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INC.**

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OFFICE BEARERS - 1991

President:	COLIN WALDRON
Vice-President:	DAN SIMPKINS
Secretary:	DAVID TRUE
Treasurer:	TONY MELLICK
Asst. Secretary/Treasurer	TIM HARLAND
Committee:	SCOTT YOUNG
	KERRY FITZGERALD
	MARK POWELL/PETER BECHTEL

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The past season has been very successful and progressive for Qld Rugby and refereeing.

On the administrative side, I would like to sincerely thank the committee, all of whom sacrificed personal time and expense to administer the association. The work load, particularly secretarial, appointments, and classification, is increasing to such an extent that volunteers have great difficulty in managing.

Peter Galloway and Paul Dempsey - appointments, Ian Scotney - classification, Tony Mellick - finance and sponsorship, Scott Young - golf day, Andrew Cole - examinations, Tim Harland - rooms and judiciary, Geoff Gardiner - interchanges, Peter Bechtel - lectures. On behalf of all referees, I would like to thank the above and their committees for making it possible for our association to function and for all referees to enjoy themselves on the field.

The committee has had discussions with the QRU management committee concerning our administrative problems and I feel you will see constructive changes during the next year. The QRU recognises the danger of referee development not keeping pace with the general rugby administrative and playing standards, and there should also be initiatives in this area.

I would particularly like to thank Ansett Air Freight for their continued sponsorship of the association. Their invaluable contribution is greatly appreciated by all referees. It allows us to continue referee development by financing our exchanges and refereeing coaching programmes. We look forward to a long and happy relationship with Ansett Air Freight.

Also I would like to thank all the sponsors of the Golf day. Scott Young will give further details of the day and the contributors in his report.

The pre-season coaching weekend at Moogerah was a great success. This is an ideal way to kick off the season with a weekend which rekindles our enthusiasm and encourages our unique "team spirit" which does not exist in many other referee associations.

Congratulations to all our representative referees. They all acquitted themselves well on and off the field and we not only have the top referees in Australia, we also have the most promising developing referees. Kerry Fitzgerald, Barry Leask, Mark Powell, Andrew Cole, and Bernie Fienberg all received national appointments and can all be proud of their achievements.

Our resources were stretched to the limit this year, and I would particularly like to thank those referees who were always available for extra games at the last minute. Next year, it seems that there will be a move to play most club games on Saturdays which will further pressure our members. Areas we need to look at are recruitment from our clubs and the formation of a pool of referees who may only wish to referee school games. We may be able to co-operate with the QJRRRA in this regard.

What makes the ideal referee?

Common sense? Self control? Man management? Fitness and personal demeanour? A selective knowledge of the laws? Add to these dedication and hard work and you'll achieve your goals. Remember, enjoy yourself out there and have a great 1992 season.

Colin A. Waldron

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR PERIOD ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1991

1990		1991
\$ 27336.80	Receipts	\$ 21034.12
40626.61	Payments	23360.06
(13289.81)	Surplus for Year	(2347.49)
23852.76	Add Cash at Bank 311090	10562.95
\$ 10562.95		8215.46
	Represented by:	
\$ 10562.95	Cash at Westpac	175.85
	Cash at MacQuarie Fixed Deposit	10444.86
	Cash at C.S.B.	2717.77
	Less Unpresented Cheques	- 5122.87
----- \$ 10562.95 -----		----- \$ 8215.46 -----

NOTES RE ACCOUNTS.

1. Income from sale of stock taken to Rooms account.
2. Distribution from Rooms account for End of Year function not taken up.
3. Disputed account for \$ 964.00 not taken up as creditor.

RECEIPTS

1990

1991

\$ 2155.00	Subscriptions	\$ 1780.00
84.00	Sales - Pins, Badges	0.00
44.00	Whistles	0.00
182.00	Ties	0.00
100.00	Adidas	0.00
24.00	Law Books	0.00
35.00	Entertainment	0.00
460.00	Functions - Mid Season	0.00
1619.50	End Season	2168.00
15250.00	Golf Day	530.00
5399.82	Sponsorship	5000.00
1983.48	Interest	862.87
0.00	Crosby Cup	693.25
0.00	Programme Sales	1000.00
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\$27336.80		\$21034.12
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PAYMENTS

1990

\$ 100.00	Affiliations - ASRR
110.00	- QRU
4897.32	Functions - Golf Day
2280.00	- Mid Season
2219.26	- End of Season
517.85	- Executive Dinner
693.90	- Visiting Referees (and Spouses)
1291.37	Secretarial Expenses
88.15	Bank Charges
16006.00	Purchases - Clothing
1435.00	Pins, Badges
1192.50	Ties
185.00	Trophies and Gifts
74.00	Honour Board
1029.08	Printing and Stationery
92.00	Floral Tributes
250.00	Donations
323.60	Insurance
100.00	Advertising
7333.38	Development and Travel
40.90	Annual Return
367.30	Trophy Cabinet
0.00	Telephone
0.00	Pre Season Camp
0.00	Postage
0.00	Committee Expenses
0.00	Training Fees
0.00	Law Books/Trophy Books
0.00	Touch Judge Flags
0.00	Entertainment - Sponsors
0.00	Refund Golf Day

\$ 40626.61	

1991

\$ 100.00
110.00
5282.83
0.00
3070.37
0.00
564.80
160.00
46.65
611.00
600.00
0.00
726.00
148.00
1825.00
150.64
0.00
1770.76
0.00
4246.90
18.00
0.00
727.00
1431.25
155.31
357.65
500.00
245.00
400.00
88.80
45.00

\$ 23380.96

AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY REPORT

The society is having some trouble in coming to grips with its reason for existence. Is it best to be the referees trade union? Or merely an information distributor? Or a coaching and development organisation? Or to facilitate dialogue with the ARU? Or to settle state disputes? Should each referees association deal with its own union and leave all of the above to the ARU?

