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at Powells Hotel, Campbell Town, on Sunday
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Gentlemen

It is with pleasure, that your Council presents the 58th Annual Report of the Association. Again it is one which reports a continuing rise in standards throughout the State. The branches are showing pleasing progress and overall it is most optimistic.

REGISTRATION

Registrations did not quite reach the 700 mark as had been hoped but they fell short by only 4. This is still the highest number ever reach an increase of just 9 on the 1968-69 season. However, there was a decrease of 1 on the number of 12 year olds and over, plus officials. Biggest surprise was the decrease of 14 by the Southern Branch. Most pleasing was the continued improvement by the North West whose 126 is only 5 behind the record year of 1962/63.

Statistics for the season were:-

South	347	including	67	Under 12	Decrease of	14	or	3.9%	in 1967/68
North	223	"	69	" 12	Increase of	4	or	1.89%	" " "
North West	<u>126</u>	"	<u>69</u>	" 12	" of	<u>19</u>	or	<u>17.7%</u>	" " "
	696	"	205	" 12	" of	9	or	1.2%	" " "

TRACK AND FIELD

North v South Contest

The Northern Branch were again charged with the responsibility of organising and conducting this event. It was held at White City on Saturday 14th December and as has been the case over the last few years proved most successful. South were again successful but in spite of the enlarged programme had very little to spare. Final points were 475½ to 394½. An Under 13 and 11 programme conducted in conjunction resulted in North 66, South 50 and North West 43. Two trophies have been obtained for the winning Branch in each section thanks to the Northern President Mr. R. Moore

TASMANIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were conducted, as usual, in Hobart on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th March. A pleasing feature was the visit of several athletes from the Power House Club of Melbourne.

Conditions were good and the track as we have come to expect, was in perfect condition due to the efforts of the Curator, Mr. Ray Smith and the officers of the Reserves Department of the Hobart City Council.

Fields were very good, probably the best for many years which is extremely heartening. It indicates that standards have evened out considerably and extremely keen competition resulted. There were very few certain winners and all in all they were probably the best championships for a long while, with 8 Tasmanian records being broken.

The inclusion of 8 Under 13 and 3 Under 11 events together with additional Junior, Sub Junior and Juvenile events all proved successful innovations.

Club interest still appeared to be lacking but with the recovery of the Hobart Harriers Clubs Cup which is for senior competition, perhaps this aspect of the Championship could be revitalised. Sandy Bay retained the senior championship quite comfortably with Newstead runners up - its best effort for many years. A.Y.C. again won the Junior championship easily and added the Sub Junior and Juvenile - an excellent performance. Devon's effort of 2nd in the Sub Junior and Juvenile was very pleasing indeed.

The Results were:-

<u>SENIOR</u>				<u>Time & Distance</u>
<u>Event</u>	<u>1ST</u>	<u>2ND</u>	<u>3RD</u>	
100 metres	M.Bird(SB)	P.Skeggs(AYC)	N.Mickleborough(SB)	-10.8
200 metres	M.Bird(SB)	R.Fisk(AYC)	P.Skeggs(AYC)	-21.9TRR
400 metres	M.Bird(SB)	E.Stephens(N)	P.Skeggs(AYC)	-49.0
800 metres	J.Denholm(ES)	E.Stephens(N)	G.Bentley(ES)	1-49.0
1500 metres	J.Denholm(ES)	E.Coyle(PH)	G.Bentley(ES)	3-43.0TOR
5000 metres	D.Cox(N)	M.Little(Dev)	K.Rayner(SB)	14-40.6
10000 metres	M.Little(Dev)	D.Cox(N)	A.McCreary(SB)	31- 8.8
110 metres Hurdles	N.Mickleborough(SB)	I.Flockhart(ES)	W.Fletcher(NS)	-15.4
400 metres Walk	N.Mickleborough(SB)	I.Manning(NS)	I.Kerrison(N)	-53.4
3000 metres	W.Melville(AYC)	C.Ockenden(SB)	R.Paterson(ES)	-13.44
Long Jump	R.Thomas(NL)	I.Manning(NS)	H.Gebku(OVA)	21ft.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
Triple Jump	I.Manning(NS)	R.Morriss(Uni)	L.McDermott(SB)	45' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
High Jump	I.Beltz(Uni)	G.Fielding(AYC)	R.Poster(NS)	6'5"
Pole Vault	I.Flockhart(ES)	J.Parkinson(OVA)	G.Fielding(AYC)	10' 6"
Shot Putt	N.Evans(N)	G.Stowards(Uni)	I.Murray(AYC)	49' 3"TRR
Javelin	M.Mannion(N)	G.Stowards(Uni)	N.Evans(N)	200' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "TRR
Discus	N.Evans(N)	D.Hardy(NS)	G.Stowards(Uni)	129'
Hammer	D.Hardy(NS)	R.Gale(S'ham)	W.Halley(ES)	144'1"
3000 metres- Steeplechase	J.Denholm(ES)	M.Little(Dev)	A.McCreary(SB)	9-14.8TOR
4x100metres Relay	Sandy Bay	A.Y.C.	Northern Suburbs	-43.7
4x400 " " "	Sandy Bay	Northern Suburbs	Newstead	3-25.2
<u>CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:-</u>	Sandy Bay	32		
	Newstead	20		
	Eastern suburbs	18		

