

BRISBANE WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

of the

ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVITIES

COVERING THE 1969 SEASON.

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B.W.H.A. DELEGATES TO Q.W.A.S.C.
Miss A. Mauchlan and Mrs. G. Wastell

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PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM.

1969 has been quite an eventful year. Firstly, for Brisbane representatives in Queensland and Australian teams. The latter should be now in the Lakes District of England, and I hope thoroughly enjoying themselves. I know most of you here wish them well. Secondly, our acquisition of New areas adjacent to and now combined with Downey Park, against the time when we may lose part of our playing area, when the proposed freeway is constructed. Finally, a team of 6 persons has drafted a constitution and budget which we hope will meet with your approval. The constitution for some time, and the budget till such time as costs warrant an increase.

I shall now take the opportunity to thank all the office bearers, committee members, players and umpires who co-operated so well during the year, and would have no hesitation in serving with them for a further term.

NAN MAUHLAN,
PRESIDENT.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Ladies,

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I submit to you the thirty-sixth Annual Report of the activities of the Brisbane Women's Hockey Association. Our 1969 season I feel, was a very successful one, due to the unending support and work of the office bearers and members.

OPENING DAY - 19th April, 1969.

The 1969 season was officially opened in perfect weather by the President, Miss A. Mauchlan. Mrs. Robinson then made a speech and introduced all Brisbane and Queensland Officials. As always the girls in their club uniforms presented a very colourful sight, accompanied by the Police Band in the March Past. Many thanks must go to our judges of the Miss Hockey and Junior Miss Hockey Competitions. These ladies were presented with dried flower arrangements as was the President, and Mrs. Robinson was presented with a sheath of fresh flowers. The number of guests at the official afternoon tea was reduced this year and Mrs. Higgins and her helpers must be congratulated on a most attractive and delicious afternoon tea.

PREMERSHIP.

This year we again played semi-finals and finals to determine the premiership winners of the various grades. Pennants were presented to the winning teams and a full report is made in the Record Secretary's Report. The fields were very dry at the beginning of the season but by the time the finals were played they were in perfect condition due to beneficial rains.

MEETINGS

The Annual Meeting was held at Willard House on 11th March and was well attended. Presentations were made to the office bearers and Miss B. Watson was made a Life Member much to the delight of all present.

Eight general meetings and eight executive meetings were held during the season. Not included in these numbers are the many times the Executive had to meet on a Saturday afternoon at Downey Park to attend to urgent business which had need of their immediate attention.

SUB-COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE - Your Executive has worked untiringly throughout the season and I know I speak for every member of this Association when I extend sincere thanks to the ladies of this Committee.

GROUNDS

FIXTURES

SELECTION AND LOWER GRADE SELECTION

The members of these committees have once again justified the faith placed in them by doing their various jobs in such an excellent manner. I don't think many members fully realise the amount of work involved on these various committees. On behalf of all members I extend our thanks ladies for jobs well done.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Many thanks to the ladies who have worked right through the year on compiling the revised constitution so that it will be ready for the coming season.

COACHING AND TRAINING

Mrs. Robinson has given a very full report on the scheme she put into action to train girls to be able to coach new players. Once again thanks Robbie.

The Association resumed training on Thursday nights at Downey Park. Many thanks to Miss H. Scraggs, Mrs. Robinson and all others who assisted in these training sessions.

Mrs. Robinson was once again official coach to the Brisbane Teams.

SECONDARY SCHOOLGIRLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Secondary Schoolgirls Championships were held in August in Cairns. Brisbane was well represented by four teams. Mrs. J. McDougall managed the teams assisted by Miss A. Bragg and Miss V. Worthington. The teams put up a good performance for Brisbane, and many thanks must go to Mrs. Langan for her organisation.

PRIMARY SCHOOLGIRLS CARNIVAL

Miss E. Davies managed a Brisbane team which travelled to Gympie to represent our centre at their carnival in August. This team acquitted themselves in view of the more experienced teams which they met. Miss Davies reported that they gave of their best and then a little more.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

In warm and sunny weather four Brisbane teams competed enthusiastically in the State Championships at Maryborough on Queens Birthday Week-end.

