



North Sydney District Rugby

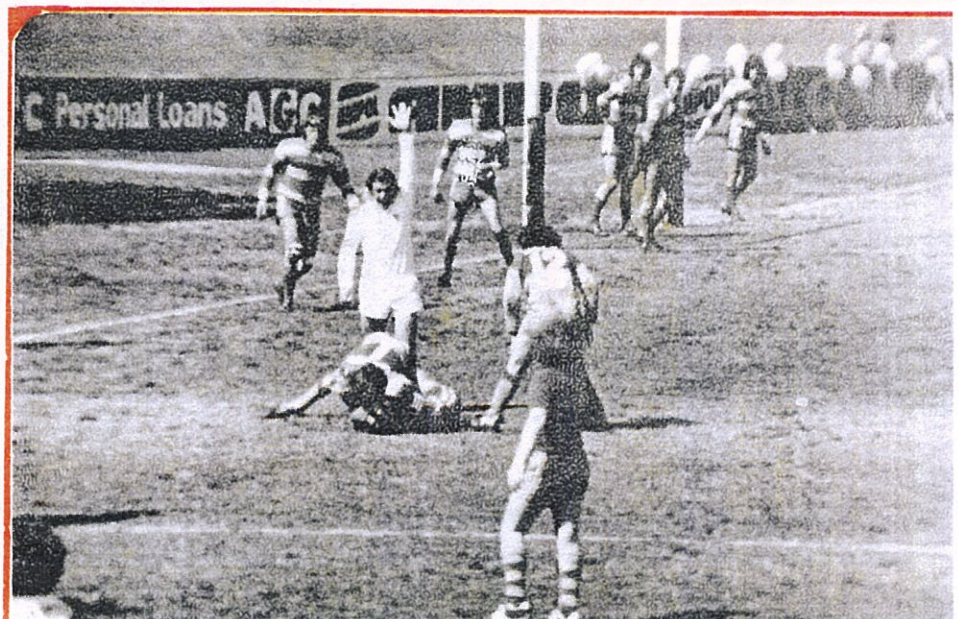


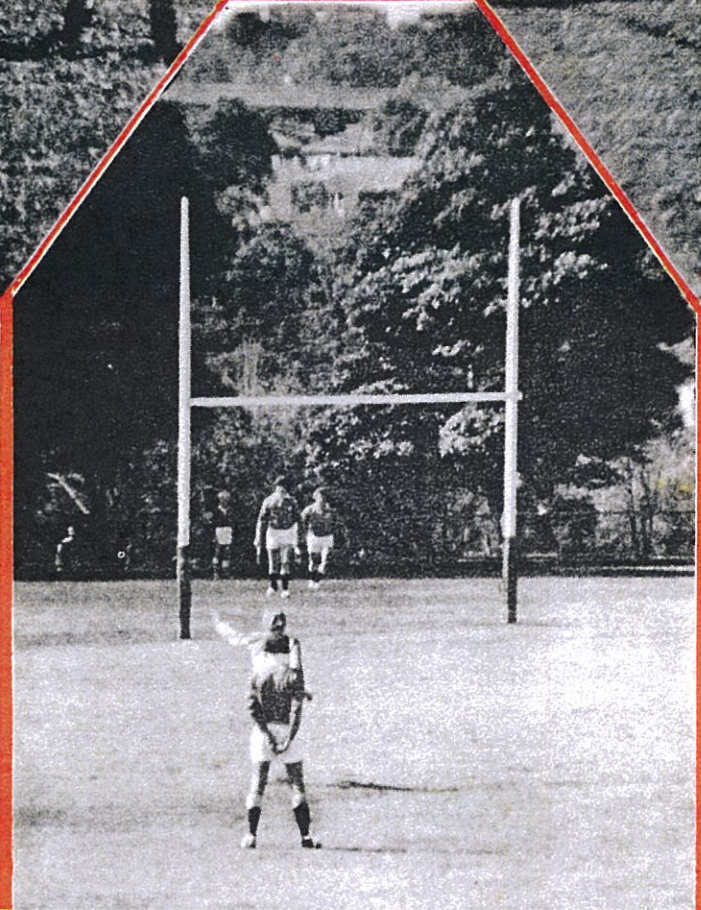
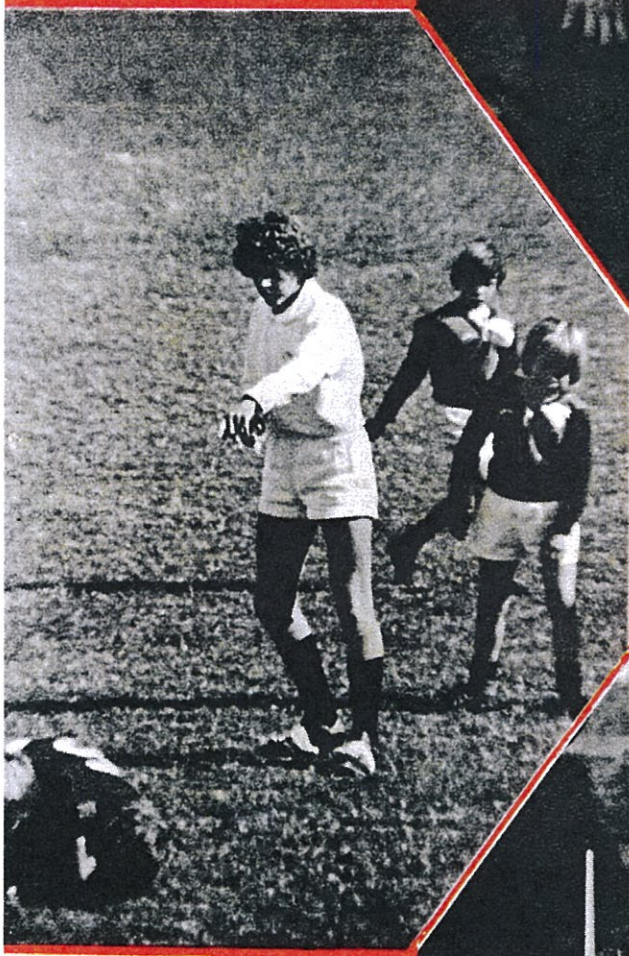
Football League Referees' Association

ANNUAL

REPORT

1978





NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SEASON 1978

to be held at

NORTH SYDNEY LEAGUES CLUB

No. 1 Meeting Room

(Sports Bar Level)

on

Thursday, 15th February, 1979

at

8 p.m.

