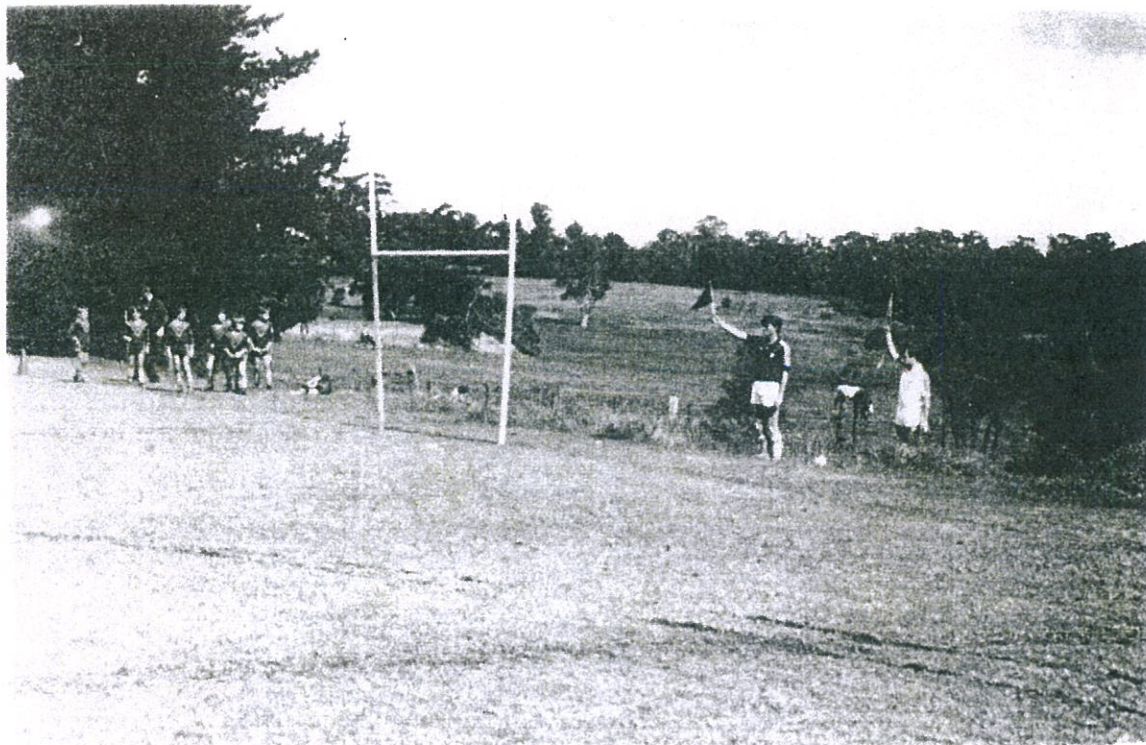


NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT



RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

REFEREES ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL REPORT 1984

ON BEHALF OF OUR ASSOCIATION,
WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK T.N.T.
(THE N.S.W. REFEREES SPONSORS)
FOR THEIR HELP AND SUPPORT
IN 1984

NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

SEASON 1984

TO BE HELD AT

NORTH SYDNEY LEAGUES CLUB

(ABBOTT STREET, CAMMERAY)

NO. 1 MEETING ROOM

GROUND FLOOR

ON

THURSDAY, 14 FEBRUARY, 1985

AT

8 P.M.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Agenda

1. A Minute Silence in Rememberance of Our Fellow Referees
2. Visitors
3. Apologies
4. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting
5. Correspondence
6. Presentation of Annual Report and Balance Sheet
7. Election of Office Bearers:-
 - Patron
 - President
 - Hon. Secretary
 - Hon. Treasurer
 - Hon. Assist. Secretary
 - Vice Presidents (3)
 - Hon. Social Secretary
8. The Executive and Life Membership Committee Recommendation: "that no member be nominated for Life Membership this year".
9. General Business

ERLE CARROLL,
President

BRIAN MINNETT,
Hon. Secretary

Officials for 1985

PATRON:	Mr. Milton Cooper
PRESIDENT:	Mr. Erle Carroll
HON. SECRETARY:	Mr. Brian Minnett
HON. ASSIST. SECRETARY:	Mr. John Boyle
TREASURER:	Mr. Colin Jones
SOCIAL SECRETARY:	Mr. Chris Hopkins
VICE PRESIDENTS:	Mr. Tony Brown (Snr) Mr. Brian Davoren * Mr. Steve Betts
DELEGATES TO N.S.W. REFEREES:	Mr. Michael Quailey Mr. Chris Hopkins
DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE:	Mr. Jim Neal Mr. Chris Hopkins
HON. AUDITORS:	Mr. Geoff McManus Mr. John Byrne
CHAIRMAN OF APPOINTMENTS BOARD:	Mr. Colin Jones
DIRECTOR - SATURDAY COMPETITION:	Mr. Erle Carroll
CO-COACHING CO-ORDINATORS: (Referees)	Mr. Colin Jones Mr. Brian Minnett
JUNIOR REFEREES CHAIRMAN:	Mr. David Smitheram
CONTROLLER OF VOUCHERS' (Referees Payments) and KEEPER OF THE FORMS, TAPES:	Mr. Erle Carroll
DELEGATE FROM JUNIOR LEAGUE:	Mr. Jim Brannigan

* resigned 30.8.84

Order for 1985

Committees for 1984

Life Membership, 1984

Brian Davoren
Geoff McManus
John Porteous (absent)

Sponsorship Committee, 1984

A.E. Brown (Chairman)
Jim Neal
John Boyle
Michael Quailey
Martin Ryan

Bob Purcell Trophy Committee, 1984

A.E. Brown (absent)
John Byrne
Milton Cooper
John Boyle

Social Committee, 1984

Chris Hopkins - Social Secretary
Robert Kiddle
Jim Neal
Martin Ryan

Standing Orders & Constitution Review Committee

John Boyle
Michael Quailey
Steve Betts

Golf Captain, 1983-1984-1985

Bill Lalor



Andrew Stokes
Michael Quailey
Robert Kiddle

- it looks like
they are posing
for a photo.



