

THE AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL

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To be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Australian Lacrosse Council to be held in Melbourne on Saturday 27th January, 1968.

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Queensland Lacrosse Association - Mr. Harold Evans
South Australian Lacrosse Association - Mr. Peter Drew
Victorian Amateur Lacrosse Association - Mr. Reg. Ponton Snr.
Western Australian Lacrosse Association - Mr. Laurie Turnbull

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

The following report is submitted for your consideration and approval.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

One General Meeting of the Australian Lacrosse Council took place in Adelaide in July last at which the Australian Team Manager's report was tabled.

PLAYING STRENGTHS

Detailed figures are not available but indications are that the game is building up in Western Australia with a large number of junior players. Both South Australia and Victoria are holding at about the same level as in recent years. Queensland after a promising start received a set back with the loss of several players who had gained two or three years experience.

YEARS ACTIVITIES

The major event this season was the world Championships which were held in Toronto Canada. For the first time Australia was represented and succeeded in defeating both England and Canada but lost to the undefeated Champions, U.S.A.

Whilst overseas the team played matches in San Francisco, Vancouver, Ohio, Baltimore, Massachusetts, New York, London, Manchester and Hong Kong.

Reports from Australian officials with the team indicate great enthusiasm for the game in Hong Kong and it could be possible that an exchange of visits between our two countries may be possible in the foreseeable future.

Whilst in England with the team, the President Mr.L.S.Turnbull was made an Honorary Member of the Centurion Club and a Vice-President of the Purley Lacrosse Club. This is an honour to both the President and Australian Lacrosse.

ISAACHSEN TROPHY

Unfortunately all voting cards for this important trophy* are not to hand but it is anticipated that the winner could be announced during the course of this meeting.

OUTSIDE AWARDS

It is of particular note that Mr.B.Griffin of Western Australia has been awarded the Sportsman of the Year award in that State. It is very unusual for the minor sports such as Lacrosse to win this type of award and to achieve this distinction is particularly notable.

Members of the Australian Lacrosse Council will join with me in congratulating Mr.Griffin on his success.

TROPHIES

This year the A.L.C. Trophies have been valued and covered by the one Insurance Company and are all held in Victoria by the Secretary of Council with the exception of the Brady Cup which was won again by the American team when they played Australia in Toronto.

JUNIOR LACROSSE

During the year a Postal Ballot was conducted on the subject of Junior Championships. This was duly carried by a vote of three to one. At this stage there are no plans for a starting date for the commencement of this series but it is anticipated that this will be resolved at this meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of Council and Member Associations for their co-operation and assistance during what proved, for the Secretary of Council, a rather difficult year.

For the Australian Lacrosse Council,

H. E. STERCK

Hon. Secretary

ADDENDUM: Womens' Lacrosse continues to thrive in all three major Lacrosse States.

Interstate matches, for which Council had granted approval, resulted as follows:-

SENIOR South Australia 22 defeated Victoria 8
JUNIOR Victoria 36 defeated South Australia 9

The President and Council members wish to record Council's gratitude and commendation to the Honorary Secretary for the excellent manner in which he has attended to Council business in the past year.