

South Australian Lacrosse Association

Notice is hereby given that the 52nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION will be held at the VICTORIA HOTEL, Hindley Street, Adelaide, on WEDNESDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1941, at 7.45 p.m.

BUSINESS:

1. To receive Report and Statement of Accounts for Season 1940.
2. To elect Officials for Season 1941.
3. To consider and if thought fit adopt resolutions amending the Constitution and Rules.
4. To transact any other business that may be brought forward and dealt with under the Constitution and Rules of the Association.

C. MACKENZIE,
Honorary Secretary.

47 Dunbar Terrace,
Grovene,
1st March, 1941.

52nd Annual Report of the South Australian Lacrosse Association

(Founded 1888)

SEASON 1940.

OFFICIALS.

Patron: His Excellency the Governor of S.A.

President: C. Lempriere Abbott, B.A., LL.B., M.P.

Vice-Presidents:

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| - Dr. L. O. Betts | - T. L. Fulton, Esq. + | - F. L. Parsons, Esq. X |
| - K. H. Boykett, Esq. + | - A. J. Hannan, Esq., K.C.X | - Mr. Justice Angus Parsons |
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| - H. S. Dunks, Esq., M.P. + | - W. H. Neal, Esq. | - Dr. H. H. E. Russell |
| - Capt. J. J. Fearon | - W. Noblett, Esq. | - S. Talbot Smith, Esq. X |

Life Member: H. W. Hodgetts, Jr., Esq.

Chairman of Committees: F. Lancelot Parsons, Esq.
Deputy Chairman of Committees: A. E. Harvey, Esq.
Honorary Secretary: C. Mackenzie.
Honorary Treasurer: C. H. Schulz, A.F.I.A.

Assistant Honorary Secretary: W. J. B. Symonds.
Minute Secretary: M. B. Selth.
Honorary Auditors: R. B. McLeay, Esq., Lyle Miller, Esq.

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the 52nd Annual Report of the South Australian Lacrosse Association covering the activities of the Season 1940. As anticipated, enlistments for overseas service with the fighting forces and compulsory militia camps had a serious effect upon clubs, and it was found necessary to shorten the programme by several weeks. Four of the thirty-three teams graded at the commencement of the season were withdrawn before the completion of the first round. The number of registered players was 74 less than the record established last year. In the Schools Section there was an increase of two teams and twenty-four players.

Membership:

Registered Players (29 Teams)	460
Schools (14 Teams)	205
Port Pirie Association (3 Teams)	51
Total	716 — a decrease of 93 from 1939.

Details are as follows:

Club.	No. of Teams.	Players.	Alteration from 1939.
Brighton	3	48	Increase of 4
5DN Kipling Boys	1	14	Decrease of 2
Deaf Adult	1	18	No alteration
East Torrens	3	46	Decrease of 7
Goodwood	2	37	Increase of 10
Legacy	2	31	Decrease of 9
North Adelaide	2	42	Decrease of 2
Port Adelaide	2	43	Decrease of 15
St. Peter's (Glenelg)	3	54	Increase of 11
Sturt	3	52	Decrease of 11
University	3	47	Increase of 8
West Torrens	3	36	Decrease of 21
Total	29	460	Decrease of 74 from 1939.

Schools.

Secondary.	No. of Players.	Primary.	No. of Players.
Norwood Central	13	Woodville	19
Unley High No. 1	12	Westbourne Park	22
Unley High No. 2	12	Thebarton	15
Nailsworth Central	19	Rose Park	13
Goodwood Central	13	Highgate	12
Brighton District	15	East Adelaide	13
Glenelg	14	Glenelg	13
Total	98	Total	107
		Total	205 Increase of 24 from 1939.

PLAYERS.—IF YOU INTEND PLAYING THIS YEAR PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR CLUB SECRETARY IMMEDIATELY.

Teams were divided into 5 grades as under:

A.	7
B. (Red Section)	7
B. (Blue Section)	5
C.	6
D. (under 17 years)	4

29 — a decrease of 8 from 1939.

Membership figures for the last five years:

Year	Clubs	Grades	Teams	Reg. Players	School Teams	Players	Port Pirie Teams	Port Pirie Players	Total
1936	11	3	26	377	—	—	3	46	423
1937	13	4	35	520	6	88	3	40	648
1938	13	5	36	512	9	143	3	45	700
1939	14	5	37	534	12	181	6	94	809
1940	12	5	29	460	14	205	3	51	716

Competition Results:

A. Grade.—By consistent play Brighton won its fourth successive A. Grade premiership. East Torrens again did well and finished runners-up. St. Peter's (Glencig) and West Torrens completed the four.

