

Q.C.A. UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT

TO BE PRESENTED AT

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ON WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST 1980 AT 8PM

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting (8th August 1979)
2. Presentation of Annual Report & Financial Statement
3. Invitation to Patron
4. Life Member
5. Election of Office Bearers for 1980/81 year
6. Annual Subscriptions
7. Any other business which may be properly brought up at the Annual General Meeting

LIFE MEMBERS

SCOTT	A.	1972
McINNES	W.	1975
NEWCOMBE	J.G.	1976
JOHNSON	L.	1977
WARWICK	T.H.	1978

MEMBERS OF THE Q.C.A. UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

ARMSTRONG	J.	1978/79*	MERLEHAN	M.	1974/75*
BOYLE	J.	1974/75	MILNER	B.	1977/78
BRITTON	F.	1960/61	MUSCH	M.	1975/76
BUGEIA	N.	1976/77	NANCARROW	R.	1978/79
COKER	P.	1977/78	O'NEILL	W.	1975/76
CROUCH	R.	1972/73	PEARCE	A.	
CURNOW	M.	1977/78	PEARSON	S.	1978/79
DEVEY	P.	1978/79	PRESTON Miss	L.	1976/77
DOXEY	R.	1971/72	PURTILL	W.	1979/80**
FORD	H.	1978/79	PHILIPPE	R.	1977/78
FLETCHER	J.	1978/79	RADO	I.	1968/69
GROUT Miss	N.	1975/76	ROWLEY	E.	1979/80**
HISLOP	E.		SCHULTZ	L.	1979/80**
HARVEY	C.	1973/74	SHEPHERD	P.	1979/80**
HEATH	L.	1973/74	STACEY	H.	1974/75
JOHNSON	M.	1974/75	STACEY	G.	1977/78*
JOHNSTONE	C.	1978/79	STRAUSS	J.	1972/73
JOLLY	J.	1979/80**	TAYLOR	J.	1976/77
JONES	V.	1979/80**	TAYLOR	L.	1978/79
JONES Mrs.	D.	1979/80**	TIMMINS	C.	1977/78
LANIGAN	S.	1977/78	TOOHILL	P.	1975/76
LESTER	G.	1979/80**	TUNKS	R.	1979/80**
LOY	A.	1979/80**	WAKENSHAW	G.	1978/79
McINTYRE	W.	1975/76	WALSH	D.	1979/80**
McQUILLAN	A.	1976/77	WILLMOTT	R.	1977/78
MACKAWAY	J.	1979/80**	WILLMOTT	P.	1978/79
			YOUNG	R.	1975/76

** New Members

* Non Active Members

Office Bearers of the Q.C.A. Umpires Association for the 1979/80 season:-

Patron:	Mr. R. Spence
President:	Mr. R.H.Crouch
Vice Presidents:	Messrs. L.Heath & M.Musch
Hon.Secretary/Treasurer:	Mr. J.W.Strauss
Executive Committee:	Messrs. L.Heath, W.O'Neill, R.Philippe, G.Stacey & T.H.Warwick.
Allocation Panel (1st class)	Mr. G.Stacey
Allocation Panel (Grade)	Mr. G.Stacey
Delegate to Q.C.A.:	Mr. R.H.Crouch
Examination Panel:	Messrs. M.Johnson, J.Taylor & R.Young
Umpires Advisor:	Mr. E.Hislop
Hon.Auditor:	Mr. R. Spence

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that your Executive Committee presents for your consideration the Eleventh Annual Report which covers the activities of this Association during the year 1979/80 together with the Financial Statement to 30th April, 1980.

The 1979/80 season will always be remembered as the first post-Packer, when a somewhat uneasy reconciliation of the parties essayed the most extensive first class cricket season ever seen in Australia.

In hindsight almost everyone will agree that there was just too much cricket. A poorly organised programme saw touring teams travelling from one side of the country to the other and back again and this, together with the hotchpotch of limited-over cricket, affected the players performances and as a consequence spectator interest fell away towards the end.

From the umpiring point of view two facts stood out. Firstly the attitude of the Australian Cricket Board in "bleeding" at first class level a large number of umpires, and secondly a deterioration in players behaviour at first class level.

Whilst it is pleasing to see more umpires given the chance to further their careers, it was soon obvious that a number were not of the required standard and, as the Board now realises this, there will certainly not be the same number of umpires on show in the coming season. However, it is hoped that the movement will not be, as rumoured, to the other extreme with only a very small panel of umpires being appointed.

The standard of players behaviour was helped to its low by the return of those few who do no credit to the game. Improvement will only come when authority is prepared to take positive action against culprits as the game is too great to be ruined by louts at all levels. It is pleasing our local authority is presently taking further steps to accept this responsibility.

MEMBERSHIP - At the end of the 1979/80 season stands at 57 members. Included in this number are 12 (twelve) new members who qualified for membership during the year.

Due to private reasons and retirements 9 (nine) members did not make themselves available for the 1979/80 and a further 5 (five) did not complete the season.

