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Foreword

I consider it an honour to be given the opportunity of writing the foreword to this our 1983 Annual Report and Year Book.

Over the past fourteen seasons I have been fortunate and privileged to be a member of the W.A.N.F.L. Umpires Association Inc. We all, throughout our lives experience highs and lows and I firmly believe that our individual ability to adjust and cope in these situations is relative to, and plays a significant part, in our overall development as umpires.

Umpiring is a field of endeavour where it is paramount that impartiality and fairness be displayed at all times towards all participants. Similarly it is an integral part of our great Australian game.

It behoves each of us as umpires whether senior or junior to strive for a high level of proficiency in our chosen categories and to give of our best in all appointments and on the training track.

In conclusion, I wish to take this very special opportunity to thank everyone with whom I have been associated over the past years for the wonderful comradeship you have given me and it is my sincere hope that you all go on to greater things in 1984.

**John McKay
Life Member**

Acknowledgements

Kevin Green — for the design and artwork of the cover.

Geoff Samuels — his literary talents were again put to good use.

Barry McKenzie — cover photograph and Grand Final pictures.

Steve Walker — statistical information gained by Steve's sifting through the record books was indeed appreciated.

Ken O'Driscoll — for his part in recording our social activities.

The Staff from the W.A.N.F.L. — especially Neil Judge, Michael Inga and Terry O'Brien, for their joint help in supplying information and photographs.

Rank Xerox Copicenter — donation of the printing of this Year Book.

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And a big 'thank you' to all our sponsors who have advertised in the Year Book.

Finally, I personally would like to thank everyone else who has helped in one way or another in the production of this publication.

Damian Green
Editor

President's Report

Dear Members,

With the completion of the 1983 season, I have endeavoured to reflect on events which highlighted such a successful year.

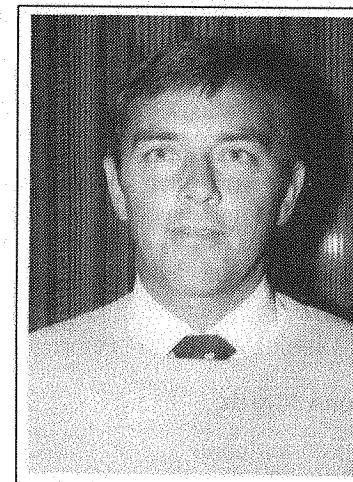
The commencement of the year saw the WAFL take a more professional approach to umpiring in '83 with the appointment of Ross Capes as umpires' advisor, Slim Sommerville taking over as Chairman of the Board and by also taking responsibility of the pre-season training camp at Point Peron. Ross Capes in his first year as advisor, projected his views to members in a very refreshing manner and his efforts were rewarded when the Grand Final umpires performed in fine style. Slim Sommerville showed an interest in umpiring previously unparalleled from a Chairman, along with Board members; their attendance at training and meetings was also a progressive step forward and can only be viewed as bettering the standards of umpiring. The appointment of John Devine as physical fitness instructor, was not only a popular choice, but one which automatically commanded the respect of all through his own ability and dedication and was an inspiration to those who trained under him.

Your committee once again worked tirelessly for the needs of its members and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all concerned for their efforts throughout the '83 season, in particular the Executive for their support when it was needed most.

Don McComish, after three years as Secretary, has decided to retire from umpiring, leaving a gap which will be extremely hard to fill. I am sure all members know how hard Don has worked behind the scenes over those years and it is a great pity that a man of his ability will be lost to the Association. We wish Don a pleasant and enjoyable retirement.

Rob Hendrie carried out the duties of Treasurer in a very businesslike manner which typifies his professional ability. Rob introduced his knowledge of investments for Association funds and also assisted members with cashcard accounts for future payments (the like of Grand Final tickets and Grand Final dinner dance tickets) which alleviated such heavy financial burdens on our members in such a short space of time.

Vice President David Rowe was of great assistance to me throughout the season and for that I thank him very much. David was also Chairman of the Social Committee, which, after a rather indifferent start to the social calendar, improved as the season progressed and their presentation of the final four social functions was excellent indeed. I would like to make special mention of the Grand Final dinner dance and commend the social committee for its presentation. Not only was it possibly one of the best I have attended, but the attendance figure was well up on last year which was very encouraging.



John Morris

Through the League, Ampol became official sponsors of the umpires. This saw us wearing logos for the first time, including competing for cash incentives. As in past years, Ampol donated trophies to the Association for those achieving various milestones in their careers. On behalf of the members, I would like to thank Tony Rapson and Ross Benzie for their continued support of the umpires.

Finally, I would like to thank you, the members, for your support throughout the year. I reiterate my views expressed earlier in the year that the Association is only as strong as its members, remembering it has taken many years to arrive where we are today. I therefore urge all members to take a responsible attitude to matters which concern the Association, so we may ensure its continued success for those who follow.

I look forward to seeing you all in 1984.

John Morris

Office Bearers 1983

President: Mr. John Morris
Vice President: Mr. David Rowe
Secretary: Mr. Don McComish
Social Secretary: Mr. Ken O'Driscoll
Treasurer: Mr. Rob Hendrie

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Mr. Roy Becker
 Mr. Max Hale
 Mr. Gil Bishop
 Mr. Damian Green
 Mr. Barry Grimmond
 Mr. Les Leicester

UMPIRES ADVOCATES

Mr. Charlie Pratt
 Mr. John Smith-Gander

UMPIRES TRAINERS

Mr. Warren South (Head Trainer)
 Mr. Bernie Magnus
 Mr. Des Doherty
 Mr. Harry Jardine

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. David Rowe
 Mr. Ken O'Driscoll
 Mr. Rob Hendrie
 Mr. Les Leicester
 Mr. Damian Green
 Mr. Geoff Samuels
 Mr. Barry Grimmond

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Mr. Gil Bishop

HONORARY AUDITOR

Mr. Brian Eddy

Association Office Bearers Since 1953

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Asst. Secretary or Social Secretary
1953	J. Ferguson	C. McMahon	C. McMahon	
1954	L. Hurley	A. Glendinning	A. Glendinning	
1955	H. Clair	L. Nathan	L. Nathan	
1956	H. Clair	L. Nathan	L. Nathan	
1957	H. Clair	L. Nathan	W. Carter	
1958	E. Crisp	L. Nathan	W. Carter	
1959	E. Crisp	L. Nathan	W. Carter	
1960	E. Crisp	L. Nathan	W. Carter	
1961	E. Crisp	L. Nathan	D. Kemp	
1962	E. Crisp	L. Nathan	D. Kemp	
1963	E. Crisp	L. Nathan	B. Moore	
1964	B. Rigg	L. Nathan	B. Moore	
1965	B. Rigg	L. Nathan	B. Moore	
1966	B. Rigg	G. McComish	B. Moore	W. Brown
1967	B. Rigg	G. McComish	E. Martino	W. Brown
1968	C. Hills	G. McComish	E. Martino	W. Brown
1969	J. Dolling	G. McComish	P. Pustkuchen	K. Cox
1970	R. Whitfield	P. Pustkuchen	B. Bidstrup	K. Cox
1971	R. Whitfield	P. Pustkuchen	B. Williams	R. Stubberfield
1972	R. Whitfield	P. Pustkuchen	B. Williams	R. Stubberfield
1973	R. Whitfield	P. Pustkuchen	B. Williams	R. Stubberfield
1974	R. Capes	P. Pustkuchen	B. Collett	R. Stubberfield
1975	R. Capes	P. Pustkuchen	B. Collett	R. Stubberfield
1976	R. Capes	P. Pustkuchen	B. Collett	D. Wakenshaw
1977	R. Capes	P. Pustkuchen	D. Aslett	D. Wakenshaw
1978	R. Capes	P. Pustkuchen	D. Aslett	T. Cant
1979	R. Capes	P. Pustkuchen	D. Aslett	T. Cant
1980	J. Devine	P. Pustkuchen	K. Holland	A. Mirabella
1981	J. Devine	D. McComish	K. Holland	A. Mirabella
1982	J. Devine	D. McComish	K. O'Driscoll	A. Mirabella
1983	J. Morris	D. McComish	R. Hendrie	K. O'Driscoll

Management Committee Meeting Attendances

Meetings Held: 11

NAMES	ATTENDED	APOLOGIES	POSSIBLE
John MORRIS	11	—	11
David ROWE	10	1	11
Rob HENDRIE	11	—	11
Don McCOMISH	11	—	11
Roy BECKER	9	2	11
Les LEICESTER	10	1	11
Barry GRIMMOND	9	2	11
Gil BISHOP	10	1	11
Ken O'DRISCOLL	11	—	11
Max HALE	10	1	11
Damian GREEN	8	2	10

