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## South Australian Lacrosse Association

Notice is hereby given that the 58th Annual General Meeting of the South Australian Lacrosse Association will be held at A.N.A. Hall, Flinders Street, Adelaide, on Wednesday, 2nd April, 1947, at 7.45 p.m.

### BUSINESS:

1. To receive Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for Season 1946.
2. To elect officials for season 1947.
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.

## 58th Annual Report of the South Australian Lacrosse Association

(Founded 1888)

### SEASON 1946.

#### OFFICIALS:

**Patron:** His Excellency the Governor of South Australia.

**President:** Mr. Justice Abbott, K.C.

**Vice-Presidents:** K. H. Boykett, Esq., H. S. Dunks, Esq., M.P., A. C. Davis, Esq., T. L. Fulton, Esq., A. J. Hannan, Esq., K.C.,  
H. Hocking, Esq., Senator Geo. McLeay, F. Lancelot Parsons, Esq., W. Langdon Parsons, Esq., H. Rule, Esq., S. Talbot  
Smith, Esq., C. A. M. West, Esq.

**Chairman of Committees:** F. Lancelot Parsons, Esq.

**Honorary Treasurer:** C. H. Schulz, A.F.I.A.

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

**Assistant Honorary Secretary:** J. Langdon Parsons.

**Honorary Secretary:** C. Mackenzie.

**Minute Secretary:** M. B. Selth.

**Honorary Auditors:** A. C. Davis, G. L. Duffield.

Mr. President and Gentlemen.

I have much pleasure in submitting for your approval the 58th Annual Report of the South Australian Lacrosse Association dealing with the activities of the Season 1946.

With the ending of the war and the discharge of a large number of former players from the Services, all Clubs showed a substantial increase in membership. Three Clubs (North Adelaide, Legacy, and Glenelg), which were unable to field teams during the war, re-formed, and each Club nominated two teams. The Port Pirie Lacrosse Association again affiliated with the S.A.L.A.

**Membership.**—The registered membership of the various clubs in 1946 was as follows:—

Club	No. of Teams	Players
Brighton .. . . . . .	2	37
Deaf Adult .. . . . . .	1	21
East Torrens .. . . . . .	3	50
Gleneig .. . . . . .	2	34
Legacy .. . . . . .	2	32
North Adelaide .. . . . . .	2	34
Port Adelaide .. . . . . .	3	56
Sturt .. . . . . .	2	39
University .. . . . . .	2	30
West Torrens .. . . . . .	2	36
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	21	369

Teams were divided into three grades as under:—

- A Grade—9 teams.
- B Grade—6 teams.
- C Grade—6 teams.

Comparison with 1939 figures:—

	Clubs	Grades	Teams	Reg. Players	Pt. Pirie	Schools
1939 .. . . . . .	14	5	37	634	94	12
1946 .. . . . . .	10	3	21	369	20	3

**Competition Results:**

Many keen contests were witnessed during the year, and the quality of play in the final matches was little inferior to pre-war standard. In winning the A and B Grades premierships the Brighton Club set a new record in S.A. Lacrosse. This club, which was formed in 1929, is the only club to win the A and B Grade premierships in the same year three times.

Congratulations are extended to the following clubs on winning the 1946 premierships:—

- A Grade—Brighton.
- B Grade—Brighton.
- C Grade—Gleneig.

**A Grade.**—Brighton gained the Minor Premiership from East Torrens with a slightly better goal percentage. They defeated Sturt in a semi-final match by one goal and won the 1946 Premiership from East Torrens with one goal again separating the teams at the final bell. Sturt and Gleneig finished third and fourth respectively, followed by West Torrens, Port Adelaide, University, North Adelaide, and Legacy in that order.

**B Grade.**—Deaf Adult team went through the Minor round undefeated. They were unfortunate to meet a much improved Brighton team in the Final and Challenge Final matches and were defeated in both contests. The remaining teams finished in the following order: Port Adelaide, East Torrens, Sturt, and West Torrens.

**C Grade.**—Gleneig (Minor Premiers) were defeated in the semi-final by East Torrens. They made no mistake in the Challenge Final game and defeated East Torrens by 9 goals to 1. Legacy, North Adelaide, University, and Port Adelaide filled the remaining positions.

