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**W.A.N.F.L.  
UMPIRE'S  
ASSOCIATION**

# **Annual Report and Balance Sheet**

**SEASON 1974**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

FELLOW MEMBERS,

Well, the 1974 season has come to an end and with it the completion of my first year in office as President.

It is with pleasure that I submit this report to you for your consideration and with the knowledge that the contents reflect another highly successful year.

The year was not without its problems, and the uneasy commencement to the season, together with the loss of the experience and the expert guidance from Ray Whitfield, threw a heavy strain on your Management Committee.

However, with your support the Association proved once again how strong and united it was and this unity and support must be maintained for the benefit of all umpires.

Members, I appeal to you all to fully support your Management Committee because the time and tremendous effort given by them benefits each and every one of you.

During the year in which I have been feeling my way, the co-operation, support and expertise given to me by our Secretary, PETER PUSTKUCHEN, was insurmountable. Thank you, Peter, for a magnificent contribution again this year.

To TERRY NIELSON, DICK STUBBERFIELD, and members of the Social Committee, I extend congratulations for a marvellous year socially; one which has been both financial and enjoyable.

Thank you too, to our newly appointed Treasurer BRIAN COLLETT, who has devoted so much time to his duties and yet still had the application and ability to umpire in the Grand Final. A job well done, Brian, and your contribution has been invaluable.

The resignation of Barry Carbon during the year was disappointing, and it is hoped Barry reconsiders the situation again next season, because umpiring in this State cannot afford to lose umpires such as Barry Carbon.

Congratulations to my Grand Final team mates who once again maintained the excellent standard set by previous Grand Final umpires.

The umpires were JOHN DEVINE, GEOFF TIPPING (Boundary umpires), BRIAN COLLETT, BRIAN HAIGH (Goal umpires).

A special note of appreciation also must go to those umpires who officiated during the Final round (in gold and white coats) and who did a wonderful job and a service to football.

In conclusion I wish the incoming Committee every success for 1975, and I remind all members that success will only be achieved with your whole-hearted support.

ROSS CAPES,  
President.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

May I present for your consideration and information my Annual Report for 1974.

Once again our Association has enjoyed a successful year both on and off the field. We have continued to make our gains; even though at times they appear small and insignificant, they are steps towards the betterment of umpiring and umpires. May I congratulate you, the members, for the support for the most part given to your Executive, which has enabled the season to end on a high note.

I feel that the season got away to a poor start, over divided opinions on payments. Don't let me try and convince you that I was opposed to our proposed fee rises. On the contrary, I was for every cent we could get. However, in situations such as this, it is essential that we consider all aspects of motions before passing them. Too often we passed motions without studying the consequences, and then found it necessary to rescind motions. Surely this is weak! May I say that in the future let's look at all the consequences before rushing in.

Another disturbing feature of this time was the divided feelings amongst our members on their support. Some of us tended to put the individual before the Association. Remember that our success as an Association is dependent on the total support of you, the members.

However, after this early uncertainty, our Association never looked back. Our relationship with the W.A.N.F.L. improved to the extent that all correspondence is answered promptly, and the Directors have requested a meeting with representatives from our Association; up to now we have virtually had to get on hands and knees and beg for this privilege. Unfortunately this meeting will take place after this report goes to print, which will make it impossible to give a complete report. However, we would hope to be able to supply full details at our Annual General Meeting.

This year, a few extras were included on Field, Boundary and Goal lists. For the most part, this worked well, but difficulties again were experienced with boundary umpires, where a number of Country Field Umpires were required to fill in.

An area which I feel must be looked at next season is with first year Field Umpires. There seems to be an urgent need for follow-up practical work with umpires who attend the Umpires School, and first year members of the panel. It would appear that these fellows could do with more guidance and direction in the early part of their careers. This guidance cannot be gained through country appointments. The obvious grounding in this respect could be obtained from the Alcock Cup Competition, where the young umpires could be watched by Observers, who could feed the information back to an Advisor to pass on to those concerned. This should also ensure that when the young umpire reaches city ranks, he has a basic understanding of the fundamentals, and the Board Members and League Observers can concentrate their attention on watching the finer points of umpiring. Probably the first question to be asked: where will we get observers to go to Alcock Cup Games? May I suggest Senior Members of our panel.