Mrs. Stokes made a mistake this year - she allowed Andrew
to drive her car.



One of our new Seniors this year was Mrs. Wendy Angus'
husband - George. He looks lonely, doesn't he.

Patron's Report

It has been my pleasure to act as Patron during 1984, a season of great challenge from the outset for the Executive and other office holders of the Association.

A void seemingly created by the resignation of Mr. John Quinn was ably filled by Mr. Erle Carroll as President with the assistance of other stalwarts holding or taking further responsibilities. The re-introduction of the Appointments Board gave additional duties to its members whose aim following this initial year will be to strive for an equitable allocation of appointments.

Expressing the feelings of all members of the Association, a tribute must be made to John Quinn for his many years of dedicated service. Application of his personal standards of excellence enhanced the good standing of the North Sydney Referees' Association, but most importantly reflected in the character development and efficiency of young referees in his charge. Congratulations, John, on being elected as Honorary Secretary of North Sydney Junior Rugby League, an equally painstaking task.

Congratulations to all members of the Association for a job well done during 1984 with special mention of Robert Kiddle on being graded; also Chris Hopkins for his excellent achievements during the Junior Representative Competition. A great future should confidently be expected from these young men.

During the oncoming 1985 season, the Association will be reliant on a majority of very young referees. The workload on senior active referees and Appointments Board members will be extremely heavy; I am sure assistance from former referees would be appreciated.

MILTON COOPER

President's Report

Gentlemen,

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

1984 saw the end of a golden era in this association with the retirement of John Quinn. Although 99.9% of members did not agree with this after the events at the end of the 1983 season, it was very hard not to see John's point, after all these events have left a stigma in this association that will take years to clean out.

With the retirement of John, we also saw an end to the position of Director of Referees' and the resurrection of the old Referees' Appointments Board. These men, with the help of the members, were able to fulfill our commitments to the Junior League and staff all grounds, but, as with the Director in previous years, the Board found it hard to please all of all the members all of the time. Members must realise that to get up there, you have to pull your weight too and remember that there are very few games to go around at the end of the season.

It was good to welcome a few new members, especially seniors. It was also pleasing to see some Juniors going into the senior ranks. Now it is up to you to move onto better things and only a lot of hard work will do it for you.

This year also saw the loss of another long serving member in Ron Hammond. This member, who worked very hard for the Association, will be surely missed, but good luck to Ron and Gwenda in their new venture.

To those members who suffered bereavements during the year, I offer my sincere sympathy.

Socially, it was another good year for the regulars. It is a shame to see Chris and his hard working committee put on an excellent night and only the regulars bother to turn up, so members, what about getting behind your social committee in 1985 and making it an even bigger success.

I congratulate those members appointed to semi finals, finals and grand finals, and also those appointed to the President's Cup, Jersey Flegg and S.G. Ball fixtures during the year. Special mention to Vince Smith and Chris Hopkins on their appointments - Vince to his first Test, and Chris to the S.G. Ball final. Best of luck to any member who may be invited to try out for grade in 1985.

I must also congratulate the Juniors who carried out their duties so admirably again during the season (only the odd dirty pair of boots, hair cuts and starch were needed).

To Vince, Steve and Colin, congratulations on being re-graded and to Robert Kiddle on being elevated to the graded ranks.

Special thanks to the directors and management of the North Sydney Leagues Club, Football Club and the Junior League for all their support and effort, which helped make 1984 very successful both on and off the field. Also, again, congratulations to the Junior League on their 75 years.

I wish to thank Secretary, Brian, and Treasurer, Colin, who helped make my first term as your President a whole lot easier. Also to the ladies behind the scene, Dymphy Minnett, Maureen Neal, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Jones and last, but not least, my own wife, Sylvia, for all their help of which, without, none of us would be any good.

In closing, I would like to thank all members for their courtesy and support given to me throughout the 1984 season and may I wish the incoming committee for 1985 season all the best of luck.

E.P. CARROLL
President



As we found on most occasions this season - when Michael Quaily arrives, John Boyle's off the other way.



