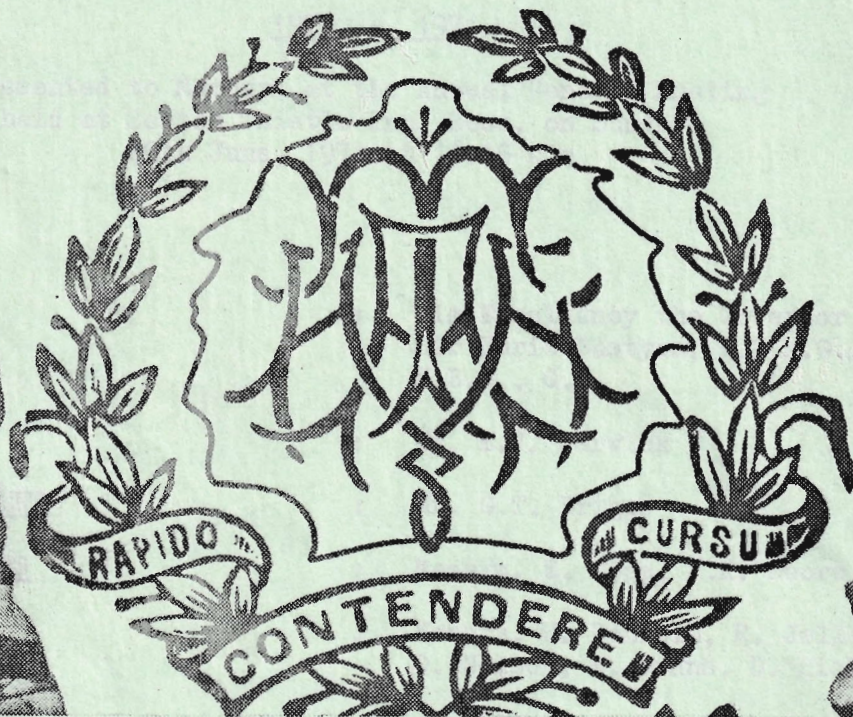


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Gentlemen,

This year marks the Golden Jubilee of Annual Reports, for, although the Association has been in existence for 67 years, this is only the 60th Annual Report and Statement of Accounts. It is most pleasing therefore, for this special year, to be able to report a great season for amateur athletics in Tasmania. The standard of the sport at the top, is probably the highest it has ever been, whilst the average athlete is a much better one than a few years ago, especially is this so in the younger age groups. The State Track and Field team which competed at the Australian Championships in Brisbane, although only a small one, was the best ever to represent the State. A sub-junior team was by no means disgraced when it competed in a correspondence match with all other States. A privately organised team of younger athletes created a great impression with its performances in the Victorian Championships whilst a total of 44 state records were set or equalled.

However, a matter causing some concern is the continued decline in numbers in the North allied with an apparent lack of full support being given by some members to the officers of the Northern Branch. For athletics to prosper as it should and must, strenuous efforts will have to be made by all administrators - those of the Association, the Branch and the Clubs to try and arrest this decline.

It was a great shock to everyone, last October, when your President suffered a severe coronary occlusion. However, in typical fashion, he has fought back strongly and sensibly so that after four months leave of absence he was able to return to carry on the work of President in his usual efficient manner.

Another sad blow was the loss of one of the starting panel - Lionel Skeggs also in October from a heart attack. Lionel was a real stalwart in the South and will be sadly missed.

On a happier note your Deputy President very successfully managed the Australian Track and Field Team to the Edinburgh Commonwealth. Graeme also retained his position as a member of the Australian Selection Committee.

REGISTRATIONS

If a landmark was reached in 1969/70 when registrations exceeded 750, the next milestone is well within sight. Should the present rate of progress continue, in about 5 years, 1000 members should be reached, by which time, it is hoped the athletic centre in Hobart should be a reality.

The figures below show a decrease in the number of senior athletes which unfortunately is the trend throughout Australia. The other older groups are holding up quite well but there is still no reason for complacency. As stated above, the Northern Branch numbers decreased again, from 201 to 165 the lowest since 1963/64. On the other hand the continued rise in registrations from the North West, is most heartening even if the great majority are in the very young age groups.

Statistics for the Season were:-

| | | | | | | |
|------------|------------|--------------------------|----|---------------|----|---------|
| South | 477 | an increase of 83 | or | 21.06% | on | 1969/70 |
| North | 165 | a decrease of 36 | or | 17.91% | on | 1969/70 |
| North-West | <u>174</u> | an increase of <u>16</u> | or | <u>10.13%</u> | on | 1969/70 |
| | 816 | an increase of 63 | or | 8.56% | on | 1969/70 |

| | <u>SOUTH</u> | <u>NORTH</u> | <u>NORTH WEST</u> | |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Seniors | 75 (+8) | 26 (-8) | 3 (-3) | 104 (-3) |
| Juniors | 41 (+12) | 16 (-1) | 8 (-1) | 65 (+10) |
| Sub Juniors | 75 (+21) | 8 (-12) | 22 (+9) | 105 (+18) |
| Juveniles | 49) | 13) | 5) | 67) |
| Under 14 | 50) (+25) | 12) (-18) | 10) (+6) | 72) (+13) |
| Under 13 | 52) | 10) | 15) | 77) |
| Under 12 | 88 (+10) | 68 (+6) | 101 (+4) | 257 (+20) |
| Officials | <u>47 (+7)</u> | <u>12 (-3)</u> | <u>10 (+1)</u> | <u>69 (+5)</u> |
| | 477 (+83) | 165 (-36) | 174 (+16) | 816 (+63) |

TRACK AND FIELD

North v South

Once again the Northern Branch was allocated this meeting and it was scheduled for 12th December but had to be postponed because of very heavy rain. It was eventually held on Sunday 21st February, 1971 at White City and proved to be the most successful yet held, so much so, that it is probable the new date will be retained. South again won the contest due to its great depth of performance but there were many excellent contests.

DECATHLON

This Championship, as is usual, was conducted by the Northern Branch on the 6th and 7th February, 1971. Twelve athletes competed, two withdrawing during the contest. For the third year in a row I. Flockhart (E.S.) won the championship taking first place in six events. In spite of a good first day he was 132 points below his best at the end of the 10 events.

Results

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|----|--------------|--------|-------------|
| 1. | I. Flockhart | (E.S.) | 5668 points |
| 2. | A. Van Asch | (N.L.) | 5043 points |
| 3. | F. Nott | (N.L.) | 4539 points |

PENTATHLONS

These events were held in warm and hot conditions at White City, Launceston on Sunday 28th February and turned out to be somewhat of a fiasco as far as entries were concerned. Only 3 athletes started in the Senior event, 1 in the Sub Junior and no entries were received for the Junior. Whether this lack of entries was due to apathy, the close proximity of the State Championships or the end of the Season or all three consideration will have to be given to the future of the Pentathlon Championships. Perhaps a date prior to Christmas if the North v South is changed might help.

Performances were mediocre because of lack of competition.