This in turn brings the point of two panels, City and Country, each under a separate Advisor. Undoubtedly the time is near for its introduction.

Once again there has been a considerable turnover in numbers on the panel. Next season will see further retirements, but the phasing out of the "Colts" competition should ensure greater competition for positions on the panel. With the struggle for numbers, this competition amongst members has not always been possible this year, and further, limited numbers also prevents adequate disciplinary action being taken by the Appointment Board. We had occasions during the past season when this action could have benefitted our Association.

Let me now turn to comments on the overall functioning of the Association during the season.

#### **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The retirement of a number of Senior Executive Members of the Association at the conclusion of 1973 saw ROSS CAPES elected as President. His contribution during his first term in office enabled our Association to achieve yet another successful season. Ross proved a great ambassador for our Association, and it was largely through his efforts that all Field Umpires who officiated at League Matches during the season being invited to the Sandover Medal Count for the first time. Ross at all times has kept the Association first, and through his astute leadership we have enjoyed another great season. Things were not easy early in the season, but thanks to his coolness at the time of the crisis we were able to overcome the difficulty. My personal thanks are extended to Ross for his co-operation and assistance throughout the year—it surely has been appreciated. At the same time, may I on behalf of all members, convey our sincere appreciation to his good wife, Noreen, for the understanding and patience given to Ross, which enabled him to carry out his duties in such an efficient manner.

BRIAN COLLETT was elected to the position of Treasurer. For Brian it was also his initiation to the Management Committee. He soon took over the reigns, and with his quiet conscientious manner, we soon discovered that our finances were in good hands. Brian has provided the Committee with an accurate and meticulous summary of all financial transactions at each meeting, and one can only offer sincere thanks for a job well done. Once again our thoughts are also with Brian's wife for her part in enabling him to carry out his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Socially, the season has been looked after by our Senior Vice President, TERRY NEILSON, and our Social Secretary, DICK STUBBERFIELD. One has only to look back on the success of our Social Functions, to gauge the efforts put in by these two loyal stalwarts of the Association. It has been my privilege to sit in on the Social Committee meetings this season, and one can only be highly impressed by the organization and planning that goes into all functions. The only disappointing feature has been the lack of support given by you the members to some of our functions. One of the big firsts was the formation of a Ladies Committee, and their first-up efforts in catering for two of our Umpires' Teas can be surely admired. To Terry and Dick, my personal thanks for an outstanding contribution, and the easing of a big load off my shoulders. To the Social Committee as a whole, a very big thank you for the time and effort put into such a great year off the field. To the wives, thanks for your kind support and understanding; it surely has been appreciated.

May I at this stage make a special mention of the services of our Junior Vice President, BARRY CARBON. Barry was the instigator behind our fee submission at the beginning of the season. He spent countless hours in preparing the material, and it was unfortunate that the fees granted never measured up to his expectations. May I say this about Barry: he is a very loyal umpire, dedicated to the betterment of umpiring and the Association.

Finally, may I turn to the hard working Committee. Without a doubt, these boys played a very big part in the overall success of the season. Their attendance at Committee meetings was the best ever. The amount of material discussed has resulted in very long meetings, and consideration will need to be given to having extra meetings in 1975. To the Committee, namely, RON POWELL, TREVOR HAWORTH, JOHN MCKAY, DON WAKENSHAW, BARRY MCKENZIE, TONY HOLLAND and BOB SIMPKINS, my personal thanks for your time and contributions towards a successful

season. (Note. Bob Simpkins had to resign from the Committee when he joined the "Iron Men" in the north in January). A special thank you to the wives who prepared supper for the Committee after meetings in their homes—it was surely appreciated.

### **UMPIRE'S ALLOCATION BOARD**

This season an additional member was included on the Board. These gentlemen included MR. JIM DAVIES, MR. LINDSAY JOHNSTON, MR. RAY SLEETH, and MR. RAY SCOTT. Once again their task during the season would never have been easy. Many hours of deliberation would have gone into their weekly selections, and I think overall their efforts were rewarded by the men concerned. Admittedly, there would have been disappointments—what selection committee doesn't upset someone? We thank these gentlemen for their contributions to umpiring during the season.

