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Cricket Club**

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**ANNUAL
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and Balance Sheet**



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MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB will be held in the MANLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS on WEDNESDAY, 13th JULY, 1966, at 7.45 p.m.

You are cordially invited to attend.

BUSINESS:

1. To receive the Eighty-eighth Annual Report of the General Committee and Honorary Treasurer's Balance Sheet.
2. Presentations.
3. To consider a motion by W. Hoy to amend Rule 8 (1 (a) of the Constitution as follows:

"Three Patrons, one of which positions shall be reserved for a Past President of the Club if such an officer is available for selection.

"In the event of such a Past President not being available, there shall be only two Patrons."

4. To elect Office-bearers and General Committee for the ensuing year.
5. To transact any other business that may be brought forward in conformity with the Club's Constitution.

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You are requested to bring this report with you, and only financial members will be allowed to vote.

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

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MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

GENTLEMEN,—

Your Management Committee has pleasure in submitting for your consideration and adoption the 88th Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

Since time immemorial the chore of maintaining six teams under the auspices of the N.S.W.C.A. has been performed by a long line of voluntary officials in various degrees of efficiency and enthusiasm, and their activities have been faithfully chronicled in an equally long line of annual reports.

This, however, is the first edition in which we refer to the activities of an additional two teams, and your officials for the year under review would be less than human if they did not succumb at odd times of stress to a yearning for the halcyon days of six teams.

The formation of two Shire teams was the culmination of years of negotiation by successive committees for an additional ground which finally materialised at L. M. Graham Reserve, and our appreciation has oft been expressed to the Manly Council in this regard. The benefit to promising young cricketers in feeling their wings under turf conditions in the transition from Junior to Grade cricket is so obvious that nothing should be allowed to prejudice the right of all boys who can be accommodated to be given every possible opportunity to prove themselves.

The constantly changing personnel of the Grade sides almost from the beginning of the season made inroads into the Shire teams, and that these teams contrived to perform well in their own competition in turn reflects great credit on the boys who came up from the two Under 16 sides, playing in the M.W.C.A. competition.

True, the acquisition of 22 more players creates a potential of 22 more defaulters, 22 more notices to be sent, 22 more phone calls to be made, 22 more to be unavailable after being selected, and so on, and so on. . . This, despite all its blessings could well be the last straw for those who also have to earn a living, and it is upon the support of senior players such as Jack Blades, John Hodgson, Don Frost and Len Carter who are prepared to forego the comforts of higher grades to administer to their charges, and on the administrative side, Ray Harvey, that we mainly depend.

Although there was ample strength and experience in the four grades to deal with the inroads of representative cricket, the performance of the Firsts was patchy although it finished strongly in fifth place; but we can only let cold statistics tell their own story of Second Grade.

Third and Fourth Grades applied themselves well and never stopped trying, with the result that in the final analysis it was the luck of the toss which stood between both teams and the chance of premiership honours, dropped catches notwithstanding.

The draw did not favour home games at the oval, but we do remember a glorious innings by Bob Simpson and some typical batting by Jim Burke, Terry Lee and Barry Rothwell.

The Poidevin Gray and A. W. Green Shield sides gave more than they took and raised sanguine hopes for the future. Although covered more fully later, the performance of Ian Howell is deserving of special mention.

Both Under 16 sides with their staunch cadre of managers and supporters were a vital link in the smooth running of the Senior teams, and despite their oft-depleted ranks as a result of boys playing odd games with the Shires, performed well in their own competition. ,

Devotees of the "Can and Heckle" cult who love to foregather in the sun at the S.C.G. to roast the Poms or belabour the home side, were sadly betrayed by both sides in the three "Internationals" of the season. A weak State team was crushed by the M.C.C., and the return fixture was a complete reversal by both sides, neither games arousing great interest beyond the first day, while the Third Test came to a merciful close early in the fourth day as Titmus and Allen went their mysterious and inscrutable ways, their wonders to perform, or so it appeared by the reactions of most of our batsmen. The fact that our prestige was redeemed in Adelaide was of little solace to the cricketing public of Sydney, and we assume that the Association will be mindful of the fact that until the arrival of the West Indians around about 1969 there will, on present indications, be no excuses for dropped catches due to a massed background of faces and colours at the S.C.G.

For the faithful few who still went along hopefully, the last straw was loaded on the Saturday of the second M.C.C. game with the farcical light situation, which was only characteristic of the manner in which the whole game was played, both captains and the umpires indicating that they couldn't care less about the paying public.

We do, however, join with countless others in paying tribute to the accomplished performances of Doug Walters, who strode head and shoulders above those more experienced. It is significant that Walters joins a long line of cricket's champions whose family roots have been deeply embedded in the country soil, and by virtue of the fact that those who spend their lives combatting the eccentricities of God regard as very small beer the wiles of man, was unimpressed by the hidden terrors which were always reported to be lurking.

, We must now encourage new blood, discourage "comebacks", let "Wisden" look after our "forgotten" cricketers and use the international yardstick as opposed to Sheffield Shield performances in order to regain our lost prestige.

The Sheffield Shield was won by N.S.W. with a last-ditch pyrrhic fight against Western Australia, and for the record this is acknowledged. There was understandably little public interest and in a season of international cricket we could ponder as to whether this form of inter-State rivalry is justified, and is not more in the nature of a self-inflicted wound. It could well be that the lack lustre and dispirited display of the older members of the Third Test side may not have been entirely due to the degradations of the M.C.C. so much as the fact that they often appeared unsure as to whether they were playing with or against each other.

Since our last report the winds of change have carried away the proud and faded banners of the Paddington and Glebe clubs, and the new Sydney crest was seen for the first time this season. The changing face of the City of Sydney and its population has created a cricket vacuum as evidenced by the vacant fields of Centennial Park, once the Mecca of junior cricketers but, southward look, the land is bright! The Sutherland D.C.C. came in like one of their own gales and immediately made their presence felt in all grades — a great performance for a new club, and if the number of young cricketers standing by for their chance is any criterion, we should now be looking westward and northward. Can 16 Grade clubs which once catered for a population of 1 million now manage three?

Too many all-day fixtures and the effect of water restrictions hampered Saturday morning classes, but wherever possible Jim Burke was in attendance to notice, guide and advise. His own practice sessions with the bat were in themselves a splendid lesson to batsmen of all ages. We are grateful to State selector and representative Stan Sismey for his helpful advice to our wicketkeepers.

Looking ahead to next season, we urgently require at least one wicket-keeper of high standard, a couple of quick bowlers with penetration and of mean disposition, fieldsmen unlimited, numerous solid, determined batsmen, and if at least three of the afore-mentioned have big heads so much the better as we have on hand three size 7½ caps which are proving hard to shift.

It will be seen in most of the team reports which follow that the common denominator of failure was an unbelievable number of dropped catches. This is an old chestnut which traditionally brings forth a few deprecating coughs at annual meetings, but the malady is now reaching plague proportions, and who can blame the lower grades if they have been using the First Grade side with a few notable exceptions as their yardstick?

If the Club is happy to be regarded as a pleasant social organisation where "the game is the thing chaps," we have no cause for alarm, but if it is our aim to win an occasional premiership — and those with a long memory will recall that the last occasion was most satisfying — then for Pete's sake (not Perc's) let us put our thoughts to this problem so that within reasonable limits we do unto others as they do unto us.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Once again the Club had the leading representation in the higher echelons with Peter Philpott playing in three Tests and assorted Sheffield sides, while Barry Rothwell and Terry Lee also turned out for the State.

As expected, Peter's spin bowling sorely troubled the M.C.C. in the first Test, but he was unable to penetrate on the bowlers' graveyard at Melbourne and along with all other bowlers was badly mauled by Barber on the rampage in the Third Test. He did, however, strike back and capture the wickets of Boycott and Edrich.

The selectors were saved from the possible consequences of omitting him from the Fourth Test at Adelaide by the truculent performance of another reject bowler who had been fortuitously reinstated, but by the Fifth Test a legacy of unhealed finger injuries had taken their toll and Peter could not be considered. As Melbourne was again the venue, his feelings would have been rather mixed and subsequent events proved that there was no place like home.