SECRETARY
S. A. MERRITT

PRESIDENT
J. QUINN

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Last Annual Meeting
2. Correspondence
3. Annual Report and Balance Sheet
4. Election of Officers
5. Notice of Motion
"That the Constitution be amended as presented, or in part"
6. Committee Reports
7. Election of Life Member
Recommendation: That no Life Membership nomination be submitted to the Annual Meeting for 1979
8. General Business

J. QUINN
PRESIDENT

B.A. MINNETT
HON. SECRETARY

OFFICIALS FOR 1978 SEASON

PATRONS: Mr. Tom Bellew
Mr. John Montgomery
Mr. Bert Cowley

PRESIDENT: Mr. John Quinn

SECRETARY: Mr. Brian Minnett

ASST. SECRETARY: Mr. Stephen Betts

HON. TREASURER: Mr. John Byrne

HON. SOCIAL SECRETARY: Mr. Ron Hammond

VICE PRESIDENTS: Mr. Ron Atkinson (Senior)
Mr. Erle Carroll
Mr. John Porteous

DELEGATE TO N.S.W. REFEREES: Mr. Erle Carroll
Mr. Stephen Betts (Deputy)

DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE: Mr. Hillary Griffiths
Mr. Ron Atkinson (Deputy)

DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY SCHOOLBOYS ASS: Mr. John Boyle
Mr. Geoff Bellew

HON. AUDITORS: Mr. Bill Lalor
Mr. Geoff McManus
Mr. John Porteous (Vice - Geoff McManus illness)

DELEGATES TO UNI. CUP:

DIRECTOR OF REFEREES: Mr. John Quinn

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF REFEREES: Mr. Adrian Boyd
Mr. Bill Lalor (Vice - John Quinn, away holidays)

DIRECTOR OF COACHING (Referees) Mr. Brian Minnett

DELEGATE FROM JUNIOR LEAGUE: Mr. Ernie Pierce

DELEGATE FROM NORTH SYDNEY SCHOOLBOYS ASSOCIATION: Mr. Jim Brannigan

KEEPER OF FORMS - TAPES: Mr. Erle Carroll

CONTROLLER OF VOUCHERS: Mr. Ron Hammond
Mr. Colin Jones (Deputy)

Patrons Report

Gentlemen,

It is once again our privilege to write this short foreword to the Annual Report of the North Sydney District Rugby League Referees Association. In so doing, we are pleased to be able to congratulate the Association and in particular its executive officers on yet another successful season.

In recent years there has been speculation at the commencement of each season as to whether the Association will be able to fulfil its commitments to the Junior League and Schoolboys Association. That as far it has been able to do so in spite of increasing problems is a tribute to the diligence of its officers and the dedication of all members.

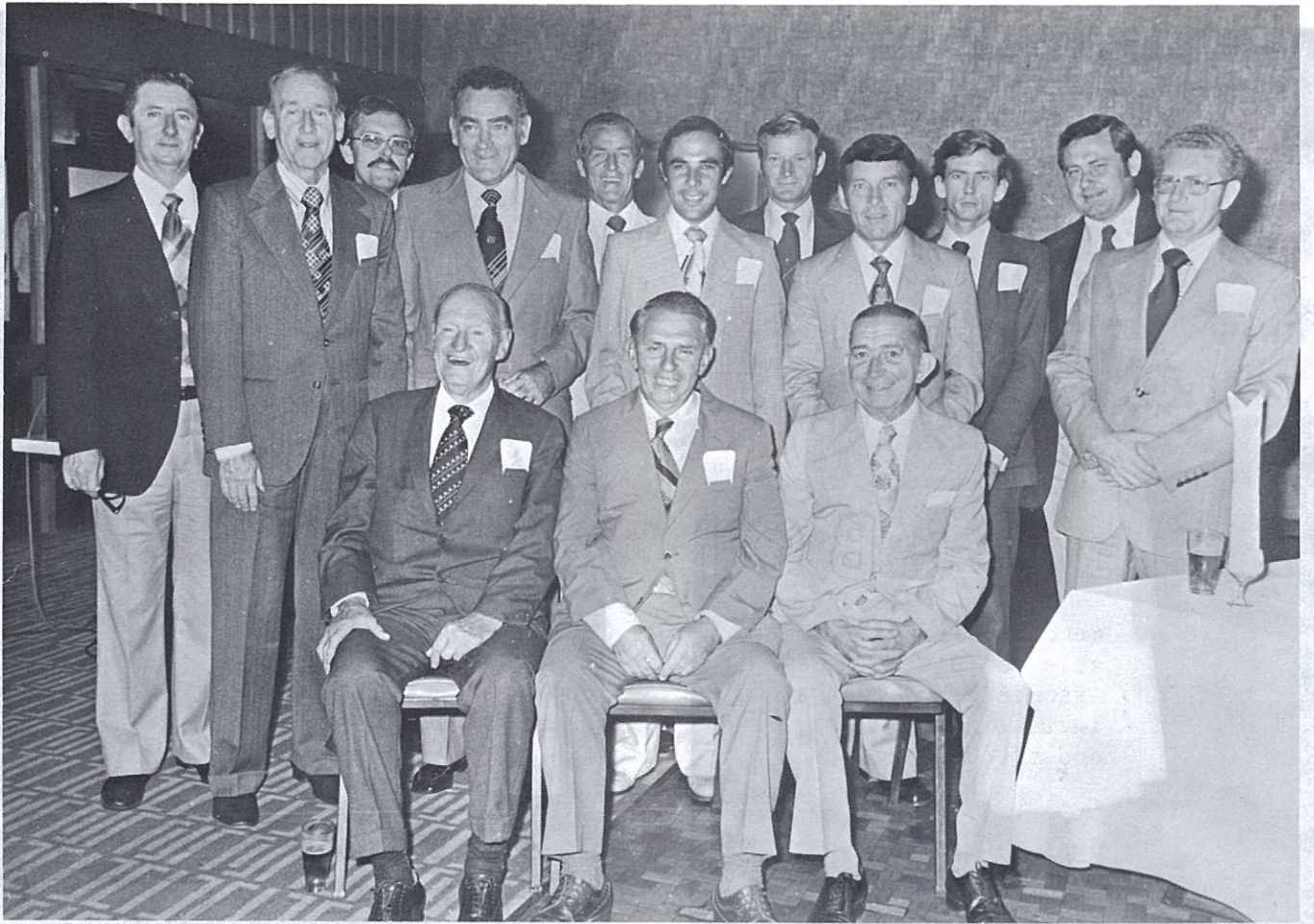
The major problem facing the Association and indeed all Junior Associations, with a few exceptions, is that associated with recruitment of new members and the retention not only of new recruits, but also some older members. The task has been made difficult for a number of reasons, some associated with changes in life style and use of leisure time, but it is becoming increasingly apparent that a major contributing factor is the continued denigration of referees, both collectively and individually, not only by some media personnel, but, regrettably, by some players and officials.