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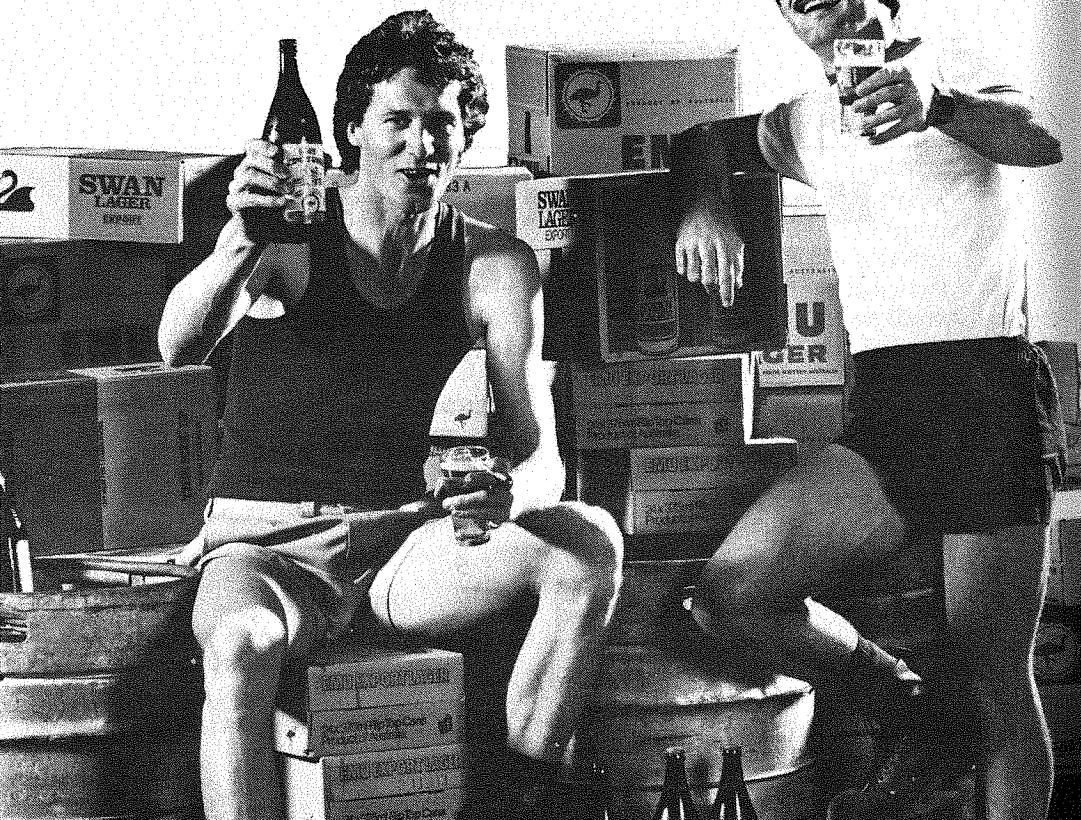
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1958	J. Ferguson	1972●	P. Pustkuchen
1960	L. Hurley	1973	C. Pratt
1960	A. Gibb	1973*	R. Stubberfield
1960	H. Clair	1974	E. Martino
1962	L. Nathan	1974	G. Meiers
1962	E. Crisp	1976	T. Neilson
1963	C. Fitzpatrick	1977	R. Scott
1963	R. Montgomery	1977	B. McKenzie
1964	D. Cumming (Deceased)	1978●	R. Capes
1964	E. Brunton	1978●	B. Collett
1965	L. McComish (Deceased)	1979	H. Symons
1965	J. Campbell	1980	J. Devine
1966	J. Smith-Gander	1981*	D. Aslett
1966	N. Shepherd	1981*	J. McKay
1967	B. Moore	1981*	R. Becker
1967	F. Woods	1981	D. Wakenshaw
1968	B. Rigg	1982●	R. Powell
1970	G. McComish	1982*	M. Hale
1970	J. Dolling		
1971	R. Whitfield		
1971	W. Carter (Deceased)		

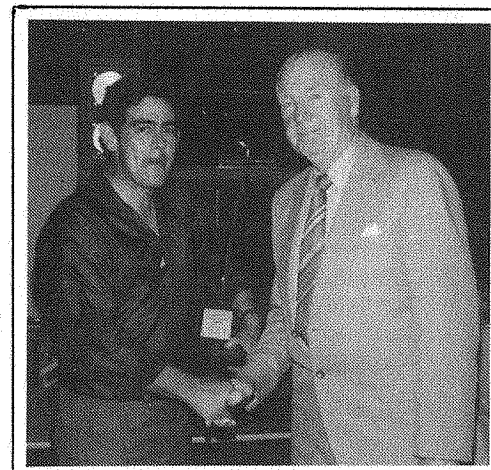
* Active members '83
● Board Members '83

Life Members Award

Each year the Life Members of the WANFLUA present this award to someone who is voted by the current Management Committee for the services what he has donated to our Association. The trophy was sculpted by Life Member Ray Montgomery.

This year it was presented to a very worthy recipient in **Les Leicester**. Les, since joining the Association in 1975, has been tireless in his efforts on both the Management and Social Committees as well as all his fund raising activities, which have indirectly benefited us all.

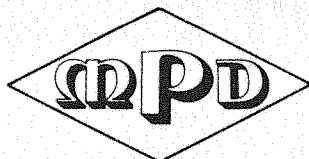
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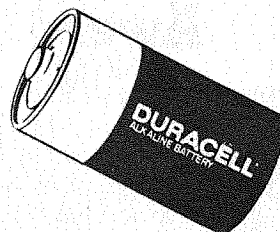
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Secretary's Report

To Members of the Western Australian
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Gentlemen,

On behalf of your Management Committee, it gives me pleasure to submit for your consideration the Annual Report for season 1983.

To a large degree 1983 has been a year of change, with a new Advisor and Assistant Advisor, new Training Supervisor and Country Advisor and an almost newly formed Appointment Board.

The number of opportunities given for members to gain promotion throughout the season was no doubt due to these new appointments. Five Field and four Boundary umpires achieved their first league appointments and this must surely be a record in the history of the Association and the WAFL.

Prior to the commencement of the season we saw the retirement of our two senior field umpires in Ross Capes and Ron Powell and the senior boundary umpire in John Devine. Fortunately, they have all decided to continue in the umpiring sphere and their experience and wealth of knowledge will be beneficial to us all.

This year, for the first time, WAFL umpires were sponsored. I believe that this overdue arrangement came to fruition largely due to the suggestions of the Association and we were indeed pleased to see our generous friend Ampol Ltd. gain the sponsorship rights. We trust that we have provided them with suitable exposure and we look forward to further development and continuance of the sponsorship contract. We are particularly grateful for that part of the sponsorship that flows directly to our members by way of the Ampol Awards.

In the 1982 Annual Report I emphasised the need for club officials to exercise more responsibility in their criticism of umpires and for the WAFL to police this increasing and undesirable trend. Unfortunately, during this season we again witnessed further instances of this irresponsible behaviour. The action taken by the Management Committee, as a result of the comments made by East Fremantle FC officials, was done so after much deliberation. It was pleasing to note the united stand of the members on this issue, which was further confirmation of the Association's refusal to accept unjust situations whether they involve individual members or the Association as a whole. The time is long overdue for the WAFL to either follow the example of the VFL and inflict an immediate and substantive penalty or alternatively allow open public criticism of its umpires by all club officials.

1983 saw the introduction of *The Whistle*, the Association's newsletter. Due to the diligence and expertise of its Editor and his imaginative team, *The Whistle* has been well received by the members and we all look forward to its reappearance in 1984.

PRESIDENT

John Morris, our President in 1983, provided sound leadership in his first year and has no doubt gained a lot from the experience. John carried out his duties in a diligent manner and always had the interests of the members and the Association as his main goal. Congratulations John, from all of us, for a job well done.

VICE PRESIDENT

David Rowe, our Vice President for the past two years, provided capable support for the President. The experience he has gained in this position should stand him in good stead for eventual Presidency of the Association.

TREASURER

In his first year as Treasurer, Rob Hendrie has managed our financial affairs in a most professional manner. We look forward to the benefit of his efficiency again in 1984.

SOCIAL SECRETARY AND COMMITTEE

During 1983 the Social Committee provided an enjoyable and successful calendar. Ken O'Driscoll in his first year as Social Secretary, with the assistance of his committee, endeavoured to introduce new ideas. In some instances they deserved better support from the members for their untiring efforts.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Under the Presidency of John Morris, the Management Committee strived to handle the business of the Association in a competent and effective manner. The input provided by new members in Max Hale, Rob Hendrie, Gil Bishop and Damian Green was both innovative and welcome. Collectively, the Committee endeavoured to put forward progressive ideas for the betterment of the Association and its members. To each of them, for their assistance and co-operation throughout the year, I am extremely grateful.

UMPIRES' APPOINTMENT BOARD

The Umpires' Appointment Board was most fortunate this year to be capably chaired by Mr 'Slim' Somervaille. Slim displayed an earnest enthusiasm and refreshing approach to his task. Moreover, he made a genuine attempt to identify with the rank and file members. With new members in Messrs Capes, Powell and Collett and existing member Peter Pustkuchen, the Board showed ample evidence of their preparedness to provide opportunities and take a chance. This is something that has been sadly lacking in the more recent years.