Once again, nearly forty umpires received games in the city. This brought them under the watchful eye of the Board and Observers. Again, I would refer to my opening comments, and suggest that all first year umpires serve at least a year's apprenticeship in the country, but be closely watched while officiating at junior matches in Perth. This would then prepare them adequately for their elevation to City umpiring.

Now for a couple of brickbats. It was disappointing at times during the season to note two Board Members at the one League game; surely it could have been arranged for one member to be at each League ground in fairness to all umpires. Secondly—and may we say our Association told the W.A.N.F.L. so—what a fiasco the Observer situation turned out to be. Some Clubs had them, others didn't, some had one, some failed to turn up. In fact, the whole business became a joke. May I hasten to add that compliments must be given to a couple of loyal fellows (I might add all ex-Association members) who went about their task in a conscientious manner as Observers, but overall the system just did not work. How can the W.A.N.F.L. improve the system? Firstly it must be an independent group free from Club ties, and secondly the position must be made rewarding.

### **UMPIRE'S ADVISER**

RAY SLEETH has now completed his second year with us. He has continued to work towards improving the standard of umpiring in Western Australia, and the results, of the year speak for themselves.

His partner in crime this year was RAY SCOTT. Ray was given a bigger role this year, and acquitted himself well in his new duties. His ability to get our lectures over on a Thursday night was well received by our members. After JIM WIELAND left us, Ray was again called to take over as Training Supervisor.

May we, on behalf of all members of the Association, record our thanks to the two Rays for their services throughout the season.

### **COUNTRY FOOTBALL**

Once again our relations with the Country Leagues and Associations have been good. For the first time our Executive was able to meet with the Country Football League Executive and discuss first hand problems relating to our organizations. This proved a very fruitful meeting, and is one which we hope to establish on a regular basis, in order to overcome any difficulties that arise.

Unfortunately the year was marred by a number of mixups in respect to country travelling. Once again common sense didn't apply, and as a result a number of Country Leagues suffered. It is reaching the stage where I feel that a directive will have to be

given instructing all umpires that they must travel in the official car. Naturally, one would hate to initiate such a move, but with the continual disregard of members to do the right thing, will mean some drastic action may be required. May I add that Workers' Compensation for travelling applies only to Umpires using the official car to appointments.

From the safety angle, our members have co-operated well, and there was only one report of a disturbing nature received during the season. May I again stress that each year our Umpires travel many miles, and one can only hope that our Members will keep our great record by reporting any deviations, which may result in risk to our lives.

No fee increases are envisaged in the Country, but petrol rates will be kept under review, especially if further price increases occur.

## **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

The decision of the Management Committee will be given during the Annual General Meeting.

## **FINANCE**

The past year again shows how big the Association has grown. Back in 1953, the Annual Financial Statement for the year amounted to just over one hundred pounds. Twenty-one years later it shows that we are fast approaching the five figure number. Admittedly costs have risen, but so has our Association grown.

With an annual turnover as such, I feel that it is high time that our Association began looking towards establishing our own Headquarters. In this way we can channel our funds towards this objective, and make something of which our Association can be proud. Yes, it will take money, but it will be to our benefit in the long run.

May I conclude this section by once again, on behalf of all members of the Association, conveying our appreciation and praise to BRIAN COLLETT, for maintaining our healthy financial position during his first term in office.

## **UMPIRES' TRAINERS**

Umpire's Trainers have proved difficult to come by once again this year. For the most part of the year it has been impossible to have a Trainer at all grounds; and on training nights the situation has been even worse.

The answer is payment. Football Clubs can offer far higher fees, and they therefore attract the best qualified people. Even with our subsidy from the W.A.N.F.L., it is virtually impossible to provide the necessary incentive.

May we record with gratitude our thanks and appreciation to the Trainers who assisted us during the season, namely MAT DUFFY, BRIAN CAREY, RON HOLFORD and JIM O'CONNELL.

## **UMPIRES' SCHOOL**

This season our Association was not called upon to assist with the Umpires' School. However, we were able to welcome a number of graduates from the school to our panel. One of these was PETER TROODE, who enjoyed a successful season, culminating in a Grand Final for one of the leading Country Leagues.

