

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION.
(Founded 1888)

64th Annual Report of the South Australian Lacrosse Association to be presented at
the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 4th February, 1953.

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MINUTE SECRETARY: M.B. Selth.

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

I submit for your approval the 64th Annual Report of the South Australian Lacrosse Association, covering the 1952 season.

OBITUARY.

During 1952 your Association suffered a sad loss in the death of Mr. Harold Rule. For 48 years Mr. Rule was actively associated with Lacrosse in Australia, as player, umpire and administrator, and was a Vice-President and Life-Member of this Association.

MEMBERSHIP.

The registered membership of the Clubs compared with 1951 is as follows:-

	<u>1951.</u>		<u>1952.</u>	
	<u>Teams.</u>	<u>Players.</u>	<u>Teams.</u>	<u>Players.</u>
Brighton	3	54	4	52
Burnside	-	-	1	15
East Torrens	4	60	5	67
Glenelg	3	47	4	54
Goodwood	1	13	2	20
North Adelaide	3	32	4	40
Port Adelaide	4	51	5	60
Sturt	4	57	5	67
University	2	27	2	20
West Torrens	<u>2</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>52</u>
	<u>26</u>	<u>371</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>447</u>

These figures show an increase of 10 teams and 76 players, and can be attributed mainly to the excellent work of the Junior and New Teams Committee, which, under the capable leadership of Don Hobbs, last season formed a new grade for Junior players.

The efforts of Mr. M.B. Selth with the assistance of Club Secretary Bernard Fowell enabled Goodwood to field two teams. This is most commendable, as the Goodwood Club only re-formed in 1951, after a lapse of nine years.

Jim. Harvey was primarily responsible for the formation of the new Burnside Lacrosse Club, and deserves the highest praise for his keenness. With the assistance of the Club Chairman (Ken Gellert) he gathered together a team of players, most of whom were new to the game. Ken Gellert acted as coach and also played a few games with the club. The team finished fifth in the "B" Grade competition, which speaks well of both players and organisers.

RESULTS.

Abbott Shield. - "A" Grade:-

After having been defeated in the final by Port Adelaide, East Torrens, as minor premiers, challenging and defeating Port Adelaide 13 - 9, retained the Abbott Shield. We offer this Club our congratulations.

Harold Rule Shield. - "B" Grade:- Port Adelaide lost only one match in the minor round, to finish five points in front of Brighton, whom they defeated by 23 goals to 4 in the final.

Lance Parsons Cup. - "C" Grade:- Matches in this grade were keenly played and only three points separated the first three teams at the end of the minor round, with Port Adelaide minor premiers. After being defeated 18 - 3 in the final, Port Adelaide challenged and defeated Sturt 23 - 12 in the challenge match.

Langdon Parsons Cup. - "D" Grade:- Port Adelaide won their third minor premiership by defeating Sturt on percentage, and won their third premiership for the season, defeating Sturt 12 - 4 in the challenge final.

RESULTS.
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A.E. Harvey Shield. - "E" Grade. Brighton were undefeated in the minor and major rounds, and defeated Port Adelaide 23 - 10 in the final.

Port Adelaide are to be heartily congratulated on the success of all their teams, each team competing in the final of its respective grade.

Technical Schools Competition. Norwood Technical School won the Pennant in the mid-week competition, with Thebarton second and Nailsworth third.

Goal Throwers. The leading goal throwers in "A" Grade for the minor round were as follows:-

Alan Gandy 92 Don Gorman 90 Peter Van Tenac 70.

Interstate Matches.

South Australia versus Victoria in Melbourne. The South Australian team consisted of H.J. Hansford, (Captain), D.L. Gorman, (Vice Capt.), A.J. Vial, H.H. Walters, D.B. Hamilton, D.S. Polglase, G.M. Ward, R.D.C. Alexander, D.C. Nottage, W.R. Sisson, R.M. Keene, A.H. Gandy, R.C. Cathie (Manager), and K.B. Roennfeldt (Coach). Against a seasoned Victorian team, South Australia with four players new to Interstate Lacrosse, played well to force a draw. The final score was 13-13. We offer John Hansford our congratulations on his appointment as Captain, and must express our appreciation of the fine coaching of this team by Keith Roennfeldt.

