

St. George District Amateur Athletic Club



(Affiliated to the A.A.A of N.S.W.)

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26th Annual Report - and - **Financial Statements**

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Track: R.Francis

Distance: A.Henderson



26TH ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET

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Presented to Members at the Annual General Meeting
held at Kogarah School of Arts, on 6th June, 1947

GENTLEMEN:

It is with pleasure that I present this 26th Annual Report, and it is gratifying to note that our membership this season is again a record, there being 177 members against 153 in the previous year.

Probably the outstanding performance during the past year was that of Bert Sheiles in regaining the Australian Javelin title at Perth, with a throw of 177ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Another member who performed exceptionally well was our star Junior, Jim Weeks, who won the State Novice Cross-country Championship in 27m23s creating a course record; the 5,000 Metres C.C. Championship in 16m.39s, and was selected to represent the State in the Australian Cross Country Championship in Brisbane.

The St. George District Schoolboy Championships again exceeded all expectations, with an entry of 824. This meeting has become one of the outstanding features of the Club's activities.

REVIEW OF THE TRACK SEASON:

Our performances in the Interclub Competition was disappointing, when it is remembered that the previous season we acquitted ourselves so creditably. In the early part of the Competition a certain amount of apathy was evident amongst members and it was only during the second round that our A Grade team showed improvement, winning five matches in a row. Bert Sheiles was a tower of strength throughout the competition and recorded the season's best performance with the Javelin with a throw of 183' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", which created a State Native Record.

Ern Watson was one of our most consistent members and was successful in reducing the Club's 220 yards low hurdles record to 26.2s. Our sprinters, Charlie Campbell, Ron Hough, Ray Marshall, Peter Ford, all developed into a fine relay team and with University and Eastern Suburbs equalled the best 4 x 110 yds relay time of 44.4s. for the Interclub Competition. Jack Crealey, George Cross and Jim Bailey performed quite well over the middle distances. Jim Bailey, who is only a Junior, shows splendid promise; another Junior who has done well is Jack Everson who competed regularly in the A Grade Javelin, winning many points while also assisting the lower grades in other field games events.

Our President, A. Gainsford, again proved to be the Club's best walker, gaining many valuable points. It was pleasing to see the re-appearance of Bill Mackenzie, former Australian Shot Put and Discus champion; it was only during the later part of the season he was available and the many points he scored helped the run of victories the A Grade team had during that period.

Basil Dickinson, who appeared on a few occasions after some five years absence from the sport, also helped to boost the A Grade. Basil will be recalled by his brilliant performances of 24'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " for the Broad Jump and 51'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " for the Hop Step & Jump prior to the war; he has now gone to Bathurst where he has formed a club.

Our B Grade team was mainly made up of Arthur Gould, Fred Kitto, Charlie Hubble, Kevin Marshall, Kevin Harmey, Stan Sherringham, and they did reasonably well considering that on various occasions they had to fill the A Grade team.

The C Grade team was never at full strength and finished well down in the competition table the best performers were the consistent I. Ismay and Bill Cleary. The C Grade team commenced the season well but, owing to lack of support of senior men, finished well down in the competition. Lots of the younger lads lost interest when men had to be taken to fill higher grades and left their team weak. Men like K. Horsnell, M. Rodgers, Jim Weeks, R. Skinner could have made the team quite a strong one if they had been regular in attendance. I. Ismay was the most consistent performer, helped by his fellow sprinter, W. Cleary, and the able manager of this grade, Mr. Gedge senior, has presented a trophy to I. Ismay for his efforts.

The D Grade did a little better with its young juniors and these young members should do better in the future; those who attended most were K. Pearce, G. Skinner, G. Southwood, N. Phelps, K. Marstaeller, D. Gleeson, J. Fry, K. Cross and R. Able.

Our Junior Grades were again among the best in the competition and if they had had full support all the season they could have won easily. T. O'Reilly was outstanding as a sprinter but was not always there. B. Passfield was another absentee - in the latter part of the season we withdrew the No. 1 Team and made a strong combination of the No. 2 Team. D. Harvison was one of the most consistent competitors and, together with M. Gould, R. Keane, C. Troup, B. Richards, J. Noakes, S. Everett, B. Francis and many others, they were unlucky to lose the competition.