The average number of umpires per round was 33.5 with a high of 37 (thirty-seven) in round one and a low of 29 (twenty-nine) in round thirteen. Fifty (50) members took part in one round or more.

At the end of the season one of our long serving members Mr. Frank Britton announced his retirement from umpiring after 20 years of service to cricket umpiring.

CONGRATULATIONS - Congratulations are extended to the following members who were appointed to first class matches or other special appointments:

Mr. C.E.Harvey: Second Test - Australia v West Indies (Melbourne)
B & H World Series Cup:-
Australia v West Indies (Sydney), England v West Indies (Sydney), West Indies v England (Brisbane), West Indies v England FINAL (Melbourne)
Sheffield Shield:-
Q'ld v Vic, Q'ld v W.A., Q'ld v S.A.
International:-
Q'ld v England (3 day match)
McDonalds Cup:-
Q'ld v N.S.W.

Mr. M.W.Johnson: Third Test - Australia v West Indies (Adelaide)
B & H World Series Cup:-
West Indies v England (Brisbane)
Sheffield Shield:-
Q'ld v Vic, Q'ld v W.A., Q'ld v N.S.W., Q'ld v S.A.
International:-
Q'ld v England

Mr. T.H.Warwick: Sheffield Shield:- Q'ld v N.S.W.

Mr. R. Willmott: International:- Q'ld v England, Q'ld v England

Mr. J.McL.Boyle: McDonalds Cup:- Q'ld v N.S.W.

Congratulations to the following members who were appointed to special matches by the Q.C.A. Club Allocation Panel.

State Trial:- Mr. C.E.Harvey - Mr. R.Willmott

Metropolitan v Country (Colts):- Mr. R.B.Philippe

Q.C.A. Finals:- 1st Grade: Mr. M.W.Johnson - Mr. C.E.Harvey
2nd Grade: Mr. T.H.Warwick - Mr. R.A.Young
3rd Grade: Mr. R.Willmott - Mr. R.B.Philippe
4th Grade: Mr. W.H.O'Neill - Mr. M.T.Musch
5th Grade: Mr. J.T.C.Taylor - Mr. C.D.Timmins
U/18 Grade: Mr. R.H.Crouch - Miss N.Grout

Channel '0' Cup:- 3 matches: J.Boyle, R.Philippe
2 matches: R.Crouch, W.O'Neill, J.Strauss,
T.Warwick, R.Young.
1 match: M.Curnow, S.Doxey, N.Grout, C.Harvey,
M.Johnson, C.Johnstone, M.Musch,
J.Taylor, C.Timmins, R.Willmott

Final:- Mr. C.E.Harvey - Mr. J.McL.Boyle

FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIAN CRICKET UMPIRES

The Constitution of the Federation has now been finalised. The only outstanding matter is the standardisation of Umpires Fees at 1st class level.

FEDERATION OF QUEENSLAND CRICKET UMPIRES

Since the last Annual Report a Management Committee consisting of seven (7) members, four (4) of whom are members of our Association has been elected. Messrs. G.Stacey, R. Crouch and R.Philippe represent the Q.C.A. Umpires Association on the Management Committee and Mr. J.Taylor represents the Queensland Schoolboys Cricket Association.

The Management Committee has met regularly during the year and has discussed problems associated with the formation of the Federation. The Committee has been "hamstrung" to a certain degree in the full implementation of the Federation by not knowing what form the Queensland Cricket Association will exist in the future. When the Q.C.A. have adopted or rejected the "White Report" the Management Committee will be able to form a Constitution and carry out the objects of the Federation which are:

1. To assist in the promotion, interest and advancement of the game of cricket as controlled by the Queensland Cricket Association and affiliated Associations.
2. To study and enforce the interpretations of the laws of cricket as laid down by the Australian Board of Control for International Cricket and the Queensland Cricket Association.
3. To cultivate a high standard of efficiency and maintenance of dignity of the position of an umpire.
4. To advance and protect the interests of all members in any matter deemed necessary by the Federation.
5. To strive for uniformity in all matters pertaining to cricket umpiring.

UMPIRES RECRUITMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

We are still disappointed at the attitude and efforts of this Committee. However we still agree with the concept of having such a Committee although most of the recruitment of umpires during the last season was due to the efforts of our own Association.

Q.C.A. CLUB SUB-COMMITTEE

Meetings were held during the season between the Club Sub-Committee and representatives of this Association. We are disappointed that this Committee, against the wishes of this Association, once again reverted to allocating umpires by themselves from round nine of Club Fixtures.

The Club Sub-Committee have promised to meet with us before the start of the 1980/81 season to assist with the recruitment of new members.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee was very active this season organising four social events and other fund raising activities.

A Family Day held at the Yeronga Military Hospital's Recreation Centre, although poorly attended, was voted a top outing for a very minimal cost.

On the 25th November a Bar-B-Q was held at the residence of Nelma and Mrs. Grout. This function was widely advertised through the Clubs, and it was disappointing that there was very little support from this area. It was pleasing to see a fairly good roll up of our members in attendance. Our thanks go to Nelma and Mrs. Grout for their assistance and the use of their facilities. Our thanks also to Bill O'Neill, whose kind donation reduced costs considerably.