Brisbane 1 once again took out the honours and nine players and one reserve were named in the State team. Brisbane 11, 111 and 1V also gave of their best and did very well in their sections. Some of the best games were between Brisbane teams, especially Brisbane 1 v Brisbane 11. Congratulations to the coach Mrs. R. Robinson, and also to our very popular Manageress Miss Betty Watson, who seems to maintain her sense of humour even through burst water pipes.

INTERSTATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Interstate Championships were held in Adelaide this year and competition was very close. Queensland once again gave a very good showing.

AUSTRALIAN TOURING TEAM 1970

Congratulations to Miss H. Scraggs, Miss A. West and Mrs. D. Hirst who were chosen to represent Australia overseas in 1970. Congratulations to Mrs. R. Robinson who will manage the team.

UMPIRES

Once again this season a fixture book was printed and each official and member received a copy. Many thanks to Miss D. Byrne and Mrs. L. Thomas who took over the position in May for a job well done. This was Lynn's first season in this position and no one would envy her the job of chasing up umpires who did not turn up to umpire their allotted fixtures. Many thanks Denise and Lynn for your time and interest. A full report of the results of the Umpire's Examination is contained in the Umpires' Convenor's Report.

RECORDS

Many thanks for time and attention given to the records for the season by our Records Secretary Miss June Snarski. This is June's first season in this position and it is a very time consuming job. Many thanks June.

PUBLICITY

Once again our sincere thanks to Mrs. R. Robinson and Miss B. Watson for their continued efforts to keep our sport well covered by the papers. This is not just a matter of printing results but getting the up-to-date information to all followers of the sport who have to rely on the papers for their information.

DONATIONS

On behalf of the President and members of the Association I wish to thank all those kind people who donated to the Associations funds during the year. These donations are greatly appreciated.

ENGAGEMENTS, WEDDINGS, BIRTHS

All clubs had their share of one or the other of the above events and our best wishes for the future go forth to those who fall into one of the categories.

CONDOLENCE

Our deep sympathies to those members who suffered the sadness of bereavement during the past year.

APPOINTMENTS

Congratulations to Queensland Office Bearers, Mrs. R. Robinson (President) Mrs. K. Viertel (Secretary) and Mrs. J. Langan (Treasurer), also Mrs. H. Josiffe (Records Secretary), on their re-election to these positions. Congratulations to A.A. Office Bearers, Mrs. R. Robinson (President) Mrs. J. Langan (Secretary) and Mrs. H. S. Josiffe (Treasurer), on their re-election. Congratulations also to Mrs. Josiffe on her re-election as A.A. Selector and Mrs. Langan to A.A. Umpires Board. Congratulations to Mrs. R. Robinson on her re-election to President of Q.W.A.S.C., and to Mrs. J. McDougall on her re-election as Treasurer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- TO Our Patroness, Dame Annabelle Rankin for her interest in the activities of the Association.
- Our Vice Patronesses, Mrs. E.T. Dobbin and Miss M. King for their support and interest.
- Our President Miss A. Mauchlan for her time and energy devoted to the Association during the year.
- Our Assistant Secretary and Treasurer for their help and assistance at all times.
- Our Time Steward Miss Betty Watson for her Patience and help every Saturday.
- Our Tours Secretary Mrs. J. Langan for arranging all our trips.
- Q.W.A.S.C. for the benefits we have received at Downey Park throughout the year.
- Mr. V.R. Crunkhorn, Hon Auditor, for the auditing of our books.
- The St. John's Ambulance girls for their attendance at Downey Park each Saturday.
- All the gentlemen who assist in erecting and dismantling our nets and any of the other "HEAVY" jobs requiring their strength and "KNOW HOW".
- The Brisbane City Council - Particularly Mr. D. Ferris.

I could never hope to list all those people who have assisted us during the year but to each and every one of you I say "Thank You".

CONCLUSION

I trust you will excuse any errors or omissions in this report and if there is anyone I have forgotten to mention please accept my apologies.

I would like to place on record my appreciation of the patience shown to me by all experienced members of the association, and I would like to say "Thank You" for assisting me in many ways, and at all times making me proud to be your Secretary.

Best wishes for 1970.

Faye Wastell,
HON SECRETARY.

