

New South Wales
Rugby Football League
Referees' Association

THE SIXTY-NINTH
REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

For Presentation, Wednesday, 2nd February, 1977

A. SHINER
President

O. COHEN
Hon. Treasurer

E. COX
Hon. Secretary
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N.S.W. RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

NOVEMBER, 1976

Dear Sir,

The Annual Meeting will be held at the New South Wales Leagues Club in the Ballroom, 165 Phillip Street, Sydney on Wednesday, 2nd February, 1977 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

BUSINESS

1. Minutes of last Annual Meeting
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E. COX
Hon. Secretary

OFFICIALS FOR 1976

PATRON

Mr. C. Wigzell

PRESIDENT

Mr. A. Shiner

VICE CHAIRMAN

Mr. L. Bruyeres

HON. SECRETARY

Mr. E. Cox

HON. TREASURER

Mr. O. Cohen

ASST. HON. SECRETARY

Mr. L. Buckley

VICE PRESIDENTS

Messrs. D. MacDonald (Snr. V.P.), B. Barry, J. O'Sullivan

N.S.W.R.F.L. DELEGATES

Messrs. E. Cox, J. Montgomery, L. Bruyeres (Deputy)

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Mr. F. Walsh

COMMITTEE

Messrs. J. Farrelly, G. Benson, R. Freeman,
D. Wintin, K. Page, C. Hudson

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. B. Barry, D. Braybrook, F. Walsh,
K. Page, M. Tomsett, P. Ellis, M. Godfrey

AUDITORS

Messrs. C. Hudson, R. Dick

DELEGATE TO S.M.R.L.

Mr. A. Holt

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Messrs. B. Barry, N. Clements, P. Ellis, M. Tomsett,
C. Turnell, T. Murphy

UNIFORM COMMITTEE

Messrs. L. Green, E. Pepper, J. Farrelly,
W. Grono, P. Ellis, C. Turnell, D. MacDonald

HANSEN MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The Executive and Messrs. F. Walsh, L. Buckley,
B. Barry, S. Carey, D. Braybrook, J. O'Sullivan, C. Brown

FEEES COMMITTEE

K. Page, L. Bruyeres, D. Braybrook, B. Barry (Proxy)

MESSAGE FROM THE PATRON

It is my pleasure to once again make a few comments to the Association's Annual Report for the past season.

As is usual, we can always look back on a season just completed to determine in retrospect whether we have achieved the measure of success we had hoped for or not, both as Association and as individual members of the Association.

The administrative affairs of the Association were conducted in the usual efficient manner by the Executive Committee and Social Secretary, and this they were ably supported by our Delegates to the N.S.W. Rugby League. To all concerned we extend our sincere congratulations.

May I include my sincere thanks and appreciation to all members of the Association in electing me to receive the George and Amy Hansen Memorial Trophy to which I am very honoured to receive.

Although we look back in our success in the past we must also hold ourselves in readiness for the coming season and the only way one is to receive success is to keep conversant with the laws of the game and not become complacent, as further avenues of success are available to a Referee only if he is prepared to continue to keep himself physical fit and prepared for what ever appointment he receives.

In conclusion may we look forward with continued success, not only for ourselves but for Rugby League in general and may we all have a successful year.

C.E. WIGZELL

Patron

Gentlemen,

All in all it was quite a good year for Rugby League and the Referees' Association in particular. The improvement in refereeing throughout the year was very noticeable, which was reflected by the standard of football accomplished.

At one stage there were no less than seven teams vying for the semi-finals and the honour of receiving the Giltenam Shield. However, full marks to Manly, who, with a long sustained effort of enterprising and consistently good football, were the eventual winners.

Congratulations to Gary Cook for being appointed to the grand final and also his first interstate game.

Congratulations also to all referees who officiated at all games for the high standard achieved throughout the year. I take this opportunity to impress upon members that the aim of the Association is to improve the standard of refereeing in an atmosphere of harmony and good fellowship.

Hard work and dedication were duly rewarded - Eric Cox was appointed Co-Manager of the New Zealand touring team. Although not a highly successful team on the field, they were successful as good ambassadors - Congratulations Eric.

Your regular attendance at meetings shows your interest, loyalty and support, which is all one can expect from a happy Association.

