



1983/84

A.G.M.

REPORTS

**TEA TREE GULLY
ATHLETICS CENTRE
INC.**

GULLY RUNNER



PRESIDENTS REPORT.

It is with a great deal of excitement and anticipation that I present this years' annual report. The long awaited club rooms are at last underway and there seems to be no reason why this time next year the A.G.M. will not be held there in our own clubrooms. So many people over the past eleven years have helped raise that money that will have made a dream come true. No other athletic club in this State will have all the facilities that we will have. - yet another first for TTG. Our sincere thanks must go to those Bingo people, past and present, who have given so much of their time to make this all possible.

The past year has undoubtedly been a memorable year for both Little Aths and Senior, with changes being made to the age groups and the advent of U/15s in L.A.s, the Seniors opted to drop their role in Saturday morning competition and carry on where L.A.s left off, namely U/16s. This should allow for a continuous flow for athletes who wish to carry on and not present conflict of which section to join.

The Centre Management Committee has economised on various aspects again this year but with no apparent detriment, as the L.A.s have had tremendous success this year sweeping all before them and increasing their numbers to boot. The Senior men have managed to stay in 'A' grade and the Women have had particular success. It also appears the L.A.s & Seniors will have State Representatives.

I think the L.A. and Seniors are working well together and that the clubrooms can only improve that relationship - a place to hang our trophies, photos, news, information and a social meeting place - something that has taken 11 years to obtain but all the more appreciated I'm sure.

Next year will present us with a new set of problems - maintenance & upkeep etc. Let us hope we can cope with these new issues as we have past problems. I have been told by non members that TTG presents itself as an efficient, well equipped club with a good atmosphere (possibly the last being the most important) I hope we can keep it that way.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has worked for the club in any capacity during the past year. I do hope though there will be an infusion of new blood on committees, it is not fair to expect existing personnel to carry on ad infinitum and new ideas and fresh enthusiasm are a crucial part of keeping the club alive.

WENDY BARBER

SENIOR SUB-COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT.

This year saw a slight decrease in membership but the loss was mainly in Sub-junior age groups. We will also have fewer youngsters coming from Little Athletics for the next 2 years due to their extended coverage up to age 15. Registrations for the Season 1983/84 were;- Men 37, Women 10, officials 7.

Tea Tree Gully competed in mens 'A' grade, 'C' grade, 'D' grade, U/20, U/18 & U/16 and in womens 'C' grade and U/20's, and our womens team won the 'C' grade finals.

Four of our athletes were selected to represent the State. Cheryl Hurst for high jump, long jump & hurdles at the all schools championships, U/16 nationals & U/18 nationals. Stuart Taylor for hammer throw at the same 3 championships and Natalie Sinkinson for walking at the all schools championships and open womens relay at Canberra. Adam Matthews for hammer, shot, discus and javelin at the U/20 nationals.

During the season the club organised a pre-interclub warm up competition at Bulkana Oval, a cross country "Host Day" in conjunction with the AAA of SA, and the annual Golden Grove fun run in conjunction with the Lions Club. We also manned the 30km aid station for Festival City Marathon competitors.

Our Social calendar included a games evening, during which last seasons trophy winners were presented, a winter training run along the Torrens followed by a BYO barbecue in the Botanic Park and a mid-summer games & picnic day at Tennysons' Beach.

The Committee and a few hammer throwers constructed a concrete hammer/discus throwing pad with safety cage at Bulkana, more than half of the cost for this project being raised by a special raffle.

Communications and contact between winter athletes, summer athletes & officials has not been easy, but the completion of our clubrooms will give us the opportunity to become better integrated.

SENIOR SUB-COMMITTEE

TEAM MANAGER	WENDY BARBER
REGISTRAR	KATH MATTHEWS
SOCIAL ORGANISER	KATH DAVIS
SECRETARY	TOMY DAVIS
RECORDER	ROY BARBER
PRESIDENT	ERIC MATTHEWS
PUBLICITY & PROMOTIONS	BARRY TAYLOR

LITTLE ATHLETICS PRESIDENTS REPORT 1983/84

Another outstanding year for Tea Tree Gully Little Athletics. This would have to be the most appropriate statement to describe both the on and off the track performances of Tea Tree Gully Little Aths. The on track performances are evident as we currently hold every South Australian Little Athletics Association trophy. The off track performances may be a little more difficult to see but they include the team spirit, manners and attitude of the children and the friendliness and co-operation of the parents. We have performed all tasks asked of us by the S.A.L.A.A. in an efficient and friendly manner. These tasks included the Peter Fullager walk day, b.b.q. assistance at O.S.F., and supplying our quota of officials at O.S.F. when required. Congratulations to all the children and parents. Our attitude and performances are envied by many other Centres.

