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37TH ANNUAL REPORT - SEASON 1947-1948.

Presented to Members at the Annual General Meeting held at the Philanthropic Room Hobart Town Hall on Friday 30th April, 1948 at 8 p.m.

Once again the T.A.A.A. has made reasonable progress in both parts of the State during the past season but if some of the younger members would help on the official side, athletics would reach its proper position. It is difficult to get men to act as officials, councillors etc. in most sports and our Association is no exception. The few willing helpers are left to do most of the work and then are often criticized for doing their best. Apart from this, however, everything has run smoothly; membership has increased to 133 registrations; finance has been quite satisfactory. Most of the newcomers, in fact the majority of competitors, are juniors which augers well for the future. Indeed this season's results show how the standard has risen.

CLUBS AND AFFILIATED BODIES.

Sandy Bay Harrier Club, Launceston Harrier Club, Newstead Harrier Club, New Town Harrier Club, Hutchins Old Boys Athletic Club, Old Virgilians Athletic Club, University Athletic Club, Southern Tasmania Associated Public School & Southern Tasmanian State Schools.

AUSTRALIAN TRACK AND FIELD GAMES CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Track and Field Games Championships were held at the St. Kilda Cricket Ground, Melbourne on the 24th and 26th January, 1948. The V.A.A.A. is to be congratulated on their excellent organisation, for the Championships were probably the most successful ever held in Australia. Although the track was not fast excellent competitions were held in all events.

It is probable that the calibre of the runners, particularly the sprinters has never been higher throughout the history of the Events.

Interest was shown in the performances of Herb McKinley of Jamaica - World's 440 yards Record Holder who was specially invited to come to Australia to compete in the Championships. The attendance on the first day was 25,000, a slightly smaller number being present on the second day - the results being a great financial success.

Tasmania was represented in the 440 yards and 880 yards by N.J. Ruddock and in the one mile and three miles by W. Emmerton. Although both competitors put up good performances they not successful in gaining a place. The experience they gained will, of course, be of great benefit to Tasmanian Athletes. Victoria was successful in winning the Richard Coombes Shield from New South Wales, last year's winners.

UNION CONFERENCE.

The Union Conference was held on the 21st and 22nd January and some very important business was transacted. A completely new constitution was approved and when this is printed it should be helpful to administrative officers and competitors in the various States. Messrs. N.J. Hutton (Press) and F.A. Rose (Hon. Life Member) represented the T.A.A.A. in their usual capable manner.

CROSS COUNTRY SEASON.

Once again a successful Cross Country Season's Running was conducted. Fields were good, juniors preddminating and in spite of bad weather and heavy going good times were returned.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS.

2 Mile Road Race - 7/6/'47

Fastest Time S. Marsh - 9mins 12 secs.

4 Lap North Hobart - 21/6/'47

Fastest Time L. Tringrove - 5 mins 18 secs.

4 Mile Road Handicap - 28/6/'47

Fastest Time - S. Marsh - 21 mins 20 secs.

2 Mile Road Championship - 12/7/'47

First - W. Emmerton - 10 mins 6 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs., 2nd B. Pybus - 10 mins 40 secs., 3rd B. Owen - 10 mins 43 secs.

5 Mile C.C.C. Launceston - 26/7/'47

First - W. Emmerton - 28 mins 41 secs., 2nd P. Smith - 29 mins $1\frac{1}{2}$ secs.
3rd S. Marsh - 29 mins 24 secs.

5 Mile Novice Launceston - 26/7/'47

First - T. Murray - 32 mins 21 secs., 2nd J. Robinson - 33 mins 28 sec
3rd A. Harper - 33 mins 45 secs.

4 Lap North Hobart - 2/8/'47

Fastest Time - B. Pybus - 5 mins 19 secs.

3 Lap North Hobart - 9/8/'47

Fastest Time - B. Pybus - 4 mins 5 secs.

6 Mile C.C.C. Elwick - 16/8/'47

First - W. Emmerton - 32 mins 58 secs., 2nd S. Marsh - 34 mins 18 sec.
3rd S. Claxton - 35 mins 45 secs.

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile Junior C.C.C. Elwick - 16/8/'47.

B. Owen, B. Pybus - 14 mins 21 secs., D/heat, 3rd N. Bryan - 14 mins 45 secs.

1,000 metre C.C.C. Elwick Show Ground - 30/8/'47.

First - W. Emmerton - 34 mins 20 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs., 2nd P. Smith - 34 mins 41 secs., 3rd S. Marsh - 34 mins 53 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

3 Mile Junior C.C.C. Elwick Show Ground - 30/8/'47
First - B. Pybus - 16 mins 50 secs., 2nd B. Owen - 16 mins
50 1/5 secs., 3rd J. Robinson - 17 mins 58 secs.

