

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



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THE SEVENTY-SIXTH REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

6th February 1984

Dear Sir,

The adjourned Annual Meeting will be held at the New South Wales Leagues Club in the Ballroom, 165 Phillip Street, Sydney on Wednesday 21st March 1984 at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

BUSINESS

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Hon. Secretary

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1983

PATRON

Mr. C. Wigzell, B.E.M.

PRESIDENT

Mr. D. Macdonald

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Mr. D. Braybrook

HON. TREASURER

Mr. J. Gocher

HON. SECRETARY

Mr. F. Walsh

ASS. SECRETARY

Mr. C. Turnell

VICE PRESIDENTS

Messrs. I. McCall (Snr.), J. Danzey, D. Wintin

DELEGATE TO N.S.W.R.F.L.

Mr. T. Murphy

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Mr. M. Stone

DEPUTY DELEGATE

Mr. A. Shiner

COMMITTEE

Messrs. N. Clements, J. Colenso, G. Cook, J. Harris, C. Gilchrist, B. Barry.

SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE

Messrs. D. Macdonald, F. Walsh, J. Gocher, I. McCall, T. Murphy, D. Wintin.

AUDITORS - Messrs. P. Longhurst, C. Gilchrist.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Messrs. C. Ward, B. Goldsworthy, L. Matthews, R. Pearce, R. Picard, B. Wiseman.

HANSEN MEMORIAL TROPHY COMMITTEE

Messrs. D. Macdonald, F. Walsh, J. Gocher, I. McCall, C. Turnell, M. Stone,
J. Harris, B. Wiseman.

SPONSORS TO THE ASSOCIATION - TNT Group of Companies

Chairman, Sir Peter Abeles, TNT Liaison Officers, W. Petley, L. Plowes.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

Messrs. D. Macdonald, F. Walsh, J. Gocher, M. Stone, P. Longhurst, I. McCall.

SEMINAR COMMITTEE

Messrs. D. Macdonald, F. Walsh, J. Gocher, I. McCall, D. Braybrook, J. Harris,
D. Wintin, E. Cox.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. D. Macdonald, F. Walsh, J. Gocher, G. Annesley, M. Tomsett, P. Pierse,
L. Matthews, P. Longhurst.

75TH YEAR CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Messrs. D. Macdonald, F. Walsh, J. Gocher, I. McCall, D. Braybrook, C. Turnell,
M. Stone

MESSAGE FROM THE PATRON

Season 1983 was one of the most momentous in the history of Rugby League.

To all Referees we extend congratulations on their appointments during the Season, and although sickness again prevented my attending as many meetings as in previous years, I was able to keep abreast of things that happened in the Association through members with their phone calls for which I am very grateful.

I watched Kevin Robert's performances in the Final and Grand Final with keen interest and feel he has enhanced his reputation with two fine performances.

With the change of personnel at League headquarters members are cautioned that unwise actions can have an adverse effect on the stability of the Association and care and restraint should be used at all times in this regard. It has taken 76 years of Teamwork to build a fine Association but, it needs only a few unthinking members to pull it down.

I am sure that members will continue to work in the best interests of the Association and I urge you all to do so.

In conclusion let us look forward to Season 1984 for the continued co-operation of all concerned for the advancement of the game of Rugby League.

C.E. Wigzell (B.E.M.)

Patron

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

The presentation of this Annual Report gives the members the opportunity to reflect back on the year's activities.

The highlight of the year was the 75th Anniversary dinner at The Sydney Turf Club Function Centre. The members old and new should be very proud that this association was host to such a wonderful evening.

A new sponsorship agreement was completed with T.N.T. for a further period. The benefits to referees in Sydney and country areas and our own association are vast. Thanks to the management of TNT for their continued interest and support.

It was gratifying to attend the N.S.W. Rugby Football League Forum "Rugby League - The Future", many interesting speakers addressed the gathering, and it is hoped that some of the suggestions from those who support the game may assist to improve the future of the code.

Congratulations to Kevin Roberts on his grand final appointment - a top effort - and to all other members on their personal achievements.

We go into 1984 with the sad loss of my own district association Newtown, one of the oldest associations, and one that has fostered many graded referees. Vale Newtown and Welcome Newtown - Campbelltown District Referees Association. I hope the change is in the best interest of the game.

With the possibility of a new concept to our meetings in 1984 it is hoped members will continue to show interest, and take the opportunity to further develop your skills in refereeing techniques.

President's Report (cont)

Thanks to those members and delegates who gave their continued support during 1983. May the future be personally rewarding to all of you.

Don MacDonald

President

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT 1983

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I submit for your perusal and enjoyment the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for Season 1983.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Past President of the N.S.W.R.F.L., Mr Kevin Humphries. Since I have been Secretary of this Association I have always found Kevin to be available when seeking an interview, prepared to listen and on most occasions receive a favourable reply to our requests.

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Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

On the field of play the game certainly didn't show any signs of a drop in standard with the new rules proving no great hassle to either Referees or Players and it is to the credit of all concerned that such an easy transition took place.

The Association took this League re-structure as an opportune time to review the Association's position and relationship with the Rugby League, the Clubs, the Media, and its own internal organisation. To handle this wide and varied mandate a Special Select Committee was elected to carry out the task. Elected were Messrs. D. Macdonald, F. Walsh, J. Gocher, I. McCall, T. Murphy and D. Wintin and many meetings were held to deal with all matters and submissions made by members covering all areas of our charter. A full and final list of submissions were made to a Special General Meeting called to receive and dispose of the Special Committee's Report. After a lengthy meeting with a full review of the Committee's Report taking some 4½ hours it was finally completed and forwarded to the N.S.W.R.F.L. for their consideration.

SPONSORSHIP

During the Season our second term of sponsorship by the TNT Group of Companies came to a very happy and successful conclusion. In a financial climate of depressed conditions and after many lengthy meetings a third agreement was finally negotiated for a further two (2) year period. The agreement will be reviewed at the end of this period to set possibly another three year term.

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

Although happy with the existing relationship between TNT and our Association the downturn in business forced the TNT Executive to adopt a cautious approach to our renewal application and liaison officers Mr. Lindsay Plowes and Mr. Bill Petley worked long and hard on ensuring an amicable arrangement was arrived at. This year for the first time the N.S.W.R.F.L. entertained representatives of the various sponsors during the Finals of the Competition and on behalf of the Association, Mr. Max Russo and Mr. Lindsay Plowes were nominated to represent TNT. Both were much appreciative of the Rugby League's effort on this day and I would like to extend our thanks to the N.S.W.R.F.L. for their courtesy.

Our thanks go out to the Senior Executive Officers of the TNT Group of Companies for their continued support and goodwill during the past season and we look forward to the same in season 1984.

Tom Smith, our friendly Tailor from Bankstown although retiring from business arranged to continue the gesture made last year of giving a dress shirt of the member's choice to all the members engaged in the Grand Finals. Many thanks, Tom.