This year our membership increased by over 40%. No doubt the Tea Tree Plaza promotion during the September school holidays helped along with the efforts of the Clubs by promoting within the various primary schools.

I trust that families joining us for the first time this year did enjoy the season and will remain with us for many more.

There are far too many people to thank individually. Suffice to say there was not one area which did not perform exceptionally well. Positions not filled during last years A.G.M. were either filled during the year or covered by groups who volunteered their services. The presentation, reliability and content of the Gully Runner is an example of the Publicity and Promotions group work. The success of our Christmas Party, the smooth efficient running of the canteen, bar-b-qs and raffles are examples of the efforts of the Social group.

In last years Annual Report the Senior's President stated his concern at the lack of Little Aths progressing onto Senior Aths. He also stated that maybe a person was needed whose sole job would be to look after the young athlete's problems through the first few years. I too share these views. The U/14 and U/15 Little Aths this year did not have regular hard competition within their own groups. Perhaps next year some of these children could be encouraged to compete as a team from Tea Tree Gully in the U/16 Senior competition as well as their Little Aths commitments.

The most disappointing aspect of last season for me was the decision of the Senior Aths to produce their own newsheets. I am sure that many Little Aths families are interested in Senior news and results. Many Senior Athletes are known to our parents and their happenings and times etc are of interest to them. I know that several of our older Little Aths used to compare their performances with those of our Senior Aths.

Finally thank you to all the people who have served on the Committee or helped in any way. Your assistance has made the job of President rewarding. I am proud to be a member of Tea Tree Gully Little Athletics.

No doubt my successor will receive the same support.

Thank you.
Laurie O'Connell

LITTLE ATHLETICS RECORDERS REPORT

The 1983/84 season has been a most successful year for our Centre.

159 Boys and 127 Girls registered for the season. 23 boys and 19 girls competed in the U/6s.

For the first time we were outright winners of the Relays. It was a day filled with excitement and with the occasional disappointment.

Once again we were successful in winning the Peter Fullager Walks. Thanks to Neville and Nancy Sinkinson. The children put in a great effort to retain the trophy.

There are 79 children entered in the State Individuals and we wish them luck.

The Inter-Club meeting was held on the 4th March and we congratulate the club that wins the Gisella Arens Trophy.

There were four State Best Performances this year in our new age groups.

U/14 High Jump - Jenny Wren.

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U/14 1500m walk Kerry Martin.

U/15 1500m walk Anna Brigden.

Centre Best Performances were equalled or broken 168 times during the 1983/84 season. This high number was due largely to the introduction of U/14 and U/15 age groups.

Girls 84 (61 new age groups)

Boys 84 (75 new age groups)

We have five children trying out for the State Team. We wish them luck.

There is a considerable amount of work involved in recording and thankfully there are people willing to help. Thanks go to my Assistant Recorder, Helen Messner, for looking after the girls books during the year. Thanks also to the ladies who recorded in the tent at Bulkana when extra help was needed.

Cheryl Sturtzel.
Chief Recorder - Little Athletics.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT 1983/84

Registration for the season totalled 286 as compared with 201 for the 1982-83 season.

Breakdown: Boys 159
 Girls 127
 286

Club Details: Banksia Park 94
 Dernancourt 57
 Modbury 44
 Modbury South 74
 T.T.G./St. Agnes 17
 286