I see that there is a place for the Society in Australian Rugby which involves all of these points. We need to define our role and ensure all unions and referees are aware of it.

The Society was disrupted to some extent during the year with the Secretary's resignation and we were fortunate to have Craig Pudig take over so efficiently.

The usual information newsletter was produced. Every effort is being made to upgrade the newsletter and we welcome your suggestions, criticism and contributions.

Finance remains a problem and we are not totally reliant on the ARU for funding. We can not use the Australian panel as a marketing tool, hence we have nothing to offer to sponsors. Possibly this is how it should be.

The big event for 1992 is the Convention at Salamander Bay, NSW - February 14-16. Make your booking now.

Colin A. Waldron

APPOINTMENTS OFFICERS REPORT

1991

This was always going to be a difficult year given that although we have over 80 referees on our books, only up to 55 were available on any weekend.

With representative games falling regularly on Sundays, coupled with our commitment to the schools, our man power was stretched to extremes on numerous occasions. Our 80 referees were required on 3 Saturdays.

Also again this year, the number of midweek games continued to increase and together with the many extra games we are asked to cover outside the QRU and schools draw, (touring sides, college, trials and 7's, etc), the association again put well over 2,000 referees on the paddock.

As highlighted in my report in 1989 and Ian Scotney's of last year, we, as an association have to continue to take steps to meet the ever growing demand on our resources.

Regardless of the need to fill the huge number of games, appointments were made with a view to maximise each referee's potential, to help them improve their standards and have them enjoy themselves. A tough ask in this competitive world when we are constantly put under pressure (generally unnecessarily) and I thank members for the quality of their performances.

Overall the commitment of all our members to serve the association and rugby was very strong and I also thank everyone for their co-operation, especially for assistance given at short notice.

There were some huge efforts during the year and I thank and congratulate the likes of Cole Barrett, Michael Carmody, Paul Creevy, Tony Mellick, David True and Scott Young, all of whom recorded 50 or more appointments. Also special mention should be made of Andrew Connor, David Price and Frank Meiklejohn who refereed 3 or more games in one day, and to others who travelled to different grounds in one day to fulfil their engagements.

Finally a word about our ""????". Once again a thankless task well done. Although not always perfect, but without this service that Paul provided endlessly during the year, our association and rugby in general would falter on many occasions during the season. Thanks Paul, you have been an enormous help all year.

I take this opportunity to wish all members the very best in their future refereeing endeavours.

Peter Galloway

STATISTICS

NAME	SEASON COMM.	BEFORE 1991	GAMES TOTAL	REP	SCH	GRADE 1 2 3 4 5 U21							COLTS 1 2 3				SUB DIST A A1 B C				OTHER
M. ABELL	1979	211	21		2			1	2				4	4			3	3			2
M. BACKSTROM	1990	18	11		3					2				1					1		4
COLE BARRETT	1986	54	52		14			3	4		3		1	1	3		1	2	2	2	16
CLAY BARRETT	1991	-	7		3														1		3
R. BENDEICH	1976	305	35		8	1	4				2		7				4				8
M. BLACK	1990	23	27		4			1	3	1			1	3	4		1	2	1	3	3
P. BECHTEL	1976	314	14		2	3	3						1				1				4
L. BAMBLETT	1990	-	8		2			1	1	1	1						1				1
R. BROCKETT	1988	64	42		6		4	4			1		1	1			7	1	1		16
C. BURNETT	1985	104	25		2			5			1		6				1	3			7
K. BUCHANAN	1984	46	6		1					1									2	2	
M. CARMODY	1986	132	60	1	8		11	1					10	2	1		5			1	20
T. CICHERO	1990	22	9		6									2					1		
B. CHRISTIANSEN	1991	-	20		9					3							1		2		5
D. CHUNG	1991	-	8		4									2					1	1	
R. COLLINS	1990	19	15		1				4	1				3			1			3	2
A. COLE	1984	165	36	2	8	13							3				1				9

