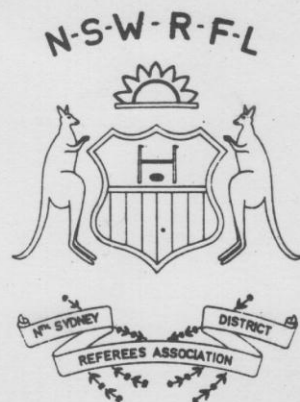


# **NORTH SYDNEY**

## **DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE**

### **REFEREES ASSOCIATION**



#### OFFICIALS FOR SEASON 1973.

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

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PATRON

It is my pleasure to congratulate the officers of the Association on the completion of yet another successful season's activities and on the presentation of a report of a standard comparable with that of past years.

The season marked the retirement of John Montgomery from the office of President of the Association and I take this opportunity to thank him on behalf of Members for his untiring efforts over a lengthy term of office during which the Association made marked progress. To his successor, John Quinn, I extend congratulations on his appointment and am confident that under his leadership the Association will continue to prosper.

Last year I made some reference to the implications for the Association in the decision of the N.S.W.R.F.L. to restrict the activities of schoolboy football. Fortunately, those restrictions have been relaxed, if only to some minor degree, during the off season, and that relaxation, small though it might be, must be of some benefit to the Association and its members. Let us hope it is the forerunner of some further concession in the interests, not only of members, but of Rugby League in general in this particular area, where it is essential that we have as many people as possible interested in the game at all levels.

Finally I would extend congratulations to all who achieved various honours during the 1973 season and wish them and other members further successes during 1974.

T. J. Bellew  
PATRON.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The year 1973 has passed and, to my way of thinking, it was a season of mixed blessings. I found my first year as your President, very challenging, an education, some successful conclusions and some disappointments.

The Association's efforts were on a par with previous years. We were able to meet all the calls of the Junior League and Schoolboys Association, and at all times, due to the generosity of some of our members, staff all grounds.

A word of thanks to the Appointment Board for the work this body carried out. Every year this crew of Referees earn the honour of being the worse Board in Sydney from some of the members, but, on investigation of how other kindred Associations work, I have no hesitation in making it known that our Referees are seen in the season more than any other Association in the metropolitan area - this is a proven fact.

To the Schoolboys Referees, I say thank you for your efforts. The improvement made by some of the lads was very noticable, but on occasions, we were disappointed that when the young Referees had a chance to learn from a Senior Referee, they were conspicuous by their absence. At no time was the Association ever disappointed in the dress of our members, and, only on a few occasions did we have to stress the importance of good hair grooming to our members.

Socially, the year had its successes and the only disappointment was due to poor support of our early season Ladies night. One successful function I would like to mention is our first ever Childrens Xmas Tree. Congratulations to Ron Hammond and his Assistant, Kevin Jackman, for this day. I would like to see more of our active Referees take an active part in helping on the actual day - many hands make light work. A new year's resolution to all Referees, active and non-active - Answer all your correspondence

from your Secretary and Social Secretary by the due date - It does help in this age of hustle and bustle.

I would personally like to thank the Junior League Executive and Schoolboy Executive for the co-operation and help they gave me in my initial year. Also, to my own Executive, with a special mention to your Secretary, Brian, to the members and delegates who have attended the meetings and supported the Association throughout the year. In addition, it would be remiss of me not to mention a word of thanks to John Montgomery for steering me through the rough passages during 1973.

Many of our members have asked as to what is going to happen in 1974. We, your Executive, at this moment, know little more than yourselves. We suggest you all attend the early meetings of 1974 when we should have information re one new schedule of Schoolboy football.

In conclusion, may I extend to the five Referees trying out for Grade Honours, my best wishes. Three members are going over to Town for the first time. It's time we had a North Sydney Referee graded ... Good Luck ...

John Quinn  
President.

#### HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. President & Gentlemen,

Allow me to present for your consideration, the Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Association for the Season of 1973.

The Season under discussion was what we could call a new one, in that we had a new President, Social Secretary, Vice President and Assistant Secretary, and each one of these gentlemen came through with flying colours, especially our President, John Quinn, who had to use all he knew to control our meetings, as some topics caused a lot of debate.