In closing I desire to express my thanks to the Executive Officers of the New South Wales Rugby League for their courtesy and co-operation.

Thank you one and all,

A.W. SHINER
President

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I submit for your approval and adoption the 1976 Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

Season 1976 was what could be termed a Club Season with no touring teams present in this country and what a great season for Rugby League and Referees.

The season was very colourful and we saw our Referees join into the spirit of things in an endeavour to update our gear. Our chaps certainly looked colourful on the day of the Grand Final and since that day the gear worn has travelled as far afield as Western Australia.

For Tom Bellew, our popular Life Member and Vice President of the N.S.W.R.F.L. 1976 will be a year to remember because we saw Tom appointed Co-Manager of the N.S.W.R.F.L. Touring Team to Queensland and the team performed very successfully.

A big year for Gary Cook. Whilst he missed out last season due to illness he made amends and controlled his first Interstate Fixture and then received the big plum, the 1976 Sydney 1st Grade Grand Final. Congratulations Gary.

During the season I was fortunate enough to tour New Zealand with the Combined Sydney team where I witnessed some very fine wet weather football by the New Zealand players. Pleasing to note was the performance by the Referees in New Zealand.

Bob Lynch, Bob Cooper, John Percival and Noel Chissell turned in great refereeing in the games we played. Noel is an Indian lad and Bob Cooper is a Maori lad and both these chaps are a credit to their people and I am sure we will hear a lot more of these chaps in the forthcoming World Cup Series.

Well chaps, the World Cup is on again next year, 1977, in Australia and New Zealand and then a tour of Australia by the Great Britain team. To all the aspirants for International honours we wish you well and every success.

If the competition is as keen in 1977 as in 1976 amongst Referees of all grades, then Rugby League will once again see the best Referees performing.

I have received no notification of retirements from the Grade Ranks so far and this is good because in past years at least ten Referees have retired each season. It shows satisfaction and naturally the Director of Referees, Cliff Brown and his Board must be pleased with the results of 1976.

This year saw the Queensland Referees and N.S.W. Referees meeting in both States in an attempt to form an Australian Referees Council. So far progress is steady and we may see the Australian Referees Council come to fruition in 1977.

Thanks to all members for your support and my thanks to my Co-Executive Officers, Austin, Os, Monty, Frank and Lyle for your wonderful assistance.

To our generous donors during the season we extend a vote of thanks.

In conclusion I say it has been a privilege and pleasure to be your Secretary.

E. COX

Hon. Secretary
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the matter of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of New York, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

NOTICES OF MOTION

I wish to give notices of motion to alter the Constitution of the Association at the Annual Meeting of 1977.

- (1) RULE 7 - That the part which states "Three per cent (3%)" be amended to read "Four per cent (4%)".
- (2) RULE 7a - That this be amended to read "Ten Dollars (\$10) Membership subscription".

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F. COHEN (Proposer)

F. WALSH (Seconder)

It is requested that you advise the Commission of any changes in the information provided in the last report (bureau).

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Thank you very much for your letter of 10/10/68. I am sorry to hear that you are having trouble with your car. I will try to help you in some way.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The following Referees have been recommended to the Members by the Executive and Committee for Life Membership of the Association.

J. FARRELLY - Graded 1963-1976. Total years Membership - 14 years.

Attendance at Meetings:

1963	-	11	(14)	1970	-	16	(16)
1964	-	15	(16)	1971	-	15	(15)
1965	-	16	(16)	1972	-	13	(15)
1966	-	15	(15)	1973	-	15	(15)
1967	-	16	(16)	1974	-	14	(14)
1968	-	17	(17)	1975	-	16	(16)
1969	-	16	(16)	1976	-	16	(16)

Member of Social Committee - 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972

Member of Committee - 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976

Member of Coaching Division - 1975, 1976

G. BENSON - Graded 1962-1976. Total years Membership - 15 years.

Attendance at Meetings:

1962	-	16	(16)	1969	-	16	(16)
1963	-	14	(14)	1970	-	16	(16)
1964	-	16	(16)	1971	-	15	(15)
1965	-	15	(16)	1972	-	13	(15)
1966	-	14	(15)	1973	-	7	(15)
1967	-	16	(16)	1974	-	10	(14)
1968	-	17	(17)	1975	-	14	(16)
				1976	-	16	(16)