TEAMS' RESULTS

"A" Grade	=	5th, with three other teams	(8 teams in the competition.)
"B" "	=	6th with one other team	(10 teams in the competition)
"C" "	=	10th	(12 teams in the competition)
"D" "	=	7th	(10 teams in the competition)
Junior	=	3rd	(12 teams in the competition)

A number of athletes were selected to contest a series of trial matches to enable selectors to choose the team to represent N.S.W. at the Australian Championships in Perth. Your Club was represented by: B. Sheiles, C. Campbell, E. Watson, W. R. Mackenzie, P. Ford, J. Crealey, C. Oates, J. Mumford. B. Sheiles, selected for the Javelin, proved himself by winning with a throw of 181ft. C. Campbell (100 and 220 yds), holder of the combined High Schools' title, did not do so well in the 100 yards but surprised everyone by finishing third to J. Treloar and R. Elvy in the 220 yards.

E. Watson, selected for the 120 yards hurdles, met the best hurdlers in the State and did not reach the final, but I think he gave one of his best hurdling performances. P. Ford joint holder of the G.P.S. broad jump title was selected for that event and the 100 yards, but appeared to be a little stale after a long season at school. J. Crealey (1 mile and 880 yards) did not have quite enough training owing to his studies, but recorded some good performances; he finished fourth in the mile and his time would be under 4m30s. In the 880 yards he again finished fourth in the final and the time under 2 mins. We expect to hear more of Jack in the future. C. Oates (pole vault) has not quite enough experience in this event, but should do better in future. J. Mumford competed in the discus but lacked training. W. R. Mackenzie (shot put and discus) has had bad luck owing to sickness and did not have the chance to train.

AUSTRALIAN TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS: Held at Leederville Oval, Perth W.A., 25th and 27th January, 1947. New South Wales created history when it sent its twenty-odd team members all the way by plane and was successful in winning the 'Richard

Coombes" Championship Shield. Our Club was represented by B.W.Sheiles in the Javelin Throw, and he was successful in winning his third Australian Championship out of four attempts, with a throw of 177' 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS: Held at Sydney Cricket Ground, 5th and 7th April. The St. George Club was well represented in all sections, and our main interest was in the Junior sprint events, where our star sprinter Charlie Campbell was rather unfortunate to meet such a robust athlete in P. Heath of Eastern Suburbs; he finished second in both the 100 and 220 yards, the times being 9.9s. and 22.4s. respectively. Another junior Jack Everson did well to gain second place in the Javelin and Hammer Throw events. Our old member, B.W.Sheiles, did not reproduce his early season's form and finished third in the senior Javelin Throw.

HURSTVILLE OVAL: Attendances were very good this season, and the officials and athletes worked well together. There was more interest taken in Club Championships held at the ground, and some fine performances were recorded. Several records were broken, and this makes us pay a tribute to the groundsmen - the Curator Mr. L. Dunbar and his assistant Mr. A. Collins - for their good work in keeping the ground in such good order.

Our team of officials are as good as that of any Club in the Association, and I am sure the athletes would want me to say thanks for their co-operation in making the Tuesday nights the success they were.

TASMANIAN TRIP: Your Club received an official invitation from the Tasmanian Amateur Athletic Association to send a team to compete in their State Championships; this was accepted and a team of ten members: E.Watson, F.Kitto, R.Hough, G.Cross, C.Hubble, S.Sherringham, R.Kelleher, R.Bennett, E.Stockdale, J.Crealey with W.Ahern as Manager, made the trip.

The team was welcomed in Hobart by the President of the T.A.A.A., Mr. N. Hutton, and various officials and also entertained at a luncheon. We owe a special word of thanks to our old friend George Gosling and the Newtown Harriers for billeting all members of the team. We feel that we have done some good for athletics in Tasmania, and we will be remembered by the St. George Shield which, on behalf of the Club and the touring team, was presented to the Tasmanian A.A.A. for Junior Competition in connection with the State Championships.