NAME	SEASON COMM.	BEFORE 1991	GAMES TOTAL	REP	SCH	GRADE 1 2 3 4 5 U21	COLTS 1 2 3	SUB DIST A A1 B C	OTHER
A. CONNOR	1989	53	40		5	2 3 5	1 3 2	2 2 4	11
P. CREEVY	1988	89	51		9	5 3 4	4 3	1 2 3	17
R. DAVIES	1984	140	37		6	3 5 2	1 2	5 1	12
P. DEMPSEY	1986	107	7		5	1			1
J. DEE	1985	136	44		7	5 3 2 4	3 3	2 4	11
A. DUNNE	1986	129	34	1	9	9 1	7	1	6
J. DWYER	1990	13	37		8	4 2 4	4	2 3 1	9
M. EASTWOOD	1986	118	28		7	4 4 1	3 1	1	7
D. EDWARDS	1986	89	25		4	3 4	3	1 2 2 1	5
C. ELLIOT	1990	21	39		12	2 7 3	1	3	11
J. EZZY	1981	225	30		12	1 2	6 1	2 1	5
B. FIENBERG	1975	316	35	2	6	11	8	2	6
K. FITZGERALD	1976	862	24	2	5	9	4		4
M. GAHAN	1983	182	38		3	9	2 3 1	3	17
G. GARDINER	1985	123	15		2	1 2 1		1 2 1	5
K. GRANGER	1991	-	4			3			1
P. GALLOWAY	1978	200							
T. HARLAND	1981	184	14		11	1		1	1

NAME	SEASON COMM.	BEFORE 1991	GAMES TOTAL	REP	SCH	GRADE 1 2 3 4 5 U21	COLTS 1 2 3	SUB DIST A A1 B C	OTHER
P. HARDING	1991	-	20		8	4 2	1	1	4
C. HINTON	1989	28	33			3 4 1 1	1 2	2 1 2	7
K. JENNINGS	1988	53	37		10	1 3 1 1 4	1	4 4	8
M. JENNINGS	1991	-	16		3		1		12
G. JOHNSTONE	1990	18	34		6	5 2 1	1 4	2 2 1	10
A. IVESON	1984	107	3		3				
T. HUNT	1989		20		5	3 1	2	3 3	3
K.KLIENSCHMIDT	1989	38							
B. LAUDER	1990	5	18		3	1	4	1 4	5
B. LEASK	1977	335	27	2	4	13	5		3
S. LEWIS	1990	21	22		3	6 2 1	1 3	2 2	2
J. LAURENCE	1990	10	18		3	1	2	1 3	8
T. LAYTON	1991	-	3		3				
E. MARCONI	1989	50	21		2	2	5	2 5 1 1	3
M. MEAD	1991	-	25		3	2 1	3	2 5	9
D. MELICAN	1991	-	9		1	1 1		3 2	1
A. MELLICK	1986	124	52		20	7 1 1	2 3	4	14
M. MELLICK	1990	43	51		15	4 4 2 2	4 2	2 2	14

NAME	SEASON COMM.	BEFORE 1991	GAMES TOTAL	REP	SCH	GRADE 1 2 3 4 5 U21						COLTS 1 2 3			SUB DIST A A1 B C				OTHER
F. MEIKLEJOHN	1990	6	41		12	1 5 3						1 4			2 2 7				4
R. MILNE	1989		18		2	1						3			1 2 5				4
J. MOWETT	1991	–	4		4														
J. MURDOCH	1990	27	33		3	6 1						3 4			1 1 1				12
K. MURPHY	1991	–	7		4	1													2
D. McMAHON	1990	12	12		9	1 1													1
B. O'CONNELL	1989		14		10	2													2
T. O'CONNOR	1989	65	34		6	2 3 1 2						1 3			4 3 2				7
G. PALMER	1982	123	11		9										1				1
G. PEGG	1987	85	47		10	7 3						3 4			2 1				17
D. PEIRCE	1990	23	44		10	1 1 2						4 1			1 2 5 2				15
M. POWELL	1980	152	19	2	4	8						1							4
J. RAUKETTE	1987	68	28		6	4 2						3			5 3				5
R. REID	1989	40	17		4	1 2 1						3			1				5
P. REID	1991	–	3																3
P. ROUSH	1989		6		6														
I. ROBERTSON	1989		2		2														
D. SANDERS	1989	46	21		1	4 1 1						3			3 3 3				2

NAME	SEASON COMM.	BEFORE 1991	GAMES TOTAL	REP	SCH	GRADE 1 2 3 4 5 U21	COLTS 1 2 3	SUB DIST A A1 B C	OTHER
I. SCOTNEY	1972	289	9		8			1	
D. SIMPKINS	1982	193	28		13	1	1	2 3	3
A. SMITH	1989	38	20		2	3 1	1 2	2 1 3 1	4
P. SMITH	1988	49	44		9	1 6 1 5	1 4	3	14
D. STEWART	1991	-	21		8	4 1		1 4	3
D. TRUE	1988	155	51	1	23	10 2	7	1	7
M. VINCENT	1988		2			1 1			
C. WALDRON	1968	597	12		8	1		2 1	
R. WARD	1991	-	19		2	4	2	3 4	4
M. WARREN	1990	17	22		1	2 4 1	1 1	1 2	9
D. WILLIAMS	1988	55	23		12	1 1	1	1 1 1 1	3
M. YEATES	1986	81	31		13	2 5 1	2	2 1	5
S. YOUNG	1986	142	50	1	8	3 9 1	3 1	2 1 1	21

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C. WALDRON	600 GAMES
B. FIENBERG	350 GAMES }
B. LEASK	350 GAMES }
J. EZZY	250 GAMES }
A. COLE	200 GAMES }
D. SIMPKINS	200 GAMES }
D. TRUE	200 GAMES }
R. DAVIES	150 GAMES }
J. DEE	150 GAMES }
A. DUNNE	150 GAMES }
M. GAHAN	150 GAMES }
T. MELICK	150 GAMES }
S. YOUNG	150 GAMES }
C. BARRETT	100 GAMES }
R. BROCKETT	100 GAMES }
P. CREEVY	100 GAMES }
D. EDWARDS	100 GAMES }
G. PEGG	100 GAMES }
M. YEATES	100 GAMES }

