

South Australian Lacrosse Association

Notice is hereby given that the 61st Annual General Meeting of the above Association will be held at the MASONIC HALL, ARTHUR STREET, UNLEY, on MONDAY, the 20th MARCH, at 7.45 p.m.

BUSINESS:

1. To receive the Annual Report for 1949.
2. To receive the Statement of Accounts and Treasurer's Report for 1949.
3. To elect Officials to act during the Season of 1950.
4. Presentation of Trophies.
5. To deal with any other business that may be brought forward and dealt with under the Constitution and Rules of the Association.

6 Stopford Road,
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A. J. VIAL,
Honorary Secretary.

61st Annual Report of the South Australian Lacrosse Association

(Founded 1888)

SEASON 1949

OFFICIALS:

Patron: His Excellency the Governor of South Australia.

President: The Honorable Mr. Justice Abbott.

Vice-Presidents: K. H. Boykett, Esq., Dr. J. Close, A. C. Davis, Esq., H. S. Dunks, Esq., M.P., T. L. Fulton, Esq., O. L. Gellert, Esq., A. J. Hannan, Esq., C.M.G., K.C., M.A., LL.B., H. Hocking, Esq., Senator G. McLeay, J. McLeay, Esq., M.H.R., T. D. McCormick, Esq., C. Mackenzie, Esq., A. S. Mann, Esq., J. T. Martin, Esq., F. Lancelot Parsons, Esq., W. Langdon Parsons, Esq., Dr. E. A. H. Russell, H. Rule, Esq., C. A. M. West, Esq.

Life Members: H. Rule, F. Lancelot Parsons.

Chairman of Committees: A. E. Harvey.

Deputy Chairman of Committees: C. Mackenzie.

Honorary Secretary: A. J. Vial.

Honorary Treasurer: C. H. Schulz.

Assistant Honorary Secretary: L. J. Oats.

Honorary Auditors: G. L. Duffield, R. D. Alexander.

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

I submit for your approval the 61st Annual Report of the South Australian Lacrosse Association.

The following Committees were elected by the General Committee to act during the year:

Executive: A. J. Vial, A. E. Harvey, C. Mackenzie, C. H. Schulz, A. H. Taylor, W. R. Stansfield, D. O'Sullivan, R. E. Shergis, J. L. Parsons.

Permit and Grading: A. J. Vial, A. E. Harvey, C. Mackenzie, C. H. Schulz, L. J. Oats, D. O'Sullivan.

Finance: C. H. Schulz, A. H. Taylor, A. J. Vial.

Complaints: F. Lancelot Parsons, J. T. Martin, H. Rule.

Junior and New Teams: C. H. Schulz, A. H. Taylor, R. Stansfield, N. J. Parr, J. L. Parsons, F. Melbourne.

Ovals: A. E. Harvey, F. Hansford, A. B. Cox, C. Mackenzie, R. Stansfield, C. H. Schulz, F. Lancelot Parsons.

Programme: A. J. Vial.

Interstate Selection: J. T. Martin, A. E. Harvey, L. J. Oats.

Entertainment: R. E. Shergis, A. E. Harvey, C. Mackenzie, L. J. Oats, C. H. Schulz, J. L. Parsons, G. Duffield, D. Nobbs, W. J. B. Symonds, A. J. Vial, and one representative from each Club.

By-Laws: A. E. Harvey, K. Ward, A. J. Vial.

Introduction.—It can be seen from the results following and those of the last few years, that Clubs who spend time and energy in encouraging their schoolboy teams get results, in the end, in all grades. Although they cannot all be premiers in their respective grades, they are able to give a very good account of themselves, and are in a position to win a premiership. If most of the players who have done, and are doing, well in the game gave a thought as to how they started in the game, they might show a little more practical interest in the juniors, and give them as good a chance to get on in the game of Lacrosse as they themselves had. It is realised that sticks presented a problem, but supply now seems assured, although the cost may be higher than usual. Still, energy in the Clubs' social life should ease this a little. If the game of Lacrosse is to retain its place in amateur sport, it will mean that everyone will have to make an extra effort this year. If this is honestly done Lacrosse will be on the up grade, instead of on the way down.

RESULTS.

