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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that the 59th Annual General Meeting of the South Australian Lacrosse Association will be held at A.N.A. Hall, Flinders Street, Adelaide, on Wednesday, 24th March, 1948, at 7.45 p.m.

BUSINESS:

1. To receive Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for Season 1947.
2. To elect officials for Season 1948.
3. To transact any other business that may be brought forward and dealt with under the Constitution and Rules of the Association.

47 Dunbar Terrace,
Grovene.

C. MACKENZIE
Honorary Secretary

59th Annual Report of the South Australian Lacrosse Association (Founded 1888)

SEASON 1947

OFFICIALS:

Patron: His Excellency the Governor of South Australia.

President: The Honorable Mr. Justice Abbott.

Vice-Presidents: K. H. Boykett, Esq., Dr. J. Close, L. Dawkins, Esq., A. C. Davis, Esq., H. S. Dunks, Esq., M.P., T. L. Fulton, Esq., O. L. Gallert, Esq., A. J. Hannan, C.M.G., K.C., M.A., LL.B., H. Hocking, Esq., G. Lee, Esq., Geo. McLeay, Esq., J. McLeay, Esq., A. S. Mann, Esq., T. D. McCormick, Esq., W. Langdon Parsons, Esq., F. Lancelot Parsons, Esq., Dr. I. A. H. Russell, H. Rule, Esq., S. Talbot Smith, Esq., C. A. M. West, Esq.

Life Members: H. Hodgetts, Esq., H. Rule, Esq.

Chairman of Committees: F. Lancelot Parsons, Esq.

Honorary Treasurer: C. H. Schulz.

Deputy Chairman of Committees: A. E. Harvey, Esq.

Assistant Hon. Secretary: A. C. Davis.

Honorary Secretary: C. Mackenzie.

Hon. Auditors: G. L. Duffield and R. D. Alexander.

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting for your approval the 59th Annual Report of the South Australian Lacrosse Association covering the activities of the Season 1947.

Membership.—The registered membership of the Association was as follows:—

Club.	No. Teams.	Members.	Alteration from 1946.
Adult Deaf	1	22	Increase of 1
Brighton	2	33	Decrease of 4
East Torrens	3	43	Decrease of 7
Glencg	3	41	Increase of 7
Legacy	3	44	Increase of 12
North Adelaide	2½	37	Increase of 3
Port Adelaide	3	46	Decrease of 10
Sturt	2½	41	Increase of 2
University	3	46	Increase of 16
West Torrens	3	41	Increase of 5
	26	394	Increase of 25 over 1946.

61 players were under 18 years of age.

Teams were divided into three grades as under:

- A Grade— 9 teams
- B Grade—10 teams
- C Grade— 7 teams

26 an increase of 5 over 1946.

Schools (Players under 16) District Teams.		Technical Schools (Wednesday Afternoons)	
Brighton	20	Croydon	15
East Torrens	19	Goodwood	15
Glenelg	16	Norwood	15
North Adelaide	15	Nailsworth	15
Port Adelaide	18		
Sturt	16		60
West Torrens	21		
	125		

Competition Results:

A Grade.—East Torrens, prominent in A Grade finals for many years, won the Major Premiership for the sixth time since senior competitive games commenced in 1888. This Club has not been out of the first four since 1933 and has been runner-up 17 times. Brighton again did well and played off for premiership honours for the ninth time since entering A Grade in 1934. The Season was a particularly interesting one as the teams to constitute the final four were in doubt almost until the last match. Sturt and University completed the four and the other teams finished in the following order: Glenelg, Port Adelaide, West Torrens, North Adelaide and Legacy.

B Grade.—After losing only one match in the minor round, East Torrens easily won the B Grade Premiership. Adult Deaf were again the unlucky team and were runners-up for the second year in succession. Sturt, Port Adelaide, North Adelaide, Glenelg, Brighton, University, Legacy and West Torrens finished in that order.

C Grade.—The late arrival of lacrosse sticks from Canada delayed the formation of this grade for several weeks. Eventually 7 teams were nominated. North Adelaide and Sturt fielded a composite team. East Torrens proved too strong for the opposition and went through the season undefeated. N.A.-Sturt were runners-up followed by University, Port Adelaide, Legacy, West Torrens and Glenelg.

Heartly congratulations are extended to the East Torrens Club on winning premiership honors in all three grades thus equalling the record established by the North Adelaide Club in 1928.

School Grade.—The Junior and New Teams Committee consisting of Messrs. F. Melbourne, W. R. Stansfield, P. Taylor, M. B. Selth, J. Langdon Parsons, W. I. James, and C. H. Schulz (Convener) was responsible for the formation of a schools grade comprised of schoolboys under the age of 16 years and resident in the Club districts. Matches commenced on 5th July and were played on Saturday mornings. Each district Club was responsible for providing a coach. The Premiership was won by the Sturt District Team from Brighton. The remaining teams finished in the following order: East Torrens, West Torrens, Glenelg, Port Adelaide and North Adelaide.