The first day of the Championships were held at the North Hobart Oval on Saturday morning, 8th March, and the second day at Launceston on the 15th. We also have to thank the officials of the Launceston Branch for their hospitality during the team's stay at that city. We tender thanks, too, to our club member Len Johnson who, during a nearly trip to Tasmania, was responsible for suggesting that our Club would like to tour their State and to our President, Mr. Gainsford, for all the travel arrangements.

Results: North Hobart Oval, 8/3/47. In the first heat of the 100 yards R.Hough met two good sprinters and finished 3rd to C.Shirley and H.Sheppard in 9.9 secs. F.Kitto won the second heat in 10.4s. and C.Hubble was 3rd in the third heat. Final: A.C.Shirley, 1st; F.Kitto, 2nd. 10secs. Broad Jump, C.Hubble (21'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "); 440 Yards Hurdles, E.Watson, 60.6secs; 3 Miles Walk, R.Kelleher, 33m.0.6s.; 1 Mile, J.Crealey, 4m.37.6s. E.Watson had a few jumps in the Pole Vault and finished 2nd with 8'8". E.Stockdale threw the Javelin 119'5" and finished 2nd. Again in the 440 yards we met some very good sprinters and the result was:- A.Shirley, 1st; D.Foster, 2nd; R.Hough, 3rd; R.Bennett, 4th; C.Hubble, 5th - Time, 52.5s.

Second Day, York Park Launceston: The weather conditions were not as good as the first day and the times suffered. In the 220 yards our sprinters were again beaten by B.Fitzpatrick of Launceston, R.Hough was 2nd and F.Kitto 3rd in 23.4s. In the 120 yards hurdles E.Watson won well but owing to a faulty type hurdle he was ruled out. J.Crealey won the 880 yards and R.Bennett was 2nd in 2m.5s. 1 Mile Walk, R.Kelleher 1st (9m.4s.); Hop Step & Jump, E.Watson 2nd, J.Crealey 3rd; High Jump, C.Hubble 2nd (5'2"). In the 3 miles event our Junior G.Cross finished third to a very fine senior runner, W.Emmertsen and P. Smith, in 16m.8.4s. St. George, represented by J.Crealey, R.Bennett, R.Hough and F.Kitto, easily won the medley relay in 3m.48.6s.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

100 YARDS

<u>SENIOR</u>		<u>JUNIOR</u>		<u>SUB-JUNIOR</u>	
R.Marshall	10.2 x	C.Campbell	10.8	B.Young	10.9s x
R.Hough		K.Marshall		D.Harvieson	
F.Kitto		K.Harmey		B.Richards	

220 YARDS

R.Marshall	23.4	C.Campbell	23.2 x	D.Harvieson	24.5 x
R.Hough		K.Marshall		B.Richards	
F.Kitto		W.Cleary		F.Brown	

880 YARDS

J.Crealey	2m5s	J.Bailey	2m6.4s	C.Troup	2m14s
K.Bourke		R.Bennett		S.Everett	
C.Marstaeller		G.Cross		K.Marstaeller	

440 YARDS

R.Hough	53.8s	C.Campbell	53.6s x	D.Harvieson	56.4s x
K.Kitto		I.Ismay		C.Troup	
A.Gould		H.Green		J.Martin	

1 MILE

C.Marstaeller	4m57s	J.Bailey	4m43.4s
S.Sherringham		G.Cross	
J.S.Watson		G.Southward	

3 MILES

C.Marstaeller	16m15.4s
T.Kelly	
J.Weeks	

2 MILES

G.Cross	10m21.4s
G.Skinner	
K.Marstaeller	

BROAD JUMP

E.Watson	19'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	P.Ford	22'	R.Keane	18'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
C.Hubble	18'11"	K.Horsnell	18'11"	H.Mountford	18'10"
A.Gould	18'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	H.Green	16'6"	F.Brovne	17'11"

HOP STEP & JUMP

A.Gould	41'4"	G.Gedge	40'3"	H.Mountford	39'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
E.Watson	40'7"			C.Troup	37'
C.Oates	38'7"			H.Levy	35'6"