B. Grade.—Formed in 1937 the 5DN Kipling Boys' Club won the premiership of D. Grade in 1938, the C. Grade premiership of 1939, and has now added the B. Grade premiership of 1940. This is a remarkable performance for a young club. Legacy top of the Red Section in the Minor Round were runners-up, followed by Port Adelaide (Red) and Deaf Adult (Blue).

C. Grade.—University with a strong team won the C. Grade premiership from Port Adelaide. This is the first premiership won by a University team since 1931.

D. Grade.—Goodwood (Minor Premiers) after losing the final to Port Adelaide won the challenge final and the premiership. Players in this grade were all under the age of 17 years. It is encouraging to see the Goodwood Club again figuring in a premiership.

Secondary Schools.—A protest by the Unley High School team against the winning of the premiership by the Brighton District School team was dismissed on a recommendation of the Junior and New Teams Committee. The Committee in finding that a technical breach of the rules had been unintentionally committed by the Brighton School, declared all matches in the Final Round void and awarded the premiership to the team occupying the top place at the conclusion of the Minor Round. Brighton District School team being Minor Premiers were awarded the premiership with Unley High School runners-up.

Primary Schools.—For the third season in succession the Woodville (Minor Premiers) and Westbourne Park School teams fought out the premiership of the Primary Schools grade. In the "play-off" Westbourne Park won the coveted honor.

Congratulations are extended to the following clubs on winning the 1940 Premierships:—

A. Grade	Brighton
B. Grade	5DN Kipling Boys
C. Grade	University
D. Grade	Goodwood
Secondary Schools	Brighton District School
Primary Schools	Westbourne Park School

Results of matches are appended.

Trophies.—The "Dunks" trophy for the best and fairest player in A. Grade was won by J. R. Thompson of the University Club. Thompson commenced his lacrosse with the S. Peter's (Glencig) team, and is a son of the late Archie Thompson, at one time prominent Interstate player. We express thanks to Mr. H. S. Dunks, M.P., for again donating this trophy to the Association.

The following trophies will be presented to-night:—

Abbott Shield	Brighton
Gattorna Cup	5DN Kipling Boys
Lance Parsons Cup	University
Fearon Cup	Goodwood
Langdon Parsons Cup	Brighton District School

The Fearon Cup for the premiers of the Primary Schools Grade has already been presented to the Westbourne Park School.

Interstate.—The General Committee unanimously decided to abandon Interstate matches for the duration of the war. Victoria agreed to the cancellation of the fixture set down to be played in Melbourne.

War Funds Aided.—The Annual Lacrosse Ball held at the Palais Royal was one of the most successful on record. The net profit, £106/5/1, was handed to the Fighting Forces Comforts Fund. Mr. G. L. Duffield again carried out the duties of organiser in an efficient manner and was ably assisted by J. Skinner. To these gentlemen, who are now members of the L.A.A.F., and to the energetic members of the Ladies' Committee, we extend sincere thanks.

A Grand Sports Carnival organised by Amateur Sporting bodies was held on the Adelaide Oval on Saturday, August 10th, preceded by a Button Day on the Friday. Two picked teams played a game of twenty minutes' duration. The match was of a high standard and was greatly appreciated by the 12,000 people who attended the Carnival. The Fighting Forces Comforts Fund, the Red Cross, the Navy League, and the Cheer-up Society each received a cheque for £225 from the proceeds. The Honorary secretary represented the Association on the Council of the Grand Sports Carnival.

The East Torrens and North Adelaide Clubs assisted a similar function on the Norwood Oval on the same day.

Association Grounds.—During the season a dressing shed was erected on the Association Grounds at the South Park Lands at a cost of £105/9/9. The shed will accommodate 48 players. We are indebted to Mr. A. E. Harvey, Deputy Chairman of Committees, for donating the paint for the structure.

Port Pirie Association.—Port Pirie again affiliated with the S.A.L.A. Although it was found impossible to continue senior competitive games, the Association carried on with the three junior teams formed in 1939. Attempts were made to send a combined schools team to play at Port Pirie. Unfortunately the trip had to be abandoned.

Old Photographs.—We are grateful to Mr. H. Rule for donating an album and a number of old photographs and interesting printed matter to the Association for record purposes. It will now be possible for the photographs presented by the widow of the late Ernie Gooden, and for other old photographs that may be forthcoming, to be permanently recorded.

Alteration to Rules.—At the Annual Meeting of the Australian Lacrosse Council the centre circle was reduced from a 20 yard diameter to a 30 yard diameter. The smaller circle came into operation in South Australia on the 15th June, 1940.

