

LIST OF CLUBS.

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ARMIDALE possesses two clubs—the Montrose and Armidale.—The secretary and captain of the former is H. E. Crossman, who distinguished himself so greatly in the recent intercolonial tournaments at Sydney, placing a larger number of sets to the credit of his colony than any other member of the team. His career has been very successful for so youthful a player. In 1887 he won the Championship of New England and Liverpool Plains; He was then only fifteen years of age. In 1888 he again won the Championship against G. Newman of Tamworth, at the Montrose Ground and at Tamworth. The Montrose Club has twenty members, was founded early in 1887 by Mr. A. Crossman, and is considered the best club in Armidale. It has two asphalt courts, on which a tournament will be held early in June, open to all-comers in the New England district. The colours are cardinal and white.

THE ARMIDALE CLUB.—Hon. sec., G. H. Armstrong; captain, G. F. Taylor; colours, cardinal. This is the oldest club in Armidale, having been founded in April, 1881, with seven members. The numbers have now increased to thirty. A new ground, consisting of three chipped courts, one of which is likely to be asphalted, will be ready for play shortly. Covered balls are used.

BALMAIN.—President, G. Elliott; hon. sec., H. Brent ('Olivetto,' Rose-street, Balmain, Sydney); captain, W. Druce; annual subscription, one guinea; colours, blue and cream. A tournament is held annually, there being nine events in all. The members are twenty-nine in number. Fifteen matches were played last year. The club was founded in 1885 by Mr. J. Watson. Considerable difficulty was experienced in obtaining suitable ground. The present premises, in Montague-street, were secured in 1887 and two asphalt courts were laid down.

BOWRAL.—Hon. sec., H. M. Oxley, solicitor, Bowral; colours, blue and brown. Started by Dr. Newmarch, H. M. Oxley, and Gavin George, this club has thirty members and two courts—one of concrete, with cement topping, and the other of asphalt. Matches were played last year against Picton and Goulburn. Both were won by Bowral.

ELSWICK.—Hon. sec., H. B. Kilburn (Bank of Australasia, Leichhardt, Sydney); captain, H. Murray. Twenty-six members—twelve ladies and fourteen gentlemen. Colours, cardinal and silver. Single and double tournaments are held annually. Last year the club showed a good record, winning ten out of sixteen matches played with most of the suburban clubs. Mr. H. B. Kilburn founded the club in 1887. A ground was selected situated in McDonald-street. For its size the Elswick is proving itself a most energetic club. It is to be hoped that it will keep up its reputation next year.

GEELONG.—Hon. sec., A. C. Wills, Union Bank, Geelong. (For account of this club see previous issue). The Geelong Tournament. This important tournament, held on April 20, 22, 23, and 24, took place too late last month to allow of more than a brief mention in the May issue of this journal. The meeting was a most successful one, the attendance each afternoon averaging close on a thousand persons. The play was good all round, a very popular feature being the ladies' singles. Owing to the number of entries the meeting was continued a day longer than at first intended. The following were the winners in the different events:—Gentlemen's Single Handicap, first prize value 15 guineas, second prize value 5 guineas: H. E. Webb beat H. Short in the final round—3, 6—5, 3—6, 6—1, and holds the challenge cup for the year; Short received 15. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Handicap Double, two first prizes value £10 each, two second prizes value £3 3s each: Miss N. A'Beckett and A. Guthrie beat Miss E. Guthrie and A. Kearney—6—4, 6—5, playing level. In the Ladies' Single Handicap, Miss Mayne, giving Miss A. Cheney 115, won the first prize, the sets being 3—6, 6—5, 6—3. Some of the players afterwards proceeded to Sydney to participate in the Intercolonial Tournament. The Geelong tournaments were instituted in 1887, when the

winners were:—Gentlemen's Singles, E. Raleigh; Ladies' and Gentlemen's Doubles, Miss M. Cheney and E. Raleigh. In 1888, Gentlemen's Singles, B. Webb; Ladies' and Gentlemen's Doubles, Miss Chadwick and A. Colquhoun.

HUNTER'S HILL, SYDNEY.—Hon. sec., W. Leigh. This club is mainly of a private character. Games are played on lawns of residents. For so small a club it boasts of exceptionally good members, having no less than five intercolonial players on the list.