Member of Social Committee - 1968, 1969, 1970, 1974

Member of Committee - 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976

E. COX

Hon. Secretary

LIFE MEMBERSHIP HONOUR ROLL

K. ARNOLD	J. KELLY (D)
L. BAGGOTT	W. KELLY (D)
B. BARRY	W. KEOGH (4)
A. BELLERUM (D)	E. KERR
J. BATES (D)	A. KONNECKE (1)
T. BELLEW (4)	D. LAWLER
G. BISHOP (D)	P. LEE
J. BLACK (D)	T. LEFFLER
G. BOYD (D)	J. McGAULEY (2)
D. BRATTON	T. McMAHON (D)
T. BRENNAN (2)	D. MacDONALD (15)
R. BROCK (D)	M. MALONEY (D)
C. BROWN (15)	J. MARTIN
L. BRUYERES (13)	H. MILLINGTON (D)
J. BUCHANAN (D)	J. MONTGOMERY
E. BUCKLEY (D)	J. MOSES
S. CAREY (16)	J. MURRAY (D)
J. CLARKE (D)	W. NEILL (D)
A. COLLINS	J. O'BRIEN (2)
O. COHEN (16)	R. O'DONNELL (4)
T. COSTELLO (D)	J. O'SULLIVAN (15)
B. COWLEY (2)	A. OXFORD
W. CUKE	E. PAINE
R. CUMMINS	C. PEARCE (2)
E. COX (16)	G. PEARCE (D)
J. DAVIES	H. PIERCE (4)
A.J. DAVIES	H. POULTON (D)
L. DEANE (D)	H. ROWLANDS (D)
F. DELANEY (D)	L. ROSEN (3)
A. DENNIS (D)	L. SAMUELSON (3)
W. DEVINE SNR.	A. SHIPWAY
T. DICKESON (D)	R. SMYTH
R. DICK (13)	H. SCHUTEMA (D)
R.H. DRAKE (D)	C. SCHOMBERG (1)
H.J. ELLIOTT	A. SHINER (15)
F. ERICKSON	A. SOANE (8)
J. FARQUHAR (D)	A. SPANKIE
A. FARROW (D)	J. TURNER (D)
E. FLETCHER	E. TINSLEY
A. FIFIELD	B. WALES SNR. (D)
W. FRY (D)	A. WELSH (D)
T. GREW	F.W. WALSH (16)
G. GRIFFIN	C.E. WIGZELL (16)
J. GRIFFIN (D)	L. WILLIAMS (3)
J. HANSEN (D)	G. WIRTH (D)
A. HOLT (16)	R.J. WARD (3)
C. HUDSON (12)	C. YORKE

TOTAL = 94

DECEASED = 35

16 Meetings were held in 1976 and against each Member is their attendance.

HONORARY ASSOCIATE MEMBERS FOR LIFE

J.R. Drewes Snr. and W. Fallowfield, O.B.E.

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE
GRADED REFEREES FOR SEASON 1976 & ATTENDANCES (16)

B. APPS (12)	G. GUNNER (16)
R. ATKINSON * (13)	G. HARTLEY (11)
B. BARRY (14)	D. HAYMER * (10)
M. BEACROFT (8)	C. HAYNES * (13)
G. BENSON (16)	R. HENSLEY (14)
B. BOLTON * (15)	R. HUMPHREYS (12)
D. BOWRON (16)	M. KEEBLE (15)
B. BRADSTOCK (15)	J. KELLY (16)
G. BRAINE (15)	B. KENDALL (14)
D. BRAYBROOK (14)	W. KIRK - (10)
N. CISLOWSKI (14)	P. LONGHURST - (14)
N. CLEMENT (16)	D. MacDONALD (16)
R. COFFEY * - (5)	L. MATTHEWS (16)
J. COLENSO (8)	T. MURPHY * (16)
J. CONNOR (13)	N. McALLISTER (11)
E. COOK - (12)	I. McCALL (7)
G. COOK (15)	R. McDONNELL (13)
B. CROSS (16)	D. McLEAN (15)
J. DANZEY (15)	G. NORBERRY (12)
T. DELAUNEY (12)	K. PAGE (15)
M. DUNN * (12)	N. PATTEN - (12)
C. EDWARDS (9)	E. PEPPER (15)
P. ELLISS (15)	R. S. PIERCE - (12)
J. FARRELLY (16)	P. PIERCE (11)
F. FISHER - (14)	H. RUDY * (12)
P. FREEMAN - (10)	J. REYNOLDS (14)
R. FREEMAN (15)	K. ROBERTS (13)
R. GARWOOD (15)	W. SINCLAIR - (10)
B. GATELY * (13)	M. TOMSETT (16)
C. GILCHRIST (14)	C. TURNELL (16)
R. GOBITS - (10)	J. TURNER (11)
J. GOCHER (13)	F. WALSH (16)
L. GREEN (11)	B. WEBBER - (11)
H. GRIFFITHS * (15)	D. WINTIN (16)
W. GRONO (16)	B. WISEMAN (15)