## UMPIRING FEES

A new fee submission has been prepared, and we are, at the time of writing, waiting to hear from the W.A.N.F.L. as to when our submission will be heard. The basis of the submission follows along similar lines to that presented last year. The disturbing feature in respect to our last submission was that it never reached the League Directors' table. This time we are hoping for a better hearing. One thing in our favour is that this is the first time that the W.A.N.F.L. have ever approached us for a meeting on fees. This may be a good omen, but from someone who has been around for a long while—I wouldn't be over hopeful of dramatic and unprecedented handouts.

## SOCIALLY

Our social functions this year have continued along on their very high standard. Undoubtedly the highlight was our Annual Ball at the Pagoda. This was a great night. There were grumbles that fifteen dollars a double was an exorbitant price just for a Ball. However, may I say, and I'm fairly certain I speak on behalf of all those who attended, those who didn't go missed a great night. Another progressive step was the inclusion of drinks in the price of the ticket, which added class to the function.

Other functions included our Grand Final Dinner Dance; Boat Trip even if we ran out of "grog"; Quiz Night, and Umpire's Teas, all of which highlighted a great social year.

May I compliment the Social Committee, namely TERRY NEILSON, DICK STUBBERFIELD, TREVOR HAWORTH, DON WAKENSHAW, BARRY MCKENZIE, EVAN DUNSTAN, BRIAN FEWSTER and BRIAN COLLETT, plus their wives for the year's efforts. Reports from Terry and Dick appear elsewhere in this report.

## GOLF REPORT

THE Golf Report by Terry Neilson appears on p. 14.

## APPRECIATION

The W.A.N.F.L. UMPIRES ASSOCIATION wishes to acknowledge the efforts of the following, rendered during the past season:

ROSS CAPESE, our very capable leader, for his guidance and direction during his first term in office.

BRIAN COLLETT, for balancing our books and maintaining our records on the correct side of the ledger.

TED BRUNTON. We haven't seen much of Ted this year, but thanks for auditing our books.

TREVOR HAWORTH, for his efforts with the "UNBELIEVABLE".

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, for the hours of devotion towards providing better conditions for all umpires.

RON HOLFORD, MAT DUFFY, BRIAN CAREY and JIM O'CONNELL, who gave their time and service to enable our members to keep going.

ROY ABBOTT AND THE OFFICE STAFF AT THE W.A.C.A., for the kind consideration and co-operation that has been extended to us during our training sessions, while using your excellent facilities.

CLIVE HILLS, BASIL RIGG, DON ALLEN, RAY MONTGOMERY and JOHN SMITH-GANDER, who all feel that Tuesday is the best night of the week. On behalf of all Umpires who "lost control" during the season, may I take the opportunity to thank our Advocates for their service and efforts, in seeing that justice is done.

NEIL JUDGE, the new W.A.N.F.L. Secretary, who discovered Umpires for the first time. Thanks, Neil, for your efforts and assistance rendered during the season.

PETER BOWLER and the LEAGUE DIRECTORS for what we may be about to receive!

### UNBELIEVABLE

Our Association Rag, which got away to a great start in 1973, never reached the heights we thought possible this year. This was mainly through lack of support in the form of contributions. Trevor Haworth and his good wife Margaret must be congratulated for the hours of work they put into our "Rag". Their efforts are admired, but if I can issue a warning, unless more support is forthcoming in 1975, I feel we must take a serious look into the pros and cons and seriously consider ceasing production.

This, I feel, would be a retrograde step, as this magazine has provided another means of communication for Association activities. May I appeal for support and let's keep our Association news going.

### CONCLUSION

Another year has gone. From the Association viewpoint, it has been a successful one. We have continued to make progress, and with few changes imminent in the Senior Executive, I feel that with the experience gained by our new members in 1974 it augurs well for a great year in 1975.

There is still much to be achieved. While the Committee has a lot on its plate, they will always welcome suggestions from the members on ways to improve conditions for fellow umpires. If you have anything to voice, bring it to your Committee's attention. The strength of your Association is dependent on a strong Management Committee, and they can only be strong if they are fed by you, the members.

