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UMPIRE'S ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL REPORT

OFFICE BEARERS - 1967.

PRESIDENT:- Mr. B. Rigg.
 VICE PRESIDENTS:- Mr. C. Hills.
 Mr. J. Smith-Gander.
 HON. SECRETARY:- Mr. G. McComish.
 ASS. SECRETARY:- Mr. W. Brown.
 TREASURER:- Mr. N. Martino.
 AUDITOR:- Mr. E. Brunton.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT:-

Messrs. F. Pimm	N. Milauskas	R. Smith
R. Scott	P. Puskutchen	R. John

LIFE MEMBERS:-

A. Chapman	H. Clair	H. Gibb
L. Hurley	J. Ferguson	E. Crisp
L. Nathan	R. Montgomery	E. Brunton
C. Fitzpatrick	D. Cumming	F. Woods
B. Moore	L. McComish	J. Smith-Gander
N. Shepherd	J. Campbell	

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen: Congratulations to all concerned for making the panel again, or for the first term. Due to the foresight and enterprise of your own committee, many alterations in the administration of umpiring have been made. As always, such changes mean success for some, and not for others. Nevertheless, I trust that all umpires will place themselves behind those people concerned with the organisation and advancement of umpiring.

This year has seen a rise in the fees and car allowance for field umpires, due to the vigilance of your committee. Unfortunately, however, the League did not grant the rises requested for the goal and boundary umpires, but committee efforts will continue.

Your association is only as strong as its members. It is, therefore, essential that individual members should do their utmost to support the committee by attending the functions they arrange. As I am now concluding my last year as an active member of the Association, I would like to make a special plea to members to take a more positive interest in the functions of the Association.

I sincerely thank all for the respect and support experienced during my term of office as President. I have enjoyed it very much, and feel only satisfaction at the time of my retirement. My specific thanks to the committeemen who have served during my term, particularly Gary McComish, Clive Hills, Bill Brown, Ned Martino, Lou Nathan and Brian Moore. The direction, advice and understanding shown by these men has assisted progress and enterprise in Association activities.

May I wish success to all for the coming season, particularly the incoming President!

GENTLEMEN:

I have pleasure in submitting for your consideration, my Annual Report for the 1967 Season.

Firstly I wish to thank all umpires who continued to support this Association. To the weaker members, may I say that by becoming a more positive and vital member, you will achieve much more personal satisfaction and it will make for a stronger body of umpires. The stronger the group, the better the bargaining power, the better the image and last but by no means least, it will improve the game in all respects. I entreat your earnest support.

To the new umpires, may I offer my congratulations for the manner in which you acquitted yourself both on and off the field. It is from this group that future "big game" umpires will be drawn.

Even though you are not in the top ranks now, remember that by assiduous attention to training, to attending of lectures and by watching senior men, you will achieve your ambition. Hard work and interest go hand in hand with success.

Once again our President added a most valuable contribution to this Association. His term of office ends this year and we extend to him our sincere thanks and best wishes for the future. With his valuable knowledge of the game, of umpiring and its problems, it would be remiss of me not to exhort him in the not too distant future, to carry on in a sphere where this experience could be put to valuable use.

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UMPIRES BOARD

We are achieving over the years a much better relationship with the Board, and this situation is one which we should strive to maintain. Unfortunately many umpires have not the appreciation and knowledge of the pressing problems a Board such as this is required to deal with.

The Board, just as an umpire, have a thankless and unenviable task and like ourselves are often subject to unwarranted attacks from all quarters.

Congratulations to the new members who have been appointed for the 1968 Season, especially of course to two ex WANFL panel umpires in BRUCE OCKWELL and FRANK PIMM. Both were active Association members. With their valuable experience and understanding of the game, Bruce as a Goal Umpire and Frank as a Boundary and Field Umpire of many years standing, their knowledge will be most beneficial.

UMPIRES ADVISERS:

To JIM CAMPBELL and GEORGE MEIRS, we extend our thanks for your words of wisdom and unrelenting efforts to help umpires reach a higher standard.

COUNTRY FOOTBALL:

Our relations with Country Associations could not be higher. This situation is borne out by the fact not one Association disagreed with our request for a raise in umpires fees for the 1968 Season. This increase will naturally place a further burden on their finances, so we must endeavour to offer every courtesy and co-operation to Country Clubs and Associations.

