

OLD COLLEGIANS

1989 AGM

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This has been an eventful year for Old Collegian's. We saw an impressive improvement in our playing record this season across all grades. The first team remind me of a fine bottle of wine; a lovely colour and bouquet leading into a palate full of fruit and balance ; but in one more year it promises to be so much better! We look forward to next season with great anticipation. Not only were we pleased with the playing records but as important, the style of rugby gave great pleasure to all spectators. A number of our long serving players are retiring from first grade rugby this year and we must thank Alistair Young, Richard Waddicor and Dennis Hayden (?) for the magnificent efforts they have put in for the Club over the years. Despite the loss of these players the Club will be strengthened by their continued involvement in other aspects of the Club's activities. It will be a real challenge to replace such fine players which allows me to make a plea for the continued support and development of our juniors. The future of our Club surely lies in this direction so let's see more of us offering help in the form of becoming coaches and team managers etc. The SARU are considering introducing an under 20 competition this year in an attempt to support that young age group from which we tend to lose so many players as they move into the rigours of senior rugby.

Off the field we had varying degrees of success. The clubrooms have been air conditioned (thanks Hugo and Artic Air), a garage has been purchased and erected to store the scrummaging machine, a computerised cash register undoubtedly helped improve our returns over the bar and new equipment was purchased to support the coaches. In the changing rooms a store has almost been completed and a dividing wall is being erected to separate the changing and weight rooms. A number of the social functions were not well attended and we will need to consider how we can best meet the

needs of our large membership which has an increasing number of young members.

Financial matters are always a major consideration for this Club and this year we have continued to build on the sound management of the past few years. The Club again has shown a sound profit based on an increased turnover at the bar and a great effort in this year's raffle (thanks to Ray Murphy and Ian Hackett). We are grateful to our major sponsors MAS, Venture Holidays and the Feathers for their continued support. We will need to encourage this support and expand it as there could be a considerable threat to our future if the Burnside Council introduce new fees on a user's pay principle. A recent letter from the Council stated that the cost of maintaining Tregenza for them was \$36,000 per annum, \$14,000 for winter and \$22,000 for summer. If we are forced to find even half of this amount then we could be in serious financial trouble!

In conclusion I would like to thank all those members whose efforts have made this year such a success. There are too many to name but I do think the Club should be aware of the efforts of Lionel Managey who has the title of assistant treasurer but who has acted as treasurer after the early retirement of Mike Shine. Lionel has put a tremendous amount of time and effort into managing the financial affairs of this Club and has always answered the many frustrations of the job and demands I've placed on him with a smile, a shrug, lighting up another cigarette and getting on with the job. The next few years could prove to be really challenging for Old Collegians. We have a lot of expertise and common sense amongst our members so please get involved and give the Club the benefit.

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OLD COLLEGIANS RUGBY CLUB - SECRETARY'S REPORT SEASON 1989.

Nine Management meetings were held during the season and the attendance was as follows:- John Davies 9; D. McCarton 6; H. Cranna 1; D. Pridham 7; D. Paterson 8; M. Cobb 1; Duncan Armstrong 4; B. Finn 9; P. Evans 3; (replaced by T. Naylor 3; D. Harford 6; H. Clay 2; M. Paterson 8; I. Walker 2.

There were several moves on and off the Committee during the year due to interstate transfers etc.

Below are some salient points from the various meetings:-

16/11/88 - The subcommittee chairpersons were elected and a Juniors Think Tank date set. SARU delegates were elected and the Editor for the newsletter discussed. D. Paterson to cover the position temporarily. Coaching positions were discussed and M. Von Berg voted in as Senior Coach. the pressing need for a computer in the Club was also noted.

13/12/88 - Sponsorship for the year was the main topic and the need for the raffle to be held earlier in the year suggested. J. Davies wanted to organize a 200 Club to get funds in during the summer. P. Evans announced retirement from Committee. Shed for the scrum machine an urgent issue. Junior Think Tank report tabled.