With the material that is available in all three categories and providing honesty and consistency prevails, the Board's deliberations in 1984 should meet with the approval of all.

Once again the Board received valuable assistance through the reports of the Observers. On behalf of all Members of the Association I extend appreciation to: Alan Clarke, Terry Neilson, Tony Holland, Jim Sharp, Barry McKenzie, Chris Cowan, Brian Fewster, Nenad Ninkov, Chris Watts, Max Osborne, Henry Hamelink.

UMPIRES' ADVISOR

Ross Capes in his first year as Umpires' Advisor, brought with him several new ideas and has no doubt learned a lot during the season. The opportunities provided this season for new umpires to officiate in senior football are directly attributable to Ross. The transition from being one of the boys to that of Advisor is not an easy one and Ross is to be commended for his capable handling of the situation. Additionally, Ross has remained a strong supporter of our Association and we look forward to his continued involvement.

Ron Powell in his role of Assistant Advisor provided valuable support for Ross and was always on hand to give advice and guidance to all members of the panel.

TRAINING SUPERVISOR

John Devine had the responsibility of looking after our physical fitness during 1983. As with his approach to boundary umpiring, John tackled this new task with professional dedication that provided us with a refreshing new approach to training. The decision to separate the city and country panels and to allow the goal umpires to be self supervisory was a sound one and enabled the Training Supervisor to concentrate on a smaller specialised group. John will no doubt have some new ideas for his second year and we look forward to his guidance in 1984.

COUNTRY ADVISOR

Another first in 1983 was the appointment of a Country Advisor. For many years Ned Martino has carried out these duties in an unofficial capacity and it was fitting that he should be the first official Country Advisor. Ned's loyalty to the Association and umpiring in general is unsurpassed and his popularity in the country areas is well known. We look forward to him continuing in this important role.

UMPIRES' ADVOCATES

The ranks of our advocates were somewhat thinned this year with the appointment of Messrs Ray Montgomery and John Dolling to the WAFL Tribunal. This naturally put a greater workload on John Smith-Gander and Charlie Pratt. Nevertheless, they continued to provide our members with competent advocacy and to each of them we are extremely grateful.

TRAINING STAFF

Head Trainer Warren South and his industrious team of Harry Jardine, Bernie Magnus and Doc Doherty once again took care of our aches and pains. To each of you, on behalf of all our members, I extend grateful appreciation.

HONORARY SOLICITOR

Again this year the Association was indeed fortunate to have the services of Dwyer, Durack & Dunphy. We are particularly indebted to Simon French and Rene Lucien Le 'Mere for their continued professional assistance and advice.

HONORARY AUDITOR

Mr Brian Eddy continued to perform the role of Honorary Auditor and did so in a most precise manner. We are grateful for his sound professional advice.

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As in previous years, Ampol again made available a handsome array of valuable trophies. We are all most appreciative of their continued support and especially thank Mr Tony Rapson and Mr Ross Benzie.

POINT PERON CAMP

Still the most popular gathering of the year. Its popularity is undoubtedly due to the organising ability of Hal Symons, who was again capably assisted by his band of hard working senior citizens. This year the WAFL covered the cost of the Camp and this kind gesture is deserving of our gratification.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Our relationship with the Western Australian Football League has proven to be quite favourable throughout this year, possibly with one exception which I have mentioned

in the opening part of this report. I believe that our decision to accept a less than adequate fee increase for 1983 was ample evidence of the Association's concern for the financial position of the WAFL. However, I feel that the time has come for the WAFL to co-operate with us to produce a specific Umpires' Agreement that will form the basis for all future negotiations on fees and conditions.

We are most grateful for the assistance given this year by Messrs Bowler, Jardine, Judge, Davis, O'Brien and other office staff and wish them a successful season in 1984.

APPRECIATIONS

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Celtic Club for use of facilities.

Ray Montgomery for Grand Final and Ten Year Certificates.

Life Members for donation of Life Members' Trophy to Les Leicester.

Gil Bishop — Propertyman.

Peter Pustkuchen — Returning Officer.

Damian Green, Geoff Samuels, Ken O'Driscoll, Steve Walker for production of the Annual Report.

Sandra Falls for preparation and despatch of ballot papers.

CONCLUSION

Overall I believe that 1983 has been a successful year for the Association. The unfortunate situation that necessitated a demonstration of solidarity amongst our ranks should have shown our employer and other officials, that the WANFLUA plays a significant and responsible role in football administration in W.A.

Whilst 1983 has been a progressive year in relation to the emergence of new umpiring talent, it nevertheless witnessed a significantly retrograde step in the return to the one umpire system for the Colt's competition. Despite already expressed opinion to the contrary, it proved absolutely nothing and decidedly lessened the opportunities for our members in what is a very important grounding area.

The Association continues to enjoy a healthy financial position and it is sound policy to maintain a reasonable level of liquidity to meet unforeseen contingencies. I believe that our present investment portfolio should be continued and the interest that it attracts used for the benefit of the members.

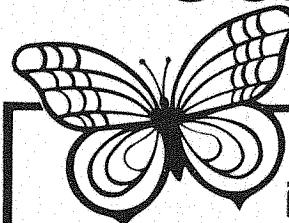
In this my final Annual Report, I wish to express my gratification to all those people without whose co-operation and support I could not have performed the task. To the past and current Presidents in Messrs John Devine and John Morris I extend my particular appreciation; to the Management Committees of the past three years my thanks for their support. Finally, to you the Members, I thank you for the opportunity of serving the Association in this capacity.

Finally, we should all understand that the future success of the Association will not be achieved without the fullest support and co-operation of us all. It is the duty of each of us to take an active interest in the Association's affairs.

I wish the incoming management and social committees every success.

Don McComish
Honorary Secretary

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After the untimely death of fellow umpire Kevin Cox in 1970, the Management Committee established the Kevin Cox Memorial Grant. This was to be an annual grant of sporting equipment to a deserving mission in order to remember the name of Kevin Cox in umpiring circles as a means of acknowledging his efforts in umpiring and the Association.

The recipients of the Kevin Cox Memorial Grant over the years are as follows:—

1971	Mowanjum Mission, Derby
1972	Jigalong Mission, Via Newman
1973	La Grange Mission, Via Broome
1974	Cunderlee Mission
1975	Cosmo Newberry Mission, Via Laverton
1976	Balgo Hills Mission, Via Halls Creek
1977	Beagle Bay Mission, Via Broome
1978	St. Joseph's School, Moora
1979	Ingada Village Mission, Carnarvon
1980	Kalumburu Mission, Wyndham
1981	Kurrawang Aboriginal Christian Centre, West Kalgoorlie
1982	Churches of Christ, Aborigine Mission, Norseman
1983	United Aboriginal Mission, Fitzroy Crossing

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Ross Capes' Look at '83

The 1983 season concluded with 3 umpires officiating in their first League Grand Final — a pleasing result for the newly appointed Umpires' Coach and Appointment Board. Equally pleasing was their performance, which together with their teammates, justified their selection.

Looking back over the season some bold initiatives were taken by the Board and I would like to review them with you.

- (1) Advising all 1982 umpires the commencement date for training and what was expected of them in regard to fitness plus an invitation to apply to umpire in 1983.

Comment

This was well received by all and created a great deal of interest and competitiveness during the summer months. The later start to official training for most was also appreciated.

Similar procedure is planned for 1984.

- (2) Two weeks of specialised training for a select group.

Comment

Under supervision from Hal Symons this additional training appeared to be well received and of some benefit to those who participated.

Plans are underway for further specialised training in early 1984.

- (3) One field umpire in Colts.

Comment

This gave the Board a clear indication of the abilities of those umpires used in this grade. In the main those used were young umpires with potential to umpire League.

Its success was moderate, as it became obvious that umpires had difficulty in maintaining tight control on their own and a high degree of fitness was required.

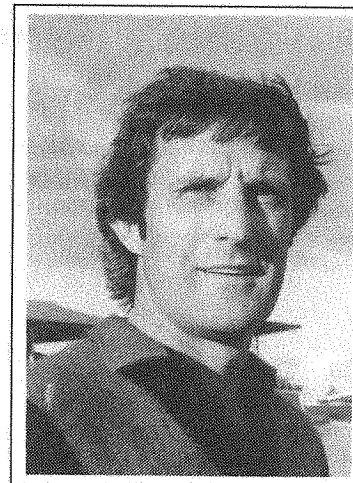
A recommendation that the 2 umpire system return to Colts in 1984 has been put to the League in my report to that body.

- (4) Two separate training groups.

Comment

This move created some discontent among umpires. However, it was necessary in view of the difficulty in training a group of over 90 umpires at one time under one person.

Similar action will be taken in 1984, with some refinements.



Ross Capes
(Umpire's Coach)

- (5) Umpires' reports discussed with the Board member direct.

