

TASMANIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

AFFILIATED WITH THE AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION:-

OFFICE BEARERS:

<u>PATRONESS:</u>	Lady Cross
<u>PRESIDENT:-</u>	Miss D. Kitchenman
<u>INDEPENDENT DELEGATES:</u>	Misses B. Gourlay & D. Trew.
<u>HON. TREASURER:</u>	Miss D. Smith.
<u>HON. SECRETARY:-</u>	Miss M. Triffitt.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT SINCE RE-AFFILIATION- SEASON 1956-57.

Presented to members at the Annual General Meeting held at Amateur House on Tuesday, 2nd July, at 8 p.m.

It is pleasing to report that this has been the most successful financial year since our re-formation, and added interest in women's athletics was created when Heather Innes was Tasmania's first representative at the Olympic Games, and our Secretary Miss Mavis Triffitt was appointed the first Tasmanian Women's Olympic Official, and whilst acting in that capacity had the honour of escorting the first gold medalist at the Games to the victory dias.

Our Association was fortunate in having two world champions visit us during this season.

After the Games, in November, Shirley Strickland, world champion hurdler gave exhibitions along the North West Coast, Queenstown and North Hobart Oval and in February through our Association Betty Cuthbert, world champion and triple gold medalist at the Olympic Games was invited to open the Cygnet Apple Festival where she also gave sprint exhibitions. Betty also appeared at the North Hobart Oval.

Mrs. Doris Magee, Secretary of the Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Union accompanied Betty and gave valuable information concerning the holding of the Australian Championships which are to be held in Hobart during 1960, prior to the Olympic Games in Rome.

Whilst here, Mrs. Magee together with Betty Cuthbert and the Secretary called on the Premier and the Hon. T.G. D'Alton, M.L.C., and discussed with them fully the need for a sports oval and amenities for athletics, and also the bringing to Tasmania of leading Australian Women Athletes to take part in an Athletic Carnival to be held during the coming season.

At present our membership numbers Seventy and although this shows a reduction on last years figures, interest has not waned, in fact the number of Club members who attended the Games in Melbourne show that interest is high.

Our President, Miss Kitchenman who was in charge of parties of school children at the Games states that she shall always remember the wonderful spectacle of the arena of the Melbourne Cricket Ground during the 1956 Olympiad, with athletes competing in so many events from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and later, throughout eight days.

The colourful parade of the competing teams at the Opening Ceremony, as they marched round the arena and received the great ovation given them by the 100,000 who packed the stands, and at the Closing Ceremony that same vast crowd hushed to a stillness that was almost eerie, as the flags of the competing nations were borne out of the arena, followed by the flag of Australia and then the Olympic Flag, the extinguishing of the flame and the singing of the "Farewell Hymn" by the massed choir. All these are part of the never to be forgotten memories of the Games of the XVTH Olympiad, Melbourne 1956.

Our congratulations are extended to the medal winners:-

Betty Cuthbert	3	Gold Medals
Shirley Strickland	2	" "
Fleur Mellor	1	" "
Norma Crocker	1	" "
Marlene Mathews	2	Bronze Medals
Norma Thrower	1	" "

Also Congratulations to Australian Team Manageress, Miss Doris Carter, and Sectional Manageress, Miss Nell Gould, and to the following who gained appointments as Officials at the Games:- Mrs. D. Magee, Finish Judge, Mrs. M. Robinson and Miss L. Neville, Field Games Judges, Mrs. E. Crockett (Vic), Mrs. D. Clark (N.S.W.), Miss M. Triffitt (Tas), and Miss N. McWilliams (Vic) Liaison Officers.

Our Coach, Miss D. Trew reports as follows:- Many young athletes were able to avail themselves of a visit to the Olympic Games and to study athletes from other Australian States and Overseas when competing in Tasmania after the Games.

The early closure of schools and the holding of the Olympic Games delayed the opening of competitive athletics in the South so that the usual pre-season coaching course for Southern athletes was not held.

However, individual coaching was given to Hobart Clubs during February and one session to members of the Newstead Women's and Launceston Women's Harrier Clubs in the North.