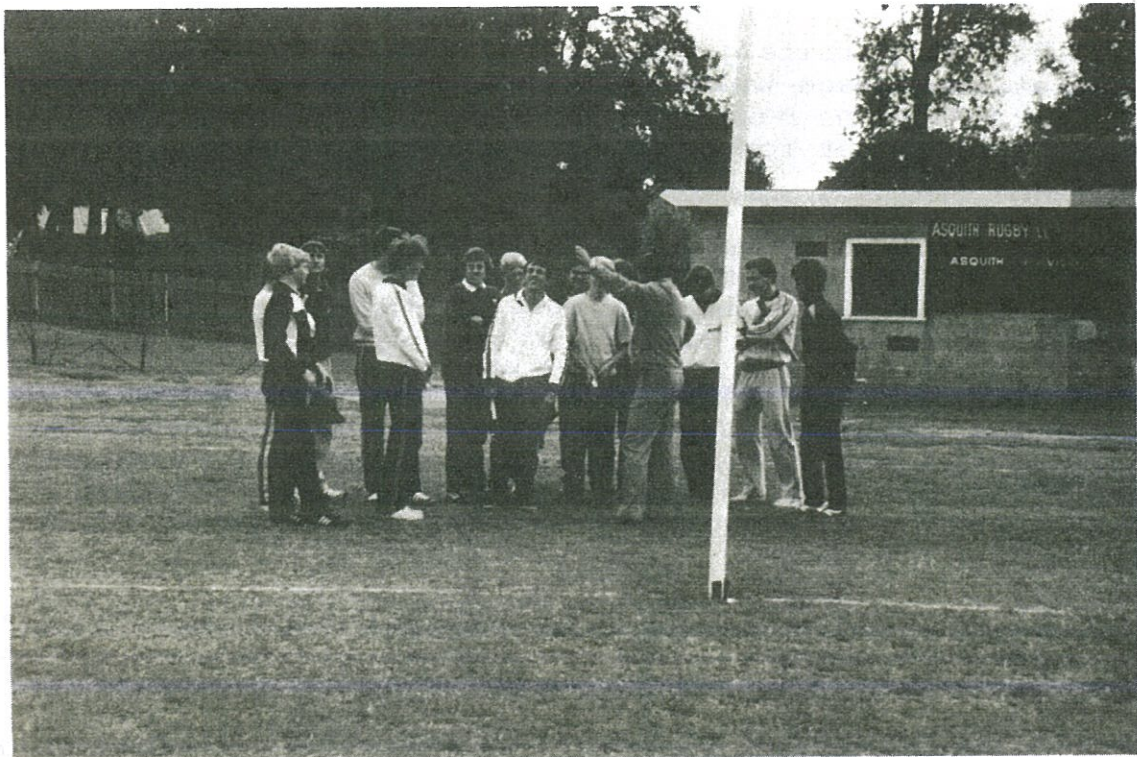
Bill Sarofim seems to be caught up.



John Sharpe shows how it's done when the ball crosses the line.



New President of the N.S.W. Referees - Mr. Ian McCall - who gave a most interesting talk at one of our Seminars last year. He is seen in both these photos with a very attentive audience.



Secretary's Report

After careful deliberation and looking at my notes on the year's events, it wasn't hard to come up with the conclusion that 1984 will go down as a very hard year. Administratively wise, from the last months of 1983 into the early months of 1984, the uncertainty of what was going to happen and what eventually did happen, will in what our President said, stay with us for some time. With the election of Erle Carroll as president, it was an indication of the work and dedication he has put into this Association from the start of his time with us. The first duty he performed was to hold an inquiry into incidents leading up to certain resignations. This was held promptly and efficiently and although the results didn't please everyone, it did get down to the bottom of things.

And so starts the 1984 season. Training commenced early January with Jim Neal and Alex Soane looking after the proceedings. Earlier this year we were caught unawares by the sudden passing of Alex Soane while on holidays. Alex has always been a great stalwart over many years.

Grade trials got under way and at the conclusion Robert Kiddle was graded.

Representative trails got under way. All our nominees had a run at some stage through the Competition and culminated with Chris Hopkins being appointed to the S.G. Ball Final. It was a good year for North Sydney and, of course, Chris. Congratulations.

Unfortunately, without a sponsor this year, we came back to earth. We still managed to outfit new referees with the finance we had and as the Treasurer's Report will show, we have a little left.

During 1984 we held seminars for the Junior and Senior Referees. These were attended by guests Jack Danzey and the new N.S.W. Referees President, Ian McCall; with Vince Smith giving assistance. Our thanks went to these gentlemen for their time and effort and to the Asquith Club for allowing us to use Storey Park Ground for the Seminar.

Brian Barry continually gives his time and expertise for the benefit of our referees. He keeps his eyes open when travelling, as well as spoke at the Junior Referees Dinner.

John Montgomery made a very welcome return to our Association as a guest speaker at the Junior Referees Dinner. He gave a very interesting talk which was appreciated by all present. Thanks John and Brian for your help on this evening. It added to make it a successful night.

This year the Junior League reintroduced the Appointments Board under the chairmanship of Colin Jones after years of the directorship of John Quinn. This proved to be, in my opinion, not to be the best step for the benefit of our Referees. The composition of the Board, though they worked to their capacity, due to their other commitments, prevented them from giving their all.

Socially this year proved a success for the ones who wanted to attend the many and various functions. To Chris Hopkins and his committee, my thanks for the hard work that was put in.

The Junior League celebrated their 75th year with a very successful Dinner held mid year. After reading their book of History Notes, it is not hard to appreciate and understand what makes a competition and the people who put it all together.

Our fellows officiated during the Leagues Club Cup, H. McKinnon Shield and the normal M to A Grade; travelling from Mosman to Hornsby; Pennant Hills to Berowra. They did the Association proud with their dress and attitude.

Our thanks to the wives, mothers and girlfriends for helping to put them on the paddock in such a grand manner.

A special mention to President Erle, who put a lot of hard work into a difficult year, and to his wife Sylvia for her continued support.