QUEENSLAND LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION (hon. sec., R. C. Robertson, Elizabeth-street, Brisbane).—Lawn tennis does not yet create the enthusiasm in Queensland which one might have expected in a colony with so much energy in other directions. Many of the more important towns have indifferent courts. Others, again, are content with a few private grounds. In Toowoomba and Maryborough good teams can be mustered on an emergency. At Toowoomba play is on grass, whilst in Maryborough a peculiar substance termed anted is preferred. This, it is said, if properly laid down, makes a very fair court. The Queensland Lawn Tennis Association has none of the country clubs on its roll. However, it has been of the utmost use in promoting tennis interests in Brisbane, where the chief clubs belong to it. They play against each other in succession three times during the season; until now this has been done on their own grounds,

teams. The ladies have proved themselves superior players to the lady members of other clubs in the neighbourhood, and materially assist in preventing interest in the game from flagging. The **NEW FARM CLUB** has thirty-five members. It dates from 1886, and joined the association the following year. Of the courts one is grass, kept in good condition, the other is of asphalt. Another grass court is shortly to be prepared. F. Penfold, of H. Penfold and Sons, is the hon. sec.; the captaincy was won by W. Horstman. There are fifty-two members, twenty-three of whom are ladies, on the roll of the **COOPAROO CLUB** (hon. sec., A. E. Wills). Three earth courts have been formed, at a cost of £30, on ground adjoining the residence of Mr. R. Nicklin, who has given the use of his premises gratuitously. Cooparoo is a suburb three miles east of Brisbane. The club was founded in May, 1886, with thirty-two members. The **BACHELORS' CLUB** (hon. sec. and captain, A. Taylor) has been in existence five years. Although once, numerically speaking, the strongest club in Brisbane, the members have fallen to twenty, who make up, however, by their play for the smallness of their numbers. This club, in the tournament held under the auspices of the Q.L.T.A., provided the winners of the championship, handicap singles (first and second places), and handicap doubles. The courts (two) are, it is said, not properly attended to. They are of grass, and are

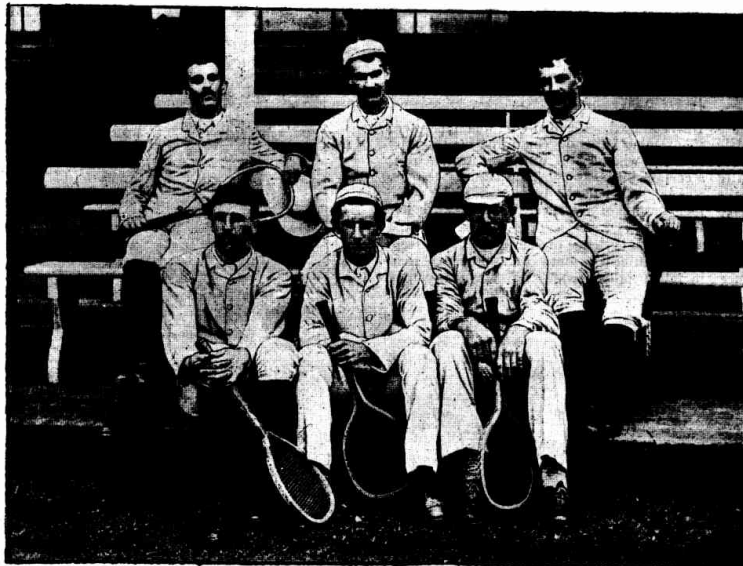
the club-roll, of whom eight are ladies. Play is on chipped courts.

WAGGUNYAH.—Hon. sec., W. A. Clark, 'Edina,' Marrickville, Sydney; captain, Isaac Doust. There are fifteen members. No less than thirty matches were played against the Balmain, Shirley, Woodlands, University, Devonshire, and other clubs last season. This club was formed in January, 1887, by its present captain, who lent his lawn and called it the Grantham Club. Matches were played towards the end of the year with other suburban clubs, Grantham winning fifteen and losing five. The following year the club became the Waggunyah, so-called from the residence of the founder, who again lent his lawn. Out of thirty matches the club was but once defeated. The members also play on an asphalt court laid down by Mr. Doust.

YARRANDABBY.—Hon. sec., R. E. S. Waterman, 158 Victoria-street, Sydney; captain, Harvey Brown. Fifty-three members, of whom eighteen are ladies, now belong to the club. It was started on a proprietary basis on the 30th January, 1886, by E. H. Brady, assisted by Messrs. R. Docker, J. Booth, and L. Gibson. The courts were three in number, all of asphalt, room, however, being left for another asphalt court and three or four grass courts. Comfortable dressing-rooms, bath, and reading-rooms were erected, and arrangements made for afternoon tea parties, which are a very pleasant description. In fact, the

Yarrandabby justifies its claim to be one of the most select and sociable clubs in Sydney. Efforts are, I understand, being made to form the club into a company. Amongst the matches played last year, those against the Grammar School (Sydney), East Maitland, Devonshire, Strathfield, Rowing Club, and Brooklyn Clubs may be mentioned.