Australian Sporting Sales Pty Ltd (Tiger) continued to support a wide cross-section of the Association in a most tangible way. The benefits to all concerned are quite considerable so I would urge all members who partake in this area to ensure the maximum effect is given to all who support us. I would like to record the Association's thanks to Laurie and Jim for their valuable assistance to our members during 1983 in particular for the manner in which they looked after our fellow referees from overseas, Julien Rascagneres (France) and Robin Whitfield (Great Britain) when I took them out to see them at short notice.

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

HONOURS

Life Membership honours were bestowed on Mr. Carl Gilch and Mr John Gocher in recognition of their many years of service to the Association. Both members have outstanding records of service and have made great contributions to the affairs of the Association.

The Life Membership Blazers were presented to Carl by Mr. Doug Wintin and to John by Mr. Eric Cox, this was a new departure to our usual method of presentation with both member suitably responding.

Carl

Carl Gilchrist was about to celebrate his Life Membership presentation with his long-time friend Doug Wintin, by downing a glass of vintage "Croydon Valley Red" when he was announced as the winner of the George and Amy Hansen Memorial Trophy for Season 1983. Carl, a member of the Advisory Board and Coaching Panel is also the President of the Cronulla - Sutherland District Referees Association. A fitting reward for one of Rugby League's dedicated workers.

Jack Harris O.A.M.

From the "Lair of the Mountain King" came the news that "Big Jack" had been awarded the Order of Australia Medal in the Australia Day Honours List for services to Rugby League in Sport. Jack has been one of the most dedicated members of the Association always prepared to assist, whenever and wherever needed. Congratulations Jack, well deserved.

Two of our members received the Life Membership of the N.S.W.R.F.L. in November with Messrs. Ray O'Donnell and Keith

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

Holman being elected to this high office. Both Ray and Keith have long and distinguished careers in Rugby League and the honours are a just reward for their work over many years. Keith has had long service going back to the late forties as a player, an international player with an unsurpassed record, a coach, an international referee and a club official.

Ray's record goes back to the late thirties when he started as a player taking up the whistle in 1946, First Grade Referee, International Touch Judge, Advisory and Appointment Boards over a long period of time.

Warmest congratulations to both these members on this achievement.

Vale

Season 1983 saw two of our long standing Life Members pass from our ranks.

Mr. Arthur Collins, who had recently turned 81 years of age passed away on July 11, 1983 and had been a Life Member for many years serving on the Referees Appointment Board, those who knew Arthur remember him as a very kindly gentleman, our condolences to his son and family.

Mr. Alec Shipway joined the Association from Eastern Suburbs R.A. after serving in the Army in the Second World War. Alex had a keen sense of humour and was always a very willing worker at the Picnics and any social function. He had reached International status as a Touch Judge and in later years he took a keen interest in Lawn Bowls joining the Matraville Club. A good mate of Les Samuelson he will be missed by all who knew him.

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

Former active referee from the 1940 era, Mr. Monty Perry passed away during the latter part of the year after a long illness. Monty was followed into the grade ranks by his son Albert. We extend condolences to Albert on his sad loss.

Mr Neil Macdonald, father of Don, passed away early in the year after a long illness and our sympathy went out to Don and his brother in what was a sad chapter in their lives.

Fred Lennis a former referee who was well known throughout the Rugby League world and a favourite with all because of his unbridled good humour passed away in Melbourne around the 17th April. Fred was always able to get people to laugh with him but never at him and I am thankful for the privilege of being able to call him "Friend".

Mark Holton lost his grandfather, a person who was very close to young Mark taking a keen interest in Mark's career and also in Rugby League in general. Both Max Tomsett and Jack McGauley suffered the loss of a brother during the months of March and September.

Bill Heybut lost his Mother in March whilst Keith Pickard's Mother passed away on the 15th April. To both these members we offer our sincere sympathy. Daisy McCall, Mother of Ian passed away on the day of the Finals of the Competition (18th Sept) she is well remembered by those who enjoyed the hospitality of the McCall Snrs. Daisy was a quiet well spoken and well respected lady who involved herself in Ian and his father's refereeing careers. She will be sadly missed.

Our sincerest sympathy is extended to Mr and Mrs Reg Dickson on the sad loss of Mrs Dick's mother and also to Esma Walsh on the loss of her sister, Irene.

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

One of the saddest days in the year occurred on the Wednesday (28th Sept.) following the Grand Final when so many members and their wives attended the funeral of Pam Ward, the wife of Chris. Her sad and untimely death occurred on the Sunday night following the Grand Final and Pam will always be remembered as a reserved young lady who enjoyed the company of people, having an easy going nature which enabled her to get on well with people. To Chris and their two daughters Jodie and Leanne we offer our sympathy and our thoughts as words feel so inadequate at a time such as this.

Clancy Kingston having stepped down after 24 years as President of the C.R. League early in the year sadly passed after a long and protracted illness, we offer our sincere sympathy to his wife and family. He had given a lifetime of service to the Rugby League code and the Cooma area where he had been a former Shire President.

To all other members who suffered bereavements during the Season, we offer our condolences.

Sickies

Listed below are a few of our members or their wives who were reported in as being ill or in hospital.

Helen Murphy "delegated" to St. Margaret's Private Hospital was rewarded with a baby daughter. Congratulations Helen and Terry.

Former Test Referee Darcy Lawler had a sojourn in hospital to have a knee replacement unit put in which I understand was a success so for an encore he had two more trips into hospital - one for a double hernia. Joe Moses broke a bone in his foot and some unkind Arab put out a rumour that he had dropped his wallet on it. He recovered from that setback and

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

then put his back "out" dancing at the Leagues Club.

Tom Brennan Long serving Life Member and Vice President of the N.S.W.R.F.L. spent some time in St. Vincent's Hospice and was on the sick list for quite some time. When he was seen at the Annual Meeting of the N.S.W.R.F.L. in December he looked a picture of health which was really good to see.

Two popular members of the Referees Advisory Board, is there such a thing as a popular Advisory Board member? Carl Gilchrist and Neil Clement had trips into hospital. Neil to finally have that hip replacement job done and Carl for an organ transplant. The knee is responding to therapy and Neil reckons he will soon be able to catch Margaret who has also had a stay in hospital but is now fully recovered. I don't know how the transplant is going but I am sure Carl would be only too pleased to discuss it with you.

Mrs Gus McGilvray has had a couple of turns in hospital this year also Lyn Pearce wife of Ron was a little off colour during the year.

Evergreen Jack McGauley suddenly found himself in hospital towards the end of the year which required massive surgery but true to the form which had "Nifty" saying "Balmain boys don't Cry" Jack bounced back and is now heading back to full health.

Season 1983 wasn't a particularly good year as far as the Grade ranks were concerned either, Barry Bradstock gave us all some anxious moments early in the season before bouncing back again.