To the Executive Members: Colin Jones in his new job as Treasurer; to John Boyle, Assistant Secretary; Tony Brown, Steve Betts and Brian Davoren - Vice Presidents. Also to Chris Hopkins, Social Secretary, and Milton Cooper, our Patron.

My thanks also to my wife, Dymphy, who has supported me during a very difficult year.

To all members of the Association, my thanks for their support and I hope the 1985 season will be much better for all concerned.

BRIAN MINNETT



*A lot of thought, a little humour and concentration
in this scene.*

Ronald Marsden, David Smitheram and Peter Hawkins.



*It's the Director of Mini Football again; this time
finding it hard to keep up with play - Michael Quaily.*

Leagues Club

1984 saw the Leagues Club under the guidance of Mr. Peter Flint and his staff improve its position financially. Our sincere thanks go to Kevin Marr, Peter Flint and Bronwyn McFarlane for their help in 1984. We look forward to another close liaison in 1985.

District Club

The 1984 season will go down as a disappointment for coach John Hayes - to go so close to winning the important games and to lose in the closing minutes.

The 1985 season under new coach Greg Hawick, will be a difficult one, but our best wishes are with him.

The lower grades had a much better season than usual.

Our thanks to Ken McCaffery and the Football Club for their support.

Vale

To all the families and friends who have suffered losses, our deepest sympathy is extended to them in 1984.

This year saw the passing of three prominent members of the N.S.W. Association and League - Steve Carey and Alex Soane and Joe McGauley.

Alex was of tremendous help to our Association. His continued involvement was very important to us, especially at the start of each season. His training programs always got us off to a good start. He will be sadly missed by us all. To his wife, Gwen and family, our deepest sincere sympathy.



One of our new juniors - Peter Minnett - under the watchful eye of Robert Kiddle.



What a threesome:

*Andrew Stokes
Michael Quaily
John Boyle*



The Director of Mini Football has a comforting hand for Robert Kiddle, while Peter Minnett thinks it's all a little odd.

L Grade Grand Final

Asquith v Pennant Hills

Referee: ROBERT KIDDLE

Touch Judges: PETER HAWKINS
PETER MINNETT



M Grade Grand Final

Pennant Hills v Berowra

Referee appointed - GEORGE
ANGUS unavailable through
injury

Referee: MICHAEL QUAILY

Touch Judges: WAYNE MCGHEE
ANDREW STOKES



Congratulations

Mr. Tom Bellew on being elected President of the N.S.W. Rugby League.

Mr. Erle Carroll on his 14th A Grade Grand Final and winning the Bob Purcell Trophy for the fourth time.

Mr. Vince Smith on being appointed to the 1st Test Australia-England as Touch Judge.

The North Sydney District Junior League President Cup side: John Kilduff, Coach, and John Quinn, Junior League Secretary, for helping the team reach the Final of the Cup.

David Smitheram on being elected School Captain of St. Leo's College for 1985.

A special thanks to Dr. George Angus for his help during the season to his fellow referees with injuries.

Mr. Chris Hopkins on being appointed to the S.G. Ball Final as Referee and being awarded his Jacket at our Ladies Night.

John Quinn on being elected Secretary of the North Sydney Junior League.

Mr. Kevin Roberts on refereeing the 1st Grade Grand Final.

Steve and Clare Betts on the birth of their third child - a son, Phillip.

John Montgomery on becoming a Grandfather (it has changed him).

Ron Carey on becoming a Grandfather for the first time. (Talk about sympathy labour pains - the pain was such that he took leave long before the birth). Congratulations Ron and John Montgomery.

North Sydney District Junior League on them celebrating their 75th Year - a great achievement.

Robert Kiddle on being graded.

Vince Smith, Steve Betts and Colin Jones on being re-graded.

Special thanks to Neil McMahon and the Balmain Referees Association for assistance in giving us the main notes for our Seminar.

NUMBER OF MEETINGS: 12

LIFE MEMBERS

B. Barry	8	3A	1 L/A
T. Bellew	1		
* E. Carroll	12		
B. Cowley	1		
R. Hammond	2		
G. McManus	3	1A	
B. Minnett	12		
J. Porteous	1		
J. Quinn	3		
J. Burdon			
R. Carey			
A. Gailbraith			
H. Carrick			
D. Haldernan			
M. Hogan			
A. Jones			
A. Leane			
J. Montgomery			
S. Morris (Sr.)			
S. Morris (Jr.)			
R. Smyth			
E. Tinsley			
B. Davoren	6	1A	
* Active			

HON. MEMBERS

Jim Anderson	1		
Patrick Boyd			
Ron Atkinson	1		
Jim Brannigan	2	(Del)	
John Byrne	10		
Milton Cooper	5		
Peter Gilmour			
Bill Lalor	1		
A.E. Brown	10	2 A	
Steve Betts	10	2 A	
Max Thurgate	2		
Ray Reilly	1	1 A	

SENIOR - ACTIVE

G. Angus	10		
Rev. T. Bell	2	1A	
P. Barton	1		
D. Burge	2	1A	
J. Boyle	11		
S. Clarke	9	2A	
C. Dyherberg			
G. Field	3	2A	
D. Habermann	8	1 L/A	
C. Hopkins	12		
D. Hunt	1	1A	
C. Jones	12		
R. Kiddle	12		
M. Quailey	12		
M. Ryan	9	2A	
V. Smith	1	1A	
G. Thurgate	7	1A	
S. Tulkinsky	3	(21/6/84)	
B. Sarofim	11		
J. Neal	10		
P. Hawkins	3		
W. McGhee	8		
G. Howarth	11		
B. Phelps	2		