The Annual Dinner this season was voted the best ever. Due to a misunderstanding with a booking, the venue had to be changed from The Cricketers Club to The Brisbane Market Club at a very late stage and our thanks go to the Management and Staff of the Markets Club for their very well presented meal and facilities. Our thanks also to the Band "The Talismen" for the music and their co-operation when we asked for some "off beat" requests. Each year at this function we show our appreciation to our ladies for their support, and generally allowing us the liberty of time away from home to officiate at cricket matches. This year, as well as a good night out, we presented each lady with a gift. The response to this gesture augers well for us all to be officiating again next season.

At the seasons end, we challenged the Police Department to a game of cricket. Unfortunately they were advised of our reputation, and some players withdrew from the side and were replaced by Western Suburbs Club Players. The "Police" won the limited over match by sixteen runs. The day was a total success and undoubtedly another match will be organised next season. Our thanks to Nelma Grout and Les Heath for officiating for the match. Unfortunately they won't be asked next time as they proved to be totally unbiased.

The Committee conducted several raffles through the season and our thanks go to Nelma Grout, Alf Pearce and Jim Strauss who donated prizes.

The introduction of a "Happy Hour" after each meeting proved very successful. It helped members mingle socially and the new and inexperienced members took advantage of the opportunity to talk to and question our more experienced members.

It was with great pleasure that the committee presented the Association with a Duplicating Machine. It has proved to be a most valuable acquisition.

The Committee thanks all members who supported the functions and hope more members will support the next seasons activities.

EXAMINATION PANEL

During the course of the past season the Examination Panel examined twelve candidates for membership to this Association.

They also assisted by giving their time to conduct the seminars put on with the aid of Utah.

UMPIRES ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Once again we express our appreciation to the members of the Allocation Committee for grade cricket for the difficult task they are required to undertake each season, a task which is made more and more unenviable due to the never ending shortage of umpires.

A lot of the difficulties are caused by our members not advising of their availability and also by the non return of match cards.

QUEENSLAND CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Once again we express our sincere thanks to the Executive and Office Staff for their assistance and consideration during the past season.

Since the season ended we have seen the resignation of Bill McCarthy and we wish him well in the future.

We welcome Mr. Grantly Evans as the Secretary of the Queensland Cricket Association.

Grantly is well known to us all and no doubt will fill the position most efficiently in the years to come.

QUEENSLAND CRICKETERS CLUB

The season saw the departure of the Secretary/Manager, Mr. Lou Cooper.

Our sincere thanks to Lou who always had the Umpires Association at heart and was ever ready to assist us whenever he could. We wish him well in his new venture.

We welcome Mr. John Dickson who takes over from Lou.

We are disappointed that due to circumstances beyond our control that the Annual Dinner was not held at the Cricketers Club.

Many members of the Association availed themselves of the facilities of the Club on meeting nights throughout the year. Bar facilities are available for members both before and after meetings and our continued support in this area will be well received by the Club.

4IP CRICKETER OF THE YEAR AWARD

At the request of the Q.C.A. those Umpires officiating in 1st Grade matches again this year allocated points on a three, two, one basis to the players whom they considered to have the most outstanding performances in each round of Club Fixtures.

The appreciation of 4IP was again shown by an invitation to attend the Presentation Dinner to all Umpires who officiated at 1st Grade level.

We extend our congratulations to the winner this year, Greg Ritchie.

HONORARY AUDITOR

As in past years, the financial statement of this Association has been prepared by our Patron and friend, Mr. Bob Spence, and I, as President of this Association wish to express on behalf of the Members, our sincere thanks to him for the assistance he is always prepared to give to this Association.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Executive Committee has had a particularly busy year and is confident that the work carried out will prove to be of considerable benefit to the Association in the future.

The Executive Committee met on thirteen occasions during the year and attendance at the meetings by Executive Members was: R.H.Crouch (12) J.W.Strauss (13) G.F.Stacey (12) R.B.Philippe (12) W.H.O'Neill (6) T.H.Warwick (8) L.Heath (13).

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that subscriptions are due on 31st October each year.

It is to be expected that the Executive Committee will not have the unpleasant task of withdrawing privileges of the Association to some members this year as was the case last year. We ask for your co-operation in completing the form in this report and return it to the Treasurer together with your remittance by 31st October.

CONCLUSION

We extend our thanks to all those members who have supported the Association throughout the year and to all those who may have assisted in any way with any of the off field activities.

We are also appreciative of those Clubs who have made us welcome at their grounds at all times and to those who invited us to their functions and meetings.

We congratulate all clubs and players who enjoyed success during the season and our thanks go to all who gave us their support and assistance.

The Association faces the coming season with confidence. Our umpiring standards are improving all the time and if the recruitment programme brings the boost in numbers that all desire we can look forward to a successful and rewarding summer.

We look forward to the 1980/81 season.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee,

R.H.CROUCH, President

J.W.STRAUSS, Hon.Secretary/
Treasurer

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