No one could foresee the sudden heart attack which struck Jack Danzey on the 3rd April or the consequences to follow.

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

Jack was always a superbly fit athlete both as a player and a referee but the stress related factors under which our members have been forced to operate over the last few seasons have placed undue and unnecessary strain on our leading referees. Jack, showing the courage we always knew he had, fought back to the point where he is now able to play Touch Football again. Great effort Jack, but look after yourself.

Phil McMahon followed Jack, a week later, into hospital when he collided with a 22 m marker flag avoiding a player who was sent flying out over the Touch Line. Breaking his cheek bone he was detained whilst the Doctors restored his pretty face back to normal.

A simple change of direction to follow the flight of the ball, after a Kick at Goal, Mick Stone stepped into a depression in the ground and was out of action for the rest of the Season. Leaving the Sports ground on crutches Mick ended up in Auburn Hospital and for the first week he must have hated the sight of any Doctor coming near "the Knee" because they kept telling him further bad news with the injury going from a bad sprain, to a full reconstruction job needing several operations and to see Mick bobbing around on his crutches you wouldn't give him much hope of being ready for the start of '84 but to Mick's credit he has persevered with his therapy and will be available for the coming season.

Robyn Turnell and Janine West gave Col and Graham the best Christmas present that one could imagine when they presented the boys with baby daughters just prior to Christmas 1983. Congratulations to all concerned.

Joy Page was an inmate at the Pacific Hospital at Brighton for a short spell and we hope that she is fully recovered.

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

Noel Spohr well known former President of the C.R.A. has had a long stay in hospital as Doctors battled to save his leg from amputation after he had fallen from the roof of his son's home and broken both his legs. We wish you well in your efforts to get well again Noel.

During the season two of our favourite honorary members Ron Freeman and George Kellahan both had a spell in hospital; we wish them well for future health.

Seminar

The Third Seminar staged by the Association was held on the 4th - 5th - 6th February 1983 at Newport Inn. Following the success of engaging Ken Boothroyd as our trainer at Redfern we were able to secure Les Gronow, no relation to speedy Bill, to run the members through a couple of morning sessions, this had a marked effect on those taking part. Les is the Official Trainer for the Australian Davis Cup Team. I would like to thank the members of the Seminar Committee for the program and their application and attention to detail making the seminar a huge success. Our thanks to John Kelly who was able to procure some goodies for distribution to the members despite depressed economic conditions.

Visitations

Brien Gately arranged for a Mini Coach to be loaned to the Association for those wishing to make their way to the Newcastle International Sports Centre for the City v Country fixtures on 21st May. Despite the inclement weather all those who made the trip enjoyed the day and we offer our thanks to Brien who was able to cope with the 20 back seat drivers with his usual good humour.

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

A good representation of members attended the meeting of the Country Referees Association on the Saturday morning with the Newcastle Referees Association acting as hosts. The hospitality was again first rate and our thanks to all those concerned. This season (1984) the City v Country fixtures return to the S.C.G. on May 19th so we have to do the right thing for the country members.

The twelve Country Referees who came down for the All Schools Carnival were entertained by members of the Association back at Souths Juniors at Dinner and the Show afterwards. A Good representation of our members was on hand to entertain our Country Cousins.

Due to a presentation to be made to the Queensland members of the All conquering Kangaroo by the Premier of Queensland at the N.S.W. v Q'land fixture and frightened that there may be a demonstration if a Sydney Referee was appointed as usual, it was decided that three Queensland Officials would handle this fixture and the return fixture by our N.S.W. members. So the only member to go to Brisbane this season was George Benson as a Touch Judge for the Third State of Origin fixture with Robin Whitfield (England) as the Referee.

John Gocher headed across the Tasman Sea, following our Grand Finals, to control a Test fixture between New Zealand and Papua New Guinea in Auckland. John and Denise spent a week in New Zealand afterwards.

John was also selected to go to Great Britain and France leaving on the 16th January. He will be away for a period of five weeks. Congratulations on both these fine appointments and we hope he has a successful trip to Great Britain.

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

During the season we had visits from two overseas referees with Julien Rascagneres (France) having created a fine impression on those who watched him referee the Kangaroo in the Tests against Great Britain being brought out to control the Parramatta v Newcastle Representative Team at Newcastle prior to the start of the Season. This fixture promoted by the Newcastle R League and the Newcastle Herald was an outstanding success although the crowd of 15,120 fell short of what was expected to attend. "Big Julien" (5-9 on the Richter scale) was appointed to control the Illawarra v Manly Warringah 1st Grade Fixture at the 'Gong' on the 5th March and did a good job. Julien was accompanied by his wife Renee. I received a card from them at Christmas and he hopes to be out for the Test Matches against Great Britain next season.

Brought out to do the deciding State of Origin fixture in Brisbane, Robin Whitfield of England was a bubbly type in the Mick Naughton mould. Mick had a lot to do with Robin's entry into refereeing after a stiff arm had terminated his playing career. I am pleased to report the other player soon recovered and Robin's stiff arm healed up. Robin also refereed a K.B. Quarter Final Fixture between Newtown and Eastern Suburbs. He has also sent best wishes to all members for Season '84.

Brien Gately was appointed Manager of an Australian Wrestling Team for the ranks of the Police Citizens Boys Clubs in N.S.W. and Victoria, they toured the U.S.A. in September and October. Brien worked long and hard helping to raise the necessary finance to get the team outfitted and on the 'plane' to the U.S. He was helped by our friends at "Tiger" in the outfitting department and an old, young, member Pat Bowen helped out in the area of Thank You gifts for their hosts in the States. Thanks Pat.

Congratulations

The Australian Rugby League Team returned home with an

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

undefeated record after having competed on four continents - the first team to be undefeated on tour.

Splitting the Team in two a Test was played in Papua New Guinea enroute to Britain and France by one section whilst the other group competed against Western Australia in Perth. The Team was hailed as one of the Best Rugby Team of either code ever to tour those countries. The deeds of this Team has been somewhat lost in a year of great Sporting achievements by Australins competing at home and abroad.

No doubt that the Alan Bond, John Bertrand led "Aussie Assault" on the America's Cup, long regarded the sole and exclusive property of the New York Yacht Club captured the imagination of the general public when "Australia II" outsailed the American yacht Liberty by some 23 seconds to win the series 4-3. Having proved herself superior to all the competing qualifiers, the Flag with the Boxing Kangaroo on it certainly brought all Australians together in a highly euphoric state which had a marked effect on the David Cup Team which put paid to the Swedish Davis Cup Team with John Fitzgerald being the anchorman and winning the second rubber on the first day to equalize the rubbers at 1-1.

Another great presentation by the Winfield dancers on Grand Final day continued the Proud Australian theme commenced last year and carried on at the Brisbane Commonwealth games. It was certainly impressive and it was a fitting occasion on which to have our Prime Minister with us. Mr R.J. Hawke, a keen sportsman in his own right, enjoyed his introduction to the Grand Final scene in Sydney.