Results

| | | | |
|----|------------|--------|-------------|
| 1. | F. Nott | (N.L.) | 2318 points |
| 2. | S. Lidster | (N.L.) | 2001 points |
| 3. | B. Sambell | (N.L.) | 1460 points |

Sub-Junior

| | | | |
|----|------------|-----|-------------|
| 1. | K. Stanley | (N) | 1197 points |
|----|------------|-----|-------------|

TASMANIAN INTER CLUB PREMIERSHIP

On the 13th February, for the second time in the Tasmanian Athletic Calendar the state interclub premiership meeting was held at North Hobart in conjunction with the first day of the Women's Championships. Last season it was generally conceded that this meeting was one of the best programmes ever staged by local athletes and with certain reservations this occasion proved just as good.

Weather conditions were good, fields were reasonably large, however, the condition of the oval left much to be desired as the grass had not been cut very close. Generally times and performances rather disappointing in consequence even, so the competition was keen and entertaining, in the main, making up an excellent day of athletics. Northern Suburbs convincingly retained its title of Premier Club in Tasmania from Sandy Bay with Eastern Suburbs a close third.

SUB-JUNIOR CORRESPONDENCE MATCH

At the State Secretaries Conference in Melbourne in September 1970 it was decided to conduct a Sub Junior Correspondence match on 16th, 17th January, 1971, the dates Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland were to compete in Brisbane in the Shell East Coast Meet. The performances of the three teams in Brisbane plus those recorded in Hobart, Adelaide and Perth were to be compared and results calculated from the Decathlon scale.

The idea proved to be a good one and should be even better next year with the experience gained. The Tasmanian team performed extremely well finishing fifth in the 17 event programme.

Teams were limited to 25 members with 2 competitors allowed in each event and 1 team in the 2 relays. Unfortunately the preliminary organisation was a little haphazard and the best team was not obtained, mainly because many good schoolboys did not continue to train seriously after school sports. Training was also very limited, although the manager of the team, Mr. R.K. Hood did all in his power to ensure the best performances possible. Considering that 4 of the teams were only 14 year olds, 11 were 15 and competition was only possible from other sub juniors, the results were extremely good. Best performances were from Gavin Murray and Howard Malcolm who finished 1st and 2nd respectively in the Triple Jump, Randall Markey 2nd in the 800 metres, 4th in the 1500 metres and the 4 x 100 metres Relay team which was third.

Naturally inclusion in the actual Shell meet is desirable but as applications to be included have proved fruitless this correspondence type match is the next best thing.

Results, excluding the 1500 metres walk which has no satisfactory points table were:-

| | | |
|----|-------------------|-------|
| 1. | Victoria | 22078 |
| 2. | New South Wales | 21888 |
| 3. | Queensland | 19050 |
| 4. | Western Australia | 18580 |
| 5. | Tasmania | 17503 |
| 6. | South Australia | 17444 |

VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

A group of 14 Southern Athletes consisting of 9 Sub-Junior, 4 Juniors and 1 Senior competed in the Victorian Championships through a privately organised weekend visits. The Henhantly Club very kindly arranged billets which was greatly appreciated by all. From this group of athletes 1 gold, 3 silver and 2 bronze medals were won and three others reached finals. The medals were won by Gavin Murray, 1st in Sub-Junior Triple Jump - the 2nds were Randal Markey 800m and 1500m, Sub Junior and John Bremacombe 400 metres Junior whilst Gerard McGee was 3rd in the Sub Junior 200 metres and Kent Rayner gained an excellent 3rd in the Senior 5000 metres title. John Schier from Launceston also competed in the Victorian Championships winning the 1500m Steeple Chase Junior quite convincingly.

Mr. Robin Hood and the other club members who assisted him, are to highly commended for their initiative in arranging such a worthwhile and rewarding venture. The fact that 10 personal best performances were established in Melbourne gives some indication of the benefit the boys gained from the top class competition.

TASMANIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

As has been the custom, the Southern Branch conducted the State Championships on behalf of your Association. They were held at the North Hobart Oval on 6th and 7th March in near perfect weather conditions. Unfortunately on the Saturday the tracks were not fully prepared, the grass being left far too long and performances suffered accordingly. However, it was pleasing to see that this deficiency was rectified on Sunday morning. With well shorn and firm tracks athletes responded with top class performances highlighted by a magnificent run in the 800 metres by Junior Brendon Dooley of Newstead. Brendon finished second to John Denholm, however, his time of 1 min. 50.5 secs. broke Bob Annell's 1966 Australian Junior record by .1 Sec.

Overall performances showed a great depth in all divisions and the standard of individual athletes was high with competition extremely keen. For the first occasion Northern Suburbs, the top club in all interclub competitions for many years, won the Hobart Harrier Clubs Cup awarded to the Club with the best results in senior events and won it well by 39 points to Sandy Bay's 22. Northern Suburbs had an even more convincing win in the Junior competition whilst other grades were shared amongst the other Clubs.

An excellent and most successful innovation was the presentation of all medallions and certificates in victory ceremonies immediately after the event. Due to the assistance of two ladies who completed the certificates and the effort of Northern Vice President Mr. R. Moore there was virtually no delay to the recipient or interference to athletes competing in other events in carrying out 89 victory ceremonies over the two days. As it appears that this method is successfully used in most other States it is surprising that it can't be used at the top meeting of the season the Australian Championships.

The Steeple Chases were held in conjunction with the North v South meeting at White City on 21st February but were very poorly patronised there being only three seniors and 1 junior starters. The 10000 metres was held on Sunday 14th February, the day after the State Interclub meeting.

It is apparent that the Championships require a great deal of organisation to prepare and conduct and those officials responsible both on and off the ground are to be congratulated on a job extremely well done. Officials from all branches combined to form a most efficient squad, of whom, the only criticism could be a lack of uniform dress.

RESULTS

Seniors

| | <u>1st</u> | <u>2nd</u> | <u>3rd</u> | <u>Time, Distance</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 100 metres | M. Bird (SB) | M. Ennis (OVA) | R. Gillow (SB) | 10.7 sec |
| 200 metres | M. Bird (SB) | M. Portwyn (AYC) | R. Gillow (SB) | 21.8 sec |
| 400 metres | M. Bird (SB) | S. Bailey (N) | W. Essex (NS) | 48.3 sec |
| 800 metres | J. Denholm (ES) | B. Dooley (N) | S. Bailey (N) | 1m 49.5 sec |
| 1500 metres | J. Denholm (ES) | K. Rayner (SB) | G. Cruise (SB) | 3m 44.4 sec |
| 5000 metres | K. Raymer (SB) | N. Gale (NS) | A. McCreary (SB) | 14m 53 sec |
| 10000 metres | D. Cox (N) | G. Bentley (ES) | A. McCreary (SB) | |
| 110m Hurdles | I. Flockhart (ES) | G. Stowards (Uni) | W. Fletcher (NS) | 16.1 sec |
| 400m Hurdles | I. Manning (NS) | W. Fletcher (NS) | | 59.3 sec |
| 3000m Walk | R. Foster (NS) | P. Eustace (NS) | R. Paterson (ES) | 13m 00 |
| Long Jump | I. Manning (NS) | G. Murray (NS) | H. Malcolm (NS) | 20ft 10in |
| High Jump | I. Beltz (Uni) | | | 6ft |
| Triple Jump | I. Manning (NS) | R. Morriss (Uni) | H. Malcolm (NS) | 46ft 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ in |
| Pole Vault | I. Flockhart (ES) | G. Fielding (AYC) | E. Stowards (Uni) | 10ft 6in |
| Shot Putt | N. Evans (N) | G. Stowards (Uni) | K. Deayton (NS) | 51ft 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in |
| Javelin | M. Mannion (N) | G. Stowards (Uni) | I. Murray (NS) | 187ft 11in |
| Discus | A. Evans (N) | D. Hardy (NS) | G. Stowards (Uni) | 140ft 1in |
| Hammer | D. Hardy (NS) | W. Halley (ES) | K. Deayton (NS) | 152ft 6in |
| | | | | T.R.R. |
| 3000 metres | | | | |
| Steeplechase | J. Reid (NS) | C. Roper (SB) | | 9m 46.9 sec |
| 400m Relay | A.Y.C. | Eastern Suburbs | Northern Suburbs | 44.2 sec |
| 1600 m | | | | |
| Relay | Newstead | Northern Suburbs | Sandy Bay | 3m 48.6 sec |

| <u>Club Championship</u> | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| | 1. Northern Suburbs | 39 points |
| | 2. Sandy Bay and Newstead | 22 points |