Comment

The willingness of the Board members to discuss their reports with the umpires direct, created a greater awareness of what the Board were looking for with the result being a more uniform report and the umpire was left in no doubt on how his performance was viewed.

A closer understanding of each other's role also resulted. This system will be undertaken again in 1984.

- (6) Less meetings — more information given on the Board's activities and policies.

Comment

All umpires appreciated being kept informed of what ideas and policies the Board had and the reduction in the number of full meetings held was well received.

Continuation of the format is planned in 1984.

- (7) Roster system.

Comment

Whilst not receiving support from all umpires, it was generally agreed to be a fair and equitable system and one which provided more umpires the chance to officiate in a higher grade.

The roster system will be used again in 1984.

- (8) Law interpretations — some were altered, in particular the two umpire system.

Comment

Changes made were supported by most umpires and were in the main correctly carried out.

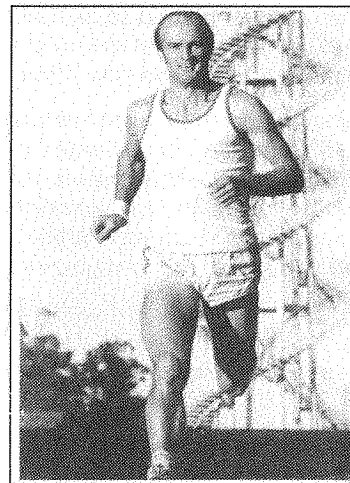
Further changes in interpretation will be made in 1984 in addition to a couple of suggested law changes.

SUMMARY

All in all the Board viewed 1983 as a trial year. Not all that was implemented met with the success that we expected, however, it has given us a very solid base from which to work in 1984. I trust the League will support my recommendation to retain the Appointment Board in its present form, so that the views expressed during 1983 can be followed through into 1984.

To all active umpires, I wish to take the opportunity on behalf of the Board to express our appreciation for the support we received from you all in 1983 and trust that 1984 offers you a challenge which you will take up and endeavour to reach the heights in umpiring that you have set yourself.

Ross Capes
Umpires' Coach



John Devine

of us who have been endowed with average ability can certainly become top performers through dedication and application to training.

Self motivation to improve one's performance, coupled with the training expertise required, will produce remarkable results and this was admirably borne out during the short pre-season sprinting sessions under Hal Symmons. The improvement by all who participated was clearly evident.

We need the technical expertise but success or failure will depend largely on our self motivation and single mindedness to strive for high personal achievement. We should now be setting our goals for season 1984 and our physical fitness will play a major role in achieving these goals.

With the end of season 1983 it is important also to review the state of our bodies. Almost without exception we will need a few weeks of rest to let our bodies recover; for those minor tears, aches and pains to clear after nine months of continuous training.

If you have been "carrying" any type of injury which has persisted seek advice from a doctor who is well versed in sporting injuries. Don't delay — remember that the most common cause of sports injuries results from overwork.

It is suggested that your usual running routine be changed during the months of October and November by restriction to "easy runs" of between 5-8km. Concentration on swimming, bike riding, tennis or squash during these two months would be a worthwhile supplement.

I expect that training will not commence prior to mid-January at the earliest; accordingly, it is recommended that your concentration on running be increased in early December and after a few weeks of building up the mileage, at least one day per week be devoted to faster work — suggest fartlek style.

Flexibility exercises should be continued throughout the off-season and their intensity and range progressively increased from the start of December. Weights for the upper part of the body certainly wouldn't go astray.

The *gradual* build-up from December should have us all well placed to perform more than satisfactorily in the 15 minute run, scheduled for the first official night. With that level of fitness beneath our belts we can confidently face season 1984.

Gone are the days when one could turn up in early Janaury and think about getting fit for the approaching season. A reasonable degree of physical activity must be maintained off-season to ensure basic fitness is held. The later start to pre-season training makes it imperative that everyone arrives with a sound preparation. Overweight or ill-prepared bodies will not be tolerated in 1984. It is purely a matter of planning which will be relative to the degree of commitment we have to succeed in our umpiring careers.

Good running into season 1984.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE UMPIRES ASSOCIATION (INC)

1983 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the NFLUA was conducted on Saturday, 8th October, 1983 at Football Park in Canberra.

Delegates from all States and Territories in Australia represented their respective Associations, with request for representation from New Guinea and New Zealand being denied because of their controlling bodies not being affiliated with the NFL.

The meeting which lasted for five hours covered a diverse range of topics, some of which are outlined for your information.

They are:

- 1) Peter Bunworth (VFLUA President and NFLUA Secretary in 1981-82-83) was voted as the inaugural life member of the NFLUA. A Medallion was to be cast and presented at a later date.

- 2) Proposed AFC Fee Schedule 1984:

	1983	1984
	\$	\$
Field	200	220
Field (Grand Final)	260	285
Boundary	85	95
Boundary (Grand Final)	100	110
Goal	65	70
Goal (Grand Final)	80	90
Emergency	55	60

- 3) Further representation to the NFL requesting a boundary and goal umpire officiate at AFC interstate matches.

- 4) Affiliation fee from each State to remain at \$60.00 for 1984. Annual General Meeting next year to discuss possibility of this fee being based upon a levy of \$1.00 per member, so as to ease the burden on minor States.
- 5) An NFLUA magazine to be produced, initially by W.A., early in 1984 with each State contributing. This, besides giving a comprehensive view of umpiring throughout Australia, will provide contacts in each State, enabling umpires travelling interstate the opportunity of training and socialising if they so desire. This would be applicable in and out of season. Australia-wide sponsorship to be sought to cover printing and postage.
- 6) Possible registration of umpires in Australia. Details of umpires, such as games, etc. to be supplied at the end of the year to the NFLUA. This information will be collated and will be readily available to affiliated associations if members transfer from State to State, etc. Further discussions to take place.
- 7) NFLUA to write to State bodies somewhat behind in match payments to umpires, requesting prompt settlement. New South Wales reported that since a letter to their controlling body last year, payments have been on a regular basis.

It was apparent that each State/Territory was keen for the NFLUA to become more active in representing umpires or disband completely. It was a unanimous vote that the association become more active in controlling and promoting the affairs of umpires throughout the nation, and as such, it is my recommendation as the 1983 delegate that the concept of such an association be positively accepted by all members of the WANFLUA.

David Rowe

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(Sung to the tune of The Cassons Keep Rolling Along)

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W.A.F.L. State Games 1983

Western Australia versus South Australia
June 4th, 1983 (Subiaco Oval)

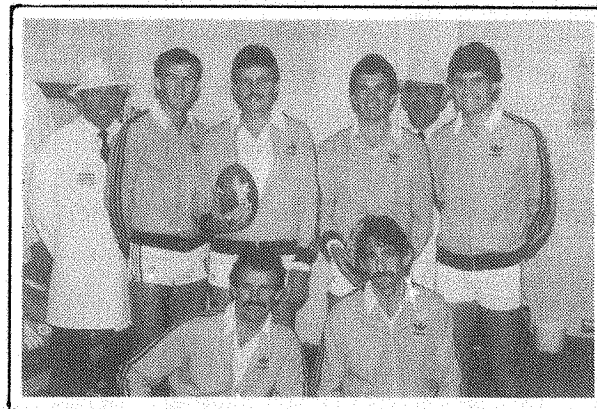
Field	Boundary	Goal
Mike Ball	Dave Aslett	Max Hale
Ric Kinnear (S.A.)	Greg McDonald	Robin Dalby

Western Australia versus Victoria
July 12th, 1983 (Subiaco Oval)

Field	Boundary	Goal
Mike Ball	Damian Green	Max Hale
Kevin Smith (Vic)	Greg McDonald	Robin Dalby

W.A.F.L. Grand Final Day

September 17th, 1983 (Subiaco Oval)



League Grand Finalists

Field:	Mike Ball David Rowe
Boundary:	Greg McDonald David Ross
Goal:	Max Hale Les Leicester
Emergencies:	Daryl Gillies Craig Curtis

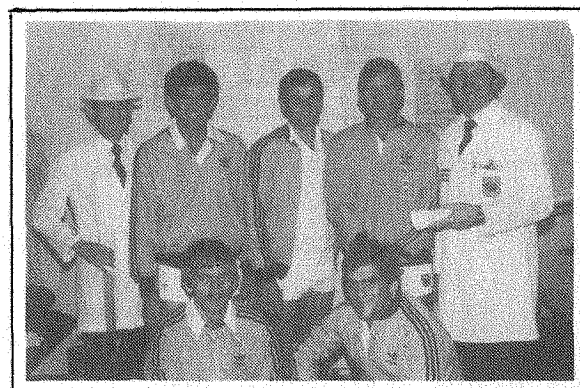
Reserves Preliminary Final Team

Due to the reserves having a draw in their preliminary final, the Grand Final was played on September 25th. However, the team that officiated on Grand Final day were as follows:



The Reserve Grand Finalists for 1983 were:

Field: Phil O'Reilly
Trevor Starceвич
Boundary: Stewart Tempest
David Lawson
Goal: Trevor Cant
Paul Smith
Emergency: Brian Appleby

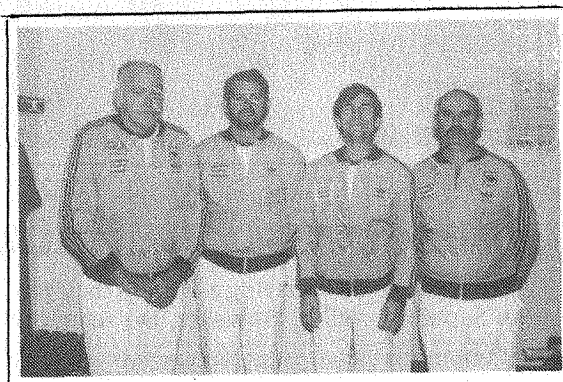


Colts Grand Finalists

Field: Brian Appleby
Ross Graffin
Boundary: Dave Aslett
Graham Daniel
Goal: Les Cox
Robin Dalby
Emergency: Paul Mannix

Our Trainers in '83

Without this team of competent men we would be battling to stay standing throughout the season. *From left to right:* Harry Jardine, Warren South (Head Trainer), Bernie Magnus and Des "Doc" Doherty.