This, then, brings me to the end of my Fifth Annual Report to the members. May I say that I have once again enjoyed my year in office, and take the opportunity of thanking you for returning me unopposed to office for yet another year. May I thank all members for the assistance and co-operation extended to me during the season; for the most part your efforts have made my job comparatively easy.

If by chance I have overlooked someone or something in compiling this Report, please accept my humble apologies. I may assure you it has been quite unintentional.

Thus, may I say to those umpires contemplating retirement, thanks for your services and good luck for the future. To those of us who have one more year left—see you in January. To all Umpires, their wives and families, on behalf of Della and myself, may we wish you the very best for the coming Festive Season, and may the New Year be both prosperous, as well as successful.

PETER PUSTKUCHEN,  
Hon. Secretary.



## COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING ATTENDANCES

MEETINGS HELD: 14

	Attended	Apologies	Possible
Ross Capes	14		14
Brian Collett	14		14
Dick Stubberfield	14		14
Terry Neilson	14		14
Tony Holland	13	1	14
Trevor Haworth	14		14
Bob Simpkins	3		3
Don Wakenshaw	14		14
Barry Carbon	12	2	14
Ron Powell	14		14
John McKay	13		14
Barry McKenzie	11		11
Peter Pustkuchen	14		14

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

Our achievements over the past twelve months have been most satisfactory and are due to the splendid efforts put in by your Management and Social Committees, together with your co-operation and the results are shown in the Statement of Affairs accompanying this report.

It will be noted that our Reserve Account (now with the Home Building Society) has a balance of \$2,054.91, and the Current Account has a balance of \$42.77. It has been our practice through the year to transfer to our Reserve Account excess funds from our Current Account, in order to gain the maximum benefit of the rate of interest offered, which at present is 10% per annum.

Our total funds this year have increased by \$593.70; however, we did not surpass the excellent results set last year. Higher administration costs, honoraria, the loss of some revenue from door raffles, due to fewer meetings, and the purchase of the Association Cuff Links late in the year, contributed to this result. However, a general rise in costs was contained through the excellent results of our Social Functions held throughout the past twelve months.

In conclusion, we can confidently look forward to the 1975 season and I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the Management and Social Committees and to you the members, for the support given to me during the past twelve months.

BRIAN COLLETT,  
Hon. Treasurer.

FOR YEAR ENDED 4th OCTOBER, 1974

RECEIPTS	\$
Cash at Bank 1/10/73	986.01
Transfer ex Reserve	100.00
Subscriptions	1,130.00
Raffles—Door	204.00
Raffles—Book	664.40
Pontoon Tickets	548.85
Association Ties	74.00
Lapel Badges	6.00
Pocket Emblems	42.00
Cuff Links	42.00
Affiliation Fees	10.00

Players Teas .....	1,165.87
Annual Ball .....	2,970.00
Grand Final Dinner Dance .....	498.00
River Trip .....	450.37

Point Peron Camp .....	403.50
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Subsidy ex W.A.N.F.L. ....	300.00
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P. Pustkuchen . . . . .	175.00
R. Stubberfield . . . . .	100.00
B. Collett . . . . .	100.00
Raffles—Book . . . . .	160.00
Pontoon Tickets . . . . .	175.00
Association Ties . . . . .	70.85

Pocket Emblems .....	85.00
Cuff Links .....	163.60
Affiliation Fees .....	5.00
Golf Subsidy .....	40.00
Pool & Darts Subsidy .....	20.00
Typewriter .....	25.00
Refrigerator .....	20.00
Renovations to Change Rooms .....	56.62

Players Teas .....	1,027.43
Annual Ball .....	2,622.44
Grand Final Dinner Dance .....	1,408.12
River Trip .....	271.18

Point Peron Camp	291.74
Squash, Ice, etc.	105.64
Trainers Fees	500.00
Presentations	14.60
Visiting Umpire	84.90
Sporting Equip. to Mission	29.70
Life Membership	27.60

Postage, Phone, Telegrams	78.82
Advertising	13.74
Bank Charges	19.55
Printing & Stationery	208.37
Unbelievable Newsletter	57.71
Hall Hire—A.G.M.	15.00
Cash at Bank 4/10/74	42.77