JUNIOR - ACTIVE

A. Stokes			
B. Cooper			
S. Greig			
R. Marsden			
T. Nicholson			
J. Sharpe			
R. Stewart			
D. Smitheram			
P. Minnett			
D. Van Es			
S. Tutill			
D. Fitzsimmons			

NORTH SYDNEY DISTRICT RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31.12.1984

Balance as at 31.12.83 \$ 232.44

Plus Receipts

North Sydney Football Club	\$ 4,052.00	
North Sydney Leagues Club	1,528.00	
New South Wales Referees	613.00	
1984 Fees (see Note 1)	32.00	
Gear (see Note 1)	53.20	
Functions (see Notes 1 and 2)	2,329.00	
Lapel Badges	3.00	
Donations	20.00	
Transfer of Funds from B.S.	8,616.60	
Insurance Refund	<u>11.81</u>	
		<u>17,258.61</u>
		<u>\$17,491.05</u>
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Less Payments

Social Secretary's Expenses	37.60	
Payments to Referees (Note 1)	12,659.30	
Bank Fees	75.21	
Functions (see Note 2)	3,146.79	
Tape	264.60	
Gear	126.85	
Sponsorship Payments (see Note 4)	630.60	
Affiliation with N.S.W.R.A.	5.00	
Secretary's Expenses and Phone Bill	<u>357.30</u>	
		<u>17,303.25</u>

Balance as at 31.12.84 187.80

\$17,491.05
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ST. GEORGE BUILDING SOCIETY ACCOUNT

<u>Balance at 31.12.83</u>		\$2,076.30
<u>Plus Receipts</u>		
North Sydney Football Club	5,680.00	
North Sydney Leagues Club	2,874.00	
Darwin Referees (tape)	126.00	
T.N.T. Roadfast	500.00	
Interest	<u>150.74</u>	<u>9,330.74</u>
		\$11,407.04
		=====
<u>Less Payments</u>		
1984 Insurance Premiums	364.16	
Transfers to Current Account	8,616.60	
Government Charges	<u>5.00</u>	<u>8,985.76</u>
<u>Balance at 31.12.84</u>		\$2,421.28
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.12.84

<u>Members Funds</u>		\$2,686.48
<u>Cash at Bank</u>		187.80
<u>Cash on Deposit -</u>		
St. George Building Society		2,421.28
<u>Tape</u>		58.50
<u>Gear (socks)</u>		<u>18.90</u>
		\$2,686.48
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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

NOTE 1

AMOUNTS DEDUCTED FROM REFEREES' PAYMENTS (included in receipts but not shown as same)

1984 Insurance Premiums	91.00	
1985 Insurance Premiums	389.00	
1984 Fees	1,367.00	
Gear	32.70	
Functions	70.00	
Tape	<u>120.00</u>	<u>\$2,069.70</u>

NOTE 2 - FUNCTIONS

Receipts

Convivials	116.00	
Burning Log	676.00	
Junior League 75th Dinner	225.00	
Grand Final BBQ	172.00	
Junior Dinner	360.00	
Ladies and Presentation Night	<u>780.00</u>	<u>\$2,329.00</u>

Plus deductions from payments 70.00

Total \$2,399.00

Payments

Convivials	187.95	
Burning Log	676.00	
Junior League 75th Dinner	300.00	
Grand Final BBQ	169.71	
Junior Dinner	381.85	
Ladies and Presentation Night	<u>1,431.28</u>	<u>\$3,146.79</u>

Net Deficiency \$ 747.79

NOTE 3

ST. GEORGE BUILDING SOCIETY ACCOUNT includes:

Special Sports Fund	150.00	
Legal Contingency Fund	150.00	
Sponsorship Account	1,089.70	
1985 Insurance Premium	389.00	
Members Ordinary Funds	<u>642.58</u>	<u>\$2,421.28</u>

N.B. This account has earned \$150.74 in interest during 1984

NOTE 4

SPONSORSHIP ACCOUNT (included in St. George Building Society A/C)

Receipts

T.N.T. Roadfast	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
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Payments

M. Harris (Flag Printing)	183.00	
A.E. Brown (Postage)	27.60	
E. Carroll (Gear)	133.30	
Peerles Ind. (Track Suits)	240.00	
B. Minnett (Rule Books & Flags)	<u>46.70</u>	<u>\$630.60</u>

Treasurer's Report

Season 1984 was one of belt tightening due to the loss of our previous sponsor. I would like to thank T.N.T. Roadfast for their continued support during the year.

Many thanks to my fellow Executive members for their help during 1984.

C.R. JONES
HON. TREASURER

AUDITORS' REPORT

In our opinion, the above Balance Sheet and Statement of Receipts and Payments of the N.S.D.J.R.L. Referees Association are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs as at 31.12.84.

We also advise that we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

(SIGNED) J. BYRNE
G. McMANUS

Appointments' Board Report

As with other areas concerning the Association in 1984, the system of appointing referees underwent significant change. After occupying this post for one season, my respect and admiration for the previous Directors, John Quinn and Huck Boyd, has grown to a level that I thought was not possible. These two gentlemen carried a workload which very few people realised and/or appreciated.