Barry Rothwell continued to go from strength to strength and consolidated his position as a regular member of the State side. He was again called upon to captain a weakened team in a match which lacked the stimulus of public interest, and with batsmen falling all around him scored a century and rallied the remnants to ultimately record an outright win, which played an important part in the retention of the Shield.

Terry Lee's desire to take the bowling apart in a couple of early Grade games was probably the reason for his omission from the State side, but his form in the second half of the season was so convincing that he was belatedly included. It is to be hoped that he does not allow these ups and downs to cloud his judgment on the right ball to hit, and that the selectors will ultimately realise that Terry's type of batting is what the public wants. Due to studies he was unavailable for the last game of the season.

Ian Howell was selected for Metropolitan Colts, and Peter Sullivan and Ken Turner were included in the Metropolitan Youths' coaching class, while Geoff Pike, Chris Murray and Phil Stabback played with the combined Sydney Under 16's.

Although out of season, we acclaim the meteoric rise of Peter Sullivan in representing N.S.W. in Rugby and being selected for Country v. Lions at Canberra. As we go to press, he stands on the threshold of the greatest of all sporting tours — the Wallabies' visit to the British Isles.

FIRST GRADE REPORT

When one sees the names of Philpott, Rothwell, Lee, Rorke and Burke in the same team one would feel very confident about winning a First Grade premiership, or at least going close — but this was not to be. This was brought about by the fact that Philpott, Rothwell and Lee were consistently away playing first-class cricket, and Burke missed a couple of games broadcasting. As a result all teams were weakened, and we feel the main reason why this season was not a successful one, although we finally finished in fifth position. However, when the team was at full strength it was a very formidable combination, ably led by that very talented cricketer Peter Philpott who himself won the bowling averages, averaged 42 with the bat and held eleven catches, some of them really good ones. Peter must be considered very unlucky not to make the trip to South Africa, but fortunately as a result we will have his services next season and trust many more seasons to come. Barry Rothwell won the batting averages with 421 runs at 70, which speaks for itself. Barry's batting technique has improved tremendously, and in particular his square cutting which both in first-class matches and Grade brought him many runs. His fielding in any position is a delight to watch and at most times a great threat to opposing batsmen. There is every chance that Barry could gain selection next season in the Australian XI to New Zealand, and so give Manly yet another Test representative; we all wish him well.

The very talented cricketer Terry Lee captained on one occasion and had a good season with the bat, but disappointing with the ball due possibly to some bad luck with fielding which throughout the season left much to be desired. It was very noticeable that Terry's batting towards the end of the season was full of determination, and we feel that this attitude will carry him to greater heights in first-class cricket next season. His century against North Sydney will long be remembered.

The bowling generally was good, but as previously mentioned sadly lacked a top-class fielding side. Many catches were put down particularly in close position, slips and leg slips. Probably the greatest sufferers were Tom Hart and Gordon Rorke, but they were often hoist by their own petard as they were not averse to putting down each other's catches, and although both bowled splendidly on occasions did not reap the rewards they deserved. Tom Hart captured most wickets (26 at 20.5) and Gordon Rorke 22 at 19.4. Invariably either one broke through early and so gave the team a good start.

Eddie Robinson had a disappointing season with the bat although a couple of innings stand out (74 not out and 50 not out against North Sydney). With limited bowling opportunities Eddie bowled very well on all occasions and we are sure he could still continue in this capacity. However, Eddie thinks otherwise and has decided to call it a day — a great loss to the Club and the first-grade team. We all wish him well and are deeply conscious that this is the end of an era in Manly cricket.

John Barnes showed most improvement with bat and ball and on many occasions put the side in a commanding position.

Brian Kinsey, Paul Stabback, Reg Hunt and Jim Burke bowled quite well with limited bowling opportunities, and with Rothwell, Philpott and Lee away this presented an opportunity to blood some young players, so we saw some talent which will come forth in the seasons ahead — Ken Turner, Ian Howell, Paul Stabback showed out with obvious ability. Keith Harwood was a new player from the U.K. who more than once showed his worth to the team. He played one very fine innings of 54 against Cumberland under adverse conditions.

We lost Mal Elliott the wicketkeeper halfway through the season, but his place was taken admirably by Bob Maxwell. Bob's keeping improved with every game and on one occasion he saved the day with his batting against Balmain.

Although some aforementioned, when available, at times recorded outstanding performances, there is no doubt that the accolade for the most valuable club man of the season goes to Jim Burke. His outstanding batting ability based on delightful footwork took him to within 36 runs of a club aggregate record, which would have been passed with ease had he not sacrificed his wicket on at least two occasions when in full command. We think particularly of his 115 against Wes Hall when he was brilliantly caught virtually over the fence in a grand effort to snatch a last minute win. He led the team six times, and on several occasions forsook more lucrative ways of spending a Saturday to captain the side, but the responsibility of leading young inexperienced players seemed to lift his own game. For services rendered and for inspiration to young cricketers, thank you, Jim Burke.

Summing up — a disappointing result but there are a few lights on the horizon for next season, but boys we must buck up on the field. Our sincere thanks go again to Clive Philpott for his scoring and numerous services, and to Allan Turner for his excellent support.

SECOND GRADE

Those who expected this team to begin where it left off the previous season were doomed to disappointment, although there was little change in the personnel with the important exception of Tom Brooks.

We will never know whether he or Harry Houdini could have produced the runs, wickets and catches which were consistently in short supply, and that appears to have been the only consistent feature of the team's performances.

For the first half of the season, which is the most relevant in post mortems, it was the batting which failed, for although we were seldom able to dismiss a side it was possible to restrict their scoring rate until a declaration was forthcoming, but the batting always indicated that the opponents had been over cautious in the timing of same.

As prospects of success receded, bowlers lost their edge while fieldsmen thought of the high cost of dry cleaning before diving for a catch, and it was thus inevitable that by the time the second half was under way, one department of the game could always be depended upon to let down the others.

No batsman was sufficiently consistent to grant him status above his fellows, while of the bowlers Brian Kinsey was the only one to maintain this quality. Nev Travers (11), Paul Stabback and Reg Hunt (8) were far ahead in the catching department, the last two named being particularly successful in view of frequent absences in First Grade. An unsuccessful team never receives its share of luck, and as 33 players, including 3 different wicketkeepers, passed through the ranks its position of second last on the table was nevertheless disappointing, notwithstanding the correspondingly disastrous effect on the club championship.

Often the difference between winning and losing is one good catch, and even allowing for the aforementioned shortcomings the scales could often have been tipped with batting efforts from Nev Travers comparable to the previous season. It was one of those seasons for him when he was snapped up early with no second chance, more so than the popular belief that the cares of captaincy affected his form to such an extent.

The Club is grateful to him for performing this difficult task consistently and with a cheerful philosophy.

Team custodian and scorer Rolfe Kinsey, despite happier memories, never flagged in his interest and encouragement.

THIRD GRADE

Without its share of normal luck this team accepted the additional handicap of averaging about 6 dropped catches per innings, but despite all this and the fact that they did not win a game until the fourth round, were running equal second at the end of the main round. The loss of the toss and a couple of tragic run-outs then cost us the chance of contesting the final.

Most of the credit for this effort goes to the bowlers, as only once did any team exceed 200 runs, and then the last wicket added 75 runs. The attack did not depend on any particular bowler, the medium pace being shared by Bob Haysom, Ron Watkins and Bob Honeyman, until Neil Fenn returned from Newcastle later in the season to add penetration. With Paul Jones, John Hunt and Tom Felton there was always a bowler for the conditions and only by the grace of dropped catches did the batsmen ever get on top.

Bob Haysom, with his great experience and the ability to do a bit either way, was always at the batsmen, as was Ron Watkins who had to be omitted at a time when his bowling could have been decisive. The need, however, to strengthen the batting and fielding was paramount, even if it didn't work out that way.

Bob Honeyman swung the ball well and only the absence of an aggressive temperament deprived him of good figures. John Hunt, after a period of inactivity, recorded some splendid spinning performances as did Paul Jones on promotion from Fourths. Tom Felton's bowling, always a steadying influence, lacked the rewards he deserved as he beat the bat and stumps on numerous occasions, and when he did find the edge the ball flew wide or was unceremoniously put down. His batting was the only reassuring feature of the middle as he was rarely in trouble but continually ran out of partners.

