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AFFILIATED WITH THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA
AND THE TASMANIAN OLYMPIC COUNCIL.

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47TH ANNUAL REPORT - SEASON 1957/58.

Presented to Members at the Annual General Meeting held in the Philanthropic Room, Town Hall, Hobart on Saturday, 26th April, 1958 at 8.0 p.m.

GENTLEMEN,

It is with much pleasure that the Annual Report and Financial Statement are presented to members of the Association at this the 47th Annual General Meeting.

Once again the season under review has been most successful. The main feature has been the big increase in registrations - from 219 last season to 309 this season.

The Northern, North-Western and Southern Branches again affiliated, and all three had an increased number of athletes competing. North showed the biggest gain - from 88 to 142, North-West moved from 67 to 87, whilst South registered 80, 16 more than last year. As most of the increase was in the ranks of the sub-juniors, indications are that the sport is becoming more attractive to the schoolboy and to the boy who has just left school. This must in turn improve standards and result in an improvement in athletics throughout Tasmania.

AUSTRALIAN TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS. Your Association was represented at the Brisbane Championships by a team consisting of a Manager, Mr. C. A. Wise, and five athletes, two seniors (B. Smith - 100 yards and 220 yards, K. Sheehan - relays), and three juniors (G. Blake - 880 yards, K. Batt - 880 yards and 1 mile, and R. Armstrong - 100 yards and 220 yards). Teams also competed in the 4 X 110 Yards Relay and the 1 Mile Medley Relay. R. Soloman was selected for the senior 440 Yards but was unable to make the trip.

Unfortunately, the Team Manager (Mr. Wise) had to return to Hobart before the second day's championships, because of the sudden death of his Mother. The sympathy of the members of your Association were conveyed to Mr. Wise and his family on this sad occasion.

The best performances were registered by the two juniors, G. Blake and K. Batt, in the junior invitation events. Blake, who last year won the event in Victoria, was again successful in the 880 Yards, recording the rather slow time of 2 mins. 1.4 secs. However, the race was run at night on a rain soaked track, and the fact that he won is more important than the time. In the same race Batt ran very well to finish 4th, and did equally well in the mile on the Saturday, running the fastest time he has recorded, 4 mins. 30.8 secs.

Australian Championships (continued).

Tasmanian representation in the past few Australian Championships has not been particularly strong, but the experience gained by the younger athletes should form the nucleus of quite a good team for future years.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION CONFERENCE. The Annual Conference of the A.A.U. was held in Brisbane prior to the Championships, and Tasmania was represented by Messrs. N. G. Kutton and C. A. Wise. Three items were submitted by your Association for consideration by the Conference, and all three were passed. The first provided that amateur athletes shall not lose their status by playing against professionals in a Basketball competition controlled and organised by a body affiliated with the Amateur Basketball Union of Australia.

The second item made provision for an overseas athlete to hold an Australian Championship title, and by the third the Union agreed to encourage wherever possible athletic contests between Australia and other countries or between Australian cities and the cities of overseas countries.

A very pleasing result of the Conference was that Tasmania was allocated the 1959 Australian Championships, and the tentative dates for these will be February 28th and March 2nd, at the North Hobart Ground.

Your President was again elected Vice-President of the Union.

EMPIRE GAMES. Only one Tasmanian was selected in the Australian Team for the British Empire and Commonwealth Games, to be held in Cardiff in July this year - David Lean, who will defend his 440 yards Hurdles title, won at Vancouver in 1954. David, who is still attending University in the U.S.A., has been running up to his best form during recent weeks, and it is expected that he will again be a worthy representative of Australia and Tasmania. Ralph Crack must be considered a little unlucky to miss selection, but unfortunately only one Marathon runner was selected. However, let us hope that with two further years experience, Ralph will gain selection in the Australian team for the Olympic Games in Rome in 1960.

TASMANIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS. This season both days of the Tasmanian Championships were held in Hobart, and in spite of the North Hobart Ground being unavailable, an excellent carnival was conducted on the Queenborough Oval.

An invitation was extended to Merv. Lincoln and Herb. Elliott to compete in the 1 Mile Championship, but unfortunately they were unable to accept.

Entries were well up to standard for seniors, whilst there were many more competitors in the junior and sub-junior events than in the past.

An attempt was made to streamline the programme, and make it more attractive for spectators, by deleting several junior, sub-junior and women's field games. The result was quite satisfactory, and it is anticipated that this programme will continue to be used in the future. The conduct of the meeting left little to be desired, and all in all the Championships were quite successful.