BOYS	B/Pk		D/court		Modbury		Mod.Sth.		TTG/SA		Total	
	N/R	R/R	N/R	R/R	N/R	R/R	N/R	R/R	N/R	R/R	N/R	R/R
U/7	6	-	4	-	5	-	9	1	5	1	29	2
U/8	4	3	-	1	2	2	4	2	2	-	12	8
U/9	2	2	5	5	5	-	5	4	-	2	17	13
U/10	1	7	1	3	3	-	4	2	-	1	9	13
U/11	1	12	3	-	2	1	4	4	-	-	10	17
U/12	1	1	2	2	-	2	1	2	-	-	4	7
U/13	2	5	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	4	7
U/14	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	4
U/15	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
	18	34	16	11	17	5	28	19	7	4	86	73
<u>GIRLS</u>												
U/7	5	-	3	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	13	-
U/8	3	4	3	2	3	-	1	3	1	1	11	10
U/9	2	2	3	2	4	1	2	3	-	1	11	9
U/10	1	2	2	-	2	2	3	2	-	1	8	7
U/11	1	4	-	4	1	-	2	5	1	1	5	14
U/12	5	5	3	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	11	7
U/13	-	6	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	7
U/14	-	1	1	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	2	4
U/15	-	1	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	1
	17	25	18	12	17	5	14	13	2	4	68	59
TOTAL	35	59	34	23	34	10	42	32	9	8	154	132

This season registrations were up by 85 and there were 22 more new registrations than re-registrations. The boys outnumbered the girls by 32 and Banksia Park Club again had the most children.

LORALIE DUNN
REGISTRAR.

COMPETITIONS OFFICER'S REPORT

The 1983/84 Summer Season commenced with record registrations which included U/14s and U/15s for the first time. The increased numbers caused some headaches in programming, however, apart from a few minor problems the meetings ran smoothly and according to plan. The addition of another long jump pit before next season will greatly ease one problem area.

During the season we competed in friendly meetings with eight other centres either at home or away and only once did the visiting club not front up. (Perhaps they just couldn't face up to our strong competition.) Only one meeting was cancelled due to extremely hot weather so a total of 15 normal meetings plus the Association or Zone meetings were held prior to the Championships. The Peter Fullager Walks were conducted by us at our home ground for the first time this year and appeared to run smoothly and of course successfully for T.T.G.

I would like to thank those people who assisted with the programming and running of the weekly competitions. Without the help from the parents we don't have a competition. Remember 'Little Athletics for Family Fun and Fitness.'

Graham Hawke

Competitions Officer

TEAM MANAGERS REPORT

Once again T.T.G.L.A.C. has shown itself to be a very strong and competitive centre. Our number of registrations increased considerably from 206 to 289. Not only did we have quantity but the quality was indeed evident as our conquests through the season testify.

The Teams accomplishments are summarised as follows:-

- (a) Tea Tree Gully retained both the girls and boys shields at the Cross Country Championships held at the Paddocks in August '83. A strong and supportive team gave us a great advantage on the day. Neil Davis and Sharon Flatman (Team Captains) accepted the shields from the Minister for Sport -Mr. Slater- this was a great end to the season. An enjoyable family gathering ensued to gloat over the days events and to eat copious quantities of hot dogs and cakes, etc. We were grateful to Mr. Dunn for providing video coverage of the events.
- (b) The greatest achievement by far was the convincing win in the Relay Championships. A great effort from our coaches and support from parents, and of course the children, meant a 61 point difference. T.T.G. 189 to Salisbury East second on 128 points. Our Captains Anna Brigden and Steven Moyes gladly accepted the, up to now, elusive trophy and at last Tea Tree Gully have their name inscribed on it.
- (c) This was followed by a convincing win in the Peter Fullager walks. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Sinkinson, we produced the strongest team ever, giving us a point score of $313\frac{1}{2}$ to the next team Woodville on 197 points. The win gives us the right to host the Peter Fullager walks next season at Bulkana Oval.
- (d) At the time of writing this report the Zone Team championships were still to be held thus completing the teams events for the year.

Once again, it is evident that there is something in Little Aths for every member. Whether he or she enjoys the teams events most or whether the thrill comes from gaining a personal best or achieving some other feat, is quite evident and it's certainly an activity to be encouraged.

This year we have had six children try for the State Team which competes in Perth.

Once again, Tea Tree Gully Little Athletes have not only shown their sporting and team abilities, but have shown at all times impeccable behaviour on and off the sporting field and true great sportsmanship. I am proud to be associated with such a fine team of children and parents.

Team Manager
Gwen Duncan

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Following last years A.G.M. the Publicity & Promotions Committee comprised '1½' members. (Denise Cutts who was prepared to carry on with the Gestetner and Judy Whiteland semi-retired, assisting until the committee grew.) As the Committee did not have a Publicity and Promotions Officer it was decided to concentrate mainly on production of the 'Gully Runner' with the promotions side of things being pushed to the background.