GRAND FINALS APPOINTMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO

1ST GRADE	-	K. FITZGERALD
2ND GRADE	-	S. YOUNG
3RD GRADE	-	P. SMITH
4TH GRADE	-	T. O'CONNOR
COLTS 1	-	B. FIENBERG
COLTS 2	-	M. CARMODY
COLTS 3	-	M. GAHAN
SUB DIST A	-	T. MELICK
SUB DIST A1	-	E. MARCONI
SUB DIST B	-	J. DEE
SUB DIST C	-	D. SANDERS
U21	-	J. EZZY
STH	-	J. RAUKETTE

QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION REFEREE APPOINTMENTS BOARD

In the absence of the Chairman, overseas, I have been asked to make this report.

The Appointments Board for 1991 consisted of -

Q.R.U. nominations - N. Byrne (Chairman), N. Green, P.A. Jones and D. Duffell (co-opted from Q.R.U. Country Referee Development Committee).

Q.R.R.A. nominations - C. Waldron, P. Galloway and I. Scotney.

During the close season the following referees were nominated for the Australian Rugby Union Panel for 1991 -

K. Fitzgerald, B. Leask, B. Fienberg, M. Powell and A. Cole.

All were given appointments by the A.R.U. Appointments Board.

In all, the Q.R.U. Appointments Board made 51 appointments as follows -

State -	Queensland	v Tucuman	B. Fienberg
	Queensland B1	v Tucuman	M. Powell
	Queensland B2	v Nth Harbour	A. Cole
	Queensland	v Canterbury	K. Fitzgerald
	Queensland	v Nth Harbour	B. Leask
	Queensland	v Fiji	B. Leask
	Queensland	v London Div.	M. Powell
	Queensland B	v NSW B	B. Fienberg
	Queensland	v ACT	A. Cole
	Queensland U21	v ACT U21	A. Dunne
	Queensland U21	v South States U21	D. True
Country -	Nth Queensland	v London Div.	R. Spillane (T'ville)
	Qld Country	v Tucuman	K. O'Halloran (Mack)
	Qld Country U21	v Brisbane U21	S. Young
	Qld Country	v P.N.G.	B. Leask
	Brisbane U19	v Qld Country U19	R. Bendeich
	Qld Country	v Brisbane	K. O'Halloran (Mack)

<i>Country</i>	-	<i>Qld Country to South States Carnival</i>	<i>I. Andersen (T'ba)</i>
<i>R.S.C.</i>	-	<i>Brothers v Sunshine Coast</i>	<i>I. Andersen (T'ba)</i>
		<i>University v Mackay</i>	<i>K. O'Halloran (Mack)</i>
		<i>Rockhampton v Norths</i>	<i>R. Kennedy (Rock)</i>
		<i>West Qld v G.P.S.</i>	<i>D. True</i>
		<i>Mt Isa v Wests</i>	<i>J. Gable (T'ville)</i>
		<i>Cairns v Easts</i>	<i>A. Dorohy (Cairns)</i>
		<i>Darling Downs v Souths</i>	<i>J. McIntyre (D.D)</i>
		<i>Townsville v Sunnybank</i>	<i>P. Martinez (T'ville)</i>
		<i>Gold Coast v Sub. Dists.</i>	<i>R. Mitchell (G.C)</i>
		<i>Mackay v Norths</i>	<i>K. O'Halloran (Mack)</i>
		<i>Rockhampton v G.P.S.</i>	<i>A. Palmer (Rock)</i>
		<i>Sunshine Coast v Sub. Dists.</i>	<i>G. Craig (B'berg)</i>
		<i>Gold Coast v Souths</i>	<i>I. Andersen (D.D)</i>
		<i>Mt Isa v Sunnybank</i>	<i>R. Spillane (T'ville)</i>
		<i>Brothers v Sub. Dists.</i>	<i>A. Dunne</i>
		<i>Darling Downs v Brothers</i>	<i>M. Eastwood</i>
		<i>West Qld v University</i>	<i>R. White (Rock)</i>
		<i>Souths v Sub. Dists.</i>	<i>P. Bechtel</i>
		<i>Cairns v Wests</i>	<i>A. Dorohy (Cairns)</i>
		<i>Townsville v Easts</i>	<i>L. Martin (Cairns)</i>
<i>Final</i>	-	<i>Brothers v Norths</i>	<i>B. Fienberg</i>
<i>Sub.Dist</i>	-	<i>Qld.Sub.Dists. v Sydney Sub.Dists</i>	<i>S. Young</i>
<i>M.I.M.</i>	-	<i>U19 Final</i>	<i>M. Carmody</i>
		<i>U19 Carnival</i>	<i>G. Craig (B'berg)</i>
			<i>R. Mitchell (G.C)</i>
			<i>P. Goldstein (Rock)</i>

U19	-	Brisbane	v Darling Downs	G. Pegg
XXXX	-	XXXX Shield Carnival		I. Andersen (D.D)
				R. Kennedy (Rock)
				K. O'Halloran (Mack)
U21		U21 Carnival		J. McIntyre (D.D)
				A. Palmer (Rock)
				D. Eales (Mack)

P.A. Jones

CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT 1991

Committee Members: I. Scotney (Chairman), K. Fitzgerald,
P. Galloway, J. Ezzy, C. Waldron, C. Oxenford.

