

OF THE
CENTRAL COAST SOCCER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
1968.

PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

In making this report it is my pleasure to state this, the 1968 season, has been by far our most successful year, not only in growth but also in a closer harmony between the clubs and the Association for which I feel that full credit must go to the new system of management that was set up this year of which, in the main, is made up of club members who hold executive position within their respective Clubs and people who realise that strength and progressiveness of any association can only be attained by the harmonious and dedicated efforts of all associated Clubs linked together in an all out purpose of drive.

My congratulations to those M.C. members who, through their intelligence and diligence have, by lengthy debate and constructive questioning of the feelings of all other Clubs in the matters of criticism and discussion tabled before them, been able to arrive at decisions that to my memory have never been opposed.

Another of our advancements achieved this year is the standing that we now have with Hunter Valley Branch of the NSWFA. In the past we have been considered "poor country cousins" to whom was shown tolerance. Now we are recognised for our potentiality, our direct approach and our unbiased directives to Branch affairs.

Whilst mentioning advancement an achievement that cannot go unpraised is the efforts of the C.C.U. who, after last year when they retained 3rd Division status only by the skin of their teeth, turned the tables this year by not only winning the Grand Finals with both teams who, in doing so, have proved themselves as worthy opponents to any 2nd Division team pitted against them next year. Congratulations to both teams and their Committees.

A fast growing Association such as ours lends itself to a tremendous amount of organising which at times is frustrating and heart-breaking, but I feel sure that whilst ever we have people with kindness of mind and the drive for construction and action such as we have in our Secretary John Jury, then we must for always go onward and upward to success after success. To you John my thanks and appreciation for your ever siring efforts.

My congratulations and thanks could not be more sincere than to our Registrar, Ray Harrison, and his good wife when ever the year have spent many a sleepless night in not only seeing the names of all players and checking their Birth Certificates and then listing them into their respective clubs and club teams, but also that most have been a rigorous task of checking each week all referees cards against malpractices.

I would also like to thank and wish well all such people as my Executive Officers who through the year have assisted me greatly and made my task easier - our Patrons for showing the interest they did - the Central Coast League Club for their most generous assistance both financially and by the use of their facilities that were always placed at our disposal - our Publicity Officer for his work on the Soccer Post - to the Ray & District War Memorial Club for their assistance and use of their Ballroom in which to run our Ball, also for the use of their Board Room for Brown Meetings - our various Sub-Committees such as F & T, News, Hall, Trophies and others that I may have overlooked - also the Referees Association for a job well done.

President's Report Cont.

I would also like to congratulate the winning teams of the 1968 Competition and remind the not so fortunate that who knows, the 1969 season could be yours.

To the Officers and M.C. elected for 1969 by best wishes for a successful year.

Finally to all Clubs, both their welfare and players, my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a brighter more prosperous 1969 Soccer Year.

E. TODDNER
SECRETARY

FUTURE SECRETARY'S REPORT

I feel sure that although at times some teams were inconvenienced by the season's draw, on the whole the 1968 draw worked far better than those of previous years. Whilst making the draw it was the Committee's aim, knowing full well that it was impossible to make a Home & Away draw that would benefit any of the clubs financially, to attempt wherever possible to ensure that when clubs did have their fields in use that a full day's programme would be arranged for them, and in so doing allow them by means of stable and refills, etc. to gain financially.

For the many hours put into firstly making the draw then other countless hours in arranging the ground plans to see that at the end of the season all clubs had an equal share of home matches, I would like to thank Mr. Les Powell and Mr. Keith McPherson for a job well done.

It has been suggested that, by at least four Clubs, all competition matches be played on Saturdays, a proposal that has merit and which I will support. I feel that this can quite easily be arranged with the use of all ovals that we have at our disposal being used each week. This would allow clubs at their choice to arrange social days on Sundays without fear of having these disturbed by Association matches.

As to the competitions for the 1969 Season, I suggest that all age grades be restricted to a maximum of 8 teams. If, in any of the age grades, entries exceed 8 then they be divided into divisions of no more than 6 to each division.

If it is possible with the nomination of teams submitted to run successfully a competition on these lines, then I am sure that the competition will be run and concluded within the bounds of the unlimited enthusiasm of both players and clubs. This has been proven over the years to exist between the months of March through to late August after which time the drive, especially for those teams who are high on the scoreboard, begins to wane.

The other alternative to this is that we allow all teams submitted within an age group to play in the one competition with a cut off of say the first 6 teams from which will come the ultimate winners of each age grade competition.

This type of competition, although it has merit, deprives the weaker teams of an interesting and complete competition, while a K.O. competition at the end of the season would provide such a struggle for the Championship as we have had over the past and, to quote one fresh in the memory of all, the U/11 years Competition. This team won the Minor Premiership undefeated whilst their opponents in the Grand Final held them to a 3-1 draw on their first encounter of the Grand Finals, but Union beat them 4 to 0 in the replay.

I feel that all clubs should endeavour to have their teams organised by the end of February and that trial matches be arranged throughout the month of March and, in so doing, have their respective teams consolidated and ready for nomination by the last Sunday in March, allowing the Fixtures Committee time to have the draw made ready for commencement of the Competition the first week-end after Easter.

I would also suggest that we revert to the Competition being run on a first past the post for the major award for the year and let the time now being used for semi-finals, finals and grand finals be utilised with a K.O. competition.

E. TODDNER
SECRETARY

SECRETARY'S REPORT

This year has been a satisfying year for me as it has been for Eric Toddner acting as President and Fixtures Secretary. The structure of the Association adopted by the last A.S.M. has proved successful and this can be seen by the attendance summary. It is most gratifying for all concerned to see regular attendance by Club M/C members. I will not expand on all the problems confronting the Association in the next session, but urge continued strong support of the M/C and participation on sub-committees by Club M/C members.

Touching briefly on the C.C.U. Club's progress, we must give full credit to the drive of Mr. Gerry Reiman in moulding the Club, but now it is up to the Club members to formulate an organisation to bolster their rapid rise to 2nd and possibly 1st Division status.

Times were very trying early in the year when the C.C.U. v A/A controversy raged, however the results show that the Executives stand, backed by the Clubs, was not in vain.

A revised Constitution and Competition Rules were adopted by a Special General Meeting and enough copies of the Handbook are with each club for every coach and manager to have one. So please read them and be conversant with the requirements of players registrations and other competition rules.

The length of the season must be reduced and this can be best achieved by creating divisions as outlined in the Fixtures Secretary's report. Every match should be closely fought as a result of the proposed change and should result in an improvement in the standard of play. It is quite possible that a Representative Team Organiser will be appointed next year to give added emphasis to this aspect of the code.

In conclusion, I list statistics of the Association and wish everyone an enjoyable time over the festive and summer months.

Attendance 1968

	Attended	Meetings Held
Eric Toddner - President	8	8
N. Smart - Vice President	7	8
J. Jury - Secretary	8	8
G. Douglas - Treasurer	5	8
R. Harrison - Registrar	3	8
Brisbane Club	5	8
Bulgweoi Club	4	8
E. Gosford Club	8	8
Entrance Club	8	8
Kittling Club	8	8
Gosford Club	7	8
N/Younging Club	8	8
Terrigal Club	2	8
Toukley Club	7	8
Union Club	6	8
Woy Woy Club	6	8
Wyang Club	7	8
Referees	4	8
C.C.U.	5	8
Gosbes Branch	2	2
R. Lynn - co-opted member	4	4

J. H. JURY
HOW SECRETARY