Through the winter months Denise managed to publish the 'Gully Runner' almost single-handed and it was not until the L.A. Clubs designated a representative that the committee grew to five with Kaye Jeffs (T.T.G./ST. AG.), Toni Pressland (B.P.) and Pauline Carmen (M.S.). The committee then endeavoured to call on local businesses to advertise in the 'Gully Runner', the results of many trips to and fro was that nine sponsors were found for the 1983/84 'Gully Runner'.

Thanks must also go to Gwen Duncan who made several visits to Rodney Robrans (programme booklet sponsor) on our behalf. As both Robrans and the 'Advertiser' wanted new style advertisements this year this delayed the production of the programme booklet. Special thanks to Adrienne Earl with help and advice re artwork and Clive Kelleher from Galaxy Press who printed the programme covers free of charge.

The Committee was joined later in the year by Bev Ramsay (DERN).

The production of the 'Gully Runner' has run smoothly thanks to contributors getting items to Denise by the deadline most of the time. To help prune costs the advertisements were printed on the back of the front cover and the 'Gully Runner' issued without a back cover.

Noticeably this year there has been no articles concerning 'Seniors' as they decided to issue their own separate newsletter. This was an advantage economically to the committee but we felt it left a gap between the two groups in our Centre. Many new Little Athletes being unaware a Senior Club exists. For the future of the Centre effort must be made on both sides for more liaison between the two groups for reports to be printed in each others newsletters (if separate productions are to continue) so that all athletes and parents are made aware of what the 'other half' is doing and can follow their progress with interest.

This year our success in getting results in the 'Leader' has not been so successful (N.B. none being sent since Xmas) and whether it is worthwhile or not is uncertain as mostly they are only printed in part with many clubs vying for such a small space allocated to sport.

The Committee has had to rely on Club secretaries to distribute the 'Gully Runner' this year and although not ideal has worked reasonably well. The 'Gully Runner' is printed fortnightly in the summer and monthly in the winter months.

It is hoped that after the A.G.M. this Committee will be led by a Publicity and Promotions Officer with representatives from both Seniors and Little Aths. to assist. Meetings are usually held monthly Aug - Dec and thence when required. They are held in a friendly informal atmosphere whilst still achieving the necessary results.

Thanks to all members of this committee who have helped through the year and we look forward to a more successful year regarding promotions next year with the leadership of a Publicity and Promotions Officer.

Denise Cutts & Judy Whiteland on behalf of:
Publicity and Promotions Committee.

GROUNDS & EQUIPMENT REPORT 1983/84

As in 1982/83, very few real initiatives were taken to update our grounds or equipment pending the move into our new clubrooms. With the building now well advanced, next year will offer the new Grounds and Equipment Officer many exciting possibilities. Apart from organizing the present equipment in the new storage room, he may also be able to oversee the fitting of wheels to the timing stands, the construction of trolleys for high jump bags and hurdles, and so on. Some thought has been given to an additional long jump pit, but construction looks like being part of the 1984/85 programme.

I would like to thank everyone who helped this year with setting up Bulkana for home meetings, and clearing away afterwards. The roster system generally worked quite well and definitely should be retained.

The circular track for this season was moved 90cm towards the east to allow the badly worn lane one from the previous season to recover. The council planted turf in the bare patches and most of this is growing reasonably well, although it will probably need top dressing in the rougher areas early next spring.

The council's enthusiastic oval watering programme is causing some problems with line marking. We undertook to apply kerosene only twice per year, once at the start of the summer season and again soon after the Christmas/New Year break. The grass, however, is growing so vigorously that the lines are barely visible by Christmas and again by the end of the summer season. We don't want to apply kerosene later in the season because the dead lines will not recover sufficiently before the football season and will be worn into deep trenches. We may need to acquire a dry line marker to do some touching up of the lines late in the season.

This year the position of assistant Grounds and Equipment Officer was not filled. In the coming season I feel sure there will be enough work to justify filling the assistant position and strongly urge you all to consider applying.