Written Reports Received: 127

Classifications: 1st Grade

Following the transfer of Mark Powell to Sydney and Peter Bechtel's serious injury, Mick Eastwood and Scott Young were elevated to the panel. Congratulations to both of them.

General

Last year we had 3 panels of 8 Referees. This year 2nd and 3rd Grade Panels were extended to 10 giving us 28 Graded Referees. To these 3 panels 16 changes were made during the year i.e. 57%

Ten (10) new referees appear in the 28 i.e. 35%. A Senior 4ths panels has been established. Such movement refutes the often made comment that the panels are a closed shop with little opportunity for progress.

Last grading was made at 24/07/91 and those gradings will commence the 1992 season.

Interchanges:

Numerous interchanges were again undertaken. Recommendations were made to the management committee as to who should participate. Of some concern is whether we are getting full value from these trips. They are meant mainly for the development of referees with ongoing potential. We should ensure that a sufficient development content is contained in the visitation program and they do not become a "junket".

Once again, many referees visited Brisbane. Timing was often awkward and again hopefully maximum benefit can once again be obtained in the future.

It is pleasing to see many country referees in Brisbane. Timing and arrangements can also be improved here.

Grand Final Appointments:

Standard policy continued to operate. Congratulations to all chosen in the finals series for a job well done.

Performance Standards:

It was a somewhat "fiery" year. Many clubs vented their spleen on members of the Association for what they perceived to be sub-standard displays. Our observations are that standards continue to improve. All referees have various levels of experience and competence. Yet to a man they are all steadily improving.

New Referees:

A steady inflow was achieved but not really enough to meet our ongoing requirements or future commitments. The new intake set about their task with enthusiasm and we look forward to seeing them develop in future years.

Assessors/Coaches/Watchers:

Reports increased by 30% this year but we still depend on a few. Once again the services of Don Duffell and Phil Jones were greatly appreciated and my thanks to those gentlemen.

Many thanks to my fellow committee men for their support. I know I speak for all of them in saying how much enjoyment we took from members performances.

General:

There are challenges for us ahead.

- . More games
- . More Referees
- . Expected higher standards
- . More Law changes

All of us should have a personal action plan to meet them.

- . Be fit
- . Know the Law
- . Improve your Technique
- . Be committed to the Association
- . Set achievable personal goals

then

REFEREE
REFEREE
REFEREE

Ian Scotney

Chairman, Q.R.R.U.A. Classification Committee

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT 1991

Another busy year for the examinations committee saw 13 new members of which 9 completed the necessary field tests to become eligible for the QRRA badge.

Congratulations to Barry Christensen, Devlin Chung, Paul Harding, Michael Jennings, Terry Layton (Schools badge), Mark Mead, John Mowat, Kevin Murphy and Darren Stewart.

Unfortunately some prospective new members didn't follow through after making initial contact and others arrived too late in the season to be adequately tested. We encourage these people to make contact again with our association as they will be needed especially if the QRU pushes plans for all games on Saturday.

The examinations committee were involved in some interesting developments this year. The referee lecture component for the Kelvin Grove School of excellence was taken on. Many thanks to David True, Kerry Fitzgerald, Phil Jones, Kev Crowe, Barry Leask, Justin Dwyer and John Dee who gave up their time to prepare and deliver these lectures. It is hoped the association might eventually benefit if these students continue on with refereeing.

QRRA school badges were issued for the first time with 17 T.S.S. and 5 A.C.G.S. (including John Hipwell) participants completing the course. These badges are designed to be issued to school involved people who pass the theory examination but because of commitments cannot referee for the association full-time. Thanks to Tim Harland (printing and lectures) and Michael Yeates (design) for their input.

It is hoped with the development of the recruiting and retention committee that new members will be monitored more closely after their initial contact with the association and in their early years of refereeing.

I would also like to acknowledge the support of David True, Peter Galloway and Paul Dempsey in co-ordinating the examination and field testing of new members.

Andrew Cole

JUDICIARY REPORT

This year the Judiciary Committee consisted of Harold Shand as Q.R.U. appointee and Chairman, Tim Harland as Referees appointee and Frank O'Callaghan as Clubs appointee. The Judiciary functioned well and we were generally pleased with the improving quality of reports received. I believe the penalties we are handing down are becoming heavier and there is healthy concern in the Clubs when players are sent off. We broke new ground in dealing with a player on the report of a responsible official who witnessed an incident as a spectator.

The Judiciary Committee met on 21 occasions during the season to deal with 47 reports on players dismissed from the field of play. This continues an increasing trend over the last two years and unfortunately the trend seems to bear out increasing use of the boot in the ruck.