RECORD SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Ladies,

The 1969 Season commenced with 66 Teams graded as follows:

- A. Ascot 1, St. Andrews 1, Taxation 1 and 11, University 1, Valley 1.
- A RESERVE Easts 1, Kedron Park T.C. 1, Rebels 1, St. Andrews 11, Valley 11 and 111.
- B1. Ascot 11, Kelvin Grove T.C. 1, Metropolitan I, Redcliffe 1, Taxation 111, University 11.
- B2. Ascot 111, Ashgrove 1, Easts 11, Redcliffe 11, St. Andrews 111, Valley 1V.
- C1. Bulimba 1, Kedron Park T.C. 11, Kelvin Grove T.C. 11, Mt. Gravatt T.C. 1, Taxation 1V, University 111.
- C2. Easts 111, Kedron Park T.C. 111, Kelvin Grove T.C. 111, Mt. Gravatt T.C. 11, Rebels 11, Valley V.
- D. Easts 1V, Metropolitan 11, Mt. Maria 1, St. Andrews 1V, University 1V, Valley V1.
- J1. B.S.H.S. 1, B.S.H.S. 11, Cavendish Road 1, Cleveland High, Corinda, Kelvin Grove High.
- J2. All Hallows 1, Banyo High, Mt. Gravatt Eagles 1, Mt. Gravatt High, Wavell High, Wynnum North High.
- J3. All Hallows 11, Easts V, Rebels 111, Redcliffe 111, Valley V11 and V111.
- J4. Ascot 1V, Ascot V, Easts V1, Rebels 1V and V, Redcliffe 1V.

Ten extra teams in the Junior section indicates the extent of a growing interest in the game. The senior grades each contained six teams, allowing for three full rounds of fixtures which concluded with a table as follows:

	WIN	DRAW	LOSS	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST	POINTS
A. St. Andrews 1	10	4	1	43	7	24
Valley 1	9	5	1	26	7	23
Taxation 1	7	6	2	21	10	20
Ascot 1	5	6	4	25	9	16
Taxation 11	2	1	12	6	41	5
University 1	1	0	14	6	52	2

Brisbane 1V Drew with Ipswich 1 1-1 G. Pumfrey 1.
 Lost to Rockhampton 1 2-3 F. Glossop 1, G. Pumfrey
 Drew with Mt. Isa Nil All
 Lost to Maryborough 0-2
 Lost to Dalby 0-1

Brisbane v Ipswich at Ipswich - June 29th

Brisbane 1 J. Ellis M. Phillips A. Betts (Capt)
 L. Mott J. Snarski B. McAllister
 M. Hill E. Davies K. Clifford
 M. Bishop L. Maddock

Brisbane 11 J. Burke J. Morrison (Capt) W. Springfield
 L. McNamara (VC) G. O'Brien J. Francis
 M. Brown C. Benn T. Knudsen
 R. Sneddon C. Donovan

Brisbane 111 J. Phillips H. Cox J. Ruhanen
 J. Higgins (VC) K. Smith S. Dalton
 K. Elliott J. Murphy S. Smith
 L. Elliott J. McLeod V. Collins
 S. Godfrey

Brisbane 1 Drew with Wanderers 4 All E. Clifford 2, B. McAllister 1, A. Betts 1.
 Defeated Ipswich 5 Nil K. Clifford 3, M. Bishop 2.

Brisbane 11 Defeated Federation 5-1 C. Donovan 2, T. Knudsen 2,
 W. Springfield 1.
 Lost to Federation 2-3 C. Donovan 1, T. Knudsen 1.

Brisbane 111 Defeated Thistles 4-2 J. Higgins 1, B. Smith 1.
 Lost to Thistles 0-3

Brisbane v Nambour in Nambour - July 27th

Brisbane 1 V. Spice D. Seib D. McDougall (Capt)
 S. Bond M. Phillips D. Sonnenberg
 M. Clark D. Francis G. Pumfrey
 J. Bond C. Donovan

Brisbane 11 J. Phillips C. Bradfield J. Keong
 J. Higgins J. Dennis J. Bradfield
 R. Sneddon E. McLeod (Capt) A. Hill
 C. Young D. Butler

Brisbane 111 V. Counsell D. Pomeroy M. Wassenburg (Capt)
 J. Batten J. Eccles A. Ryan
 R. Watson S. Mann S. Morrison
 C. Wickings S. Smith

Brisbane 1 Defeated Nambour 1 3-Nil C. Donovan 2, D. Sonnenberg 1.
 Defeated Brisbane 11 5-1 D. Sonnenberg 3, D. McDougall 1, G. Pumfrey 1.