Junior (Under 19)

| | | | | |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 100 metres | P. Blackaby (ES) | M. Skeggs (AYC) | W. Staples (NS) | 11.2 sec |
| 200 metres | P. Blackaby (ES) | C. O'Toole (N) | M. Skeggs (AYC) | 22.7 sec |
| 400 metres | B. Dooley (N) | R. Morgan (Dev.) | G. Bunyard (ES) | 49.7 sec |
| 800 metres | B. Dooley (N) | R. Morgan (Dev.) | S. Webb (NS) | 1m 50.5 sec |
| | | | | T.O.R. |
| 1500 metres | S. Webb (NS) | A. Bennett (SB) | G. Bunyard (ES) | 4m 6.5 sec |
| 5000 metres | A. Bennett (SB) | A. Jeffrey (SB) | G. Ford (N) | 16m 9.4 sec |
| 110m Hurdles | I. Murray (NS) | G. Goldsmith (OVA) | W. Casey (OVA) | 17.6 sec |
| 400m Hurdles | C. O'Toole (N) | G. Goldsmith (OVA) | T. Jackson (SB) | 61.2 sec |
| 3000m Walk | P. Verrell (OVA) | P. Kerrison (N) | A. Heawood (NS) | 16m 47.9sec |
| Long Jump | G. Murray (NS) | H. Malcolm (NS) | L. McDermott (SB) | 21ft 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in |
| | | | | T.S.J.R.R. |
| Triple Jump | H. Malcolm (NS) | L. McDermott (SB) | | 45ft 2in |
| High Jump | H. Malcolm (NS) | P. Millwood (NS) | L. McDermott (SB) | 5ft 7in |
| Pole Vault | I. Murray (NS) | D. Bindoff (NS)(Tas. Jun. R.R.) | | 8ft 9in |
| Shot Putt | I. Murray (NS) | P. Davey (AYC) | G. Murray (NS) | 41ft 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in |
| Javelin | I. Murray (NS) | M. Langford (SB) | J. Zito (SB) | 182ft 2in |
| Discus | I. Murray (NS) | P. Davey (AYC) | S. Jarman (ES) | 126ft 3in |
| Hammer | I. Murray (NS) | P. Davey (AYC) | | 114ft 8in |
| 1500metres | | | | |
| Steeplechase | J. Schier (NL) | | | 4m 40.6sec |
| 400m Relay | Northern Suburbs | Sandy Bay | | 46.1 sec |
| 1600m Relay | Northern Suburbs | Sandy Bay | | 3m 48.6sec |

| <u>Club Championship</u> | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| | 1. Northern Suburbs | 48 points |
| | 2. Sandy Bay | 21 points |
| | 3. Newstead | 14 points |

Sub-Junior (Under 17)

| | <u>1st</u> | <u>2nd</u> | <u>3rd</u> | <u>Time, Distance</u> |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 100 metres | G. McGee (SB) | R. Taylor (Dev.) | D. O'Leary (ES) | 11.3 sec |
| 200 metres | G. McGee (SB) | R. Taylor (Dev.) | M. Pritchard (SB) | 23.0 sec |
| 400 metres | G. Colles (OVA) | R. Taylor (Dev.) | M. Pritchard (SB) | 53.8 sec |
| 800 metres | R. Markey (SB) | J. Bender (SB) | M. Turner (OVA) | 1m 54.2 sec |
| 1500 metres | R. Markey (SB) | J. Bender (SB) | P. Radford (DEV.) | 4m 4.4 sec T.R.R. |
| 110m Hurdles | D. Chen (OVA) | S. Hood (SB) | P. McNaught (Glen) | 16.4 sec |
| Long Jump | G. Murray (NS) | H. Malcolm (NS) | D. Singline (N) | 21ft 4in |
| Triple Jump | G. Murray (NS) | H. Malcolm (NS) | L. McGee (SB) | 44ft 2½in |
| High Jump | H. Malcolm (NS) | D. O'Leary (ES) | B. Roe (NL) | 5ft 5in |
| Shot Putt | G. Murray (NS) | P. McNaught (Glen) | J. Zito (SB) | 44ft 9½in |
| Javelin | P. McNaught (Glen) | G. Murray (NS) | S. Hood (SB) | 150ft 10in |
| 400m Relay | Sandy Bay | Northern Suburbs | O.V.A. | 47.4 sec |
| 1600m Relay | O.V.A. | Sandy Bay | | 3m 40.1 sec |

| <u>Club Championship</u> | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| | 1. Sandy Bay | 31 points |
| | 2. Northern Suburbs | 21 points |
| | 3. Devon | 7 points |

Juvenile (Under 15)

| | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 100 metres | S. Hood (SB) | M. Stott (AYC) | J. Keogh (N) | 11.3 sec |
| 200 metres | S. Hood (SB) | M. Stott (AYC) | J. Keogh (N) | 23.3 sec |
| 400 metres | M. Stott (AYC) | K. Reid (N) | P. Keogh (NS) | 53.3 sec |
| 800 metres | D. Stokes (ES) | M. Stott (AYC) | K. Woolley (NS) | 2m 1.3sec T.R.R. |
| 1500 metres | D. Stokes (ES) | C. Zeigler (NS) | D. Conley (OVA) | 4m 19.6sec |
| Long Jump | J. Bolzonella (NL) | J. Keogh (N) | S. Hood (SB) | 20ft ¼in T.R.R. |
| Triple Jump | J. Bolzonella (NL) | J. Keogh (N) | S. Hood (SB) | 39ft 11½in |
| High Jump | J. Bolzonella (NL) | J. Keogh (N) | S. Hood (SB) | 5ft 5in |
| 400m Relay | O.V.A. | Northern Suburbs | North Launceston | 51.6 sec |

| <u>Club Championship</u> | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| | 1. Newstead and North Launceston | 10 points |
| | 3. Sandy Bay and A.Y.C. | 9 points |