Details of send offs covering the various competitions are as follows:

Senior Grades 24

Colts U21 14

Sub-Districts 9

Clubs involved were:

<i>Brothers</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Easts, University, Wynnum,</i>
<i>Souths</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Logan City, AMP, Ipswich,</i>
<i>Wests</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Redlands, Brisbane, Samoa,</i>
		<i>Medical all had one player</i>
<i>GPS</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>sent off</i>
<i>Sunnybank</i>	<i>4</i>	
<i>Caboolture</i>	<i>3</i>	
<i>Norths</i>	<i>2</i>	

Two other issues require comment:

The first relates to the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee to deal with players selected for international touring sides. In my view the position is quite clear. Article 1(d)(i) of the Constitution the Queensland Rugby Union states one of the objects of the Union is "to control Rugby Union Football throughout the State of Queensland". The Judiciary Committee simply has no jurisdiction to deal with players intending to play outside Queensland. Any suspension of a player outside

Queensland is a matter for the Australian Rugby Football Union. Accordingly it is not the case that the wording of the sentence has any bearing on the ability of these players to play on tour.

The second incident relates to an allegation in an annual report by a club of the Judiciary Committee being biased in the 1990 season. No detailed allegation has been made. There has been a subsequent allegation that the penalty imposed was varied in the presence of the player. In accordance with an ARFU directive suspensions are imposed to a specific date. The Committee determines its sentence in numbers of weeks and then fixes a suspension taking into account representative games, finals and byes to ensure the required penalty is imposed. That practice is followed in all cases. A partial apology has been made but the inference of bias by the Committee remains.

Tim Harland

ROOMS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee decided this year would be one of consolidation rather than expansion. We therefore placed \$1,000 into a Commonwealth Bank Term Deposit where it still remains and sought to operation on a limited trading account until a specific project was recommended.

The year was rather quiet in both bar trading and social use. We believe it is presently fulfilling its primary function of an agreeable venue for members and guests to gather on big match days and as the Association meeting room. We do not believe it is necessary or appropriate for the Room to attempt to operate as a major profit making concern.

Some minor but pleasing improvements were made this year in particular the permanent signage at the front doorway and restoration of two handsome photos of very early Rugby Referees Association Members. A total donation of \$800 went to the Junior Association to assist with their Honour Board now installed in the Room.

The Room hosted a small function mid-year while several of our exchange guests were here, unfortunately it was poorly supported by members. We have continued to supply pleasant snacks for members and guests on big match days and held a couple of drinks evenings on Meeting nights.

I wish to thank my busy offsider Mike Carmody for his assistance this year. The two of us made up the Rooms Committee. After a couple of early hiccups with the Junior Association, operations settled down very much as normal. Some early season support from the Junior Association was welcome but was not maintained. A handful of regular volunteers made our task much easier and I wish to acknowledge their constant cheerful assistance.

The outgoing Committee has the following items on its agenda for consideration by the 92 committee -

- (i) Repaint and refurbish room;*
- (ii) Installation of a permanent trophy cabinet and upgrading of bar;*

- (iii) *Re-introduction by the Room of the "Milestone Pewter" and installation of a cabinet for storage and use of same by members;*
- (iv) *A microwave oven to provide hot snacks for certain functions.*

In conclusion it would be remiss of me not to pay tribute to the late Cec Menzies and place on record the enormous contribution he made to the Room over the many years I have been associated with it.

*Tim Harland
Chairman*

Late Note

Because of Allan Taylor's late return from the Rugby World Cup The Rooms Canteen Statement of Accounts were not finalised at time of printing this report. Such statements will be provided to the incoming Committee and will be available for members to peruse at future general meetings.

Tim Harland

QRRR PRE-SEASON CAMP 1991

The rugby season kicked off early for several keen members who attended the pre-season camp at St. Laurence's site, Moogerah Dam, from February 1-3.

The camp was designed to shake off the cobwebs but more importantly to continue building the spirit within the QRRR to a "club atmosphere" and all the benefits this brings.

Most attendees were escorted up late Friday afternoon and thus avoided touring all possible roads from Aratula the late arrivals endured, until they finally stumbled on the campsite. Even Dr Robbo made the effort to travel back and forth from Indooroopilly, bringing culture to the dinners with French champagne and matching flutes.

The lecture content was well received so early in the year with some thought provoking topics - Colt's Laws (Kerry Fitzgerald, firing on all cylinders), C.T.P. (Barry Leask), Advantage (Andrew Cole), Video Presentations (Kerry and Barry), Coaches Viewpoint (Noel Mather), Tackle Law (Scott Young), Signals (Barry Leask and his very beautiful assistant, Geoff Pegg), and Members' Feedback (Tony Mellick).

The theory sessions ran well ahead of time as the information was soaked up like a "sponge". This forced us out onto the playing fields to get some physical activity and see who'd been doing what in the off-season. Team triathalons involving swimming, obstacle courses and a deceptively difficult run tested those early season legs. Scott Young's acrobatics up a tree the previous night, and the resultant leg gash, caused his somewhat dubious late withdrawal from the triathalons but he did an admirable job as marshall on the obstacle course.

Once everyone had recovered and rehydrated the inaugural Moogerah Dam one day cricket internationals began. It was clear most of these Moogerah cricketers should stick to refereeing. Barry Leask had really started to relax by mid-afternoon and found the country air most invigorating at deep long leg (or should that be short fine leg). The round robin series failed to produce a clear winner but there was plenty of entertainment and exercise had by all. Not so for Andrew Connor. Sparked by his schoolboy memories, he suggested a "short walk to a great swimming hole". His "short-cut" (I'd hate to see him march someone 10m) proved to be exactly opposite

and after finally reaching the destination we forgot to bring the abseiling equipment needed to get close to the water! Some were extremely tempted to use Andrew as a depth gauge.