We hope that 1979 will see some improvement in this regard.

Perhaps a first step would be the recognition by each of the parties involved that all have an important role to play in the interests of Rugby League and that each individual, be he journalist, commentator, official player, club supporter or referee, carries out his part to the best of his ability.

T.J. BELLEW
J.A. MONTGOMERY
B.M. COWLEY

Joint Patrons



Bill Lalor - Cliff Brown - G. McManus -
 Jack Jewel - Brian Barry - Hilary Griffiths -
 Ron Atkinson - George Benson - Robert
 Slattery - B.M. - Ron Hammond (front row)
 Cyril Wigzell - John Quinn - Austin Shiner,
 at Harry McKinnon Testimonial Dinner.



Junior League President, Ron Carey, is
 elected Life Member of District Club.



For the first time, together,
John and Mary Quinn.



President John dances with Meryl Carey.



A lonely figure at most matches.

President's Report

It is with pleasure that I make this report for 1978 and one facet that we were very pleased with was the new members who joined and took such a successful part in the season's operation.

We were able to meet all our commitments for the Junior League and Schoolboys Associations, and it was our pleasure to be very much involved with the North Sydney Leagues Club Cup, ably organised by Jeff Simmons and supported by the League Club Secretary, Mr. Peter Flint.

During the year, we appointed a Coaching Director for the Association, in the person of Mr. Brian Minnett, and I feel that this section will prove its worth in obtaining and making good Referees. We held a very successful Seminar for all Referees during the year - 95% attendance, and our thanks to T.N.T. for their financial help on this day, as well as to all the celebrities who attended as lecturers and coaches and to Asquith Club for the goal kickers.

Socially, 1978 was a year for some new ideas and venues. A lot of work went into the organising of the events, but, on occasions, the attendance of our own members could be much better.

I would like to thank personally the President and Executive of North Sydney Leagues Club, District Football Club, and especially do I mention the President and Executive of the Junior League, as also the President and Executive of the School-boy Association.

During the year all Junior League Clubs and Schoolboys have extended hospitality and consideration to our Referees at all grounds. We thank each and everyone, and to all the functions, picnics and barbecues that I attended personally and for the trip to New Zealand with Pennant Hills Schoolboys. I feel that all these occasions make for better football in the North Sydney area.

Association wise, I am very proud of our Executive. During 1978 I mapped out a policy of delegating various projects of work to all members of the Executive and the results have been very good. Maturity and attention to detail in some cases were lacking, but time will correct these faults and these young men will be the officers of this Association in the future years.

Finance of any group is always an uppermost thought in any President's mind, and our Association is still in a sound position. Last year was the first year that we insured our Referees on the Playing Fields; a very necessary achievement in my opinion.

May I extend to all Referees trying out for Grade Honours good luck and may the games run your way.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - CONTINUED

My best wishes to Geoff McManus, who is recovering after a serious operation; also to our patron Bert Cowley and Mick Cameron (a friend of all referees), after their serious illnesses.

A New Year has dawned, festivities have been forgotten. Referees are playing Touch Football and all those ladies are saying the same thing: "the break between seasons is getting shorter" and I even know two people, Dymphy Minnett and Mary Quinn, who say there is no "season". "Its like painting the Harbour Bridge, when its finished, its time to start again".

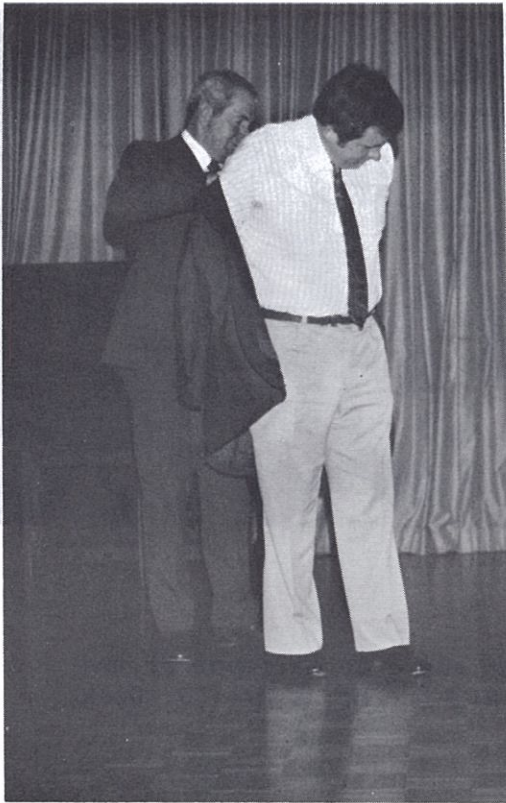
To all the wives and especially the two ladies mentioned, I say "thank you" for all your typing and telephone calls and a hundred and one other things that you do for the North Sydney Referees Association.

Our Election of Officers will be held at the Annual Meeting and I would like to point out to one and all that serious thought should be given to nominations for positions.

The same applies to voting in any shape or form at all meetings.

At times I feel that people just put up their hands so as to get the business over and done with. This is a very unwise and immature practice and creates a lot of future problems.

JOHN QUINN,
President.



John Montgomery presents yours truly, Brian Minnett, with the Life Membership Blazer.



Bob Purcell Trophy Winner - Ron Hammond.



Brother D. receives his replica.



Dymphy Minnett joins in the Presentation.



Our sponsor of the entertainment at the Presentation Night - Mr. & Mrs. J. Cook.

Tinka Bell (Chris Hopkins) has a few fine words to say about Mary Quinn.



A "Jewel" of a comment.



Need I say anything.

Secretary's Report

Again, it is my pleasure to present the 1978 Annual Report. This season has been the most productive yet, with ten new referees joining our ranks. There are also a couple more waiting till this season to join. Also, two junior members gained their Senior ticket.

We decided to hold a full scale seminar for our referees early in the season and we feel this must have helped, whether in a big or small way, everyone that came. It was a great success, first on the refereeing side and then on the social side.

We wish to thank Keith Page, Frank Walsh, Bill Grono, Brian Barry, Alex Soane, Jack Jewell and Bert Cowley for lending their experience.

The weather had been pretty bad prior to the Seminar Day, so Brother Habermann was kind enough (with the aid of the Principal) to lend us St. Leo's College Staffroom and kitchen, where we had an indoor barbeque. My thanks to Ron and Gwen Hammond, Jan Warner and my wife Dymphy for the cooking.