Date	Field	Boundary	Goal
1953	F. (Smokey) Woods	W. Edgar T. Reeves	J. Duckwood E. Crisp
1954	F. (Smokey) Woods	R. Colby W. Shorthill	J. Clayton H. Clair
1955	J. Green	J. Dolling F. Pimm	M. Rose W. Carter
1956	L. Gardner	R. Colby W. Shorthill	M. Rose W. Carter
1957	C. Fitzpatrick	R. Hall R. Whitfield	M. Rose W. Carter
1958	L. Gardner	R. Hall R. Whitfield	M. Rose W. Carter
1959	R. Montgomery	R. Hall D. Skipworth	M. Rose W. Carter
1960	L. Gardner	R. Hall D. Skipworth	M. Rose W. Carter
1961	L. Gardner	D. de Gruchy B. Bidstrup	M. Rose W. Carter
1962	B. Feld	D. de Gruchy B. Bidstrup	M. Rose W. Carter
1963	R. Scott	B. Bidstrup F. Naylor	M. Rose W. Carter
1964	R. Montgomery	B. Carbon K. Hart	M. Rose W. Carter
1965	Fred Woods	D. Hansen T. Lewis	R. Parkhouse P. Pustkuchen
1966	R. Montgomery	K. Hart D. de Gruchy	R. Parkhouse P. Pustkuchen
1967	R. Scott	A. Hocking P. Snow	R. Parkhouse P. Pustkuchen
1968	R. Scott	J. Devine P. Bruce	J. Dolling R. (Dick) Montgomery
1969	R. Montgomery	P. Bruce J. Devine	J. Dolling L. Bromley
1970	R. Montgomery	D. Clair C. Feutrill	W. Carter G. Hall
1971	L. Johnston	P. Bruce J. Devine	R. Hartland B. Collett
1972	J. Fuhrmann	P. Bruce J. Devine	D. Allen M. Hale
1973	R. Capes	D. Wakenshaw G. Tipping	J. McKay R. Hartland
1974	R. Capes	J. Devine G. Tipping	B. Collett B. Haigh
1975	R. Capes	D. Wakenshaw P. Cunningham	B. Haigh J. McKay
1976*	R. Capes R. Powell	D. Wakenshaw D. Aslett	B. Collett J. McKay
1977*	R. Capes R. Powell	D. Wakenshaw D. Aslett	R. Becker J. McKay
1978*	R. Buckley R. Capes	R. Dalby D. Aslett	R. Becker B. Haigh
1979*	R. Capes J. Morris	J. Devine G. McDonald	B. Haigh L. Lee
1980*	J. Morris R. Phillips	J. Devine G. Daniel	R. Becker M. Hale
1981*	R. Capes R. Powell	J. Devine D. Aslett	T. Cant C. Raynor
1982*	R. Phillips D. Gillies	G. Woodhouse D. Davis	R. Becker L. Leicester
1983*	M. Ball D. Rowe	D. Ross G. McDonald	M. Hale L. Leicester

* Two Umpire Systems

Treasurer's Report

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the 1982/83 Treasurer's Report including the Receipts and Payments, Income and Expenditure, Balance Sheet and Auditor's Certificate.

The accounts reveal a deficit of \$205.00 of income against expenditure after allowing for \$250.00 against plant and equipment (typewriters) written off during the year.

Debtors totalling \$650.00 and appearing in the 1982 financial statements were not fully paid and have been adjusted in this year's accounts as follows:—

- (i) **Grand Final Dinner Dance \$400** — \$20.00 was not recoverable due to a single payment owing in lieu of a double and this amount has been included in the expenditure figure for this year's function.
- (ii) **Rottnest Island Trip \$250.00** — \$6.00 was retained by the Island Board from the bond for a damaged window and this amount has been included in the costs under income for this year's trip.

As can be seen by the receipts and payments figures, our turnover for the year almost doubled, up **\$31,485** from **\$34,285** to **\$65,770**. Attributed to this is the increase in number of social functions held, the opening and closing of a separate interest earning working account and the old problems of spiralling costs. I believe the Social Committee should be congratulated for the tremendous results they have achieved this year in having the majority of members participate in the numerous social activities and thus strengthening our Association as an individual body.

Your Committee was keen to promote as many social functions as practicable on a "break even" or subsidised basis and the fact that this was achieved with the culmination being our Grand Final Dinner Dance, attended by some 225 people at a cost to members of only \$40.00 per double, speaks well for the organisation and thrift of that committee.

A new innovation this year was the introduction of deductions from fortnightly pay cheques into a savings account of the member concerned which gave provision of funds to that member for required payments throughout the year. This method proved most successful and benefited all concerned and I would recommend to those of you who did not elect to adopt the practice this year, to give it a try in 1984.

The "20" Club was our main income earner, apart from subscriptions, and this venture was a welcome departure to you all, I'm sure, from those normal dreary raffle books. Although somewhat time consuming to myself, the 20 Club was a popular change. A total of \$138.00 remains outstanding in payments and whilst the majority of this amount is expected to be collected, I have not included the sum into the income figures due to the uncertainty of the final amount which will be received.

Whilst the Reserve Investment Account shows a healthy balance of \$6,589, up \$948 (16.8%) I would recommend to you all that this account be left to accumulate interest and be used for special cases only, as chosen by your committee. I do not believe

that this amount should be kept as a set amount of, say \$5,000, with the interest being used to subsidise our working account. Our reserve funds need to at least keep up with inflation and any surplus beyond that figure should be spent only if required. The results of our 1982/83 year prove that this is possible.

On the matter of inflation, subscriptions will need to be increased for 1983/84 to cover running costs and also allow for the incoming Social Committee to budget for next year's functions in the same manner as they have this year. The important aspect of increased subscriptions is that you, the member, are the beneficiary in the long run, as any surplus funds at year end are utilised towards subsidising the Grand Final Dinner Dance. I recommend to you, for your consideration, an increase in subscriptions for the 1983/84 year to \$30.00.

My personal thank you and best wishes go to Don McComish, our retiring Secretary, who has been an inspiration to your committee and a tireless worker for our Association during his three-year term.

Once again Brian Eddy has audited our books in an honorary capacity and for his time and efforts I am most grateful.

I look forward to taking your money off you again in 1984.

Rob Hendrie
Honorary Treasurer

Funds Position As At 15th October, 1983

	1983 \$	1982 \$
CHEQUE ACCOUNT		
Cash Balance Forward.....	1,524	1,329
Cash Receipts.....	32,713	17,240
	<u>34,237</u>	<u>18,569</u>
Less Cash Payments.....	33,057	17,045
CASH BALANCE 15th October	<u>\$1,180</u>	<u>\$1,524</u>
RESERVE ACCOUNT		
Investment Account — Balance Forward.....	5,641	
Interest.....	948	6,589
Passbook Account — Balance Forward.....	Nil	
Interest Accrued from 1982.....	105	105
BALANCE 15th October, 1983.....	<u>—</u>	<u>\$6,694</u>

Income and Expenditure Statement

For 12 Months Ended 15th October, 1983

1982 \$	Expenditure	\$	1983 \$
700	Honorariums.....		750
1,078	Printing and Stationery.....		677
200	Postage and Telephone.....		274
101	Donations.....		115
	Life Member Badges.....		84
	A.G.M. Drinks (1982).....		50
	Bereavements.....		60
117	Trainers' Requirements.....		41
	1982 Raffle.....		80
179	Trophies.....		250
25	Legal Fees.....		85
752	NFLUA Expenses.....		538
	NFLUA Affiliation Fees.....		60
	Bank Fees.....		73
	Max Hales Record Day.....		83
	Committee Entertainment.....	635	
181	Less Receipts.....	369	266
	The Whistle.....	485	
	Less Receipts.....	385	100
	Umpires' Teas.....	2,202	
233	Less Receipts.....	1,630	572
	Presentation Night.....	1,800	
415	Less Receipts.....	1,368	432
	Preliminary Final Function.....	150	
	Less Receipts.....	83	67
	Grand Final Refreshments.....	171	
	Less Receipts.....	145	26
	Grand Final Dinner Dance.....	6,458	
330	Less Receipts.....	4,272	2,186
	Typewriters — Written Off.....		250
185	Interstate Umpires.....		
2	Rottnest Trip.....		
391	Progressive Dinner.....		
4,889			7,119
1,414	81/82 Excess Income over Expenditure.....		Nil
<u>\$6,303</u>			<u>\$7,119</u>