Our Social Secretary gave us some new ideas which was a good thing. I must congratulate Ron for the wonderful Ladies Night at Windsor Gardens. From comments passed during the evening, it was a credit to him, "Thanks again, Ron".

The meetings held during the year had overall a very good attendance, especially the Schoolboys, which I am sure our President will agree with me, was a sign which shows that interest is being shown with what is happening in the Association, "Keep up the good attendance Gentlemen".

Again Erle Carroll held his position as the top Referee for the Association, but was kept on his toes by some good up and coming referees. This is good, as it helps to make a Referee give his best at all times. May I take this opportunity to wish the various Referees who have been selected for Grade Trials, the very best of good luck.

The thanks of the Association go to the following: District Club, North Sydney League's Club, Junior League, School Committee, North Sydney Anzac Club and also the Brothers and Teachers at Marist Bros.

May the keenness and enthusiasm so necessary for personal success be with each Referee in 1974.

Brian Barry,  
Hon. Secretary.

VALE

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

DISTRICT CLUB.

Again Norths started well, but, owing to injury were again out of the top of the competition.

It is a pity that a Club as old in Rugby League as Norths, runs into so much trouble each year, within the Club itself mostly, because, if the "Knockers" who say they want to see it get on, buttoned down to some hard work, maybe the players will try a lot harder as well. Even as I write, the Annual Meeting has been held, yet no office bearers were appointed for Season 1974 - A very sad state of affairs.

Let us hope that 1974 is a good year for the Club - "Let's make 1974 with Norths knocking on the Door with the top 4".

To the Leagues Club.

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

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Fred Thompson, Chairman, and new Secretary Kevin Wasson, headed the Junior League Committee. The dedication of these men has never been more evident than it was this year. The smooth functioning of the competition culminating in some of the best finals that have been seen in North Sydney.

Norths Junior Representatives side performed creditably without carrying off any of the trophies. To the players and officials, we extend our congratulations on a job well done and we wish you every

success in 1974.

This association enjoyed the pleasure of Jack Carlyle as delegate from the Junior League. Jack is one of the men who is responsible for the harmonious relationship which has existed between ourselves and the Junior League over the years, and we thank him sincerely for his efforts this year.

To all teams that made the Finals and the ultimate winners, we offer our congratulations.

<u>Premier Team</u>	<u>Referee</u>	<u>Touch Judges</u>
A. Crows Nest	E. Carroll	J. Quinn A. Brown
B. Lane Cove	R. Hammond	J. Byrne R. Atkinson
C. McMahons Pt.	F. Payne	B. Minnett S. Thompson
D. Harbord Diggers	S. Thompson	W. Chipman R. Hammond
D/R Asquith	P. Punch	S. Betts B. Minnett
E. Pennant Hills	B. Minnett	J. Abrahams S. Thompson
<u>Massingham Shield</u>	- Pennant Hills.	
	P. Gardiner	K. Jackman H. Griffiths
<u>Club Championship</u>	- Lane Cove.	

#### UNIVERSITY CUP

This year saw our Association fall by the wayside in this Competition, as we did only a small amount of games, and again we failed to gain a member who they

#### University Cup (Continued)

thought was good enough to get a final appointment. A sorry position to find ourselves in, after helping this competition to get through its early years.

#### SCHOOLBOY COMPETITION

Again our meetings were held at the Marist Brothers School on a monthly basis. The thanks of the Association must go to Brother Columban for allowing us the use of the school.

Our visitors during the year were, Mr. Cliff Brown, Mr. Don McDonald, Mr. Frank Hyde, Mr. Laurie Bruyeres - these gentlemen gave everyone who attended a very interesting evening and the Association is very grateful.

The Dinner was a huge success - we had a full attendance of junior members - our guest speakers on the night were Mr. Ross Warner and George Ambrum - first grade and Rep. players of the District Club. A very nice meal was provided by the Chef at the North Sydney Anzac Club through the help of Mrs. Nolan and our sincere thanks go to everyone who helped make this a very good night.

The Association has lost a very good member from our School ranks in the person of Mr. Allan McDonald, who is going to live in Queensland. While Allan was with the Association he has shown quite a flair to becoming a good referee. Allan, we are indeed sorry to lose you, but we all wish you the very best of good luck in your new surroundings.

The Association's thanks go to the Brothers at Marist Brothers for their help to us during the year.

