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Officers and Committee

1906-07



First Officials of the Newly-named South Brisbane Sailing Club

Patron : J. Davies, Esq.

President : E. Moore, Esq.

Commodore : S. Lucas, Esq.

Vice-Commodore : H. Schofield, Esq.

Starter and Judge : D. Wilson, Esq.

Hon. Secretary : W. Schofield, Esq.

Hon. Treasurer : W. Grose, Esq.

Handicapper : S. Lucas, Esq.

Committee :

Messrs. P. Morry, E. Bletcheley, L. Gillespie
H. Broughton, E. B. Staiger, A. W. Staiger
J. Hair, W. J. Grose, D. Martin, A. Tibbets
W. H. Sewell



Ladies Secretary :

Mrs. K. Laidlaw, *nee* Miss V. Grose

South Brisbane Sailing Club



1903-1924.



It is not intended that the following should represent the complete history of the club but that on this occasion—its 21st birthday—a brief outline of the doings of the Club since its inception should prove interesting both to past and present members.

For the information shown herein I am indebted to Messrs. W. H. Schofield, F. Sewell, K. Laidlaw, T. Broughton, N. E. Sewell, G. Wilson, V. Lucas and Mesdames F. Sewell and S. Lucas.

STAN PHILLIPS,
Hon. Secretary.

1903-1906.

On the 9th September, 1906, the South Brisbane Sailing Club became known as such, having evolved from the then Victoria Club. Fifty enthusiasts attended this meeting, which is historic as far as the present South Brisbane Sailing Club is concerned.

The officials for the 1906 Season are given elsewhere in this souvenir.

The result of the first race was: Alesia (S. Crouch), 1st; Othello (U. Spring), 2nd; Lavina (H. Broughton), 3rd; Prickly Heat, 4th.

The Government steamer Pippo acted as Flagship for the occasion, "Young Mat" being the usual Flagship for the club races.

The membership for the Club for the Season 1906-07 was 165, Mr. W. H. Schofield holding the position of secretary. The following is an advertisement of special interest announcing the opening race of the season:—

Extract from "Telegraph," Friday, October 26th, 1906, under
Public Notices:—

"SAILING EXTRAORDINARY.

"Opening South Brisbane Sailing Club takes place to-morrow (Saturday), October 27th. S.S. 'Pippo' leaves Market Wharf at 2.30 p.m. Members and friends invited. Great view from West End Recreation Reserve, where race starts from."

1907-1908.

During this season 42 members of the Club, with W. H. Schofield as Manager, visited the Northern Rivers, New South Wales, which event was a great success for the Club.

Doreen, Prickly Heat, Golden Spray, Iduna, Queenslander and several others made the trip.

The Club held its first Ball during this season, and its first two life members, in Messrs. W. H. Schofield and S. Lucas, were appointed during this period.

The prize money for the season was £25 and trophies, apart from sweepstakes.

1909-1910.

This season is particularly interesting to present-day members, being really the first stepping stone to Skiff racing in Queensland.

Following on the efforts of two Club enthusiasts in introducing Skiffs, the Port Jackson Club sent the crack Skiff Minoru to represent that State.

On December 25th the first Interstate Skiff Championship was held, the southern craft winning from Muriel after an exciting race between the latter and Heather. The Heather was owned and skippered by G. Govatt and the Muriel was owned by J. Williams with T. Goodall as skipper.

Three Championships were held by the Club, the 10 Footers being won by Gladys, 12 Footers (finally abandoned owing to lack of wind), and the 16-Footer Skiffs. The latter, in which Mat, Muriel, Arfoma, Heather and Cecil started, was won by Cecil 1st, Muriel 2nd.

The balance sheet shows the sum of £257 as passing through the books that season, with Mr. E. Moore as President. Mr. S. Lucas acted as Commodore; P. Houston and W. J. Grose being Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.

1911-1917.

Through lack of information full details of the doings of the Club during this period cannot be given, but the following officials during this period should revive old memories and incidentally prove interesting to the younger members of the Club:—

During the 1913-14 season Mr. W. J. Lamb acted as secretary, whilst Mr. A. P. Hobson carried out the duties of hon. treasurer; Mr. W. Sewell as President. The two former officers again acted in the 1914-15 season with Mr. A. Reid as President.

In the 1916-17 season Mr. T. Broughton took over the secretarial reins, with Mr. J. Hamilton as Treasurer and Mr. A. Reid again as President.