The Annual Referees Touch Football Knock Out competition was hosted by Manly. Our team did very well, just missing out on the semis, but our Deputy Delegate N.S.W. Referees proved to be pretty fast among fast company.

Midway through the season, we had a visiting referee from New Zealand. Mr. Peter Gilmour was on a business trip to Sydney and was appointed to games at Primrose Park. The games went reasonably well, but he had extreme difficulties in coping when he was dined and wined by the executive at the North Sydney Leagues Club later. Before dinner, Mr. Bert Cowley invited us all down to the Board Room for some drinks. Boy, is he heavy on the liquer and light on mixers (if you know what I mean). Pretty mean Barman. It proved devastating for all. Thanks Bert for showing our visitor the hospitality of North Sydney.

Peter was introduced to someone he mistook as the Mayor of Primrose Park (big Jack). He put his foot into it when he suggested Jack achieve some fertilizer, plant it at the bottom of the goal posts, so that they may possibly grow.

Peter was an excellent ambassador for New Zealand; perhaps at some stage it could start the ball rolling, like John Quinn touring New Zealand with Pennant Hills and refereeing over there. It needn't stop at New Zealand though. The experience would be excellent, as everyone sees the rules in a different way.

The Schoolboys Knockout again was a success with all the referees putting in a long day. The Leagues Club Cup and the Harry McKinnon Shield were again held and what a competition this is turning out to be, especially the standard.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - CONTINUED

The Leagues Club Executive showed their interest in teaching new referees the ropes by allowing Touch Judges back on U13 and U14. Let us hope we can use them again on the younger age groups. It certainly helps the inexperienced how it is done and where to start. My thanks to Peter Flint for his foresight in this matter.

Our attempts to gain sponsorship this season have not been successful, but we will be continuing this avenue and try new areas. One bright note on this front, however, was when Mr. John Cook of John Cook Insurance sponsored our entertainment for the Presentation Night. Our thanks again to John for his interest.

This season saw a change in the payment of referees fees. After considerable research into the matter by a sub-committee elected for this purpose, we proposed a different method of vouchers and, as a result, a different way of payment by the Leagues Club and Football Club. This has, we feel, saved the Junior League and Schoolboys Association a lot of time and effort during the season. Continual review of this system will result in new methods being applied, when appropriate.

While on the subject of research, a committee also has been updating the Constitution, a job that has taken a lot of time and thought. It will be put before you at this Annual General Meeting.

The disappointment of the year was the Schoolboys Picnic. It was held at Flat Rock this year (fortunately it didn't rain). The roll-up was exceptional OF REFEREES (both junior and senior), but the roll up of boys!!! (schoolboys) was down again on previous years. The whole set-up will need a lot of thought if it is to be continued. Personally, I feel the behaviour of the boys during the entertainment, in particular, left a lot to be desired.

At the present time the Golf Committee is working frantically to host this year's Annual Golf Day, which will be held on Monday, 29th January (long weekend) at North Ryde Golf Club. Norths are having their best roll-up with eleven players. We feel assured of a most successful day, as approximately 108 players will be competing from 14 Associations.

The Annual Touch Football Knock Out competition will be hosted by St. George at Yagoona the following week. Training by our fellows for this has been under way for several weeks now and this is a way of getting fit for the coming season.

I am very pleased to have been elected Director of Coaching. This is a job I particularly like and I feel it is a very important job.

I would like to thank my fellow executive members, Stephen Betts, John Byrne, Ron Atkinson, John Porteous, Erle Carroll and Ron Hammond for their help and support and of course to John Quinn for his guiding hand during the season. Also to my wife Dymphy for the long hours she has put in to help me.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - CONTINUED

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone connected with my Life Membership and Presentation. I think everybody that knows me would also appreciate that I like to do all I can, I get a lot of joy out of doing these things and I do not need thanks. However, my feelings on the Presentation Night were ones of proudness to belong to such a magnificent Association and I was very pleased to see so many of my friends help me and celebrate this great honour.

Thanks also to Neville Warner for his help with the photography. We couldn't get out of them this time.

Following are the Referees and Touch Judges with the teams that participated in Grand Finals this season:

BRIAN MINNETT,

Hon. Secretary,
Director of Coaching.

ASQUITH	v	WILLOUGHBY	A Grade
Eric Carroll		Referee:	
John Payne - Colin Jones		T.J.:	
BROTHERS	v	WILLOUGHBY	B Grade
Ron Atkinson		Referee:	
Peter Sattree - Bro. Dennis Habermann		T.J.:	
WILLOUGHBY	v	HORNSBY	C Grade
Vince Smith		Referee:	
Geoff Bellie - Graham Field		T.J.:	
ASQUITH	v	BROTHERS	D Grade
Stephen Hatts		Referee:	
Bro. Dennis Habermann - Terry Sattree		T.J.:	
WILLOUGHBY	v	BROTHERS	B/R Grade
Ray Bellie		Referee:	
Stephen Tennant - Tony Brown		T.J.:	
WENNANT HILLS	v	BEROWRA	E Grade
Bro. Dennis Habermann		Referee:	
Graham Field - Geoff Bellie		T.J.:	

SECRETARY'S REPORT - CONTINUED

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Again the Junior League provided us with some good football from all grades - A to E, with B grade the least supported, in numbers only.

We also saw a new team take out the top competition and a young side at that - Neutral Bay.

The season finished on a high note again with a very well run Grand Final Day at North Sydney Oval.

Following are the Referees and Touch Judges with the teams that participated in Grand Finals this season:-

A Grade	NEUTRAL BAY	v	ASQUITH
	Referee:		Erle Carroll
	T.J:		John Byrne - Colin Jones
B Grade	WILLOUGHBY	v	BROTHERS
	Referee:		Ron Atkinson
	T.J:		Peter Settree - Bro. Dennis Habermann
C Grade	HORNSBY	v	WILLOUGHBY
	Referee:		Vince Smith
	T.J:		Geoff Bellew - Graham Field
D Grade	BROTHERS	v	ASQUITH
	Referee:		Stephen Betts
	T.J:		Bro. Dennis Habermann - Peter Settree
D/R Grade:	BROTHERS	v	WILLOUGHBY
	Referee:		Ray Reilly
	T.J:		Stephen Tennant - Tony Brown
E Grade	BEROWRA	v	PENNANT HILLS
	Referee:		Bro. Dennis Habermann
	T.J:		Graham Field - Geoff Bellew

SECRETARY'S REPORT - CONTINUED

Under 14
PENNANT HILLS v HORNSBY
Referee: Erle Carroll
T.J: Adrian Boyd - John Boyle