Congratulations are extended to Eastern Suburbs Athletic Club on winning the Hobart Harrier Cup for senior competition for the first time since the inception of the Club. The St. George Shield for Juniors was won by Darwin, also for the first time, and Newstead Harrier Club again won the sub-junior competition.

Results - First Day, 1st March, 1958.

<u>Senior.</u>	<u>1st.</u>	<u>2nd.</u>	<u>3rd.</u>
6 Miles	R. Crack (N) Time - 31 mins. 41.6 secs.	A. Reid (SB)	J. Mansell (N)
1 Mile	B. Wise (ES) Time - 4 mins. 22.7 secs.	C. Smith (SB)	I. Ashe (SB)
440 yards	R. Solomon (Uni) Time - 51.6 secs.	R. Morriss (ES)	J. Claxton (L)

Results - First Day (Continued).

<u>Senior.</u>	<u>1st.</u>	<u>2nd.</u>	<u>3rd.</u>
110 yards	B. Smith (N) Time - 10.6 secs.	R. Solomon (Uni)	F. Robson (Dar)
2 Mile Walk	G. Breen (SB) Time - 15 mins. 21.2 secs.	R. Cunningham (SB)	R. Pinchin (L)
220 Yds. Hurdles	W. Halley (ES) Time - 27.9 secs.	J. Murray (N)	R. Pinchin (L)
120 Yds. Hurdles	I. Ashe (SB) Time - 17.5 secs.	F. Chen (SB)	W. Halley (ES)
Long Jump	F. Robson (Dar) Distance - 19 ft. 9 ins.	W. Halley (ES)	G. Crawford (ES)
Pole Vault	F. Robson (Dar) Height - 9 ft. 1 in.	R. Wilson (N)	B. Mansfield (Dar)
Shot Putt	V. Feldmanis (ES) Distance - 32 ft. 5 ins.	B. Mansfield (Dar)	R. Wilson (N)
Javelin	R. Pinchin (L) Distance - 135 ft.	D. Campbell (Dev)	B. Thomas (N)

<u>Junior.</u>	<u>1st.</u>	<u>2nd.</u>	<u>3rd.</u>
1 Mile	K. Bett (Dar) Time - 4 mins. 31.4 secs.	D. Cox (Dar)	D. Thomson (SB)
440 Yards	G. Blake (ES) Time - 51.3 secs.	A. Tatham (Dar)	B. Poulson (ES)
110 Yards	A. Tatham (Dar) Time - 11.0 secs.	W. Dalton (Dar)	K. Purvis (Dar)
220 Yards Hurdles	W. Dalton (Dar) Time - 29.7 secs.	A. Davis (ES)	L. Ford (SB)
120 Yards Hurdles	E. Chen (SB) Time - 17.6 secs.		
Long Jump	A. Davis (ES) Distance - 19 ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	G. Crawford (ES)	N. Baker (Dar)
Javelin	N. Baker (Dar) Distance - 146 ft. 1 in.	A. Davis (ES)	L. Ford (SB)
Shot Putt	N. Baker (Dar) Distance - 37 ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	L. Ford (SB)	B. Felmingham (ES)

<u>Sub-Junior.</u>	<u>1st.</u>	<u>2nd.</u>	<u>3rd.</u>
1 Mile	D. Thomson (SB) Time - 4 mins. 35.3 secs.	P. Boer (N)	D. Dickson (ES)
440 Yards	I. Probert (N) Time - 52.0 secs.	P. Voss (ES)	P. Eustace (ES)
100 Yards	I. Probert (N) Time - 11 secs.	R. Doyle (SB)	R. Armstrong (N)
Long Jump	R. Armstrong (N) Distance - 20 ft.	A. Davis (ES)	G. Crawford (ES)

Results - Second Day, 3rd March, 1958.

<u>Senior.</u>	<u>1st.</u>	<u>2nd.</u>	<u>3rd.</u>
Hammer Throw	L. Ford (SB) Distance - 75 ft.	W. Halley (ES)	G. Harwood (SB)
High Jump	R. Hand (ES) Height - 5 ft. 7 ins.	I. Ashe (SB)	J. Murray (N)
220 Yards	B. Smith (N) Time - 23.2 secs.	R. Solomon (Uni)	F. Robson (Dar)
Hop Step Jump	R. Hand (ES) Distance - 43 ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	F. Robson (Dar)	B. Morriss (ES)
880 Yards	G. Blake (ES) Time - 1 min. 57.5 secs.	C. Smith (SB)	B. Wise (ES)
Discus	R. Wilson (N) Distance - 99 ft. 8 ins.	V. Feldmanis (ES)	M. Lusty (Dar)

Results - Second Day (Continued).