Junior and New Teams Committee.—Mr. K. Sheard resigned as Secretary of the Committee on 6th May, 1940, and was succeeded by Mr. W. J. B. Symonds. The Committee met regularly throughout the season, and handled all matters in connection with the school teams. A Gymkhana for the boys was held on the Neutral Oval on Saturday morning, August 31st, and proved such an outstanding success that it is intended to make this event an annual fixture. Trophies won at the Gymkhana were presented by the President at the final match. The thanks of all members are extended to the personnel of the Junior and New Teams Committee for services rendered to the game during 1940.

Committee.—A meeting room having been made available to affiliated sporting bodies of the Amateur Sports Club, your Committee decided to hold meetings of the General Committee at the Club from May, 1940. We are deeply grateful to Mr. A. J. Lee, who very generously provided a room for committee meetings for so many years at the Victoria Hotel. Ten General Committee meetings were held during the year, and the attendance record of the 31 members was as follows:—

A. B. Selth	10	J. Skinner (resigned 4/2/21)	6	H. Vincent (appointed 1/7/40)	4
F. Macakenzie	10	W. J. Lamerton (resigned 4/2/21)	6	C. F. Melbourne (resigned 1/7/40)	3
C. Sheard	9	W. E. Medlon	6	L. B. LeCornu (resigned 2/9/40)	3
D. McCormick	9	F. L. Parsons	6	O. Redman	2
I. Rule	9	V. P. Selth	6	J. Minnis (resigned 24/7/40)	2
H. Schulz	9	J. S. Muecke	6	A. H. Taylor (resigned 3/6/40)	2
A. B. Cox	8	W. G. Hobbs	6	H. E. Irving (appointed 6/5/40)	2
L. G. Jenkins	7	D. Jordan (appointed 1/7/40)	6	T. J. Hansford (appointed 1/7/40)	2
D. O'Sullivan	7	W. J. Symonds	6	W. S. Croft (appointed 2/9/40)	1
Hounslow	7	J. E. Leeder	6	J. D. Lee (resigned 2/4/40)	1
E. Harvey	7	R. H. Trembath	5	F. Scrimgeour (resigned 1/7/40)	1
L. Parsons	7	R. H. Ward	5		
Bromlow	6	R. Cathie (appointed 24/7/40)	5		

The average attendance for the past five years has been:—		Average.	Percentage.
1936	.....	21.8	68
1937	.....	21.6	64
1938	.....	24.3	72
1939	.....	20.5	60
1940	.....	20.2	65

Referees Association.—Our sincere thanks are extended to the Honorary Members of the Referees Association for the wonderful help rendered to the game in providing referees for matches. Despite the many alterations made to the programme, the Honorary Secretary (Mr. A. C. Davis) achieved splendid results. The following acted as honorary referees: Messrs. A. C. Davis, E. Ellis (A.I.F.), R. J. Ellis, R. Farmer, A. Irvine, C. Schulz, M. Smith, and A. Stephens.

Enlistments.—164 members of the Association joined the various branches of the fighting services. Details of enlistments, as advised by the Clubs, are as under:—

Club.	R.A.A.F.	A.I.F.	R.A.N.	R.N.	Total.
Brighton	6	6	1	—	13
5DN Kipling Boys	1	—	1	—	2
East Torrens	6	7	9	—	22
Goodwood	3	4	—	—	7
Legacy	6	8	4	—	18
North Adelaide	9	6	1	—	16
Port Adelaide	13	4	10	—	27
St. Peters	13	2	—	—	15
Sturt	14	14	—	—	28
University	9	1	—	1	11
West Torrens	1	3	—	—	4
Referees Association	1	—	—	—	1
	82	55	26	1	164

Members will regret to hear that J. H. Sanders, Secretary of the Legacy Club in 1939, lost his life on the Minesweeper "Goorangal."

M. E. Thompson, a member of the Port Adelaide Club, was killed on Active Service while serving with the R.A.N.

Obituary.—It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. W. Fisk, M.P., a very old supporter of the game and a Vice-President of the Association. We also record the passing of Mr. H. G. Symonds, an old player, and father of our Assistant Secretary. The deepest sympathy has been extended to the bereaved families.

Sticks.—Representations made to the Commonwealth Government for a refund of extra tariff charged on a shipment of schoolboy sticks landed in 1939 were successful, and resulted in an amount of £14/13/1 being refunded to the Association. The policy of importing schoolboy sticks was continued. Two dozen being landed at a cost of £41/10/—, a further 14 sticks were purchased and donated to the Thebarton Primary School. A Brisbane Company is now producing a satisfactory stick from local material.