Under 14

| | | | | |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| 100 metres | K. Shreeve (OVA) | P. Rothwell (NL) | G. French (DEV) | 12.0 sec |
| 200 metres | K. Shreeve (OVA) | P. Rothwell (NL) | G. French (Dev) | 25.7 sec |
| 400 metres | P. Rothwell (NL) | G. French (Dev) | K. Shreeve (OVA) | 58.2 sec |
| 800 metres | D. Prosser (N) | C. Beard (ES) | R. Robinson (OVA) | 2m 15.1sec |
| 1500 metres | D. Prosser (N) | P. Robinson (OVA) | C. Beard (ES) | 4m 41.3sec |
| Long Jump | D. Bindoff (NS) | K. Shreeve (OVA) | P. Leonardi (GT) | 17ft 1in |
| Triple Jump | D. Bindoff (NS) | P. Robinson (OVA) | K. Shreeve (OVA) | 37ft 1in |
| High Jump | W. Morgan (Dev) | D. Bindoff (NS) | P. Leonardi (GT) | 4ft 10in |
| 400m Relay | O.V.A. | Devon | | 53.7 sec |

| <u>Club Championship</u> | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| | 1. O.V.A. | 20 points |
| | 2. Devon | 10 points |
| | 3. Northern Suburbs | 8 points |

Under 13

| | | | | |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------|
| 100 metres | S. Rodman (AYC) | M. Tuttle (NS) | M. Shaw (Dev) | 11.6 sec |
| 200 metres | S. Rodman (AYC) | M. Tuttle (NS) | G. Dowling (ES) | 27.0 sec |
| 400 metres | M. Tuttle (NS) | S. Rodman (AYC) | R. Smith (SB) | 62.3 sec |
| 800 metres | R. Smith (SB) | P. French (Dev) | T. West (NS) | 2m 21.6sec |
| 1500 metres | R. Smith (SB) | J. Haywood (SB) | P. French (Dev) | 4m 55.7sec |
| Long Jump | G. Dowling (ES) | C. Fahey (OVA) | J. Haywood (SB) | 15ft 6½in |
| High Jump | S. Berry (AYC) | P. Littlejohn (SB) | W. Breen (Dev) | 4ft 6in |
| 400m Relay | O.V.A. | A.Y.C. | Devon | 55.5 sec |

| <u>Club Championship</u> | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| | 1. A.Y.C. | 14 points |
| | 2. Sandy Bay | 12 points |
| | 3. Northern Suburbs | 8 points |

Under 12

| | <u>1st</u> | <u>2nd</u> | <u>3rd</u> | <u>Time,Distance</u> |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 100 metres | M. Shaw (Dev) | G. Jackson (AYC) | P. Robinson (Dev) | 13.7 sec |
| 200 metres | G. Jackson (AYC) | M. Shaw (Dev) | T. Taylor (AYC) | 28.0 sec |
| 400 metres | G. Jackson (AYC) | G. Andrews (OVA) | G. Boon (N) | 64.2 sec |
| 800 metres | G. Jackson (AYC) | P. Patmore (SB) | G. Boon (N) | 2m 28.5sec |
| 1500 metres | R. Burns (Dev) | D. Brasher (N) | P. Patmore (SB) | 5m 3.0 sec |
| Long Jump | M. O'Brien (Dev) | G. Jackson (AYC) | S. Howard (N) | 14ft 1in |
| High Jump | S. Knott (AYC) | P. Robinson (Dev) | G. Jackson (AYC) | 4ft 5in |
| 400m Relay | Devon | A.Y.C. | O.V.A. | 75.2 sec |

Club Championship

| | | |
|----|----------|-----------|
| 1. | A.Y.C. | 21 points |
| 2. | Devon | 19 points |
| 3. | Newstead | 5 points |

Under 11

| | | | | |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|
| 100 metres | S. Whyllie (Dev) | G. Anderson (Dev) | M. Harman (OVA) | 14.3 sec |
| 200 metres | P. Higgs (GT) | G. Anderson (Dev) | M. Churchill (NS) | 30.1 sec |
| Long Jump | M. Churchill (NS) | D. Braslin (N) | T. Frain (GT) | 13ft 7in |
| 400m Relay | O.V.A. | A.Y.C. | | |

Club Championship

| | | |
|----|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. | Devon | 7 points |
| 2. | O.V.A. | 6 points |
| 3. | (Northern Suburbs George Town) | 4 points 4 points |

Total Points

| | <u>Sen</u> | <u>Jun</u> | <u>SubJun</u> | <u>Juv</u> | <u>U14</u> | <u>U13</u> | <u>U12</u> | <u>U11</u> | |
|------------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----|
| Northern Suburbs | 39 | 48 | 21 | 7 | 8 | 8 | - | 4 | 135 |
| Sandy Bay | 22 | 21 | 31 | 9 | - | 12 | 3 | - | 98 |
| O.V.A. | 2 | 8 | 13 | 6 | 20 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 65 |
| A.Y.C. | 9 | 9 | - | 9 | - | 14 | 21 | 3 | 65 |
| Newstead | 22 | 14 | 1 | 10 | 6 | - | 5 | 2 | 60 |
| Devon | - | 4 | 7 | - | 10 | 6 | 19 | 7 | 53 |
| Eastern Suburbs | 18 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 4 | - | - | 45 |
| North Launceston | - | 5 | 1 | 10 | 7 | - | - | - | 23 |
| University | 13 | | | | | | | | 13 |
| George Town | | | | | 2 | | | 4 | 6 |
| Glenhuntly | | | 6 | | | | | | 6 |

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

A team of 9 athletes - 6 seniors and 3 juniors - was selected to represent your Association in the Australian Track and Field Championships conducted by the Queensland A.A.A. from 12th - 14th March, 1971. Two seniors and one junior withdrew before the team departed and 2 juniors, who competed as individuals were granted permission to travel or be accommodated with the team which was under the management of Mr. C.A. Blanton.

Those selected were:- South - John Denholm (Captain), 1500 and 5000 metres, Ron Roster 3000 metres walk, Kent Rayner 5000 and 10000 metres, John Brimacombe 400 metres Junior; North - Nye Evans Shot and Discus, Mick Mannion Javelin, Stan Bailey 800 metres, Brendon Dooley 800 and 1500 metres Junior, John Schior 1500 metres steeplechase Junior. Evans, Mannion and Brimacombe withdrew whilst Gavin Murray, Triple Jump Junior and Ian Murray, Javelin Junior were entered as individuals and were attached to the team.

Congratulations and thanks are extended to Tony Blanton, the manager, for the thought and effort he put into his work. He carried out all duties exceptionally well. The predeparture arrangements being first class. Money raising ventures were also organised and conducted which assisted members materially.

The team travelled together on Wednesday 10th March and was accommodated at the Coronation Hotel quite close to Long Park Ground where the meeting was held, which proved to be an excellent choice.

Performances were probably the highest ever recorded by a Tasmanian team. Two Bronze Medallions were won by seniors for third placings with two other fifth placings whilst Juniors obtained two seconds, one third and one fourth. Congratulations are extended to the whole for all performed to their very best and gained universal praise from officials from other states for their efforts.

The performances of members were as follows:-

John Denholm - 3rd in the 1500 metres in 3m 47.4sec after finishing 2nd in an exceptionally hard heat. Started in 5000 metres but retired with an ankle injury in the middle stages.

Kent Rayner - 3rd in 10000 metres in 30m 13.2sec was with the leaders for 23 laps in an outstanding courageous intelligent performance. 5th in 5000 metres after losing contact early because of fast pace but unwound an extremely fast last lap.

Ron Foster - 5th in 3000 walk. Took the lead almost from the start but went a little too fast. A caution by a judge seemed to cause loss of confidence and rhythm.