"A" Grade: Abbott Shield.—An unusual feature of this grade was the number of drawn games, the greater number of which were played in the first round. Sturt played draws in their first three matches. Ten games were drawn altogether, the only team not playing a draw being Glenelg. The standard of this grade is not uniform, and so is not as high as it might be. Some surprises were caused, however, when teams low down on the list defeated teams near the top. Playing consistently, East Torrens became the minor premiers, and met and defeated Brighton in one semi-final, while Port Adelaide displaced Sturt in the other. The final, played on the Kensington Oval between East Torrens and Port Adelaide, was a hard, vigorous match, the better condition of the Port side giving them the edge on their opponents. East Torrens exercised their right to challenge, but were again defeated by the same score as the previous week, Port Adelaide again finishing the better because of condition, thus winning the 1949 "A" Grade Premiership, their first for many years.

"B" Grade: Harold Rule Shield.—This grade provided some really good matches; forfeits, however, were much too noticeable. Once again Brighton, Port Adelaide and East Torrens were featured in the final four, Sturt this time being displaced by Legacy. In the semi-finals, Brighton defeated Legacy and Port Adelaide defeated East Torrens. In the final, played as a curtain raiser to the "A" Grade match, on the Kensington Oval, the minor premiers, Port Adelaide, were defeated by Brighton, forcing Port Adelaide to challenge. Port Adelaide exercised their right, but were again convincingly defeated on the following Saturday; thus Brighton became the "B" Grade Premiers for 1949.

"C" Grade: Lance Parsons Cup.—Clubs again committed themselves for teams in this grade, and again for some reason or other forfeits were more noticeable than they should have been. Port Adelaide, Legacy, East Torrens and Brighton once more made up the final four. Legacy, who had been having a poor season, succeeded in raising a first-class team, which easily accounted for Brighton in one semi-final while Port Adelaide defeated East Torrens. In the final, Port Adelaide, the minor premiers, in an even match defeated Legacy, to become the 1949 "C" Grade Premiers.

Schoolboys' Grade: Langdon Parsons Cup.—Port Adelaide again proved the major team in this grade, and their success says much for the Club's interest in their young players. Because of some Clubs' lack of energy and interest, the season half way through showed only four teams still competing. These teams were Port Adelaide, Brighton, East Torrens and Sturt. To save the repetition of matches and, as the school holidays were approaching, it was decided to begin the final round then. In the semi-finals Port Adelaide beat Sturt, and Brighton defeated East Torrens. The final, played on the Association ground, showed that the small Brighton team was no match for the older, bigger and more experienced Port Adelaide side, who thus became the Schoolboy Premiers for 1949.

Technical Schools' Grade.—Although not much is heard of this grade, it provides good experience for the older schoolboy who is lucky enough to be going to a school where they play mid-week matches. There are only four teams, Goodwood, Nailsworth, Norwood and Croywood, the last named being a composition formed from Norwood and Croydon. No major round is played in this grade, the premiers being decided by percentage. Goodwood once against took the title of the 1949 Premiers.

Port Adelaide deserve much commendation for their winning of the "A," "C," and Schoolboy Grade Premierships, and also for being runners-up in "B" Grade. Congratulations are also extended to Brighton for their winning of the "B" Grade Premiership, and to the Goodwood Technical School team for their Premiership in the mid-week Technical grade.

Interstate Matches.

Senior.—The annual match against Victoria was played at the Malvern ground, Victoria, on August 6th. In a match which gave the spectators much excitement, but did not reach the standard of 1946, when South Australia defeated Victoria on their home ground for the first time in many years, South Australia won by the narrow margin of one goal. The team comprised A. J. Vial (captain), D. L. Gorman (vice-captain), J. H. Hansford, F. J. Hansford, D. E. Woods, R. Leslie, D. G. Polglase, B. Nottage, R. Sisson, R. F. Matthewman, J. D. Gitsham, P. Van Tenac, N. J. Parr (reserve) and K. Forrest (reserve), and was again ably coached by Ken Gellert. He was greatly assisted in this work by the team's complete co-operation in all phases of training. Once again Lindsay Oats was selected to act as the team's manager and acted most ably in this capacity, assisted by Algy Taylor. This year, for the first time, the coach was a member of the official party. The benefits of this should be revealed when the 1950 Carnival comes under consideration.