Under 13
COLLEGIANS v ASQUITH B
Referee: Hillary Griffiths
T.J: Sam Hunt - Tony Walters

Under 12
PENNANT HILLS v ST. LEONARDS
Referee: Vince Smith
T.J: Greg Hand - Paul Johnson

Under 11
COLLEGIANS v ASQUITH
Referee: Robert Slattery
T.J: Sam Hunt - Tony Walters

Under 10
WEST PYMBLE v ASQUITH
Referee: Bro. Dennis Habermann
T.J: Robert Kiddle - Chris Hopkins

Under 9
WEST PYMBLE v BEROWRA
Referee: Jeff Buckler
T.J: Robert Kiddle - Chris Hopkins

Under 8
PENNANT HILLS v ASQUITH
Referee: Chris Leahy
T.J: Erle Carroll - Adrian Boyd

Under 7
ASQUITH v CHATSWOOD
Referee: John (Father) Quinn
T.J: Greg Hand - David Johnson

MASSINGHAM SHIELD FINAL - A GRADE
BEROWRA v McMAHONS POINT
Referee: John Byrne
T.J: Stephen Tennant - Jeff Buckler

SECRETARY'S REPORT - CONTINUED

NORTH SYDNEY LEAGUES CLUB CUP

N.S. MARIST BROS. v CHATSWOOD HIGH

Referee: Colin Jones
T.J: Geoff Bellew - Dennis Habermann

HARRY MCKINNON SHIELD

N.S. MARIST BROS. v CHATSWOOD HIGH

Referee: Geoff Bellew
T.J: Dennis Habermann - Colin Jones

JUNIOR REFEREES

This season we had 14 Juniors running, six of whom started after the season had commenced.

St. Leo's College, Wahroonga, which now plays in the M.C.C. competition, started the season with a well supported Referees Class. This was run by the N.S.W. Coaching Panel. This must result in an increase in Junior Referees in the future.

With all the new Juniors this year, each one accredited himself well, both on and off the field

DISTRICT CLUB

This season was again below average for Senior Teams. They played some really good games and won some - again, unfortunately, when the points didn't count.

However, their win in the inaugural Channel Ten Cup made up for it all. Our congratulations to the First Grade Team. I am sure everyone - officials, team, supporters, other competing Clubs etc. were as excited and happy as we were when the Bears pushed the Rabbitos into the ground.

Our best wishes go to Bill Hamilton, who stepped down as the Coach of the Senior Team, after giving his best. To the incoming Coach, Tommy Bishop, and the other Grade Coaches, best of luck for the coming season.

LEAGUES CLUB

A much brighter year was seen as the Leagues Club climbed out of its decline. Lets hope it will continue to rise.

To Mr. Peter Flint and his staff, our thanks for your help during the year.

The Leagues Club Cup and Harry McKinnon Shield were a highlight of the season, with an expertly run competition.



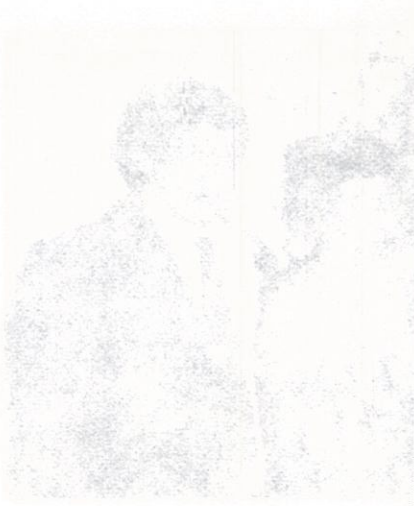
Our wives look happy after our Presentations.



Hewey, Dewey & Lewey (with Hewey showing the way) - Tony Walters - John Boyle - Jeff Buckler.



Oh, David, you stood on my Toe - David & Linda



David, you shouldn't say things like that.



Ray and Denise Reilly at the Presentation Night.



Fluffy and his wife, Val.



You shouldn't have kicked me like that - Jim & Denise Anderson at the Presentation Night.



What a pair.



Neville and his lovely wife Jan, who is putting on weight.



John and Cathy Byrne, telling Clare Betts that after you have had four, it is a piece of cake.

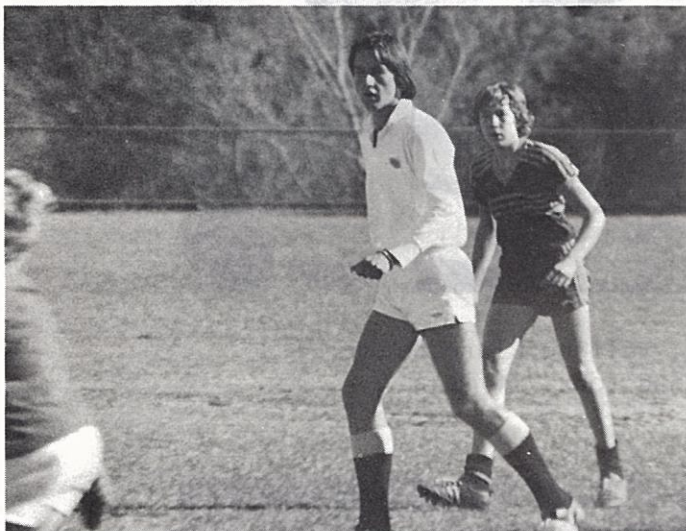


Part of the happy crowd at the Presentation Night (in foreground Frank & Dorothy Payne).



This is what our President enjoys most.

SUPERFINE



Another youngster - Glen Swain.



Uncle Sam gives sweets to the kids.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - CONTINUED

REPRESENTATIVE GAMES - 1978

Congratulations to Erle Carroll, A.E. Brown, Stephen Betts, Geoff Bellew, Colin Jones and Bro. Dennis Habermann, who all did their best.

VALE

To all families and friends, we extend our sincere sympathy for any loss you incurred during the past Season.