1982 \$	Income	\$	1983 \$
348	Various.....		—
460	Interest — Investment Accounts.....		1,282
	— Current Accounts.....		8
2,725	Subscriptions.....		3,065
	20 Club — Received.....	3,862	
	Less Payouts.....	2,400	1,462
	Raffles.....	141	
2,043	Less Prizes.....	41	100
	Tie Sales.....	60	
	Less Stock.....	60	—
121	Donations.....		100
250	Film Night.....		240
—	Wine and Cheese Night.....		165
	Point Peron Camp.....	743	
10	Less Costs.....	399	344
	Finals Series Tickets.....	3,468	
346	Less Cost.....	3,468	—
	Rottnest Island Trip.....	1,654	
	Less Cost.....	1,540	114
	Association Jumpers.....	783	
—	Less Cost.....	783	—
	Trotting Night.....	1,625	
—	Less Cost.....	1,625	—
	VFL Grand Final.....	1,199	
—	Less Cost.....	1,199	—
	Bush Dance.....	475	
—	Less Cost.....	455	20
	Social Football Match.....	142	
—	Less Cost.....	128	14
	Interstate Umpires.....	350	
—	Less Cost.....	350	—
6,303			6,914
Nil	82/83 Excess Expenditure over Income.....		205
<u>\$6,303</u>			<u>\$7,119</u>

Statement of Receipts and Payments

For 12 Months Ended 15th October, 1983

RECEIPTS	1983	1982
	\$	\$
Subscriptions.....	3,090	2,725
20 Club.....	3,862	—
Raffles.....	141	2,043
Ties.....	60	—
Debtors 1982 Grand Final Dinner Dance.....	380	—
Debtors 1982 Rottnest Trip.....	244	—
Committee Entertainment.....	369	280
Dishonoured Cheque Refund.....	3	—
Point Peron Camp.....	743	1,141
WANFL — Visiting Umpires.....	350	—
The Whistle Sponsorship.....	385	—
Umpires' Teas.....	1,630	1,400
Bank Interest.....	8	—
Film Night.....	240	250
Trotting Night.....	1,625	—
Association Jumpers.....	783	—
VFL Grand Final Trip.....	1,199	—
Wine and Cheese Night.....	165	—
Bush Dance.....	475	—
Presentation Night.....	1,368	1,368
Finals Series Tickets.....	3,468	2,330
Grand Final Dinner Dance.....	4,272	2,492
Donation.....	100	121
Rottnest Island Trip.....	1,654	982
Grand Final Refreshment Sales.....	145	92
Social Football Match.....	142	—
Preliminary Final Function.....	83	—
Investment Account Transfer.....	5,729	—
Badges.....	—	24
Ampol Cards.....	—	250
Barbecue.....	—	695
Progressive Dinner.....	—	887
NFLUA Reimbursement.....	—	160
	<u>\$32,713</u>	<u>\$17,240</u>

PAYMENTS

Honorarium:		
Secretary	\$400	
Treasurer	\$200	
Social Secretary	\$150	750
20 Club.....	2,400	700
Refund of Subscriptions.....	25	—
Raffle Prizes (supplementary).....	87	—
Committee Entertainment.....	635	461
Printing and Stationery.....	677	1,078
Postages and Telephone.....	274	200
Donations — Umpires Golf \$50		
— Mission \$65.....	115	101
Life Member Badges.....	84	—
Annual General Meeting 1982 — Drinks.....	50	—
Bereavements.....	60	—
Trainers' Requirements.....	41	117
Raffle Prize (1982).....	80	—
Trophies.....	250	179
Legal Fees.....	85	25
NFLUA Expenses.....	538	912
NFLUA Affiliation Fees.....	60	—
Bank Fees and Charges.....	76	—
Max Hales Record Day.....	83	—
Point Peron Camp.....	399	1,131
Interstate Umpires.....	350	185
The Whistle.....	485	—
Umpires' Teas.....	2,202	1,633
Presentation Night.....	1,800	1,783
Preliminary Final Function.....	150	—
Trotting Night.....	1,625	—
Association Jumpers.....	783	—
VFL Grand Final Trip.....	1,199	—
Bush Dance.....	455	—
Finals Series Tickets.....	3,468	1,984
Grand Final Dinner Dance.....	6,438	3,222
Rottnest Island Trip.....	1,534	1,234
Grand Final Day Refreshments.....	171	201
Social Football Match.....	128	—
Investment Account Transfer.....	5,500	—
Barbecue.....	—	621
Progressive Dinner.....	—	1,278
	<u>\$33,057</u>	<u>\$17,045</u>

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the particulars contained in the above Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 15th October, 1983 are a true statement of the financial transactions for the year.

R. Hendrie
Honorary Treasurer

Balance Sheet
As At 15th October, 1983

1982 \$			1983 \$
	Assets		
1,524	Cash at Bank.....	1,180	
5,641	Investment Accounts.....	6,694	
3,059	Plant and Equipment.....	2,855	
		<u>10,729</u>	
10,874	650 Debtors		
	Less Liabilities		
Nil	Nil.....	Nil	
<u>\$10,874</u>		<u>\$10,729</u>	
	Accumulated Funds		
	Balance 15th October, 1982.....	10,874	
	Plus 81/82 Adjustment.....	60	
		<u>10,934</u>	
	Less 82/83 Excess		
	Expenditure over Income.....	205	
<u>\$10,874</u>		<u>\$10,729</u>	

Auditor's Statement

I have examined the books, records and vouchers of the Western Australian National Football League Umpires Association (Inc). The records examined are in order and any explanations that have been required were provided by the Association's Treasurer. In my opinion the Financial Accounts are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the Association's affairs.

Brian M. Eddy, A.A.S.A., A.C.I.S., Grad.Dip.Ed., C.D.
Auditor

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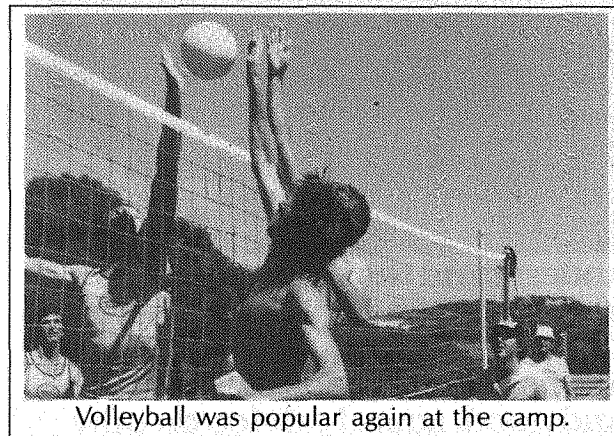
"With certain kinds of friends one thinks out loud" — Lei-h Hunt

The 1983 season has passed and socially it was somewhat of a mixed bag. We could not have asked for a better start to the season than that provided by the annual Point Peron camp. A record number of participants attended this year's camp and unanimously acclaimed it as the best ever. Thanks must go to the organisers, in particular Hal Symons, the tireless Vinka and her merry band of kitchen hands, the WANFLUA Committee and of course the WAFL, who picked up the tab.

Congratulations to Damian Green, Steve Walker and Geoff Samuels for their expert presentation of *The Whistle*. I'm very proud to be associated with the magazine and appreciation must go to the Carlton Hotel and Western Waters Sports, who are the major sponsors.

It was pleasing to notice the enthusiasm displayed by the members when the first *Whistle* was introduced to them at the annual Point Peron camp. Obviously, it has been a great success and I can only hope that this success flows on, both on and off the field during the coming season.

Again the Celtic Club was available for our patronage after a game on a Saturday night. The venue was a great success with in excess of 50 people attending after-match drinks. Unfortunately, children were not allowed but it was a great favourite with all the wives and girlfriends, who could gather together for a quiet drink in a relaxing atmosphere. This year it served a twofold purpose with the drawing of the 20



Volleyball was popular again at the camp.

Club raffle taking place every Saturday night at 7.00 p.m.

The 20 Club raffle was an innovation in 1983 and provided a welcome boost to Association revenue.

Players' teas as usual were most successful and well patronised, our first being held at the Carlton Hotel for presentation of guernseys. The evening provided both joy and disappointment for some

umpires but it was thoroughly enjoyed by the large crowd.

