

**VICTORIAN AMATEUR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION**

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Annual Report, Statement of Income and Expenditure  
and Balance Sheet for Season 1952.

To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association  
to be held at Amateur Sports Club Melbourne on Tuesday  
2nd December 1952 at 7.45 p.m.

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# VICTORIAN AMATEUR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Gentlemen,

Your Committee presents for your consideration and approval the 74th. Annual Report, Statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet for Season 1952.

## MEMBERSHIP

The season opened with 41 teams entered in premiership contests arranged for the five sections whilst again 5 teams from High and Technical Schools competed in the mid-week competition.

Each Saturday games were staged and the total registered players numbered 536, which unfortunately was a decrease of approx. 100 on the previous year.

This no doubt was due to the disbandment of the Power House Club, together with the revised playing conditions on trial for the season when teams comprised of only 10 members a side whilst in previous years they were 12-a-side.

## RESULTS

The premiers of the various Sections were:-

A Section	Premiers	Malvern	Runners-Up	M.H.S.O.B.
B Section	Premiers	Coburg	Runners-Up	Caulfield
C Section	Premiers	U.H.S.O.B.	Runners-Up	Surrey Park
Under 16	Premiers	Malvern	Runners-Up	Surrey Park
Under 14	Premiers	Malvern Black	Runners-Up	Caulfield

Our sincere congratulations go to the Malvern Club on their continued outstanding successes in premiership contests and especially to the two Under Age section teams which were undefeated Champions for the year. The A Section team won the premiership for the third successive year.

Coburg and U.H.S.O.B. Clubs are deserving of warmest congratulations on their successes in B and C Sections respectively as in Coburg's case they were promoted from C Section this year and suffered only one defeat for the season whilst U.H.S.O.B. displayed outstanding form in the final series to convincingly gain the honours and both Clubs should benefit materially by their success.

The President will present Medallions and Trophies to the respective winners tonight.

Again the Under-Age section were well supported by Clubs and the play in the final series indicated that these juniors are developing their game to a high degree which should be of great value to Lacrosse in future years and it is to be hoped that next Season there will be sufficient experienced and capable referees available to officiate these games.

All Clubs should endeavour to sponsor an Under-Age team to develop their future potential of players and Club Officials are assured of Association support in any step in this direction.

## BEST AND FAIREST PLAYER

This season a Best and Fairest award was re-introduced and the Malvern Lacrosse Club generously provided a trophy to perpetuate the memory of the

late Vince Healy and the trophy is for perpetual competition and bears the title of the Vince Healy Memorial Cup.

The first winner of the trophy is D.H. Lee of M.H.S.O.B. Club who polled 27 votes whilst S.Quigley, Malvern, with 22 votes was runner-up.

Malvern Club also provided a permanent memento of the award whilst your Association is providing a framed colour photograph to the winner.

Our warmest congratulations are conveyed to Mr. Lee on his success whilst the Malvern Club earn the sincere thanks of all Lacrosseurs of this State.

#### MID-WEEK COMPETITIONS

As in the previous years a Mid-Week Competition was arranged for play between Schools each Wednesday and Vice President Mr. T. Leonard is thanked for his organization and attention to these series.

After a round of games, Melbourne High School were successful in winning the Cup with University High School runners-up.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation for the co-operation and help of the respective Sports Masters of the Schools is expressed to all.

#### INTERSTATE VISIT

The annual Interstate contest between Victoria and South Australia for the \*Bob Symonds\* Cup was played in Melbourne this season when the game was staged on the Albert Cricket Ground, which was in perfect condition and the the weather was good.

The attendance was quite satisfactory and Victoria was represented by:- A. Evans (Malv.) Capt., I. Ternes (Univ) V. Capt., J. Pope (Trin.Utd.), G. Anderson (Malv.), W. Hately (Caul), S. Quigley (Malv), S. Jessop (Will.), R. Reddaway (Malv.), D. Lee (M.H.S.O.B.), J. Heathcote (Malv.), H. Williams (Caul) and R. Schmidt (Trin.Utd.).-

After a very keenly contested game the result was a tie 13 goals each and Victoria retains possession of the \*Bob Symonds\* Cup.

During the week-end a reception was tendered to the South Australians at the Amateur Sports Club on Friday, a Dinner and Dance at The Gables on Saturday, whilst on Sunday our visitors were the guests of the Association for a drive to Woodend and Macedon and luncheon was taken at Woodend.