LIFE MEMBERS:

The committee of management only saw fit to nominate one member this year. This nomination will be dealt with later this evening.

FINANCE:

We finished the financial year \$108. on the right side of the ledger. Added expenses over the years such as purchase of footballs, an additional trainers fee, Secretarial expenses, training materials and the purchase last October of a typewriter, have made great inroads into our working Capital. However, telephone expenses, cost of circulars etc., and Annual Report are not as high as in previous years.

The biggest single factor in keeping expenses high, is the loss incurred each year in running the Annual Windup Dance. Socially it is second to none and is a terrific evening. Attendance by umpires at the last function were Field Umpires 46%, Boundary Umpires 25% and Goal Umpires 25%. This matter is to be discussed later on during the evening.

SOCIAL:

Socially a very good year for those who attended various functions.

We commenced the season with our Annual Cricket Match against Swan Districts and a Tennis Tournament against East Fremantle. Both were most enjoyable occasions.

Later in the season we arranged a number of after training teas - these are very popular. The Social held at the WACA after the State Game W.A. v S.A. was a well attended success. As stated before, the Annual Dance, socially was a terrific occasion. We also rounded off the season with an enjoyable Xmas barbecue at Ray Scott's residence.

The Xmas Tree for umpires, was as usual well attended (in contrast to one or two mid-season functions). Our thanks to Mr. Joe Ferguson, a natural Father Xmas.

APPRECIATION:

- To BASIL RIGG for his decisiveness.
- To BILL BROWN for his timely counsel and his attention to organisation.
- To NED MARTINO for his concise reports of our financial condition and his pertinent comments regarding finances.
- To Managements Committee for their attendance at meetings, their wise comments and decisions.
- To WANFL Officials, particularly Mr. B. Giles for his administration of Umpiring.
- To PETER PUSKUTCHEN for his assistance in selling raffle tickets before each lecture meeting.
- To FRANK PIMM and CLIVE HILLS for their thought and time into preparing a proposed new Constitution.
- To TED BRUNTON for giving his time and advice as Auditor of our Association.
- To TED McCAIG and "TOGGA" TOGNOLINI for their task as Trainers.
- To RAY & SHIRLEY SCOTT for the use of their home for the Xmas barbecue.
- To the WACA Officials for their help and co-operation in providing training facilities.
- To Junior Council Secretaries and various Country Association Secretaries for their co-operation.

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GENERAL:

A number of changes this year in Umpires Board administration will I feel in the long term, be beneficial to the Umpiring facet of the game.

Amongst these changes are:-

- (1) The Board now meet weekly.
- (2) Board Members are now remunerated.
- (3) Weekly lectures have been instituted.
- (4) We now have a Training Supervisor.
- (5) Umpires are shown written reports for their perusal.

These points, amongst others, were suggested by our Association in a letter to WANFL before the commencement of the 1967 Season.

CONCLUSION:

We must record the efforts of John Smith-Gander, Dave Hansen, Des Penman, Ray Henderson, Frank Pimm, Lindsay Johnston, Basil Rigg, Arthur Carbon, John Wood, Brian Collett, George Hancock, Ian Sutherland and Robert John who have put in many valuable years of service to the game. To each we extend our thanks.

Congratulations to the new panel members! I wish you every success.

GARRY McCOMISH.

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Following are the number of League Games at which members (1967) have officiated:-

G. BECKER	-	29	C. HILLS	-	34
B. CARBON	-	5	B. RIGG	-	7
L. JOHNSTON	-	36	A. CARBON	-	14
G. McCOMISH	-	5	R. SMITH	-	5
E. MARTINO	-	20	G. ASHWORTH	-	2
R. MONTGOMERY	-	227	T. NIELSON	-	1
R. SCOTT	-	79	M. RANDALL	-	1
R. WHITFIELD	-	106			

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Boundary Umpires:-

C. PRATT	-	137	R. PEARSE	-	24
J. DOLLING	-	85	J. WADDELL	-	10
D. HANSEN	-	86	K. DOONAN	-	14
T. LEWIS	-	75	J. FUHRMAN	-	7
D. DeGRUCHY	-	82	P. BRUCE	-	17
I. SUTHERLAND	-	57	J. DEVINE	-	13
J. PRATLEY	-	35	B. COLLETT	-	10
R. DAWBARN	-	20	B. McKENZIE	-	11
P. IMMS	-	20	D. STEWART	-	11
R. SKEGGS	-	26	K. DURTNALL	-	10
A. HOCKING	-	31	N. MILIAUSKAS	-	11
P. SNOW	-	25	W. WATLING	-	10