HIGH JUMP

C. Oates	5' 7"
C. Hubble	5' 4"
K. Horsnell	5' 4"

SHOT PUT

J. Everson	36' 7"	B. Passfield	38' 8"
		D. Harvieson	34' 4"
		P. Morgan	32' 0"

120 YARDS HURDLES

E. Watson	17s.	K. Horsnell	18.2s.
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90 YARDS HURDLES

J. Noakes	13.7s.
C. Troup	
R. Keane	

440 YARDS HURDLES

E. Watson	61.5s.
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220 YARDS HURDLES

E. Watson	26.7s.	K. Marshall	28.1s.
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1 MILE WALK

A. Gainsford	8m. 25s.
R. Kelleher	8m. 58s.

DISCUS

J. Coppock	76' 5"	J. Everson	89' 10"
R. Hough	70' 4"	K. Harmey	64' 10"

JAVELIN

B. W. Sheilias	173' 4"	J. Everson	139' 0"
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POLE VAULT

C. Oates	10 ft.	K. Marstaeller	8ft.
E. Watson	8 ft.		
C. Marstaeller	8 ft.		

SCHOOLBOY CHAMPIONSHIPS: The 6th Annual Schoolboy Championships were held at Jubilee Oval, Kogarah, on Saturday 21st September. We received a record entry of 824, made up of 578 for running events and 246 for field games. These entries came from all schools in the district and most of the praise for its success must go to the Hon. Organiser, Mr. F. Larcombe, and to the support given by the Marist Bros. High School and the Kogarah Intermediate High School through its Sportsmaster, Mr. L. Grant.

This meeting now is part of the regular Club activities, and our junior teams in the Interclub Competition are formed by new members from the schools taking part in this carnival. Up to date some very fine sub-junior athletes have come from these Annual Championships, and we can look forward to some first-class seniors in the future.

This year I have published a complete list of Schoolboy Championship records and the performances to date in these competitions will, I have no doubt, surprise many. The results are as follows:-

UNDER 9 YEARS: 50 Yards: C. Chamberlain (H'ville Sth) 7.5s. Relay (4x50 yds) Marist Bros. Primary, 32.9s.

UNDER 10 YEARS: 50 Yards: R. Newton (H'ville Primary) 7.4s. Relay (4x50 yds) Kogarah Primary, 30s.

UNDER 11 YEARS: 50 Yards: P.Bolin (H'ville Primary) 7.1s. Relay (4 x 50 yds) Marist Bros. Primary, 29.1s.

UNDER 12 YEARS: 75 Yards: K.Jamieson (MBHS) 9.7s. Relay (4x75): Marist Bros., 39.5s. Broad Jump: D.Staples (Carlton Sth) 14'4". High Jump: H.Blair (Marist Bros.Primary) 4'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

UNDER 13 YEARS: 100 Yards: B.Francis (Kog.IHS) 11.6s. 220 Yards: B.Francis (Kog.IHS) 27.2s. Relay (4x110): Kogarah IHS 'A' Team, 56.2s. High Jump: M.Farrow (Kog.IHS) 4'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Broad Jump: M.Farrow (Kog.IHS) 15'6".

UNDER 14 YEARS: 100 Yards: J.Dunn (Marist Bros.) 12s. 220 Yards: J.Dunn (Marist Bros.) 27.3s. Relay (4x110): Kogarah IHS 'A' Team, 54.8s. High Jump: J.Trethcway (Kog.IHS) 4'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Broad Jump: D.Smithson (Kog.IHS) 16'9".

UNDER 15 YEARS: 100 Yards: D.Harvison (Kog.IHS) 10.9s. 220 Yards: D.Harvison (Kog.IHS) 24.5s. Relay (4x110): Kogarah IHS 'A' Team, 49.9s. Broad Jump: B.Passfield (Kog.IHS) 17'8". High Jump: W.Matthews (Kog.IHS) 5'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". 880 Yards: 1st Div - F.Thornton (H'ville Tech) 2m.18.3s.; 2nd Div - A.Farrow (Arncliffe) 2m.27.5s.

