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<u>AUDITOR</u>	Mr. G. L. DUFFIELD	(S.A.L.A.)	1958

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<u>A. L. R. A.</u>	Mr. B. GREENHALGH	1975
<u>Q. L. A.</u>	Mr. H. P. EVANS	1967
<u>S. A. L. A.</u>	Mr. P. KOSHNITSKY	1976
<u>V. A. L. A.</u>	Mr. G. F. TILLOTSON	1973
<u>W. A. L. A.</u>	Mr. G. HILL	1975

I present for your consideration and approval the 45th Annual Report of the Australian Lacrosse Council, which covers the activities of the year 1976.

In particular 1976 saw another successful overseas tour of U. S. A., Canada and England, the production of new rules books, eventful Senior and Junior National Championships, along with the general conduct of the sport in Australia.

Overseas Tour

This tour was undertaken during the latter part of March through to mid-May and matches were played against leading USA teams, we participated in an International Tournament in Toronto, Canada and then two matches in England, one against the All England team. Our team acquitted themselves extremely well as in the main it comprised of several younger players new to the international scene, along with a new group of officials. Press clippings from USA in particular gave considerable praise to the skill and proficiency of our players in various matches and the performance in the International Tournament were excellent, with Australia taking second place in the final result. The officials, players and match results are detailed in the appendix to this report.

As is usual there have been many post mortems both official and unofficial. Arising from official discussions there are many recommendations which will assist future tours of this nature, but I do find it disturbing to note the perennial jealousies again rearing their ugly head in the unofficial post mortems. Regrettably this type of criticism is common to Australian lacrosse, and whilst we must at all times strive to improve all aspects of our sport, it must be done in the full spirit of co-operation by all concerned, and not to suit the ever present vocal individual with his own particular axe to grind.

Rule Books

At last we have been able to produce an up to date and comprehensive rule book which has now been widely distributed. Being based on international rules with amendments thereto to suit local conditions, it is to be hoped that these rules will remain undisturbed for some considerable time.

National Championships

Senior Championships were conducted in Adelaide during July, with Junior Championships being conducted in Perth early in September. In both cases South Australia were successful and Council's congratulations are offered on this worthy achievement. It is worthy of record too, that the South Australian President's team won their matches against both Victoria and Western Australia at the senior level.

Ray Duthy (S. A.) and Martin Muesse (S. A.) were the winners of the Fairest and Best player Trophy for Seniors and Juniors respectively.

Isaachsen Trophy for Fairest & Best player 1976

Jim Wiles of Sturt Club, South Australia won this trophy with a vote of 43.7%. Whilst the results from W. A. were not included when the winner was determined, it was later learnt that the result would have been unchanged.

State of the Game

It is with some disappointment that a small decrease in the number of registered players is recorded, after a reasonable advance since 1970. I am aware however of a substantial number of junior players participating in school competitions who are not in fact registered with their State Associations. I strongly urge Associations to consider this aspect very carefully as there is a strong tendency these days to seek sponsorship in many forms for all sports and it is very necessary that the complete strength of Lacrosse is shown. For example this years registrations show a decrease in the number of Junior players - I do not believe this is so.

It is apparent that there is a growing interest in Lacrosse from spectators the numbers of which are increasing from week to week, and in South Australia at least, where I can observe personally, Championships and major round matches are winning attendances previously unknown.

In these modern times, it is not sufficient to just play the game, it must and I repeat must, be presented in a way that attracts the most support. Support brings finance, and finance brings promotion, and promotion brings development.

We are particularly elated that strong moves are now under way in Tasmania to form a State Association in the very near future, and I urge all concerned to give this infant Associations all the support possible. No new project is easy and this one will be no exception. To those concerned in this venture we offer our sincere good wishes for the future.

In observing premierships results for 1976 it is interesting to note that again there is a spread of premierships in each State, without any one Club dominating proceedings. Glenelg won its first premiership ever in South Australia's Senior Grade, Glenroy appeared in Victoria for the first time in "A" Reserve, and surely in W. A. Nedlands Subiaco must be re-charging their batteries.

Council meetings

Since the last A. G. M. a meeting was held in Adelaide in conjunction with the National Senior Championships

Congratulations are extended to :

Jim Wiles for winning the Isaachsen Trophy for 1976.

South Australia on winning the Senior and Junior Championships, thus completing the treble having won the Colts in 1975.

Ray Duthy and Martin Muesse on winning the Fairest & Best Player awards in the Senior and Junior Championships respectively.

Players and officials of the 1976 Australian team who toured successfully in U. S. A., Canada and England.

Players selected in the Australian team announced at the conclusion of the Senior Championships.

Brian Griffin on being selected in an Australian team for the ninth time - an all time record in Lacrosse in Australia.

Glenelg Club, South Australia, on winning their first "A" Grade premiership ever.

Glenroy Club, Victoria on their successful advance as a Club.

Obituary

We regret the passing of Mr. Cleve Weatherill in Canberra last month. Mr. Weatherill was the first Australian coach to take a team overseas in 1962, and until his business transfer to Canberra was always active in the field of coaching. In Canberra Mr. Weatherill made valiant attempts to introduce Lacrosse to the community there with some measure of success.

General

This past year has been a most difficult one for me due to some unforeseen business pressures, and this situation is likely to continue for some time yet. I am compelled to say that my Lacrosse task as Secretary could have been made a little easier with full co-operation which was not always forthcoming. Deadlines for many items are set with a purpose, and on many occasions by delegates in Council, but State Associations are prone to ignore these if it suits their own purpose.