Finance.—The bank balance is £57/10/3 as compared with £55/8/1 last season. Financial Statements are appended.

Officials.—We record the appreciation of the Association to our President, Mr. C. Lempriere Abbott, for his counsel and guidance during the year.

Mr. F. Lancelot Parsons completed his seventh successive season as Chairman of Committees. Mr. A. E. Harvey acted as Deputy Chairman when required.

Mr. C. H. Schulz (Treasurer), Mr. W. J. B. Symonds (Assistant Secretary) and Mr. M. B. Selth (Minute Secretary) all gave splendid service.

Mr. H. E. Irving again acted as our representative on the Board of the Amateur Sports Club.

The following were appointed to vacancies brought about by enlistments:—

Minute Secretary: Mr. M. B. Selth vice A. H. Taylor (A.I.F.).

Elected Member: Mr. H. E. Irving vice J. D. Lee (A.I.F.).

Auditor: Mr. Lyle Miller vice G. L. Duffield (R.A.A.F.).

At to-night's meeting, Messrs. T. D. McCormick, A. Bertram Cox and H. Irving retire as Elected Members as provided by the Constitution.

Conclusion.—In view of the difficulties faced by the Association in 1940 the results must be regarded as satisfactory. With greater difficulties possibly confronting us in 1941, all lovers of the game are asked to co-operate in constructing a policy that will keep the game alive during the war period so that when peace again reigns we will have a nucleus to build our Association up to greater heights than ever before.

C. MACKENZIE,

Honorary Secretary S.A.L.A.

PREMIERSHIP TABLES, SEASON 1940.

A. GRADE.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals.			P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals.		
					For	Agst.	Pts.					For	Agst.	Pts.
Brighton (Minor Premiers)	14	12	2	—	211	96	24	13	11	2	—	201	60	22
East Torrens	15	9	6	—	128	135	18	13	10	3	—	175	72	20
St. Peters (Glenelg)	15	12	3	—	186	95	24	12	7	5	—	157	90	14
West Torrens	13	6	7	—	110	115	12	12	5	7	—	124	110	10
University	12	4	8	—	74	117	8	9	1	8	—	28	164	2
North Adelaide	12	2	10	—	110	195	4	9	—	9	—	9	198	—
Sturt	12	2	10	—	70	138	4							
B. GRADE.														
5DN Kipling Boys (Blue)	14	14	—	—	187	35	28							
Legacy (Red)	15	12	3	—	186	94	24							
Port Adelaide (Red)	14	11	3	—	244	65	22							
Deaf Adult (Blue)	13	9	4	—	141	56	18							
Brighton (Red)	13	8	5	—	175	105	16							
St. Peter's (Glenelg) (Red)	13	7	6	—	114	119	14							
East Torrens (Blue)	12	3	7	2	52	164	8							
Goodwood (Blue)	12	2	8	2	41	88	6							
West Torrens (Red)	12	4	8	—	127	126	8							
Sturt (Blue)	12	2	10	—	49	119	4							
University (Red)	12	2	10	—	55	229	4							
North Adelaide (Red)	12	1	11	—	46	115	2							
C. GRADE.														
University (Minor Premiers)	13	11	2	—	201	60	22							
Port Adelaide	13	10	3	—	175	72	20							
Brighton	12	7	5	—	157	90	14							
Legacy	12	5	7	—	124	110	10							
St. Peter's (Glenelg)	9	1	8	—	28	164	2							
West Torrens	9	—	9	—	9	198	—							
D. GRADE (under 17).														
Goodwood (Minor Premiers)	17	16	1	—	214	74	32							
Port Adelaide	16	9	6	1	171	151	19							
Sturt	14	4	9	1	118	163	9							
East Torrens	15	1	14	—	81	196	2							
SECONDARY SCHOOLS.														
Brighton (Minor Premiers)	12	11	1	—	362	55	22							
Unley High No. 1	12	11	1	—	371	57	22							
Glenelg	12	6	5	1	100	133	13							
Norwood Central	12	6	6	—	121	160	12							
Unley High School No. 2	12	3	9	—	101	240	6							
Goodwood Central	12	3	9	—	68	220	6							
Nailsworth Central	12	1	10	1	55	267	3							
PRIMARY SCHOOLS.														
Westbourne Park	15	14	1	—	236	45	28							
Woodville (Minor Premiers)	15	12	3	—	324	61	24							
Highgate	13	6	6	1	175	122	13							
East Adelaide	13	5	7	1	151	157	11							
Rose Park	12	5	7	—	169	186	10							
Glenelg	12	1	10	1	42	296	3							
Thebarton	12	1	10	1	14	225	3							

IMPORTANT NOTICES.

