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ANNUAL
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NCCUA OFFICE BEARERS 2010

PRESIDENT

Darrel Luck

VICE PRESIDENT

Steve Welsh

SECRETARY

Richard Cornish

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Shannon Oeser

TREASURER

Neville Turner

COMMITTEE MEMEBERS

Phil Behrendt

Roger Crowhurst

Peter Hampshire

Ron Oeser

Roy Reichert

Roger Stokes

UMPIRES COACH

Peter Hampshire

ASSISTANT COACH

Christine Burrows

UMPIRES APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE

Peter Hampshire (Chairperson)

Steve Welsh

Steve Smith

LIFE MEMBERS

Bill Deenen

Roger Crowhurst

Ray Dinneen

Peter Hoffman

Richard Judd

Richard Kenna

Darrel Luck

John McCormick

Roy Reichert

Paster Robinson

Eric Rogers

Phil Stone

John Sullivan

Neville Turner

Steve Welsh

HONORARY MEMBER

David Ferris

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NCCUA HONOUR ROLL 2000 - 2010

Year	President	Vice President	Secretary	Assistant Secretary	Treasurer	Committee Members	Umpires Coach/ Co-ordinator	Liaison Officer	Umpire of the Year
2000	John Sullivan	NA	Steve Welsh	NA	Neville Turner	Eric Rogers & Darrel Luck	Eric Rogers, Darrel Luck & Neville Turner	Eric Rogers & Darrel Luck	Amy Galloway (Awarded by the BDAFL)
2001	John Sullivan	NA	David Robinson	NA	Neville Turner	Chris Ward	Chris Ward	Chris Ward	Darrel Luck
2002	John Sullivan	NA	Peter Hoffman	NA	Neville Turner		John Sullivan & Neville Turner	Neville Turner	Gavin Ellis
2003	John Sullivan	NA	Byron John	NA	Neville Turner	Peter Hoffman	Peter Hoffman	Peter Hoffman	Eric Rogers
2004	John Sullivan	Steve Welsh, Bruce Edmiston	Byron John	Peter Hoffman	Neville Turner	Michael Stone & Richard Judd	Richard Judd	Peter Hoffman	Phil Stone
2005	John Sullivan	Darrel Luck	Ashley Borg	Joe Wenta	Neville Turner	Richard Judd & Peter Hoffman	Richard Judd	Peter Hoffman	Grant Godfrey
2006	Darrel Luck	Bruce Edmiston	Richard Cornish	Emily Reichert	Neville Turner	Grant Godfrey, Phil Stone & Roy Reichert	Grant Godfrey	Grant Godfrey	Roger Crowhurst & Grant Godfrey
2007	Darrel Luck	Roy Reichert	Richard Cornish	Emily Reichert	Neville Turner	Roger Crowhurst, Grant Godfrey, Lee Gardener & Andrew Waterman	Roger Crowhurst	Darrel Luck	Roger Crowhurst & Darrel Luck
2008	Darrel Luck	Roy Reichert	Richard Cornish	Steve Welsh	Neville Turner	Roger Crowhurst, Grant Godfrey, Emily Reichert & Andrew Waterman	Roger Crowhurst	Darrel Luck	Ashley Borg
2009	Darrel Luck	Steve Welsh	Richard Cornish	Ashley Borg	Neville Turner	Phil Behrendt, Roger Crowhurst, Troy Edwards, Roy Reichert, Roger Stokes & John Sullivan	Roger Crowhurst	Darrel Luck	Ashley Borg
2010	Darrel Luck	Steve Welsh	Richard Cornish	Shannon Oeser	Neville Turner	Phil Behrendt, Roger Crowhurst, Peter Hampshire, Ron Oeser, Roy Reichert & Roger Stokes	Peter Hampshire	Darrel Luck	Jackson Stokes

BLACK DIAMOND AFL GRAND FINAL UMPIRES 2000 - 2010

BLACK DIAMOND CUP

Year	FIELD UMPIRES			BOUNDARY UMPIRES		GOAL UMPIRES	
2000	D. Luck	E. Rogers		D. Judd	S. Webster	C. Barker	J. Sullivan
2001	R. Judd	D. Luck	T. Wrankmore	G. Ellis	T. Willmott	J. Sullivan	J. Wrankmore
2002	R. Judd	A. Marton	E. Rogers	G. Ellis	L. Gardener	P. Crosland	J. Sullivan
2003	P. Hoffman	R. Johnson	E. Rogers	G. Ellis	H. McLeod	N. Marriott	J. Sullivan
2004	G. Godfrey	D. Luck	P. Stone	G. Ellis	H. McLeod	J. Sullivan	J. Wenta
2005	A. Borg	G. Godfrey	D. Luck	C. Barnes	B. Marriott	S. Hoffman	J. Wenta
2006	R. Crowhurst	G. Godfrey	D. Luck	C. Rawling	M. Trialonas	J. Sullivan	J. Wenta
2007	R. Crowhurst	D. Luck	P. Stone	C. Goodenough	C. Rawling	R. Cornish	J. Sullivan
2008	A. Borg	R. Crowhurst	G. Godfrey	D. Bell	C. Goodenough	R. Cornish	P. Marriott
2009	A. Borg	R. Crowhurst	T. Druwitt	H. Farrell	S. Oeser	R. Cornish	P. Marriott
2010	J. Behrendt	R. Crowhurst	T. Druwitt	C. Alexander	A. Thompson	P. Best	R. Cornish