The batting was generally disappointing, always falling away after good first and second wicket stands and particularly after the promotion of Ken Turner who had batted solidly. The debacle against Randwick, when the last 5 batsmen added 14 of the 20 runs needed to win, is still causing nightmares.

Arthur Springall and Allan Turner, although missing 5 and 4 matches respectively, were the only other consistent performers. Arthur's effort was outstanding as he scored two centuries, the second of which on a wet wicket, and which included 8 sixes, was a memorable exhibition of graceful, controlled power and perfect timing. In addition, his fielding is always worth 20-30 runs as he patrols the covers where he provides much-needed encouragement to the bowlers. Despite many years in the doldrums, but during which he has never stopped trying, it will be a great lift for the Club if Arthur Springall has finally arrived. Such ability will repay perseverance by the selectors.

Allan Turner led the aggregate with 470 and this included some fighting knocks in conditions not always conducive to run-getting. His experience and tenacity in the opening position often held out the opposition, but the Club's inability to find a suitable opening partner of the eight tried was a significant factor in the drought of runs. He originally entered the team as a stop-gap keeper, where he stayed longer than intended in view of the batting situation.

Of the remaining batsmen Geoff Halcomb was sound but was lost on promotion; John Branscomb was developing into a sound team man when claimed by the National Service and his potential in the middle was badly missed.

Gareth Blades, the utility man, was a useful bowler and had the ability to bat where required, and do so cheerfully. His batting towards the end of the season showed definite signs of fulfilling early promise,

one score of 98 being well remembered, and his fielding well above Club standard.

Gary Beutel recorded some sound performances with the bat until entering Duntroon where we wish him well.

In the dying hours of the season Neil Fenn demonstrated how he under-rates his own batting ability although, as he points out, by following John Hunt he always seemed to be the third leg of a hat trick, and with Paul Jones to follow him there was never much incentive to bat on.

At the end of the season our keeper was Neil Coltman, having previously held a similar position in Seconds and Poidevin Gray. We could never fully decide whether his talented batting was complementary to his keeping or vice versa, and this is a point which must be clarified by the beginning of next season.

Bob Haysom was an inspiring leader, accepting his responsibilities in full and despite the fact that he was the main beneficiary of dropped catches never stopped smiling, if at times through his tears. His correct and aggressive batting was always a threat to the opposition. Son John rendered valuable service as team secretary and efficient scorer and we are grateful to him.

FOURTH GRADE REPORT

(By Dick)

Fourth Grade started the season very well, thanks to a chanceless first round century by Neil Coltman, got to the front of the competition mainly due to good bowling efforts with a prodigious expenditure of new balls, and collapsed into fourth place at the close, entirely due to pathetically weak batting. Had this team had two batsmen who could have been relied upon to score 20 runs per innings after Christmas, it would have won the minor premiership by 15 points. There is plenty of batting talent amongst the boys who played in this team, but they just could not score runs. They must rectify this next season or Tom Spencer will show them up again as a first wicket batsman.

The obvious star of the season was Ken Nichol, who always bowled well and on several occasions bowled with pace, hostility and assurance. Ken's 49 wickets at an average of approximately 11 runs per wicket was a particularly fine effort and it is a pity in some ways that three matches in Third Grade, in which he took 6 wickets, deprived him of the elusive 50 wickets. He also achieved a hat trick against Mosman at Brookvale.

This was not the first hat trick of the season as a couple of weeks before Doug Dessaix had performed the feat at Petersham. Doug bowled very consistently in the matches he played with us and had he played the full season he might have made a big difference towards the end of the batting list. His place as an off-spinner was capably filled by Peter Harvey towards the end of the season.

Leg spinners Tom Spencer and Joe Pawley once again suffered from a run drought resulting in a lack of opportunity with the ball, but both bowled well when called upon and were more than useful with the bat. Bob Honeyman and Ron Watkins both appreciated the extra work available for them after limited opportunities in Third Grade, and proved to themselves that they can still take wickets.

The report would not be complete without mention of that slip fielder Andy Graham. He started taking catches as a means of self-protection against head-high snicks from Ken Nichol on a "green top" at North Sydney No. 2, and from then on did not miss one. Until this happened the slips department was the worst feature of the team, with Ken Nichol and Dick Woodfield being the main sufferers. Dick's "old slow ball" was hit out of the ground a couple of times but still produced enough wickets to give a total of 50 for the season, achieved in his 200th over.

The important thing is that Fourth Grade functioned well as a team throughout the season and the spirit could not have been higher. Let's hope we can keep this up for next season and produce a few more batsmen who can fulfil their primary purpose. Barney Murray was a competent wicketkeeper for most of the season and a dependable team man.

NOTE.—It was no fault of Dick Woodfield that the side he led with such enthusiasm and to which he set such a splendid example in all departments of the game except batting should falter at the last hurdle. On and off the field he gave all he had—who else could have engineered two tied games and find a weak link in the rules of the game, to wit, the early tackle of a fieldsman who was about to claim a mark from one of his famous cross batted “up and unders”?

SHIRES

Without doubt these teams thoroughly justified the Club's wisdom in its decision to participate in this competition. The parent body and through it the Grades Committee are to be congratulated on the manner in which the competition was conducted, as also were the Shire and Grade Clubs with whom we came into contact for the keenness and enthusiasm displayed.

The competition was obviously experimental and we should next season benefit from the lessons learned, which from our experience were: (a) too many teams for one division; (b) too few grounds for the number of teams; (c) dangerous condition of some of these.

Attention to (a) and (b) from which should result a reduction in the number of teams and/or formation of a North and South Harbour division would create a much more truly competitive atmosphere, and considerably increase the flow of experienced young cricketers into Grade competitions.

J. BLADES XI

(By J. Blades)

In this report I am not choosing to avoid mention of individuals and their successes, but I simply believe that every member who played in this team produced a winning effort each in his turn. The opening bowlers seldom failed to break through and the slowies mostly succeeded from the opportunities made for them. The opening and early batsmen learned to overcome their weaknesses and the need to give the side a good start, and those following also appreciated the need to consolidate. It was noticeable that every member was consistently striving to improve upon his own self-management in all departments, a lifetime commitment, as this is one game in which perfection is never attained.

The team achieved outstanding performances in the early matches and this enabled all members to be given equal opportunities with bat and ball as well as establishing their most proficient fielding position.

Within the limits of the luck of the draw and weather, and considering that a few games were lost by a handful of runs, our position in equal second place (4th on percentages) was highly satisfactory. Results apart, it could well be agreed that whilst proving to be a successful combination, the real purpose of this team was realised in that each member improved match by match in his understanding of all departments of the game to the Club's benefit in the near future.

Those who had been promoted from our Junior Teams showed the benefit of the splendid training received from their coaches in the qualities of team spirit, alertness and ambition. Matters which require attention are punctuality, off the field attire and co-operation with curators of our grounds.

My thanks to the Club for the opportunities given, and to all the boys who played in the team, for their respect and co-operation. Best wishes for a successful season in 1966-67.

NOTE.—We are extremely grateful to Jack Blades who, assisted by Don Frost, undertook the task of organising, transporting and breaking-in this team over the critical period. By their own example they were an ideal combination and Jack's inspiration in the field alone should cause 90 per cent of Club members of half his age to hang their heads in shame. The fact that this report was written 35,000 feet up between here and Rome is typical of the man. He was also the only captain to end the season with surplus batting gloves.

We now commend you to the averages, which do not always give a true picture of a man's value to a team but does at least give an indication of those who played steadily throughout the season and have thus passed the first hurdle on the way to cricketing success.

C GRADE SHIRE No. 1 TEAM

(By John Hodgson)

There were some really outstanding performances in this team, and at one time or another almost every player turned in an eye-catching effort. In such a young side a lack of consistency could be expected, but even so the batting in particular fell down more often than it should. Paul Spraggs, who scored the only century, is a gifted strokemaker, while both Mal Storey and Len Robb should make a name for themselves when they learn to eliminate small weaknesses.