UNDER 16 YEARS: 100 Yds: T.O'Reilly (C'bury) 10.6s. 220 Yds: T.O'Reilly (C'bury) 23.8s. 440 Yds: B.Wicks (Marist Bros) 57.5s. 880 Yds: B.Wicks (Marist Bros) 2m17.9 s. Relay (4x110): Marist Bros. 48s. High Jump: H.Mountford (Canterbury) 5'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Hop Step & Jump: H.Mountford (C'bury) 39'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Shot Put: S.Coffey (Marist Bros) 35'9 $\frac{3}{8}$ ". Broad Jump: H.Mountford (C'bury) 19'4".

OPEN DIVISION: 100 Yds: C.Campbell (C'bury) 10.4s. 220 Yds: C.Campbell (C'bury) 23.3s. 440 Yds: A.Peters (Marist Bros) 56.1s. Relay (4x110): Canterbury 47.9s. Broad Jump: C.Gedge (Syd.Tech High) 19'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". 1 Mile: B.Wicks (Marist Bros) 5m.8s. High Jump: I.Findlay (C'bury) 5'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Hop Step and Jump: C.Gedge (Syd.Tech.High) 42'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Shot Put: H.Atkinson (Marist Bros) 33'8". 880 Yds: A.Peters (Marist Bros) 2m17s.

ST. GEORGE SCHOOLBOY CHAMPIONSHIPS

O F F I C I A L R E C O R D S

Event	Record	Holder	Year
Under 9: 50 Yards	7.5s.	C.CHAMBERLAIN	Hurstville Sth. 1946
Relay 200 Yds.	32.4s.	MARIST BROTHERS	1946
Under 10: 50 Yards	7.3s.	K.PARSONS	Hurstville 1946
Relay 200 Yds.	30.0s.	KOGARAH	1946
Under 11: 50 Yards	7.1s.	P. BOLIN	Hurstville 1946
Relay 200 Yds.	28.2s.	MARIST BROTHERS	1945
Under 12: 75 Yards	9.7s.	K.JAMIESON	Marist Bros. 1946
Broad Jump	14'4"	K.SHORT	Hurstville 1946
High Jump	4'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	D.STABLES	Carlton South 1946
Relay 300 Yds.	39.5s.	H.BLAIR	Marist Bros. 1946
Under 13: 100 Yards	11.3s.	MARIST BROTHERS	1946
220 Yards	26.3s.	B.FRANCIS	Kogarah I.H.S. 1946
Broad Jump	15'6"	B.FRANCIS	Kogarah I.H.S. 1946
High Jump	4'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	M.FARROW	Kogarah I.H.S. 1946
Relay 440 Yds.	56.2s.	M.FARROW	Kogarah I.H.S. 1946
		KOGARAH INTERMEDIATE HIGH	1946

Under 14:	100 Yards	11.8s.	G.BEARD	Hurstville S.T.S.	1946
	220 Yards	26.4s.	B.PASSFIELD	Kogarah I.H.S.	1945
	Broad Jump	16'9"	D.SMITHSON	Kogarah I.H.S.	1946
	High Jump	4' 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	J.TRETHEWEY	Kogarah I.H.S.	1946
	Relay 440 Yards	53.0s.	MARIST BROTHERS		1945
Under 15:	100 Yards	10.8s.	D.HARVISON	Kogarah I.H.S.	1946
			D.MANSON	Kogarah I.H.S.	1946
	220 Yards	24.2s.	D.HARVISON	Kogarah I.H.S.	1946
	880 Yards	2m.18.3s.	F.THORNTON	Hurstville S.T.S.	1946
	Broad Jump	18'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	P.YORK	Canterbury High	1941
	High Jump	5' 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	W.MATTHEWS	Kogarah I.H.S.	1946
	Relay 440 Yards	49.9s.	KOGARAH INTERMEDIATE HIGH		1946
Under 16:	100 Yards	10.4s.	T.O'REILLY	Canterbury High	1946
	220 Yards	23.6s.	T.O'REILLY	Canterbury High	1946
	440 Yards	57.5s.	B.WICKS	Marist Brothers	1946
	880 Yards	2m.15s.	A.Kenny	Marist Brothers	1945
	Broad Jump	20'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	R.OCKENDEN	Sydney T.H.	1940
	Hop Step & Jump	39'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	H.MOUNTFORD	Canterbury High	1946
	High Jump	5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	H.MOUNTFORD	Canterbury High	1946
	Shot Put	35'9 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	S.COFFEY	Marist Brothers	1946
	Relay 440 Yards	48s.	KOGARAH INTERMEDIATE HIGH		1945
			MARIST BROTHERS		1946
Open:	100 Yards	10.4s.	C.CAMPBELL	Canterbury High	1946
	220 Yards	23.3s.	C.CAMPBELL	Canterbury High	1946
	440 Yards	55.3s.	K.MURPHY	Marist Brothers	1945
	880 Yards	2m.8.1s.	A.JENKIN	Sydney T.H.	1941
	1 Mile	5m. 8s.	B.WICKS	Marist Brothers	1946
	Broad Jump	20' 5"	K.BROWN	Sydney T.H.	1941
	Hop Step & Jump	42'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	G.GEDGE	Sydney T.H.	1946
	High Jump	5'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	K.REYNOLDS	Sydney T.H.	1941
			I.FINDLAY	Canterbury High	1946
	Shot Put	36'10"	J.CROWE	Canterbury High	1945
	Relay 440 Yards	47.2s.	MARIST BROTHERS		1945