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 12 noon on SATURDAY, 29th MARCH, 1941.

Ballot Papers may be procured by bona-fide members and votes lodged with the Secretary of the Association between 10 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Voting will also take place at the meeting.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR SEASON 1940.

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	PAYMENTS.	£ s. d.
To Cash on Hand 1/2/40	55 8 1	By Lacrosse Sticks Purchased	61 7 9
Registration Fees	52 11 0	Honorariums—Secretary	20 0 0
Affiliation Fees	64 1 0	Treasurer	3 3 0
Umpire Levies	18 0 0	Assistant Secretary	1 1 0
Programmes Sold	6 16 8	Programmes	6 17 7
Proceeds Annual Ball	149 9 5	Referee Fees and Expenses	8 5 0
Donations	1 1 0	Transfer to Oval Fund	9 15 0
Refund Duty on Sticks	14 13 1	Stamps, Telephone and Duplicating	19 3 9
Donations Junior Gymkhana	1 13 6	Printing and Stationery	5 19 4
Sale of Stick	1 0 0	Junior Committee Expenses	5 12 0
Woodville School Account Sticks	0 6 0	Junior Gymkhana Expenses	3 17 2
Fines	2 10 6	Expenses Annual Ball	43 4 4
Savings Bank Interest	1 10 2	Donation to Comforts Fund	106 5 1
Collections Junior Committee	0 9 0	General Expenses—	
		Annual Reports	£6 11 9
		Amateur Sports Club	1 1 0
		St. John Ambulance	3 3 0
		Dunks Trophy	1 1 0
		Aust. Lacrosse Council	2 2 0
		Insurance	0 17 0
		Sundry Items	2 12 5
			17 8 2
		Balance Cash in Hand 31/1/41	57 10 3
	£369 9 5		£369 9 5

OVAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	PAYMENTS.	£ s. d.
To Cash on Hand 1/2/40	106 6 11	By Cost of New Dressing Shed	105 9 9
Oval Levies	25 4 0	Ground Fees and Oval Hire	18 9 0
Transfer from General Fund	9 15 0	Cash on Hand 31/1/41	19 17 2
Savings Bank Interest	2 10 0		
	£143 15 11		£143 15 11

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1941.

EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	INCOME.	£ s. d.
To Lacrosse Sticks Purchased	60 7 9	By Registration Fees	52 11 0
Honorariums	24 4 0	Affiliation Fees	64 1 0
Programmes	6 17 7	Umpire Levies	18 0 0
Referee Fees and Expenses	£8 5 0	Sale of Programmes	6 16 8
Transfer to Oval Fund	9 15 0	Profit on Annual Ball	106 5 1
	18 0 0	Donations	1 1 0
Stamps, Telephone and Duplicating	19 3 9	Refund Duty on Sticks	14 13 1
Printing and Stationery	5 19 4	Fines	2 10 6
Donation Annual Ball Proceeds to Comforts Fund	106 5 1	Junior Committee Collections for Sticks	0 9 0
General Expenses	17 8 2	Woodville School Collections for Sticks	9 6 0
Junior Committee Expenses	5 12 0	Savings Bank Interest	1 10 2
Cost of Schoolboys Gymkhana	2 3 8		
Badges for Gymkhana Donated	0 15 0		
Depreciation on Equipment	1 5 0		
Surplus for Year	0 2 2		
	£268 3 6		£268 3 6

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JANUARY, 1941.

LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.	ASSETS.	£ s. d.
Oval Fund	19 17 3	Cash at Savings Bank	73 7 6
Excess of Assets over Liabilities—		Cash in Hand	4 0 0
Balance at 1/2/40	£70 18 1	Equipment at Valuation—	
Surplus for Season 1940	0 3 2	Typewriter	£4 10 0
Transfer Cost of Dressing Shed from Oval Fund	105 9 9	Materials and Uniforms	4 10 0
	176 10 0	Goal Posts and Supports	1 15 0
			10 15 0
		Badges on Hand at Cost	2 15 0
		Dressing Shed	105 9 9
	£196 7 2		£196 7 2

Audited and found correct with books and vouchers produced.

C. H. SCHULZ, A.F.I.A., Hon. Treasurer.
20th February, 1941.

26th February, 1941.

REG. B. McLEAY,
L. C. MILLER,
Hon. Auditors.