Dressing Room

Mr. T. Bellew secured a first for our Referees' Association when he prevailed upon the Prime Minister Mr. R.J. Hawke to join him when he visited the Referees' Dressing Room after the game.

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

The General Manager of the N.S.W.R. F.L. Mr John Quayle accompanied the President and Secretary of the English R.F. League, Mr. Jack Bateman and Mr. David Oxley to the room and also present were Mr. Bill Fallowfield, O.B.E. and Mr. Maurice Oldroyd President of the British Amateur R. League

Congratulations are extended to the Parramatta District Club on winning the 1st Grade Premiership for the third time. A fine effort by a good team they completely out-played Manly Warringah for the second time in a row in the Grand Final. Thompson and the Manly team must have felt they had just gone 10 rounds with M. Ali when Parramatta rounded off the season with a rousing 18 points to six win.

In reserve grade the Minor Premiers, South Sydney were successful in the Grand Final with a fine win over the Manly Warringah Team by 12 points to six.

The outstanding team in the Third Grade Competition, St. George finishing 9 clear points in front of Cronulla Sutherland were soundly beaten by the young Penrith team to the tune of thirty two points to nil in the semi final. Showing good fighting qualities they came back to win the Grand Final by 9 points to 6 over the Penrith team.

Manly Warringah took out the Flowers Memorial Pennant (Club Championship) ending Parramatta's seven year run. This Club also won the K.B. Cup Competition defeating battlers Cronulla-Sutherland by 26 to 6.

Patrician Brothers, Fairfield annexed the Commonwealth Bank Cup for 1983 defeating St. Gregory's, Campbelltown by 14 points to 2. They are one of the real forces in schoolboy Rugby League as this is the fourth time they have won this Competition.

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

<u>FIXTURES</u>	<u>REFEREE</u>	<u>TOUCH JUDGES</u>
Sydney I v Country I	C. Ward	B. Priest (C.R.L.); S. Smith
Sydney II v Country II	B. Grant (C.R.L.)	W. Sullivan (C.R.L.); M. Dunn
Sydney 18's v Country 18's	S. Nash	C. Jones; C. Cox (C.R.L.)
N.S.W. v Queensland	J. Gocher	V. Smith; B. Bolton
N.S.W. Under 18's v Queensland under 18's	G. West	J. Colenso; R. Pearce
N.S.W. v Queensland in Brisbane	R. Whitfield (G.B.)	G. Benson
Papua-New Guinea v New Zealand in Auckland	J. Gocher	-
Manly-Warringah v Cronulla- Sutherland K.B. Cup Final	B. Barnes	B. Gately; P. Longhurst
Pat. Bros. Fairfield v St. Gregory's Campbelltown	L. Green	S. Betts;
Commonwealth Bank Cup Final		N. Cislowski
Manly-Warringah v Parramatta 1st Grade Final	K. Roberts	M. Tomsett; G. Benson
Manly-Warringah v South Sydney Reserve Grade Grand Final	B. Barnes	B. Wiseman; I. McCall
Penrith v St. George	J. Gocher	H. Reedy; R. Hunt
M.B.H. Grand Final Herald-Sun v Thurless Castle	M. Hewitt	R. Picard; S. Betts
Knockout Grand Final Main Roads v Sans Souci	P. McMahon	R. Picard; S. Betts
President's Cup Final South Sydney v Eastern Subs.	P. Filmer (Pen.)	D. Turvey (C.B.); B. Stephens (CS)
H. Flegg Cup Final Balmain v Canterbury-B'town	P. Bungate (Bal.)	B. Jolley (Can.); J. Ogier (C.S.)
S.G. Ball Cup Final Parramatta v Western Suburbs	P. Harradine (MW)	W. Glynn (Bal.); M. Fennell (New)

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

Kevin Roberts certainly deserves mention for the manner which he carried out his duties when in control of the First Grade Grand Final, to the satisfaction of all and above all NO controversial decisions. Rugby League was the winner that day because of you, Kevin.

The following members Messrs. G. Annesley; G. West; M. Weekes controlled Semi-Finals and Messrs. B. Gately; V. Smith; P. Longhurst; J. Connor; M. Dunn; J. Turner were appointed as Touch Judges to the Semi-Finals.

From the Grade List of 1982 the following members retired Messrs. D. Bowron, D. Braybrook; S. Cox; G. Elias; H. Griffiths; G. Herd; B. Keenahan; R. McDonnell; G. Robertson; J. Reynolds; D. Wintin. We wish them well in their retirement and thank them for their efforts on behalf of the Association.

The following members were added to the Grade List for 1983: Messrs. A. Black; K. Evans; W. Harrigan; M. Hewitt; P. Lucas; P. Miller; A. McKean; M. O'Neill; J. Snare; and we wish them well in their grade careers.

District Associations

Under the previous conditions that existed with little forward consultations taking place between the interested parties the sad demise of the Newtown District Referees Association occurred when the Newtown Junior League lost most of its teams to the surrounding areas after an on again - off again situation where most of the parties didn't have a clue what was happening.

Having been assured on several occasions that there would be a Junior League played in the Newtown area as so often happens the Referees because of their loyalty are the ones usually called short in these situations. The Newtown District Referees Association

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

although mistakenly regarded as a small Association has always been an integral part of the N.S.W.R.L. Referees Association and has supplied many fine members to both the grade and district ranks over their long period of service to Rugby League in N.S.W.

On the 23rd November 1983 an inaugural Annual Meeting was held at the Campbelltown Leagues Club to form the Newtown-Campbelltown District R.F.L. Referees Association and our President Mr Don Macdonald and myself went up to assist in its formation. Don took the Chair and must have been very pleased with the end result of the meeting after chairing the meeting in a very satisfactory manner. We wish the new association well and offer our support to them.

Canberra lost two Frasers from Public Office in 1983! Mal got the big punt on March 5th and our Peter declined to stand again as Treasurer for the Canberra D. Referees Association at the Annual Meeting in October. Peter had continued to show hospitality to our members when they journeyed down to Canberra in 1983. Thanks Peter we hope we don't lose your company. Col Law had already stepped down as Secretary of the Canberra Association during the year. A double blow to any Association to lose two top officials in the one year.

75th Anniversary Dinner

I feel the Social Secretary will cover this event quite adequately in his report but I would like to compliment him and the Social Committee for the work put into the presentation of this evening. The Layout of the tables and place settings were outstanding and a tribute to their choice. I would like to thank the 75th Anniversary Committee for the initial planning and forward thinking that went into making this event one of the

Honorary Secretary's Report (cont)

most memorable ever stated by this Association. Col Turnell has compiled a booklet which is enclosed with this report which we hope you will find an interesting keepsake of this occasion. Thanks Col for the research and effort in its compilation.