TOTAL = 70

LIST OF NON-ACTIVE MEMBERS 1976

16 Meetings were held for 1976 and Attendances

A. AGGETT	H. GRIFFEN	A. NEVILLE (4)
B. BARNES	J. GRIFFITHS	D. NICHOLSON
G. BENNETT	A. HALL (13)	J. O'GONOR (1)
J. BISSETT	J. HARRIS (14)	J. O'KEEFE
P. BOWEN	G. HEDGER	D. PARDY
R. BOWMAN	C. HENNESSY	J. PARKINSON
J. BRADLEY	K. HOLMAN	W. PEARSON (3)
B. BUCKINGHAM	K. JEFFES (2)	R. PATTERSON
L. BUCKLEY (16)	J. JEWELL (9)	L. RANDLE
R. CAREY	B. KANDELAS (1)	A. PERRY (4)
J. COFFEY	G. KELLAHAN	N. SAVAGE
A. COLE	A. KNIGHT	A. SEE
W. CRAWFORD	J. McCOLL	R. SEMMENS
B. CRIPPS	U. McGUINESS (2)	R. SMITH (1)
K. COUCH	A. McGILVRAY (7)	J. STEWART
C. DIMON	R. McINTOSH	W. STEWART
M. EDWARDS	R. McJANNETT (4)	J. TIGEHURST
J. EEDY	L. McREYNOLDS	L. TURNER
T. EZART (1)	G. MAHER	B. WALES
P. FITTON (3)	K. MANTON	R. WARNER (2)
M. GODFREY (11)	R. MENSER	W. WHITE
P. GOLD	J. MITCHELL	J. WHYBROW
B. GOLDSWORTHY (1)	N. MORAITIS	S. WILLIAMS
K. GRAY (1)	R. MORRIS	A. WILLIS (2)

TOTAL = 72

AFFILIATIONS WITH THE N.S.W.R.F.L. REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

BALMAIN	Referees Assn.	NEWTOWN	Referees Assn.
CANTERBURY/BANKSTOWN	"	NORTH SYDNEY	"
CRONULLA/SUTHERLAND	"	PARRAMATTA	"
C.Y.O.	"	PENRITH	"
EASTERN SUBURBS	"	ST. GEORGE	"
MANLY WARRINGAH	"	SOUTH SYDNEY	"
METRO. BUSINESS HOUSES	"	UNIVERSITY CUP	"
N.S.W. PUBLIC SERVICE	"	WESTERN SUBURBS	"

N.S.W. COUNTRY R.F.L.	Referees Assn.
NORFOLK ISLAND R.F.L.	"
NORTHERN TERRITORY R.F.L.	"
PAPUA NEW GUINEA R.F.L.	"
WESTERN AUSTRALIA R.F.L.	"

TOTAL = 21

DELEGATE'S REPORT

Rugby League Officials are to be congratulated on the presentation of the 1976 Grand Final. They were rewarded of course by the outstanding and exciting football played on that day by the participating clubs in all grades. This was combined with an excellent exhibition of refereeing by Touch Judges and Referees and agreed to by all members of the N.S.W. Rugby League Committee. It was a culmination of what can only be described as a very satisfactory year for Rugby League in Sydney.