Chris Murray and Frank Turner show real promise as spinners, the former sharing with Lance Noakes the most wickets, while the latter won the bowling average. Lance, a pace bowler, mixed really well-directed and aggressive bowling with some that was mediocre.

The team showed a willingness to learn, and the out-cricket improved as the season progressed. In this department Peter Thompson was outstanding, backing up excellent ground fielding with some brilliant catching.

NOTE.—We are grateful to Barry Morcom for assuming the captaincy at a difficult period until John Hodgson was able to take over. John's presence stimulated the team which should have learned well from his example in all departments except bowling. Len Carter's comeback provided a nice balance of youth and experience, and we hope that this will continue into the future. Rob Murray was a tower of strength off the field and we do appreciate his many services.

POIDEVIN GRAY

Although it would appear fairer to decide the winner of the trophy by drawing from the hat, a competition of a sort was conducted on available dates, and despite a draw which could have been more fortuitous the team performed more satisfactorily than any other since Terry Lee's side contested the final in '60-'61, and then only because of his own contribution with bat and ball.

The eleventh hour arrival of Ian Howell from Melbourne, and the gamble on his inclusion in the side without any indication of his form, paid handsome dividends as he performed the unprecedented feat of scoring 3 centuries in successive matches against University, North Sydney and Sydney within a period of six days. (Two days later, however, he proved to be merely mortal by registering a duck in Second Grade.).

Our normal brittle batting, like the poor, was still with us, but only having to be responsible for maintaining one end we enjoyed the luxury of declaring our innings on all occasions without having to call on Brian Kinsey, the holder of the previous season's batting average, together with his indomitable last wicket partner Mal McEachern, both of whom have so often (but in vain) carried on their broad shoulders the hopes and the fears of a seaside village.

Our policy in looking for wins instead of drawn games ultimately cost us the opportunity to represent the division in the finals, as Sydney took advantage of a declaration when our batting was right on top, to scrape in for an exciting win with the last man at the wicket and ultimately won the division by one point. To our chagrin, they then went on to an easy win in the final.

In addition to Ian Howell all the batsmen at various times pulled their weight, often sacrificing their wickets for quick runs, and who could forget John Branscombe's mighty hitting on the eve of his departure for two years with the Army? We sincerely wish him well and trust that he will return with an even more aggressive attitude and a continuation of the greatly improved fielding form he displayed during the season.

John Hunt and Brian Kinsey were the best of the bowlers, but Joe Pawley showed in the last match what he might have achieved with earlier opportunities.

Neil Coltman performed efficiently as keeper and showed good batting form when called upon.

It was a pleasure to feel the enthusiasm and spirit of this side, and we trust that Rolfe Kinsey as scorer and manager felt that his time and efforts were not in vain. Well done all, and congratulations to Ian Howell for breaking two long-standing club records in his first season with an aggregate of 396 and average of 198. John Weight's batting showed great improvement on the previous season and this may have been due to the fact that he was relieved of the cares of captaincy.

Brian Kinsey fell naturally into the unaccustomed position and learned well by practical experience to such an extent that his captaincy in the last match was flawless. It would have been a fitting conclusion to his Poidevin Gray career if he could have led the team to the final.

A pleasing feature this year was the solid club support from those too young or too old to participate, and we were pleased to have the assistance of Barney Murray as scorer and 12th man on occasions.

A. W. GREEN SHIELD

Under the shadow of last year's successful side it was expected that with so many younger boys coming in without turf experience we would lose more than we won. Cricket being what it is, however, this was not the case, and apart from the last hour of the last match, when the batsmen allowed themselves to be intimidated by short bowling, the team performed beyond expectations in winning five, losing two and drawing one, finishing 3rd in the northern division.

A severe injury suffered by Chris Murray in an earlier game was a tremendous handicap to the team following the potential he demonstrated at the end of last season, and the fact that he was keen to turn out again and then perform so well with bat and ball in the later games except the last, when he had to report for further treatment, demonstrated what a doughty little fighter we have.

This absence, however, did make way for other young spinners to be tried, and Frank Turner, Graeme Beard and Ian MacDonald filled the breach admirably.

Paul Spraggs, after an uncertain beginning which cost him a place in the representative sides, was the undoubted batting star and in the opening position demonstrated a technique which could take him quickly through the grades provided that his mental approach to the game can keep pace with his undoubted ability.

Don Farrell also gave promise as an opening batsman, scored a century and continued to show improvement throughout the series. This pair followed by Neil Boden were proving a problem to opposing bowlers as the series progressed.

Geoff Pike was another century-maker for this season, although selected as a bowler. He hits the ball hard and appears to have been included in the combined Sydney First XI in that capacity, which really fails to do justice to his fast bowling potential.

Phil Stabback and Terry Cunningham shared the new ball and bowled better than their figures indicated. Phil was also included in the combined team.

Apart from a couple of slow movers the fielding was generally good, but running between wickets as usual left a lot to be desired and cost the last game.

Robert Andrews was an enthusiastic 'keeper who could develop well, and played some useful innings. Phil Stabback took over the captaincy when Gary Collins retired and had the team going well.

Our thanks to Ken Turner and Peter Harvey, who jointly got the team going for Peter to take over completely for the last five matches. He should feel well rewarded in the team's performance.

UNDER 16's

As previously mentioned the formation of the Shire teams has illuminated the need for a nursery of younger cricketers, and several of the boys during the season from our two Junior teams performed well when called upon.

The administration of these teams is of vital importance, and we were most fortunate in having the services of men of the calibre of Roy Graham, Jim Profit, Don MacDonald, Max Howell and Tom Brown, with their respective wives, while Ray Harvey and Alan Lee were lurking in the background to guide and advise.

May there never be wanting in this Club, and in the community where the spread of juvenile delinquency must be arrested, people who are prepared to give regularly of their time and money, and often when the call of other pursuits of high priority have to be forsaken.

M.W.C.A. D GRADE (UNDER 16 "P")

(By Jim Profit)

The team played extremely well throughout the year and fortunately were able to promote four of their players to the Shire teams. These boys were Jeff Nichol, Andy Dessaix, Frank Turner and Graham Jack. All of these boys displayed excellent batting form and should do well in the future.

Andy Dessaix knocked a fine 157 against C.B.C. midway through the season.

Chris Graham showed a tremendous improvement with the bat this season and toward the latter part shared the opening position with Graham Jack.

Gordon O'Brien concentrated on his medium fast bowling and was most impressive. He took the most wickets in one innings for our team by taking 6-23 against C.B.C.

Peter Brown and Ian Felton had a wonderful season with their spin bowling. Peter took 41 wickets with an average of 9.54 and Ian took 20 wickets with an average of 16.95. Geoff Burns was exceptionally good in the field and proved a useful opening bowler by taking 17 wickets.

We had a good all-rounder in Mark Ashover who batted, fielded and bowled very well throughout the season.

Graham McLarn stood by the team as a reserve for long spells during the season and towards the end he and young Don Felton played for us. Both Graham and Don showed that they have terrific potential and never let the team down at any time.

Ian MacKenzie also stood in for us when needed, scoring a few runs and fielding well.

David Proffitt captained the team well throughout the season and kept wicket soundly.

The most important facet this year was the wonderful team spirit and the strong evidence that quite a number of these boys will have a bright future in cricket.

Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Graham for her interest and skill with the score book.

DISTRICT A (UNDER 16)

(By Don MacDonald)

This team had a most enjoyable season, winning most of their matches, whilst five of their team-mates at one time or another helped out in the Shire sides.

Our two captains, Alan Fraser and Alan Walton, inspired the side by being the best fieldsmen, so that by either coaxing or bullying or practising, at the end of the season we did not have to hide too many in the field.

A summary of catches illustrates this: A. Fraser and P. Edmonds (8), I. MacDonald (7), A. Walton (5), G. Harper (5) and G. Beard and A. Howell 3 each; our two 'keepers: R. Andrews 7 catches from 13 dismissals, Nick Fraser 7 catches from 15 dismissals.

Graham Beard (74 and 59) and Alan Fraser (113 and 76) were our best batsmen, with R. Andrews (54). Of the younger brigade, Allan Howell (81 and 62 n.o.) and I. MacDonald (52 n.o.) were good support, not to forget our brilliant baby Greg Harper.

