

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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ANNUAL REPORT

for

1944 SEASON

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OFFICIALS 1944

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R. W. Elliott, Esq.

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION (Inc.) will be held at the SPORTSMEN'S ORGANISING COUNCIL ROOMS, Third Floor (Room 19), Economic Buildings, William Street, Perth, on WEDNESDAY, 7th MARCH, 1945, at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS:

1. Reception and adoption of the Annual Report, Financial Statements and Balance Sheet.
2. Election of Officers for 1945 Season.
3. To transact any other business that may be brought forward and dealt with under the Constitution and Rules of the Association.

H. A. WOOD,

Honorary Secretary.

14 Joseph Street,
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21st February, 1945.

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1944 SEASON

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting held on 7th March, 1945.

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

In presenting to you this, the 48th Annual Report of the Western Australian Lacrosse Association (Inc.) I do so with very great pleasure.

To have carried on at all in these difficult times has been an achievement, but the success which has crowned the efforts of the Association and the standard maintained have been far beyond all reasonable expectations.

Again the competitions were confined to Juniors, but the age limits were advanced a year to allow the retention of a few lads who had not been drafted into service on reaching 18 years of age. There were two competitions: the Liddell Cup for teams of 12-a-side, four teams entering; and the Fearon Cup for teams of 8-a-side in which seven teams entered. As in the previous season unlimited reserves were permitted to replace players at any stoppage of play in all matches, and this has undoubtedly been a large factor in getting and keeping newer players interested. Liddell Cup matches were played every third Saturday and Fearon Cup matches on the other two enabling one complete round for the latter and two rounds for the former to be played.

PREMIERSHIP MATCHES. Some very interesting matches were played in the Fearon Cup competition. Subiaco Police Boys, after losing their first match, went through the remainder of the season undefeated. This club gained the minor premiership with 10 points followed by Fremantle 8, Wembley 7, Floreat 6, Midland 4, Pontiac 3, Iroquois 2, and then defeated Fremantle in the Grand Final - 13 goals to 10. This match produced good lacrosse. The Subiaco team established an early lead which Fremantle fought hard right through to the end to wipe out, but although on top at the final bell had only succeeded in reducing it to 3 goals.

The best lacrosse was seen in the Liddell Cup competition but the result was never really in doubt. The Wembley team went right through undefeated, and thus became entitled to the title of CHAMPIONS - a rare achievement. This team won the minor premiership with 12 points, the other teams scoring - Fremantle 8, Midland 4, Subiaco Police Boys Nil. Then came the final round which proved interesting and revealed some excellent play. Wembley, meeting Fremantle in the Grand Final raced away to a substantial

lead in the first quarter to give Fremantle an almost impossible task to catch up. Fremantle fought hard to the end but it did not appear likely that they would win at any stage, so strong a combination had the Wembley team become. The final scores were 22-14.

The Fremantle Club was unlucky to be runner up in both competitions and deserves to be congratulated on its performance. From a membership of about 10 last year the Club built its strength up to more than 20 this year and gained the right to contest both grand finals. Much is owed by the club members and the Association to that old Fremantle bulwark, Mr. R.W. Elliott.

CHALLENGE MATCH: To conclude the season a match was arranged between Wembley (Champions) and a team selected from other clubs by Messrs. R.W. Elliott, J.S. Gay and myself. The players selected were:- D. Cole (Captain), K. Carlton, T. Swannell, S. Whiteman (Midland), J. Cowling, E. Mellor, N. Palmer, M. Perham, S. Sunol (Subiaco), F. French, J. Holloway, A. Moore, P. Reid, A. Rochfort, R. Tuckfield, E. Thompson (Fremantle). A grand game resulted, the combined team winning by 17 goals to 9, the margin being established in the second quarter, the only period of the game when Wembley failed to match the combined team.