Earlier in the season there were a number of statements by Officials re Referees' standards etc, that caused a number of stormy New South Wales Rugby League Committee Meetings. However, it was evident as the year progressed that the majority of members on the Committee were more than ready to see that the Referees received a fair go from clubs and the media. In particular, strong support was always available from the Executive Committee to Eric Cox and myself on these matters.

Criticism of Referees is part and parcel of the game and should be accepted by the Referees providing that it is constructive and fair. Unfortunately at times criticism comes from some one-eyed Club Officials and some reporters of the media whose brains are not flexible enough to understand the rules they are reporting on and this type of criticism should be ignored.

There is however, a more damaging type of criticism and that is criticism of a Referee by a Referee to a Club Official or member of the media - a dangerous situation which should cease immediately.

Life Membership of the New South Wales Rugby League was bestowed on Mr. (Chicka) Cahill and Mr. Tom Goodman on 25/10/76. I believe everyone will join with me in congratulating these members on attaining such a high honour.

Our Secretary Eric Cox, crowned another successful year by being re-elected to the Board of the N.S.W. Leagues Club and culminating in a trip to New Zealand as Co-Manager of the Sydney touring side. Eric is a tireless worker for the N.S.W. Referees Association and it is hard to believe he can find time to carry out these additional duties so successfully.

Season 1977 will see the conducting of the 2nd International Series in Australia and New Zealand and this will be accompanied by a mini test tour by England. Once again we will be honoured by visits from English, French and New Zealand Referees for the International Series and of course one Australian Referee will be sent to New Zealand to officiate in some of these games.

Next year will also see the introduction of the "sin bin" which will be operating as a trial in the pre-season competition and possibly trial matches.

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DIRECTOR OF REFEREES REMARKS

Gentlemen, After two years of operation in Sydney I would suggest the method of appointment and control of Referees has been generally approved by the League, the Media, the Public, the District Referees enthusiastically and the Grade Referees with some reservation.

Many enquiries have been directed to me from a number of League areas seeking information on the correct manner to implement such a system and eventually from District to International level. I can see the method of a Director ably assisted by such members as we in Sydney are so fortunate to have as Advisory Members helping in such a way to make ways and means to maintain and improve our standard to satisfy even the most severe critic.

The invitation to our leading District Referees to attend the early Season training will be carried out again, and I hope the exciting atmosphere of being associated with the Grade Members will help them retain both their interest and keen desire to eventually be honoured with membership of the Grade rank.

Season 1977 is just around the corner and following our most successful Grand Final Day last year, when the Referees could be justly proud of their contribution, we must be sure that we apply all our efforts at every level to at least reproduce this commendable high standard and if possible to have more depth of talented men to make our position even stronger.

An awareness of the necessity to be physically fit at all times is now recognised by all Referees and early January should find everyone gradually easing themselves into the Season's training routine.

It is said that opportunity only knocks once, but this is not so in our particular field. Being ready to accept any challenge has often meant the difference between a successful career and one that promised so much yet failed to achieve the obvious potential.

It is to be hoped that the Members coming into our affiliated Metropolitan Associations are on the increase and that the responsible Officials will indicate to all that whilst the way to the top is never easy - ability, dedication, a desire to be part of a responsible body giving to it and to the game 100% effort will quickly excite the interest of the Board Members and their chance to attain higher honours could come much more quickly than anticipated.

My personal thanks to all who know that their personal contribution was beneficial to Rugby League and trusting each Member is ready, willing and anxious to do well in Season 1977.

C.D. BROWN
Directors of Referees N.S.W.R.F.L.

Delegate's Report Continued

A second meeting of Referees from Queensland, Country and N.S.W. Referees Associations was held in Sydney during October and agreement was reached on the constitution of the proposed Australian Rugby League Referees Council. The proposals will be brought forward to their various Referees Associations in the New Year to decide further action to be taken.

Finally to all Members of the New South Wales Referees Association I thank you for the opportunity of serving as your Delegate to the New South Wales Rugby League for Season 1976.

J. MONTGOMERY

Delegate

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT - 1976

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I again place before the Association the Annual Balance Sheet for 1976.

The General Fund finished in the red for the first time since I became Treasurer, the circumstances being beyond my control. All other accounts are in credit at a satisfactory level despite rising costs.

The reason for the deficit is the new tax system with the resultant drop in income to the Association, which would not have occurred under the old system.