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# RESERVE A/C 3350

	\$		\$
Cash on Hand 30/9/73 .....	517.97	To Reserve A/c 1754472	
Interest to Date 30/10/73 .....	2.01	30/10/73 .....	519.98
	<u>\$519.98</u>		<u>\$519.98</u>

# RESERVE A/C 1754472

	\$		\$
Ex Reserve A/c 3350 30/10/73	519.98	To Current A/c 1/2/74 .....	100.00
Ex Current A/c 30/10/73 .....	480.02	Cash Balance 4/10/74 .....	2,054.91
Interest 1/1/74 .....	12.73		
Ex Current A/c 18/4/74 .....	100.00		
Ex Current A/c 15/5/74 .....	400.00		
Ex Current A/c 14/6/74 .....	300.00		
Interest 1/7/74 .....	42.18		
Ex Current A/c 10/7/74 .....	300.00		
	<u>\$2,154.91</u>		<u>\$2,154.91</u>

In addition the Association owns:

	\$
1 Typewriter purchased 1968 .....	70.00
1 Typewriter purchased 1974 .....	25.00
1 Refrigerator purchased 1974 .....	20.00
36 Lapel Badges at 75c .....	27.00
58 Pocket Emblems at \$2.00 .....	116.00
6 Association Ties at \$2.00 .....	12.00
38 Cuff Links at \$3.50 .....	133.00

# AUDITOR'S STATEMENT:

I have examined the above records. In my opinion they are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the Association affairs.

E. W. BRUNTON, A.A.S.A.

Hon. Auditor.

## SOCIAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

This past season has been a tremendous challenge to myself in being your Senior Vice President and Chairman of the Social Committee.

The satisfaction that I have received in running all of our social events and having them turn out very successful as they have, has been tremendous and thanks must go to yourselves for the backing you gave them.

During the season I had a few knockers, but they are in the minority. It's the majority that I had to think of and I feel our next season will be even better, no matter who is in the chair.

Members, your social committee worked very hard for the Association, and may I add, their wives, too, during the past year. It is without doubt that without them my task would have been impossible, and you, as Association members, must remember that they help to keep our bank balance in a healthy position.

To my Committee and their wives may I say thank you for a job well done, and that I am sincerely grateful for your time and effort which you gave me throughout the past eight months.

### **Committee Members and meetings attended:**

Brian Collett, 9; Dick Stubberfield, 9; Trevor Haworth, 6; Don Wakenshaw, 9; Barry McKenzie, 9; Brian Fewster, 6; Evan Dunstan, 7; Peter Pustkuchen, 5 (help us out during the season); Terry Neilson, 9.

### **Ladies who worked at Player's Teas and attended 3 Social Meetings:**

Mrs. Neilson, Mrs. Capes, Mrs. Collett, Mrs. Stubberfield, Mrs. Pustkuchen, Mrs. Haworth, Mrs. Wakenshaw, Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Dunstan, Mrs. Dover (help at the last tea).

Once again my sincere thanks to you and your wives.

TERRY NEILSON,  
Social Chairman.

## SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to submit this report for the 1974 season.

I would like to praise the Social Committee T. Neilson, Chairman; B. Collett, Treasurer; D. Wakenshaw, E. Dunstan, B. McKenzie, T. Haworth and B. Fewster, for their enthusiasm and hard work, which went into the Social Calendar, and all Social events.

This year we have seen many changes on the committee. I would personally like to thank the lovely young ladies who for the first time have joined the Social Committee, Val Collett, Noreen Capes, Della Pustkuchen, Lorraine Neilson, Paula Dunstan, Janine McKenzie, Maureen Wakenshaw, Margaret Haworth, Rose Stubberfield. These ladies got behind the association one hundred percent, they attended meetings, organised and catered for two player's teas, the first on the 11th June and the second our Break Up Night, which was a mixed show. I am sure you all agree with me that both these functions were catered for in excellent style and appreciated by all who attended. THANKS A MILLION GIRLS for a tremendous effort.

Our Annual Ball, held for the first time at the Pagoda Ballroom, was a great night. Thanks to all members, wives and friends in making this Ball a huge success.

I am sure that the statement I made last year in making our Grand Final Dinner Dance bigger and better certainly came true this year. The Social Committee certainly outdid themselves this year; the venue was terrific and I am sure all who attended had a ball.