Technical Schools Grade.—Norwood Technical School re-entered the competition after a break of two years. Goodwood Technical School were undefeated and put up the remarkable record of scoring 59 goals with only one goal against. Croydon finished second followed by Norwood and Nailsworth.

Premiership Tables are appended.

Comparison—

	Schools.				Port Pirie.		Total.
	Clubs.	Grades.	Teams.	Reg. Plyrs.	Teams.	Players.	
1929 (record)	14	5	37	534	12	181	709
1946	10	3	21	369	3	72	461
1947	10	3	26	394	11	185	603

Memorial Trophy.—Congratulations to R. D. Alexander of the North Adelaide Club on winning the "Memorial Trophy" awarded to the Fairest and Best Player in A. Grade.

Trophies.—The following trophies will be presented tonight:

Abbott Shield	East Torrens
Harold Rule Shield	East Torrens
Lance Parsons Cup	East Torrens
Langdon Parsons Cup	Sturt District School Team
Memorial Trophy	R. D. Alexander

Australian Lacrosse Carnival.—An important feature of the year was the 10th Australian Lacrosse Carnival which was held at Perth. For the first time in the history of South Australian Lacrosse the team travelled by air. Four States competed for championship honors and the play in all games reached a very high standard. Congratulations are extended to Western Australia on winning all its matches and gaining the Garland-McHarg Cup for the first time. The results of the matches were as under:

W.A. defeated S.A.	10 to 7
W.A. defeated Vic.	14 to 10
W.A. defeated Q.	21 to 2
Vic. defeated S.A.	9 to 6
Vic. defeated Q.	15 to 5
S.A. defeated Q.	22 to 8

The members of the S.A. Team were: L. J. Oats (Captain), W. J. Symonds (Vice-Captain), J. Edwards, D. L. Gorman, R. Matthewman, D. Polglase, H. Hansford, F. Hansford, K. Roenfeldt, K. Forrest, K. Nesbitt, W. Lamerton, A. J. Vial, R. Stephen I. Gtsham, R. D. Alexander.

The team was managed by the Hon. Sec. of the S.A.L.A. (C. Mackenzie) assisted by Mr. A. H. Taylor. The duties of coach were carried out by Mr. W. J. Edwards.

Outstanding feature of the games in which S.A. participated were the great display of goal-keeping given by H. Hansford and the fine forward play by J. Edwards who scored 16 goals in the three matches.

We congratulate A. J. Vial, D. L. Gorman, J. Edwards and H. Hansford on their inclusion in the Australian Team which was announced at the conclusion of the Carnival.

Other Matches.—Melbourne University visited Adelaide and drew with Adelaide University 6 all. This is the first draw recorded in these contests.

A South Australian team played a team selected from the combined Universities and were successful by 9 goals to 5. The members of the S.A. team were L. K. Cooper ((Capt.) N. J. Parr (Vice-Capt.) A. C. Ely, I. Fauser, D. Woods, P. Taylor, Butler, B. Nottage, R. Keen, W. Nolan, C. Shelley, and R. M. Church.

We were happy to receive a visit from the South Perth Club (W.A.) in July. Two matches were played. The first against the East Torrens B Grade team was won by East Torrens by 15 goals to 3. The second match played against a combined Grade side resulted in a victory for the S.A. team by 12 goals to 4. The following were selected in the S.A. "B" Grade team: R. Tainsh (Captain), S. Page (Vice-Captain), K. Clarke, G. Ward, C. Otto, H. Rickards, D. Daniel, C. Rossiter, W. Sisson, Taylor, A. Gandy, and B. Vickery. A committee of four with Mr. T. H. Fewster as Manager, successfully carried out the arrangements in connection with the visit.

Legacy defeated Fort Pirie at Adelaide, 11 to 5.

Prince Alfred Old Scholars defeated Saint Peter's Old Scholars 11 to 6.

Sturt Club defeated Caulfield (Victoria) at Adelaide 8 to 7.

Alteration of Playing Rules—An alteration to Law VI passed by the Australian Lacrosse Council in July, 1947 limits play to yards behind goals and provides for the boundary corners and side lines of the playing field to be defined by flags.

Lightning Carnival—During the absence of the Carnival team in W.A. a Lightning Carnival was held on the Association Ground on 30/8/47. Teams consisted of 8 players and the length of the playing ground was reduced to 90 yards. The event was won by East Torrens with Brighton second. The Committee will give consideration to making a Carnival of this nature, with other attractions, an annual fixture.