21/2/89 - Storage area in basement planned. Wood for fire to be kept in locked receptacle behind building. All sponsors agreed to be available for the raffle. Team managers have volunteered. Casino to enter a team. New till to be installed. P. Leverington to replace P. Evans. H. Klynsmith wants to aircondition the Club in return for free membership.

28/3/89 - J. Davies volunteered to coach an u/19 side with some boys coming in from West Torrens to make up the numbers. The Council promised to install cyclone fencing to protect the cars from cricket balls. Tim Naylor appointed as Bar Manager, and Duncan Armstrong as Social Committee. Garden Party arrangements made. It was reported that the Rugby sevens got to the quarter finals and looked promising.

29/5/89 - Discussion was held on West End sponsorship to SARU and should we change our Club over to West End from Coopers. Suggestion we just stock bottles of West End. H. Cranna once again offered Club a computer and software suitable for our needs. Leak in changing room roof was discussed again as the sealer didn't work. Gutter to be placed to run off outside until a roof can be put in over that area in the future.

Hawaiin Night held round the spa which was successful financially and fun. R. Murphy and I. Hackett agreed to run the Raffle.

26/6/89 - 100 new ties placed on order. SARU to do a new draw for Grades 3 and 4. New Honours Board made by C. Jaeger's Father. Reorganization of the photo area planned by J. Davies. Complaint letters to be sent to Referees Association re Onkas games. Toga Night held in Club - again great fun. Broken glass appearing on the pitch - more bins to be provided. Schoolboys 7's to be held at Old Collegians in September.

31/7/89 - Raffle draw extended to the Annual Dinner Night. Letters to be sent to Brigadier Lemon and older members to come and join us for the last home game.

28/8/89 - Raffle sales progressing well. Casino doing an excellent job. Shed now erected for scrum machine, but needs a light and cement floor. Dinner tickets now printed - no guest speaker this year. Awards discussed and voted on. Hong Kong 7's - D. Paterson and H. Clay to advertise the holiday. Blue phones all returned to manufacturers - due out next year.

30/10/89 - AGM Date set. H. Cranna invited committee to demonstration of the computer. Total amount from Raffle after expenses came to \$7,742. Thanks to R. Murphy and the Casino for their great efforts. J. Davies sending letter to Burnside Council re the user pays system to be brought into effect. Suggestion that next year's registration forms include a section where you could volunteer to help in a particular area of Club work if asked. Dan McCarton to organize new key register. Jobs to be completed during the summer months are many but committee confident of their being done.



Barbara Finn

- (1) **ERECTION OF GROUNDS SHED.**
After a considerable delay, due to the requirement of State Planning and Council approval, a "colourbond" double door garage/shed was erected.
The primary function being to house the recently acquired scrummaging machine, plus pads, flags etc, previously stored in visitors' change rooms.
- (2) **ALTERATION TO GOALPOST PADS.**
To enable the pads to be attached more easily to the posts additional velour and vinyl has been sewn on.
- (3) **PLASTIC GOALPOST FLAGS.**
It was considered at the start of the season worthwhile to try plastic flags; with the advantages of (a) permanency, (b) unaffected by rain. The proto-type used unfortunately broke during the season and did not seem to provide as good a wind indicator as hoped. The Club president Mr. J. Davies also made a valid point as to aesthetic loss of the flags fluttering in the breeze. Season 1990 shall see the calico return.
- (4) **COUNCIL ASSISTANCE.**
Thanks are due to the Burnside City Council for their help and support during the '89 season. Mr. Richard Crabb and the groundsman Mr. Denis Bevan in particular are to be thanked.
- (5) **1990 SEASON.**
It is proposed to upgrade all flags, corner posts and crowd barriers this season. Mrs. B. Finn has made up new flags and Mr. D. Stark has provided plastic piping to suit. We have been unable as yet to engineer or purchase "bending" corner posts. CAN YOU HELP? Crowd barriers to simply drop in are sought to stop the necessity of sledgehammering stardroppers. Similarly assistance is requested.
Additional useage of cyclone fencing to protect the new grounds shed has been put to council.
Better signage around the Tregenza oval has been promised by Council.
- (6) **SCOREBOARD**
The cigarette advertising has been painted out and some upgrading or at least some signwriting needs to be done. Sponsorship of this is negotiable.
- (7) **NOISE ON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM GROUND.**
As a Club we are extremely fortunate to be located in such a fine principality. However certain moral obligations are present with regarding our relationship with neighbours. LOUD AND BAD LANGUAGE, TYRE SCREECHING ETC ARE TABOO.
(We have had complaints lodged at Council).
- (8) **USER PAY-BURNSIDE CITY COUNCIL.**
Burnside Council is looking into substantially increasing ground use costs on a "user pay system". Courtesy to members of the public using the ground may assist the Club in its attempt to keep thes hardly affordable increases down.