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Goal Umpires:-

R. PARKHOUSE	-	81	G. HANCOCK	-	37
P. PUSKUTCHEN	-	60	H. NETTLETON	-	50
M. ROSE	-	150	B. LOWE	-	12
W. CARTER	-	164	B. OCKWELL	-	7
J. DOLLING	-	29	R. TAYLOR	-	17
R. MONTGOMERY	-	10	M. GIBSON	-	5
J. SMITH-GANDER	-	29	D. PENMAN	-	154
P. WHITFIELD	-	19	D. GARDNER	-	161
L. CHAPMAN	-	53	N. SHOVE	-	60
P. DUKE	-	26	R. O'CONNOR	-	58
E. PENGILLY	-	35	J. MALE	-	2
L. BERESFORD	-	46			

85 Boundary

29 Goal

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BALANCE SHEET OF GENERAL ACCOUNT

AS AT 29th FEBRUARY, 1968.

LIABILITIES

ASSETS.

Bank Balance - (Transferred to Reserve A/c.)	\$32.34
<u>Add Excess of Receipts over Payments</u>	<u>\$166.23</u>
Badges sold in Advance	\$5.00
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	\$203.57
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Bank Balance (End of 1967)	\$108.27
<u>Add Typewriter</u>	<u>\$70.00</u>
Unsold Badges	\$25.30
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	\$203.57
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W.A.N.F.L. UMPIRES ASSOCIATION - RESERVE A/C. 1967.

Bank Balance 1966	\$507.27
Transfer from General A/c.	\$32.34
Interest	\$10.62
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Bank Balance - 17.4.1968	\$550.23
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W.A.N.F.L. UMPIRES ASSOCIATION.STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS AS AT 29TH FEBRUARY, 1968.RECEIPTS

Subscriptions	\$836.00
Insurance	204.80
<u>Socials:</u>	
Annual Meeting	\$205.90
Games Nights & Umpires Teas	<u>\$467.28</u>
Raffles Nett	\$164.40
Xmas Tree	63.00
Wind-Up	\$490.75
Bank Interest	8.51

\$2440.64

PAYMENTS

Honorarium - G. McComish	\$100.00
" - W. Brown	50.00
Insurance	\$205.80
Life Membership Badges	17.81
<u>Socials:</u>	
Annual Meeting	\$154.12
Entertaining Visiting Umpire	48.15
Games Nights & Umpires Teas	<u>\$543.42</u>
Xmas Tree	\$152.35
Xmas Cards & Handkerchiefs	41.32
Cricket Match	6.30
Wind-Up	\$670.80
Sec. Expenses incl. Payment. Phone	64.04
Insurance Refund (R. Fawcett)	4.20
Hire of W.A.C.A.	16.00
Trainers Fees	\$104.00
Presentation to R. Whitfield	13.70
Training Equipment	25.54
<u>Miscellaneous:</u>	
Typewriter Repairs	7.00
Trainers Advert.	2.52
Donation to South Fremantle	10.00
Travelling Bag for Raffle	5.00
Transfer to Reserve A/c.	32.34
Excess of Receipts over Payments	\$166.23

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TREASURERS REPORT.

Gentlemen:

The Financial Report for the 1967 Season, shows an excess of Receipts over Payments of \$166.23. Improved Trading Figures is reflected by an increase in Subscriptions - \$118.00

" " Games Nights & Social	-	76.00
Decrease in Secretaries Expenses	-	30.00 (Approx.)
" " Xmas Tree Expenses	-	42.00
Presentations decreased	-	28.00
Increase in Raffle	-	6.00

Financially we have enjoyed another successful year. The Reserve A/c. now shows a balance of \$550.23, and our Assets have been increased by the purchase of a Typewriter.

My thanks to Gary McComish, Basil Rigg and the other members of the Committee for their assistance during the year, with special thanks to Ted Brunton, our Hon. Auditor whose help and guidance in my initial year as Treasurer was sincerely appreciated.

HON. TREASURER.

(E.F. Martino.)