Lacrosse Ball—The Annual Ball was again an outstanding success. The attendance was 921 which compares with 960 for the previous year. The net profit of £164/1/10 was £15/8/6 more than in 1946. The Association is greatly indebted to the members of the women's committee who worked hard selling tickets and decorating the Palais, to Mr. Peter Lathlean (Hon. Organiser) and to J. D. O'Sullivan, L. L. Parsons and G. Duffield who assisted.

Complaints Committee—The Complaints Committee (Messrs. A. J. Hannan, H. Rule and H. Irving) met once during the season and suspended a "B" Grade player for one match for ungentlemanly conduct on and off the field.

S.A. Lacrosse Referees' Association—Once again appreciation is recorded of the splendid service performed by the members of this body during the year. The following amateur referees are especially thanked for their efforts throughout the season. Mr. C. H. Schulz (President), A. C. Davis (Hon. Sec.) A. H. Taylor, C. Crawford, G. Porter, J. Hodgetts, R. D. McKay, H. Mudd, V. Medlen and N. Goring.

Finance—The cost of sending the Carnival team to Perth was £589/10/-. A Sub-Committee, with the Hon. Sec. of the S.A.L.A. as Convener, was appointed to raise the necessary funds. To the old players who generously gave donations amounting to £12 we are deeply grateful. A popular player competition conducted on penny votes raised £152. This competition was won by Thompson, nominated by the Glenelg Club. A Picture night arranged by Mr. Reg Matthews, netted £6. Collections at A. Grade matches and admission charges to enclosed grounds totalled £46.

This season the call upon Clubs was particularly heavy and it is pleasing to record that most Clubs co-operated fully and honoured their obligations. Despite the heavy expenses incurred, the credit balance at the Bank is £40/14/9, which must be regarded as very satisfactory.

Life Membership—In recognition of his services to lacrosse in S.A. over a lengthy period, Life Membership was conferred upon Mr. Harold Rule. A gold Life Membership badge was presented to Mr. Rule at the last Annual General Meeting.

Australian Lacrosse Council—The Council met on three occasions during the year. Mr. C. A. M. West represented S.A. at a meeting held in Melbourne, and the Hon. Secretary acted as delegate to the meetings held at Perth. A pamphlet on lacrosse published principally for the guidance of beginners has now been printed and will be available for distribution this year. The total prohibition of the importation of lacrosse sticks by the Commonwealth Government was viewed by the Council with great concern and a sub-committee was appointed to watch the interests of lacrosse in this important matter. It is anticipated that full quantities of lacrosse balls will be available in 1948. In future the transfer of players from one State Association to another must be granted through State Associations. Consideration is being given to the possibilities of an international Team being invited to visit Australia.

Committee—Eight meetings of the General Committee were held during the year. The attendance record of the 30 members is as follows:

C. Mackenzie 8	R. H. Trembath 7	C. H. Schulz 5	D. P. Barnes 4
W. R. Stansfield 8	N. J. Parr 7	A. B. Cox 5	K. Job 4
A. H. Taylor 8	P. Gottschalk 7	J. L. Parsons 5	R. Carter 4
T. H. Fewster 8	A. C. Davis 6	R. Jenkins 5	A. H. Vincent 4
A. Sheard 7	M. B. Selth 6	A. E. Harvey (leave	E. J. Gandy 3
P. Taylor 7	W. I. James 6	granted for 3 meet-	F. L. Parsons 2
R. M. Keen 7	L. J. Bromflow 6	ings whilst in Eng-	M. A. McLennan 1
L. T. Hewitson 7	F. P. Bulbeck 6	land) 4	A. J. Gooley 1
			O. Redman

The seat of one elected member of the Committee was declared vacant under Rule 7 (a).

Personalia—Mr. A. Bertram Cox was appointed Acting Deputy Chairman of Committees during the absence in England of the Deputy Chairman Mr. A. E. Harvey.

Mr. H. E. Irving again represented the Association on the Board of the Amateur Sports Club.

Messrs. J. Martin, A. C. Davis and C. Mackenzie acted as Interstate Selection Committee.

Tonight Messrs. A. Bertram Cox and R. Jenkins retire as Elected Members of the Committee as provided by the Constitution. Three Elected Members are required.

Conclusion—At tonight's meeting you will be called upon to elect a successor to the Honorary Secretary who will vacate the office to which he was first elected in 1937.

I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to all officers of the Association, Club Secretaries and Officials and to the many players connected with the various Clubs who have assisted me in many ways to carry out my duties as Honorary Secretary during the past eleven years.

The Association has made splendid progress since the termination of the war and I am confident that further steady progress will be achieved.