In closing I would like to say to new and old members and their wives—give your Association and Social Committee your full support for the 1975 season.

R. A. STUBBERFIELD,  
Social Secretary.

## GOLF NOTES

### INTERCLUB AND UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

Gentlemen,

The 1973-74 season has passed now, and it was due to lack of support by our members that the general committee decided to pull the team out of the competition for the 1974-75 season.

However let me return my memory to last season, during which we drew 1 game and lost the other 7 out of 8. As you can see, our record was not very impressive, but the spirit was high and the Sundays were most enjoyable for those who played.

We had our problems, because I never had a full complement of 16, which made it hard to have a victory. But throughout the season I did have 19 players who contributed to our team during the 8 games.

The trophy for the season was won by Rex Fielding with an excellent average of 40.25% for 8 games.

The team's average was 21.07%, which indicates just how good Rex played.

Players who helped out during the season were: Norm Shepherd, Ray Whitfield, Bob "Hot Line" Dawbarn, Rex "Chips" Fielding, Neil Barbour, Warren Worsley, Norm "Where'd it go" Garvey, Bob "Woody" Woodward, Henry "Big Swing" Michael, Evan "Draggs" Dunstan, Dick "Stubbydick" Stubberfield, Don "Fair go" Kemp, Ray "Spotlight" Turton, Mick Turton, Ross "Leprechaun" Capes, Rennie Oldfield, John Smith, Peter Gibsone, and yours truly "Albino" Neilson.

To all those gentlemen may I say thank you for your time and effort you gave during the season.

Although we are not competing officially in the 1974-75 season, Mr. Norm Shepherd of 25 Keys Street, Lathlain Park will be running a team, so if you are interested then drop him a line as soon as possible.

Regards,

TERRY NEILSON,  
Captain 1973-74.

## ARBITERS OF SPORTS CLUB

On Tuesday, 10th September, 1974, a meeting of umpires and referees representing eleven sports was held at the Community Recreation Centre. The meeting was called after several discussions between Mr. T. Haworth, representing the W.A.N.F.L. Umpires Association, Messrs. R. Banwell and W. Bebbington of the Australian Soccer Referees Association (W.A. Division). Following these discussions Mr. Haworth approached officials of various sports with participating on field adjudicators and after receiving favourable response, the inaugural meeting was called. Mr. B. Collett also attended the meeting as a representative of the W.A.N.F.L. Umpires Association.

In his address Mr. Haworth presented the idea of a combined club for umpires and referees of all sports. Representatives were asked that, following their very favourable response in attending the meeting, they give their opinions on the idea before them.

Prior to calling on speakers the following points were mentioned:

1. In some cases arbiters of sport do not have associations, usually because of very small numbers—a club would provide this opportunity to every person acting in the capacity of a sport adjudicator.
2. Where associations do exist they are not large enough to support and maintain a club, let alone initiate the cost of establishing one. Membership eligibility from Associations and individual participants would guarantee ample numbers.
3. Practically all sports are either summer or winter. A club to exist must have year round support—the club envisaged provides for this.
4. It was emphasised that the club was not aimed at becoming a parent or controlling body of all sports. Membership would be on an individual basis and all existing associations would operate exactly as they do now. The club would be unique as the only one of its kind throughout the world.

Membership eligibility, term of President (probably on a rotation system), annual subscription, provision of training facilities (indoor and out), amenities for senior and junior members and forms of assistance were other thoughts put forward. Naturally, decisions on these matters would be forthcoming when drafting a constitution.

Considerable discussion then followed, with strong support, in principle, for the establishment of an arbiters of sports club. There was some indecision on what immediate action should be taken and it was decided that, as asked for by the earlier speakers, a steering committee be formed. Messrs Haworth, Banwell, Bebbington and D. Austin (Rugby League Referees) were nominated. This committee is now in the process of approaching all other sporting bodies. Letters have been forwarded asking that they provide opinions and give suggestions relevant to their respective sport. Each sport has been asked to nominate one or two officials who would be available to attend future meetings.

Initial moves and the progress to date give reason to confidently expect that an arbiters of sports club will become a reality, hopefully in the not so distant future.