STORK NEWS

Definite: Michael and Sandy Burdon - a boy.
Soon: Steve and Clare Betts (Clare's doing the hard work)
Nev and Jan Warner (Jan's going to do her share)

Possibles

Reasons Why

John and Deidre Porteous	A new house
Tony and Ngaire Brown	A cruise
Brian and Sharon Scott	Haven't seen them for a long time
Bob Slats and Hunter Inn	A lot of hard work
John and Cathy Byrne	Extension on house

And so starts the International Year of the Child.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Erle Carroll on refereeing his 8th Grand Final A Grade
All other Referees and Touch Judges who officiated in Grand Finals
Ron Carey on being elected Life Member of the District Club
Ron Hammond on winning the Bob Purcell Trophy, 1978
The Fields on the birth of a new Swimming Pool

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR SEASON - 1978

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD: 12

LIFE MEMBERS:

B. Barry	9
T. Bellew	
J. Burdon	
R. Carey	
B. Cowley	
A. Galbraith	
H. Carrick	
D. Haldernan	
M. Hogan	
A. Jones	
A. Leane	
B. Minnett	12
G. McManus	4
J. Montgomery	
S. Morris (Sr)	
S. Morris (Jr)	
J. Porteous	10
J. Quinn	12
R. Smyth	
E. Tinsley	
J. Turner	

HON. MEMBERS:

G. Auther	
B. Grown	
M. Burdon	
D. Field	11
M. McKenzie	
F. Payne	
D. Pothero	
J. Ticehurst	
E. Pierce (Delegate)	
J. Brannigan (Delegate)	
W. Chipman	
B. Davoren	
B. Lalor	6

Members who sent in Leave of Absence Letters were counted as attending meeting.

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE - CONTINUED

Senior Active:

R. Atkinson	11
S. Betts	12
Rev. T. Bell	11
J. Boyle	8
A. Boyd	2
J. Byrne	12
G. Bellow	2
A.E. Brown	5
G. Condon	1
E. Carroll	12
W. Collins	5
G. Field	11
H. Griffiths	11
Bro. D. Habermann	12
R. Hammond	11
C. Jones	10
P. Punch	-
B. Scott	-
P. Settree	3
R. Slattery	12
V. Smith	7
S. Tennant	5
M. Thurgate	-
J. Anderson	5 (8.6.78)
J. Buckler	4 (Senior 14.8.78)
C. Leahy	9 (27.4.78)
R. Reilly	9 (13.4.78)
J. Walters	5 (25.5.78)
N. Warner	10 (16.3.78)

Junior Active:

A. Atkinson	(11.5.78)
H. Barry	(11.5.78)
P. Diggons	1
J. Douglas	(11.5.78)
S. Hunt	1
C. Hopkins	1
R. Kiddle	(11.5.78)
D. Johnson	(6.7.78)
S. McLean	1
D. Clune	1 (13.4.78)
G. Hand	(13.4.78)
G. Swain	(13.4.78)
J. Walsh	(13.4.78)

Director of Referees Report

Season 1978 for North Sydney Referees from our eyes was a much more successful one than the previous year.

No gradings, but some success in representative games in the younger men of the Association.

A much more dedicated approach was shown by a lot of members and the influx of new members and some experienced new members did a lot to help and promote healthy competition.

Our thanks to all the Referees who made themselves available for both Saturday and Sunday. We feel that some of our members should look very closely at this point, being only available for Sunday afternoon, though commendable, is hardly fair to those who do both days, or one day, without reservation. It is amazing when Semi Final time comes each year there are no specific times, Saturday or Sunday does not matter.

My thanks to my Co-Director, Adrian (Huck) Boyd for his work last year. Adrian did not miss a meeting and a lot of thought and field experience was made available to this appointment. We were both delighted to have Bill Lalor with us for the latter part of the season. Our thanks to Junior League Secretary, Les Moore, for his co-operation - Les did everything he could to help us with the appointments.

As mentioned before, we were very pleased with the Schoolboys Referees, and we would like to thank Mr. Peter Flint, Secretary of the North Sydney Leagues Club for allowing us the use of Touch Judges on 13 and 14 year old Schoolboy games. This fact allowed us to train the new Referees before placing them in the centres.

Our thanks to Peter and Jeff Simmonds for the printing of the Appointment Sheets.

Adrian, Bill and myself would like the standard of dress with some Referees to improve. We realize with the advent of new gear, some of the uniforms were held together, but we feel that some Referees used this as an excuse. The "starch bottle" is still available and boot polish is not that dear. Also, Erle Carroll has plenty of tapes available.

Many thanks to Erle and Brian Minnett for their part in helping with the coaching of the younger Referees.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the help we received from Mr. Jack Jewell and Alex Soane during 1978.

In conclusion, we, the Directors, feel that season 1978 was an improvement on other years - perhaps 1979 may be our year for a grading.

JOHN QUINN,
ADRIAN BOYD,
Directors.

Treasurer's Balance Sheet

NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended
31st December, 1978

Balance as at 31.12.77		588.85
C.B.A. Bank	568.85	
St. George Building Society	10.00	
N.B.A. Savings Account	10.00	

Plus Receipts

Fees 1978	1635.00	
Fees 1979	5.00	
Insurance	598.00	
Fines	10.00	
Tapes	152.50	
Lapel Badges	3.00	
Uniform Badges	25.00	
Rep. Fixtures and Uni. Cup Fees	440.25	
H. McKinnon Testimonial Dinner	55.00	
North Sydney Leagues Club	8283.00	
North Sydney Football Club	2068.00	
Thomas Nationwide Transport (Coaching Seminar)	50.00	
N.S.W.R.F.L.R.A. Golf Day 1977	9.00	
N.S.W.R.F.L.R.A. Golf Day 1979	670.00	
Interest Received	139.37	
Donations	15.00	
Functions (See Note 3)	1771.50	15929.62

\$16518.47

Less Payments

1977 Golf Day	19.00	
1977 Life Membership	5.00	
1977 Cricket Day	50.00	
Tapes	333.00	
Affiliation Fee N.S.W.R.F.L.R.A.	5.00	
Life Membership Blazer	45.00	
Rep. Fixtures and Uni. Cup Fees	440.25	
Gifts	45.90	
H. McKinnon Testimonial Dinner	90.00	
Referees Coaching Seminar	50.00	
Postage and Telephone	245.59	
Convivials	193.50	
Bank Fees	15.00	
Insurance	90.00	
Payments to Referees	10337.00	
Bob Purcell Trophy	28.95	
Functions (See Note 3)	3016.39	15009.58

\$ 1508.89

Balance C.B.A. Bank Account	1207.08
Balance St. George Building Society Account	291.81

TREASURER'S REPORT - CONTINUED

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

Note 1

Contingent Liability

Insurance Premium	\$108.00
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Note 2