7 Mile Road Championship Launceston - 6/9/'47.
First W. Emmerton - 2nd S. Marsh, 3rd T. Claxton

4 Mile Road Championship - 13/9/'47
First S. Marsh - 21 mins 35 secs., 2nd L. Tringrove - 23 mins 26
secs., 3rd B. Owen - 24 mins 09 secs.

4 Lap North Hobart - 27/9/'47
Fastest Time - R. Mather - 4 mins 53 secs.

10 Miles C.C.C. Elwick - 4/10/'47.
First S. Marsh - 60 mins 23 secs., 2nd G. Gosling - 72 mins 29
secs., 3rd J. Curry - 78 mins 28 secs.

Junior Mile Junior C.C.C. Elwick - 4/10/'47
First D. Owen - 30 mins 21 secs., 2nd B. Bresnahan -
3rd J. Dunson.

F.W. Barwick Cross Country Consistency Trophy.

1	D. Flynn (NT)	96½ points	18 starts.
11	B. Bresnahan (NT)	86½ points	18 "
111	B. Owen (NT)	68 points	16 "
1V	S. Marsh (NT)	65½ points	12 "
V	B. Pybus (NT)	52 points	7 "
VI	L. Tringrove (OVA)	42 points	8 "

Total number competitors Cross Country Season 33

TROPHY LIST

Retail Jewellers Cup - 10,000 metres - C.C.C. Newstead
C. Davis Centenary Cup - Jnr. 3 Mile C.C.C. - New Town
Launceston Harrier Shield - 5 Miles C.C.C. - Newstead
Hobart Harrier Shield - 6 Miles C.C.C. - Launceston
10 Miles C.C.C. - New Town

RELAYS.

Two relays were run during the season. On 29/11/'47 16 men of the New Town Harrier Club covered the 22 miles between Hobart and New Norfolk in 1 hour 26 mins. 20 secs., an average of 3 mins 55 secs. per mile. This effort reduced their previous time by 6 mins 51 secs.

The Launceston to Hobart Relay of 123 miles was run by a team of 23 on the 7/2/'48 and the standing time of 12 hours 30 mins was reduced to 9 hours 43 mins 5 secs., or an average of 4 mins 43.4 secs. per mile. The first hundred miles were run in 8 hours 3 mins 26 secs. Final 11 miles at 4 mins 17 secs. per mile = 14 miles per hour. Best Stage was from 88 to 100 miles at an average of 4 mins 7½ secs. On the occasion of this relay the T.A.A.A. was honoured by the presence of his Excellency, the Governor of Tasmania, Sir Hugh Binney, K.C.B. D.S.O., who graciously consented to be present at the finish at the Hobart Town Hall, and receive a despatch from the Mayor of Launceston, Mr. Henty.

TRACK SEASON.

The Tasmanian Track and Field Games Championships were conducted as follows:-

First Day at North Hobart Oval on the 18th March, 1947 at 2.15 p.m.

Second Day at Launceston Cricket Ground on the 20th March, 1947 at 2.15. p.m.

Approximately 350 entries were received from the 32 events, resulting in extremely keen and close competition.
Results First Day:-

100 yds. E.S.Gillon (OM), H.Griffiths (OM), J. Bennetto (HOB) 10.2secs

100 yds. Jrn. J. Shelton (HOB), A.Tabe (L), C.Hall (SB), 10.3 sec.
(Record)

100 yds. Sub Jrn. C.Harvey (NT), J.Shepherd (L), L.Muir (L), 11 secs

440 yds. R.Wearno (C), N.Ruddock (HOB), J.B.Bennetto (HOB) 51.9 secs.

440 yds. Jrn. C.Hall (SB), J.Moon (NT), C.Tabe (L), 53.9 secs. (Record)

1 Mile - W.Emmerton (N), R.Munro (OM), P.Smith (N) 4 mins 37.8 secs.

1 Mile Jrn. B.Pybus (NT), J.Smith (HOB), R.Mather (NT), 4mins 44.2 s
(Record)

120 Yds Hurdle - P.Gardner (OM), V.Donald (C) J. Todd (C), 14.7 secs.
(P. Gardner won his heat in 14.6 secs. a Tas. record)

440 yds Hurdle - S.Bennett (OM), J.Morrisby (Malvern), J.Todd (C),
57.4 secs.