The annual grant from the N.S.W. Rugby Football League has been delayed, but I have been informed just in time to insert in the "stop press" that an increased grant has just been approved by the Rugby League. When the cheque arrives it will show in next year's accounts.

On behalf of the Association may I say to the Rugby League thank you for your generous support it is very much appreciated.

Our thanks is extended for donations to the Association by W.D. & H.O. Wills and Rothmans of Pall Mall, also to all other donors for their support to the Association.

I wish to express my thanks to the Members for their support and co-operation during 1976.

F.O. COHEN

Hon. Treasurer

N.S.W. RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1976

General Account

Receipts		Expenditure	
Credit Balance	508.06	Printing & Stationery	280.78
Grade Members' Subs.	280.00	Postage & Stamp Duty	46.37
Balance Fees deduct	298.18	Telephone	218.07
Non-Active Members' Subs.	56.00	Floral Tributes	123.90
Affiliations	90.00	Blazers L.M.	157.00
Grant - Trial Matches	450.00	Entertainment	341.55
Donation W.D. & H.O. Wills	100.00	Plane Fares	394.40
Assoc. Ties & Badges	11.50	Golf Trophy & Engraving	15.75
Bank Interest	7.44	J. Neill (Testimonial)	20.00
	1801.18	Presentation (E. Cox)	36.85
		Convivial	101.13
		Loud Hailer	29.95
Bank Int. From Fees A/c	400.00	Honourariums	606.00
On Loan From Insurance Fund	200.00	Cash at Bank	59.43
	<u>\$2401.18</u>		<u>\$2401.18</u>

SPECIAL FUND			
Credit Balance 1975	1002.78	Papua New Guinea Refs. Ass.	50.00
Members Don. Bob Duncan Fund	135.00	Bob Duncan Fund	160.00
Bank Interest	55.09	Grant - F. Brennan	29.00
	1192.87		239.00
Unpresented Cheque	50.00	Cash at Bank	91.86
		S.I.A.	912.01
	<u>\$1242.87</u>		<u>\$1242.87</u>

INSURANCE FUND			
Credit Balance	1226.38	Cash at Bank	35.71
Grade Members Subs.	140.00	S.I.A.	1200.00
Bank Interest	69.33		1235.71
		On Loan to General Fund	200.00
	<u>\$1435.71</u>		<u>\$1435.71</u>

N.S.W. RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1976

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FEES ACCOUNT			
Receipts		Expenditure	
Credit Balance 1975	26.68	Paid to Referees	35007.40
Received from N.S.W.R.F.L.	35007.40	Bank Charges	15.10
Bank Interest	418.08	Stamp Duty	5.00
			35027.50
		Cash at Bank	24.66
		Bank Int. Trans. to	
		Gen. Fund	400.00
	\$35452.16		\$35452.16
SOCIAL FUND			
Credit Balance 1975	169.56	Annual Picnic	865.99
Social Levy	2130.00	Family Picnic	804.55
Grade Members Subs.	280.00	Ladies Night	837.19
Non-Active Members Subs.	56.00	Convivials	243.22
Nett Proceeds L.M. Night	123.00	Printing, Phone & Postage	52.00
Ladies Night (Collected Memb.)	137.00		2802.95
Annual Picnic (Collected)	80.00	Cash at Bank	509.75
Donations:			
Rothmans of Pall Mall	100.00		
N.S.W.R.F.L.	50.00		
N.S.W. Leagues Club	10.00		
J. Dreves	40.00		
J. Moses	80.00		
R. Smith	20.00		
J. Ballew	10.00		
	310.00		
Refund Lane Cove River Park	20.00		
Bank Interest	7.14		
	\$3312.70		\$3312.70

NOTE: Annual Grant from the N.S.W.R.F.L. of \$600.00 for Season 1976 not received in sufficient time for inclusion in the General Account Statement.

This is to certify that we have examined the accounts of the N.S.W. Rugby Football League Referees' Association and, in our opinion, they disclose a true state of affairs of the Association.