However, the loss of John and Huck coincided with the changing of the system in North Sydney District, in order to keep pace with changes made in appointing Grade referees. Erle Carroll, Brian Minnett, Robert Kiddle and Denis Habermann joined me in introducing the new system - many thanks gentlemen for your efforts in a difficult job.

Although the system underwent change, many of the old problems continued to trouble it. Grade commitments for Robert and myself prevented us from visiting all but a few grounds on Sundays, and the loss of Denis during the season further complicated matters. Every effort was made to see all referees in action, but it was not possible to see everyone each week. As usual some referees were more understanding than others. Also, the advice offered by board members to referees met with varied reactions. Remember, a referee who cannot bring himself to listen to advice is hurting the players, as well as himself.

Today, the District referee is given much more in the way of gear than his predecessor. Sponsorship has made it easier financially for the referee to outfit himself correctly. However, it is still the responsibility of the individual referee to present himself in a well-groomed manner. All too often during the season, complaints about referees' performances also contained complaints about their dress. This is a case of a small number of members detracting from the efforts of the majority.

Congratulations must go to our Representative Squad for their successes this season. The North Sydney banner was held high by every one of our men. Each also owes a great deal of thanks to John Quinn and Huck Boyd for guiding and encouraging their progress in past seasons.

Finally, I thank all of the members and those outside of the Association who tried to make our task easier in 1984. We also look forward to seeing improvements in each referee during the 1985 season.

COLIN JONES
Chairman
Referees' Appointment Board

Junior Referees

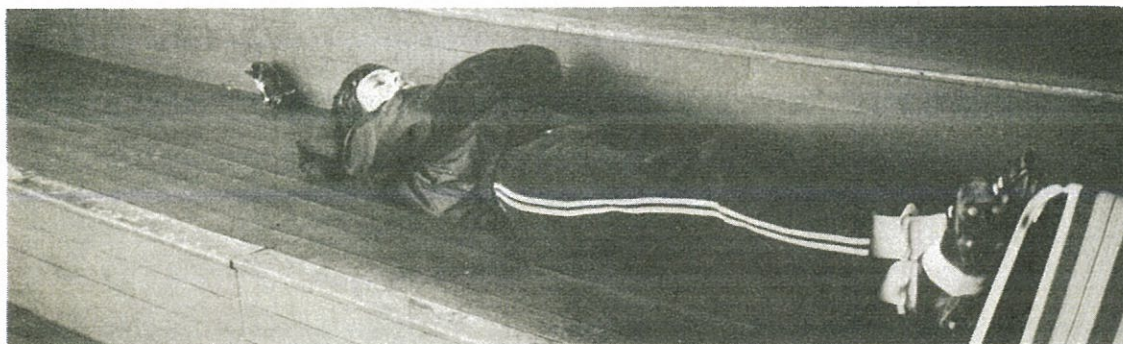


Again in 1984 our Junior Referees gave of their best for this Association. They worked hard and long, officiating on all fixtures from M through to A grade.

St. Leo's College, Wahroonga, again was the main source of these lads.

A special mention must go to our senior junior, David Smitheram. He follows in his brother's footsteps in being named School Captain for 1985. Congratulations, David.

The photo below tells the story. David Smitheram felt he had to catch up on some sleep after he had just finished one centre and three lines and one to come that day.



Junior Referees' Report

The 1984 season got under way as usual with training nights at Lofberg Oval. From then on we were to meet many changes, testing all referees, especially the juniors.

The first change we had this year was that of our president. Without the guiding hand of John Quinn, the juniors had to learn about self motivation in their dress and appointments, to keep up with the Association's fine reputation. After a slow start, then a few words from Erle Carroll, the juniors continued to improve their appearance and refereeing throughout the year.

Other changes this year included: no time out for kicks, photo I.D. cards for the players and the formation of our Appointments Board. With this new system, we received reports from a variety of senior referees and officials.

In June we had a seminar at Storey Park with special guest speakers Jack Danzey and Ian McCall. We also heard from Brian Minnett, Vince Smith, Colin Jones, Robert Kiddle, Mr. Quinn and Erle Carroll. With this wealth of knowledge, plus the notes from the Balmain Referees Association, we couldn't help but pick up something to improve our game.

The juniors started with twelve referees, but due to injuries and study commitments, our members were less at times. David Van Es and Brian Cooper were among our losses in the middle of the season. We wish them luck in their H.S.C. results and their senior refereeing next year.

Steve Greig's progress was halted by injury mid-season, although he has since returned and gained a grand final line; he is sure to go far next year.

Robert Stewart moved to Dapto during the season. He has now moved back to Hornsby, so we hope to see him back refereeing again in '85.

These losses meant a lot more games for the rest and also the opportunity for advancing through the ranks. This year Peter Minnett gained appointments in the centre and a grand final line. As for David Fitzsimmons, well "Things were really getting hot" for him as he gained his position in the centre.

Ron Marsden, Trevor Nicholson, John Sharpe, Andrew Stokes and Sean Tutill have all improved greatly, and each gained lines on Grand Final Day at North Sydney Oval.

Once again this year the bowling night was a successful social event; so too was our Junior's Dinner at North Sydney Leagues Club with guests John Montgomery and Brian Barry. The Junior Referees would like to thank the Social Committee for their efforts this year.

Throughout all the challenges presented to us this year, we were assisted greatly by all the senior referees in transport and advice. Thanks must go to them, so too we thank our parents for their support and help.