Paul Dempsey definitely would've had he made it there, falling victim to a twisted ankle climbing one of "the short-cut tracks".

An evening BBQ and mock court session followed with chief justices Kerry Fitzgerald and Tony Mellick paying out on the many indiscretions during the camp. What a site it was as Paul Creevey submarined on Diet Coke! The occasion proved too much for some.

David True sharpened his secretarial skills for the season by spending hours late in the night talking to the "big white telephone" after earlier mistaking several members for a tree. Greg Hinton must have thought the cricket was still in progress as he demonstrated his throwing skills with a Coke bottle.

When the dust had settled on Sunday morning a short lectures session followed breakfast and then the trip home.

Many thanks to those who saw the ideas of a few materialise - Tony Mellick, Kerry Fitzgerald, Barry Leask, Scott Young and others. There was much ground work put in organising and ensuring all facilities were provided.

The organisers and I'm sure those attending would like to gratefully acknowledge the support of St. Laurence's College. The fact that the committee was able to run the weekend at no cost to members was in no small way due to the support of St. Laurence's and their provision of manpower and facilities. A huge thank you to Gordon, Bob, Ken and Noel. The commitment and expertise with which you delivered your services was much appreciated.

It was definitely pleasing to see the weekend so well supported and those who attended would undoubtedly recommend to the committee this become a regular event.

Andrew Cole

1991 GOLF DAY REPORT

The annual Golf Day was held at the Indooroopilly Golf Club on Wednesday, 24 April 1991. Unlike last year the weather was perfect and over 80 players turned out to enjoy the sunshine and afternoon festivities.

Once again two delightful models gave golfers a refreshing view of the course and on occasions served the odd drink or two.

It was pleasing to see a vast number of representatives from sponsoring companies turning out in force. National Mutual, XXXX, Hardys Wines sponsored this event for the third year running. A great effort from these companies which is thoroughly appreciated by all members of our Association.

Our major attraction this year was the chance for players to win a car on the 15th hole as the nearest the pin prize. This hole was kindly sponsored by Minet Insurance group. While the prize remained at the end of the day, a number of golfers gave the hole a mighty shake.

The T.A.S. and G.P.S. schools' support is extremely valuable to our Association. Both the financial and player participation by both associations was again overwhelming. It was good to see Bill Newcombe of St Peter's receiving the overall runner up prize which was a weekend for two at the Headland Crest Lodge at Buderim. This prize was donated by former All-Black winger and owner of the Headland Crest Lodge, Grant Batty.

The overall winner was brother in law of Tony Mellick, Dennis Cleary. Unlike Tony, who yet again literally carved up the course, Dennis won in fine style and received a number of great prizes including a weekend for two at Kooralbyn. Congratulations are extended to both Dennis and Bill.

The evening festivities commenced at 6 p.m. and was again in the form of a Cocktail Party. Guests were entertained by our comical MC, Jim Watson, former A grade player for Easts, and current second grade coach at that club. Jim made sure that all in attendance had an enjoyable evening.

We cannot stress how important this day is to the Association. Approximately \$7,000 was raised this year. While this figure was down on the previous two years, given the Economic climate it was a great result. The organising committee of Peter Bechtel, Tony Mellick, Scott Young and Richard Bendeich did a splendid job.

Finally our thanks to all companies, schools and participants for helping us make another successful day.

Scott Young

CANTERBURY INTERCHANGE 1991

On Friday 10th May, two young and single referees, Richard Bendeich and Paul Creevey, flew to Christchurch for the Q.R.R.A. Annual interchange with the Canterbury R.R.A.

Due to the late arrival of one of the referees and the congestion at customs we were lucky to make the flight. However once aboard the plane we were hit by the New Zealand conspiracy. The attendants serve the food and drink - the Scotch's were more like doubles than singles - and then they turn up the air-conditioning. However we are pleased to report that we managed to keep the spirits flowing!

Upon arrival we were met by John Adams (President) and Neil Pavitt (Exchanges) who proceeded to look after us superbly. It was a little unfortunate that we went during the school holidays as there were no mid-week games but it did allow for us to catch in a lot of sightseeing. Skiing Mt. Hutt, bathing in the thermal springs at Hamner, boating on Canterbury Harbour and Touch football competitions were but a few pastimes. If anyone does return then be prepared for a surprise if they take you to the Prince of Wales Tavern in downtown Christchurch.

The Kiwis love their Rugby. They eat, drink and sleep Rugby. Most places visited had photographs of the All Blacks in action - usually against the Aussies - as well as posters of the 1991 World Cup. The Referees too take their Rugby seriously. Our appointments officer would be green with envy as they have more Referees than fixtures! Whilst in Canterbury we were constantly asked our ranking number. They rank their top 32 referees in order. Classifications take note!! It certainly led to competition between referees.

Each of us did two games. Richard had an Under 21 fixture and put in a great show. The next weekend he had the 'Jackpot' game at Lancaster Park. This is the game that corresponds to our pick-the-score in League. At 7-6 half time we were still in it but the second half was a little one-sided. At least there was no chance of a repeat of the Marsh-Lillee affair. Paul had an Under 18 game that finished 64-0 on a field that would make Brothers, GPS or Wests look like Wembley. The second game was an Under 21 game which was between sides 2 and 5. The score was 26-6! Was it an Aussie plot? Richard stayed on and did a further 2 games for the South Island High School Selection Trials.