Dave Brown
Grounds & Equipment Officer

BINGO REPORT

In April this year, Bingo will celebrate the 10th anniversary of its commencement at the Highlander Hotel. Profits from Highlander Bingo this year are down significantly compared with 1982/83 for a number of reasons. First, Ron and Brenda Lane worked very hard during 1982/83, particularly with their introduction of the instant Bingo tickets; second, there has been a general decline in crowds at most Adelaide Bingo sessions, partly I think because of X-lotto, Instant Money, etc.; and, third, following the retirement of the Lanes early last year (they moved to Brighton to set up a Deli, probably putting into practice the money making skills they learnt at Bingo) and then of Kath Matthews later in the year, the crowds at the Highlander fell alarmingly. Fortunately the crowds have been better since Christmas so the viability of the Highlander Bingo seems assured.

Tea Tree Gully Hotel Bingo in recent years has always been a marginal proposition, with weekly profits usually in the \$50-\$100 range. Its location being less central than the Highlander is probably the main reason for this. Nevertheless its yearly profit is very useful (it would need a lot of trading tables, etc. to make as much) and there is always a chance that it could become more popular.

The current situation is that Vera Harrison runs the T.T.G. Hotel Bingo and calls, Peter Hughes calls, while Vera's sister-in-law Marie Burdett, Denise Cutts and Graham Hawke assist (ie. sell tickets and call back) while at the Highlander, I run the sessions and call, Val Gooch calls and sells instant Bingo, Ray Tedore has temporarily come out of retirement to help with calling (after several years calling), Margaret McBride keeps the books and sells instant Bingo and Tony Davis assists. Kath Matthews is available to call in emergencies and Chris Johnson has also offered to call in emergencies on Monday nights. Until February, Bill Harrison called at the Highlander, but Bill has had to retire so many times that I'm sure we'll see him back again soon. Finally, during school holidays Kath Davis assists at the Highlander.

Bingo is a guaranteed source of substantial income provided we can get enough volunteers to run the sessions effectively. We desperately need another regular caller for Tuesday nights, more assistants for Tuesdays (to allow a roster system to operate), but what we most desperately need is someone to take over the running of Highlander Bingo (preferably soon so that I can train this person before I leave for 18 months in the U.S. in May/June) and if this person isn't a caller then we need at least one more caller (preferably two) for Monday nights.

Calling at Bingo is not difficult and requires no previous experience or knowledge of the game. We can train anyone to be a caller and just think what it could lead to! Please think about it.

Dave Brown

COACHING AND EDUCATION REPORT. 1983 - 84

I took on the job of Coaching and Education Officer because the position had been vacant for 12 months and with the increasing numbers joining our Centre I saw a definite need for more parents to become involved in this facet of the sport. After a year "in the chair" however, I cannot report that a great deal has been achieved. There seems to be a reluctance on the parents behalf to get involved and this is somewhat disappointing. There were many educational opportunities available for parents/coaches throughout the year, but in the main they were poorly attended. Only two people took advantage of preliminary coaching courses and nobody undertook a Grade 1 Coaching Course. Can I ask every Club to make a determined effort to ensure they identify their coaching requirements for the coming season and take steps to secure places on the Grade 1 courses as they become available. (Were children lost at your Club early last season because of insufficient coaches?)

With the formation this year of the S.A.L.A.A. Coaches Club the opportunity was also available for parents/coaches to attend monthly coaching sessions at O.S.F. to learn new or update old techniques. It was rewarding to see the majority of people at most sessions come from this Centre.

A little more interest was shown in the education of Officials, with seven people attending various "C" Grade Courses. We were fortunate to have one "A" Grade Official qualify together with one "B" Grade Official this season. With the large number of children competing, we have a definite shortage of qualified "B" Grade Officials and I ask the many "C" Grade Officials to seriously consider sitting for the "B" Grade exam over the next 12 months. Remember, a State Best Performance from one of our athletes would not be recognised unless a financial "B" Grade Official was present at the event.

When training young athletes try to avoid rigorous and repetitive training schedules - make training interesting, varied and hopefully fun. Endeavour to incorporate different games in your sessions, which in an indirect way will increase their athletic skills for particular events and also increase their physical fitness. However, above all we as coaches should ensure that we teach the children the correct methods in each event.

I would like to thank all coaches at Club and Centre level for their time and effort in making the T.T.G.A.C. tick over the past season.

JEFF PAGE.
Coaching & Education
Officer.