club" we have a couple of starters for 1973, veterans now of course. Hope all goes well with the Porteous' and Jackmans. Also heard a whisper that Dapper Don Crese, our Junior League delegate, was thinking of becoming a member. Would like to say how much we enjoyed Don and his wife's company at all our shows and for the benefit of Les McReynolds and Bert Cowley, Don has been elected for 1973.

This year has been a golden year for all the New "Club" members. Ron and Gwenda Hammond, a daughter, Don and Olga Brown, their first, a daughter and to keep up the good work, Mike and Jill McKenzie had a son, Luke. Had tea with Jill and Mike the other evening and Mick has bought a five acre property in Grafton - Jill misses the Ladies Nights. Another big event this year just gone was for the O'Keeffe's, their third daughter better get in touch with a good insurance man Helen and John.

SOCIAL SECRETARYS REPORT - Continued

This year we had something new - a family picnic at Clontarf in November - very successful day for those present. The Punches arrived from Berowra early in the Minnett's bus and Don Brown made all preparations for the barbecue but had to go home to French's Forest to get some swimming trunks for Erle Carroll. Once again Erle forgot gear. Fined 50 cents by Money Bags. Swimming was the order of the day. Kevin Jackman spent the day on duty mainly trying to keep his younger son from venturing too far. Had the pleasure of seeing all our femmes in their swimming gear. Dymphy Minnett shows good promise in the water and Jacko had a busy morning instructing Sylvia Corroll in the art of life-saving.

Dinner was a beauty, well-cooked steaks, some amber fluid and then ball games for the children. Something to see - Don (Claret) Brown giving the baby a bottle. One disappointment of the day was that John Dean and his family were at Clontarf but did not find us until 5 p.m. We hope to have another informal day sometime in February or early March.

Our Schoolboys had their usual break-up dinner at the Anzac Club in August - once again thanks to Brian's leason with his own Clubs' officers we were very well looked after. A lovely meal and plenty of soft drink and Orchy for the young lads. The boys were very well dressed on this occasion and did their Executive and parents really proud. Mr. Montgomery provided suitable film for the evening and our thanks to J. Martin of Manly Referees for showing the film.

A successful end of the season night was held in September in the special room at the North Sydney Leagues Club. We had an overflow gathering on this night. A good supper and plenty of light refreshments made the night enjoyable. The District Club sent along their Treasurer, Mr. F. Hazell, Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Waters to join us on this occasion.

Before I start to write on our 'Smoko' just a word of thanks and praise to all the Referees and their wives for hleping with the Schoolboys' Picnic. It was a good day, very successful and this was due in no small way to the Referees who toiled all day.

While I am on the thanking theme, a word of thanks to the Appointments Board for their work - no doubt we did not please everybody, no Board does, but all members worked hard, 21 meetings, 85 hours of discussion and much travelling each week-end. A word of praise to the Junior League rep, Bob Saunders. In my book he did a good job on this Committee.

All those who represented our Association at kindred Association functions were very pleased with the way they were received. Ron and Betty Atkinson made their first trip to Cronulla and had a ball. Good to see our younger members getting around.

The last event of the football season - the 'Smoko'. Once again a good night. Attendance this year a problem, 200 to come, ended up with 160. I am not sure what happened on this score. Entertainment back to two artists this year both well received. Foodwise the night was good, plenty of chicken, prawns and fish and no shortage of Rechs. Brian Barry, Bob Tinsley, Ron Hammond and Brian Davoren worked the kitchen very well. Our members' attendance was not good and this made it a heavy night for those who were present. One of the gems of the evening was the presentation of Brian Barry's Test Blazer. In my book, 1972 was Brian's Smoko. This year we saw Brian do a City & Country appointment, a Test Match then to cap it off, a semi-final, final and the grand final of the year, all top grade fixtures. I felt very proud for Brian on all those occasions and he kept North Sydney's Referees' Association's name in prominence in 1972, our "Golden Jubilee Year."

A second unique presentation, ably made by Mr. Tom Bellew was a re-presentation of a Life Blazer to our first President, Mr Stuart Morris, Snr.

We had representatives of the Head Body, and kindred associations at all our functions and it was a pleasure to entertain all the gentlemen.

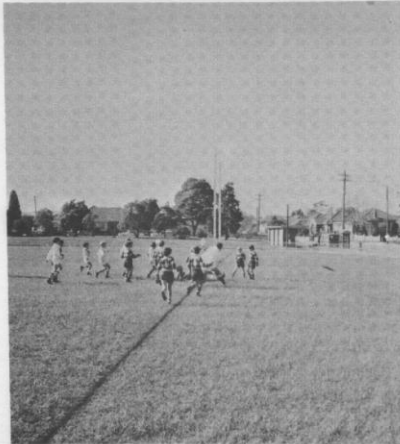
Our Smoko must again come up for thought - with so many members not attending this night it makes one wonder whether you want a night of this magnitude. Give it some thought for 1973.

In conclusion I would like to thank our President, John and Treasurer, John Portecus for their unsung work in 1971-72, without their efforts we could not have had nay of these functions, we needed the money and they got it. To one and all Referees and their wives, many thanks for coming to all our shows. It is a pleasure to organize functions when you know they will be attended. Best wishes to the foursome going to the Grade Trials every success, looking forward to seeing you all the the Annual.

Best wishes,

John Quinn
SOCIAL SECRETARY

"Father" does
his thing.



J. Byrne and "THAT TRY"
in a Grand Final.