We thank Messrs. W.K. Tickner and G. Knowles for their interest in the Victorian team as Manager and Coach respectively.

#### JUNIOR INTERSTATE VISIT

The third contest between junior teams of Victoria and South Australia was played in Adelaide and South Australia by their grand victory 13 goals to 10 goals gained possession of the Carl Schulz Cup for the first time.

Victoria was represented by:- R. Voigt, P. Humphreys, B. Maggs, E. Bailey, I. Boswell, D. Crawley (Capt.), T. Mackley, K. Elmore, L. Carroll, W. Dillon, D. Dunn and A. Currie, and these players are thanked and congratulated on their representation of Victoria.

We convey sincere congratulations to South Australia on their outstanding success and we also express warmest thanks to our junior team Manager, Mr. P. Shappere for his sincere and thorough attention to his duties.

## GYMKHANA

The Annual Gymkhana was again held at the Malvern Cricket Ground on Monday June 9th. Queen's Birthday holiday, when an Interstate Trial game, six-a-side games and other field events were held. Players were in the field from 10.30 a.m. to 4.45 p.m. and the comprehensive programme arranged by the Gymkhana Sub-Committee progressed well to time, the events providing great interest throughout the day. The Committee is to be congratulated on its efforts and this day is of great importance to Lacrosse in this State as it is the only occasion during the Season when all Lacrosseurs can compete together.

Clubs were divided into two divisions according to size and points were awarded for the various events, the grand total aggregate providing the respective \*Champions of the Day\*.

The Champions were:-

\*A\* Division - Malvern

\*B\* Division - Coburg

For the Six-a-Side Competitions the various winners were:-

\*A\* Section - Williamstown

\*B\* Section - Coburg

\*C\* Section - Caulfield

\*Under 16\* - Malvern

\*Under 14\* - Malvern Black

To all winners our congratulations are extended and pennants will be presented tonight.

## METHOD OF PLAY

During the 1952 Season play was conducted under the amended conditions of the A.L.C. that is 10 men aside, ground length of 90 yards and centre circle of 10 yards diameter.

Much discussion has ensued on the conditions of play and the innovation has improved certain aspects of the game, but no decision has yet been determined on play for 1953 Season, but it is most likely that the A.L.C. will introduce certain amendments after their keen study of play during the past year as each State has analysed this conditions.

## FINANCE

This year your Finance Committee recommended a change in policy, which was subsequently ratified by the General Committee, in connection with the meeting of the Association's financial commitments.

The provision of a Carnival Fund will make the financing of Carnival trips much more satisfactory.

Although clubs had heavier commitments to the Association Registration Fees, as well as a Carnival Fund Levy, they have maintained the previous year's efforts of all clubs being clear of debt with the Association at the end of the financial year.

Your Hon. Treasurer's thanks to all concerned is hereby penned. Your Association finishes this year in one of the best financial positions it has yet experienced.

## EXHIBITION GAME

On Sunday August 24th. through the courtesy of Station 3 DB and The Sporting Globe, an Exhibition game of Lacrosse was staged at the St. Kilda Cricket Ground when two teams of prominent players were fielded and played before a crowd of over 35,000 people.

This exhibition should give the game a filip in this State and our

sincere thanks are expressed to Mr. E. Selth and his Sub-Committee for their fine work in presenting the game in such a spectacular manner.

### STICKS

The continued lack of imported sticks is causing grave concern and this season a South Australian stick was introduced but early supplies were not satisfactory.

However after a visit to the factory of P.J. Brady of Adelaide prospects of an improved and superior quality stick are good and the matter is under the guidance of the Developmental Sub-Committee.

An initial order for 30 sticks has been placed with the manufacturer and it is hoped that these sticks will be available early in 1953 when they can be tested and further supplies obtained should the quality be satisfactory.

### SOCIAL

During the visit of the South Australians in August a Dinner and Dance was arranged at \*The Gables\* East Malvern, through the courtesy and generosity of our Vice President, Mr. H. Wood.

Although not as well supported as hoped, over 140 were present and the finances of the Association benefited materially, mainly through the fact that Mr. Wood provided the amenities except liquor refreshment gratis and this very generous gesture is deserving of all members' warmest appreciation. To both Mr. and Mrs. Wood we express our grateful thanks for their tangible support, an action which was a repetition of Season 1951.