Junior.—A junior side representative of each Club (except University, who were in the midst of examinations) travelled, after much travel banning and wangling, due to the coal strike, by the s.s. Maloja to Perth, where they played three games in a week against more experienced players. The scores were: Saturday, August 13th—W.A., 12; S.A., 7. Wednesday, 17th—W.A., 13; S.A., 6; and on Saturday, August 20th—W.A., 18; S.A., 10. The team met stronger opposition than was expected, so they did fairly well, considering this. Travel restrictions still being in force, the team returned by air. To enable the team to pay their fare home by air, the Western Australian Lacrosse Association kindly made arrangements to billet them during their stay in Perth. The team, managed by Mr. T. H. Fewster and coached by Fred Melbourne, comprised C. Smith (captain), G. D. Higgs (vice-captain), R. G. Gregory, J. Pritchard, B. McCartney, C. Otto, J. Hall, M. Moir, A. H. Hancock, C. Shelley, I. Offler, B. Vickery, J. Church, R. Hannant, R. Pardey, A. Gandy, B. Hicks, D. Taylor, and F. Ownley. Each member of the side played, as near as practicable, two games each. The overall experience gained in this tour should prove valuable in raising the standard of play in 1950.

Other Matches.

Adelaide University defeated Melbourne University, at Adelaide, 14 to 8. A South Australian side defeated a combined University team, 29 to 11.

Adelaide University defeated Port Pirie at Adelaide, 19 goals to 4 goals.

Port Adelaide easily defeated Port Pirie at Jamestown.

Two Legacy teams defeated two Port Pirie teams at Adelaide.

Both Malvern and Caulfield Clubs, from Victoria, came to Adelaide at the end of the season. Caulfield, Victorian Premiers for 1949, were invited by Sturt, and Malvern, runners-up in the Victorian premierships, were invited by East Torrens. In the "A" Grade match Sturt defeated Caulfield by 14 goals to 7, but Caulfield avenged by taking the remaining three matches, "B" grade 13-6, "C" grade 20-3, and Schoolboys 12-3.

East Torrens defeated each of the three teams of Malvern, the scores being, "A" grade 18-12, "B" grade 12-8, and "C" grade 15-2.

These Interstate Club visits are very pleasing, and should be encouraged as long as they do not interfere with ordinary matches. They provide an extra source of Interstate practice, which is very helpful to the standard of Lacrosse.

Lightning Carnival.

The Carnival was held at the Kensington Oval, and a most interesting feature was the entry of a team in each of the three sections by the Port Pirie Association. Although they did not win in any of the sections, Port Pirie showed that they have some real talent in their teams. After much discussion about the Clubs' attitude to these Carnivals, it has been decided to recommend to the incoming committee that the carnival be held on a Saturday, and that the programme be more comprehensive, to include such items as the longest throw, most accurate, running, etc. The Committee, convened by Mr. Reg. Stansfield, was C. Mackenzie, P. Taylor, and D. O'Sullivan, deserve credit for their work in organising this show. The winning teams were "A" grade and "B" grade, East Torrens, and "C" grade, Brighton.

S.A.L.A. Social Club.—To further the social life of the Association, this club was formed this year, and has been a great help in entertaining visiting teams. It was decided that the usual Annual Ball should be dispensed with, and that the Social Club would run a Ball at John Martin's Dining Hall, to which only members were able to come. This made the atmosphere more friendly than is usual at the Palais, and the Ball was voted a huge success, and thanks are due to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Club, Mr. Bill Symonds, for his organising.

Port Pirie Association.

This Association is still growing under the guidance of keen officials, and as soon as the stick position eases the game promises to go ahead even more. They had 51 players this year, an increase of 17 on last year's total. An increase in our own players numbers would be most gratifying, let alone an increase of 33%.

Membership.

University had the best increase of new players, their last year's total being increased by 11. Sturt were next with 3, Brighton, Legacy, and Glenelg remained stationary, and the rest declined. The total of registered members was 353, including 28 registered schoolboys, and was spread between the 24 teams of nine Clubs; 58 boys played in the Schools' Technical grade.

Schoolboys' Interstate Match for 1950.

Victoria proposed that an annual schoolboys' Interstate match be played, commencing in 1950. So many of to-day's top players began as schoolboys that Victoria thought it a good idea to give them some Interstate experience when they are young. We agreed with the idea and invited a Victorian team to visit South Australia during the August school vacation of 1950. Victoria have accepted this invitation. With the stick position easing, this match is expected to give an added boost to the junior section of Lacrosse in both States.