Once again, although we tried many, we had no real opening bowler, A. Fraser having most effect. Our slow men, Ian MacDonald and Allan Walton, took 100 wickets between them, aided by Graham Beard and Alan Howell.

Congratulations to Green Shield Squad players A. Fraser, G. Beard, R. Andrews, I. MacDonald and A. Walton, and to G. Beard and I. MacDonald as members of the winning Watson Shield team.

Many thanks to my co-manager Max Howell, and also our scorer Mrs. Harper; and we hope for many years to come. To the seven sets of parents we had at one game, thanks for your support, and also Mrs. MacDonald who sent the boys down drinks and biscuits every Saturday.

CITY AND SUBURBAN TEAM REPORT

(By H. Frazer)

The team had a very enjoyable season and we finished stronger than we started. The batting average was won by B. Miles (21.40), and P. Cumine (304) won the aggregate.

Batting on the whole could have been a lot better, but the bowling held its own. Scores of 50 and over by R. Yell, B. Beattie, H. Frazer, B. Bailey, R. Marr and P. Cumine. Nelson Lawrence kept wickets and did a very good job at it.

The fielding on the whole was excellent and in one match eight chances given and all were caught.

GROUND

With Warragamba full of water, but the means of distribution about as far advanced as the Opera House, batsmen took a lower grip on the handle and "offies" massaged their spinning finger at the prospect of bare crumbling wickets from the beginning of the season. Due, however, to unremitting toil by our three curators, often in the face of heartbreaking

frustration and with occasional life-giving showers of rain, our grounds throughout the season were maintained up to their normal standard.

MANLY OVAL.—Under the watchful eye of Frank McEwen the oval maintained its position as one of Sydney's best, and the restoration of the bore, although its application was limited, created a green oasis in the centre. With his assistant Merv Paynter as an ally, Frank waged a long battle against crab grass and despite all difficulties the centre by the end of the season was as clean and well grassed as the S.C.G.

Early in the season our offer to share the cost of laying another practice area was accepted by the Manly Council who appreciated the need to rest the old area at the northern end of the ground. Unfortunately the new area could not be prepared for use by the end of the season, but it should be well consolidated over the winter. We are grateful to Bruce Adrian for his efforts in this matter.

L. M. GRAHAM RESERVE.—Despite the water restrictions and the indifferent health of the curator Dan Delaney, this ground also finished the season in good shape due mainly to his efforts to keep things going. While Dan was on sick leave Merv Paynter and our old friend Tim Bridger looked after our interests and we are also grateful to them.

The wicket area is not large and could be damaged by excessive use, with the result that Manly Council wisely restricts the number of social fixtures such a well-appointed ground attracts.

BROOKVALE OVAL.—In good seasons and bad it is doubtful if this ground has ever looked as healthy as at the close of this season and great credit is due to the Warringah Shire Council for their efforts. Whole areas of poor quality grass and weeds have been systematically replaced by healthy turf, and although these activities restricted our scoring rate throughout the season, any inconvenience suffered will be forgotten in the long term benefits.

We are pleased to record that Jonathan Hodgson is still with us as curator, and sincerely appreciate his co-operation.

SOCIAL

This did begin to look like any other season until a group of interested members with new ideas sought and were gladly given permission to organise and conduct extra activities. That all members did not wish to partake, however, came as no surprise to previous committee men, but nevertheless in face of the normal apathy Mal MacEachern, Brian Kinsey, Gordon Rorke, Dick Woodfield and Roger Hooke pressed on with arrangements for a memorable barbecue at the Reservoir, followed by a film night and a barbecue at the Oval. This in addition to assuming responsibility for the normal functions at the "Room at the Top", and also for the publication of a news sheet of the same name which proved at times that the law of libel can be very flexible.

We were approached by and were pleased to assist the committee of the Morris, Miller Lindwall Testimonial to conduct a single wicket game at Manly Oval, which was highly successful despite the dubious weather which these good people seemed to attract. Len Soman represented the Club in all discussions and presided over the Club's activities on the day which included an elaborate afternoon tea prepared by our ladies. In addition to the above, Nev Travers and Len Carter as members of the General Committee rendered sterling service on this and other occasions. An exhaustive search throughout our six teams located 10 fieldsmen who were able to perform with distinction on the day, and all participants were entertained in characteristically lavish style by the Manly-Warringah Rugby League Club Ltd. at the end of a perfect day.

On the holiday weekend in October we entertained the Wanderers Club from Canberra and went back in strength to take them on again on their home ground late in November. As there was no Grade cricket scheduled for that Saturday, the team was able to make a leisurely trip although it was hard to convince Keith Harwood that Halcombe and his Porsche were au fait with the expression.

During the last match of the season an old custom was revived in the form of an Annual Dinner, and our good friends at the Manly-Warringah Leagues Club helped greatly in making this one of the most successful functions of the season. Ald. A. K. Dein, the Mayor of Manly, was guest of honour, and apologies from two other very busy vice-presidents, the Rt. Hon. R. W. Askin and Cr. Gordon Jones (President of the Warringah Shire Council) were received with regret.

Allowing for those who found it physically impossible to attend, a roll-up of 70 was most satisfactory and all teams were represented.

The season concluded on the final Saturday with the entertainment of all vice-presidents who were able to attend to afternoon tea at Manly Oval, and it was good to see Mesdames Lee and Philpott outside the kitchen on this occasion.

On a happy night in May a dinner was held in the new dining area of the Manly Rugby Union Club Ltd. to honour the ladies who assisted in the running of the Club during the season, and we sincerely hope that none were forgotten.

Thanks to the planning and industry of those aforementioned, this developed into a good social season, although our annual fixtures with the two Rugby Clubs did not take place due to various reasons. In addition to these it has also been suggested that a Past and Present match be held with the prospect of a country trip, so a good active social committee will be essential for next year.

PUBLICITY

Our annual plea for a publicity officer was finally heeded by Rolfe Kinsey, and what an excellent job he performed — always to be seen at headquarters with his notebook and pencil at the short trail in the highest traditions of Fleet Street. In this case the woman behind this successful man was Elsie Kinsey, and as far as a secretary's time is concerned these good people rendered the most tangible assistance we have received for many years in submitting the weekly Kinsey Report.

The "Manly Daily" continued to provide good coverage for the four Grade sides, but we were unable to secure continuity of coverage for the Shires and Under 16's despite the efforts of Ray Harvey, who could have used more co-operation from some of those teams.

Albert McKeon through the "Herald" again rendered outstanding service despite injuries received in a motor accident from which we hope he has now fully recovered.

The sporting writers of the Sydney papers provided splendid publicity for all matches during the season, and we will certainly need their help in the seasons ahead.

We could, however, do without the help of the Police Traffic Branch, whose advice to motorists to keep away from the S.C.G. on the Saturday of the Test savoured of panic.

CONDOLENCES

The tragedies which engulfed the members of the Barnes family during the season, culminating in the untimely death of Barry, brother of John and son of one of our vice-presidents, Laurie Barnes, were deeply felt by members of the Manly-Warringah sporting fraternity.

NORMAN NASH.—Father of Charlie, passed away after a long illness at the age of 78. A kindly and highly respected figure, he was always to be seen together with his wife wherever their son was playing.

R. J. A. MASSIE.—We learned with regret of the passing of a vice-president of long standing, and probably one of the most colourful all-round athletes with whom the Club has been associated. In his University days he gained "Blues" in practically all fields of sporting endeavour and was a fearsome fast bowler. An outstanding sporting career was severely restricted by injuries received in the 1914-18 war.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

To date there have been 7 meetings, and the individual attendances have been as follows:—

J. Barnes 3, J. Blades 2, L. Carter 4, J. Hodgson 6, T. Lee 4, L. McClachie 2, P. Philpott 1, L. Soman 6, N. Travers 6.

We can only stress once again the importance of members attending the annual meeting and then remaining until election of office-bearers has been completed. It usually transpires that our annual meeting coincides with the coldest or wettest night of the year, but nevertheless it is of no account when those who weren't there to record their vote cannot for the life of them understand how "Joe Blow got on the committee".