Pole Vault - B.G.Nichol (HOB), B.Williams (NT), G.Merry (N), 8ft 7 ins

Shott Putt - K.Knox (OM), H. Zglobicki, (NT), G. Merry (N) 40ft 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins
R.Stanwix (N)

Shott Putt Jrn. L.Campbell (NT), J.O'Connor (N), D.Harrison, (NT)
35 ft. (Record)

Javelin. R.F.Reid (OM), K.Knox (OM), A.G.Roberts (SB), 146ft 8 ins.

Broad Jump. T.C. Delahunt (C), D.Nichol (HOB), R.Reid (OM) 21 ft 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins

Broad Jump jnr. J.Parsons (NT), T.O'Connor (N), D.Hastie (NT), 20ft. 2
(Record)

4x100 Relay - Old Mel. Collingwood, Hutchins Old Boys, 438
(Record)

Results Second Day:-

220 yds - J. Bartram (Vic), M.Morris (OM), E.Gillon (OM), 21.8 secs.
(Record)

220 yds jnr.- J.Shelton, (HOB), C.Hall (SB), T.O'Connor (N); 23 secs.
(Record)

220 sub jnr. - A.Tabe (L), C.Harvey (NT), J.Shepherd (L), 24 secs.

880 yds. J.Ramsay (Vic), R.Munro (OM), N.Ruddock (HOB), 1min 58 secs.

880 yds. Jrn. - G.B.Pybus (NT) C.Hall (SB), J.Smith (HOB), 2 min 6 sec
(Record)

3 Mile - W.Emmerton (N), 15 mins 40.5 s.

3 Mile Jrn. - J.Smith (HOB), B.Presser (N), P.Dargan (N) no time taken

3 Mile Walk - N.Dunn (OM), Popas (OM), V.Harris (N), 18 mins 36 secs.

Hammer Throw - H.Zglobicki (NT), G.Merry (N), K.Knox (OM), 83 ft 9 ins

High Jump - K.KNOX (OM), R. Stanwix (N), 5ft 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

High Jump Jrn. - T.O'Connor (N), J.Parsons (NT), C.Tabe (L),
A.Lonergan (L), 5ft 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins
Record.

Hop, Skip & Jump - B.Nichol (HOB), L.Dolahunt (C), R.Stanwix (N)
44ft 10 ins.

Hop, Skip & Jump jnr. J.Parsons (NT), C.Tabe (L), T.O'Connor (N)
41ft 3½ ins record.

Discus - K.Knox (OM), H.Zglobicki (NT), R.Stanwix (N), 123 ft 4 ins

½ Mile Jnr. Relay - Launceston, New Town, Newstead, 1 min 45.4 secs.

Mile Modley Relay - Old Mel. Collingwood, Hutchins Old Boys, 3 mins
44.27 secs.

HOBART HARRIER SHIELD

NEWSTEAD

ST. GEORGE HARRIER CUP

NEW TOWN

RECORDS.

It will be noted that in all eleven Tasmanian Records were broken during the two days of the Championships, Nine Jnr, one senior and one new event. Perhaps the main reasons for nine out of ten junior records being broken was the fact that the age limit has been raised from 18 to 19 years but even so some of the performances were exceptionally good, being very little behind the seniors. This would indicate that with another year's competition they will offer strong competition to the present seniors when they graduate. With regard to the senior record, the 120 yards hurdle, Peter Gardner who made the record has been included in the Olympic Team mainly because of his run in Hobart. It was indeed exceptionally good and that time should stand for many years.

INTERSTATE VISITORS.

The T.A.A.A. was extremely pleased to have as competitors on both days in the State Championships members from the Old Melbourne Athletic Club, the Collingwood Harrier Club and the Malvern Harrier Club. On the second day, when the events were conducted at Launceston, John Bartram and Bill Ramsay, two Victorian athletes who have been selected to represent Australia at the 1948 Olympic Games, also competed.

The presence of all these visitors added greatly to the interest and enjoyment of those who attended the Championship Meetings, and will prove a stimulus to our local competitors. The T.A.A.A. will welcome, with great pleasure, similar visits in the future.

TWILIGHT SPORTS.

Twilight Sports were conducted at North Hobart Oval on Wednesday evening from November to March; at the commencement fields were on the small side but as the season progressed fields increased considerably.

Each evening the handicap events were contested and a trophy given by the Association for the most consistent member was won by C.Hall of the Sandy Bay Club from Noel Ruddock (HOB) and D.Flynn (NT).

OUTSIDE MEETINGS.

Once again during the past season the T.A.A.A. was fortunate in being invited to conduct under the control of its own officials events at three outside meetings. Excellent entries were received for all three. Eight events were conducted at the A.F.N. Sports at New Norfolk on March 1st, three at Lachlan Park on Saturday 26th March and three at Franklin on Monday 28th March.

