

W. A. N. F. L. UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT - 1968

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

Our President, Clive Hills, left Australia for an overseas tour in August last year, and the opportunity is taken to record our thanks to him for the work he carried out during the months he led our organisation. A suitable farewell was arranged for Clive to wish him "bon voyage".

The past year has been very successful, one of the highlights being the Inaugural Ball held at Roans, Morley, which proved that this type of social event was welcome by members.

Increases in umpiring fees have been sought over the year, and those recently announced by the W.A.N.F.L. are considered reasonable and an encouragement to our association to continue studied representations in the future.

Overall it can be said that socially the year has been very successful and a friendly attitude has been generated between all members:

The passing of the new Constitution recently will lead to a more ordered form of organisation to the Association and clear up some of the anomalies that existed. To the various committees that worked over two years on the drafting of this document, thanks are expressed.

Country trips are a very important part of our activities and to date every care has been shown by members as to condition of their cars and themselves. In view of the responsibilities to both driver and passengers, it is urged that this care and concern continue through the years.

It has been my pleasure to chair meetings and speak for the Association since August, and it is with gratitude that I congratulate Garry McComish (Secretary), Ned Martino (Treasurer) and Bill Brown (Assistant Secretary), together with the rest of the Committee, on the team effort put in for the Association over the whole year.

To fellow Vice-President, Bob Smith, for the assistance over the past year and sharing of various duties, I extend my thanks.

To close, it is thought fitting to say that our Association is growing, as evidenced by our training camp, and because of this, all members are urged to play their part in keeping the Association strong.

May all members, new and old, enjoy a most successful season.

JOHN A. DOLLING

Acting President

W.A.N.F.L. UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION

OFFICE BEARERS - 1968

PRESIDENT: Mr. C. Hills  
VICE PRESIDENTS: Mr. J. Dolling  
Mr. R. Smith  
HONORARY SECRETARY: Mr. G. McComish  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Mr. W. Brown  
TREASURER: Mr. N. Martino  
AUDITOR: Mr. E. Brunton

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT: Messrs. K. Cox, D. Allan, N. Miliauskas, R. Smith, R. Scott,  
P. Pustkuchen, R. Whitfield.

LIFE MEMBERS:

|                  |                         |                   |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| ✓ A. Chapman ✓   | ✓ H. Clair              | ✓ H. Gibb ✓       |
| ✓ L. Hurley      | ✓ J. Ferguson           | ✓ E. Crisp        |
| ✓ L. Nathan      | ✓ R. Montgomery         | ✓ E. Brunton      |
| ✓ E. Fitzpatrick | ✓ D. Cumming (Deceased) | ✓ F. Woods        |
| ✓ B. Moore       | ✓ L. McComish           | ✓ J. Smith-Gander |
| ✓ N. Shepherd    | ✓ J. Campbell           | ✓ B. Rigg ✓       |

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting for your consideration, my Annual Report for the 1968 season.

Congratulations to all new umpires for making the panel for this season. My thanks to all who, in their interest in the game and the fostering of our Association, supported it with enthusiasm. There still remains, however, a certain group whom we never see at training, lectures or functions arranged for their benefit.

It is these fellows that are the weak umpires. Usually unfit, uninterested and with a complete lack of correct interpretation of the laws and knowledge of the game. Each is ever ready with an excuse as to why they do not attend training or lectures. A strong disciplined body of umpires is what we should be striving for, and the W.A.N.F.L. have it in their power to achieve this.

Our worthy President, Clive Hills, went overseas during mid season. Our thanks must go to him for steering us on a balanced course and for his diplomacy in handling certain situations, particularly at the eve of the season when goal and boundary umpires' fees presented a particularly sticky problem.

To Acting President, John Dolling, our thanks also. His guidance and effort during the latter part of the season brought about many rewards, particularly in the sphere of fees to umpires; the net result is a reasonable increase to all categories for the 1969 season.