Vice-Presidents Kinsey, Corrigan, Harvey, Brooks and Hoy attended at different times with Life Members Max Hayman and Bruce Cook. Another Life Member, Bruce Adrian, was in regular attendance, and his reports as liaison officer to the Councils and Chairman of Selections formed the basis of the meetings.

DELEGATES

Messrs. Lowe and Turner attended most meetings of the Association, the former again rendering sterling service at N.S.W.C.A. practices although it was in matters pertaining to country cricket that his presence was so vital. Unfortunately Mr. Lowe's devotion to the country coaching class and the subsequent preparation of the report caused a heavy drain on his physical resources, but he was out of action for only a minimum period. Several country districts have now recognised his services with awards of Life Membership.

PERMANENT SELECTORS

We record once again our appreciation to the three faceless men, Messrs. Adrian (chairman) Hodgson and Carter, for their attention to a task which is probably the most difficult of Sydney Grade clubs. On one occasion 23 players had to be notified of change of team. The nomadic nature of the First Grade side is now creating problems of selection and from what we hear there is not likely to be any improvement over the next few years, so that there will be little opportunity for any player to settle comfortably into a team for the season.

It is often a criticism of the administration of this game that procedures and methods hallowed by time are not lightly forsaken, but it would appear that in our particular case some unwritten rules which have bound generations of selectors may now have to be stretched a little.

Bruce Adrian continued to bear the brunt of late "droppers-outers" who confound all systems of selection, but there did appear to be some improvement over the previous season.

PREMIERSHIPS

Congratulations to St. George for winning the Club Championship and contesting the finals in three Grades, winning the first two and drawing the third which went to Gordon who were the undoubted minor premiers. Sutherland took out Fourth Grade and as previously mentioned gave most of the others an awful shake.

Sydney and Bankstown-Canterbury won the Poidevin Gray and A. W. Green Shield respectively, both for the second consecutive year, and Balmain were never headed in "C Series".

Closer to home we saw the local Watson Shield team record a splendid win over the strong St. George side in the final and noted that the team contained a good percentage of names already mentioned in the A. W. Green Shield report. The whole was a triumph of local organisation and infectious enthusiasm.

IN APPRECIATION

A feature of every annual report is Bruce Adrian's many services to the Club and we wonder at times how we could survive a season without his constant help and guidance. His tireless search for and encouragement of talent is infectious, and it would be a very retarded member indeed who did not at some time during the season obtain some benefit from his numerous activities.

We are also grateful to John Hodgson for his willingness to place his administrative experience at the Club's disposal when called upon, and we thank:— The ladies who presided over afternoon tea for all teams during the season; Mrs. Lowe and Miss Booth for hospitality at committee meetings; the steadily increasing band of umpires among whom we are proud to number two former members now on the way up; the Management, Committee and Staff of the Manly Rugby Union Club Ltd. for use of their facilities and many courtesies.

Mr. Braddock who again maintained his ceaseless vigil on the gate at Manly — a most reliable official; Mr. Vallance for his willingness to assume the role of Honorary Auditor for the first time; Assistant Hon. Sec. Roger Hooke for utmost co-operation and polished performances; Messrs. Barnes and Pitkethly of the N.S.W.C.A. for their patience and tremendous endeavours; Frank Turner for services at the Room at the Top (who pinched the bell?); all the good fellows who attended regularly, and she who saw that they did — Judy.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Income and Expenditure account discloses a deficiency of \$159 compared to a surplus of \$491 last year. As anticipated in last year's report, cost of materials and repairs skyrocketed. This, together with a slight decline in subscriptions and playing fees due to an increased proportion of schoolboys playing on lower fees and an increase in outward donations and presentations, was the main factor affecting our result for the year.

Other items such as postages and telephone reflect the increasing number of players to be catered for, but we hope that with a more settled representative season we shall have the right players available next season to attract more spectators to Manly Oval. In this respect the luck of the draw will be an important factor.

Over-all, our net tangible assets increased by \$41 due to our ever-active workers on social occasions who produced a surplus of \$200. We look forward to continued support from this source.

Looking to the future, we must not rest on our laurels, as the small Accumulated Funds balance could be dissipated very quickly during a wet season. Your treasurer again emphasises the importance of prompt payment of subscriptions and feels drastic action should be taken against the offenders next season.

Once again we record our appreciation to Bob Maxwell for a job well done. Only a member who identifies himself with so many club activities during the season could be in a position to tidy up the debris deposited by the numerous sources handling club funds. Only a relentless perfectionist could produce this final result.

G. W. LOWE, President.

A. W. TURNER, Hon. Secretary.

FIRST GRADE BATTING AVERAGES

	No. Inns.	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total	Ave.
B. Rothwell	10	4	78	421	70.1
J. Burke	17	5	115	808	67.3
T. Lee	11	2	105	420	46.6
P. Philpott	8	2	76	255	42.5
J. Barnes	9	2	57	219	31.2
T. Hart	8	3	52x	116	23.2
K. Harwood	11	—	54	215	19.5
I. Howell	6	—	52	113	18.8
E. Robinson	14	3	74x	190	17.2
R. Hunt	12	1	48	162	14.7
P. Stabback	7	1	26	66	11.0
G. Rorke	6	1	12	37	7.4
J. Weight	7	1	25	44	7.3

ALSO BATTED: B. Taylor 4-55, B. Kinsey 2 (1 n.o.) 13, R. Maxwell 3 (1 n.o.) 25, K. Turner 2-23, M. Elliot 5 (1 n.o.) 20, R. Hooke 1-5, P. Sullivan 1-2.

FIRST GRADE BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
P. Philpott	90	4	23	381	16.5
E. Robinson	65.1	13	13	231	17.7
G. Rorke	123	22	22	428	19.4
T. Hart	136.6	16	26	533	20.5
J. Barnes	100.6	24	10	342	34.2
J. Burke	34	2	4	140	35
T. Lee	154.7	16	18	647	35.9
P. Stabback	24	1	4	150	37.5
B. Kinsey	28	4	1	120	120

ALSO BOWLED: B. Rothwell 0-11, R. Hunt 0-39, K. Harwood 0-49.

SECOND GRADE BATTING AVERAGES

	No. Inns.	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total	Ave.
B. Taylor	5	—	82	189	37.80
P. Stabback	8	2	84x	167	27.83
K. Turner	9	1	54	163	20.38
T. Felton	7	2	29x	85	17.00
G. Halcombe	13	1	42	203	16.92
P. Sullivan	18	1	77	280	16.47
N. Travers	16	1	54x	240	16.40
R. Hooke	13	—	50	200	15.38
R. Maxwell	10	—	38	110	11.00
A. Springall	5	—	19	50	10.00
R. Yell	15	2	32x	98	7.54
B. Kinsey	12	4	16	49	6.13
M. McEachern	15	6	19x	40	4.44

ALSO BATTED: J. Barnes 4-87, J. Dower 4-78, G. Beutel 3-7, A. Turner 1-10, J. Weight 2-69, R. Hunt 4-76, I. Howell 1-0, J. Branscombe 2-58, P. Luffman 1-5, R. Watkins 1-15, J. Hunt 1-0, N. Coltman 3-16, C. Nash 1-4, B. Morcom 1-1, W. Simpson 5-76, L. McLatchie 1-28, P. Gosper 3-0.

SECOND GRADE BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
P. Stabback	58.6	9	16	216	13.50
B. Kinsey	164.2	27	36	563	15.64
W. Simpson	45	2	10	203	20.30
T. Felton	55.1	12	7	159	22.71
R. Hunt	23.4	—	4	92	23.00
R. Yell	148	23	21	550	26.19
M. McEachern	171.5	22	18	637	35.39

ALSO BOWLED: J. Hunt 9-54, J. Branscombe 2-16, J. Dower 3-71, P. Sullivan 2-63, N. Fenn 2-104, J. Barnes 1-88.