<u>JUNIOR</u>				<u>Time & Distance</u>
	<u>1ST</u>	<u>2ND</u>	<u>3RD</u>	
100 metres	C.Hines(NS)	W.Mason(AYC)	C.Hickman(SB)	-11.0
200 metres	C.Hines(NS)	C.Hickman(SB)	W.Mason(AYC)	-22.3
400 metres	C.Hines(NS)	M.Portwin(AYC)	C.Hickman	-48.8TRR
800 metres	K.Rayner(SB)	S.Bailey(N)	B.Nelson(NL)	1-56.0
1500 metres	K.Rayner(SB)	D.Holdsworth(PH)	D.Quarrell(N)	3-54.7TRR
5000 metres	D.Harries(NS)	P.Ford(N)	A.Bennett(SB)	15-55.4
100metres Hurdles	P.Cox(AYC)	Y.Siejka(NS)	P.Downie(Dev)	-16.4
400metres Hurdles	P.Cox(AYC)	Y.Siejka(NS)		-55.6
3000 metres Walk	R.Sargeant(AYC)	C.Ockenden(SB)	R.Foster(NS)	14-24.2
Long Jump	G.Fielding(AYC)	Y.Siejka(NS)	K.Smith(AYC)	20' 3"
Triple Jump	K.Smith(AYC)	G.Fielding(AYC)	S.Osnakovitch(NS)	42'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
High Jump	G.Fielding(AYC)	K.Smith(AYC)	R.Foster(NS)	5' 11"
Pole Vault	G.Fielding(AYC)	J.Parkinson(OVA)	I.Murray(AYC)	10' 0"
Shot Putt	I.Murray(AYC)	K.Smith(AYC)	J. Parkinson(OVA)	38' 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Javelin	K.Smith(AYC)	I.Murray(AYC)	G.Murray(AYC)	149' 7"
Discus	I.Murray(AYC)	P.Sproule(NS)	R.Gardner(Dev)	106' 4"
Hammer	I.Murray(AYC)			55' 5"
1500 metres- Steeplechase	D.Quarrell(N)	B.Nelson(NL)	A.Bennett(SB)	4-29.7TOR
4x110metres Relay	A.Y.C.	Sandy Bay	O.V.A.	45.1
4x400metres Relay	A.Y.C.	Sandy Bay		3-29.7
<u>CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:-</u>	A.Y.C.	59		
	Northern Suburbs	23		
	Sandy Bay	20		