The only things marring their complete success were the bad weather at the former two and the lack of officials at the two conducted over Easter.

Special thanks must be extended to the three clubs concerned for the excellent trophies they provided and for their help and co-operation.

NORTHERN SUB-BRANCH.

As has been the case since the T.A.A. reformed, the Northern Sub-Branch has carried out its work efficiently.

The fact of Newstead regaining the Hobart Harrier Club Shield together with several Cross Country Titles proves that Launceston is an Amateur Athletic strong-hold at least equal to Hobart. The keenness of Northern Sub-Branch officials was shown by their suggestion of a Conference between the two bodies at Tunbridge. This Conference of five members from North and South was held on the 9th November 1947 and some extremely beneficial decisions resulted. Difficulties were overcome and the co-operation between the two councils became even smoother.

FINANCE.

The year has seen a steady improvement in the finance of the Association. The credit increase at the end of the financial year is £53. 5. 3. The whole of this amount is available for ordinary expenses as certain donations made and held for specific purposes and shown in last year's balance have been used.

Thanks are also due to Messrs. E.W.Barwick, P.H.Jordan W.Denholm, N.G.Hutton, R.N.Terry, R.F.Colbourn and F.A. Rose for their generous donations.

The pleasing feature is that the Association has been able to continue its activities, send a team to the Australian Championships; and its finances improve without having to call on the General Public for subscriptions.

PRESS AND BROADCASTING ETC.

Once again the Association's thanks are due to the Press and Radio for its help throughout the past year. Great reliance must be placed on them for assistance in bringing our activities before the Public. Whenever we have requested such assistance, it has always been forthcoming.

Sincere thanks are tendered to the Tasmanian Racing Club for the use of Elwick Race Course during the Cross Country Season. To F.A.Rose, an Hon. Life Member, the Council extends its heartiest expression of gratitude for the way in which he represented it on the Tasmanian Olympic Council and for his untiring efforts in raising the amount of Tasmania's money quota to help send the Australian Olympic Team to London. All other persons and bodies who have assisted in making the 1947-1948 season such a successful one - to them our thanks.

For and on behalf of the Council of the Tasmanian Amateur Athletic Association

Signed J.A.F.Morriss - Chairman
N.J.Ruddock - Hon. Gen. Secretary

The Tasmanian Amateur Athletic Association

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.

For Year Ended 30th April, 1947.

Expenditure

Trophies	5. 7. 0
Hire of Grounds & Rooms	3. 0. 0
Printing & Stationery	14.18. 5
Stamps, Telegrams & Petty Cash	11.10. 0
Advertising	2.14. 4
Repairs to Equipment	20. 3. 6
Advance to Gate expenses	10. 0. 0
Tasmanian Champions travelling expenses to Aust. & Tasmanian Championships & North & South Conference	69.10. 0
Affiliation Fees	10.10. 0
Olympic Levy	3. 8. 0
Sundries	23.12. 3
Balance being excess of Receipts over Expenditure	5. 3. 6

179.17. 0

Receipts.

Affiliation Fees	7. 7. 0
Members Registration Fees	9.17. 0
Entry Fees	29.10. 0
Donations	6.12. 0
Gate receipts & Sale of Programmes	26.14. 0
Sale of Raffle Tickets	21. 9. 0
Sale of Blue Print of Yacht	1. 0. 0
Reinstatement Fees	1. 0. 0
Refund of Deposit paid V.A.A.A. travelling exps.	6.19. 0
Collection to expenses Australian Championships	16. 0. 0
Fares for Hire of Bus to Tas. Championships at Launceston	35. 4. 0
Repayment of advance gate expenses Tas. Championships North Hobart.	10. 0. 0
Sale of Numbers	8. 5. 0

179.17. 0

Balance Sheet as at 30/4/'47.

Liabilities.

Unpresented Cheques	59. 4. 3
Trophy Account No. 2	9. 9. 0
Balance being assets over Liabilities	81. 9. 9

150. 3. 0

Assets.

Equipment as at 30/4/47	11.17. 2
Less Depreciation	1.17. 2
Plus Purchases	10. 0. 0
Sundry Debtors	10. 0. 0
E.S.&A. Bank	8. 2. 1
Hobart Savings Bank	112. 9. 5
Trophy Acc. No. 2	2. 6
	9. 9. 0

150. 3. 0

Sgd. A.G. Pybus
Hon. Treasurer

We certify that the above accounts exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Association's Affairs according to the information supplied and as shown by the Books of the Association.

Sgd. C.A. Wise }
J.D. Brickhill } Hon. Auditors