Premiership tables annexed.

Three Junior Technical Schools continued a mid-week competition.

**Remembrance Day.**—Prior to the opening of the first matches for the season an impressive ceremony was conducted by all clubs. This Saturday is dedicated to the memory of those lacrosseurs who lost their lives in the war.

**Roll of Honor.**—To commemorate the splendid record of lacrosseurs in World War II, the names of all members who volunteered and the names of players who made the supreme sacrifice will be recorded in a specially bound volume. Provision will be made in the Roll of Honor to register the name of the winner of the trophy awarded to the best and fairest player each season. In future this trophy will be known as the "Memorial Trophy," and will serve to perpetuate the memory of the 71 players who lost their lives in the war. The "Memorial Trophy" will replace the "Dunks Trophy," first awarded in 1936. The Association extends congratulations to Don. L. Gorman, of the East Torrens Club on winning the first "Memorial Trophy." Don tied with W. J. B. Symonds for the trophy in 1941.

**Presentations.**—The following presentations will be made tonight:—

- Abbott Shield .. . . . . Brighton
- Harold Rule Shield .. . . . Brighton
- Lance Parsons Cup .. . . . Gleneig
- Memorial Trophy .. . . . Don. L. Gorman (East Torrens)

Mr. Harold Rule, who has been prominently associated with lacrosse in S.A. for over 40 years, kindly donated a shield to the Association. The shield is for perpetual competition, and will be presented to the Premiers of B Grade each year in place of the Gattorna Cup, which will remain in the possession of the Association.

The Association is deeply indebted to Mr. Rule for his generous action.

**Interstate.**—Messrs. A. E. Harvey, J. Martin, and A. C. Davis were elected to select the S.A. Team to play against Victoria. The match was played at Melbourne and was the first post-war contest between the two States. The S.A. Team gave a brilliant exhibition of team work, particularly in the forward lines, and defeated the Victorian team by 14 goals to 11. This was the first victory by a South Australian team over Victoria at Melbourne since 1906. The "Bob Symonds" Cup, presented for perpetual competition in contests between S.A. and Victoria, was presented to the S.A. Captain by the President of the Victoria Lacrosse Association (Mr. C. A. M. West). The following players represented South Australia:—J. R. Thompson (Captain), W. J. B. Symonds (Vice-Captain), A. J. Vial, K. B. Roennfeldt, F. Hansford, L. Oats, K. Forrest, R. Matthewman, J. Gitsham, D. L. Gorman, J. Edwards, R. Alexander; reserves, W. L. Robinson and D. O'Sullivan. Thanks are due to Wally Edwards, prominent in Victorian Lacrosse for many years, for the efficient manner in which he carried out his duties as coach to the S.A. Team. The Hon. Secretary of the S.A.L.A. acted as Manager.

**Other Matches.**—Adelaide University defeated Melbourne University at Melbourne, 16 to 12; Victoria defeated the combined Adelaide and Melbourne University at Melbourne; Legacy Club defeated Port Pirie at Port Pirie, 13 to 5.

**Honorary Referees.**—The S.A. Lacrosse Referees' Association did splendid work during the season, and with the help of the "off" A Grade team were able to cover all premiership matches. Thanks are conveyed to the following amateur referees for their useful services:—Messrs. A. C. Davis (Secretary), C. H. Schulz (Chairman), R. Jenkins, C. Crawford, W. E. Medlen, A. Boath, L. Dawkins, J. Hodgetts, M. Taylor, and R. D. McKay.

It is pleasing to note that the S.A. Lacrosse Referees' Association intends to hold a school of instruction for referees in the ensuing season.

**Certificates of Service and Merit.**—Advice was received from the Australian Lacrosse Council that certificates for service and merit had been awarded to the following:—Mr. Justice Abbott, K.C., Messrs. F. Lancelot Parsons, C. A. M. West, A. Bertram Cox, A. E. Harvey, C. H. Schulz, H. Rule, H. Hocking, K. A. Brock, A. J. Lee, G. Hall, J. Martin, J. S. Muecke, R. H. Kestel, J. R. Gordon, R. J. Cook, J. D. Lee, A. M. Tonkin, T. L. Fulton, and C. Mackenzie.