SUBJUNIOR

	<u>1ST</u>	<u>2ND</u>	<u>3RD</u>	<u>Time & Distance</u>
100 metres	M.Skeggs(AYC)	P.Cox(AYC)	D.Maddox(NS)	- 1.2TRR
200 metres	T.Long(NL)	P.Cox(AYC)	M.Skeggs(AYC)	-23.1
400 metres	M.Treanor(Dev)	R.Morgan(Dev)	N.Elliott(OVA)	-52.0
800 metres	G.Webb(NS)	G.Monson(Dev)	S.Webb(NS)	1-58.8
1500 metres	S.Webb(NS)	G.Monson(Dev)	G.Webb(NS)	4- 9.9
110 metres Hurdles	P.Cox(AYC)	I.Murray(AYC)	Y.Siejka(NS)	16.0
Long Jump	P.Cox(AYC)	I.Murray(AYC)	Y.Siejka(NS)	20'9½"
Triple Jump	P.Cox(AYC)	S.Oleskiewicz(NS)	Y.Siejka(NS)	42'1¼"
High Jump	R.Kadziolka(OVA)	P.Cox(AYC)	L.McDermott(SB)	5'7"
Shot Putt	G.Murray(AYC)	P.Cox(AYC)	S.Dobson(S'dale)	31'6"
Javelin	S.Delaney(SB)	M.Treanor(Dev)	I.Murray(AYC)	147'2"
<u>Relay</u>				
4x100 metres	Devon	Nthn Suburbs	A.Y.C.	3-35.0
4x400 metres	Devon	A.Y.C.	Northern Suburbs	-47.9
<u>CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:-</u>	A.Y.C.	33		
	Devon	21		
	Northern Suburbs	18		

JUVENILE (Under 15)

	<u>1ST</u>	<u>2ND</u>	<u>3RD</u>	<u>Time & Distance</u>
100 metres	A. Porter(Dev)	G. Murray(AYC)	P.Viney(Dev)	-12.0
200 metres	A. Porter(Dev)	G. Murray(AYC)	R. Webber(OVA)	-24.3
400 metres	R.Webber(OVA)	A.Porter(Dev)	R.Kelly(OVA)	-54.7TRR
800 metres	R.Webber(OVA)	P.Jackman(AYC)	P.Radford(Dev)	2- 9.9
1500 metres	P.Radford(Dev)	P.Jackman(AYC)	N.Gale(NS)	4-28.0
Long Jump	K.Bull(AYC)	G.Murray(AYC)	D.Singline(N)	17'11"
Triple Jump	G.Murray(AYC)	N.Eagling(NL)	K.Bull(AYC)	41'3"
High Jump	M.Miers(NL)	P.Jackman(AYC)	P.Radford(Dev)	5'
<u>Relay</u>				
4x100 metres	Devon	A.Y.C.	O.V.A.	-51.5
<u>CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:-</u>	A.Y.C.	22		
	Devon	19		
	O.V.A.	9		

UNDER 13

	<u>1ST</u>	<u>2ND</u>	<u>3RD</u>	<u>Time & Distance</u>
100 metres	C.Cartledge(OVA)	S.Hood(SB)	P.Biggs(NS)	-12.8
200 metres	C.Cartledge(OVA)	S.Hood(SB)	J.Keogh(NS)	-27.2
400 metres	M.Stott(AYC)	D.Stokes(ES)	C.Cripps(ES)	-62.9
800 metres	D.Stokes(ES)	M.Stott(AYC)	A.Heawood(NS)	2-23.2
1500 metres	C.Ziegler(NS)	A.Heawood(NS)	P.Brasher(N)	5- 0.3
High Jump	C.Cartledge(OVA)	L.Pilgrim(Dev)	S.Hood(SB)	5'
Long Jump	C.Cartledge(OVA)	S.Hood(SB)	J.Keogh(N)	14'10"
<u>Relay</u>				
4x100metres	O.V.A.	A.Y.C.	Devon	-55.0
<u>CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:-</u>	O.V.A.	17		
	A.Y.C.	8		
	Northern Suburbs	7		
	Sandy Bay	7		

UNDER 11

	<u>1ST</u>	<u>2ND</u>	<u>3RD</u>	<u>Time & Distance</u>
100 metres	M.Shaw(Dev)	M.McCann(NL)	P.Stone(Dev)	-13.9
200 metres	D.Gillam(Dev)	M.McCann(NL)	M.Shaw(Dev)	-29.4
<u>Relay</u>				
4 x100 metres	Devon	O.V.A.	Northern Suburbs	-58.5
<u>CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:-</u>	Devon	13		
	North Launceston	4		
	O.V.A.	3		

TOTAL POINTS:-

A.Y.C.	139
Northern Suburbs	66
Sandy Bay	63
Devon	63
O.V.A.	42
Newstead	32
Eastern Suburbs	24
North Launceston	18
University	10
Scottsdale	1

PENTATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Another innovation this season was the introduction of Pentathlon Championships for the top three age groups. These were conducted in Launceston on the Sunday following the North versus South competition. The great disappointment was only one starter in the senior but the junior and sub-junior were well patronised. This competition should be persevered with as it is a good lead up to the Decathlon and can cater for many athletes who have not the versatility to cope with 10 events.