Stan Bailey - 5th in 800 metres heat. Unfortunately drawn in the very hard heat. Time of 1m 53.1sec was faster than winner of the other heat.

Brendon Dooley - 2nd in 800 metres Junior. Won heat easily in 1m 54.4sec. Took the lead in final but was unable to match Rankins burst with 300 metres to go. Finished strongly to gain ground in strougth recording 1m 52.1sec, .2 sec slower than the winner.

John Schior - 2nd in 1500 metres steeplechase Junior. Time 4m 22.2 sec. The track and in particular the water jump was in bad condition but John handled it well. His hurdling technique left a little to be desired or it was noticeable that he lost ground at each obstacle.

Ian Murray(Ind.) - 3rd in Javelin Junior with a throw of 182ft 1in in a field of four.

Gavin Murray(Ind.) - 4th in Triple Jump Junior with 45ft 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ in a little over 4ft behind the winner. In-experience caused four foul jumps.

Although the above performances were good, they were not good enough. In the competition for the C.R. Aitken Cup which is a handicap based on points for the first six in senior events equated to registrations. Tasmania finished fifth defeating only Victoria. The Manager in his report stated that he considered our athletes still don't know enough, think enough, train enough or use the facilities in Tasmania enough. Administration must help to overcome these by encouraging top competition in everyway possible but the athletes in turn have to lift their sights and efforts higher.

COACHES ASSOCIATION

It is pleasant to report some progress with coaching. Although the Coaches Association has not been very active, a coaching course was organised by Peter Eustace, the coaching liaison officer. This is the first time anything of this nature has been attempted in Tasmania and with approximately 25 taking part was quite successful. It was based on the South Australian Grade 2 course and was conducted over 10 weeks with 8 lectures covering the mechanics of athletics nutrition, anatomy as well as Training schemes and schedules.

ATHLETICS CENTRE

At last it is possible to report some real progress in the efforts to raise approx. \$42000 for the proposed Athletics Centre. The Southern Branch has an amount of \$5184.19 in its Athletic Centre Trust Fund and the clubs are to be congratulated on their efforts to achieve the targets allocated to them. Plans are in hand to raise the balance of their contributions and should the same effort be maintained during the coming season then it may be possible to report, quite soon the date when work will commence.

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR AWARD

Once again it was an extremely difficult task to select the athletes to receive this seasons awards. Congratulations are extended to the following winners, all of whom had to overcome very strong opposition.

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| F.A. Rose | Trophy for Athlete of the Year | J. Denholm (E.S.) |
| J.W. Cooper | Trophy for Junior Athlete of the Year | B. Dooley (N) |
| N.J. Ruddock | Trophy for Sub-Junior Athlete of the Year | R. Markey (S.B.) |
| G.T. Briggs | Trophy for Juvenile Athlete of the Year | G. McGee (S.B.) |
| Sportsman's Association Star of Sport Award 1970 | | J. Denholm |

This is the third successive year that John Denholm has won the Fred Rose Trophy. His great effort in Brisbane in the Australian titles was probably the clincher in gaining the award. Brendan Dooley must also have made sure of his nomination in Brisbane although his Australian Junior 800 metres record in the state titles probably gave him a slight edge over fellow Northerner John Schier.

Randall Markey and Gerard McGee are both "A" Grade athletes in spite of their youth. Their great performances during the season especially in the Victorian Championships proved that they have great futures.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH GAMES - EDINBURGH

Your Deputy President - Mr. G.T. Briggs had the great honour of managing the Australian Track and Field Team to Edinburgh and as is to be expected, he did it in his usual capable manner. Immediately after appointment Graeme established strong lines of communication with all members of the team through bulletins and then personal contact. This communication was retained throughout the entire length of the appointment and was mainly responsible it would appear for the good relationship which existed between team members and manager. In spite of some problems with Headquarters the team was a very happy unit, which fully supported its management. On return all were full of praise for Graeme's efforts and this was backed up by the Australian Union. On your behalf sincere congratulations are passed onto Graeme for a job extremely well done.

CROSS COUNTRY

There were only two Cross Country and two Road Championships held during the year under review. It was decided fairly unanimously that State Championships should be out to a minimum and those selected were the four miles Triangular Teams Race, the 10000metresCCC, the Mountain Relay for club teams and the Marathon.

Because of the limited number of events no athlete was able to dominate, but Kent Rayner, Don Cox and Tony Cannell were consistent senior performers, with K. Whitfield Junior and K. Jeffrey Sub-Junior being best in their divisions.

Nine teams contested the spectacular Mountain Relay which was won by Sandy Bay after a great battle with Newstead. Mention must be made of the efforts of Don Cox and Clive Roper who broke 3 and 2 stage records respectively.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS4 Mile Triangular - Blackmans Bay 2nd May, 1970

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|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------|---------------|
| 1st South | 13 points | 1st R. Taylor | (Ind) | 22min 6.6sec |
| 2nd North | 28 points | 2nd K. Rayner | (South) | 22min 38.8sec |
| | | 3rd D. Cox | (North) | 22min 52sec |

1000 Metres CCC

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|---------------|------|-------------|
| 1. K. Rayner | (SB) | 37m 27.8sec |
| 2. T. Cannell | (ES) | 37m 29sec |
| 3. D. Cox | (N) | 37m 46sec |

13 starters

Teams Race Newstead

10000 Metres Junior CCC

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|-----------------|------|-----------|
| 1. M. Harding | (NS) | 38m 20sec |
| 2. G. Ford | (N) | 39m 10sec |
| 3. K. Whitfield | (ES) | 39m 23sec |

7 starters

No Teams Race

3000 Metres Juvenile CCC

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|----------------|------|-----------|
| 1. A. Jeffrey | (SB) | 12m 22sec |
| 2. K. Laughlin | (SB) | 12m 22sec |
| 3. C. Zeigler | (NS) | 12m 39sec |

16 starters

Teams Race Sandy Bay

Mountain Relay 18th July, 1970

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| 1. Sandy Bay | A. McCreary, C. Roper, M. Shorri, K. Rayner | 2h 7m 18sec |
| 2. Newstead | D. Cox, T. Nailor, G. Ford, G. Taylor | 2h 9m 32sec |
| 3. Northern S. | J. Brooks, C. Zeigler, R. Trepkowski, A. Heawood | 2h 27m 22sec |
| | 9 starters | |

Marathon Launceston 22nd August, 1970 Junior Half Marathon

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|----------------|------|--------------------------|-----------------|------|--------------|
| 1. D. Cox | (N) | 2h 39m 44.5sec | 1. N. Gale | (NS) | 1h 20m 3sec |
| 2. A. McCreary | (SB) | 2h 53m 1sec | 2. K. Whitfield | (ES) | 1h 23m 54sec |
| 3. T. Cannell | (ES) | 3h 00m 44sec | 3. R. Thompson | (NL) | 1h 26m 53sec |
| | | 14 starters - 7 finished | | | |

Juvenile 3 Miles

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|----------------|------|-------------|
| 1. A. Jeffrey | (SB) | 17m 30sec |
| 2. K. Gale | (NS) | 17m 33sec |
| 3. S. Richards | (ES) | 17m 42.5sec |

10 starters 8 finished

AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION CONFERENCE

Your delegates to the A.A.U. Conference were the Deputy President and Honorary Secretary - the President being unavailable following his illness. Conference was held in Brisbane on the 10th and 11th March, 1971.