Brisbane 11 Defeated Nambour 1 2-Nil J. Dennis 1, D. Butler 1.
 Lost to Brisbane 1 1-5 J. Keong 1.

Brisbane 111 Drew with Nambour Schoolgirls 1 All S. Smith 1.
 Lost to Nambour Schoolgirls 0-1

<u>A RESERVE</u>	WIN	DRAW	LOSS	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST	POINTS
Valley 11	12	1	2	24	5	25
Rebels 1	10	2	3	19	5	22
Easts 1	7	3	5	22	8	17
Valley 111	6	2	7	13	12	14
St. Andrews 11	4	2	9	7	21	10
Kedron Park 1	-	2	13	2	35	2

B1.

Redcliffe 1	11	4	-	36	6	26
Metropolitan 1	8	4	3	28	16	20
Kelvin Grove 1	6	2	7	21	18	14
Ascot 11	4	6	5	15	20	14
University 11	3	3	9	11	20	9
Taxation 111	3	1	11	11	42	7

B2.

Redcliffe 11	10	3	2	39	10	23
Valley 1V	9	4	2	33	11	22
Easts 11	6	4	5	22	16	16
St. Andrews 111	5	4	6	15	15	14
Ashgrove 1	4	5	6	22	24	13
Ascot 111	-	2	13	4	59	2

C1.

Bulimba	13	1	1	75	9	27
Mt. Gravatt T.C. 1	9	3	3	35	11	21
Kedron Park T.C. 11	8	2	5	37	33	18
University 111	7	2	6	32	30	16
Kelvin Grove 11	3	1	11	8	31	7
Taxation 1V	-	1	14	4	77	1

C2.

Easts 111	14	1	-	67	6	29
Valley V	12	-	3	55	7	24
Rebels 11	8	2	5	35	24	18
Mt. Gravatt T.C. 11	4	2	9	14	41	10
Kedron Park T.C. 111	3	1	11	15	55	7
Kelvin Grove T.C. 111	1	-	14	5	55	2

D.

Easts 1V	11	2	2	31	8	24
Mt. Maria 1	10	2	3	26	10	22
St. Andrews 1V	7	2	6	29	22	16
Valley V1	5	1	9	14	33	11
Metropolitan 11	4	2	9	20	28	10
University 1V	2	1	12	6	25	5

J1.

B.S.H.S. 1	13	-	1	75	9	26
Kelvin Grove High	10	2	2	38	13	22
Cavendish Road	7	-	7	22	44	14
B.S.H.S. 11	4	1	9	24	35	9
Corinda High	3	1	10	8	38	7
Cleveland High	2	2	10	12	37	6

Brisbane v Tweed in Murwillumbah - August 3rd.

Brisbane 1	K. Knight D. Gatz V. Worthington (Capt) M. Mills	D. McManus D. Jones M. Hill L. Maddock	J. Beirne E. Griffiths B. McAllister
Brisbane 11	V. Spice S. Bond D. McDougall (V) K. Clifford	A. Bragg J. Keene C. Benn G. Pumfrey L. Diversi	D. Seib (Capt) E. Davies C. Donovan S. Godfrey
Brisbane 111	J. Burke P. Glossop J. Higgins (Capt) J. McLeod	G. Morrison K. Smith J. Murphy M. Spice	S. Dalton W. Springfield V. Collins C. Elliott
Brisbane 1	Lost to Queensland Lost to Tweed	3-5 0-1	D. Jones 1, K. Warner 2.
Brisbane 11	Drew with Tweed 111 Lost to Tweed 11	1 All 0-3	C. Donovan 1.
Brisbane 111	Drew with Tweed 11 Defeated Tweed 111	Nil All 1-Nil	C. Elliott 1.

Secondary Schoolgirls Carnival in Cairns - August 1969.

Brisbane 1	J. Burke P. Glossop J. Doherty (Capt) E. Foot	K. Smith E. Ogg P. Ryan W. Springfield	J. Ruhanen S. Cockburn J. Oakes (VC)
Brisbane 11	P. Taylor J. Higgins (VC) K. Elliott S. Walton	L. Morrison C. Murphy D. Graham W. Buckley	N. Cornwall M. Spice D. Houston (Capt)
Brisbane 111	B. McMaster J. Mullooly (Capt) C. Strathearn C. Elliott	P. Mitchell L. Fredericks M. Hollcroft S. Smith	C. Giles J. Gardiner P. Feury (VC)
Brisbane 1V	D. Plassier R. Brown (VC) G. Lindsay J. MacLeod J. Murphy	J. Bond G. Bradfield M. Bens S. Brugman C. Heise	T. Beard H. Fiege V. Collins M. Pembleton P. Taylor

Primary Schoolgirls Carnival in Gympie - August 1969.