Signed C. HUDSON)
 Signed R. DICK) Hon. Auditors
 F.O. COHEN - Hon. Treasurer

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

09-70025
01-71
00-7
02-70038

Said to have been
George and Amy Hansen
Memorial Award

has since passed away.
Credit balance
W.F.W.B. and B. Bowler
to be paid back

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DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
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To all Members who suffered sad losses, we once again offer our deepest sympathies. Our thoughts were always with our mates in their hour of need. The tragic loss by accident of Mrs. Isabelle Cheshier, wife of Noel, left us all stunned. Noel is a member of South Sydney Referees, was a former Delegate to the Head Body. Isabelle was the proud wife and mother of three Referees and I can only say a great loss has been suffered.

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Director of N.S.W. Leagues Club

Representing N.S.W.R.F.L.:

E. Cox

WORTHY OF MENTION

One of our stalwart Life Members, Mr. Joe Moses, is now a Life Member of the N.S.W.R.F.L. after completing forty years service. A great achievement Joe and the members are proud of you.

The Uniform Committee along with John Skinner of C.R.L. have been sifting through ideas for New Fashions in Referees Gear and Badges. No finality as yet approved by the Association and League so we wait anxiously for their recommendations.

Queensland Referees anxious to have us in Queensland for four (4) day weekend during 1977, October or November. The idea is to play them at Cricket and Golf. The proposition is that they will Billet us to offset expenses and journey to and from by Parlour Coach. More developments in next few months and all members will be informed.

Cyril Wigzell and Frank Walsh travelled to Brisbane and represented us at the B.R.L. Referees 50th Dinner. A great night was had by all - Well done Brisbane Referees.

The men who controlled First Grade Fixtures were as follows:- B. Bradstock, D. Braybrook, G. Cook, J. Danzey, J. Gocher, G. Hartley, R. Humphreys, D. Macdonald, K. Page, K. Roberts and C. Turnell. A great effort by these and according to all reports they are being pushed by some of the lower grade Referees. Looks healthy for the League.

A bad year for assaults on Referees in Grade but more particularly in the District Football. It has been suggested at a meeting with the League Executive that where players or League Officials are involved in assaults on Referees then the sentences must be more severe otherwise our Ranks are going to become extremely thin.

How about during 1977 we have a big drive for new Referees in our respective districts. Suggest our slogan be "Bring a Mate Into Refereeing". Remember fellows, our District Ranks are getting thin and without them our Grade Ranks will suffer.

Miss Joan Thomas, that lovely lady of the League, has now resigned. Thanks Joan for your wonderful assistance to all Referees.

Suggested by 'Monty' we open a Topless Bar in the Leagues Club on Referees Meeting Nights as it may improve takings. If you like the idea let me know, we could cause an upsurge in business (hope it doesn't affect our attendances at meetings).

Wonderful effort - Father and Ron Refereeing in Grade at same time. Well done Ron and Paul Freeman.

E. COX

Secretary

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT 1976

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure I submit to you a review of the social activities of the Association for Season 1976.

CONVIVIALS

During Season 1976 a number of Convivials were held at the conclusion of the meetings giving members the opportunity to move amongst each other and getting to know the other members better.

At the final Convivial a presentation was made to Gary Cook, Brian Barry and Max Tomsett, the Referee and Touch Judges of the 1st Grade Grand Final. The presentation made on behalf of W.D. & H.O. Wills is a feature of the final Convivial.

A Convivial was held at the S.C.G. on the day of the City versus Country Fixtures where we took the opportunity to entertain the Referees who had come from the Country areas to attend the Annual Meeting. Our mates from these areas look forward to these get-togethers where we can exchange ideas with one another.

On the day of the N.S.W. versus Qld. Match a similar function was held to welcome Don Lancashire back to Sydney for this most important event.

LIFE MEMBERS PRESENTATION NIGHT

Beverly Hills Bowling Club was the venue for the Life Members Presentation Night when Mr. Reg Dick and Mr. Don Macdonald were made the recipients of the Life Membership Blazers of the Association.

179 people were in attendance to this most important event with most Associations being represented. The President, Mr. A. Shiner spoke on glowing terms of the work of both members for the Association.

Each lady was presented with a gift spray of perfume as a memento of the occasion and the usual goodies were distributed during the evening.

The same good relations continue to exist between this Association and the Executive of the Beverly Hills Bowling Club and this is a major factor in the success of the functions held there.