West Australia has bright prospects for future carnivals if the standard of this match can be taken as a guide.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The General Committee met 6 times during the season and the following members attended 5 or more meetings:-

R.W. Elliott (President)	6	H.A. Wood (Secretary)	6
E.F. Johnson (Asst. Secty)	6	N. Monkhouse (Wembley)	6
F. Creed (Mid. Junction)	6	W.H. Whiteman (Vice Pres.)	5

GALA DAY: Yet another gala was conducted in perfect weather on June 17th at Wellington Square, a large number of interested spectators being present. The programme was carried out to schedule and resulted in Iroquois winning all events as under:-

Lacrosse 100	Cole (Iroquois) 1; Reid (Pontiac) 2
Lacrosse Relay	Iroquois 1; Pontiac 2.
6-a-side knock-out competition	Iroquois 6; Wembley 3.
Gala Championship	Iroquois - 22 points 1
		Wembley -- 9 " 2

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES: The following trophies were presented by the President on the day of the Liddell Cup Grant Final during intervals in the play and at the conclusion of the game.

Wembley - Liddell Cup and Pennant.. Premiers - 12-a-side competition.

Wembley - Carmody Cup.. Minor Premiers - 12-a-side competition.

Subiaco Police Boys -

Fearon Cup and Pennant... Premiers - 8-a-side competition.

Subiaco Police Boys -

Bolton Cup.. Minor Premiers - 8-a-side competition.

T. Swannell (Midland Junction).. Trophy - Fairest and Best player.

AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL: The Annual Meeting of the Council was held in Melbourne on August 11th, 1944. Our delegate was Mr. L. F. Banyard, who was, just prior thereto, transferred to Melbourne on business. We have been fortunate in having as Council delegate for many years Mr. I. J. Taylor, who is wrapped up in the affairs of this State, but it is pleasing, nevertheless, to be able to give him the support of one who is so able and so intimately acquainted with all recent phases of our activities.

LACROSSE AMATEUR REFEREES AND OLD PLAYERS' ASSOCIATION: What help it could give was readily given by this body and with the aid of some seniors all matches were supplied with referees for the season.

AMATEUR SPORTING FEDERATION: This body has been appointed the liaison between the National Fitness Council and the various sporting bodies whose representative on the Executive Board is Mr. Guildford Clarke who was one time secretary of this Association. At a recent meeting of sporting bodies the support of the Association was pledged to the National Fitness Movement.

PAGEANT OF YOUTH: On Saturday, October 21st, 1944, at Gloucester Park, a Pageant of Youth was conducted by the National Fitness Council under the direction of the Associated Youth Committee and the Amateur Sporting Federation. In a truly fine pageant this Association played its part by giving an exhibition of seven a-side lacrosse in a match lasting 15 minutes between Wembley and a team selected from the other clubs.

FINANCIAL: All clubs were financial at the close of the season and the revenue for the year was equal to the expenditure.

HONOUR ROLL: With deep regret I record the passing, on active service, of the following lacrosseurs:

Miller, Flying Officer Frederick William, R.A.A.F., who was accidentally killed in the course of his duty on 21st April,

1944, at Adelaide River, N.T. - Captain of Mt. Lawley Club and a member of the State teams of 1932, 1938 and 1939.

Daymond, Flying Officer Thomas Albert Charles (Bert) R.A.A.F., who lost his life as the result of an aircraft accident in North Queensland, 2nd July, 1944. A promising junior member of the Mt. Lawley Club.

To their families are extended our heartfelt sympathies.

Our congratulations are due to Lieut. Max Shean, R.A.N.V.R., who was awarded the Distinguished Service Order last year "For great courage, skill and determination in a hazardous enterprise" when commanding a midget submarine in European waters. At the time of his enlistment Max was a promising junior of the Como Club.

REMEMBRANCE DAY: On the suggestion of the Australian Lacrosse Council it has been decided to set aside the opening day of the season as a day of remembrance for those gallant lacrosseurs who have lost their lives in the War. A simple ceremony has been proposed such as assembling the two teams of the various grounds to be briefly addressed by an Association official and to then observe two minutes' silence.

APPRECIATION: During the season I received all the assistance I required from the many officers and members of the Association who acted as referees and gala officials, etc., and from Club Secretaries. To all of these I offer my thanks for lightening, as far as possible, the work which fell on me as your Secretary.

CONCLUSION: As I close this report it is apparent that the coming season will be played under no better conditions than the last. Let us make, if need be, an even greater effort than in past seasons to keep this grand game of ours going during the winter of 1945 fortified with the hope that it may be the last during the continuance of the war and with the certain knowledge that it will be well worth while.

Yours faithfully,

H. A. WOOD,

Hon. Secretary.

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