Brisbane 1	J. Kries R. Springfield K. Rendall S. Bradfield J. Sunderland L. Murphy J. O'Shea	W. Bates J. Buzza L. Bond R. Harper S. Waterton K. Dennis
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<u>J2.</u>	WIN	DRAW	LOSS	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST	POINTS
Mt. Gravatt High	10	1	3	33	11	21
Wavell Heights High	6	5	3	17	9	17
Wynnum North High	5	3	6	20	15	13
Banyo High	5	3	6	17	20	13
Mt. Gravatt Eagles	4	4	6	12	22	12
All Hallows 1	3	2	9	10	32	8

J3.

Rebels 111	11	3	-	57	6	25
Valley V111	9	3	2	41	12	21
Easts V	7	4	3	44	16	18
Redcliffe 111	6	2	6	43	24	14
Valley V111	3	-	11	28	44	6
All Hallows 11	-	-	14	-	117	-

J4.

Easts V1	12	1	1	43	2	25
Rebels 1V	12	-	2	91	2	24
Redcliffe 1V	7	1	6	29	30	15
Ascot 1V	5	1	8	10	47	11
Rebels V	3	2	9	12	29	8
Ascot V	-	1	13	1	86	1

Schoolgirls played 14 matches and Premiership Pennants were awarded according to the Points table. Senior grade results after two semi-finals and one final were as follows:-

- A. Taxation 1
- A RES. Valley 11
- B1. Ascot 11 and Redcliffe 1
- B2. Redcliffe 11 and Valley 1V
- C1. Bulimba
- C2. Easts 111 and Valley V
- D. Mt. Maria

Congratulations to all Premiership winners, especially those teams who came from fourth position to take the honours.

Inter-City Representation

Selectors again gave a wide section of players the opportunity to enjoy and experience games against other centres.

Brisbane v Dalby in Dalby - May 11th

Brisbane 1	V. Worthington (Capt)	H. Kelly	E. Davies
	A. Betts (V.C.)	S. Brown	L. Lange
	D. Gatz	D. Peters	K. Knight
	S. Viney	B. McAllister	P. Glossop
		A. Pope	

Club and Team Captains are always most helpful, but unnecessary difficulties arise through umpiring discrepancies: failing to compare results and scorers before submitting score cards, to compare number of fielded players with those represented on the card, to check that the scorer's name is listed, and to know the minimum number required to field a team.

My sincere thanks to Officials and members for their co-operation and tolerance in all directions during the year, and may the forthcoming season be bigger and better in every aspect.

June Snarski
RECORDS SECRETARY,

COACHING SCHEME REPORT

Ladies,

I have much pleasure in reporting on the coaching of coaches scheme introduced this past season. It was an undoubted success and I wish to thank Diane Hirst for her time and tremendous help in making it a success.

One disappointing feature - lack of players or persons from some A grade clubs who could quite easily have given time to taking part in the scheme.

I would emphasise the fact that those who attended these classes and went through practical tests are fully aware of their status - "Coach for Beginners." I hope to have National Fitness provide certificates for this scheme. Softball will also back me in this.

All candidates succeeded in getting through their practical. I have yet to set a theory examination, but I am all for practical results at this stage. These girls can now take up to twenty new players - those who know nothing about hockey - and teach them how to hold a stick correctly; fit a ball; dribble and push; dribble and drive; hitting off either foot; how to place players on a field; how to start a game with player in their respective zone; places they keep for one season of hockey; how a goal keeper trains; how a team of beginners train; why they play hockey for enjoyment as well as a recreation; how to keep fit; and a few of the basic rules; enough to play a game as beginners and enjoy the game.

I have lost my list of candidates, but can get them for record purposes. I would like to see these girls, after taking beginners this season, go onto an advanced course, but they must prove themselves this season. I will, with help, re-examine them in July and recommend the ones to advance. Every club needs some one to take new members and those who do not know the basic principles of the game.