SPECIAL LADIES NIGHT

The Special Ladies Night was again held at Beverly Hills Bowling Club and was an outstanding success. Catering was again good, the band excellent with the pre-dinner drinks meeting the needs of the multitude.

A special feature of the night was the march of the Grenadier Guards on loan from the Palace for the occasion. I would like to thank Staff Sgt. Phil Elliss and Sgt. Major Bill Grono for their dedication to the training and the severe discipline for the night.

Also featured were the newly graded Referees or should I say those that attended were featured in the debutantes waltz. Those who attended this evening reckon that it was probably our most successful.

ANNUAL PICNIC

Picnic at Hanging Sock or Erko Oval was held on Sunday, 10th October, 1976 and after a week of near torrential rain the weather was fine and the track a little holding.

Attendance by members left a lot to be desired and this must seriously put a cloud over the continuance of this event, which once used to be the Blue Ribbon Event of the Referees Social calendar. With only 4, 5 or 6 members or visitors running in the various events, it was hardly worth the effort to stage a programme of the size and magnitude to which we have been used to.

All the drama and hassle associated with the hire of Randwick Race Course and then with Belmore Oval which was found to have been double booked, we finally ended up at Erko Oval in the shadow of the Aussie Rules Goal Posts. I found the gentleman at South Sydney Council who made the booking for me to be one of the most courteous and helpful people that I have ever dealt with and I am sure that if I had rang him on the day of the Picnic and told him of the lack of numbers in the races he would have come down and ran in the races himself.

A flying visit by the Gaming Squad just on tea-time caught "Joe the Bagman", who incidentally had a bad day on the results of the Sprints and as always never stuck for either money or a word he gave the Treasurer's name, address and phone number. All the members of the Qld. Delegation who were down for the conference at the N.S.W. Leagues Club attended the Picnic in force and if they and the Cooks hadn't have been in attendance the booking clerk would most certainly have got a jersey.

The lads from Qld. reckon that "Joe the Bagman" was the best act they had seen since their own Jo "Belchie" Petersen had his peanuts pulled out at Kingaroy. They had heard about our Picnics and the antics of some of the members and now alas they know it's all true.

I would like to thank those members who came along or brought visitors - I know that all in attendance did enjoy themselves.

FAMILY PICNIC

Moving on to Fullers Park again, following a further two weeks of rain, the day loomed bright and clear for the annual Family Picnic and the crowd was down slightly on previous years.

The children all brought their best appetites with them and all the ice cream soft drink and lollies were soon being demolished.

In addition to our usual star attractions this year we engaged Poncho, Bubbles and Pimples and these kept the crowd entertained and enthralled with their antics for an hour. No, they weren't 3 new referees, they were clowns, well maybe they had the makings of being good referees.

Each child received a toy and each lady a present and all who attended voted it to be one of the best ever.

GOLF DAY

The Annual Golf Day was held at North Ryde Golf Links under the control of the Balmain Referees Association and the teams event was won by Canterbury Bankstown and a most enjoyable day was had by all who participated.

CONCLUSION

I would like to thank President Austin, Secretary Eric, Treasurer Lyle, Steve Carey and the members of the Social Committee who have worked so very hard on your behalf. The Social Committee this season has been one of the best I have worked with, thanks fellas for the support and help.

Well Eric has done it again, took the family to Nowra for a B-B-Q on Sunday, found some timber hanging from an old hangar and burnt out the entire Navy Defence Force.

Well back to the Asylum, see you all at Redfern Oval and good wishes to you all.

F.W. WALSH

Hon. Social Secretary

(Counted) RESULT OF BALLOTS TUESDAY

PATRON: _____ HONORARY MEMBERS

PRESIDENT: _____

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: _____ FINANCE COMMITTEE

SECRETARY: _____

TREASURER: _____

VICE PRESIDENTS: _____

_____ SOCIAL COMMITTEE

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: _____

DELEGATE: _____

DEPUTY DELEGATE: _____ EXAMINERS FOR EXAMINATION BOARD

SOCIAL SECRETARY: _____

DELEGATES TO 2ND DIVISION: _____ MEMBERS FOR AFFILIATION BOARD

COMMITTEE: _____ GENERAL NOTES

RESULT OF BALLOTS (Continued)

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