## LEAGUE GAMES BY MEMBERS

The following are the number of League Games, from official W.A.N.F.L. records, at which our Members (1974) have officiated:

### FIELD UMPIRES

F. Abbott	1
R. Buckey	17
R. Capes	78
B. Carbon	55
T. Holland	3
E. Martino	21
T. Neilson	1

R. Phillips	35
R. Powell	28
R. Scott	141
P. Snow	2
R. Stubberfield	4
R. Wade	21

### BOUNDARY UMPIRES

D. Aslett	28
G. Bishop	3
P. Cunningham	59
G. Daniel	2
R. Dalby	4
J. Devine	116

A. Hall	56
B. McKenzie	128
C. Pratt	232
G. Solin	37
G. Tipping	58
D. Wakenshaw	89

### GOAL UMPIRES

T. Cant	21
B. Collett	65
C. Cowan	2
K. Cross	52
M. Hale	83
B. Haigh	19
G. Hall	77
J. Islip	30

D. Kemp	12
R. Lee	6
J. McKay	58
J. Robbins	78
D. Skipworth	74
R. Turton	45
B. Williams	46

## W.A.N.F.L. GRAND FINAL UMPIRES 1974

	Field:	Boundary:	Goal:
<b>LEAGUE:</b>	Ross Capes	Geoff Tipping John Devine	Brian Collett Brian Haigh
<b>RESERVES:</b>	Ron Powell	David Aslett Don Wakenshaw	George Hall John Islip
<b>COLTS:</b>	Russell Wade	Charlie Pratt Phil Cunningham	Bruce Williams Trevor Cant
<b>UNDER 19's:</b>	John Morris	Grahame Daniel Robin Dalby	Don Kemp Trevor Cant

## COUNTRY GRAND FINALS, "A" GRADE

	Field	Boundary	Goals
Avon:	Bob Phillips		Brian Haigh Don Kemp
Central Great Southern:	Bob Phillips		
Central Midlands:	Tony Holland		
Central Wheatbelt:	Terry Neilson		
Eastern Districts:	Ron Buckey		
Esperance:	John Morris		
Goldfields:	Ross Capes		
Great Northern:	Lindsay Baguley		
Lower South West:	Peter Imms		
Lake Grace/Kulin:	Peter Pustkuchen		
Mortlock:	Ron Buckey		
North Midlands:	Lindsay Baguley	Gil Bishop Grahame Daniel	George Hall Ray Turton
De Grey:	Ron Buckey		
Southern Districts:	Peter Troode		
South West:	Ron Powell		
Upper Great Southern:	Ron Powell		

## COUNTRY GRAND FINALS, "B" GRADE, 1974

Central Wheatbelt:	Brian Hearne
Lower South West:	Illiffe Dover
Lake Grace/Kulin:	Michael Ball
Mortlock:	Peter Troode
North Midlands:	Geoff Hollingsworth



## CONGRATULATIONS 1974

### NEW LIFE MEMBERS:

George Meiers  
Ned Martino

### FIRST LEAGUE GAMES (FIELD):

Dick Stubberfield  
Fred Abbott

### FIRST LEAGUE GAMES (BOUNDARY):

Gil Bishop  
Grahame Daniel  
Robin Dalby

### FIRST LEAGUE GAMES (GOAL):

Brian Haigh  
Chris Cowan  
Bob Lee

### INTERSTATE UMPIRES:

Field: Ross Capes (S.A. v. Vic.—Sydney)  
Boundary: Don Wakenshaw; David Aslett (W.A. v. S.A.)  
Goal: Brian Haigh; John Islip (W.A. v. S.A.)

### MILESTONES IN UMPIRING:

#### Boundary:

John Devine — 100 League Games.  
Phil Cunningham — 50 League Games.  
Geoff Tipping — 50 League Games.  
Arthur Hall — 50 League Games.

#### Goal:

John McKay — 50 League Games.  
Ken Cross — 50 League Games.

#### Goal and Boundary:

Don Skipworth — 100 League Games

### OUR GRAND FINALISTS:

Field: Ross Capes.  
Boundary: John Devine; Geoff Tipping.  
Goal: Brian Collett; Brian Haigh.

### AUSTRALIAN PREMIERSHIP CARNIVAL

Field: Ross Capes (Richmond v. Sturt)