THIRD GRADE BATTING AVERAGES

	No. Inns.	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total	Ave.
A. Springall	12	—	104	464	38.6
A. Turner	17	2	73	470	31.3
K. Turner	8	2	41	164	27.3
T. Felton	10	3	61	190	27.1
G. Halcombe	8	2	51	163	27.1
G. Blades	12	2	98	217	21.7
J. Branscombe	5	—	52	107	21.4
R. Haysom	19	2	71	324	19.0
G. Beutel	7	—	73	121	17.2
N. Fenn	6	2	25	62	15.5
R. Watkins	13	4	33	129	14.3
K. Fitzpatrick	5	—	39	52	10.4
C. Nash	8	—	22	83	10.3
P. Jones	7	3	14	37	9.2
P. Harvey	8	—	15	62	7.7
R. Honeyman	8	1	15	44	6.2
N. Coltman	10	—	24	60	6.0
R. Beattie	6	1	14	34	5.6
J. Hunt	16	2	14	77	5.5

ALSO BATTED: T. Spencer 4-0, A. Graham 2-17, K. Nichol 3 (1 n.o.) 20, J. Dower 1-7, R. Hooke 2-54, P. Spragg 3-2, B. Taylor 2-3, J. Weight 2-19, M. Storey 2-4.

THIRD GRADE BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
N. Fenn	53	15	15	134	8.9
P. Jones	103	20	22	305	13.0
R. Watkins	113	15	29	402	13.8
R. Haysom	150	30	28	426	15.2
J. Hunt	106	4	29	475	16.3
T. Felton	80	10	13	229	17.6
K. Nichol	20	2	4	85	21.2
R. Honeyman	90	17	14	297	21.2
G. Blades	50	4	8	204	25.5

ALSO BOWLED: R. Beattie 0-10, J. Dower 1-0, T. Spencer 0-46.

FOURTH GRADE BATTING AVERAGES

	No. Inns.	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total	Ave.
P. Spraggs	5	2	26	76	25.3
N. Coltman	7	—	110	162	23.1
R. Honeyman	5	1	24	75	18.7
J. Pawley	20	6	56	255	18.2
R. Beattie	8	—	32	145	18.1
K. Fitzpatrick	15	1	51	246	17.6
C. Nash	8	1	50	121	17.3
A. Graham	20	1	52	291	15.3
D. Dessaix	9	3	38	81	13.7
L. McClatchie	20	—	37	255	12.8
T. Spencer	14	1	37	149	11.5
K. Nichol	17	1	27	153	9.0
P. Harvey	12	2	23	85	8.5
B. Murray	14	3	19	83	7.6
R. Woodfield	15	6	16	63	7.0

ALSO BATTED: G. Blades 1-91, G. Collins 5-50, J. Branscombe 3-50, B. Morcom 3-38, A. Frazer 1-14, P. Thompson 1-12, P. Jones 3-12, R. Watkins 3-11, G. Pike 1-8, J. Cornish 2-7, R. Walton 1-3.

FOURTH GRADE BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
R. Watkins	28	4	11	108	9.8
D. Dessaix	106	31	25	269	10.8
K. Nichol	165.5	29	49	574	11.7
P. Jones	36.3	2	12	143	11.9
R. Honeyman	39	7	9	114	12.3
R. Woodfield	199.1	38	50	700	14.0
P. Harvey	35	2	6	154	24.0
T. Spencer	66.2	1	10	271	27.1
J. Pawley	78	6	12	383	31.9

ALSO BOWLED: J. Cornish 2-41, L. McClatchie 1-16, J. Branscombe 2-13, G. Blades 2-42, R. Beattie 0-14, R. Walton 0-24, P. Thompson 0-20, G. Pike 3-30.

"C" GRADE SHIRE No. 1 TEAM BATTING AVERAGES

	No. Inns.	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total	Ave.
J. Hodgson	13	1	55	397	30.54
F. Spraggs	15	1	101	309	22.07
G. Collins	8	1	70	149	21.29
C. Murray	17	7	47	200	20.00
G. Blades	11	2	80	166	18.88
B. Morcomb	9	—	42	155	17.22
L. Carter	9	2	31	112	16.00
N. McDonald	11	—	29	166	15.09
P. Thompson	18	7	37	161	14.64
J. Nichol	10	1	32x	131	14.56
M. Storey	19	—	45	263	13.86
L. Robb	23	1	51	269	12.23
F. Turner	10	—	26	91	9.10
A. Dessaix	12	—	27x	95	7.92
L. Noakes	15	—	36	106	7.06
J. Cornish	14	6	13x	32	4.00

ALSO BATTED: C. Dessaix 3 (1 n.o.) 38, G. Beard 3-34, G. Jack 2-20, R. Andrews 3-23, B. Murray 2-11, R. McLean 3 (1 n.o.) 8, P. Jones 4-11, I. McDonald 2-3, C. Russell 1-0.

"C" GRADE SHIRE No. 1 TEAM BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
F. Turner	16	2	10	80	8.00
C. Dessaix	18	1	7	73	10.43
C. Murray	90	11	36	469	13.03
R. McLean	27	5	6	84	14.00
G. Blades	39	5	13	188	14.46
N. McDonald	55	5	16	222	15.13
L. Noakes	129	18	36	527	17.41
J. Cornish	85	14	19	333	17.53
P. Thompson	54	8	15	269	17.93
L. Robb	89	6	23	469	20.39

ALSO BOWLED: A. Dessaix 1-11, B. Morcom 1-43, J. Hodgson 0-11,
P. Spraggs 0-18, B. Murray 0-25, G. Collins 0-19.

"C" GRADE SHIRE No. 2 TEAM BATTING AVERAGES

	No. Inns.	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total	Ave.
R. McLean	8	1	55	210	30.0
M. McMenamin	13	1	48x	246	20.5
G. Blades	8	2	33	112	18.5
G. Ullman	22	2	75	368	18.4
S. Benson	22	2	73	358	17.9
M. Sainsbery	16	3	49x	224	17.1
D. Cameron	20	—	38	310	15.5
J. Keeling	18	4	40	213	15.2
R. Walton	17	1	57	241	15.0
J. Blades	12	2	23	81	8.1
D. Frost	11	3	26x	61	7.63
C. Dessaix	11	2	9	39	4.3
P. Partington	10	—	11	17	1.55

ALSO BATTED: L. Noakes 1-20, J. Nichol 3 (2 n.o.) 17, A. Frazer
2 (1 n.o.) 33.

"C" GRADE SHIRE No. 2 TEAM BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
M. McMenamin	102	23	31	263	8.5
R. Walton	142	25	42	434	10.3
M. Sainsbery	102	9	36	384	10.6
P. Partington	50	3	17	184	10.85
C. Dessaix	82	17	18	236	13.1
R. McLean	53	7	13	177	13.6
J. Keeling	126	28	23	410	17.8

ALSO BOWLED: J. Nichol 5-37, A. Frazer 1-26, L. Noakes 9-74,
G. Blades 8-97.

POIDEVIN GRAY SHIELD BATTING AVERAGES

	No. Inns.	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total	Ave.
I. Howell	4	2	108x	396	198
P. Sullivan	4	—	76	125	31.25
J. Branscombe	4	1	38x	85	28.3
N. Coltman	3	—	57	65	21.6
J. Weight	3	—	43	62	20.6
R. Honeyman	3	—	27	48	16
K. Turner	3	—	19	45	15
P. Stabback	4	1	18x	27	9

ALSO BATTED: J. Hunt 1 (1 n.o.) 18.

POIDEVIN GRAY BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
B. Kinsey	49	11	12	150	12.5
M. McEachern	36	10	5	108	21.6
R. Honeyman	34	3	4	124	31.0
J. Hunt	64	7	8	274	34.2

ALSO BOWLED: J. Pawley 3-47, P. Stabback 0-25, P. Sullivan 0-9.

A. W. GREEN SHIELD BATTING AVERAGES

	No. Inns.	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total	Ave.
N. Boden	4	1	52	176	58.6
P. Spraggs	7	—	74	241	34.4
D. Farrell	8	—	100	261	32.6
G. Pike	5	2	100x	163	32.4
G. Collins	4	1	38	53	17.6
S. Allum	7	2	23	78	15.6
R. Andrews	5	2	22	47	15.6
P. Stabback	4	—	23	46	11.5
F. Turner	6	1	32	55	11.0
I. McDonald	4	2	8	21	10.5
T. Cunningham	4	—	17	23	5.7

ALSO BATTED: G. Beard 3-8, C. Murray 2-57, A. Frazer 2-4, J. Nichol 1-1.