I would like to see all these candidates involved in discussion groups with people like Di Hirst, Kay Lehman, Heather Scraggs, Nola Slade, Nola Holman-players and Janet Viertel, Kath Langan - Umpiring, and they would learn a great deal about every aspect of hockey.

I would like to see those players interested in Administration-club, city, State - attending lectures and if there was sufficient interested, it can be done. All things are possible if people are really interested. Tallebudgera Camp will soon have a beautiful sports oval completed. Cocks are available for any camp. We can have up to 80 in the main section but YOU MUST MOVE EARLY. Why not appoint Miss Peg Seery of National Fitness to organise a camp. We have the coaches now to help the rank and file to become club coaches. We have the Internationals to help the State players. Let us get progressive and raise our coaching and umpiring standards. I will help in every way I can and be happy to do so. A camp would be for coaches and umpires only.

Sincerely,
Ruby Robinson.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Ladies,

Herewith a report on behalf of the Grounds Committee of your Association. Firstly, I would especially thank Mrs. McDougall and Kristine Knight for their interest and invaluable assistance during the whole season, especially during my absences.

The inconvenience caused by closing Fields for top dressing is most regrettable, but this is the only way we can ever hope to have good fields. This season you will find that fields seven and eight should be in far better condition than last year, they could hardly be worse I can hear you muttering! I hope that field 6 can be reconditioned in certain areas, it should be fairly good as it is now.

I would draw your attention to the nets. These need repairs, and in some cases renewing. I am surprised at the manner in which some of the nets have rusted. I was of the opinion these were made of rust proofed material. In purchasing new ones it would be advisable to get material which will not rust.

Most clubs and players respected the wishes of the grounds committee in refraining from "hitting up" in the goal areas each Saturday. There is ample space at Downey Park for team warm ups without using the playing areas, already marked for playing.

All clubs refrained from using prohibited playing areas on Sundays and this is most gratifying. All clubs respected the right of the other for training space on Sundays, and this made for harmonious training periods.

There are still too many players and supporters leaving litter on the side lines on Saturday and Sunday. Please assist by putting rubbish in the containers provided and make the grounds look clean and tidy.

I experienced some difficulty at times in getting into dressing rooms at night. This situation can be looked into and easily overcome I am sure. I would like to see the present so called office made into a permanent one. The Athletic Association would combine in this scheme. In this way we would have a decent accommodation for time keeper, secretary etc., at little cost to achieve. This would be a matter for the Executive to go into, and I hope they will do so quite early in the season. The "Shelter" now used as an office is no longer a shelter so we lose nothing by converting it into a good office. A bit of thought could bring about a good amenity at little cost, but remember the Athletic Association must be consulted. I have the sanction of the B.C.C.

As I will be absent from Brisbane the first three months of the hockey season I would ask that Mrs. McDougall be appointed as convener of the Grounds Committee. She is the Sports Council representative on the Grounds Committee and along with Mrs. McMinn and myself has the right to make contact with the B.C.C. This is important that your Association has this representative.

I would also ask your Executive to keep in close contact with matters relative to Downey Park through your representatives to the Sports Council. I cannot stress too much the importance of this request.

Mrs. McDougall should be the only person to contact Mr. Ferris relative to field markings; changes in fields; field requirements etc., this saves confusion. Any club requiring a field should be instructed as to what field can be used, this saves wear and tear on the one field.

The new area off Noble Street will soon be put into playable condition. Please follow all improvements with interest and see that hockey gets its two fields.

There is no rise anticipated in B.C.C. rentals unless an extra groundsman is employed. Your association however will have to meet part - a large part - of expenses in connection with amenities on the new area of land as well as part of a suggested \$5000.00 improvement levy imposed by B.C.C. in the new lease for Downey Park. This amount is to be found over seven years and divided amongst the sports occupying Downey Park on a per capital basis. This will not amount to much, over the seven years, but as I said please be on the ball and see that your association is always well represented at Q.W.A.S. Council meetings as I will not be there. I think this is all the free advice I can give. Thanks for the co-operation from all angles.