### OLD PLAYERS AND REFEREES ASSOCIATION

The Old Players and Referees Association was active early in the season when a Social gathering was held at \*The Gables\*, but again the support was meagre and Old Lacrosseurs are very remiss in their support.

This reflects on Clubs and past members who appear only too content to enjoy the opportunity of playing for years, but cannot appreciate the fact that present-day players need their support just as much as they had support in their early days of playing.

It is with regret that we have to record the passing of the Hon. Secretary of the Association Mr. H.J. Hewett and his duties for the time being are in the care of Mr. P. Shappere who solicits the support of all Clubs and Old Players.

### PUBLICITY

Again as in recent years we have been accorded good support by the Press and results and articles have appeared regularly each week.

Through Station 3 AW. we have also recorded the scores each Saturday and this courtesy extended to our Association is greatly appreciated and our thanks go to the Broadcasting Station, Press and Press correspondents for their efforts during the year on our behalf.

### AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL

Mr. H.R. Balmer was again our Delegate to the A.L.C. and we thank him for his efforts on our behalf and wish him and his fellow members of the Council every success in their endeavours in the interest of Lacrosse in Australia.

The Australian Lacrosse Carnival will be staged next year in Adelaide and

a suggestion of a Colts Carnival in conjunction with the main events is being considered.

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

It was necessary to call this important Committee of our administration together only twice during the year and the members of the Investigation Committee are deserving of this Association's sincere thanks for their interest and careful deliberations on our behalf.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

During the year 10 Meetings of the General Committee were held with the following attendances:-

Vice Presidents -

I. J. Taylor	7	W. F. Mullen	4
H. Volk	5	T. Leonard	8
M. Robertson	4	W. Donald	9
H. Wood	5	E. Selth	10
G. Knowles	4	L. Kershaw	9
P. Shappere	10	G. Smith	5

Delegates -

Caulfield (3 reps)	9,9	Preston (1 rep.)	10
Coburg (1 rep.)	8	Surrey Park (2 reps)	10,7
(Camberwell (1 rep.)	2	Trinity United (1 rep.)	6
(Glen Iris (1 rep.)	9	University (1 rep.)	8
M.C.C. (1 rep.)	9	U.H.S.O.B. (1 rep.)	10
M.H.S.O.B. (2 reps)	8,8	Williamstown (2 reps)	8,2
Malvern (3 reps)	10,6,8		

Mr. R. Holden	Hon. Record Secretary	10
Mr. W.K. Tickner	Hon. Treasurer	8
Mr. G.W. West	Hon. Asst. Secretary	10
Mr. J.M. Dobbie	Hon. Secretary	9
Mr. T.L. Fulton	Chairman of Committee	10

11 Meetings of the Executive Committee were held with the following attendances:-

I.J. Taylor (Chairman)	6	E. Selth	11
H. Volk	6	K. Waite	10
J. Hodges	5	Hon. Asst. Secretary	10
P. Shappere	10	Hon. Treasurer	11
R. Ponton	10	Hon. Secretary	9

RULES

During the closed period of the Association's activities the Executive will be examining all Association By-Laws and Permit Regulations for submission to Delegates for consideration prior to commencement of play in Season 1953. All Clubs will be advised so that same can be adequately considered as soon as possible.

DONATIONS

To our generous supporters go the sincere thanks of the Executive Committee and Members and their tangible expressions of goodwill towards the Game are greatly appreciated and valuable aid in the furtherance of Lacrosse in Victoria.

## REFEREES

Owing to the dearth of Referees during the year all Clubs had to provide one official each week as required and although not entirely satisfactory, the innovation was a success and unless more officials are available next year, similar action may be necessary.

Clubs have been advised of a meeting between the Referees' Association and representatives of the V.A.L.A. and this item will be discussed early in the new year.

To all Clubs we express thanks for their co-operation in the supply of Referees whilst to those members who officiated in an honorary capacity we convey our sincere appreciation whilst the Members of the Referees' Association are also thanked for their support.

## APPRECIATION

To all members of Sub-Committees your Association expresses thanks for their diligent attention to their tasks which assist to foster our Game.

To those Members of the Executive who made their home available for meetings, we also express our thanks.