As usual there was a lengthy agenda comprising 36 items including 31 Notices of Motion.

Main items of interest to Tasmania were:-

Competition Costume

Tasmania submitted designs for a new Australian athletic competition costume and also an actual costume. Discussion was rather stifled when it was mentioned that green and gold were not Australia's official colours. However, it doesn't appear that there is any chance of a change in the near future. The main worthwhile suggestion was that the map of Australia should be filled in instead of just a green outline. Your delegates undertook to continue with their efforts to produce a more colourful costume.

Registrations

It was reported that the falling in registrations were mainly in the older age groups, the seniors and juniors. The matter was serious and although it appeared to be just a sign of the times every effort must be made to arrest it, especially as all Women's Associations, except Queensland, reported increases.

Little Athletics

This matter was discussed fully and it was agreed "that as a matter of policy the Union recognise and approve the athletic movement in Australia known as 'Little Athletics' so long as the objects of L.A. are not at variance with the objections of the Union". This sounds well, but it is doubtful if in fact it means much or can have any real effect.

It was agreed that the I.A.A.F. should be asked to allow hurdles to be made out of plastic materials.

Coaching

A proposed National Coaching Scheme was tabled, however, all States were not in agreement so it was not adopted but the States were to be advised that it was a good blueprint for a scheme if one was desired and/or required.

Australian Championships

1971 Dates -

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| 10,000 metres | 21st August | Sydney |
| Marathon | 25th September | Hobart |
| 50 Kilo Road Walk | 25th September | Sydney |
| 20 Kilo Road Walk Olympic Trial | 9th October | Melbourne |

States now will only have the right to enter one person in each Track and Field event and one emergency. If more than one entry is made, each entrant must have reached the required Australian standard. Any entrants over three shall be as individual competitors. Juniors will not be allowed to compete in Open events unless he has reach the standard.

For 1972 it was agreed that the Mens & Womens Track and Field Championships be held together as a joint venture. W.D. & H.O. Wills will sponsor the meeting bringing out a large number of overseas athletes. The cost to them was suggested to be in the vicinity of \$50,000. An amount considered to be the average profit from normal Championships will be set and any profits above these figures will go to the Olympic Appeal. Your delegates feel that this could be one of the greatest things to happen in Australian athletics. They propose to draft as attractive a programme as possible to be circulated to all State Associations, Men and Women. Properly presented such a meeting could be an outstanding success and although the decision at present is for one year only it would almost certainly be extended should this be the case and should the sponsors be satisfied. It is felt that the Championships lack public appeal at present and some rather radical changes are required.

Olympic Games

Nominations for Headquarterstaff and Sectional Officials will close before next Conference. The team will be selected after the Perth Championships and will probably be 22 athletes, 1 manager and 2 coaches.

Commonwealth Games

In discussing the Manager's report the following motion was carried with acclamation. This Conference commends Mr. Briggs for the work he performed and expresses complete confidence in the job he did.

The Manager's report was favourably commented upon as were his recommendations and those of the team members and the coaches.

A trophy presented to the Union by the South Australian Brewery Co. was accepted and named the C.R. Aitken Cup and will be awarded on the results of the Australian Track and Field Championships. Points to be 6,5,4,3,2,1, with individual entries not counted. The points scored will be divided by the number of senior registrations of the proceeding year and this factor will be multiplied by 100.

Promotion of Athletics

Ministries of Sport A very healthy discussion took place on the attitude the Union and Associations should take, if, and when, these Ministries of Sport come to be.

Five Star Scheme A type of standards system in England proposed for possible introduction into all States, sponsored by a nation wide business firm. A sub committee was appointed to investigate using the present Shell sponsored scheme in South Australia as a pilot.

Australian Schoolboys Championships Proposed by Marathon Footwear Tasmania was not included in scheme and only Victoria and Western Australia were very interested in proposed date of April.

The promotion of athletics was to be included on Agenda for Sec. Conference.

CONFERENCE OF STATE SECRETARIES

The second meeting of State Secretaries was held in Melbourne on Saturday and Sunday 12th and 13th September, 1970. The Agenda was a lengthy one and was not completed until late on Sunday afternoon.

The more important items discussed were (1) The introduction of a uniform registration card throughout Australia - apart from Victoria this will be used during the coming season. (2) The methods of financing state teams. (3) Interstate matches including sub-junior competitions. (4) The Sub-Junior Correspondence match which was held in January 1971. (5) The recruiting and training of officials. (6) Little Athletics. (7) The discussion at Secretaries Conference of items which will possibly be submitted to A.A.U. Conference.

It was agreed that these Conferences were well worth while and served a very useful purpose. All states agreed that they should be continued for a limited time at least - the next will be held on 2nd October, 1971.

FINANCE

The season under review showed an excess of receipts over payments of \$38.64 mainly due to registrations being higher than expected. Tasmania's share of the expenses of the Secretaries Conference \$93.06, a donation of \$50 to the Commonwealth Games Appeal and uniforms for the state Track and Field Team \$44.25 were items of expenditure out of the ordinary. It would appear that the first and last of these will continue into the future so if affiliation and registration fees are to remain the same it would appear that levies similar to this season's amount of \$135 will have to be made each year.

The No.2 Account showed a decrease of \$28.44 with the balance in the bank now \$281.20. Receipts from a raffle at the T.C.A. Ground and a surplus from advertising on the State Team Raffle were the only items of income apart from interest whilst an amount of \$67 was allocated to each delegate to the Union Conference.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

North West Branch

Another successful season can be reported by the Devon Club which once again was the only club to affiliate.

With the harmonious and close liaison between the mens and womens bodies along with the old faithfuls there have been sufficient officials to conduct track events and three field games at the same time.

Prospects of the Darwin Club rejoining next season are bright following their efforts to revive interest over the past year.

There was a further increase in registrations in all groups except Senior and Junior. Greatest increase was in sub juniors which suggests that the interest shown in younger athletes over the past few years is beginning to produce results.

A modified form of grading was carried out in sprint events during the weekly competitions and this proved quite successful. However, it is felt that some means must be found to provide stiffer competition for the older athletes to enable them to progress to the higher standard at state level.

Clubs decided that because numbers decreased at each of the three cross country races conducted early in the season, they should go into recess and no further cross country racing was conducted. It was a great pity but it is to be hoped that the coming season will see a revival in this phase of the sport.

As usual the North West helped to make up the Northern team in the older age groups for the North v South contest.

Devon was represented by a smaller team than usual only 19 members made the trip - 1 Junior, 3 Sub Juniors, 1 Juvenile, 4 Under 14, 4 Under 13, 4 Under 12 and 2 Under 11 with the following events:-

1 First, 1 Second and 1 Third in relays and 5 Firsts, 11 Seconds and 7 Thirds in individual events. Mention should be made of the performances of Russell Morgan (Junior), Rod Taylor (Sub Junior) and Michael Shaw and Robert Burns (Under 12).

Coastal Titles were again held very successfully over 4 Saturday mornings with six coastal records being broken.

The "Examiner" sponsored Schoolchildren's Championships were held during November on the East Devonport Oval and proved a great success. The season again concluded with a combined dinner for officials and friends of both the mens and womens bodies which 40 people attended whilst approximately 250 were present at the combined film and trophy evening held in the Forth Hall.