RESULTS:-

Senior - 1st F. Nott(NL)	2706	points
Junior - 1st B. Nelson (NL)	2269	"
2nd K. Smith (AYC)	2185	"
3rd J. Jordan (NL)	2106	"
Sub Junior - 1st P. Cox (AYC)	2523	"
2nd S. Lidster (NL)	2422	"
3rd M. Treanor(Dev)	2066	"

DECATHLON

The Northern Branch also conducted this Championship on 8th and 9th February at White City. There were 12 starters of whom 10 completed the event. Ian Flockhart's total of 5809 in winning was a Tasmanian Residential Record and Peter Cox who finished fourth with 4706 set new Junior and Sub Junior figures.

RESULTS:-

1st I. Flockhart (ES)	5809	points
2nd A. Van Asch (NL)	4972	"
3rd F. Nott (NL)	4969	"

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

A team of 19 athletes was named to represent your Association at the Australian Championships conducted by the Victorian A.A.A. at Olympic Park on 28th, 29th, 30th March, 1969.

Those selected from the South were:- J. Denholm (captain), 800 and 1500 metres, 3000 metres steeplechase (due to the time table John only competed in the 1500 metres); W. Melville, 3000 metres walk; M. Bird 100, 200, and 400 metres; I. Manning, long and triple jump. N. Mickleborough 400 metres hurdles. I. Beltz, high jump; P.Cox, 400 metres hurdles junior; G. Fielding, high jump junior; K. Rayner, 800 and 1500 metres junior; C. Ockenden, 3000 metres walk junior; C. Hines 200 and 400 metres junior; R. Sergeant, 3000 metres walk senior and junior. Ian Flockhart was selected for the Decathlon but owing to injury had to withdraw. From the North came A. Evans, Discus and shot; D. Cox 5000 and 10000 metres; M. Mannion, Javelin; D. Quarrell, 1500 metres and 1500 metres steeplechase junior; S. Baily 400 and 800 metres junior and Max Little 10000 metres and 3000 metres steeplechase was the only athlete from the North West. Mr. P. Eustace was the Manager; Mr. W. Ford of Launceston was appointed his assistant but had to withdraw because of pressure of business and Mr. W. Halley stepped in at very short notice.

The Council's again ruled that members should travel to Melbourne and stay together as it felt that this was the best means of getting the athletes to produce their top form and it seemed to be successful. Two athletes were given special permission to travel later and one allowed to stay at his home in Melbourne.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS cont.

Performances were certainly up to expectations with 1 silver and 3 bronze medallions being obtained plus several placings in the first six. Unfortunately the silver medallion is in dispute, advice having been received from the V.A.A.A. that Rex Sergeant should have been disqualified in the Junior Walk. Your Council has asked for more details and clarification as it feels that there could have been some confusion between Sergeant and Ockenden. Congratulations are extended to Wayne Melville on winning the bronze medallion in the 3000 metres Walk whilst Juniors Chris Hines and Kent Raynor also finished 3rd in the 400 metres and 1500 metres respectively.

The summing up of opinions was that apart from the actual success in placings, this team appeared to benefit from the competition and experience more than any other and the long range benefits could be quite substantial

The extension of the Championships to 3 days was a great success although the time table left much to be desired. Conditions on the Sunday were the worst possible for athletics because of constant heavy rain and cold winds.