CLUES:

Sandy Bay Harrier Club:

It was very pleasing to note that the membership of this Club increased considerably during the past season.

The Club performances at the State Championships held at Devonport were not quite as good as the previous year, although it gained four titles and several minor places.

Once again the best individual performance by a Club member was by Margaret Jackson, who completely dominated inter-club sprints, she also gained two sprint titles, breaking State Records in both, and also several minor places at the State Championships.

Elaine Frawley also performed well and was not far behind Margaret in inter-club sprints. She also gained several minor places at the State Championships. This promising young athlete in the future should prove to be a great asset to the Club, for together with Margaret Jackson the Club is very fortunate in having the best sub-juniors in the State.

Pam Lisson in her first year of competitive athletics performed well to take the Sub-Junior high jump title. She also put up the best broad jump of the season at the inter-club meetings, with a jump of 15 ft.

The sub-junior relay team consisting of M. Jackson, E. Frawley, P. Lisson and M. Fannon, easily won the State title under very difficult conditions.

The Club's consistency trophy was won by our youngest, but one of our keenest members, namely Denise Cochrane, who received a point decision over Elaine Frawley, with Margaret Jackson another point away third.

The Club Championship was won rather convincingly by Margaret Jackson, from Pam Lisson and Elaine Frawley.

Other keen and promising club members of the past season were as follows:- M. Fannon, J. Kohl, K. Devine, C. Fraser, J. Healy, M. Peters, H. Fisher and G. Gordon (Sprints)- M. Harrison and Gail Hills (Jumps)

Friends' School:

as Coach, was out of the State from Mid-November until February.

One member of the Club, however Jill Large has considerably improved both style and time, through regular training. In the School Athletic Sports she created a new school record for the open 220 yds. with 28.8. secs. and equalled the present 75 yds. record of 9.2. Jill having another member created a new 50 yds. record in the Under 14 yrs. with 7secs.

A short Athletic Meeting has been arranged, for April, 17th with Hobart High School girls and it is hoped that this will be the first of many.

Several members of the Club were in the school parties which our President, Miss Kitchenman, was in charge of at the Olympic Games and greatly enjoyed the feast of athletics at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. They were all very thrilled when the honour of escorting the first Gold Medalist to the presentation dias for the 1956 Olympic Games was given to Miss Triffitt our State Secretary.

Hobart High:

Although membership has fallen off considerably congratulations to Pauline Johnson who has performed very well during the season. It is hoped that in the coming season a marked improvement in the membership will be shown.

Newstead Women's Harrier Club:

The Newstead Women's Harrier Club had a very successful track season. There has been more interest taken in field games and it is hoped that next season they will be more successful in these events, and also a larger membership. Several of the girls did well in the Championships- Kaye Webber taking out four field games titles.

North West Coast:

The 1956-57 season has been quite successful. Carnivals were held at Spreyton, Ulverstone and Forest. Mrs. Nangy Doyle and Misses Marlene Middlemiss and Wendy Hayes visiting athletes from Victoria were present at the Forest Carnival, and some fine exhibitions of sprinting were given.

Congratulations to Heather Innes, member of the Circular Head Club for being Tasmania's first woman Olympic representative. Also congratulations to her coach Mrs. A. Jackson.

The most outstanding girls for the season were Heather Innes (Javelin) Alice Robertson (State Jnr. & Senr. Champion) Barbara Lyon, Bernice Hillier, Janice Crowden, Annette Lehman and Fat Campbell.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

These were held on the 2nd and 4th of March in conjunction with the Tasmanian Amateur Athletic Association.

RESULTS OF 1956/57 CHAMPIONSHIPS:

SECOND DAY:

2nd MARCH:-

DEVONPORT:-

Sub-Junior 75 yds:

<u>1st:</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd.</u>
M. Jackson (S.B)	E. Frawley (S.B.)	B. Lyon (Darwin)
<u>9 Secs.</u>		

<u>Open:</u>	A. Robertson (Dev)	M. Jackson (S.B)	L. Johnstone (Dev)
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<u>220 yds. Sub Jnr.</u>	B. Lyon (Dev.)	<u>8.8 secs.</u> J. Crowden (Dev)	B. Hillier (Dev)
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<u>220 yds. Open</u>	A. Robertson (Dev)	L. Johnstone (Dev)	-
		<u>28.6 secs.</u>	

SECOND DAY:-

75yds Junior

	<u>1st:</u>	<u>2nd:</u>	<u>3rd:</u>
	A. Robertson (Dev)	J. Eloyd (Dev)	P. Johnson
		<u>8.8 secs.</u>	

Discus Jnr.