DAVID PRIDHAM, COMMITTEE GROUNDSPERSON.
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On the playing fields this year Old Collegians has again had an excellent year. Even though the Casino side was the only team to win a Premiership each of the other four teams played at least two games in the finals.

The success of the club this year has come about mainly because of the professional approach taken both on and off the field.

1st grade coach Mike Von Berg can take a lot of the credit in this department as his infectious enthusiasm and energy was a constant source of motivation for the young and old alike. Mike's willingness to work with the people around him and his ability to use whatever resources they had to offer was also a contributing factor to our success this year. But like all good clubs the men at the top are only as good as the people around them.

Two people who need singling out for special mention in this area are our selectors, Sean Beaton and Denis Hayden. Selecting is an onerous and often thankless task and the quiet and professional way Sean and Den went about their job is to be commended. It is again hoped that they can afford the time next season to carry on and reap the rewards for their efforts over the past two seasons.

Special mention also must go to Terry Sheppard who gave of his time this year in an effort to motivate us. I think Terry really got most of us thinking a lot more positively about our game and we hope he can continue to do so next season.

SUMMARY

The first team this year played an exciting brand of Rugby under coach Mike Von Berg. The sidelines were packed on many occasions with spectators anxious to see the forwards and backs mixing in a free flowing style, they were rarely disappointed.

The '89 season will long be remembered for the game when Collegians gave Brighton an 18-NIL start into the second half of the second Semi-Final and caught them with three magnificent converted tries. That effort was typical of the character that Collegians displayed throughout the year and can only hold us in good stead for next season.

2nd GRADE

The seconds coached by Tony Spawton had a very consistent year, but after only losing two games for the season, fell away in the finals - many thanks to Tony Spawton for his efforts and to Bob Stafford-Lee and Tony Jellicoe for looking after the players needs.

3rd GRADE

The thirds also had a consistent year and were certainly the best team beaten, losing in the dying stages of the Preliminary Final. They were coached well by Terry Jenkins and Jamie Perkins did a great job in his position as Manager, Assistant Coach, Strapper, Massuese and General Dogsboddy.

4th GRADE

Hamish Cranna did a fantastic job with the fourth grade and a lot of credit must go to him for his drive, determination and belief that he could get the fours into a Grand Final.

After having to forfeit the first game Hamish fired up old and new players to not only play on Saturdays but to actually train. Soon the unheard of happened, a bloke had to train or he wouldn't get a guernsey - The rest is history, the fourths finished Minor Premiers after playing some great rugby throughout the season - They played entertaining rugby during the Grand Final but unfortunately were beaten by a better side on the day. A great team effort all year - Well Done !!

5th GRADE (Casino)

Congratulations to the Casino on winning the Fourth Grade Grand Final. It was a fitting result to a team who had given the members and the public a great deal of enjoyment throughout the year. A side with very few genuine rugby players to start with that by mid season had turned into a formidable opponent.

Their team spirit was second to none and their following was equally impressive. The idea for the team came from Simon Best and a few other Casino members, but the real mastermind behind the Casino team and the undoubted reason for their success was John Kobek. John did an incredible job in molding this side from its raw beginnings to its magnificent climax, The Premiership.

Congratulations again and we look forward to your continued involvement next season.

Thanks also must go to Ray Butler for all of his time and energies in being Club Massuese. His efforts on Tuesday and Thursday nights plus the weekends were much appreciated.

Danny McCartan
RUGBY COMMITTEE