The surprisingly big attendance at the Trots Night at Gloucester Park demonstrated the support which can be provided by members for a mid-season event. It was an absorbing and interesting evening for both members and bookmakers.

The Wine Tasting Night at the Carlton Hotel was poorly attended. Although we have tried to cater to the tastes of all members, it seems that the majority of our support

comes from a small hard core of supporters. To them we offer our sincere thanks.

Thanks are extended to Harry and May Jardine for the suppers they put on at the Celtic Club after the State match and preliminary final. For those who missed it (I don't think there were too many) they were fantastic nights and ones that will be remembered by all.

The Bush Dance provided a bit of variety, and thanks must go to Geoff Samuels and Barry Grimmond for their expertise in organising such a great function. I think all who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves and voted it value for money. It was a byo (everything) show.

A large crowd attended this year's Annual Presentation Night, held at the Heritage on Charles, and undoubtedly this was a tremendous evening. Ampol again offered to supply trophies which, together with numerous other presentations, made it a very prestigious event.

The Grand Final Dinner Dance at the Beau Rivage Restaurant in Gloucester Park turned out to be the gala event of the year. In excess of 230 people attended and danced to the early hours of the morning to the music of "Whirlwind". The record crowd enjoyed a four course sit down meal and full bar facilities. Mention must be

made of the decision of the Committee to subsidise this year's Grand Final Dinner Dance with monies gained from the successful 20 Club raffle. It was a fine conclusion to the season.

The inaugural umpires' football challenge was won in fine style by the field umpires. A most enjoyable post-game afternoon was had by the many in attendance, especially the wives and girlfriends who were able to see their heroes in action. This event capped off a generally successful social year and your support throughout 1983 was most appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and congratulations to John Morris on an extremely successful year as President and to Don McComish for the expertise shown during his year as Secretary. Their support and assistance was greatly appreciated.

To members of the Management Committee, I thank you for your assistance when called upon. My special thanks to the Social Committee for their co-operation and valued support during the year.

I have been indeed honoured to serve the Association.

Ken F. O'Driscoll
Honorary Social Secretary



Ken arrives at the Beau Rivage with Jenny Hale.

The Year at a Glance

— By Geoff Samuels

The year got off to a fine start when we all received some crank mail by way of a note from former 'Mr. Nice Guy' John Devine, exhorting us to gird up our loins, etc. and run off that accumulated off-season blubber. The ensuing time trial confounded those geographers and surveyors among us who had hitherto been of the opinion that you couldn't run uphill all the way round a circular track.

The next event of note was of course the Point Peron camp. Records were set, legends were created, hearts were in some instances broken; boys were made into men and vice versa, but more importantly muscles were toned up and the seeds were sown for the growth of the mateship necessary to get us through the season ahead.

After a few more weeks and a good few kilometres, the moment of truth arrived in the form of Panel Night. There were the usual surprises and disappointments but Ross Capes and the Board made it very clear that the way was open for anyone to improve their position by hard work and dedication.

There followed a series of pre-season scratch matches, including two with VFL teams which in turn were followed by a string of extremely successful social functions including a sausage night, a night at the trots, a wine tasting, and a bush dance, with the season coming to a spectacular conclusion with the Grand Final dinner dance.

On the football side, there was the very successful Emu Export Knockout Carnival, and extremely successful interstate matches against South Australia and Victoria, which included visits by umpires from these States and reciprocal visits by our own Mike Ball. As the season progressed, regrettably much of the interest went out of the competition, especially for Subiaco supporters — though our part became no easier to play.

During the course of the season the fortunes of individual umpires fluctuated, with some well-deserved promotions, a few very unfortunate injuries, some bad luck, and some mixed fortunes in terms of Board decisions. On the whole, everyone had the season they deserved.

Comedy relief was provided by Liz Ball and her attempts to organise a cabaret, Disco's performance as master of ceremonies, Darryl, Harry and Clay's vocal talents (or lack thereof), Ron Powell's priceless one-liners, and of course watching Dad's Army on Sunday mornings.

A large number of progeny were delivered during the year, and due congratulations must be accorded to the proud parents. Congratulations also to Dave Ross and Damian Green on the successes of their greyhound *Boundary Rider*, and to the Phantom who fell (and stayed!) in love.

We were all very much saddened by Len Cooper's loss of his wife, and extend to him once again our condolences and the offer of any help we can afford him in the difficult times ahead.

Votes of thanks for a very successful season must be given to: the Board under the leadership of the redoubtable Slim Somervaille; Umpires' Advisor Ross Capes and his lieutenants Ron Powell and Ned Martino; the Committee and Executive of the



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Association; our stalwart trainers Warren, Doc, Bernie and Harry. Ultimately however, the degree of success enjoyed by individuals can only be ascertained by measuring it against the effort they put in, and so few could claim to have a poor season.

Now is the time to start planning for next season. . . don't let that blubber accumulate, do all those odd jobs you didn't get around to during the season, play with the kids, pass your exams, and sleep in on Saturdays while you still can.

1983 Eric Hood Award

This award, sponsored by Eric Hood and Co., Domestic and Industrial Painting Contractors, for whom the legendary Don "Winky" Wakenshaw is the Kambalda Operations Manager, is awarded to the boundary umpire who is adjudged the most promising but who has not yet been selected for a league game.

This award was instituted last year and the joint winners were Mark Power and Darryl White. Mark has gone on to graduate to league ranks during the 1983 season but unfortunately Darryl was transferred to Bunbury with his job and did not officiate during the past season.

The winner of the award this year is Domonic White. Dom has already proven himself to be a fine athlete and an umpire of considerable potential. Though still at school, he has had no trouble in handling the pressure of senior grades of football, being rewarded for his year's consistent performance with the B Grade grand final at Goomalling this year.

This is a fine achievement for someone in his first year, and if Domonic realises his full potential he should prove a very valuable asset in the years to come.

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Ned's Message

As country umpires' coach, I consider the formation of a city and country umpires' panel was in the best interests of football, particularly when you consider that there are a number of capable umpires who will never be given the opportunity of umpiring league football. This change has a twofold benefit: it enables the city panel to be given the most professional expertise, both in the advising and training areas; it also gave the umpires who were travelling to the country every week the opportunity of umpiring inter-association and final round games that normally would have been awarded to the league or reserves umpires.

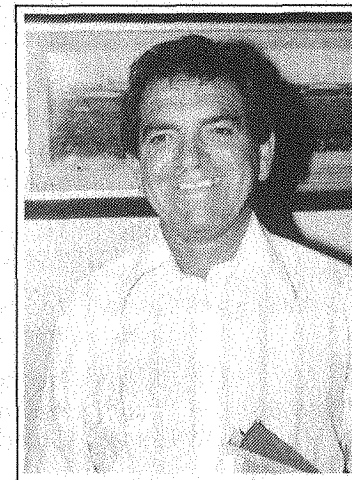
During the season I was involved in a number of coaching clinics in the country areas, e.g. Port Hedland, Albany, Northam, Bruce Rock, Geraldton, Three Springs, Moora, Bencubbin, Katanning and Karratha.

In the main these proved popular and were well attended. I always encourage administrators, media representatives and coaches to attend, stressing the role of the umpire, emphasising that the umpire is a vital and integral part of Australian football, contributing to the game in the same way as the players. Administrators, coaches and media representatives in particular should promote the game by highlighting the most spectacular and exciting aspects of our game, and should expose player errors on television, and in radio and newspaper coverage rather than continually criticising and replaying umpires' controversial decisions.

Training sessions and lectures were conducted for the umpires in the various country centres keeping them up to date with interpretations and emphasising the importance of fitness and positioning and to use the ground markings as an aid to judging distances, e.g. 15 metres, 10 metres and running to positions.

In addition some areas conducted coaching clinics for juniors. I lectured on the main laws, stressing the importance of the ball player and the protection the umpire gives him and then emphasis on the tackling player, stressing the importance of correct tackling to minimise the risk of injury and incurring a penalty.

I consider these to be of immense value to the junior player in understanding the umpires' role and the importance of playing within the laws of the game.