The season marked a new era as far as Skiff racing in the Club was concerned, only Skiffs being catered for in club racing from then onwards.

1917-1918.

The following paragraph taken from the Annual Report for this period shows the progress of the Staff class:—

"Your Club can justly claim the credit of having firmly established the Skiff class on the Brisbane River, and there is no doubt it is becoming as popular here as in the South."

The fleet comprised 14 Skiffs, the Club Championship being won by J.M.H.; J. M. Hamilton owner and Charlie Negus skipper.

The Club membership was 170, whilst the sum of £330 passed through the books.

The President was Mr. A. F. Reid, with T. Broughton as Secretary, V. Lucas Assistant Secretary and N. E. Sewell Treasurer.

1918-1919.

Under the Presidency of Mr. Alex. Reid the Club again had a very successful season, the outstanding feature being the holding of the first Queensland Skiff Championship. The Club's fleet of 15 Skiffs entered along with one other—Ena (D. Dath). Col. Clark in Veronique achieved the honours, with Florence (J. Jones) and Ena (D. Dath) filling the places.

Owing to the shortness of time to raise funds, following on the signing of the Armistice, the Club accepted the offer of Mr. F. Christensen, junr., to take his Skiff Veronique to compete in the Australian Championship in the South, Messrs. R. Street, R. Waterfield, H. G. Sturgess, A. F. Reid, G. Govett and S. B. Gee making up the necessary crew. This Skiff finished sixth in the Championship.

The Club Championship was won by J.M.H. with F. Coleman as skipper, owing to the absence of C. Negus in the South and unable to return owing to the influenza epidemic.

With a membership of 200 and the sum of £454 passing through the books, the Club again added a successful season to its history.

The officers during the season were: S. Gee, Hon. Secretary; V. Lucas, Hon. Treasurer.

1919-1920.

Mr. Gav. Wilson took over the secretarial reins this season, there being an increase in membership from 200 to 244, whilst the Interstate Carnival was held in Brisbane, under the auspices of your Club.

Topper Deane in Agnes had a remarkably successful season as far as the Club races were concerned, winning the Club Championship, the trophies for the fastest times, the most successful skipper, and the most successful boat.

The Club Championship during this season was run in three races, points being allotted for each.

The Australian Championship was won for the first time by one of the Club boats, Valmae with Colin Clark as skipper winning the honour. The New South Wales representatives were Arlene, Roderick and Minoru.

In the Queensland Championship J. Jones in Florence carried off the honours from Valmae, Agnes and Melody, in that order.

Mr. A. Reid was again President, and Mr. V. Lucas filled the position of Hon. Treasurer. The sum of £848 passed through the Club's books, truly a club record.

1920-1921.

To quote the words of the then Secretary (Gav. Wilson) this year beat all, the membership reaching 250 and the sum of £815 passing through the books. But the feat of the year referred to above was the annexing of the four positions in the Australian Championship in Sydney Harbour. With Mr. A. G. Wilson as Manager six boats and about 80 members made the trip, so great was the enthusiasm.

Agnes carried off the honours with T. Deane as skipper, whilst Clar. Melv., Nile and Memory filled all the places, out of 24 starters, which is a record that should stand for all time in any class of boat racing.

The Club, as well as the Queensland Championship, was won by Alf. Whereat in the Clar. Melv.

1921-1922.

With a fleet of 16 boats the Club again had a very successful season, both financially and otherwise, over £500 being handled by the Club.

The C.M., Valmae and Avro divided the honours this season, the former putting up a great performance. The total winnings of this boat was £85/4/-, having annexed the Australian Championship with A. Whereat as skipper, the Club Championship, as well as winning the trophies for the most successful skipper and most successful boat. During this season the C.M. was placed first on no less than 11 occasions.

The installation of electric light and improvements generally to the Club Rooms led to a great boom in the Club Room Amusements.

The Interstate Carnival for this period was run under the joint control of this Club and the Hamilton Club on the Brisbane River, and was a success in every respect, whilst the Queensland Championship was controlled by the South Brisbane Sailing Club and Oxley Skiff Club.

The placed boats in each event were:—Australian Championship: C.M., Valmae, Joyce, Florence. Queensland Championship: Valmae, Avro, E.N.A., Memory.