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REVIEW OF THE DISTANCE SEASON: The performances of our Junior members of the Club were outstanding. Brilliant and popular Jim Weeks won the State Novice C.C.C. at Ramsgate in the course record time of 27m.23s. We also won the Teams Race with Juniors J.Weeks, T.Wagner, C.Marstaeller and E.Stockdale with a total of 22 points. In the State 5,000 Metres event Jim Weeks won a close race in 16m.39s., and the team finished second to Botany (17 points) with 29 points. Jim Weeks, after securing fastest time in most Junior events, capped a fine season by representing the State in the Australian Cross Country Championship at Brisbane.

In the Juvenile 1 Mile State C.C.C. our team was narrowly defeated by Botany, 23 to 26; the team consisted of Basil Wicks (3rd), Ken Marstaeller (5th), F.Thornton (6th) and G.Watts (12th). Basil Wicks was our best Juvenile, and as the season progressed he improved, and in the final scratch race he defeated the State champion, K.Melvin of Mascot, in 5m.10s, and our same team won the teams' title with 15 points.

Our senior runners did not perform with any success in teams events during

the season, and possibly the best showing was made by our veteran Charlie Weeks who gained 9th place in the 10,000 Metres C.C.C. his time being 35m.09s. This was a splendid effort when it is recalled that Charlie was State Cross Country Champion away back in 1925, when he also represented the State in the Australasian C.C.C. at Wellington, New Zealand.

Bob Skinner, with a broken season through illness, did well to gain 10th place in the 10,000 Metres and 8th in the State 10 Miles Championship. Les Williams was our first athlete to finish in the 15 Miles Road Championship, while veteran Ray Kelleher was our first athlete home in the full distance marathon.

The Australian Cross Country Championship was held for the first time since the war at Rocklea Brisbane on 31st August 1946. Our State was represented by a strong team and succeeded in winning the individual and teams titles. The results were: G.Campbell (NSW) 33m.58s., 1st; W.Weightman (Vic) 34m.49s., 2nd; M.Shilston (Vic) 35m.17s., 3rd. Teams: N.S.W. 19 points, 1st; Victoria 19 points, 2nd. Although our junior Jim Weeks was the last of the N.S.W. team to finish, he was able to beat the fourth Victorian home and his time compared favourably with other team members. The N.S.W. Team's times were: D.Campbell (6) 35m45s; K.Semple (5) 35m40s; R.Semple (7) 35m55s; B.Doyle (8) 36m; J.Weeks (10) 36m40s.

We offer our congratulations to George Campbell for his very fine performance, and to the successful team.

CLUB DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

5 Miles Novice Championship: 1st, Jim Weeks (27m10s); 2nd, C.Marstaeller (27m40s); 3rd, Jack Weeks (28m32s).

10,000 Metres: C.Weeks (35m09s), 1st; R.Skinner (35m11s) 2nd.