## OUR PRESIDENT

It is with pleasure that we note the progress made by our President Mr. H.R. Balmer following his recent illness and we wish him a complete recovery and many years of further guidance of our Association as President.

## CONCLUSION

Your Committee feels that the past year has been most satisfactory under the circumstances, but the decrease in registered players must be viewed with concern and it is felt that this can be contributed mainly to lack of equipment of quality and also indifference of Old Players to sponsor the game.

All Clubs are urged to foster the junior players and should the South Australian stick be of the quality hoped for, then the promotion of more junior teams should be possible and our Game's progress assured.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

Howard R. Balmer - President.

John M. Dobbie - Hon. Secretary.

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No Annual Report would be complete without placing on record our deep appreciation of the wonderful work which all our Chief Executive Officers have performed on our behalf during the season under review - In particular, we thank our Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Dobbie for another season of very faithful and efficient service.

We are greatly indebted to our Chairman of Committee, Mr. T.L. Fulton for the capable and impartial manner in which he controlled our Meetings. To the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Tickner, Assist. Hon. Secretary, Mr. Geoff. West and Mr. R.G. Holden our Hon. Record Secretary, we say thank you for your assistance and great efforts in the administration of our affairs.

Howard R. BALMER - President.

ANALYSIS OF GAMES PLAYED - SEASON 1952.

\*A\* SECTION

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Goals For	Goals Against	Percent
Malvern Black	20	19	1	-	76	464	185	250.81
M. H. S. O. B.	20	16	4	-	64	256	218	117.43
Caulfield	19	13	6	-	52	283	198	142.93
Williamstown	19	12	7	-	48	223	203	109.85
Trinity United	18	10	8	-	40	243	200	121.5
Malvern Red	18	8	9	1	34	279	239	116.74
Surrey Park	18	6	11	1	26	246	314	78.34
C <sup>o</sup> well-Glen Iris	18	3	13	2	16	203	341	59.53
M. C. C.	18	3	15	-	12	211	345	61.16
University	18	1	17	-	4	140	394	35.53

PREMIERS - MALVERN BLACK

\*B\* SECTION

Coburg	20	18	1	1	74	393	104	377.88
Caulfield	20	16	3	1	66	333	150	222
Malvern	19	13	6	-	52	285	209	136.36
M. C. C.	19	9	10	-	36	203	237	85.65
M. H. S. O. B.	18	8	10	-	32	175	187	93.58
Preston	18	6	12	-	24	189	287	65.85
Williamstown	18	4	14	-	16	131	252	51.98
C <sup>o</sup> well-Glen Iris	18	-	18	-	-	93	278	33.45

PREMIERS - COBURG

\*C\* SECTION

U. H. S. O. B.	21	16	3	2	68	234	126	185.71
Surrey Park	20	17	3	-	68	312	80	390
Malvern Black	20	16	3	1	66	225	94	239.36
Caulfield Green	19	13	5	1	54	218	148	147.30
Caulfield Gold	18	10	8	-	40	207	166	124.70
University	18	7	11	-	28	117	228	51.32
M. H. S. O. B.	18	6	12	-	24	148	194	76.29
Trinity United	18	3	14	1	14	127	194	65.46
Coburg	18	3	15	-	12	76	222	34.23
Malvern Red	18	-	17	1	2	57	270	21.11

PREMIERS - U. H. S. O. B.

UNDER 16

Malvern	19	19	-	-	76	267	54	494.44
Surrey Park	19	16	3	-	64	222	79	281.01
Caulfield	18	9	8	1	38	147	170	86.47
U. H. S. O. B.	18	8	9	1	34	133	155	85.81
Williamstown	17	8	8	1	34	72	122	59.02
M. H. S. O. B.	17	5	10	2	24	66	125	52.8
C <sup>o</sup> well-Glen Iris	17	3	13	1	14	96	211	45.50

PREMIERS & CHAMPIONS - MALVERN

UNDER 14

Malvern Black	20	20	-	-	80	345	29	1189.66
Caulfield	19	12	7	-	48	161	121	133.06
Surrey Park	19	9	8	2	40	82	138	59.42
C <sup>o</sup> well-Glen Iris	19	9	9	1	38	116	151	76.82
Malvern Red	18	5	12	1	22	78	192	40.625
Williamstown	17	2	15	-	8	36	162	22.22

PREMIERS & CHAMPIONS - MALVERN BLACK