Forum

The N.S.W.R.F.L. following the work carried out by the W.D. Scott and Co. Management Consultants and the release of their findings and in what was proposed to be a progressive approach for any interested person with the well being of Rugby League at heart to put forward ideas that would "improve the code and maintain its dominant position as the major winter sport. So with those thoughts in mind the League called a two day Forum on November 21 and 22 at the Regent Hotel in Sydney.

In the final analysis six members of this Association were invited to attend and address the Forum. Those invited were Messrs. D. Macdonald; L. Bruyeres; T. Murphy; F. Walsh; J. Gordon and E Cox.

It is to be hoped that something constructive will come from the submissions made by all speakers at this Forum.

Conclusion

Season 1983 was probably one of the most difficult since the competition started in 1908 but the innovations put forward during the later part of the season are already starting to take effect and the feeling that 1984 will open a new era for Rugby League.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Secretary for Season 1983.

See you at Training!

F.W. WALSH

Hon. Secretary

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The following members have been recommended by the Committee for Life Membership Honours in 1984. Set out under is a copy of their records of service with the Association.

I. McCALL - Graded 1968 - 1983. Total Membership 16 years

Attendance at meetings:

1968 - 15 (17)	1973 - 14 (15)	1978 - 10 (14)
1969 - 14 (16)	1974 - 13 (14)	1979 - 16 (17)
1970 - 14 (16)	1975 - 10 (14)	1980 - 15 (17)
1971 - 12 (15)	1976 - 7 (16)	1981 - 13 (15)
1972 - 12 (15)	1977 - 16 (16)	1982 - 15 (16)
		1983 - 17 (17)

Senior Vice President 1981, 1982, 1983

Vice President 1980, Member of the Finance Comm. 1979

Member of the Committee 1979. Special Committee 1979

Member of the Social Comm. 1973, 1977, 1978

Sponsorship Comm. 1982, 1983. Hansen Memorial Comm. 1981, 1982, 1983.

Seminar Committee 1981, 1982, 1983

75th Year Celebration Committee 1982-83

Special Select Committee 1983

C. TURNELL - Graded 1973 - 1979. Hon. Member 1980 - 1983

Total Membership - 11 years.

Attendance at meetings:

1973 - 15 (15)	1977 - 13 (16)	1981 - 14 (15)
1974 - 12 (14)	1978 - 14 (14)	1982 - 15 (16)
1975 - 14 (16)	1979 - 17 (17)	1983 - 14 (17)
1976 - 16 (16)	1980 - 15 (17)	

Member of the Social Committee 1976. Uniform Committee 1976

Member of the Committee 1977, 1982 75th Year Celebration

Social Sec. 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981 Comm. 1982-13

Hansen Memorial Committee 1978-83 Assistant Secretary 1983

The following members were nominated: Messrs. B. Barnes;
G. Cook; J. Connor; B. Cross; R. Garwood; G. Hedger; K. Holman;
K. Jeffes; J. Jewell; I. McCall; A. Neville; C. Turnell; J. Turner;
B. Wiseman. Messrs. B. Barnes, G. Cook & K. Jeffes all declined
the invitation to stand for Life Membership.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP HONOUR ROLL AND ATTENDANCES

K. ARNOLD		R.H. DRAKE		J. MOSES (B.E.M.)	(9)
L. BAGGOTT		H.J. ELLIOT	(D)	J. MURRAY	(D)
B. BARRY	(9)	P. ELLISS	(10)	W. NEILL	(D)
A. BELLERUM	(D)	F. ERICKSON	(1)	J. O'BRIEN	(8)
J. BATES	(D)	J. FARRELLY	(D)	R. O'DONNELL	(10)
G. BENSON	(14)	J. FARQUHAR	(D)	J. O'SULLIVAN	(8)
T. BELLEW	(2)	A. FARROW	(D)	A. OXFORD	(6)
G. BISHOP	(D)	E. FLETCHER	(D)	K. PAGE	(2)
J. BLACK	(D)	A. FIFIELD	(D)	E. PAINE	(G)
G. BOYD	(D)	W. FRY	(D)	C. PEARCE	(2)
D. BRATTON		C. GILCHRIST	(15)	G. PEARCE	(1)
D. BRAYBROOK	(15)	J. GOCHER	(16)	H. PIERCE	(D)
T. BRENNAN		M. GODFREY	(1)	H. POULTON	(D)
R. BROCK	(D)	T. GREW		L. ROSEN	(D)
C. BROWN	(1)	G. GRIFFIN		L. SAMUELSON	(D)
L. BRUYERES	(5)	J. GRIFFIN	(D)	A. SHIPWAY	(D)
J. BUCHANAN	(D)	R.M. HALL		R. SMYTH	(D)
E. BUCKLEY	(D)	J. HANSEN	(D)	H. SCHUTEMA	(D)
S. CAREY	(13)	J. HARRIS	(15)	C. SCHOMBERG	(16)
J. CLARKE	(D)	A. HOLT		A. SHINER	(9)
N. CLEMENT	(14)	C. HUDSON	(1)	A. SOANE	(D)
A. COLLINS	(D)	J. KELLY	(13)	A. SPANKIE	(13)
O. COHEN		W. KELLY	(D)	M. TOMSETT	(D)
T. COSTELLO	(D)	W. KEOGH	(D)	J. TURNER	(D)
B. COWLEY	(2)	E. KERR	(D)	E. TINSLEY	(D)
W. CUKE		A. KONNECKE		B. WALES SNR	(D)
R. CUMMINS	(3)	D. LAWLER		A. WELSH	(D)
E. COX	(9)	P. LEE	(D)	F.W. WALSH	(17)
J. DAVIES		T. LEFFLER		C.E. WIGZELL (BEM)	(16)
A.J. DAVIS		J. MCGAULEY	(1)	L. WILLIAMS	(14)
L. DEANE	(D)	T. MCMAHON	(D)	D. WINTIN	(D)
F. DELANEY	(D)	D. MACDONALD	(14)	G. WIRTH	(D)
A. DENNIS	(D)	M. MALONEY	(D)	R.J. WARD	(D)
W. DEVINE SNR		J. MARTIN		C. YORKE	(D)
T. DICKSON	(D)	H. MILLINGTON	(D)		
R. DICK	(10)	J. MONTGOMERY			

TOTAL = 108

DECEASED = 43

17 Meetings were held in 1983 and against each member is their attendance.

HONORARY ASSOCIATE MEMBERS FOR LIFE

J.R. DREWES SNR (D)