Cash at Bank Includes

1979 Insurance Premiums paid by members	400.00
N.S.W.R.F.L.R.A. Golf Day 1979	670.00
Contingent Liability	108.00

Note 3

Functions

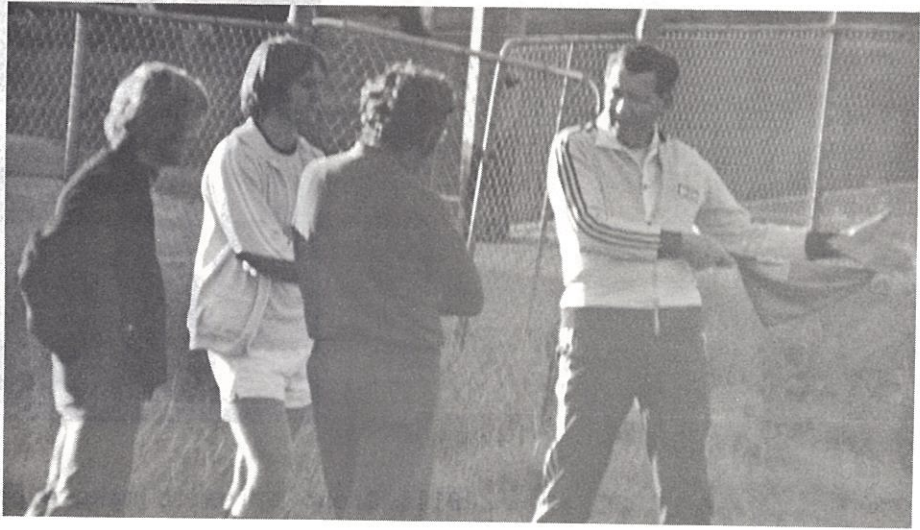
Payments:

Chicken & Champagne	256.00	
Ladies Night	1767.80	
Presentation Night	831.35	
Christmas Tree	161.24	3016.39

Receipts:

Chicken & Champagne	248.00	
Ladies Night	720.00	
Presentation Night	774.50	
Christmas Tree	29.00	1771.50

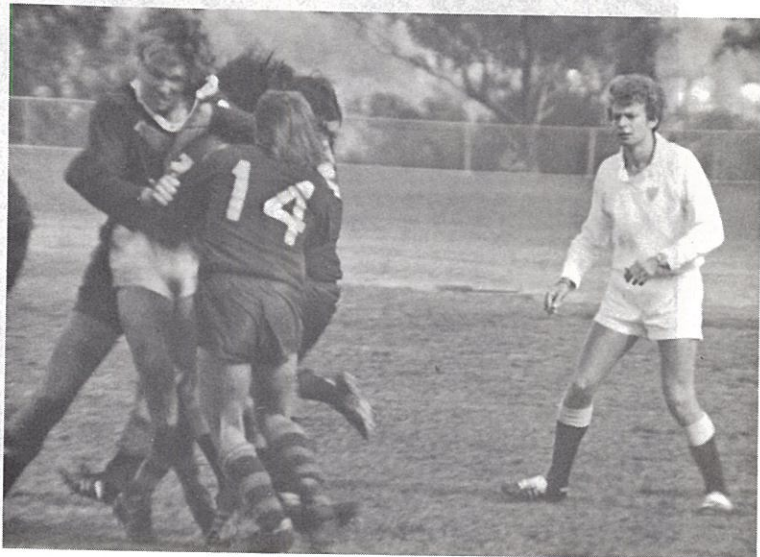
NET DEFICIENCY	<u>\$1244.89</u>
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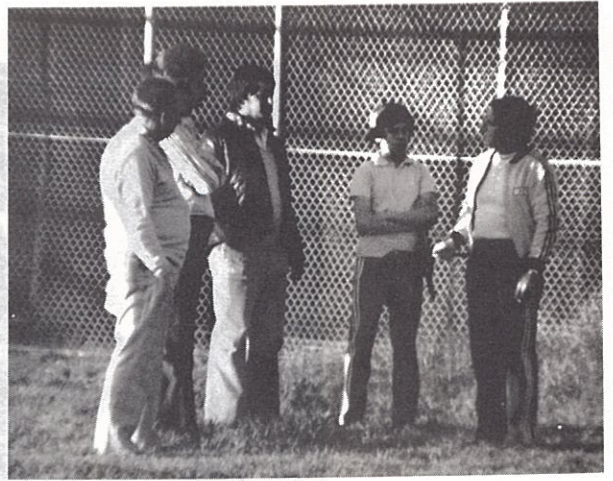


Frank Walsh explains a point (on Seminar Day)



Another new youngster, also State Sprinter - Robert Kiddle.

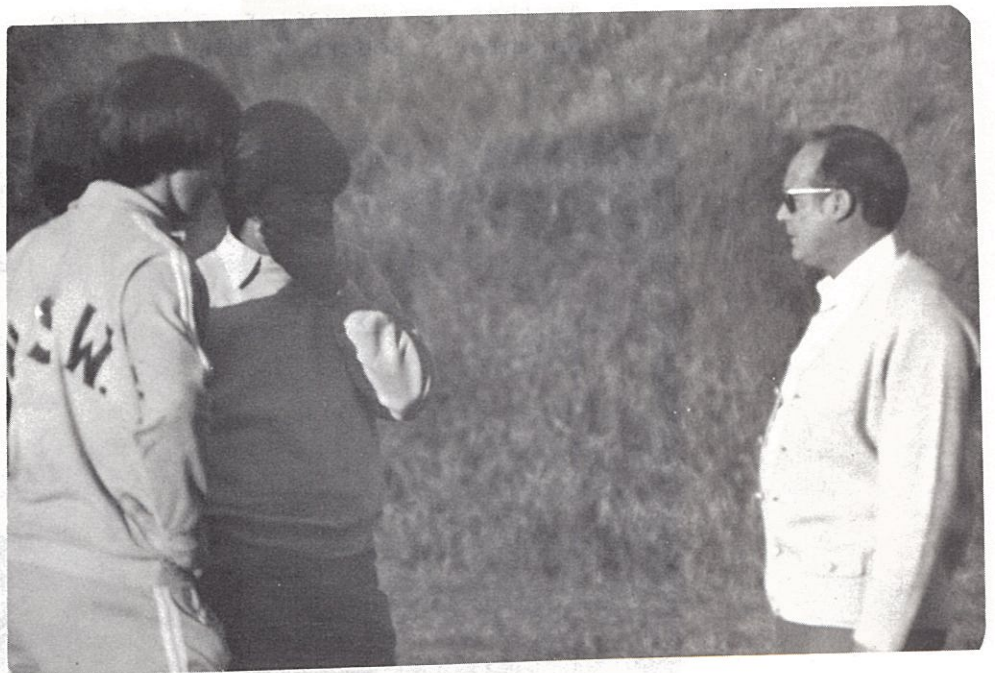




Bill Grono tries to make a point (at Seminar)



Jack Jewel tells Robert Slattery that he's late again.