The Interclub Race with the Oxley Club was inaugurated during this season. Mr. J. Tennison filled the office of President, Mr. E. H. Lawrence Commodore, V. Lucas Hon. Treasurer and Gav. Wilson Hon. Secretary.

It was at the start of this season that the progress of Skiffs was made apparent by the formation of the Hamilton and Oxley Skiffs Club.

1922-1923.

Although the sum of £626 passed through the Club's books there was a slight falling off in membership due, no doubt, to the formation of new Skiff Clubs.

Programme

Chairman: Hon J. Huxham, M.L.A., (Agent-General Elect)

Toast ... The King ... Chairman

Toast ... 21st Birthday ... { W. Sewell, Esq. Senr.
Ken. Laidlaw, Esq.
W. Schofield, Esq.

Song.—Selected—J. McKenzie, Esq.

Toast ... Kindred Clubs ... Commodore S. Russell, Esq.

Responses.—Reps. of Clubs.

Ventriloquist and Conjuring.—Jeff Collins, Esq.

Presentation of Trophies ... 'Hon. J. Huxham,
M.L.A.

Toast ... Ladies Committee J. Burden, Esq.

Responses.—Gav. Wilson, Esq.

Monologue.—Stan Phillips, Esq.

Toast ... Centenary of Brisbane J. P. Fry, M.L.A.

Response.—W. H. Lock, Esq.

Song.—Selected—Miss F. Byers.

Toast ... Donors ... Hon. Secretary
Responses.

Song.—Selected—J. McKenzie, Esq.

Toast ... Hon. and Mrs. Huxham J. Tennison
Reply.

Toast ... Press ... Vic. Lucas
Reply.

God Save the King

❧ Menu ❧



Soup

Roast Sirloin of Beef

Roast Pork and Apple Sauce

Baked and Boiled
Potatoes

Peas or Beans



Sweets

Apple Pie and Cream

Fruit Salad and Cream

Fruit Jellies and Cream

Deville Almonds



Tea - Coffee - Fountain Drinks

The Australian Championship was sailed in Sydney Harbour, Furious, Avro I., Pastime and Memory being the Club's representatives. Although impressive, none of these boats were successful, although the performance of Pastime, manned by juniors, deserves special mention. Although not successful in the Championship the performance of Curious was the outstanding feature in the remaining races of the carnival.

In the Queensland Championship the only places gained by the Club's reps. were third and fourth, by Pastime and Furious, respectively.

The Club Championship resulted in a win for Avro I. with J. Wallis as skipper, Furious being second and Chance third.

The trophy donated by the Commodore (Mr. S. Russell) for the most successful boat was won by Furious, with Avro I. second, whilst J. Wallis, as skipper of the latter boat, also ran second to T. Deane in Furious for the most successful skipper.

A valuable trophy, donated by Mr. R. Street for the boat securing the fastest times, provided keen competition, which was also won by Furious, with Avro a close second.

Mr. Tennison again occupied the Presidential chair, with Mr. S. Russell as Commodore, V. Lucas as Hon. Treasurer and V. P. Jost as Hon. Secretary.

1923-1924.

This season provided some keen racing, the outstanding performances for the purpose of this review being the winning of the Queensland Championship by Furious, who also secured third in the Australian Championship.

Victor secured second in each of the test races and Queensland Championship, whilst Harmony, by winning a test race, along with the two former and Chance, represented this Club in the Interstate Carnival.

This Carnival provided great interest for the public, proving the undoubted popularity of the Skiff class.

In the Club's races Victor had a remarkable season, winning the trophies donated for the fastest times (R. Street), most successful boat (A. Reid), and most successful skipper (S. Russell), as well as annexing the Club Championship.

Mr. S. Russell again filled the position of Commodore, whilst W. Wood (President), V. Lucas (Hon. Treasurer) and S. Phillips (Hon. Secretary) filled the other positions.

The Club again holds a healthy financial position, due largely to the energetic work of the Ladies' Committee.

A special feature of the Club racing, in which 23 boats took part, was the fact that 12 boats finished in first position in at least one of the races.

A new link in the chain of Skiffs was also forged during this season, by the formation of the Waterloo Bay Skiff Club.

Ladies' Committee.—1906-1924.

No report of the South Brisbane Sailing Club would be complete without the doings of the Ladies' Committee, who have been one of the pillars of the Club during its regime, and it is noteworthy that many of the past officials have taken the names of many of the Club's prominent male members.