SCHOOLBOYS (Continued)

<u>Premier Team</u>	<u>Referee</u>	<u>Touch Judges</u>
U/6 Pennant Hills	J. Quinn	G. Arthur S. Betts
U/7 Asquith "A"	J. Byrne	G. Arthur S. Betts
U/8-1 Asquith "C"	A.E. Brown	M. Crombie M. Gaston
U/8-2 Chatswood "A"	R. Atkinson	M. Crombie M. Gaston
U/9 Asquith "A"	A.E. Brown	
U/10-1 Pennant Hills	G. McManus	R. Atkinson B. Davoren
U/10-2 Collegians	B. Minnett	M. Burdon J. Quinn
U/11 Asquith "A"	R. Hammond	M. Burdon J. Byrne
U/12 Asquith "A"	B. Davoren	G. McManus A.E. Brown
U/13 Collegian "A"	K. Jackman	B. Minnett E. Carroll
U/14 Ku-ring-gai West Fybble	E. Carroll	K. Jackman R. Hammond

CONGRATULATIONS

To all Senior and Junior Referees and Touch Judges appointed to Semi-Finals and Grand Finals of the Junior League - also the School Competition.

To Erle Carroll, who again Refereed the "A" Grade Grand Final.

To Mr. Ron Atkinson, who received the "Bob Purcell Trophy".

To Steven Betts and Clare on their engagement.

To Steven Betts, Michael Burdon, who gained their Senior Referees Badge.

Mr. & Mrs. John Porteous on their new arrivals to their family circle..

Mr. Peter O'Brien and Rex Harrison, who were made Life Members of the District Club.

To John O'Keefe, who retained Grade Honours.

To Manly-Warringah, 1st and 2nd Grade sides, Balmain under 23 years, 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.F.L. Referees Association

N.S.W. Rugby Football League

North Sydney District Club

North Sydney Leagues Club

North Sydney Junior League

North Sydney School Committee

All Junior Leagues Clubs

The Brothers of Marist Brothers School

North Sydney Anzac Club.

To my co-executive officers, J. Quinn, T. Bellew, J. Porteous, R. Hammond, J. Montgomery, B. Minnett and my Assistant Secretary John Byrne, I say "thank you" for your assistance during the year.

Also, thank you to every member for their co-operation during the year.

My thanks to Mr. Cliff Brown, Laurie Bruyeres, Don McDonald, Frank Hyde, Jack Jewell, Keith Arnold, for their visits during the year.

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

To the incoming Committee, I wish every success for the season 1974.

Brian R. Barry.

Hon. Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR SEASON 1973

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

MEETINGS HELD - 15

LIFE MEMBERS

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

ACTIVE MEMBERS - SENIOR

R. Atkinson	(15)	P. Gardiner	(11)
T. Ash	( 3) 2 A	R. Hammond	(13) 2 A
A.E. Brown	(13) 1 A	K. Jackman	(15)
D. Brown	( 9) 4 A	D. McDevitt	2 A
G. Brown	(11)	G. McManus	( 3) 12 L/A
J. Byrne	(13) 2 A	B. Minnett	(12) 2 L/A
S. Betts	( 8)		1 A
M. Burdon	(14)	A. Morabito	( 3)
J. Baldwin		F. Payne	(15)
Father T. Bell	( 6) 4 A	P. Punch	( 9) 4 A
W. Chipman	(10) 3 A	V. Smith	( 4) 2 A
E. Carroll	(12) 3 A	Joined 14.6.73	
B. Davoren	( 2) 13 L/A	S. Thompson	(13)
H. Griffiths	(12) 2 A	M. Wolfe	( 1)
S. Goncharoff	( 9)		

JUNIORS - MEETINGS HELD - 4

\* Attended Senior Meetings.