Ruby Robinson
for: Grounds Committee

EQUIPMENT LISTING

2 Black boards	1 Pan & Brush
1 Notice board	1 Plastic bucket
3 Trestle Tables	1 Plastic wash up dish
6K Style chairs	Tent, poles, ropes & pegs
12 Fold up wooden chairs	1 Large teapot
2 Amplifiers	2 small teapots
2 Stands	1 Tea caddy
1 Transformer	1 enamel jug
1 Microphone & Stand	2 china jugs
250 Ft. extension lead	15 sugar bowls
11 Wire & Metal field nets	8 metal trays
20 small metal marker pegs	3 china trays
20 large metal marker pegs	42 Glasses
1 Canvas Awning	34 ordinary saucers
1 Post Hold Digger	28 ordinary cups
1 Marker	50 white & gold cups
36 red flags	19 fancy flowered cups
1 3 ft. folding ladder	31 patterned on base cups
1 Beach umbrella	2 Pyrex plates
1 Typewriter	Assorted plates
1 Fordigraph Duplicator	1 Grater
1 4lb metal bell	225 Paper cups
1 Ground fees box	Knives & Spoons
2 Team card boxes	2 W. vases
1 Smith's Timer	1 suit case
1 Electric Siren	25 cherry uniforms
2 Straw brooms	40 grey uniforms
1 Hair broom	26 red blouses
1 4 Gal. electric urn	19 new hockey balls
1 30 Gal. thermos	18 used hockey balls
1 Hot plate	11 new tea towels
1 Pie Oven	2 cotton table cloths
1 Electric jug	9 plastic table cloths
1 Mirror	15 used tea towels
1 Clock	
24 metal chairs	

E. Green,
EQUIPMENT OFFICER.

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SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT 1969.

This is the first year B.W.H.A. has had a Social Secretary. As I was only asked to organise one event, i.e., afternoon tea for opening day, during the year I feel the position is rather irrelevant.

The afternoon tea provided for guests of the various clubs at opening day was quite successful. However, there were some clubs who ordered afternoon tea but never came to pick them up, while other clubs came on the day and expected afternoon teas to be ready for their visitors. In future if at all possible money should be collected when orders are made prior to Opening Day. Also distribution of the afternoon tea could be much quicker if part of the service counter was set aside for it rather than the side of the canteen.

A number of raffles were held at the beginning of the year to raise money for the new building. Financially these were quite successful, but the enthusiasm for selling tickets soon died.

In July a social evening was held at the home of Andrea Pope at Mount Gravatt with the aim of creating a better liaison between clubs. Easts must be thanked for the entertaining fashion parade that they organised. Financially the evening was successful but was poorly supported by most clubs. As the bulk of the hockey players in this Association are young people, I feel future evenings of this sort would be better geared towards them, such as a cabaret or ball.

Helen McRae
SOCIAL SECRETARY.

UMPIRE CONVENOR'S REPORT1969 SEASON

The 1969 season was not without problems in the provision of suitable umpires. The major difficulty lay in the shortage of top-badged umpires available to officiate over the A Grade fixtures. This was the result of two main factors: firstly, that the non-playing umpires had other time-consuming tasks such as team selection and testing of umpires and secondly, that there is such a disproportionate distribution of top-grade playing umpires throughout the clubs, 85% of State A player umpires wearing Taxation or Valley colours. The old adage - "Too many jobs and not enough people to do them" - was clearly in evidence here.

The general standard of umpiring was slightly down on that of previous years. It was most unfortunate that the interest and enthusiasm shown by some of the younger girls could not be matched by opportunities for coaching by experienced umpires and for performances on the field. Some older players tend to look on umpiring as a bugbear to be borne in protest rather than as a chance to give something of the game back to the younger ones.

Senior umpires, with little time on their hands and attempting to test or seek out young umpiring aspirants, have been severely hampered by swapping of umpire assignments. These appointments are made for specific purposes, bearing in mind the umpiring ability, experience, and potential of the players concerned. The umpire lists are produced one week prior to the fixtures and it is the responsibility of the clubs to see that umpire control is properly administered. With few exceptions, girls are called on to umpire only 4-5 times per season and it is imperative that swapping of umpires by clubs be kept to an absolute minimum and that replacements be, within the realms of practicability, of equivalent standard and experience.

All in all, I should say that the position has been an enjoyable though exhausting one and I am sorry to say that I shall not be officiating as umpire convenor again this year.

In conclusion, I should like to thank all officials and players for their assistance and patience during my period of duty and I should like to wish my successor the best for the coming season.

L. R. THOMAS,
UMPIRE CONVENOR.