10 Miles: R.Skinner (56m24s) 1st; L.Wagner (61m43s) 2nd; L.Williams (63m43s) 3rd.

5 Miles Road: R.Skinner (27m31s) 1st; C.Weeks (27m36s) 2nd; C.Marstaeller (28m22s) 3rd.

2 Miles Junior: Jim Weeks (10m45s) 1st; K.Sutton (11m8s) 2nd; G.Skinner (11m10s) 3rd.

1 Mile Juvenile: B.Wicks (5m8s) 1st; K.Marstaeller (5m15s) 2nd; F.Thornton (5m18s) 3rd.

15 Miles: L.Williams (1hr.39m.41s) 1st; R.Kelleher (1hr.43m.40s.) 2nd.

Marathon: R.Kelleher (3hrs.30m.37s.) 1st.

OPEN RACE RECORD

While your club had its success in open scratch and handicap events, we felt that they took up far too much of the cross-country season and the time would be better spent at the home ground, helping the younger members of the club. The results of the St. George Club members are:

13th April, Ramsgate, Metropolitan Harrier Committee Scratch Races:-

Junior $1\frac{1}{2}$ Miles, A Division: 1st Jim Weeks (8m10s); 2nd C.Marstaeller.

B Division: 1st G.Southwood (8m52s).

Juvenile $\frac{3}{4}$ Mile: C.Stockdale, 3rd.

27th April, 1946, Eastern Suburbs, Centennial Park: Juvenile $\frac{3}{4}$ Mile - 1st, B.Holland (10s.) 5m30s.

11th May 1946, Western Suburbs, Parramatta:-

Junior 2 Miles Scratch, A Division - Jim Weeks (2nd), C.Marstaeller (3rd).

" " Handicap - C.Marstaeller (2nd), Jim Weeks (3rd).

" " B Division - G.Skinner, 2nd; Handicap - G.Skinner, 1st; K.Weeks, 3rd.

Juvenile 1 Mile Scratch: R.Sutton 3rd. Handicap: R.Williams 1st;

K.Marstaeller 2nd.

25th May 1946, South Sydney, Tempe: Senior 3 Miles - C.Marstaeller 3rd (2m04s)

17m26s. Junior 2 Miles - G.Skinner 1st (40s) 11m56s. Jim Weeks (10s)

11m29s, fastest time. Juvenile 1 Mile - C.Stockdale 1st (25s) 5m49s.

15th June 1946, Botany Open Scratch Races: Junior 2 Miles - Jim Weeks 1st(10m42s).

29th June 1946, Mascot A.A.C., Ascot Racecourse: Senior 4 Miles - P.Holland 1st (4m20s) 23m25s. Junior 2 Miles - I.Ismay 1st (2m.) 12m08s.

13th July 1946, Botany A.A.C. Open Handicaps: Junior 2 Miles - Jim Weeks, fastest time (10m36s).

On 1st June your club conducted Open Scratch Races and Yacht Handicaps at Ramsgate mainly to assist men preparing for the coming championships.

Senior 4 Miles Scratch Race: D.Campbell (RK) 21m41s. 1st; G.Campbell (RK) 21m41s. 2nd; H.Duncan (Bot) 22m18s, 3rd. Handicap result: D.White (Mas) (3m25s) (23m26s) 20m1s, 1st.

Junior 2 Miles Scratch Race: Jim Weeks (StG) 11m6s 1st; J.Bromley (WS) 11m9s 2nd; P.Moore (Bot) 11m21s 3rd. Handicap result: P.Stirton (StG) 13m09 (2m30) 10m39s.

Juvenile 1 Mile Handicap: J.Russell (Mas) (1m) 5m31s, 1st; R.Reilly (StG)(1m10s) 5m49s, 2nd; F.Thornton (StG) (25s) 5m12s, 3rd. Fastest time - R.Melvin (Mas) (Scr) 5m08s.

CLUB HANDICAPS

These are always a popular section of the winter activities, mainly due to the good work of our Hon. Handicapper (Mr. E.Williams) and the help of our two stalwarts A.Henderson and L.Williams, through whose efforts most of the trophies are provided.

Results of point scores are as follows: The Juvenile Section was won by G.Watts (55 points) who competed in all eleven races held; R.Williams (47) competed 10 times; B.Wicks (46), 10 races; R.Marstaeller (45), 10 races. Fastest times: B.Wicks scored on seven occasions, K.Marstaeller twice, F.Thornton once, and C.Stockdale once.