Memorial Trophy.

This trophy was won this year by Don Gorman. Don deserves extra congratulations, as this is the second time that he has won this award, and the third time that he has been selected as the best and fairest player of the Association. He shared the award of the "Dunks" Trophy with Bill Symonds in 1941, in 1946 he won the "Memorial" Trophy, that being the year of its inception, and now in 1949 he has won it again.

Australian Lacrosse Council.

Close contact has been maintained with the Australian Lacrosse Council this year, especially as regards the supply of sticks. Mr. C. A. M. West was elected as our delegate to the Council.

South Australian Lacrosse Referees' Association.

Under the chairmanship of Mr. C. H. Schulz, with Mr. Jack Wright as Secretary, the Referees' Association has ably carried out a most necessary service to this Association during the year. Helped by a few old players and several players from the "B" grade team having the bye, they have covered all matches. More old players are welcomed to join this association to help them in their work. The following are the members of the Association: V. Ryan, A. H. Taylor, P. Marks, B. Texter, J. Hodgetts, J. Horwood, R. Cathie, S. Deverall, H. Vincent, N. Goring, M. B. Selth.

General Committee.

Nine meetings of the Committee were held during the year. The attendance was as follows:

M. Selth	9	J. Pritchard	7	K. Gellert	5	M. S. Preece	3
A. H. Taylor	9	P. Taylor	7	R. B. Lamerton	5	(Resigned 12/7/49)	
A. J. Vial	9	G. M. Ward	7	J. D. O'Sullivan	5	C. Shelley	3
C. Mackenzie	8	E. L. Francis	6	K. Francis	4	(Appointed 12/7/49)	
L. J. Oats	8	A. J. Gandy	6	(Resigned 12/7/49)		K. Ward	2
R. E. Shergis	8	A. H. Hancock	6	C. F. Melbourne	4	I. Fawser	nil
W. R. Stansfield	8	N. J. Parr	6	(Appointed 9/8/49)		(Seat declare vacant 15/6/49)	
W. S. Watts	8	J. L. Parsons	6	W. Nobbs	3		
M. Barratt	7	G. C. Luxton	6	(Resigned 15/2/50)			
J. R. Church	7	C. H. Schulz	6	(Appointed 12/7/49)			
A. E. Harvey	7	T. H. Fewster	5				

Elected Members.

Elected members W. R. Stansfield, A. H. Taylor and R. E. Shergis will retire in 1951; the following will retire tonight: K. Gellert and C. F. Melbourne. During the year Mr. Ken Francis resigned for business reasons and Mr. W. Nobbs was elected to fill the vacancy. The seat of Mr. I. Fawser was declared vacant under Rule 7(a) and Mr. C. F. Melbourne was elected. Mr. W. Nobbs was also forced to resign because of business reasons, at the last meeting of the General Committee and, owing to its lateness in the season it was resolved not to fill the vacancy.

Executive Committee:

This committee met several times during the year to consider urgent business.

Ovals Committee.

Murray Park oval was examined by this committee, and Fred Hansford has been empowered to do all he can to gain its use for this Association. This committee was represented by Fred Melbourne at a meeting to decide who was to use the ovals to be built at the rear of the Avoca Hotel, Edwardstown. Our chances seem slight in this direction, and the committee is still in need of information regarding a cheap area of ground, within reasonable distance of the City, that can be purchased and eventually turned into a first-class Lacrosse ground for major matches.

Complaints Committee.

Twice it was necessary to call this Committee together to deal with minor breaches of the By-Laws.

Entertainments Committee.

Several meetings of this committee were held until the Social Club was formed, when to a great extent its work was superseded. Regularly throughout the year the Permit, Finance, Junior and New teams and Selection Committee held meetings to deal with their work. It was not necessary to call the By-Laws Committee together.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all officials, Club secretaries, and especially the Chairman, Mr. A. E. Harvey, the Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Schulz, the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Lindsay Oats, and Mr. Algy Taylor, for their assistance during my first year as secretary of the Association.

I trust that this Carnival Year, 1950, will be a most successful one for this Association.

A. J. VIAL, Honorary Secretary.

PLEASE NOTE.

1. Attend the Annual General Meeting of the Association and exercise your right as a member of the Association to elect officers to run it.
2. Clubs please see that your own Annual General Meeting is held before March the 20th.
3. Be keen in your Club and Association work.
4. Club Secretaries please get your Club Registrations in as early as possible so that Committees can get an early start for 1950.