W. FALLOWFIELD, O.B.E.

H. GILLARD

NEW SOUTH WALES RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE
GRADED REFEREES FOR SEASON 1983 AND ATTENDANCES

17 MEETINGS HELD

K. ALLARD	(12)	G. KELLY	(10)
G. ANNESLEY	(11)	J. KELLY -	(13)
B. BARNES	(7)	C. LAW	(2)
G. BENSON -	(14)	P. LUCAS -	(16)
S. BETTS	(11)	P. LONGHURST -	(15)
M. BILTON -	(8)	I. McCALL	(17)
N. BISSETT	(5)	G. McCALLUM	(15)
A. BLACK -	(15)	A. McKEAN	(14)
J. BLOMFIELD	(13)	P. McMAHON	(6)
B. BOLTON	(10)	S. MARTIN -	(5)
B. BRADSTOCK -	(1)	L. MATTHEWS	(15)
N. CISLOWSKI	(13)	P. MILLER	(5)
J. COLENZO	(11)	P. MOON -	(11)
J. COLWELL	(13)	S. NASH	(6)
J. CONNOR -	(13)	G. O'DONNELL	(15)
P. COOLEY	(15)	D. O'KEEFE	(10)
J. DANZEY -	(6)	M. O'NEILL	(12)
M. DUNN	(12)	R. PEARCE	(10)
L. EDNEY -	(11)	R. PICARD	(9)
K. EVANS -	(14)	K. PICKARD	(1)
R. GARWOOD	(14)	P. PIERSE -	(8)
J. GOCHER	(16)	H. REEDY -	(7)
B. GOLDSWORTHY -	(7)	K. ROBERTS	(13)
B. GATELY	(15)	M. RYAN	(13)
L. GREEN	(10)	P. RYAN	(11)
M. GRADY -	(8)	A. SKEED -	(9)
W. HARRIGAN	(4)	V. SMITH	(6)
G. HEATON -	(13)	J. SNARE	(7)
M. HEWITT	(11)	D. SPAGARINO	(16)
C. HIGSON -	(14)	M. STONE	(13)
M. HOLTON	(8)	M. THOMPSON	(16)
W. HEYLBUT -	(6)	M. TOMSETT -	(13)
M. HOWELL	(14)	J. TURNER -	(14)
R. HUNT	(14)	S. TYRELL -	(5)
C. JONES	(15)	C. WARD	(15)
		M. WEEKES	(9)
		G. WEST	(16)
		C. WHITE	(13)
		B. WISEMAN	(15)
		J. YARD -	(10)

TOTAL = 75

LIST OF NON-ACTIVE MEMBERS

17 Meetings were held for 1983 and Attendances were:

A. AGGETT		R. GOBITS		N. MORAITIS	
B. APPS		G. GUNNEE	(16)	R. MORRIS	
P. ATKINS		K. GRAY		A. NEVILLE	
R. ATKINSON	(1)	H. GRIFFIN		D. NICHOLSON	
D. BARSLEY		H. GRIFFITH	(4)	G. NORBERRY	
G. BENNETT		W. GRONO		J. O'CONNOR	
M. BEACROFT	(1)	G. HARTLEY		J. O'KEEFE	
J. BISSETT		C. HAYNES	(8)	D. PARDY	
P. BOWEN		G. HEDGER		J. PARKINSON	
D. BOWRON	(2)	C. HENNESSY		N. PATTEN	
R. BOWMAN		R. HENSLEY	(5)	R. PATTERSON	
J. BRADLEY		D. HEYMER		W. PEARSON	
G. BRAINE		R. HUMPHRIES	(2)	A. PERRY	
B. BUCKINGHAM		K. HOLMAN	(2)	R. PIERCE	(8)
L. BUCKLEY		K. HOLWELL		L. RANDLE	(1)
R. CAREY		K. JEFFES	(16)	J. REYNOLDS	
J. COFFEY		J. JEWELL	(12)	G. ROBERTSON	
R. COFFEY		B. KENDALL		N. SAVAGE	
A. COLE		W. KIRK		B. SHIPTON	
R. CONNOLLY	(8)	M. KEEBLE		A. SEE	
E. COOK		B. KEENAHAN		R. SEMMENS	
G. COOK		G. KELLAHAN		R. SINCLAIR	
K. CROUCH		A. KNIGHT		I. SMITH	
S. COX		N. McALISTER	(2)	J. STEWART	(3)
B. CRIPPS		R. McDONNELL		W. STEWART	
B. CROSS	(13)	V. McGUINNESS	(2)	J. TICEHURST	
K. DAVIS	(1)	A. McGILVRAY	(1)	C. TURNELL	
T. DELAUNEY		R. McINTOSH		B. WALES	(14)
C. DIMON	(1)	R. McJANNETT		R. WARNER	
C. EDWARDS		D. McLEAN	(1)	W. WHITE	
M. EDWARDS		L. McREYNOLDS	(2)	J. WHYBROW	
J. EEDY		K. MANTON		S. WILLIAMS	
G. ELIAS		R. MENSER		A. WILLIS	
F. FISHER		J. MITCHELL		B. WEBBER	
P. FITTON		T. MURPHY	(15)		
P. FREEMAN	(1)				
R. FREEMAN					

TOTAL = 108

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

Affiliation	Referees' Assn.	Affiliation	Referees' Assn.
BALMAIN	"	NEWTOWN	"
CANBERRA	"	NORTH SYDNEY	"
CANTERBURY/BANKSTOWN	"	PARRAMATTA	"
CRONULLA/SUTHERLAND	"	PENRITH	"
EASTERN SUBURBS	"	ST. GEORGE	"
ILLAWARRA	"	SOUTH SYDNEY	"
MANLY WARRINGAH	"	UNIVERSITY CUP	"
N.S.W. PUBLIC SERVICE	"	WESTERN SUBURBS	"
N.S.W. COUNTRY R.F.L.	"	NORTHERN TERRITORY R.F.L.	"
		WESTERN AUSTRALIA R.F.L.	"

N.S.W.R.F.L. REFEREES WHO OCCUPY POSITIONS WITH THE N.S.W.R.F.L. 1983

President	T. Bellew - Elected 9th May 1983
Vice-Presidents	J. McGauley, T. Brennan, T. Bellew
Members of the General Committee	E. Cox, F. Walsh, T. Murphy
Coaching Class for Referees	R. Dick, C. Gilchrist, J. Farrelly, J. Yard
Referees' Appointment Board	E. Cox (Director of Referees) R. O'Donnell A. Neville
Referees' Advisory Board	N. Clement, J. O'Sullivan, B. Cross L. Williams, J. Jewell, K. Jeffes, R. Dick, C. Gilchrist, P. Elliss
Examination Board:	C. Pearce (Chairman) J. Danzey (Secretary) D. Macdonald, J. Moses, J. Harris, W. Grono, C. Shomberg
Referees' Coaching Division	C. Gilchrist (Chairman) R. Dick, N. Cislowski, J. Farrelly, K. Jeffes, J. Yard
Director of N.S.W. Leagues Club Representing the N.S.W.R.F.L.	E. Cox
Members who Officiated in 1st Grade	G. Annesley, B. Barnes, J. Danzey, J. Gocher, L. Green, G. McCallum, K. Roberts, M. Stone, C. Ward, M. Weekes, G. O'Donnell, P. Miller, G. West, J. Rascagneres (France)

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION DELEGATES

1983 ATTENDANCES

16 Meetings Held

(Delegates were not required to attend the Special Meeting June 6th 1983)

BALMAIN

D. Dudgeon (4)

N. McMahon (12)

W. Glynn (1)

CANBERRA

N. Bissett (5)

CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN

P. Field (15)

B. Daveron (1)

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND

B. Gilchrist (15)

N. Duncan (1)

C.R.F.L.R.A.