H. Innes (Darwin)	<u>76ft. 7$\frac{1}{2}$"</u>
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Discus Snr.

H. Innes (Darwin)	<u>76ft. 7$\frac{1}{2}$"</u>
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Hop, Step & Jump⁵

<u>Junior</u>	K. Webber(Newstead)	G. Newman (Dev)	E. Munting (Dev)
		<u>31ft. 5$\frac{1}{2}$"</u>	

Sub-Junior:

B. Hiller (Dev)	R. Saville(Newstead)	-
	<u>29ft. 1$\frac{1}{4}$"</u>	

<u>Open:</u>	K. Webber (Newstead)	G. Newman (Dev)	E. Munting (Dev)
		<u>31ft. 5$\frac{1}{2}$"</u>	

High Jump:

<u>Sub-Junior:</u>	P. Lisson (S.B)	P. Campbell (Dev)	-
		<u>4ft. 4$\frac{1}{2}$"</u>	

Junior:

K. Webber (Newstead)	E. Munting (Dev)	-
	<u>4ft. 7$\frac{1}{2}$"</u>	

Open:

E. Munting (Dev)	G. Newman (Dev)	-
	<u>4ft. 3"</u>	

FIRST DAY:

100yds. Sub-Junior:

M. Jackson (S.B.)	E. Frawley (S.B.)	B. Lyon (Darwin)
	<u>11:8: secs.</u>	

Senior:

A. Robertson(Dev)	M. Jackson(S.B.)	A. Lehman(Dev.)
	<u>11.5 secs.</u>	

Junior:

A. Robertson(Dev)	P. Johnson(H.H.S)	J. Lloyd (Dev)
	<u>11.5 secs</u>	

BROAD JUMP SENIOR:

G. Newman (Dev)	H. Innes(Dar)	E. Munting (Dev)
	<u>14ft$\frac{1}{2}$"</u>	

Junior:

K. Webber(Newstead)	P. Johnson(H.H.S.)	M. Harrison (S.B.)
	<u>14ft. 5$\frac{1}{2}$"</u>	

Sub-Junior:

B. Hiller(Dev)	P. Lisson (S.B.)	E. Frawley (S.B.)
	<u>14ft. 2$\frac{1}{2}$"</u>	

Javelin (Senior)

H. Innes (Dar.)	J. Paul (S.B.)	G. Ferman (Dev)
	<u>113ft. 11$\frac{1}{2}$"</u>	

FIRST DAY:

Javelin (Junior) H. Innes (Dar) G. Newman (Dev) M. Jackson (S.B.)

113ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Sub-Junior: M. Jackson (S.B.) H. Fannon S.B. -

61ft. 10"

80 Metres Hurdles:

Senior: E. Munting (Dev) M. Goninon (L'ton) M. Fry (Newstead)

15 secs.

4 x 110 yds. Relay:

Senior: Devon No. 1 & 2 equal first Sandy Bay

54.2 secs.

Junior: Devon Newstead -

54.9 secs.

Sub-Junior: Sandy Bay -

54.3

The Australian Women's Amateur Athletic Championships are to be held in Sydney next March at which representatives will be chosen for the British Empire Games to be held in Wales in 1958, and it is hoped that this Association will be able to send a Team to take part in these Championships.

In conclusion, on behalf of all members of our Association I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all Clubs, and Officers who have generously contributed services, coaching and advice to athletes, and who have devoted much of their time on Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings to the furtherance and assistance of our Association.

It is pleasing to note the added interest taken by the parents and friends of club members both in Hobart, Launceston and the North West Coast.

Mavis Triffitt,
HON. SECRETARY.