RESULTS:-

100 metres	M. Bird	11.2sec	(5th in Heat)	
200 metres	M. Bird	22.6	(5th in Heat)	
400 metres	M. Bird	48.9	(4th in Heat)	
1500 metres	J. Denholm	3-46.5	(4th)	
5000 metres	D. Cox	15- 3.8	(7th)	10000 metres D. Cox 31-37.0(15th)
10000 metres	N. Little	30-58.0	(9th)	
3000 " Walk	W. Melville	13-37.6	(3rd)	
" " Walk	R. Sergeant	14-21.0	(11th)	
400 " Hurdles	N.Mickleborough	-55.9	(4th in Heat)	
High Jump	I. Beltz	6'4"	(4th)	
Triple Jump	I. Manning	45'9 ³ / ₄ "	(6th)	
Long Jump	I. Manning	21'6"	(9th)	
Shot Putt	A. Evans	48'9"	(6th)	
Javelin	M.Manning	174'6"	(12th)	
4x100 metres Relay		3-28.5	(6th)	
200 metres Junior	C. Hines	-22.9	(4th in Heat)	
400 metres "	C. Hines	-49.2	(3rd)	
" " "	S. Bailey	-51.9	(3rd in Heat)	
800 metres "	S. Bailey	1-58.2	(6th in Heat)	
1500 metres "	K. Rayner	3-58.9	(3rd)	
1500 metres "	D. Quarrell	4-11.8	(8th in Heat)	
1500 metres Steeple-				
chase Junior	D. Quarrel	4-37.4	(8th)	
3000 Metres Walk Jnr.	R.Sergeant	13-56.8	(2nd)	Disqualification since notified
" " " "	C. Ockenden	approx. 14-42sec		Disqualified
400 2 Hurdles				
Jnr.	P. Cox	-57.0	(5th)	
High Jump Junior	G. Fielding	5'9"	(9th)	

COACHES ASSOCIATION

Progress has been very slow and the Association is not proving the success that had been anticipated. However, officials should not be down hearted and with patience and perseverance it is hoped that something worthwhile will be achieved. The Association was closely associated with and helped to arrange the visit of coach John Cheffers to Hobart where he spoke on the Mexico Olympics and in spite of shocking weather conducted some coaching clinics.

ATHLETICS CENTRE

Following the decision of the Hobart City Council to defer indefinitely the provision of an athletic centre, your Council made another approach offering to meet the cost of the actual tracks. The H.C.C. has agreed to go ahead with the centre if the Association can raise \$42000. It will of course demand concrete evidence of the undertaking being met before commencing the project. Your Sub Committee has had preliminary discussions on means of raising the money and feels reasonably confident of success.

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR AWARD

Congratulations are extended to the following winners:-

- F.A. Rose Trophy for Athlete of the Year - John Denholm
- J. Cooper Trophy for Junior Athlete of the Year - Chris Hines and Kent Rayner (AEQ)
- Sub Junior Athlete of the Year - Rex Sergeant
- Juvenile Athlete of the Year - Gavin Murray
- Sportsmans Association Star of Sport 1968 - Robert Annells

CROSS COUNTRY

Outstanding feature of the season was the success of Max Little of Devon and the consistency of a few runners who more or less dominated the placings. Max Little won every event in which he competed, most of them quite convincingly. Don Cox and Terry Nailer both of Newstead were consistent place-getters in the senior events whilst Rodney Wallace, Devon and David Harries, Northern Suburbs were best of the Juniors and P. Radford Devon won both Juvenile Championships.

As usual the Cross Country season was successful only because of a relatively few officials doing all the work. However the good fields, apart from the 15 mile Road Championship and 10000 metres Junior especially the large numbers in the Juvenile events must be of some consolation and to them sincere thanks is extended.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS WERE:-

4 Mile Triangular - East Devonport 11th May, 1968

1st South	21 points	1st M. Little (NL)	23-32.7
2nd North West	24 points	2nd D. Cox (N)	23-53.2
3rd North	38 points	3rd D. Harries (S)	24-11.8

20 starters

Droughty Point 8th June 1968

5 Mile C.C. Championship

1st M. Little (Dev)	29 39.0
2nd D. Rowberry (AYC)	30-10.0
3rd R. Taylor (ES)	30-11.0