G. Arthur	(2) *	A. Kremer	(1) 2 A
J. Abraham	(3) 1 A	W. Kremer	
B. Boyle	(1)	I. Makey	(1)
M. Burge	(4)	F. Moratti	(4)
G. Bellew	(1) 1 L/A	A. McDonald	(4)
G. Carew	(3)	T. McKinn	(3)
G. Carmichael	(2)	W. McKinn	(3)
P. Cross	(3) 1 A	R. McLean	(4)
C. Coady	(5) *	A. O'Grady	(1)
M. Crombie	(1)	M. Sandstrom	(3)
A. Fernby	(3) 1 A	B. Scott	(1) 1 L/A *
C. Gardiner	(3)	R. Slattery	(12) 1 A *
M. Gaston	(4) 1 A *	P. Smith	(2)
G. Gerard	(1)	A. Spencer	(3)
D. Kenyon	(1) A	P. Taylor	(3)
		B. Williams	(4)
		P. Weir	(3)

HON. MEMBERS

Terry Bellew 1 A  
J. Baldwin  
M. Chapman  
J. Carlyle (N.S.J.L.) (9) 1 A  
J. Dean (2)  
P. Hanrahan (School Committee) (11) 1 A  
K. Hubbuck  
P. Johnson  
M. Kiernan  
R. McManus  
J. O'Keefe 1 A  
J. Porteous (14) 1 A  
G. Smith (Transferred to Group 12)  
R. Saunders (1)  
N. Wallace (2)  
K. Wasson (Sec. J.L.) (4)

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Again it gives me great pleasure to place before the Association, the Financial Statements for the 1973 year. In this age of spiralling costs, it is indeed gratifying to see that we finished the year with \$676 in funds. The reasons for this are two fold, firstly the \$395 raised from the Two Hundred Club and secondly \$185 raised on the night of the Smoko from the Two Hundred Cent Club.

I would be failing in my duty as your Treasurer if I did not express my thanks to John Montgomery for his assistance in raising the Two Hundred Club monies and Kevin Jackman for running the Two Hundred Cent Club. I am informed that the Dee Why Lions do not propose to run a Two Hundred Club in the coming year and so as we may supplement this form of income, it is hoped that we can run the Two Hundred Cent Club at various stages during the year.

To the North Sydney Leagues Club, North Sydney Junior League and North Sydney Anzac Club, we again extend our thanks for their financial support and their assistance in providing facilities during the year.

In conclusion, my thanks to my fellow executive, John Quinn, Brian Barry, John Byrne, Ron Hammond, John Montgomery, Erle Carroll and Kevin Jackman for their support. To all members, I wish a successful 1974 year.

John Porteous,  
HON. TREASURER



NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY FOOTBALL

LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR 1973 SEASON

CASH AT BANK - 1st January, 1973 676.41

ADD RECEIPTS

Affiliation Fees	1,074.00	
Badges	12.00	
Bank Interest	24.55	
Donations	92.00	
Fines	8.00	
Lapel Badges	.40	
Lottery Raffle	34.80	
Two Hundred Club	395.00	
Two Hundred Cent Club	185.49	
	<u>1,826.24</u>	
		2,502.65

LESS PAYMENTS

Affiliation Fee - N.S.W.R.A.	5.00	
Bank Fees	16.00	
Convivials (Note 1)	956.31	
Donation - Balmain Association	20.00	
Floral Tributes	66.20	
Presentations	22.00	
Printing - Annual Report	108.00	
Smoko (Note 2)	474.39	
Stationery	29.93	
Sundry Expenses	12.60	
Telephone & Postage	116.12	
	<u>1,826.55</u>	
		<u>676.10</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1973

MEMBERS FUNDS 690.10

REPRESENTED BY

<u>CASH AT BANK</u>	676.10
<u>LAPEL BADGES</u>	8.00
<u>BADGES</u>	6.00
	<u>690.10</u>

NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY FOOTBALL

LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

Note 1 - Convivials

Grand Final Day	21.25
Ladies Night	274.70
Schoolboys Dinner	184.75
Special Ladies Night	325.14
Sundry Meeting Nights	35.90
Xmas Tree	114.57
	<u>956.31</u>

Note 2 - Smoko

Amplifier Rental	20.00
Artists	140.00
Chickens	161.50
Chips and Peanuts	18.16
Decorations	13.36
Drinks	371.87
Hall Rental	70.00
Plates	30.00
Pies	45.00
Prawns	280.00
Sundry Expenses	14.72
Table Cloths	22.78
Waiters	15.00
	<u>1,202.39</u>
Less Collections	<u>728.00</u>
	<u>474.39</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, 23rd January, 1974.