We have been well served over the past two years by Mr. Ivor Wiles as President. I believe he has led this Council with distinction. He has always been available to give assistance and support and I have appreciated his wise and generous counsel.

For the immediate future we will become pre-occupied with arrangements for the 1976 World Championships. These must have priority but in affording this priority do not let us overlook the many other matters which come to the attention of Council from time to time.

Cleve B. Carr

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In all cases 1975 figures are shown in brackets

1. Number of affiliated Clubs

<u>S. A. L. A.</u>	<u>V. A. L. A.</u>	<u>W. A. L. A.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
10	16	9	37
(10)	(18)	(8)	(36)

2. Teams entered in Domestic Premiership matches

Open age	24 (22)	32 (32)	10 (10)	74 (73)
Under age (16 yrs)	43 (40)	44 (43)	33 (26)	120 (109)
Totals	67 (62)	76 (75)	51 (45)	194 (182)

3. Registered Players

Open age	351 (352)	545 (554)	296 (248)	1192 (1154)
Under age	531 (535)	675 (755)	338 (369)	1544 (1659)
Totals	882	1220	634	2736
1975	887	1309	617	2813
1974	807	1085	611	2583
1970	717	934	505	2156
1966	611	869	533	2013

4. Number of playing grades

Open age	3	5	3
Under age	4	5	4

5. Grade premiers

<u>S. A. L. A.</u>		<u>V. A. L. A.</u>		<u>W. A. L. A.</u>	
A.	Glenelg	A.	Williamstown	A.	East Fremantle
B.	East Torrens Payneham	A.R.	Glenroy	B. R.	Bayswater
C.	Brighton	B.	Caulfield	B.	Wembley
U/16	East Torrens Payneham	B.R.	Glenroy	C.	Bayswater
U/14	Sturt	U/19	Chadstone	D.	Wembley
U/12	Glenelg	U/16	Malvern	E.	East Fremantle
U/10	Sturt	U/14/1	Caulfield	F.	East Fremantle
		U/14/2	C. G. Iris		
		U/12/1	Caulfield		
		U/12/2	Surrey Park		

6. State Association Senior Grade Fairest & Best player

<u>S. A. L. A.</u>	J. A. Wiles	Sturt	21 votes
<u>V. A. L. A.</u>	J. Butkiewicz	Williamstown	26 votes
<u>W. A. L. A.</u>	R. Goddard	South Perth	22 votes

7. State Association Top Goal Scorers "A" Grade

<u>S. A. L. A.</u>	R. Reeve	Glenelg	77 goals
<u>V. A. L. A.</u>	R. Waite	Malvern	121 goals
<u>W. A. L. A.</u>	P. Cann	East Fremantle	101 goals

8. Senior National Championships

VIC=	25	d	W. A.	20
S. A.	22	d	W.A.	13
S. A.	18	d	Vic.	6

9. Junior National Championships

S. A.	18	d	Vic.	16
Vic.	22	d	W. A.	12
S. A.	23	d	W. A.	8

10. Australian Team selected at conclusion of Championships

T. Ambler	(W.A.)	E. Jones	(S.A.)
J. Ballerine	(W.A.)	D. Joy	(Vic)
B. Benger	(S.A.)	P. Lynch	(S.A.)
P. Clisby	(S.A.)	M. Raggatt	(S.A.)
P. Collett	(S.A.)	P. Stiglich	(Vic)
K. Daly	(Vic)	B. Thompson	(S.A.)
R. Duthy	(S.A.)	R. Turnbull	(W.A.)
B. Griffin	(W.A.)	R. Twomey	(Vic)
G. Hobbs	(S.A.)	D. Wright	(S.A.)
W. Hobbs	(S.A.)		

Co-Captain

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Coach R. J. Attenborough (S. A.)

11. Overseas Tour 1976

Players

M. Balinski	(W.A.)	D. Joy	(Vic)
A. Bower	(Vic)	J. Kelly	(Vic)
J. Butkiewicz	(Vic)	G. Kennedy	(W.A.)
P. Cann	(W.A.)	J. Kennedy	(W.A.)
D. Carter	(Vic)	P. Lynch	(S.A.)
R. Duthy	(S.A.)	G. Spicer	(Vic)
A. Frederick	(S.A.)	W. Stahmer	(Vic)
G. Garnsworthy	(Vic)	G. Tillotson	(Vic)
M. Hilsberg	(Vic)	J. Tomlin	(S.A.)
W. Hobbs	(S.A.)	R. Twomey	(Vic)
N. Hudson	(S.A.)	L. Vandepaar	(S.A.)
E. Jones	(S.A.)		

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Officials

E. J. P. Clayfield	Tour Director
J. L. Forrester	Coach
A. F. Chiron	Team Manager
F. J. Poat	Assistant Coach
Mrs. J. Clayfield	Physiotherapist

Match results

Australia	18	d	South California All Stars	6
Australia	31	d	Florida All Stars	5
Australia	10	lost to	Washington & Lee University	15
Australia	20	d	Mt. Washington	19
Australia	10	lost to	University of Maryland	22
Australia	13	d	Chesapeake	11
Australia	16	d	Rutgers	7
Australia	16	lost to	Long Island Athletic Club	22
Australia	15	d	Cortland State University	11
**** Australia	26	d	Canada	12
**** Australia	24	lost to	Long Island Athletic Club	26
Australia	11	lost to	England	14
Australia	31	d	South of England	5

**** matches in International Tournament played in Toronto.