YASS.—Hon. sec., R. F. Jenkins, Council Chambers, Yass. Yass claims to be the premier club of the southern districts, having beaten all the surrounding clubs including Wagga, Young, Goulburn, and Gunning. The courts are of gravel and are situated in Victoria Park. They were originally laid down by the Municipal Council. The season begins in May, continuing through the winter months. The lady members occasionally play in the various matches. The club was established in May, 1885 through the efforts of W. H. Freeman. During the first three years it was in a very flourishing condition; latterly, however, the interest seems to have flagged. This is doubtless due partly to number of the more active members having left Yass. A. W.



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but there is every prospect that before next year some first-rate courts will be provided on the new ground being formed by the Cricket Association, where the matches will take place. A cup, value ten guineas, will be played for shortly by the different clubs, and will remain in the possession of the captain of the victorious club. In last year's tournament A. G. Taylor won the single championship, A. de Winton being second. Of the clubs belonging to the association the **BRISBANE CLUB** (hon. sec., W. Nicholson, Registrar-General's Office; captain, E. C. Robertson) is perhaps the most important, with fifty-eight members. It has three courts, two asphalt and one of grass. It was founded in 1883 under the name of the Gregory-terrace Club, and had at first scarcely a dozen members. The name was changed in 1887. Twelve matches were played last season. The **SOUTH BRISBANE CLUB** (hon. sec., W. F. Baynes, Vulture-street, South Brisbane; captain, T. W. Connah) has forty-six members—twenty-two ladies and twenty-four gentlemen. It was originally composed (1886) of a few members of a private club and others. When the club was formed players used to practice on an unformed court in Musgrave Park. The numbers rapidly increasing, three other courts were added, and the first one was improved. The courts are composed of sifted coke ashes mixed with the original clayish material, forming a very hard surface, which plays faster than asphalt. The club has two strong match

situated in the Botanical Gardens.

STANMORE.—Hon. sec. H. V. Procter, 'Iona,' Cavendish-street, Stanmore, Sydney. The championship, played for last December, was won by P. Russell, Miss Robinson winning the ladies' championship. The club was founded by Messrs. Kemp, Procter, and a few others on March 10th, 1886. It now counts forty-five members, nineteen of whom are ladies. Originally the club was of a private nature, limited to twenty-five members. There are two courts, one of grass in Stanmore-road, lent by Mr. Kemp, the other, a chipped court, in Cambridge-street, the ground having been lent by Mr. W. H. Faling. Nineteen matches were played last year; the club won seven and lost twelve. The colours are crimson and gold. Annual subscription is one guinea, with half-a-guinea entrance fee.

TAMWORTH.—Hon. sec., G. H. C. McDouall, Tamworth; captain, George Newman; colours, gold and royal blue. The Tamworth Lawn Tennis Club, with a roll of thirty members (ten of whom are ladies), was founded in June, 1881, by W. J. Boydell, W. H. Pinhey, R. A. Thomas, and others. A match was played against Armidale on the 1st of August, Tamworth being beaten by 148 games to 89. G. Newman representing Tamworth in the singles against H. Crossman, lost both sets by 16 games to 31 games, and 23 games to 29 games.

WAGGA WAGGA.—Hon. sec., A. Tyers Wood, Australian Joint Stock Bank; captain, Charles Hardy. Forty-six members are on

A match was played on the Queen's Birthday at Wagga, on the club courts, between four gentlemen from Albany, viz., Messrs.

W. Acock, H. Edmondson, E. H. C. Wood, and W. Bushby, and four members of the Wagga Club, Messrs. G. W. Commins, C. Hardy, junr., P. McLeod, and A. T. Wood. Play began shortly after 10 o'clock, and continued throughout the day. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were present, who took a lively interest in the game. Decidedly the result of the play was in favour of the local players, though in many instances the games were stubbornly contested. The opening sets were played by Messrs. Hardy and Wood, Wagga, v. Bushby and Wood, Albany; G. W. Commins and P. McLeod, Wagga, v. W. Acocks and H. Edmondson, Albany, and both resulted in favour of Wagga.

Doubles.—Messrs. Commins and McLeod (Wagga) beat Messrs. Acocks and Edmondson, 6—0, 6—1, 1—6; and Messrs. Bushby and Wood, 5—6, 6—0, 4—6. Messrs. Hardy and Wood (Wagga) beat Messrs. Bushby and Wood, 6—4, 6—1, 6—5; and Messrs. Acocks and Edmondson, 6—4, 6—2, 5—6. Final result: 63 games to Wagga, 39 to Albany.

Singles.—C. Hardy beat H. Edmondson, 6—3, 6—5, and W. Acocks, 6—1, 6—2. A. T. Wood beat H. Edmondson, 6—2, 6—3; and W. Acocks, 6—5, 6—4. G. W. Commins beat E. C. Wood, 3—6, 6—0, 6—2. P. McLeod beat E. C. Wood, 6—2, 6—0; and was beaten by W. Bushby, 6—1, 6—5. Final result: 81 games to Wagga, 45 to Albany. Grand total: Wagga, 144 games; Albany, 86 games.