3 Mile Junior C.C. Championship

1st D. Harries (NS)	17-7.0
2nd J. Brooks (NS)	17-37.0
3rd P. Ford (N)	18-10.0

21 Starters-Teams Race Sandy Bay. 13 Starters-Teams Race Northern Suburbs

Relbia 6th July, 1968

10 Mile C.C. Championship

1st M. Little (Dev)	59-32.2
2nd T. Nailer (N)	60-24.4
3rd D. Cox (N)	61-17.6

5 Mile Junior C.C. Championship

1st R. Wallace (Dev)	28-32.6
2nd D. Harries (NS)	29-45.6
3rd P. Ford (N)	30-22.4

10 Starters

Teams Race Newstead

12 Starters

Teams Race Northern Suburbs

3 Mile Juvenile C.C. Championship

1st P. Radford (Dev)	17-52.0
2nd G. O'Byrne (NS)	18-05.0
3rd R. Morgan (Dev)	18-14.0

42 Competitors

Teams Race Devon

East Devonport - 20th July, 1968

10000 metres C.C. Championship

1st M. Little (Dev)	35-56.0
2nd D. Cox (N)	36-10.0
3rd T. Nailer (N)	38-00.0

11 starters

Teams Race Newstead

10000 Metres Junior C.C. Championship

1st R. Wallace (Dev)	37-25.0
2nd D. Harries (NS)	37-31.0
3rd J. Brooks (NS)	39.27.0

5 starters

No Teams Race

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS cont.

Relbia 31st August, 1968

15 Mile Road Championship

1st D. Cox (N) 1hr.22min11.2
2nd R. Burnett(N) 1hr.31min26.6
3rd W. Ford (N) 1hr,40min12.4

5 starters

7 Mile Junior Road Championship

1st M. Little(Dev) 38-13.4
2nd D. Harries (NS) 38-57.6
3rd R. Foster(NS) 42.47.8

8 Starters

Teams Race Newstead

2 Miles Juvenile Road Championship

1st P. Radford (Dev) 10min 58.0
2nd R. Morgan(Dev) 11min 40.0
3rd G. O'Byrne (NS) 11min 48.0

Marathon - Launceston 21st September, 1968

1st D. Cox (N) 2hrs.34-53.0
2nd L. Linsell(ES) 2hrs 37-29.0
3rd T. Nailer (N) 3hrs 0-27.0

7 starters 4 finished

G. Goss Shield - North

AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION CONFERENCE

Your Association was represented again by the President and Hon. Secretary at the Conference held in Melbourne on 26th and 27th March.

Conference sat for approximately 12½ hours nearly 6 less that of the previous year in Sydney. The Agenda was of exactly the same length with 45 notices of motion to be considered (6 less) and just as much was accomplished in 1/3 less time, due entirely to an extremely friendly feeling between the States with no sign of State clashes. The Australian outlook was always paramount. Time was even available for the presentation of promotional ideas by States.

Most important items were:-

- (1) The Sound Triggered Electronic Flash was not given recognition by the I.A.A.F. nor was Australias submission regarding track levels.
- (11) Walkathon was added to the list of sports etc.in which it was permissible to take part with professionals.
- (111)The rule in regard to an athlete displaying advertising material was tightened.
- (1V) The allowable value of a trophy was increased to \$100 U.S.(approx \$90)
- (V) Tasmania was not allocated the 1971 Track and Field Championship but did get the 1971 Marathon Championship.
- (V1) Registration fees were increased to 30c per athlete and a special levy of 20c per athlete was made to outfit the Australian Team to the Pacific Conference Games - next September.
- (VII)A Conference of State Secretaries is to be held prior to the start of the Track season.
- (VIII)A Tasmanian Sub Committee was asked to submit to the next Conference its recommendation for a new competition costume.
- (IX) A uniform registration card throughout Australia is to be established if possible.
- (X) Mr. G.T. Briggs was elected to the Selection Committee

The last item is of considerable gratification, it is not only a great honour for Mr. Briggs but for Tasmania and it is to be hoped that this is the forerunner of more such honours for the State.

Your State seems to be held in high regard by Union Officials and State Delegates and is certainly treated as an equal partner in all discussions. Its opinion is sought and respected.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

South

Main feature of the activities of the Southern Branch for the year has been the introduction of a revised programme for the interclub track and field premiership competition. Realising that Tasmanian athletes needed much more rigorous competition, the Branch drew up a schedule of events whereby practically every event on the athletic programme was conducted each week. The results were amazing and the weekly programmes provided a feast of athletics and the standards rose, particularly in depth and the improvement of athletes in the lower grades was most marked. The new programmes caused some embarrassment in that they required a large body of officials and these were not always forthcoming. This is a problem facing the Branch for next year.