<u>Senior.</u>	<u>1st.</u>	<u>2nd.</u>	<u>3rd.</u>
3 Miles	R. Crack (N) Time - 15 mins. 5 secs.	D. Boniwell (Uni)	M. Nankervis (N)
440 Yds. Hurdles	I. Ashe (SB) Time - 59.1 secs.	W. Halley (ES)	M. Nankervis (N)
1 Mile Medley Relay	Eastern Suburbs	Sandy Bay	Launceston
	Time - 3 mins. 44.4 secs.		
4 X 110 Yds. Relay	Newstead	Darwin	Eastern Suburbs
	Time - 46.4 secs.		

<u>Junior.</u>	<u>1st.</u>	<u>2nd.</u>	<u>3rd.</u>
High Jump	A. Davis (ES) Height - 5 ft. 1 in.	J. Nankervis (N)	R. Morrison (N)
880 Yards	G. Blake (ES) Time - 2 mins. 1.6 secs.	K. Batt (Dar)	D. Cox (Dar)
220 Yards	A. Tatham (Dar) Time - 23.8 secs.	W. Dalton (Dev)	K. Curtis (Dev)
Hop Step & Jump	N. Baker (Dar) Distance - 37 ft. 9 ins.	J. Nankervis (N)	
4 X 110 Yds. Relay	Darwin	Eastern Suburbs	Newstead
	Time - 47.8 secs.		
1 Mile Medley Relay	Darwin	Eastern Suburbs	Newstead
	Time - 3 mins. 46.2 secs. (Record).		

<u>Sub-Junior.</u>	<u>1st.</u>	<u>2nd.</u>	<u>3rd.</u>
880 Yards	P. Eustace (ES) Time - 2 mins. 8 secs.	P. Boer (N)	D. Dickson (ES)
220 Yards	I. Probert (N) Time - 23.6 secs.	W. Radford (Dev)	R. Doyle (SB)
4 X 110 Yds. Relay	Newstead	Sandy Bay	Eastern Suburbs
	Time - 49.2 secs.		
880 Yds. Medley Relay	Newstead	Eastern Suburbs	
	Time - 1 min. 44.8 secs. (Record).		

Points.

<u>Hobart Harrier Cup</u>	<u>St. George Shield</u>		
Seniors.	Seniors.	Juniors.	Sub-Juniors.
Eastern Suburbs 60.	Darwin	59.	Newstead 43.
Sandy Bay 45.	Eastern Suburbs	41.	Eastern Suburbs 23.
Newstead 45.	Newstead	14.	Sandy Bay 14.

TRIANGULAR CONTEST. The North-Western Branch conducted the Triangular Contest at Devonport, and it once again proved a success. Undoubtedly this meeting is gaining in popularity and with the evening-up of standards, competition is becoming keener. Again a full series of senior events, plus selected ones for juniors and sub-juniors, was conducted. South retained the J. J. Breen Trophy for seniors, whilst North won the junior and the sub-junior competitions, the latter carrying the Monomeith Trophy.

SCHOOLBOYS' AND SCHOOLGIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS. This season was the eighth time these have been held, and the Southern Branch staged them at North Hobart on 2nd November, 1957. Entries were the largest ever received and the small number of scratchings was heartening.

Unfortunately, none of the Branches saw their way clear to conduct a similar meeting for their own area, but it is hoped that they will be able to fit one in next season.

CROSS COUNTRY. The Cross Country events attracted much larger fields than usual, and it does appear that at last most athletes are being attracted to this side of the sport.

Ralph Crack dominated the State Championships, winning all senior titles, the 5 Miles, 10 Miles, 10,000 Metres and Marathon, and he is to be congratulated on his fine performance.

The Marathon Championship, being held for only the second time, was conducted by the Northern Branch, and was well organised.

It is to be hoped that in the forthcoming season the North-Western Branch will be able to introduce Cross Country events, and thus encourage winter running for its athletes.

Results.

5 Mile Senior.

R. Crack (N)
D. Boniwell (SB)
C. Smith (SB)

Time: 28 mins, 41 secs.

5 Mile Novice.

J. O'Byrne (N)
F. Nailer (N)
J. Claxton (L)

Time: 30 mins. 1.1 secs.