A. W. GREEN SHIELD BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
C. Murray	57	11	16	187	11.56
P. Stabback	92	11	18	249	13.83
F. Turner	18.2	1	7	114	16.0
T. Cunningham	59	12	9	183	20.3
I. McDonald	21.3	3	4	82	20.5
G. Beard	11.2	1	2	59	29.5
G. Pike	49	9	3	151	50.3

ALSO BOWLED: D. Farrell 0-53.

M.W.C.A. "D" GRADE (UNDER 16) "M" BATTING AVERAGES

	No. Inns.	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total	Ave.
G. Beard	6	1	74	237	47.40
A. Fraser	8	—	113	283	35.38
A. Howell	16	4	81	271	22.65
R. Andrew	13	1	54	234	19.50
I. MacDonald	13	2	52x	186	16.99
G. Harper	8	2	32	87	14.50
A. Walton	16	4	34x	112	9.33
N. Fraser	15	1	23	102	7.29

M.W.C.A. "D" GRADE (UNDER 16) "M" BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
I. MacDonald	102	14	48	370	7.71
A. Walton	158	19	52	593	11.41
A. Fraser	73	19	13	161	12.54
G. Beard	38	1	10	136	13.60
A. Howell	28	2	8	130	16.25
N. Fraser	43	4	8	173	21.50

M.W.C.A. "D" GRADE (UNDER 16) "P" BATTING AVERAGES

	No. Inns.	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total	Ave.
A. Dessaix	8	—	157	351	43.88
G. Jack	11	1	75	359	35.90
J. Nichol	8	1	54	136	19.43
D. Proffitt	16	4	32	230	19.17
G. O'Brien	14	—	61	261	18.64
M. Ashover	13	3	29x	147	14.70
G. Burns	17	2	54x	219	14.60
F. Turner	10	—	29	137	13.70
P. Brown	15	4	19x	135	12.27
C. Graham	12	1	48	133	12.09
W. Bissaker	9	3	28x	68	10.80
I. Felton	6	1	33	39	7.80

ALSO BATTED: D. Felton 4 (4 n.o.) 27, I. MacKenzie 4-10.

M.W.C.A. "D" GRADE (UNDER 16) "P" BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
P. Brown	97	16	41	391	9.54
G. O'Brien	94	19	26	278	10.69
A. Dessaix	13	1	3	37	12.33
W. Bissaker	21	6	4	56	14.00
I. Felton	59	4	20	239	16.95
G. Jack	26	2	5	85	17.00
G. Burns	86	12	17	329	19.35
J. Nichol	35	2	7	139	19.86
F. Turner	10	1	2	45	22.50
M. Ashover	25	1	4	99	24.75

ALSO BOWLED: D. Felton 1-2, I. MacKenzie 0-18.

CITY & SUBURBAN AVERAGES

	No. Inns.	Not Outs	Highest Score	Total	Ave.
B. Miles	10	5	37	107	21.40
P. Cumine	16	1	83	304	20.28
H. Frazer	19	3	50x	285	17.99
R. Marr	13	1	54x	207	17.25
B. Bailey	9	1	58	117	14.62
G. North	17	—	58	242	14.25
N. Lawrence	17	1	44x	177	11.01
W. Hoy	13	3	19	75	7.5
L. Cameron	10	—	27	62	6.2
B. Stephenson	15	—	31	83	5.55

ALSO BATTED: B. Beattie 5-117, J. Read 7-50, C. Russell 7-79, A. Cameron 4-9, A. Frazer 5-78, R. Yell 1-59, T. Spencer 1-36, M. Murfin 2-34.

CITY & SUBURBAN BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs	Ave.
H. Frazer	165	22	60	699	11.65
W. Hoy	142	3	44	650	14.77
P. Cumine	44	—	15	290	19.80
B. Miles	50	—	17	333	19.98
B. Bailey	64	1	14	320	22.86
L. Cameron	62	2	12	318	26.5
A. Cameron	37	—	8	240	30.00

CLUB RECORDS

COMPETITION MATCHES

FIRST GRADE

Highest Individual Score	L. W. Gwynne	175 n.o.	(1926-27)
Highest Aggregate	L. W. Gwynne	843	(1923-24)
Highest Average	J. Burke	80.75	(1947-48)
Most Wickets in Season	J. Randell	78	(1909-10)

SECOND GRADE

Highest Individual Score	H. Williams	201 n.o.	(1913-14)
Highest Aggregate	N. Travers	585	(1964-65)
Highest Average	H. Williams	70.00	(1913-14)
Most Wickets in Season	W. Bassett	60	(1937-38)

THIRD GRADE

Highest Individual Score	G. W. Lowe	210 n.o.	(1930-31)
Highest Aggregate	G. W. Lowe	937	(1930-31)
Highest Average	R. Farnell	84.33	(1920-21)
Most Wickets in Season	F. Brand	79	(1922-23)

FOURTH GRADE

Highest Individual Score	J. Gurd	202	(1953-54)
Highest Aggregate	T. Lee	470	(1956-57)
Highest Average	T. Lee	36.15	(1956-57)
Most Wickets in Season	W. H. Bassett	97	(1936-37)

DISTRICT JUNIOR TEAM

Highest Individual Score	D. Ellis	165 n.o.	(1949-50)
Highest Aggregate	P. Proudfoot	1230	(1956-57)
Highest Average	P. Proudfoot	87.85	(1956-57)
Most Wickets in Season	P. Proudfoot	76	(1956-57)

POIDEVIN-GRAY SHIELD

Highest Individual Score	T. Parsonage	178	(1930-31)
Highest Aggregate	I. Howell	396	(1965-66)
Highest Average	I. Howell	198	(1965-66)
Most Wickets in Season	P. Philpott	38	(1950-51)

A. W. GREEN SHIELD

Highest Individual Score	N. Coltman	147	(1964-65)
Highest Aggregate	N. Coltman	395	(1964-65)
Highest Average	R. Bright	141.00	(1951-52)
Most Wickets in Season	J. Barnes	41	(1956-57)

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1966

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
1964-65		1964-65	
\$	\$	\$	\$
529 Materials and Repairs	871	517 Subscriptions—Members and Associates	469
187 Printing, Stationery and Advertising	224	141 Donations	125
11 Insurance	11	200 N.S.W. Cricket Association—Grant	200
120 Postages and Telephone	146	478 Playing Fees Less Ground Fees and Rentals	431
76 Donations and Presentations	173	40 Television Fees	—
300 Manly Oval Rental	300	59 Interest Received	64
325 Less Ground Takings	298	— Contribution—Cricketers Club of N.S.W.	20
(25) 46 Miscellaneous Expenses	2	Balance being Excess of Expenditure over Income	159
	41	Transferred to Accumulation Account	
	<u>\$1468</u>		<u>\$1468</u>
\$944			

SOCIAL FUND ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL, 1966

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
Morris, Miller, Lindwall Testimonial Function	7	Competitions	268
Annual Dinner	29	Barbecues and Manly Oval Socials	17
Vice-Presidents Day	16	Interest Received	30
Social Cricket Match Versus Wanderers Club	63		
BALANCE being Excess of Income over Expenditure			
transferred to Social Fund Accumulation			
Account	200		
	<u>\$315</u>		<u>\$315</u>

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL, 1966

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
1965	1965		
\$ 48	\$ 107	\$	\$
1555	2046	Equipment at Valuation	367
491	159	Sundry Debtors	241
2046	1887	Commonwealth Bonds—	
		General Account	700
		Social Account	500
		Ground Account	200
			1400
612	773	Bank of New South Wales—	
161	200	General Account	447
773		Social Account	473
	973	Ground Account	39
			959
\$2867	\$2967		\$2967

R. H. MAXWELL, A.C.A., Hon. Treasurer.

I report that in my opinion the above Balance Sheet and accompanying Income and Expenditure Account of Manly-Warringah District Cricket Club are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Club's affairs as at 30th April, 1966, and of the results of the Club for the year ended that date. The accounting and other records examined by me have, in my opinion, been properly kept.

6th June, 1966.

J. G. W. VALLANCE, F.C.A., Hon. Auditor.