South Australia versus Western Australia in Perth. The South Australian team consisted of N. Parr (Captain), J. McCoy (Vice Capt.), R. Martin, T. Builder, D. Gomer, R. Clisby, P. Drew, J. Seekamp, P. Bulbeck, K. Richards, J. Harcourt and G. Higgs (Playing Manager). This team, with an average age of 22½ years, played two matches against Western Australia and one against a combined Port side. South Australia defeated the Port side, but were soundly defeated by Western Australia in both matches. Scores were:-

South Australia 17 - Port Side 14
Western Australia 34 - South Australia 13
" " 33 - " " 9

Junior Interstate. C.H. Schulz Cup. South Australia versus Victoria. The South Australian Team consisted of B. Bain (Captain), F. Neill (Vice Capt.), I. Rogers, A. Pearce, B. Hundertmark, R. Haselgrove, J. Dieckmann, G. Clunis Ross, R. Bartle, A. Rendell, L. Coggins and J. Judd. A strong Victorian team visited us this year and those who watched the match were given an object lesson on fast, clean Lacrosse. This match was a great spectacle, and all the boys of both teams can be rightly proud of their fine play. South Australia won 13 - 10, the match being closely fought up until the final bell. Don Hobbs (Manager), and Fred Melbourne (Coach) are to be congratulated on the fine organisation of the match, and the manner in which it was played. It augurs well for the future of our game.

Other Matches.

Sturt and Glenelg played Caulfield and Melbourne High School Old Boys respectively in Melbourne, and East Torrens played Malvern (Vict.) in Adelaide, the scores being:-

A. Grade - Sturt defeated Caulfield 12 - 9
 M.H.S.O.B. defeated Glenelg 15 - 9
B. Grade - Caulfield defeated Sturt 16 - 1.
Sub-senior - M.H.S.O.B. defeated Glenelg 10 - 7.
C. Grade - Caulfield defeated Sturt 11 - 6
 Glenelg " M.H.S.O.B. 11 - 4.

RESULTS
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Other Matches (Contd.)

The East Torrens - Malvern match was between composite teams and resulted in a win for East Torrens by 13 goals to 12.

Inter Varsity. An Inter-varsity match was played between Melbourne and Adelaide Universities in Adelaide, Adelaide winning 14 - 13.

A combined Universities ^{team} played a State side and were defeated 9 - 8.

MEMORIAL
TROPHY.

Don Gorman once again won this trophy for the best and fairest player in A. Grade, and his record of the Dunks Trophy in 1941, (equal with Bill Symonds) and the Memorial Trophy in 1946-49-50-51 and 52 will stand for a long time. Lacrossiers are proud to have so fine an athlete and gentleman playing with them. The final voting figures show the following number of Referees' votes received by the first three players:-

Don Gorman	23½
Ross Keer	21
Colin Shelley	18.

AMATEUR
SPORTS CLUB
MEMORIAL
TROPHY.

Brighton has supplied the recipient for this trophy for the three years for which it has been donated, and their nominee this year, Malcolm Barratt, Club Secretary, A. Grade player and a great worker for the younger lacrosse player, was the very worthy winner.

ALTERATIONS
TO RULES OF
LACROSSE.

Interest for the 1952 season was centred on the alterations made to the playing rules by the Australian Lacrosse Council with a view to improving the game for players and spectators.

Playing ten a side on a smaller field had the effect of increasing the number of goals thrown per match and of making the play faster. The new rules regarding centre play were found to be a great improvement.

A special Committee Meeting, with A. Grade Captains present as guests, was convened at the conclusion of the season to discuss the alterations to rules. The opinion of the Committee was that the alterations were basically successful, but that a further season under the altered rules was necessary to form a definite opinion on the relative advantages or disadvantages. However, the Australian Lacrosse Council has seen fit to revert to teams of twelve a side, but has adopted the larger centre circle and the amended centre rules as played this season. We will await the result of this innovation with considerable interest.

FINANCE.

As can be seen by the statements of account, the financial position of the Association is in fair condition, and Mr. Schulz has done his usual excellent work as Treasurer.

REFEREES'
ASSOCIATION.

To those who officiated in an honorary capacity as referees during the season, we extend our sincere thanks for their interest, help and co-operation.

SOCIAL CLUB.

Lacrosse Ball. The Social Club once again organised an excellent Ball for members and it is regrettable that the number attending was less than in previous years. Bill Symonds, as Secretary-Treasurer, with his Committee, worked hard to arrange this first class function, and the success of the Ball was due to their efforts.

Queen Competition. A Queen Competition raised £215 for the Association and £212 for the Clubs. Miss Colleen Stock, the Sturt Club nominee, raised £100 and was crowned Miss Lacrosse for 1952, at the Ball. Most clubs participated in this Competition and benefited financially. The work of all those who helped to raise funds is worthy of the highest praise, as this method of obtaining funds will benefit our game and enable the Association to supply sticks free to schools and junior players.

EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE.

Mr. T.D. McCormick (Chairman), Messrs. O.C. Isaachsen, C.H. Schulz, A.H. Taylor, K.B. Roennfeldt, R.G. Cathie, W.D. Hobbs, J. Langdon Parsons and K.S. Christie-Ling. This Committee was responsible for a great deal of ground work for the General Committee during the year and dealt with much urgent business on various occasions.