Much of the credit for the success of the Annual Ball must go to John also for whipping up enthusiasm amongst members. The night was a huge success.

#### UMPIRES' BOARD:

Our relationship with this Board remains cordial and friendly. We appreciate their problems, as they appreciate ours. Our congratulations to Ian Murray on his election to the Board. As an ex-umpire, his knowledge and understanding of the game will be of great benefit. We wish each member a successful season.

#### UMPIRES' ADVISERS:

To Jim Campbell and George Meiers our thanks for their understanding and untiring efforts in improving our knowledge of the game. To George, newly elected Umpires' Adviser, and to Ted Brunton, his assistant, our congratulations and best wishes for the 1969 season.

#### COUNTRY FOOTBALL:

We continue to officiate at most country centres, and would no doubt officiate at far distant centres if suitable transport was available. We experienced some trouble with umpires failing to notify Associations of their intention to travel to their appointment in their own vehicle. This is a must and courtesy alone demands that this be done. Co-operation and friendliness with Country Associations will facilitate the passage of increase in fees when it occurs from time to time.

#### LIFE MEMBERS:

No umpires have been recommended for approval for Life Membership at the Annual General Meeting.

#### FINANCE:

We finished the financial year with \$117.18 in the bank, which is sufficient to commence this season and pay for various commitments that arise. Our Annual Ball was not such a financial burden as has been the case in previous years. Added expense this year will be payment to a Secretarial Service to process circulars, reports, etc.

#### STITUTION:

This was prepared in finality during the season and was presented to the members early in 1969 and was duly adopted. This puts our Association on a much firmer basis than previously and becomes the cornerstone of our function.

#### TRAINING SUPERVISER:

The W.A.N.F.L. saw fit to provide us with a Training Supervisor. We were most fortunate in having the services of Hal Symons, who by his enthusiasm and knowledge of our physical requirements, galvanised us into a much fitter bunch than we had been during prior seasons. We trust that Hal will be with us in this capacity for many years to come.

His innovation of the Training Camp at Point Peron early this year is a must for future pre-season training.

W.A.M.P.L. UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS AS AT 26th MARCH, 1969

| <u>RECEIPTS</u>                                     |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Subscriptions                                       | 817.00            |
| Insurance   | 176.40            |
| Raffles (Nett)                                      | 128.27            |
| Sale of Whistles                                    | 53.20             |
| Badge Sales   | 2.40              |
| Donation - Hal Symonds                              | 7.                |
| <u>Social Nights:</u> House Socials & Umpires' Teas | 208.24            |
| Annual Wind-up Ball                                 | 447.90            |
| Christmas Tree                                      | 75.00             |
| National Fitness Weekend Camp                       | 118.50            |
| Interest  | 11.45             |
|   | <u>\$2,045.36</u> |

| <u>PAYMENTS</u>                                 |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Honorarium - G. McComish                        | 100.00            |
| W. Brown  | 50.00             |
| Insurance                                       | 176.40            |
| Secretary's Expenses - including payment 'Phone | 84.60             |
| Presentation to R. Scott                        | 15.00             |
| Advertising                                     | 6.93              |
| Life Medallions                                 | 8.75              |
| Printing Annual Report, 1967                    | 30.60             |
| Newsletter                                      | 3.17              |
| Whistles  | 49.50             |
| Medicine Balls                                  | 17.44             |
| Pump  | 2.80              |
| Printing Letterheads and Ball Tickets           | 17.00             |
| Trainers' Fees                                  | 102.00            |
| Training Materials                              | 13.95             |
| Donation Meckering Appeal                       | 15.00             |
| Floral Tribute - D. Montgomery                  | 3.50              |
| National Fitness Weekend Camp                   | 174.28            |
| Bank Fees                                       | 2.50              |
| <u>Socials:</u> Inaugural Ball                  | 487.90            |
| House Socials & Umpires' Teas                   | 444.16            |
| Farewell Dinner for President                   | 37.80             |
| Hire of W.A.C.A.                                | 30.00             |
| Cricket Match v. Swan Districts                 | 7.40              |
| E.F.P.C. Tennis Day                             | 4.00              |
| Golf Day  | 8.00              |
| Christmas Tree                                  | 146.17            |
| Excess of Receipts over Payments                | 6.51              |
|   | <u>\$2,045.36</u> |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 26th MARCH, 1969