A two day meeting was arranged with the Glenhuntly Club from Victoria and proved an outstanding success athletically if not financially as the weather on the second day - the feature day - was unfavourable. Still the meeting could well be the forerunner to annual affairs of such a nature.

The Southern Schoolchildrens Championships were conducted in October, 1968 and the Hobart Schoolchildrens Championships in March, 1969 and the Branch also conducted the Southern and Tasmanian Independent School's meetings in October, 1968.

Interest in cross country running was moderate but the events were well and regularly organised.

North West

A much brighter season than the preceding four or five can be reported for the coast.

Although a slight decrease in under 12 year old registrations had occurred these have been over come with greater increase in over twelve, which has allowed our total to top 120 for the first occasion since 1962-63 season when both Darwin and Devon were at full strength. Another pleasing feature was the large following of parents, from whom many new officials were recruited, thus enabling the Branch to have sufficient for the first time in many years.

The usual early school competition was conducted in Primary and Secondary Divisions this year and resulted in a much greater interest being shown. On several occasions over 200 boys were present. St. Brendan College took out the Secondary Shield whilst a new school from Penguin showed a great keenness to travel and were rewarded by winning the Primary School section section and also the Shield for the full season based on registered athletes.

Cross Country:

The Coast almost made a clean sweep of these events the following won all events they contested - Max Little, Rodney Wallace and Peter Radford while Russell Morgan was placed behind P. Radford in all Juvenile Events.

North South Meet:

Coastal boys helped to fill the Northern teams down to under 15 years and met with a fair share of success, while in under 13 and 11 groups the Branch was fully represented with the best results being in the under 11 relay which was won comfortably.

State Titles:

The Coast was represented by 1 senior, 6 Sub Juniors, 5 Juveniles, 5 under 13 and 4 under 11 years from Devon Club with following results:-

Results:

Senior	:	1 first, 2 seconds
Sub Junior	:	2 firsts (Relays) 2 seconds, 1 third
Juvenile	:	3 firsts and 1 relay, 1 second, 3 thirds
Under 13	:	1 second, 1 third relay
Under 11	:	2 firsts and 1 relay, 2 thirds

Whilst Max Little was selected to represent the State in Australian Championships held in Melbourne.

Coastal Championships:

These were conducted over four Saturdays and proved very successful. Most successful in various age groups were:-

Senior	:	K. Curtis, M. Little
Junior	:	J. Munting
Sub Junior	:	M. Treanor, G. Monson, R. Bellchambers
Juvenile	:	R. Wiscombe, G. Sykes, P. Radford
Under 13	:	S. French, G. French, L. Pilgrim, W. Morgan
Under 11	:	M. Shaw, D. Gilham, P. French
Under 9	:	S. Smith, G. Ling, R. Burns.

During early March the "Examiner" sponsored Coastal School Childrens Track and Field Championships and these were held in age groups from under 7 years up and the day proved a great success in all ways.

The season concluded with film and trophy evening when over 170 were present.

Main Trophy winners were:

Most Outstanding	:	M. Little
Runner Up	:	M. Treanor
Under 11 Sprints	:	M. Shaw
Most Improved during school competition	:	P. Stone
G. Girdlestone Memorial Cup for most improved athlete throughout the season	:	Dane Gilham

Finance:

Our balance will be the best for several years thanks to the "Examiner" Sponsored Coastal School Children's Championships.

North

This season saw the affiliation of another club in the North, namely the George Town Athletic Club which could well be the biggest in the country areas. It is felt that at least two more city clubs are needed for athletics to flourish as it should. The two city clubs are well established and every effort must be made next season to form other clubs even if at the expense of Newstead and North Launceston.

Cross Country:

The season opened on 16th April at Relbia. Such an early opening following the track season seemed to be the best means of ensuring that athletes do not drift away to other winter sports.

The State 10 mile Championship meeting was conducted over a new 3 lap circuit at Relbia. This was extremely popular with spectators as almost the entire course was visible.

Road races commenced on 13th July with the introduction of the first winter carnival run held at Deloraine in conjunction with the North West Branch and the Deloraine Amateur Cycling Club and sponsored by Rothman's Sports Foundation.