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| Trophy winners were: | Most outstanding | - Russell Morgan |
| | Runner up | - Rod Taylor |
| | Girdlestone Cup for Most Improved | - Russell Morgan |
| | "Advocate" Coastal Track Titles | - Russell Morgan |
| | J. Treanor Coastal Field Titles | - Dale Press |
| | Most Promising Young Middle Distance Athlete | - Leigh Taylor |
| | Under 13 Records | - Peter French |

The season concluded with quite a healthy bank balance mainly due to "The Examiner" sponsored Championships and the good support given to the Forth, Henly and Apple Festival Carnivals.

North

A great deal of work goes into the planning and preparation of an athletic season and the harvest reaped is the measure of success of officials and athletes alike. The north, can say that it has been a season of success. It is true numbers, both in officials and athletes have been smaller than in recent years, but, standards have been a great deal higher. The officials, although in short supply, have performed their duties well, most programmes were run to time, which is a measure of efficiency.

Standards in track and field events have risen to a high level, with over 80 northern records either equalled or broken, and several northern athletes will be well up in the ranking lists. Four major state meetings were conducted during the season in three of which northern athletes performed with credit, the fourth being the North v South, where North just hasn't the depth to match the South. The most notable success for the season was Newstead winning of the 4 x 400 metres senior relay title at the State Championships, 9 medallions were won by the North, 5 individual and 4 for relays plus 43 certificates. Brendon Dooley set a most impressive record in the 800 metres, John Schier won the Victorian Junior 1500 metres Steeplechase championship title and five Northern members were selected in the state team of nine and to crown the season, two silver medals were won at the Australian titles in Brisbane.

Undoubtably this has been one of the most successful seasons on record.

Affiliated Clubs

The five northern clubs, Newstead; North Launceston; George Town; Scotsdale and Exeter once again affiliated with the Branch this season, but the latter two clubs were rather unsettled due to lack of competent officials.

Registrations

Registrations in the north are still running low compared to previous seasons, but most athletes registered competed regularly at interclub each Saturday. Scotsdale and Exeter will have to improve next season to enable them to be run effectively.

Cross Country

April 25th saw the commencement of the cross country season at Relbia, a short but very good season, only two major events were conducted by the Branch, Northern Championships and the Tasmania 10000 metres Championship. There were good fields in most events and the meetings were very pleasant functions.

Road Season

This was the most successful for many years. With good fields in almost all events. This part of the season needs to be well catered for so as it can be used as a build up in preparation for the track season. In all six events were conducted by the Branch, including the Tasmanian Marathon Championships and eight special trophies were donated to encourage competitors. The Perth to Newstead and Sixways to Newstead events were the best supported with 26 starters each. It would be beneficial if athletes could be encouraged to compete in the Launceston to Longford and Perth to Newstead events as this could encourage athletes from other centres to enter.

Three road walking Championships 20 kilo, 5 kilo, Juniors and 2 kilo Under 12 were conducted quite successfully.

Track Season

The Northern Track season opened this year with the Schoolchildrens Championships at the Grammar School oval, Button Street, on October 17th. A record number of entries were received in all age groups, 480 entries in all, for the first time heats had to be scheduled in the senior 800 metres and all relay events were well patronised. On the morning of the event everything looked set for a great day of athletics, but this was not to be as heavy rain caused a postponement of the meeting, which had to be replanned for November 7th at White City. Due to the later date the meeting was a disappointment although a financial success to the Branch, this verified that the date for this meeting should be early October before the High and Independent Schools championships. White City was used as headquarters once again this season, being the fourth at this centre. It was in doubt as to whether the Branch would continue for another season, however, a decision was made and proved to be to the advantage of the sport. The Branch was given a rent free season on condition that the equivalent went into the improvement of the oval which was in the worst possible condition for the start of a season, but after several working bees everything was made ready with one major change to the sprint track.

An A and B programme with all events alternating each week consisting of fifteen interclub meetings was planned for this season. Separate age groups were introduced giving competition in under 11,12,13,14,D,C,B,A, eight grades in all. Three major trophies were competed for, the Mansell Shield for city clubs A,B,C,D, grades; Chaplin Shield for country clubs all grades and age groups and the Premiership Cup for junior competition in all clubs in under 11,12,13,14, age groups, giving a three way competition which seems most suitable to the north. Attendance was good, competition very keen and a much closer position in interclub points. The Combined Womens Clubs decided not to compete at White City this season, a big disappointment, especially after plans had been made to include womens events. A special meeting was called to try to avert the situation but to no avail and each branch decided to go its separate way which it is felt was backward step for athletics. Coaching in the north was somewhat on a par with last season, no great heights being reached in this important aspect of the sport, but athletes trained consistently in groups at several centres in the north. A big loss to athletics in the north was the transfer to Hobart earlier in the season of Mr. C. Beaton and Mr. M. Cherry.

By far the best athletic meeting held in the North last season was the North v South. The new date seemed more suited to this meeting as athletes are much closer to their peaks. The very strong southern team is congratulated on its convincing win in both senior and junior competitions. The Northern Branch is to be highly commended on an efficiently run meeting.

Finance

The financial position of the Branch declined considerably over the season mainly because of the withdrawal of the women from White City. North Launceston Club also decided not to have White City for training and valuable rent was lost because of this whilst the postponement of the Schoolchildrens Championships, the North v South and several interclub meetings because of weather greatly reduced gate takings. However, a revised budget saw the Branch finish the season with a small credit balance in the bank.

South

The Southern Branch can report a great deal of progress in the strengthening of the administration as well as a further increase in membership. It was realised, at the outset of the season, that the primary task facing the Committee was to re-examine the administrative structure of the Branch and to make it more effective before any plans for the further development of the sport could be implemented. There had been a close study of the administration during the previous season and a series of sub-committees had been established to deal with the various facets of the Branch's activities. Some of the sub-committees had worked, whilst others had not.

The Committee took great care in forming them this season and the application by the members of these groups contributed a great deal towards a much better administrative structure and there is no doubt that the foundations laid in the past season will enable the Branch to proceed with plans for the continued development of the sport.

The increase in membership was encouraging whilst what can be described as a dramatic rise in standards was probably the most noticeable feature of the season. In addition, the raising of finance for the Athletics Centre Trust Fund at last became an active fact and, what was a mere dream some seasons back, now seems certain of establishment.

It is obvious, that the season has been one of consolidation more than of expansion, but the progress in both directions points to a very bright future. It is true that many of the short comings noted in previous years still exist but, now that the Branch has established itself on a firm footing, it should be possible to set about overcoming these failings.

Relations between some of the clubs appeared to become strained over clearance disputes. There seemed to be two reasons for this - firstly, the Branch's rules for clearances need revision in that they are vague on some points and secondly, there is evidence to suggest that the administrative structures of some of the clubs needs strengthening. It is interesting to note that, ten years ago, the total membership of the Branch was 169 and that represented an increase of 49 over the year 1959/60.

The Sub-Committees were appointed to facilitate the administration of the Branch. Mr. C.H. Bevis proved an extremely competent chairman of the Finance Committee and it is largely due to his excellent control as chairman of this Committee and as Treasurer, that the Branch finances are at long last on a satisfactory footing. Mr. H.F. Ginn was appointed chairman of the Equipment Committee and this facet of the Branch's activities was in excellent hands throughout the year. There is a lot to do in the maintenance and control of athletic equipment and Mr. Ginn and the members of his committee performed a difficult task well. The Inter-Club Committee was charged with the organisation and conduct of all track and field meetings. Under the chairman Mr. D.G. Murray, this committee was faced with an enormous volume of work but careful planning and a sensible approach resulted in a highly successful season. These were the main sub-committees, the others being the Cross Country Committee and the Selection and Grading Committee.