Whilst we were there the weather was perfect. Not a day of rain, even the mornings were enjoyable. However changing a tyre at 1.00 a.m. in the morning after a Country referees meeting and then getting up next morning at 6.00 a.m. to see a potato farm was a little strenuous. What we do for diplomacy!

All fun aside it was a most rewarding trip. The camaraderie, the stories and the discussion on law and interpretation helped to clarify one's thoughts on the game. The Canterbury Referees Association have a tremendous spirit and a great tradition in gathering at the Referees Room at Lancaster Park after their Saturday games. We have left a memory on the Oxenford Bar Corner called the "Ungnome Referee". Certainly one of the memories is the number of friendships that were made in the short time you are there.

We would like to thank our Association for giving us the opportunity to experience Rugby in another country. It was a magnificent trip and we would like to say to any referee who has the opportunity to go - GO!

Paul Creevey

NORTH HARBOUR INTERCHANGE

Andrew Connor and I were privileged to follow in the footsteps of Geoff Gardiner and David True on the North Harbour Interchange. These two gentlemen established a reputation there which, luckily for the continued existence of the interchange, we were unable to live up to. Andrew and I conducted ourselves at all times with due temperance and sobriety and have, I feel cemented, the interchange for future generations of very good referees like Andrew and I.

This was Andrew's first trip overseas, and, in fact, on a plane. It was my first interchange accompanied by a fellow member of the Association. All in all there were a number of firsts which made the interchange a potentially great one. It certainly was.

New Zealand hospitality is notoriously excellent. North Harbour is no exception. We were each appointed to games commensurate with our ability. Our assessments raised issues which gave different approaches to the game and were food for thought.

We were lucky enough to attend the Coronation Shield Conference for Referees in the six Provinces in and around Auckland. Speakers included Graham Harrison, Keith Lawrence and Bob Francis, each Test Referees. Old faces from past interchanges attended and it was a pleasant experience for me to renew old friendships while for Andrew it was a great introduction to Trans-Tasman cordiality and the camaraderie of Refereeing.

In short the interchange was a great success. On behalf of Andrew and myself, I thank the Association for being appointed to it. I am sure that the experience will hold us in good stead in our future refereeing.

Mick Eastwood

CANBERRA INTERCHANGE

On the weekend of the 25th and 26th May, I was fortunate to be sent on the Association's interchange to our nation's capital. In sharp contrast to Mick Eastwood's trip last year, I managed to beat the snow and the cold weather.

On the Saturday I refereed Royals against ANU third grade and ran the line for 1st grade in the afternoon. I found that the Canberra players had a penchant for playing the game on the ground rather than on their feet, and a distinct dislike for being penalised for that offence.

On the Saturday evening the ACT referees held a small function for their visiting referees, apart from myself there were referees from Sydney and Adelaide in Canberra that weekend.

On Sunday after a morning spent observing how well and thoughtfully our nation's leaders are spending our taxes, I refereed Canberra Grammar School's second XV against Scots College from Goulburn. The boys exhibited good skills which would be equivalent to most of the same level in Brisbane.

The hospitality of the Canberra referees is excellent, and I thank the Association for choosing me to participate in this interesting and enjoyable interchange.

John Dee

SYDNEY INTERCHANGE - MAY, 1991

Having gone on interchange to Sydney this year, I can now appreciate why referees speak so highly about such an experience. On the last weekend in May, David True and I went to Sydney for the annual Sydney interchange.

In Sydney I was fortunate to be billeted with David Kennedy, a senior Sydney referee. At the time, he was recovering from a bout of glandular fever (in the post-contagious phase he was quick to assure me), and not refereeing.

The game I was given was a third grade game between Warringah and Eastern Suburbs. It was played at Warringah and Eastern Suburbs won a fairly evenly contested match. The game was of a similar standard to third grade in Brisbane, with possible better forward (mauling and rucking) skills. Later in the day I ran the line for the first grade game with the fourth grade referee. In Sydney the practice is for the second grade referee to sit and watch the first grade game from the stands!

Despite losing more matches than they won, the hospitality extended by the Warringah club after the match was not dampened by their disappointment and the referees were well looked after.

A referees' function followed at Gordon Bray's home. (Gordon is also a third grade referee in Sydney). Because this was the Sydney interchange weekend, referees from NSW country, Victoria, ACT, South Australia, New Zealand (Wellington and Auckland) and Queensland (David and I) as well as Sydney referees were present, and an enjoyable night was had talking rugby and sampling the generous catering into the early hours.

There were no fixture games scheduled for Sunday as NSW was to play Waikato (ref. Brian Kinsey) and Sydney was to play London Division (ref. Flip Westhuizen). While it was disappointing to have refereed only one game, the opportunity to watch these matches at Concord with other referees was very worthwhile. I would like to thank

the QRRRA for giving me the opportunity to go on interchange to Sydney this year. It was an enjoyable and rewarding experience to referee in another state, to meet referees from other Associations and to discuss rugby and law interpretations with them. It certainly was a great rugby weekend.

Russell Davies