In the Juniors, K.Weeks was first with 52 points and competed in ten of the 11 races. G.Skinner was 2nd (76), 10 races; R.Stirton (44) 3rd, 11 races. Fastest times: Jim Weeks had 5 races and recorded fastest time on four occasions. T.Wagner gained fastest time 4 times and C.Marstaeller, G.Skinner and R.Sutton were successful once each.

The Senior section was a triumph for Charlie Weeks who competed in all the 18 events and scored 100 points; R.Skinner (76 points) competed in 14 events; P.Holland (73) 17 races. Fastest times: R.Skinner was successful on 7 occasions;

C. Weeks 5 times, Jim Weeks who had 5 races with the seniors recorded fastest time in three events. G. Cross and C. Marstaeller each scored once. Mr. Stockdale's trophy, awarded for the most improved Juvenile, was won by B. Wicks.

SPECIAL AWARDS: This year's award for the Blackshaw Trophy went to our star Junior sprinter C. Campbell. His performances in club Championships and Interclub Competition, and his general appearance and conduct, makes him an ideal recipient of this outstanding trophy.

A.A.A. OF N.S.W.: Again your Club has played a leading part in the work of our head body. Our President, Mr. A.A. Gainsford, is still Chairman of the Harrier Board. Besides serving on various committees, A. Henderson was Secretary of the Harrier Board. M. Moroney has been Marshall and Walking Judge for Interclub and State Championships besides acting as Costume Steward and assisting as timekeeper in the distance season. R. P. Heathwood assisted in Interclub as Announcer. Mr. L. Grant of the Kogarah School also acted as track steward. Your Hon. Secretary, W. Ahern, again was the Association's Referee as well as Chief Field Games Judge in Interclub and also a member of the Executive Committee.

GENERAL REMARKS: We are pleased to see the Ladies' Club increasing its members and the return of Miss N. Gould to help it along. Mrs. Willis is to be congratulated for her work for the ladies.

Social Events: The best financial return to the Club from social functions came from two house parties held at the home of R. Kelleher during the season, and we would like to thank Ray and his mother for their assistance.

Donations: To the following gentlemen we express our thanks for their kind donations:-

Messrs. A.A. Gainsford, R. Warn, M. Moroney, C.B. Weeks, Mr. Stockdale, H. Gibbons, L. Williams, R. Mondel, Mr. Corkhill, Mr. Peatfield, Mr. C. Cooper, Mr. Grewcoe, Turner Bros., N. Lauff, W. Smith, S. Thompson, F. Sanderson, J. Rankin, W. Naylor, R. Taylor, S. Hughes, W. R. Mackenzie, B. C. Dickinson, and to our Patron, Mr. J. J. Walsh, for his donation of a bicycle to raffle, the result of which greatly augmented the Club's finances. To any whose names I have failed to mention, thanks is also offered.

FINANCE: Our financial position remains steady, but we need a stronger hand in this position. R. Mondel has done his best, but a young man's studies must come first. To our Hon. Auditor, W. Firth, we say many thanks for his help.

CONCLUSION: Although we did not reach the top in all competitions we look forward confidently to the coming season; we have young members making plans for their own sections of the sport, and this is a healthy sign for any Club, and I hope I can help them to put these into effect. I would like to thank the officials and members of the club for their help during the 1946-47 season. I have completed ten years as your Hon. Secretary and look back to all the friends I have made during that term of office and, although it has been hard at times, I have no regrets, and I hope I can continue to be of service to our grand sport of Amateur Athletics.

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Hon. Secretary.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 1947

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 28TH FEBRUARY 1947

<u>Liabilities</u>						<u>Assets</u>					
Outstanding Open Orders	6	3	0			Cash Balance	...	94	7	1	
Club funds	...	<u>119</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	125 7 1	Equipment as estimated		30	0	0	
						Stationery	...	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	125 7 1
					<u>£125 7 1</u>						<u>£125 7 1</u>

Audited and found correct.

(Sgd) W. R. FIRTH (Hon Auditor), 31st May 1947.