GENERAL
COMMITTEE.

Ten meetings of this Committee were held during the season, and the attendances were:-

T.D. McCormick	8	K.B. Roennfeldt	7	P. Gottschalk	10
O.C. Issaachsen	10	J. Langdon Parsons	5	A. Fletcher	7
K.S. Christie-Ling	10	M.G. Barratt	5	C. Shelley	3
J.W. Gubbins	6	J. McCoy	6	W. Pugh	5
C.H. Schulz	7	J. Harvey	5	P. Van Tenac	3
M.B. Selth	7	D. Polglase	4	P. Taylor	10
A.H. Taylor	10	G. Higgs	7	L. Cooper	6
W.D. Hobbs	10	R. Anderson	8	W. McCormick	2
A.J. Vial	7	B. Nottage	8	B. Powell	4
R.G. Cathie	6	R. Poyner	5		

PERMIT AND
GRADING
COMMITTEE

Mr. T.D. McCormick (Chairman), Messrs. O.C. Isaachsen, C.H. Schulz, J. Langdon Parsons, J.W. Gubbins and K.S. Christie-Ling. This Committee had a very difficult task to perform and faced added difficulties when some clubs forwarded exaggerated estimates of the numbers of probable players. Two C. grade teams were unfortunately withdrawn from the competition during the year, but very few forfeits were given in other grades. This speaks well of the grading.

COMPLAINTS
COMMITTEE.

Mr. F. Lancelot Parsons (Chairman), Messrs. A.E. Harvey and A.C. Davis. This Committee met on two occasions and imposed penalties.

JUNIOR AND
NEW TEAMS
COMMITTEE.

Mr. W.D. Hobbs (Chairman), Messrs. C.H. Schulz, B. Nottage, M.B. Selth, D. Polglase, A.C. Eley, J. Harvey, A. Fletcher, C.F. Melbourne and B. McCartney.

The work of this Committee in building up Junior Lacrosse has been referred to elsewhere, but special mention must be made of the success of the Committee in starting the Technical Schools' mid-week competition again.

OTHER SUB-
COMMITTEES.

In addition to the above, the By-Laws, Ovals, Selection and Programme Committees functioned during the year. The By-Laws Committee redrafted the By-Laws, bringing them up to date, and is in the process of revising the Constitution of this Association, a work of considerable magnitude.

The Ovals Committee investigated a number of probable playing fields but as yet has been unable to locate a playing area suitable for the Association to attempt to purchase as a home for Lacrosse in this State.

Two new ovals were obtained for play this season. Through the efforts of Fred Hansford and the East Torrens Club, we had the use of the Murray Park Oval every Saturday during the year, and we hope these arrangements will stand for some years to come.

We are also indebted to Ralph Anderson, of the West Torrens Club, who was instrumental in obtaining the use of a fine oval at the Thebarton Boys Technical School.

Messrs. R.G. Cathie, K.B. Roennfeldt and A.H. Taylor constituted the Selection Committee and were called upon to select no less than three Interstate teams during the season. Results have proven their selections.

Ray Cathie very capably formulated the Programme for the 1952 season.

PARK LAND
GROUNDS.

The action of the Adelaide City Council in increasing ground fees from £1.10.0. to £7.10.0. per season is to be deplored, and the Association was represented on a committee formed by amateur sporting bodies to appeal against the increase. The City Council has decided that a decrease of 20% of the 1952 fees will apply next season.

CROSSES.

Sticks manufactured locally have been used during the year with some success. Some of the first batch supplied were broken, and this, our stick Committee concedes, was due to lack of oil. Minor alterations to the shape of the frame have been made by the manufacturer to give greater strength to the crosse and, together with a longer period of oiling, should produce a first class stick.

Brian Nottage has produced a metal frame covered with rubber which has great possibilities, and we are waiting for two sticks to be finished and tested before allowing their use in match play.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS. I wish to thank my employer, Mr. J. Rolfe Sabine, for his generosity in allowing me to perform some of my secretarial duties in working hours and for making his staff available for Association work. I would have been unable to accept the position without this help.

I am extremely grateful to all officials, club secretaries and especially to our Chairman, of Committees, Mr. T.D. McCormick, and members of the Executive, for the help and guidance I have received during this my first year as Association secretary.

CONCLUSION.

The past year has seen a certain amount of progress in the Association, and it is to be hoped that this will continue in the coming season. If all players and officials co-operate for the good of Lacrosse, the 1953 Carnival Season should be highly successful.

On behalf of the Committee,

K.S. CHRISTIE-LING.

HONORARY SECRETARY.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE.