**Lacrosse Ball.**—The record number of 960 people attended the 1946 Lacrosse Ball held at the Palais Royal on September 4th. The President (Mr. Justice Abbott, K.C.) and Mrs. Abbott entertained the Lord Mayor (Mr. J. McLeay) and the Lady Mayoress, the Vice-Presidents, and officers of the Association in the official party. The success of the ball was due mainly to the efforts of Mr. G. L. Duffield (Hon. Organiser), who was assisted by a strong ladies' committee. The nett profit from the Ball was £148/13/4.

**All States Carnival.**—After a break of six years, Carnival games will be resumed at Perth in 1947. Western Australia has advised the Carnival will be held from August 30th to September 6th.

**Committee.**—Seven meetings of the General Committee were held during the year. The attendance record of the 28 members was as follows:—

C. Mackenzie	7	A. Bertram Cox	6	R. H. Trembath		F. Hansford (appt. 10/7/46)	4
W. R. Stansfield	7	A. H. Taylor	6	(appointed 10/7/46)	5	F. Lancelot Parsons	4
T. H. Fewster	7	W. I. James	6	R. Wade	4	A. G. Hoskin	4
M. B. Selth	6	C. P. Fewster	5	L. Hounslow	4	M. A. McLennan	4
D. P. Barnes	6	R. Alexander	5	O. Redman	4	J. S. Muecke	4
A. E. Harvey	6	A. Sheard	5	J. Langdon Parsons	4	K. Ward	4
C. H. Schulz	6	L. Skinner	5	R. Jenkins	4	J. H. McConnachy	4
		S. Deverill	5	C. F. Melbourne	4	(resigned 10/7/46)	1

**Australian Lacrosse Council.**—The parcel of sticks imported through the Council arrived in Adelaide in July and were immediately distributed to Clubs. The late arrival of the sticks meant a smaller number of teams competing than otherwise would have been the case. The value of the Australian Lacrosse Council has again been amply illustrated by the efforts of the Honorary Secretary in obtaining an import licence for the importation of lacrosse sticks for the 1947 season after the Australian Distributing Agents had been refused a permit. The Council has notified Associations that the manufacture of lacrosse balls has been delayed and the prospect of obtaining supplies for this reason is very remote. Clubs are urged to exercise the greatest care with whatever stocks they have in hand.

**Association Ground.**—In September last a price was accepted to grade and level the playing field of approximately six acres held by the Association in the South Parklands. The work will be commenced early in March and will cost £147. When the grading is completed it is anticipated that three playing grounds can be fitted into the area.

**Visit of Como Lacrosse Club (W.A.) to Adelaide.**—The Association has invited the Como Lacrosse Club of Western Australia to visit and play a match in Adelaide in 1947. It is anticipated the team will play a combined B Grade side on July 12th.

**Officials.**—The Association extends congratulations to our President (Mr. Justice Abbott, K.C.) on his elevation to the Bench of the Supreme Court of South Australia.

Tonight Messrs. W. R. Stansfield, A. Sheard, and J. S. Muecke retire as Elected Members to the General Committee as provided by the Constitution.

Mr. H. E. Irving continued as our delegate on the Board of the Amateur Sports Club.

Messrs. A. J. Hannan, K.C., H. E. Irving, and H. Rule were appointed members of the Complaints Committee. It was not necessary for this committee to meet during the season.

**Financial.**—By introducing a levy on players each Saturday and reducing affiliation fees to a nominal fee of 1/, more funds were available to the Association. From these funds the Association met the cost of all playing grounds. The amount spent during the year on grounds was £64/12/. More enclosed grounds were available than ever before and improvement in play was noticeable. Ovals used were Kensington, Norwood, Thebarton, Alberton, Glenelg, Brighton, Adelaide Oval No. 2, Kingswood, and University.

**Conclusion.**—I wish to thank Club Secretaries for the assistance they have given me in carrying out my duties.

March, 1947.

C. MACKENZIE, Honorary Secretary,  
South Australian Lacrosse Association.

### IMPORTANT NOTICES

If you intend playing this year please notify your Club Secretary immediately.  
Club Secretaries are requested to arrange their Annual Meetings early, as the new Committee cannot meet until delegates are appointed.