Chairman of the N.S.W. Coaching Panel, Keith Page, makes a point at our Seminar.

TREASURER'S REPORT - CONTINUED

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.12.1978

Members Funds

2459.89

Represented by:

Cash at Bank (See Note 2) 1207.08

Cash on Deposit 801.81

St. George Permanent Building Soc. 291.81

National Bank Savings Account 10.00

Australian Guarantee Corporation 500.00

Special Investment 150.00

Australian Guarantee Corporation 150.00

Lapel Badges 3.00

Uniform Badges 5.00

Tapes 253.00

\$2459.89

In our opinion the above Balance Sheet and Statement of Receipts and Payments of the North Sydney District Rugby League Referees Association are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs at 31st December, 1978. We also advise we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

Sydney

(Signed) William Lalor

(Signed) John Porteous A.C.A.

(in lieu of G. McManus illness)

Social Report

To start the year off with the right spirit, a night was arranged at Len Evans Wines in Sydney on 4th July. Unfortunately, we did not reach the numbers required and, as a result, those members who were interested spent the night at the North Sydney Leagues Club enjoying a good meal, a few noisy drinks and very good company.

A group of members attended a Testimonial Dinner for Harry McKinnon in May. This was held in the Auditorium of the Leagues Club. We were pleased to be able to entertain some very old and distinguished referees from Head Body and also our own association (when using the word 'old', of course I mean in years of service to the appropriate association - not in age). This evening was successful in all aspects and a wonderful tribute to a great man to whom we in the North Sydney Referees' Association owe a great debt of gratitude.

We had a complete change to our Ladies Night in September. All of us like to have something out of the ordinary and I believe we achieved this when we held our night at the Dixon Restaurant. The total attendance was 120 and this is the largest number to attend one of our Ladies Nights. In the end, we were unable to cope with some requests from other associations to send more than one of their members.

For the first time we combined the junior members with their parents and/or girlfriends, in with the older (there's that word again) members.

It was good to see so many of the parents attend this evening, as we have always endeavoured to keep our Association on a large family level.

As we did not indulge in speeches or presentations during this evening, our President, John Quinn, or myself, may have missed speaking to, or welcoming, some of our visitors. We do apologise if we offended anyone, but I assure you that it was due only to the very large gathering in attendance.

The food was excellent, evidenced by the fact that some who declared they did not like chinese food were often spotted consuming same. This gives food for thought (?).

Our lovely female singer possibly wondered what hit her when she arrived on stage. The male of the species did get a little carried away, even though not all wives agreed with them.

All in all, a very pleasant evening.

After many years away, we returned to the North Sydney Leagues Club for one of our functions - this time held in the Kamaraigal Room - our Annual Presentation Night.



Vince Smith doing what he likes best.



Tinka Bell & Curly the Clown at Schoolboys Picnic



Rowdy sorting out the girls



Two questions: Find the Referee
and Spot the Loose Hand.

Referee: Sam Hunt.
Loose Hand: ?



One of our new youngsters - John Douglas.



Also David Johnson, first centre.



Oh, Tony, we're going on a second honeymoon!!!! The Fields always enjoy themselves. The ugly one in the middle is Father Dave. With him are his lovely wife Val and daughter, Caroline.



Patron John and Val Montgomery at the Presentation Night.



Mr. Millions and his wife Deidre.



That's Lyndal McManus on the right and Robyn Boyd on the left - ? in the middle

SOCIAL REPORT - CONTINUED

We now know what a full house looks like. Our attendance of 85 was very rewarding and a tribute to our own Brian Minnett who received his life membership blazer on this occasion. It was pleasing to see such a good attendance and I thank all members for showing interest in this night.

My personal congratulations to Brian on his Life Membership. There is no one who carries out his duties as enthusiastically as Brian and he thoroughly deserves this honour.

This evening we used a new style of music in the form of a 'Mobydisc' through the generous sponsorship of John Cook Insurance. It proved a very worthwhile change, as all spoke well on the way it was operated.

Our own Chris Hopkins did us proud when he presented Mary Quinn with a bouquet of flowers in thanks for her good work and charming manner during the year. Thank you Chris.

You have to be lucky now and then and it was our turn when we booked the Asquith Boys Club Hall for our Childrens Christmas Party. It rained during the morning and continued into the afternoon. Once again we tried to change the form of entertainment and gave the children some cartoons. It must have worked, as we scarcely heard a sound out of them in 30 minutes.

Santa Claus arrived on time, but each year he seems a little bigger and a little bit older.

Most of the children were happy to receive their gifts from Santa, but that big white beard had to frighten one little boy.

This was a year of change for our social activities. I appreciate that it is an impossibility to keep everyone happy, so I endeavoured to concentrate on the requirements of the majority and gave you those events above.

It is important that the member you select as your next Social Secretary is given the utmost support because you are the ones he is trying to please.

I must say a special 'thank you' to members for having their money in on time for the various functions. This is very difficult to collect on the night and you have all helped to make my job that much easier.

At the end of all reports one should thank all who have helped during the year and I will try to make no exceptions. Should I omit anyone, please don't tell me - it will only make me feel bad, as I didn't mean to.

To all the executive: your help was most gratifying, President John and his phone calls kept me on my toes and gave that guiding influence, as always. Brian Minnett who asked

RESULTS OF RAFFLES

SOCIAL REPORT - CONTINUED

(I hope) his charming wife, Dymphy, to do most of my typing and letters: a special thanks as when I was away I could rest assured that my work was being attended to. To the North Sydney Leagues Club who allowed us the free use of the Kamaraigal Room - we thank them very much.

It is our turn to hold the combined Referees' Golf Day on Monday, 29th January, 1979. This will be held at North Ryde Golf Club. We will be asking most of our members to assist in the running of this day, so please try to keep this date free.

Our Golf Committee, Frank Payne, Tony Brown, Stephen V Betts, David Field and Hillary Griffiths are working hard to make this day a success.

To all members who are striving for better or higher goals during 1979, whether it be in refereeing, school or work, I wish them success.

To all the incoming executives - may the year be one of many rewards.

RON HAMMOND,
Social Secretary.

RESULT OF BALLOTS

PATRON _____

PRESIDENT _____

HON. SECRETARY _____

ASSISTANT SECRETARY _____

HON. TREASURER _____

SOCIAL SECRETARY _____

VICE PRESIDENT - SENIOR _____

DELEGATES TO N.S.W. REFEREES ASSOCIATION _____

DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE _____

DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY SCHOOLBOYS ORGANISATION _____

DELEGATES TO UNIVERSITY CUP _____

HON. AUDITORS (2) _____