10,000 Metres C.C.C.

R. Crack (N)
T. Nailer (N)
B. Wise (ES)

Time: 35 mins. 38 secs.

Points: Newstead 22
Sandy Bay 23

3 Mile Junior C.C.C.

G. Blake (ES)
D. Thomson (SB)
R. Nichols (SB)

Points: Sandy Bay 27
Newstead 41

10 Miles C.C.C.

R. Crack (N)
D. Boniwell (SB)
T. Nailer (N)

Time: 56 mins. 7 secs.

5 Mile Junior.

G. Blake (ES)
B. Poulson (ES)
R. Miller (Dev)

Time: 29 mins. 13 secs.

Marathon.

R. Crack (N)
T. Nailer (N)
G. Breen (SB)

Time: 2 hours 50 mins. 24 secs.

Decathlon.

I. Ashe (SB) 3848.
F. Robson (Dar) 3542.
J. Claxton (L) 3222.

AUSTRALIAN MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIP. Ralph Crack was Tasmania's only representative in this event, held in Sydney on March 23rd, and he performed brilliantly to finish second to John Russell (N.S.W.). Only six of the seventeen runners finished the very gruelling race, run under most trying conditions. Ralph, who has competed in only 5 marathons, has the very good record of 1 first and 3 seconds, and provided he can manage to obtain reasonable competition there appears to be no reason why he can't improve upon this, to become one of Australia's foremost Marathon runners.

FINANCE. Your Association is very happy to be able to report a profit for the year of £69.15. 1., and of this an amount of £65.16. 5. was received from the Union. When this unexpected income is deducted from the profit the excess is only £3.18. 8., so the year's estimate of income and expenditure which resulted in affiliation fees being set at £25 for the 3 branches, proved to be reasonably accurate. Expenditure for the year has been very light but next year, with the organisation and conducting of the Australian Championships, it will naturally be much greater, and it is very gratifying to your Association to know that it has a credit bank balance of £310.16.11 with which to begin arrangements. However, this amount will not be nearly sufficient, and it is hoped that the State Government will make a generous grant in this regard.

OBITUARY. It is with deep regret that your Association has to report the passing of Mr. W. H. Mason-Cox, who, until ill-health forced his resignation during the year, was a member of your Council.

Mr. Mason-Cox had not been a resident of Tasmania for a great length of time before his death, but during that relatively short period he showed himself to be an enthusiastic supporter of the sport, and a capable administrator. The State, and athletics in particular, are the poorer for his passing.

APPRECIATION. This Annual Report would not be complete unless we took the opportunity to express thanks to all those people, clubs and organisations who have assisted the sport during the past season.

In particular, we again record our thanks to the Tasmanian Racing Club for allowing the use of the Elwick Racecourse for Cross Country racing. Sincere thanks are due also to the three branches and the committees for their co-operation and the way in which they have conducted the actual athletics. We greatly appreciate the very material assistance in the way of publicity by the Press and the Radio.

The active co-operation and unselfish work of Association, Branch and Club officials, and the athletes themselves, have played a very big part in making the 1957-58 year a success.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF

THE TASMANIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION,

Signed: N. G. HUTTON, PRESIDENT.

Signed: N. J. RUDDOCK, HON. SECRETARY.

TASMANIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 26TH APRIL, 1958.

<u>Expenditure.</u>		<u>Income.</u>	
Printing, Stationery and Stamps.	2. 16. 10.	Subscriptions	10. 10. 0.
Petty Cash	12. 19. 8.	Registrations	23. 3. 6.
Honorarium	50. 0. 0.	Affiliations	75. 0. 0.
Affiliation Fees	6. 6. 0.	I.A.A.F. Handbooks, etc.	3. 11. 6.
Registrations	23. 3. 6.	Bank Interest	5. 16. 2.
Advertising	3. 16. 0.	Amateur Athletic Union of Australia	65. 16. 5.
I.A.A.F. Handbooks, etc.	7. 0. 6.	Contras	12. 0. 0.
Travelling Expenses	5. 0. 0.		
Badges	3. 0. 0.		
Contras	12. 0. 0.		
Excess of Income over Expenditure	69. 15. 1.		
	£195. 17. 7.		£195. 17. 7.
Cash at E.S. & A. Bank Ltd.	£310. 16. 11.		

I certify that the above exhibits 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.

(Signed) G. T. BRIGGS,
ACTING AUDITOR.