C. MACKENZIE
Honorary Secretary

A. GRADE.

	Played.			Goals		Pts.
	W.	L.	D.	For.	Agst.	
East Torrens	18	16	2	285	87	32
Brighton	18	14	4	223	79	28
Sturt	17	12	5	146	105	24
University	17	10	6	123	118	21
Glenelg	16	9	7	125	113	18
Port Adelaide	16	4	11	77	131	9
West Torrens	16	4	11	80	149	9
North Adelaide	16	4	12	84	154	8
Legacy	16		15	59	266	1

B. GRADE.

	Played.			Goals		Pts.
	W.	L.	D.	For.	Agst.	
East Torrens	20	19	1	250	75	38
Adult Deaf	20	16	4	218	80	32
Sturt	19	14	5	200	154	28
Port Adelaide	19	11	8	285	167	22
Port Adelaide	18	9	9	149	168	16
Glenelg	18	6	10	150	269	14
Brighton	18	6	11	150	182	13
University	18	5	13	113	216	10
Legacy	18	3	14	106	240	7
West Torrens	18	2	16	62	230	4

C. GRADE.

	Played.			Goals		Pts.
	W.	L.	D.	For.	Agst.	
East Torrens	14	14		253	42	28
North Adelaide-Sturt	14	8	6	154	180	16
University	13	9	4	146	120	18
Port Adelaide	13	8	5	108	84	16
Legacy	12	4	8	68	131	8
West Torrens	12	1	11	26	107	2
Glenelg	12	1	11	26	217	2

SCHOOLBOYS' GRADE (under 16 years).

	Played.			Goals		Pts.
	W.	L.	D.	For.	Agst.	
Sturt	9	7	2	76	43	14
Brighton	9	6	3	63	41	12
East Torrens	7	3	2	48	47	8
West Torrens	7	2	3	50	44	6
Glenelg	6	2	2	42	54	6
Port Adelaide	6	2	4	34	61	4
North Adelaide	6		5	36	59	1

Goalthrowers—J. Edwards (Brighton), 113; R. Matthewman (East Torrens), 58. (Record held by J. Lee, 123).

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1948.

EXPENDITURE.

To Oval Hire	£	s.	d.
Programmes, Printing and Stationery	56	8	0
Stamps and Telephone	36	14	2
Annual Meeting Expenses	31	9	11
Cost of Carnival—	12	15	0
Fines	£498	10	6
Expenses	68	0	0
Printing	7	0	3
Training	11	6	0
Cleaning Guernseys	2	0	0
Guernseys and Socks	2	13	3
Sticks Purchased	559	10	0
Cost of Honour Roll	229	0	8
Honorarium Secretary	20	7	9
Honorarium Treasurer	31	10	0
Lacrosse Balls Purchased	5	5	0
Lacrosse Pamphlets	5	2	6
Expenses South Perth Visit	7	19	8
Referee Association Expenses	1	10	0
Shed Expenses	3	4	6
Hire Hall—Picture Night	2	2	0
Sundry Expenses	11	4	1
	£1,051	3	9

INCOME.

By Club Levies	£	s.	d.
Affiliation Fees	216	1	9
Registration Fees	1	0	0
Sale of Programmes, Constitutions and Badges	44	12	0
Sale of Lacrosse Balls	12	0	0
Fines	4	16	0
Donations	2	18	6
Sale of Sticks	8	8	0
Refund from Clubs for Schoolboy Sticks	4	17	6
Collection at Annual Meeting	35	0	0
Collection at Matches	11	3	3
Proceeds at Matches	11	14	0
Funds for Carnival—	35	0	9
Donations from Old Players	£120	0	9
Proceeds Popular Player Voting	152	7	5
Proceeds Annual Ball	164	1	10
Proceeds at Picture Night	10	9	0
Refund for Shed Expenses	446	19	0
Refund Oval Hire	3	0	0
Savings Bank Interest	5	5	0
	6	2	7
Cost of Lacrosse Sticks on Hand	549	5	4
Transfer Fund for Schoolboy Sticks	143	0	3
Nett Deficiency for Year	13	5	6
	45	12	8
	£1,051	3	9

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JANUARY, 1948.

LIABILITIES.

Advance for Sticks	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Oval Fund				45	0	0
Accumulated Surplus—				43	0	2
Balance 1/2/47 brought forward	381	15	9			
Less Deficiency for 1947 Season	45	12	8			
				336	3	1
	£334	3	3			

ASSETS.

Dressing Shed	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Equipment at Valuation—				105	9	9
Typewriter	2	0	0			
Material, Uniforms and Nets	6	0	0			
Sundry Debtors				8	0	0
Lacrosse Sticks on Hand				23	18	6
Cash in Hand				143	0	3
Cash at Bank				3	0	0
				40	14	9
	£334	3	3	£334	3	3

21th February, 1948.

C. H. SCHULZ, A.F.I.A., Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct with Books and Vouchers produced.

G. L. DUFFIELD, Chartered Accountant (Aust.)

R. D. C. ALEXANDER,

Honorary Auditors.

27/2/48

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