K. Riolo (3)

EASTERN SUBURBS

S. Morgan (14)

R. Payne (11)

ILLAWARRA

E. Wynn (12)

K. Murray (1)

W. Wynn (3)

MANLY-WARRINGAH

P. Harradine (12)

E. Wadley (3)

NEWTOWN

N. Fennell (10)

K. Ford (4)

N. Keir (4)

NORTH SYDNEY

R. Kiddle (15)

J. Boyle (6)

UNIVERSITY CUP

G. Reece (2)

T. Young (12)

PARRAMATTA

K. Travers (11)

P. Teale (1)

K. Parkin (6)

PENRITH

H. Creighton (8)

K. Russell (14)

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

T. Delauney (1)

N.S.W. PUBLIC SERVICE

G. Callinan (15)

ST. GEORGE

K. Gardiner (16)

SOUTH SYDNEY

C. Latham (16)

WESTERN SUBURBS

C. Thew (13)

K. Evans (2)

SPONSORS

TNT

W. Petley (6)

L. Plowes (8)

Plus full attendance at all Sponsorship Committee Meetings.

DIRECTOR OF REFEREES REMARKS

Season 1983 I consider was one of the longest and toughest in the history of the Association.

The co-operation by the Active Referees with the Appointment Board and Advisory Board was excellent and there was very little disharmony in the Active Ranks of the Referees which I feel is good.

Plum centres for the season were spread around, taking into account referees' performances at the time, e.g. Chris WARD awarded City I v Country I, JOHN Gocher, N.S.W. v Queensland State or Origin and Kevin Roberts the Grand Final Parramatta v Manly.

I must congratulate these referees on behalf of the Boards and those top Touch Judges who officiated throughout the year and gave all centremen great assistance. John Gocher was awarded Papua New Guinea v New Zealand by the International Board, and this needs special mention. Also the fact that Kevin Roberts and Chris Ward were recommended to the A.R.L. for consideration for International Appointments.

The coming season 1984 will see some alterations in Referees' Appointments and they can only be for the betterment of the game and referees in particular.

As you are in receipt of letters as to your intentions for season 1984, I expect, as directed by the General Manager of the N.S.W.R.F.L. to be informed of any retirements by 25th January 1984. Remember the Competition has been cut and it is anticipated we will not be officiating at the M.B.H. Competition, therefore the Grade Ranks may have to be drastically cut.

Remember what I said at the last Seminar, every Referee should know when his time is up, rather than have the Board or the Director make the decision for him.

The 1984 season should be a great season, particularly with the Great Britain team visiting, and I wish you all success in your efforts on the field in 1984.

Many thanks to Frank Walsh for the co-operation extended to the Board during a most difficult season.

*E. Cox
Director Referees
N.S.W.R.F.L.*

DELEGATE'S REPORT

It has been my privilege to serve as the Association's delegate to the General Committee of the League during 1983, a year which must surely rank as the most tumultuous in the game's history. Never before has the administration of the code been subject to such close and public scrutiny.

Mr Tom Bellew, a life member of this Association, was elected the President of the League. In this most demanding task he has performed the many duties of the position with distinction. As the chief salaried officer of the League, Mr John Quayle has also performed an outstanding task in repairing the damage to the game's image which had occurred over recent seasons.

The League's decision to incorporate has streamlined policy-making. The Board, who have responsibility for policy decisions, comprise representatives of the General Committee and some persons with outside business experience. The game can only benefit from the contributions of outsiders at such levels.

During the year, two members of this Association were honoured with life membership of the League. Mr Keith Holman, who capped a career of magnificent dedication to the game, and Mr Ray O'Donnell, for his years of service on the Appointments Board, were so honoured. These men have continued the tradition of involvement in the development of the game of many members of this Association.

The criticism of referees by club officials which has been such a feature of previous seasons continued during this year. It is my expectation that the disciplinary powers which have been granted to the League on its incorporation will be effective and club officials will be aware of the necessity of directing their criticism of referees through the avenues provided within the League's administration.

It is appropriate that I indicate now that I do not intend to stand for election to this position next season. I appreciate the confidence members have shown in me by electing me as the Association's delegate over the past three years.

T.A. MURPHY

DELEGATE

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT - 1983

Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Association may I submit for your perusal the Financial Accounts for the 1983 Season.

This year featured our 75th Anniversary Dinner, an excellent night, which was presented very well and enjoyed by everyone who attended. The other social functions held during the year were also very successful.

As expected the costs associated with the social functions were very high. We thank the TNT Sponsorship for the contribution to the 75th Anniversary Dinner.

Special thanks are extended to our Sponsor TNT, for their support during the year, and also to Lindsey Plowes and Bill Petley for their assistance, and also the interest they have shown in the Association.

It has been a difficult year and I thank Frank Walsh, Mick Stone, Ian McCall and Peter Longhurst for their valued assistance and co-operation throughout the year.

J.M. Gocher

Hon. Treasurer

AUDITORS REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined the Books of Account of the N.S.W. Rugby Football League Referee's Association and in our opinion, they disclose a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association. In addition, we have examined the Schedule of Payments made pursuant to the TNT Sponsorship Agreement and have satisfied ourselves to its content.

Signed *C.P. Gilchrist*) *Honorary*
 P.J. Longhurst) *Auditors*

GENERAL FUND - 1983

SOCIAL FUND 1983

36.

75TH DINNER 1983

		Catering	\$11976.00
Cost to Association	\$17758.80	Goblets	4750.00
		Printing	736.80
		Photos - Net	215.00
		Postage	81.00
	<u>\$17758.80</u>		<u>\$17758.80</u>

FEES ACCOUNT 1983

Credit Balance 1982	\$ 44.40	Paid to Referees	\$89221.30
Received from - NSWRF	93135.50	City Mutual Insurance	375.00
- MBH	3405.50	Social Levies	3750.00
		Deductions to Gen.Acct.	3194.70
		Interest to Gen. Acct.	1365.30
Bank Interest	1585.03	Bank Charges	230.99
		Cash at Bank	33.14
	<u>\$98170.43</u>		<u>\$98170.43</u>

SPECIAL FUND 1983

Credit Balance 1982	\$ 94.02	Cash at Bank	\$ 99.51
Bank Interest	5.49		
	<u>\$ 99.51</u>		<u>\$ 99.51</u>

ASSURANCE FUND 1983

Credit Balance 1982		S.I.A. Account	\$3236.47
Cash at Bank	3.66	Cash at Bank	3.76
S.I.A. Account	2881.48	Bank Charge	.05
Bank Interest	355.14		
	<u>\$3240.28</u>		<u>\$3240.28</u>

SOCIAL REPORT 1983

I always knew that the 1983 season was going to be exacting. I also knew that if I needed help there would certainly be plenty forthcoming. I didn't know just how much I was going to need that help.