North cont.

Cross Country: cont.

Two Tasmanian Championship meetings were held, the 15 mile and Marathon. Feature of the latter was the new course on the main road from Hagley to Prospect. The advantage of this was that St. Patrick's College was used as a base for changing and showering.

Track Season:

This season has seen many changes with all interclub and major events being run at White City. No Northern Championships were held due to lack of support last year, but five carnivals were conducted.

The Northern Schoolchildren's Championships were run at St. Patrick's College oval; 32 schools competed and 320 athletes took part, although once again there was little support from the High Schools.

Twelve interclub meetings were scheduled but two were cancelled due to the weather. An A.B.C. programme was introduced to enable more events to be conducted and with extra events in the 6 grades this aim was certainly achieved. North Launceston won the Mansell Shield for the fifth year in succession, but the competition is too one sided and changes must be made to give all clubs encouragement and some success. Most pleasing to note, perhaps, was that about 75% of all registered athletes took part in interclub each Saturday.

The North versus South meeting was by far the best of the season both from the standard and competitive point of view. A completely new programme of 69 events was instituted but it can be improved upon still. The Tasmanian Pentathlon held immediately following the North and South would be much better on another date. It would then rank with the Decathlon and 3000 metres Steeplechase events which were held as separate carnivals and were extremely successful.

The track at White City has been improved considerably. A water jump has been installed, the discus cage is almost ready to be erected, the sprint track was moved to enable sprints and circular events to be conducted together but there is still plenty to be done. Even with what has been accomplished next season will be crucial. It could make or break the White City as an athletics centre. The burden of work has caused a decrease in interest and the lack of showering and changing facilities is a great liability.

North did reasonably well in the Tasmanian Championships. From 40 athletes seven titles and 16 placings were obtained but clubs should encourage more participation by their members. Five Northerners made the State team and although no medals were won, none were disgraced and the younger ones, in particular shall benefit greatly from the experience.

Financially the year was quite good. No great profit was made, both income and expenditure increased but there is a reasonable balance to be carried forward.

FINANCE

In spite of a Australian Union levy of 20cents per registered athlete totalling \$98.20 the year resulted in a excess of receipts of \$64.10 as against a budgeted excess of \$100. Subscriptions and registration fees were slightly higher as far as receipts were concerned. In addition the deposit of \$36 on accommodation in Sydney for the 1968 State Track and Field team was refunded. Payments were generally slightly less than as budgeted. The season finished with an overdraft of just under \$10.00

The No. 2 Account received income totalling \$255.88 from interest, a raffle and an evening at the Carlyle Hotel whilst payments for delegates to the A.A.U. Conference expenses amounted to \$163.80.

APPRECIATION

As always appreciation must be extended to the Press, Radio and Television for assistance and publicity and to all Branch Officials who not only helped to conduct Tasmanian Championships but who carried out the objects of the Association in promoting athletics.

National Fitness again assisted with duplicating and Mr. D. Plaister and the Education Department provided a meeting place for Council.

To any other person or body who assisted amateur athletics during the past season your Council offers its sincere thanks.

On behalf of the Council

E.W. BARWICK
PRESIDENT

N.J. RUDDOCK
HON. SECRETARY

TASMANIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH MAY, 1969

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Subscriptions	28.00	Affiliations	18.30
Registrations	294.60	Registration Fees	98.20
Affiliations	70.00	Levy - A.A.U.	98.20
Publications	31.00	Annual Meeting	7.11
Medallions, certificates	73.87	Certificates	49.95
Australian Marathon Championships	534.26	Publications	26.30
Uniforms	22.50	Postages	26.87
Levies	100.00	Telephone, telegrams	46.65
1968 Aust. Championships Accommodation Refund	36.00	Australian Marathon C/ships	536.56
Interest	2.56	Uniforms	25.79
Contra	39.85	Engraving	5.70
		Medallions	89.06
		Honorarium	100.00
		Contra	39.85
		Excess of Income over Expenditure	64.10
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E. S. & A. Bank Ltd. +9.70 Overdraft

No. 2 Account \$326.91

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

M. YEATES,
HON. AUDITOR.