John Porteous  
HON. TREASURER

S. Goncharoff B. Minnett  
HON. AUDITORS

## SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. President, Ladies & Gentlemen,

As this is my first year as your Social Secretary, I now appreciate fully the tremendous work the previous Social Secretary, John Quinn, did over many years.

I now feel it is time a position of "Assistant Social Secretary" be created to lighten the burden and join in the fun (?) of organising functions.

During 1973, seven social events were held. One new innovation was the Childrens' Christmas Tree, but more about that later.

Club Ladies Nights - April 27th, June 15th & November 16th.

Consideration will have to be given by the incoming Social Secretary as to whether these nights should carry on during 1974 due to lack of support last year. Our total attendance for the three nights was eighty four.

New faces at our Ladies Nights were Vince and Colleen Smith. Glad to see Clare Prentice become a regular now that she is engaged to Stephen Betts. Congratulations to them both. Other welcome regulars are Peter Hanrahan, our Schoolboys delegate, and his wife.

Rose and Brian Barry, two of our most consistant supporters, continue to be most welcome to attend all future functions, even if they are Grandparents. Congratulations to them and daughter Sue.

Head Body Night - May 11th

We had a good turn up at our Head Body night. It is pleasing each year to see that we can always fill a couple of tables. 1973 was a special one for our association as John Montgomery was presented with his Life Membership. Congratulations to you, John; a well deserved reward.

## SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT (Continued)

Windsor Gardens - August 7th.

Our biggest event for the ladies this year was held at Windsor Gardens, with a grand number of eighty attending. This night is becoming so popular that at the end of the evening, people were suggesting that this be built up and drop the Smoko. These comments were made by male, as well as female, members. Give it some thought boys - a decision will have to be made early this year.

Special guests for our night at Windsor Gardens were Mr. & Mrs. McKinnon and Mr. & Mrs. Forbes, from the District Club. Mrs. McKinnon was heard saying to Harry on their way out - "Must get some of these going in the Auditorium, Harry".

The Smorgasbord was a great success and it was good to see an empty table at the end of the evening.

My own personal thanks to all, as this was my first night as an M. C. and I could not have seen it through without your help. Special thanks to John Quinn, who took over the microphone for me on occasions.

Smoko - 28th September, 1973.

Everything was set for a festive evening - the right food; the right drink; plenty of hard workers; well decorated auditorium by Brian Davoran (who always does an excellent job).

The people began to roll in with no hold up at the door. They found their tables quickly - then POW! What a disappointment this must have been for a lot of our own members, especially the ones who look forward to the Smoko from year to year. First the microphone went on us; then the entertainer found it hard to work with a substitute microphone. We tried one entertainer with three brackets, but it is hard to say how this turned out under the circumstances.

My own personal thanks go to Kevin Jackman, who

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT (Continued)

worked hard all evening with his 200 cent draw. At last we have found a new way to make money.

The attendance of around 180 was pleasing. What would we do without our guests?

Our kitchen staff of Brian Barry, Bob Tinsley and Brian Davoran did all that was asked of them to try to make it a successful evening. Thank you to these three gentlemen.

A rather surprised gentleman near the end of the evening was Ron Atkinson, who was presented with the Bob Purcell Trophy. Goes to show what can be achieved within three years.

The food and beer were the only things I feel we all enjoyed, so let's forget about this one and think of 1974.

Childrens' Christmas Party - December 2nd.

What a joy it was to see thirty-six happy, grubby and sunburnt little faces.

I think that our first attempt to give the children a Christmas party was a huge success. Thank you Father Christmas, alias Noel, our Junior League Treasurer.

There were a few things we could improve on, but I personally feel that this function is a must from now on.

Many thanks to my helpers in organising on the day, particularly Mary and John Quinn and Kevin Jackman.

In conclusion, I wish to thank our President John, Secretary Brian and Treasurer John, for their work and support during 1973. Without their efforts, I could not have held some of these functions. It also takes money - and they gave it to me (although sometimes hard to get).

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT (Continued)

Special thanks to Brian Minnett for printing, and to Dymphy for typing and also making paper hats for us during the year.

To all referees, and their wives, my thanks for your support in coming to our functions. It makes it easier to organise when you know people will attend.

Good luck to the members going for Grade Trials early this year.

See you at the Annual Meeting.

Ron Hammond,  
Social Secretary.