All the Junior Referees have requested that special thanks go to Brian Minnett for his comprehensive, yet encouraging reports, and the unlimited time he has given to us this year.

With another season's experience gained, plus the competition which exists within the juniors, 1985 should see more juniors with centres on Sunday, or many other personal goals fulfilled.

DAVID SMITHERAM



*Our Christmas Chinese Dinner Night.
What a bright bunch.*



*We had two tables for our Members. One for
us, one for the Carrolls.*

*Special Note: See our President - Erle
Carroll*

The Hopkins File -Socially-

Socially, 1984 was a year where the Social Committee tried to cater for the many and varied tastes of those we thought would patronize the social events.

We started the year off with a bowling night at Hornsby Bowl, which was one of the most successful nights, with a big attendance. Many members came with their family and friends, making it a very enjoyable night for all. Our thanks must go to Bob Clark Butchery for his kind donation of the prizes.

A number of years have elapsed since we held a night out at the Burning Log Restaurant at Dural. We decided to again try our luck at this venue, and found support for the night to be quite good. The food was excellent and the entertainment was even better. Audience participation was excellent from our two tables, with Bill Lalor and his performing hanki, showing that he is not to be sneezed at as a magician. Robert Kiddle had everyone fooled with his Peter Cook impression and showed all present that he is not one to horse around.

We organized to go to the Cumberland Gang Show in May, but only two replies came in so this event was cancelled.

Another event that was cancelled was the Games Night we had planned for July, but due to a lack of interest, it did not eventuate.

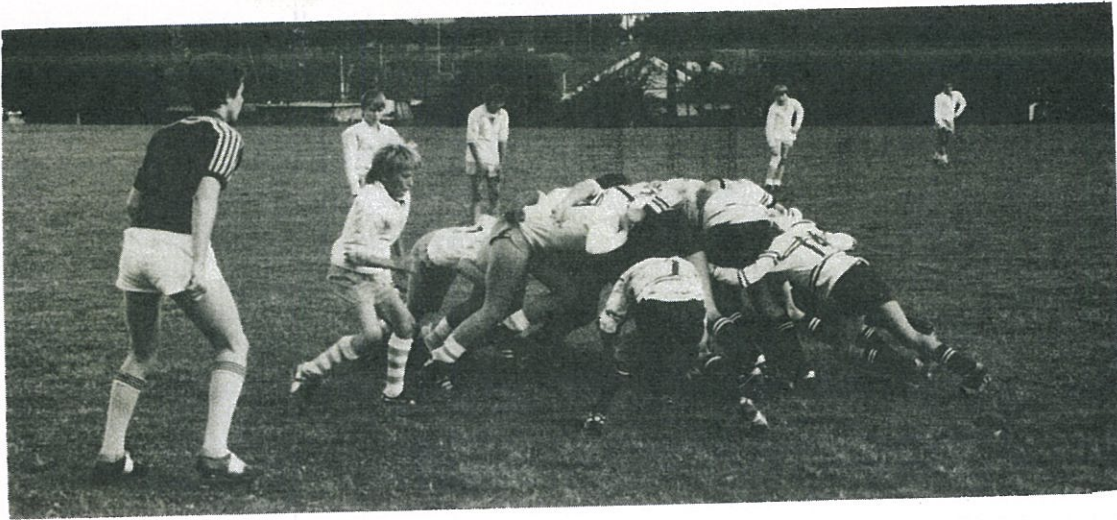
A new venue was tried in the never-ending quest for the perfect social event. In mid July we went to the Asian Palace Restaurant at Baulkham Hills. A fine 8 course banquet was served and proved such a success that our Christmas Night Out was also held at a Chinese Restaurant, but this time at the House of Chan at Hornsby.

We were very well represented at the Junior League 75th Anniversary Dinner, with 14 members and their wives and girlfriends attending.

This year saw us return to the site of our inaugural Grand Final Bar-B-Q. It was held at the home of Glen and Jenny Whitney. Our thanks go to them for their hospitality and also to Malcolm Woodcock for giving us a hand to polish off some of the beer which we had trouble drinking.

Two days after the Grand Final Bar-B-Q, the Junior Referees' Dinner was held in the Kameraigal Room at the Leagues Club. Brian Cooper was the M.C. and showed everyone that he is developing a vocabulary rivaling Martin Ryan's.

The year culminated with what turned out to be the highlight of our social calendar. It was probably one of the



David Smitheram sets his scrum.



John Boyle keeps his eye on things.



Michael Quaily always seems to have his hands full.

Our Annual Bowling Night produced some surprises as the following photo will show.