Cross Country

The cross country and road season, held during the winter months was under the control of the Cross-Country Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. T.D. Brainigan, who unfortunately, found it difficult to carry out his duties as full as he would have liked due to his work. Once again the work of the Committee was made more difficult by the fact that it received very little support from the majority. Despite this, the wide and varied programme of events - which ad under close scrutiny beforehand - attracted the best fields for many years and standards were good.

SOUTHERN SCHOOLCHILDRENS CHAMPIONSHIPS

As has been the tradition since 1958 this meeting opened the 1970/71 summer season and was held at the Friends School Oval on the 10th October, 1970. Over 1000 competitors from 62 schools in Southern Tasmania competed in 270 events in a nine hour programme. This response, which is purely voluntary as there is no school contest conducted or implied, underlines the potential of athletics in the South, and the need for a proper athletics centre in Hobart. There is no criticism of the facilities at Friends implied. Indeed the school and the Curator Mr. Val Evans leave no stone unturned in their efforts to provide for this meeting but a school oval is not the place to conduct a programme of such ranking and magnitude.

The task of organising a meeting such as this is a mammoth one but it was handled most efficiently in 1970 by the Interclub Committee. The co-operation of all members of the committee on that occasion set the pattern for some outstanding work during the season.

For the first time the championship meeting was sponsored and the Branch was very happy to be able to acknowledge a donation of \$100 from the Shell Company during the programme. The Company's Cheque was presented by the Tasmanian Manager, Mr. F.J. Wain and the Branch is indebted to Mr. Wain for his work in arranging the sponsorship of the meeting. Although many of the "purists" in the sport might disagree, sponsorship has a distinct place in the development and promotion of amateur athletics and can be of mutual benefit to both bodies.

INTERCLUB TRACK AND FIELD PREMIERSHIP COMPETITION

The 1970/71 interclub track and field premierships competition was the responsibility of the Interclub Committee. It was decided that the format should be retained and the Committee gave close attention to the conduct of these meetings. Once again the chief difficulty arose from an insufficient number of officials despite strenuous efforts to swell the ranks. Each Club was required to supply at least six officials but it became apparent during the season that the clubs were not prepared to accept their responsibilities in this respect and did little to ensure that they supplied their full complement each week. As a result, those officials who acted were placed under a rather severe - and sometimes undue - strain, and had it not been for their keenness and the dedication of three or four field event athletes, who undertook virtual control of the throwing events, there is no doubt that the premierships competition would have collapsed. The Interclub Committee has reviewed the past season already and has placed a number of suggestions before the General Committee for consideration. Basically, these recommendations are aimed at increasing the efficiency of the officials and it is hoped that resolution of this problem will do a lot towards improving this competition.

Financially the Branch is in quite a healthy position due in no small way the excellent control and budgeting of the Honorary Treasurer Mr. C. Bevis.

MARATHON CLUB

The Marathon Club again affiliated with your Association and after 5 years appears to have consolidated itself among the major athletic organisations of the State. The club's aim is to provide and promote competition in the furtherance of Cross Country and Road Running and to do this conducted or assisted in conducting events such as the ½ Mile Hill Climb, the 1 Hour Relay, Tas. Bevis Memorial 5000 metres and 10000 metres Cross Country Championships, the King of the Mountains and 1 Hour Run. It is envisaged that additional and more varied competition will come in the future.

APPRECIATION

Appreciation must be extended to all who have assisted the Association during the past season to organise, conduct and promote amateur athletics.

As usual Press, Radio and Television have given a wide coverage and readily assisted with publicity which has been of tremendous assistance.

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To the Branches, their Committees, Officials and Clubs grateful thanks must be extended for not only conducting Tasmanian Championship events on behalf of the Association but for helping to carry out the aims of the T.A.A.A. - and the promotion of athletics. All have readily accepted their responsibilities in this regard and have sought no reward save the satisfaction of achievement.

National Fitness Council has again assisted with typing and duplicating and The Globe Hotel has provided a meeting place for the Council.

To all other people or bodies who have assisted in anyway during the past season your Council offers its sincere thanks.

On behalf of the Council

E.W. Barwick

PRESIDENT.

N.J. Ruddock

HONORARY SECRETARY.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1971

| <u>1969/70</u> | <u>RECEIPTS</u> | | <u>1969/70</u> | <u>PAYMENTS</u> | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 22.00 | Subscriptions | 22.00 | 14.50 | Affiliation Fees | 15.60 |
| 360.40 | Registrations | 386.40 | 154.80 | Registration Fees | 167.70 |
| 70.00 | Affiliation Fees | 70.00 | 5.50 | Printing & Stationery | 39.36 |
| 40.20 | Publications | 22.80 | 5.71 | Annual Meeting | 10.32 |
| 70.03 | Medallions, Certificates | 70.03 | 68.37 | Publications | 38.80 |
| 60.00 | Levies | 135.00 | 18.99 | Postages | 23.62 |
| 5.32 | Interest | 3.98 | 49.23 | Telephone, Telegrams | 47.49 |
| | Reinstatement Fee | 4.00 | 27.70 | Trophies & Engravings | 5.20 |
| 3.00 | Tas. Badges etc. | 4.00 | | Expenses Sec. Conference | 93.08 |
| 2.00 | Donations | | 4.22 | Wreaths | 10.00 |
| | | | 52.33 | Certificates, Medallions | |
| | | | | Aust. Championship Team Uniforms | 44.25 |
| | | | | Donation Brit. C/Wth Games | 50.00 |
| | | | | Rent Meeting Room | 2.00 |
| | | | | Ties, Badges etc. | 6.60 |
| | | | | Presentation etc. | 18.80 |
| | | | | Track Plans | 2.75 |
| | | | | A.A.U. Fine | 4.00 |
| | | | 100.00 | Honorarium | 100.00 |
| | | | 7.50 | Sundries | |
| | | | 124.12 | Excess of Receipts over Payments | 38.64 |
| <u>\$632.95</u> | | <u>\$718.21</u> | <u>\$632.95</u> | | <u>\$718.21</u> |
| \$114.34 | E.S. & A. Bank Ltd. | \$153.02 | | | |

No.2 ACCOUNT

| <u>RECEIPTS</u> | | <u>PAYMENT</u> | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Raffle T.C.A. Ground | 79.50 | Cheque Book | 1.25 |
| Advertising State Team Raffle | 50.00 | Printing Advertising Raffle | 34.16 |
| Interest | 11.47 | Aust. Champ. Team Expenses | 1568.40 |
| Aust. Champ. Team Fund | 1568.40 | Donation - Delegates | |
| Excess Payments over Receipts | 28.44 | A.A.U. Conference | 134.00 |
| | <u>\$1737.81</u> | | <u>\$1737.81</u> |
| \$309.64 | E.S. & A. Bank Ltd. | \$281.22 | |

I certify that the above statement is a true and correct record of the Association's Financial position.

M. Yeates,
HONORARY AUDITOR.