Retiring officials must advise at once if they DO NOT wish to stand for re-election.

Nominations for all offices (except from retiring officials who will stand for re-election) must be signed by two bona-fide members of the Association and lodged with the Secretary of the Association before 4.30 p.m. on March 29, 1947

### PREMIERSHIP TABLES SEASON 1946.

#### A GRADE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals		
					for	agst.	Pts
Brighton (Minor Premiers)	18	16	2	—	235	82	32
East Torrens	18	15	3	—	229	108	30
Sturt	17	10	7	—	186	123	20
Glenelg	17	10	7	—	132	107	20
West Torrens	16	8	8	—	114	136	16
Port Adelaide	16	6	9	1	106	163	13
University	16	5	10	1	126	202	11
North Adelaide	16	3	13	—	110	199	6
Legacy	16	1	15	—	66	234	2

#### B GRADE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals		
					for	agst.	Pts
Brighton	22	15	7	—	225	110	30
Deaf Adult (Minor Prem.)	22	20	2	—	232	82	40
Port Adelaide	20	8	8	4	183	170	20
East Torrens	20	7	10	3	158	207	17
Sturt	19	4	13	2	160	203	10
West Torrens	19	2	16	1	94	230	5

#### C GRADE

Glenelg (Minor Premiers)	21	16	3	2	177	98	34
East Torrens	22	14	7	1	227	117	29
Legacy	21	15	6	—	209	97	30
North Adelaide	20	7	12	1	120	178	15
University	19	5	13	1	125	150	11
Port Adelaide	19	1	17	1	47	265	3

Drawn games: A, nil; B, 5; C, 3.  
Forfeits: A, nil; B, 1; C, 10.

### INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1947.

EXPENDITURE		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	INCOME		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
To Oval Hire					64	12	0	By Surplus from Sticks Purchased					7	2	8			
Stamps, Stationery, Printing, and Telephone					26	1	0	Club Levies					194	9	0			
Annual Meeting Expenses					19	0	8	Registration Fees					43	13	8			
Programmes							9	13	9				1	11	6			
Interstate Expenses—								Proceeds at Matches					17	5	6			
Grant					42	10	0	Collectings from Members					15	16	3			
Socks and Cleaning					7	15	0	Proceeds from Programmes and Constitutions					6	0	6			
Training Fees					2	5	0	Donations					5	5	0			
							52	11	0	Fines				1	1	8		
Association's Shed Expenses—								Savings Bank Interest					1	1	0			
Repairs, etc.					8	8	5	Surplus from Sale Lacrosse Balls							2	19	0	
Electric Light					2	2	0	Surplus of Ball for Oval Expenses—										
Water Rates					1	13	0	From Members					128	18	0			
							12	1	5	From Donations				4	12	0		
Cost of Grading Assn. Ground					147	0	8	From Sundry Sales					15	2	4			
Honorarium Secretary					38	5	0								148	13	4	
Honorarium Treasurer					5	5	0											
Cost of Annual Reports					11	0	0											
Sundry Expenses					4	1	3											
Trophy and Engraving					1	5	8											
Referee Association Fees					1	4	3											
Advertising Final Games					2	5	0											
Net Surplus for Year					62	3	7											
					£444	9	7						£444	9	7			

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JANUARY, 1947.

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	ASSETS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Unpaid Accounts					163	5	0	Dressing Shed					109	9	8		
Oval Fund—Balance 1/2/46					41	19	2	Cash at Bank					309	18	8		
Add Interest					1	1	0	Cash in Hand					3	0	0		
							43	0	2	Equipment at Valuation—							
Fund For School Boy Sticks					13	5	6	Typewriter					2	0	0		
General Funds—surplus for 1946 Season					82	3	7	Materials, Uniforms, and Nets					1	0	0		
Excess Assets Over Liabilities, 1/2/46					219	12	2								3	0	0
					£501	6	5						£501	6	5		

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

28/2/47

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A. C. DAVIS, A.P.I.A., } Chartered Accountant (Aust).  
G. L. DUFFIELD } Hon. Auditors.