**S.A. LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
FINAL PREMIERSHIP TABLE
SEASON 1949.**

"A" GRADE.

Team.	Played	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Port Adelaide .. .	17	15	1	1	255	86	31
East Torrens .. .	17	13	3	1	252	87	27
Brighton .. .	15	8	6	1	109	118	17
Sturt .. .	15	6	6	3	118	126	15
North Adelaide ..	14	6	7	1	82	123	13
Glenelg .. .	14	5	9	—	122	144	10
University .. .	14	1	11	2	68	188	4
West Torrens .. .	14	1	12	1	79	213	3

"B" GRADE.

Team.	Played	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Brighton .. .	18	15	3	—	188	75	30
Port Adelaide .. .	17	14	3	—	237	80	28
East Torrens .. .	15	10	5	—	216	75	20
Legacy .. .	15	10	5	—	228	107	20
Sturt .. .	14	9	5	—	207	130	18
North Adelaide ..	14	4	9	1	49	177	9
Glenelg .. .	15	3	11	1	101	222	7
West Torrens .. .	14	1	13	—	41	188	2
University .. .	14	1	13	—	69	282	2

"C" GRADE.

Team.	Played	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Port Adelaide .. .	15	14	1	—	221	67	28
Legacy .. .	16	7	8	1	126	126	15
Brighton .. .	15	11	3	1	215	88	23
East Torrens .. .	15	10	5	—	125	116	22
University .. .	14	4	10	—	81	154	8
Sturt .. .	13	3	10	—	15	125	6
Glenelg .. .	14	1	13	—	3	110	2

Schoolboys' Grade.

Owing to the failure of Clubs to fulfil engagements, the season was shortened, resulting in the final four being: Port Adelaide (Premiers), Brighton (Runners-up), East Torrens, Sturt.

Technical Schools Grade.

Goodwood (Premiers), Norwood (Runners-up), Nailsworth, Croywood.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1950.

EXPENDITURE.		INCOME.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Expenses, Interstate Matches	90 15 11	By Club Levies	141 1 0
Oval Hire	38 4 0	Affiliation Fees	1 14 6
Shed Expenses	5 17 6	Registration Fees	39 3 6
Stamps and Telephone	22 4 7	Sale of Programmes	9 15 9
Printing, Stationery, Programmes, etc.	44 11 11	Sale of Lacrosse Balls	1 14 3
Affiliation Fees	2 2 0	Fines from Clubs	2 7 6
Purchase Lacrosse Balls	2 14 7	Donations from Members	7 17 6
Refund, Referees' Expenses	5 8 6	Savings Bank Interest	4 14 1
Hall and Committee Room Hire	2 10 0	Clubs A/c. 1948 Lacrosse Ball	6 3 6
Honorariums:		Sale of Sticks	69 5 6
General Expenses	31 10 0	Collection from Members at Annual Meeting	8 5 3
Income Tax Paid	20 17 2	Lightning Carnival, Sale of Programmes to Members	19 0 0
Annual Meeting Expenses	9 18 0	Gate, Final Games	33 0 3
Expenses, Lightning Carnival	13 11 9		
Expenses, Final Games	12 5 0		
Replacements, Guernseys and Sox	35 6 2		
Stocks of Sticks on Hand, 1/2/49	56 7 0		
		Deficiency for Year	344 2 7
			55 13 6
	£399 16 1		£399 16 1

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JANUARY, 1950.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Fund for Purchase of Junior Sticks	75 0 0	Dressing Shed	105 9 9
Accumulated Surplus:		Equipment at Valuation:	
Balance, 1/2/49	472 1 11	Typewriter	2 0 0
Less Transfer to Stick Fund	75 0 0	Material, Uniforms and Nets	6 0 0
	397 1 11		8 0 0
Less Deficit for Year	55 13 6	Cash at Bank:	
	341 8 5	General Funds	227 1 8
		A/c. Sticks	75 0 0
		Cash on Hand:	
	£416 8 5	Secretary	0 17 0
			£416 8 5

Audited and found correct with books and vouchers produced.

G. L. DUFFIELD, Chartered Accountant (Aust.),
R. D. C. ALEXANDER,

2nd March, 1950.

Hon. Auditors.

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

2nd March, 1950.