In 1906 the Club had its first Lady Secretary in Miss V. Grose (nee Mrs. K. Laidlaw), whilst in 1908-09 Miss E. Grimley (nee Mrs. A. Lawrie) took over the reins.

Cinderellas seemed to be the main entertainments, being a great assistance to the Club's funds, the main topic always being how such splendid suppers could be put on at the price.

In 1911 Miss A. Rowell (nee Mrs. F. Sewell) was appointed Ladies' Secretary, part of the old committee gradually drifting away, mainly through the matrimonial market.

In 1918 a new Committee was formed with Miss F. Wyatt as Secretary, which office she again held in 1919, with Mrs. F. Coleman as President.

Through the personal efforts of Mrs. Coleman during this period the funds were greatly augmented.

In 1906 the Club Rooms were in Hargreaves' Buildings, the next move being to the Club House in Stanley Street, and thence to the present room.

From 1919 onwards the Ladies' Committee have carried on the good work of its predecessors, each year making fresh records, the sum of £154/15/4 representing the good work done during the 1923-24 season.

In 1920-21 Miss R. Hamilton was appointed Secretary, and, after two years of service, gave over to Miss M. Whalley, with Miss E. Ransom carrying out the duties last season.

Mrs. F. Sewell, the retiring Patroness, also held the position of President in 1922-23.

The Office Bearers for the 1923-24 season were as follows:—
Patroness: Mrs. F. Sewell. President: Mrs. N. Wright. Hon. Treasurer: Miss R. Hamilton. Hon. Secretary: Miss E. Ransom.

The names of the ladies who have done so much for the success of this Club are too numerous to mention here, but too much cannot be said of the good work they have always performed in the interests of the Club.

Ladies' Committee.—1924-1925.

Patroness: Mrs. N. Wright. President: Mrs. S. Russell. Hon. Secretary: Miss V. Ross. Assistant Secretary: E. Ransom. Hon. Treasurer: M. Whalley. Committee: Mrs. Horton, Misses R. Hamilton, F. Byers, R. Morrison, E. Sloper, D. Robinson, L. Westphal, V. Ware, O. Clark, G. Lucas. Life Members: Misses M. McLean, L. Lane, Mesdames G. Wilson and F. Sewell.

Office Bearers, 1924-25



Patron : J. J. Murphy, Esq. President : J. Tennison, Esq.

Vice-Presidents :

R. Street.	W. Hanlon.	C. Zervos.
A. McKee.	O. Hayes.	J. Dempsey.
Paul & Gray.	J. D. Sloan.	G. Sayle.
J. Aberdeen.	J. Hyland.	R. Cavill.
H. Mitten.	J. T. Delaney.	J. C. Clark.
E. H. Lawrence.	R. W. H. Long.	E. Sewell.
C. W. R. Just.	D. B. McCullough.	H. A. Elson.
Lifeguard Smith.	J. P. Fry, M.L.A.	F. Christensen.
		A. Drane.

Life Members :

S. Lucas (deceased).	W. J. Grose, M.C.	K. H. Laidlaw, Esq.
W. H. Schofield, Esq.	Lt. E. S. Hobson.	A. F. Reid, Esq.
S. Lowry, Esq.	W. Sewell, Senr.	G. Wilson, Esq.
W. Miller, Esq.	Hon. J. Huxham,	J. Tennison, Esq.
E. Moore, Esq.	M.L.A.	

Commodore :

S. Russell, Esq.

Vice-Commodore :

G. Wilson, Esq.

Rear Commodore : C. Horton, Esq.

Starter and Judge : H. Christie. Timekeeper : J. Jessen.

Handicappers :

J. Jessen. S. Ward. J. Justins.

Measurer : V. Lucas, Esq. Off. Umpire : S. Ward, Esq.

Committee :

J. Jones.	R. Sewell.	Geo. Ryland.
J. Burden.	E. Ware.	W. Hanlon.
W. Allison.	J. Coleman.	P. Clark.
T. Deane.	B. Walker.	

Trustees :

W. Sewell, Esq. E. S. Hobson, Esq. E. Moore, Esq.

Hon. Auditors :

S. Feely. G. Wilson.

Hon. Treasurer : V. Lucas. Hon. Secretary : Stan. Phillips.

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Hon. Secretary: Miss V. Ross.

Assistant Secretary: E. Ransom.

Hon. Treasurer: M. Whalley.

∞ Autographs ∞