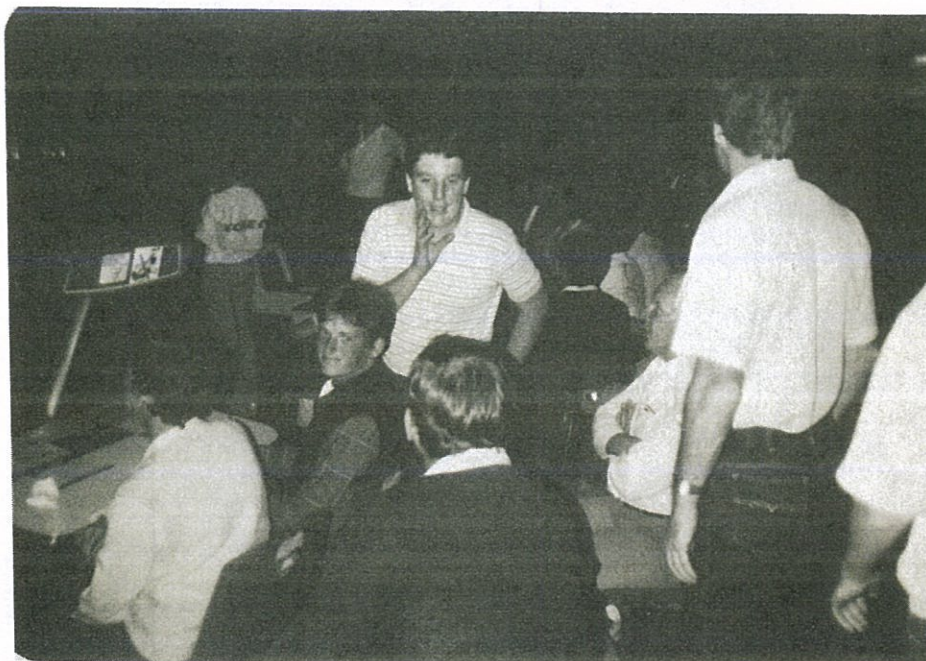


Our Patron, Milton Cooper awards Donna-Maree Neal her prize for the lowest score.



Our Social Secretary, Chris Hopkins, awards Mr. Marsden his prize for the highest score.

Patrick Hopkins is telling me what he thought of that Bowl.





Our Patron - Milton Cooper - keeps his eyes on the scorers.



You won't see this too often. Robert Kiddle rides his wooden horse during his Burning Log Restaurant performance.



This was the night Bill Lalor had a hole burnt in his handkerchief. At first he wasn't amused.

the most successful Ladies Nights for a long time. Financially it proved to be less costly than other years and from all reports, very enjoyable.

This year we used the Leagues Club's facilities and we were able to obtain the services of a Moby Disc which provided music suitable to the people who attended.

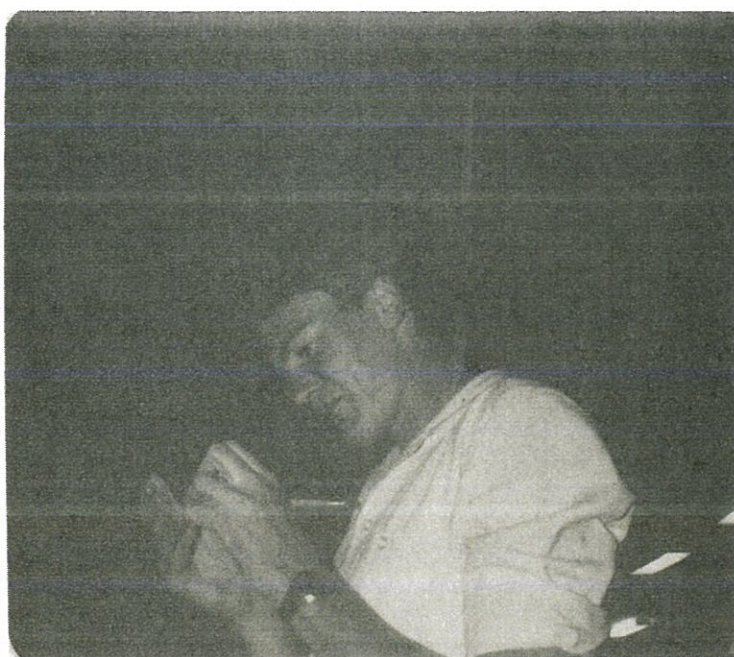
Congratulations must be extended to Erle Carroll who was the winner of the Bob Purcell Trophy. In his first year as President, Erle certainly performed all his duties in a credible manner, and with refereeing his 14th A Grade Grand Final, was a worthy recipient.

The major highlight of the night was the presentation of a jacket to Vince Smith for his Test Match Appointment earlier in the year. Vince was a very proud recipient and after Brian Minnett had presented the jacket, Vince responded in a manner befitting the honour bestowed upon him.

All in all, it was an enjoyable year socially, and those who attended the social events found that the company was always pleasurable and were never without a dull moment.

CHRIS HOPKINS

*This year's Guessing Competition.
What is Martin Ryan doing? The winner and the
prize will be announced at the A.G.M.*



RESULT OF BALLOT - 1985

PATRON _____

PRESIDENT _____

HON. SECRETARY _____

ASSIST. SECRETARY _____

HON. TREASURER _____

SOCIAL SECRETARY _____

VICE PRESIDENT - SENIOR

DELEGATES TO N.S.W. REFEREES ASSOCIATION

DELEGATES TO NORTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUE

HON. AUDITORS (2)

In Memorium

The club was saddened to learn of the passing on this week of the club's most valuable member - Someone Else.

Someone Else's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Someone has been with the club since it first started and did far more than any normal person's share of the work.

Whenever there was a job to do, a social function to attend, funds to be raised, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's lips - "Let Someone Else do it".

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was one of the largest contributors of time to the club; whenever there was a need for volunteers, everyone just assumed Someone Else would volunteer. Someone Else was a wonderful person - sometimes appearing superhuman, but a person can only do so much. Now it is realized, everybody expected too much.

Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to do the things Someone Else did?

When you are asked to help, remember. WE CANNOT DEPEND ON SOMEONE ELSE ANY MORE - WHY NOT VOLUNTEER NOW!