The Social Committee of Chris Ward, Les Matthews, Ross Picard, John Colenso, Brian Wiseman and Ron Pearce were available throughout the year and willing to perform (almost) any function that I asked of them. Additional help was forthcoming from Mick Ryan, Dennis Spagarino and others whom I shall mention later.

The social calendar really got off to a bang with what can only be described as the function of the century.

Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Dinner

Nearly 450 people attended the Sydney Turf Club's function centre at Canterbury Racecourse for this gala event. All members and life members were invited and guests included representatives of the N.S.W. Government and Opposition, the sponsor TNT, media personalities and several former Australian captains.

Master of Ceremonies Alan Marks added a 'touch of class' to the proceedings and caused everything to proceed according to plan.

The evening was a spectacular success, I'm pleased to report, and everyone who attended I'm sure, will re-live memories of that night every time they drink from the keepsake silver goblets that awaited them at the tables.

There was a 75th Anniversary Committee who formulated and planned the function and to the members of that committee goes my gratitude. The bulk of the real work, however, is by necessity left to a few. Frank Walsh was instrumental in the writing of all invitations, postage and preparation of printing. Without him, the evening could not have been a success. If this sounds like I'm a fan - then you're right.

Finally, through the trying and nerve-racking period prior to the evening, my wife Judy was an enormous help. Thanks love.

Annual Presentation Dinner

There was quite a long period between the 75th Anniversary Dinner and the Presentation Dinner. It was just enough for me to break down, have two operations and learn to dance on crutches. Because of my incapacity I had to rely on much assistance prior to and during the evening. Dennis Spagarino acted as chauffeur

Annual Presentation Dinner (cont)

and go between and the members of the social committee combined to make everything at the Mediterranean House go over well while I sat down to organise. Chris Ward as M.C. was a great success.

This year, in a departure from the past, new life members John Gocher and Carl Gilchrist were permitted to choose the member who would present them with their life membership blazers. Eric Cox and Doug Winton respectively performed their duties with much aplomb and perhaps this may become a feature of future nights.

Carl Gilchrist collected the quinella when he picked up the George and Ami Hansen award presented by former winner, Ian McCall.

Life Members Reunion Convivials

The success of this evening was due almost solely to the industry of Brian Wiseman. He made all of the arrangements and negotiations as it wasn't possible for me to get in and out of the city without difficulty.

Although still at the Catholic Club, the evening was brought forward to assume the mantle of a pre-Grand Final Dinner. Perhaps this was the key because the attendance was a great improvement on previous years. Not only that, but to the chagrin of Treasurer John Gocher, no one wanted to go home.

Ian McCall welcomed the life members to their night and on their behalf, newest member of that group, John Gocher, responded.

The usual presentations were made with Kevin Roberts collecting his brass "razoo". Remember, next year he can't say that he doesn't have a brass razoo to toss with.

Family Picnic

A lovely day greeted the members at Cattle Duffer's Park on the George's River and the swarm of children really appreciated it. Race organiser Jack Danzey again showed his versatility in finely judged handicapping and indicated that he may apply for that position with the AJC next year.

Santa was a little reluctant at first but with a little prodding from the Croydon Valley Red, he was really rip roaring and ready to go. And he looked so much younger than last year. John Blomfield provided the transport and motorised sleigh.

For the other functions, meeting night convivials, grand final day etc., the gallant Social Committee bore the brunt. They may rest assured that unless I'm fit for the oncoming season, I won't seek re-election.

A final thank you to all members who attended the various functions because they were all put on for the membership. When seating arrangements are to be made it is especially nice to have people who can sit with anyone and enjoy an evening.... Good Luck in 1984.

M.J. STONE - SOCIAL SECRETARY

"ON THE BLINDSIDE"

The N.S.W. Leagues Club has replied to correspondence sent to them re the Ninth Floor of the Club, turning down our request for the use of it. They need to hold the floor in reserve in case the Club decides they need space for further development. Chalk that down as a win for the procrastinators.

Robert Garwood the last of the recognised batchelors handed in his keys to the Pink Pussy Kat Klub when he took unto himself a bride early in the New Year. He also believes in the well known slogan "Sleep wonderfully well with Linda" - Congratulations to Linda and Bob - may they have a long life together.

Roaring out of the West came "Quincey" Jeffes to claim Bride, Betty for his own. To Betty and Kevin we offer our congratulations and wish them both all the best in their future life together.

Following these two happy events, Peter Pierse took Julie to the Altar on the 19th November, and we wish them all the best in their life together.

Arrangements were made with the National Heart Foundation to have someone come and address our members on taking care of the heart etc. On the two occasions that the lecture was set up the Sisters who came to do the lecture guaranteed a steep climb in the blood pressure. If either Sister Sherry Curtis or Sister Power come back to do the Mouth to Mouth lecture and demo, we'll sell tickets and hire the Entertainment Centre.

Was that a challenge being mounted on Sydney Harbour at Xmas by the Liverpool Travelodge II with "Quincey Jeffes" at the helm and first mate Leon Edney up the mast making minor adjustments. Also on board were Bill Harrigan giving the spinnaker judo chops and one unnamed member trying to run nappies up the mizen-mast. When last seen they were heading out in the direction of Hobart - watch out Alan Bond.

The Western Suburbs D.R. Association have been invited to take over the control of Metropolitan Business Houses for Season 1984.

Barry and Mrs Bolton took a working holiday in Canada around the time of the semi-finals, causing Barry to forgo the chance of a spot in that series. He did receive an offer to officiate at the Rose Bowl, but he kept lapping the other officials with his excess speed.

Dianne and Bert Reedy will be leaving our midst to take up residence in the "Village" of Melbourne by the middle of January. They leave with our best wishes and the hope that they will come back soon, especially you Di.

During the season the Association made a donation of \$250 to the St George District Hospital and \$250 to the Greys Point Bush Fire Relief Fund. Members also took and disposed of two books of Raffle Tickets, with a face value of \$100 for the Western Suburbs District R.L. Club.

We also made a donation of \$50 to the National Heart Foundation and John Gocher refereed a fixture between Prospect County Council and the Taxation Department which netted approximately \$2,000 for charity.

The Rothmans Medal of 1983 was won by Mike Eden of the Eastern Suburbs D.R.L. Club - Mike is the son-in-law of Gordon Hedger, long standing member of this Association.

RESULTS OF BALLOTS

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