Ned Martino

Amateurs Finals 1983

20.8.83	A Grade	Qualifying Elimination	P. Karhu, R. Wilson, G. Sinclair P. Worobec
	B Grade	Qualifying Elimination	T. Rees H. McAuliffe

	A Colts	Qualifying Elimination	T. Nicholls R. Hendrie
27.8.83	A Grade	1st Semi 2nd Semi	L. Cooper, K. O'Driscoll F. Lendich, G. Napier
	B Grade	1st Semi 2nd Semi	I. Franich G. Bishop
	A Colts	1st Semi 2nd Semi	W. Forder B. Grimmond
3.9.83	A Grade B Grade	2nd Semi Replay Preliminary	R. Salis, N. Buckingham C. Shawcross, D. Hosking
10.9.83	A Colts A Grade B Grade	Preliminary Preliminary Grand Final	G. Palmer, R. Zoch B. Cobb, C. Shawcross K. O'Driscoll, F. Lendich
	A Colts	Grand Final	D. Hosking, G. Napier
17.9.83	A Grade	Grand Final	B. Hearne, R. Salis

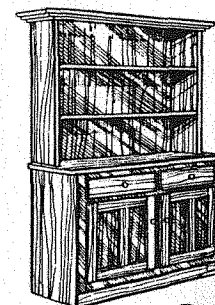
Country Grand Final Appointments — 1983

Date	Assoc/League	Field	Boundary	Goal
13.8.83	Newman Football League	A. Mirabella		
10.9.83	Central Wheatbelt Football League	T. Rees		R. Lee, A. Lockyer
11.9.83	Central Great Southern Football League	H. McAuliffe		
11.9.83	Central Midlands Football League	T. Starceвич		
11.9.83	Lower South West Football League	B. Grimmond		
11.9.83	North Midlands Football League	P. Mannix	R. Milburn P. Lewis	J. Cain, B. Maher
11.9.83	North Midlands (Reserves)	G. Bishop		J. Cain, B. Maher
18.9.83	Eastern Districts Football League	B. Cobb B. Findlay		
18.9.83	Mortlock Football League	P. Worobec	G. Samuels, S. Tempest	D. Colling, R. Davis
18.9.83	Mortlock (Reserves)	R. Zoch	D. Lawson, D. White	D. Colling, R. Davis
25.9.83	Avon Football Association	T. Nicholls		
25.9.83	Great Northern Football League	F. Lendich		
25.9.83	Goldfields Football League	B. Hearne		
25.9.83	South West Football League	C. Shawcross		
25.9.83	Upper Great Southern Football League	F. Devine, R. Salis		

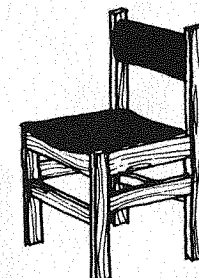
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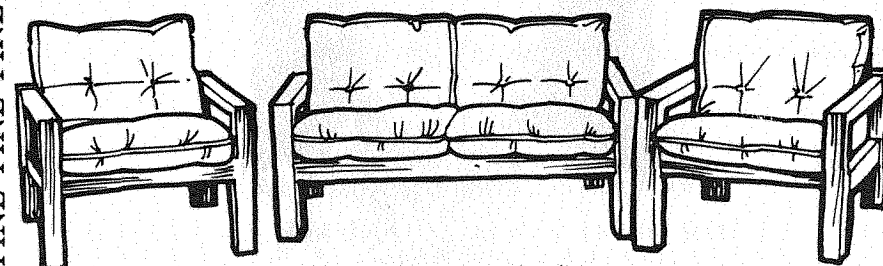


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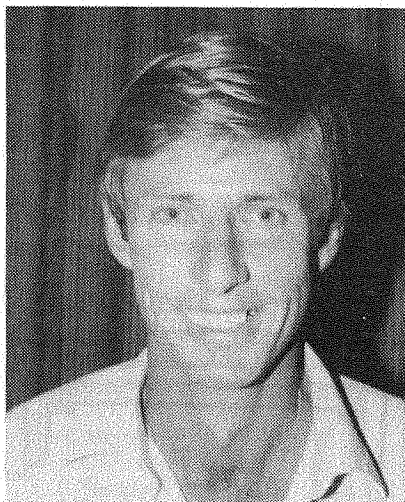
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Trevor Stacevich
Brian Appleby
Paul Mannix

Boundary: Craig Curtis
Phil Nolan
Charles Moylan
Mark Power



MOST DEDICATED UMPIRE FOR 1983

Ron Buckey

MILESTONES IN LEAGUE UMPIRING

Field: Bob Phillips, 200 games
John Morris, 150 games
Mike Ball, 100 games

Boundary: David Aslett, 200 games
Graham Daniel, 100 games

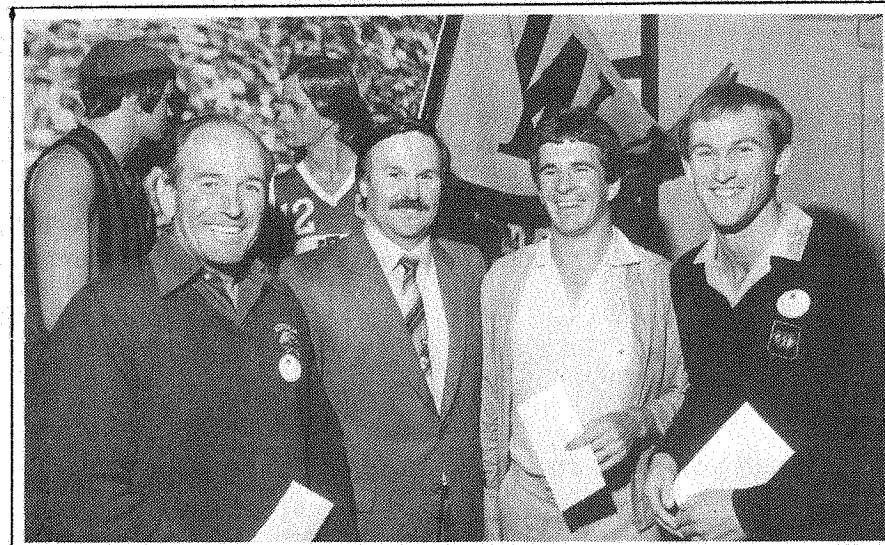
Goal: Robin Dalby, 100 games
Les Leicester, 100 games

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Ampol Awards



Pictured from left to right are: Max Hale, Tony Rapson (Ampol), Mike Ball and Greg McDonald.

The recipients of the Ampol's Umpire of the Year awards were as follows:

Field Umpire of the Year: Mike Ball \$2000

Second: Bob Phillips \$750

Third: John Morris \$300

Most Improved: Richard Austin \$500

Boundary Umpire of the Year: Greg McDonald \$800

Second: David Ross \$500

Third: Dave Aslett \$200

Goal Umpire of the Year: Max Hale \$800

Second: Les Leicester \$500

Third: Ron Poole \$200

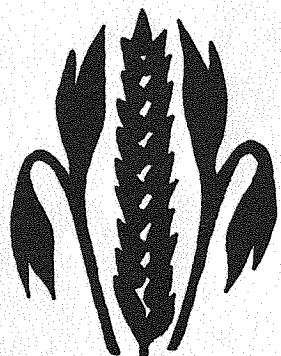


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Boundary: Craig Curtis

Goals: Ron Poole



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League Games by Members

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Field Umpires	Year of Entry	No. of Seasons	League Games 1983	Total League Games
Richard Austin	1975	8	9	9
Brian Appleby	1981	3	10	10
Mike Ball	1973	11	26	110
Ron Buckey	1973	11	21	185
Fred Devine	1972	12	3	3
Darryl Gillies	1974	10	14	147
Ross Graffin	1977	7	2	10
Brian Hearne	1970	14	0	53
David Johnson	1980	4	9	22
Frank Lendich	1974	10	0	6
Paul Mannix	1981	3	2	2
John Morris	1972	12	21	166
Phil O'Reilly	1976	7	8	28
Bob Phillips	1967	16	21	210
David Rowe	1975	9	23	123
Reg Salis	1976	8	5	13
Trevor Starceвич	1979	5	6	6
Peter Troode	1974	10	0	7
Lance White	1977	7	0	6

* **Record Holder:** Ray Montgomery 308

Boundary Umpires

David Aslett	1973	11	22	203
Craig Curtis	1983	1	8	8
Graham Daniel	1972	11	5	104
Dennis Davis	1980	4	0	33
Damian Green	1981	3	19	34
Barry Johnson	1976	8	1	86
Mark Limmer	1978	6	0	11
Charles Moylan	1982	2	9	9
Greg McDonald	1977	7	23	125
Phil Nolan	1982	2	6	6
Mark Power	1982	2	12	12
David Ross	1981	3	21	46
Geoff Samuels	1981	3	10	22
Ian Sandover	1978	6	7	22
Clay Shimmer	1982	2	6	16
Stewart Tempest	1981	3	7	24
Steve Walker	1979	5	13	24
Gary Woodhouse	1975	9	11	147

* **Record Holder:** John Devine 247

Goal Umpires	Year of Entry	No. of Seasons	League Games 1983	Total League Games
Roy Becker	1964	20	14	172
Trevor Cant	1970	14	19	143
Lester Cox	1977	7	15	81
Robin Dalby	1972	12	20	116
Max Hale	1968	16	22	238
Bob Lee	1971	13	0	146
Neville Lewis	1978	6	15	38
Doug Leicester	1976	8	0	44
Les Leicester	1975	9	20	108
Alan Lockyer	1979	5	4	45
Nick Manifis	1979	5	0	4
Don McComish	1981	3	4	8
John McKay	1970	14	0	203
Ron Poole	1979	5	18	21
Colin Raynor	1979	5	19	80
Roy Sojan	1979	5	5	21
Dick Stubberfield	1966	18	4	13

* **Record Holder:** May Hale 238

Notes