<u>"A" GRADE</u> <u>Club.</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Goals for</u>	<u>Goals Against</u>	<u>Points</u>
East Torrens	17	16	1	-	299	67	32
Port Adelaide	17	13	4	-	235	125	26
Brighton	15	9	5	1	164	123	19
Sturt	15	7	7	1	159	164	15
North Adelaide	14	7	7	-	198	128	14
Glenelg	14	4	10	-	126	231	8
West Torrens	14	3	11	-	111	245	6
University	14	-	14	-	66	275	0
 <u>"B" GRADE.</u>							
Port Adelaide	14	13	1	-	187	55	26
Brighton	14	9	4	1	205	92	19
Sturt	13	8	5	-	122	84	16
East Torrens	12	6	4	2	192	93	14
Burnside	12	3	8	1	86	251	7
North Adelaide	12	3	9	-	80	147	6
University	11	0	11	-	55	200	0
 <u>"C" GRADE.</u>							
Port Adelaide	12	9	2	1	142	59	19
Sturt	12	8	3	1	108	97	17
East Torrens	10	6	4	-	127	78	12
Glenelg	9	3	6	-	75	110	9
West Torrens	8	-	8	-	10	124	0
 <u>"D" GRADE.</u>							
Port Adelaide	16	13	2	1	228	52	27
Sturt	16	12	3	1	256	72	25
Glenelg	15	10	4	1	175	64	21
Brighton	15	10	5	-	159	49	20
East Torrens	14	6	7	1	120	99	13
Goodwood	14	3	11	-	72	220	6
West Torrens	14	3	11	-	24	244	6
North Adelaide	14	0	14	-	11	254	0
 <u>"E" GRADE.</u>							
Brighton	16	15	-	1	215	40	31
Port Adelaide	16	12	2	2	176	54	26
West Torrens	15	6	9	-	55	84	12
Glenelg	15	6	9	-	67	110	12
North Adelaide	14	5	8	1	128	77	11
East Torrens	14	4	10	-	59	143	8
Goodwood	14	4	10	-	46	139	8
Sturt	14	3	11	-	55	176	6

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 11 MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1952.

<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>			<u>INCOME.</u>	
To Oval Hire	158	6 6	By Club Levies	223 17 -
Telephone & Stamps	39	3 5	Affiliation Fees	101 17 -
Printing & Stationery	29	10 10	Registration Fees	33 15 -
Honorariums	47	5 -	Sale of Programmes	23 4 6
Secretarial Office - Staff assistance	80	- -	Donations	12 2 6
Cost of Annual Meeting	16	1 3	Fines	5 15 6
Room Hire	4	12 6	Queen Competition Nett Proceeds	215 10 10
Shed Expenses	6	1 11	Collection Challenge Final	5 2 4
Cost of Programmes	24	1 -	Collection from Members A/M	9 - -
Cost of Lacrosse Balls used	2	3 3	Savings Bank Interest	2 8 8
Cost of Trophies & Engraving	9	14 3	Donation from Social Club for Sticks	66 16 -
Printing Annual Reports	21	16 -	Surplus on Badges Sold	3 15 -
<u>Expenses Interstate Trips -</u>				
Dry Cleaning	11	3 8		
Junior Visit - Entertainment	17	18 6		
Badges donated	1	15 9		
Medical	1	17 6		
Manager Expenses Interstate	12	10 -		
		45 5 5		
Cost of Sticks & Materials for Junior and New Teams	171	18 6		
<u>Less Junior Stick Funds</u>	62	15 -		
		109 3 6		
Referee Expenses	18	10 -		
Affiliation Fees	2	2 -		
Miscellaneous Expenses	6	4 8		
Depreciation on Typewriter	4	- -		
		624 1 6		
Surplus for year		79 2 10		
		<u>£703 4 4</u>		<u>£703 4 4</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1952.

<u>LIABILITIES</u>			<u>ASSETS</u>	
<u>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS</u>			<u>DRESSING SHED</u>	105 9 9
Balance at 1/2/52	335	7 1	<u>EQUIPMENT AT VALUATION -</u>	
Add Surplus for Season	79	2 10	Typewriter	31 - -
		414 9 11	Materials & Uniforms	6 - - 37 - -
			<u>CASH AT BANK</u>	200 19 2
			<u>CASH ON HAND - Secretary</u>	5 - -
			<u>STOCK ON HAND</u>	
			Badges	24 15 -
			Stick Material	41 6 - 66 1 -
		<u>£414 9 11</u>		<u>£414 9 11</u>

C.H. Schulz, A.F.I.A. Hon. Treasurer
February 3rd, 1953.

Audited and found correct with books and vouchers produced.

G.L. Duffield, Chartered Accountant (Aust.)
F.C. Townley } Hon. Auditors.