| <u>LIABILITIES</u>               |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Accumulated Funds                | 203.57          |
| Excess of Receipts over Payments | 6.51            |
|                                  | <u>\$210.08</u> |
| <u>RESERVE ACCOUNT - 1968</u>    |                 |
| Bank Balance - 1968              | 550.23          |
| Interest - 1968                  | 19.25           |
|                                  | <u>\$569.48</u> |

| <u>ASSETS</u>              |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Trading Bank Balance       | 117.18          |
| Badges Unsold              | 22.90           |
| Typewriter                 | 70.00           |
|                            | <u>\$210.08</u> |
| <u>BANK BALANCE - 1969</u> |                 |
| Bank Balance - 1969        | 569.48          |
|                            | <u>\$569.48</u> |

I certify that the above Statements are a true record from the financial records examined by me.

(SGD.) E.W. BRUNTON, A.A.S.A. (PROV.)

#### FEES:

The League, prior to the commencement of last season, increased payments to Field umpires who officiated at League games, but little or no pro rata increase was made to other categories and, in consequence, much dissatisfaction occurred, particularly amongst Goal and Boundary umpires.

#### SOCIAL:

The inaugural Ball held prior to the finals was a huge success, socially and financially. We enjoyed cricket and tennis again, against Swans and East Fremantle respectively. The Christmas Tree was, as usual, a pleasant day, especially for the kids. Under-catering occurred at the first couple of after-training dinners, caused by the uncertainty of the number who attended. A well attended Christmas Barbecue was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Cox.

#### APPRECIATION:

- \*To Clive Hills and John Dolling for their wisdom and guidance.
- \*To Bill Brown for his continued assistance and enthusiasm.
- \*To Ned Martino for his handling financial matters, always a difficult task.
- \*To Management Committee for their attendance at meetings and their timely decisions.
- \*To Ted Brunton for his auditing of our books.
- \*To Peter Pustkuchen and Doug Martin for assistance in selling raffle tickets.
- \*To Jim Raynor and "Togga" Tognolini for their task as Trainers.
- \*To Kevin and Jean Cox for the use of their home for our Christmas Barbecue.
- \*To W.A.N.F.L., especially Barney Giles for his attention to our requirements.
- \*To Umpires' Advocates for their assistance at the P. & D. Tribunals.
- \*To the W.A.C.A. officials for the use of their facilities.

#### CONCLUSION:

May I extend to all 1969 panel umpires, the best of luck for a good season.

GARRY McCOMISH  
Honorary Secretary

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

Financially we have had another successful year. This is not reflected in the excess of Receipts over Payments, which shows a credit of only \$6.51, but shows up in our House Socials and Umpires' Teas figures, which gives a debit of \$236.00, our National Fitness Weekend Camp \$56.00, our Christmas Tree \$61.00 and our Inaugural Ball \$40.00.

This year we endeavoured to give something to the umpires; we had a pre-season social at Garry McComish's and a free Christmas Social at Kevin Cox's, together with the Christmas Tree and National Fitness Weekend, climaxing an enjoyable and successful season.

My thanks to Ted Brunton, our Honorary Auditor, who does so much behind the scenes by giving his expert advice on finance and accounting procedures to the Umpires' Association.

E.F. MARTINO  
Hon. Treasurer

Following are the number of League Games at which members (1966) have officiated:

FIELD UMPIRES:

|               |       |             |      |
|---------------|-------|-------------|------|
| G. Becker     | - 29  | C. Hills    | - 36 |
| B. Carbon     | - 11  | B. Rigg     | - 7  |
| L. Johnston   | - 36  | A. Carbon   | - 14 |
| G. McComish   | - 5   | R. Smith    | - 5  |
| E. Martinó    | - 20  | G. Ashworth | - 2  |
| R. Montgomery | - 247 | T. Nielson  | - 1  |
| R. Scott      | - 103 | M. Randall  | - 1  |
| R. Whitfield  | - 121 | D. Hinton   | - 7  |
| J. Fuhrman    | - 7   | W. Brown    | - 13 |

BOUNDARY UMPIRES:

|              |       |               |      |
|--------------|-------|---------------|------|
| C. Pratt     | - 149 | R. Pearse     | - 33 |
| J. Dolling   | - 85  | J. Waddell    | - 10 |
| D. Hansen    | - 86  | J. Fuhrman    | - 7  |
| D. De Gruchy | - 95  | P. Bruce      | - 41 |
| J. Pratley   | - 47  | J. Devine     | - 26 |
| R. Dawbarn   | - 20  | B. McKenzie   | - 23 |
| P. Imms      | - 27  | D. Stewart    | - 23 |
| R. Skeggs    | - 26  | K. Durtnall   | - 21 |
| A. Hocking   | - 31  | N. Miliauskas | - 22 |
| P. Snow      | - 38  | D. Clair      | - 9  |
| B. Dickie    | - 44  | G. Feutrell   | - 10 |
| K. Venning   | - 9   |               |      |

GOAL UMPIRES:

|               |       |              |       |
|---------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| R. Parkhouse  | - 86  | P. Katavatis | - 4   |
| P. Pustkuchen | - 60  | D. Allan     | - 7   |
| M. Rose       | - 163 | V. Clair     | - 12  |
| W. Carter     | - 178 | H. Nettleton | - 50  |
| J. Dolling    | - 40  | R. Taylor    | - 17  |
| R. Montgomery | - 19  | M. Gibson    | - 5   |
| P. Whitfield  | - 21  | D. Gardner   | - 172 |
| L. Chapman    | - 66  | N. Shove     | - 70  |
| P. Duke       | - 40  | R. O'Connor  | - 68  |
| E. Pengilly   | - 35  | J. Male      | - 2   |
| L. Beresford  | - 57  | O. Kelly     | - 11  |
| R. Taylor     | - 11  | D. Skipworth | - 11  |

ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

JUNIOR FOOTBALL:

During the 1968 season, panel members umpired 465 Junior games, including Under 14, Under 16 and Public School matches, on Saturday mornings.

In addition to this, a number of umpires were appointed by the League to officiate at Catholic College games and High School matches on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the season.

To all umpires who controlled these games during the season, many thanks, and we look forward to your continued support in the coming season.

To the new members selected on the 1969 Panel (Field, Goals and Boundary), may I offer congratulations and all the best for the season.

SOCIAL:

During the 1968 season, our Social Evenings and Umpires' Teas, with the exception of the Inaugural Ball at Boans, Morley, were very poorly attended.

It is up to you fellows this season to improve on our social function attendances. All members, new and old, get behind your President, Secretary and Committee, and make these social evenings a success.

As mentioned many times before, the Association is only as strong as its members.

Due to study and personal reasons, I will not be standing for re-election for this position. I would like to sincerely thank past Presidents, Basil Rigg, Clive Hills, Secretary, Garry McComish, President John Dolling, Treasurer, Ned Martino, and Vice President Bob Smith, and all Committee members, for their help and support during my term as Assistant Secretary.

To the incoming Assistant Secretary, may I offer my congratulations and a successful term of office.

Again, may I wish to the incoming Committee and all members of the Panel, good umpiring a most successful season, both social and otherwise.

BILL BROWN

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