BLACK DIAMOND AFL GRAND FINAL UMPIRES 2000 - 2010

RESERVE GRADE							
Year	FIELD UMPIRES			BOUNDARY UMPIRES		GOAL UMPIRES	
2000	R. Judd	N. Turner		G. Ellis	T. Willmott	A. Galloway	E. Thurlow
2001	T. Hassall	R. Hunter	R. Johnson	S. Dunbar	A. Robinson	R. Kenna	D. Robinson
2002	R. Dinneen	T. Edwards	P. Hoffman	F. Cameron	H. McLeod	S. Curan	R. Minister
2003	B. John	P. Stone	N. Turner	N. Elsworthy	L. Gardener	R. Cornish	P. Crosland
2004	B. John	R. Dinneen	M. Stone	D. Hall	C. Rawling	R. Cornish	S. Hoffman
2005	R. Crowhurst	B. Edmiston	M. Stone	C. Rawling	S. Hayes	J. Partland	J. Sullivan
2006	A. Hoffman	B. King	L. Gardener	B. Cadona	S. Lamborn	J. Partland	M. Ward
2007	C. Baker	B. Edmiston	L. Gardener	D. Bell	B. Hancock	J. Lowe	R. Raslan
2008	M. Trialonas	P. Stone	S. Welsh	C. Hunt	J. Stokes	P. Behrendt	R. Oeser
2009	P. Hampshire	P. Stone	S. Welsh	L. Gardener	C. Tunks	W. Farrand	R. Oeser
2010	L. Gardener	K. Hoffman	D. Luck	C. Goodenough	N. Hickson	R. Oeser	L. Parente

BLACK DIAMOND AFL GRAND FINAL UMPIRES 2000 - 2010

UNDER 18'S							
Year	FIELD UMPIRES			BOUNDARY UMPIRES		GOAL UMPIRES	
2000	R. Kenna	A. Marton		T. Riley	A. Robinson	D. Robinson	P. Vella
2001	R. Dinneen	A. Marton	E. Rogers	F. Cameron	S. Rogers	P. Crosland	P. Vella
2002	C. Barker	R. Johnson	N. Turner	S. Hoffman	S. Rogers	B. Marton	D. Robinson
2003	R. Jauncey	G. McBain	S. Welsh	A. Butler	M. Campbell	B. Edmiston	J. Hughes
2004	L. Gardener	R. Johnson	N. Turner	S. Lamborn	S. Maloney	N. Marriott	B. Marton
2005	R. Dinneen	P. Hoffman	N. Turner	D. Hall	S. Lamborn	J. Rawling	J. Turton
2006	P. Best	K. Harding	P. Stone	C. Goodenough	R. Hayes	R. Cornish	A. Lowe
2007	P. Andrews	A. Butler	T. Druwitt	B. Cadona	M. Trialonas	A. Lowe	P. Marriott
2008	J. Behrendt	T. Druwitt	D. Luck	B. Hancock	S. Oeser	W. Farrand	R. Raslan
2009	J. Behrendt	D. Luck	J. Stokes	A. Cugley	N. Hickson	P. Behrendt	A. Kittel
2010	A. Kittel	C. Tunks	J. Stokes	H. Farrell	S. Oeser	W. Farrand	P. Marriott

NCCUA AWARD WINNERS 2000 - 2010

Year	Umpire of the Year	Club Person of the Year	Field Umpire of the Year	Boundary Umpire of the Year	Goal Umpire of the Year	Golden Whistle	Best First Year Umpire
2000							
2001	Darrel Luck						
2002	Gavin Ellis						
2003	Eric Rogers			Sophie Hoffman	Richard Cornish		
2004	Phil Stone						
2005	Grant Godfrey	Darrel Luck	Ashley Borg	Cameron Barnes	Joe Wenta	Lee Gardener	
2006	Roger Crowhurst & Grant Godfrey	Roy Reichert	Grant Godfrey	Shane Lamborn	Joe Wenta	Adrian Hoffman	Adam Lowe
2007	Roger Crowhurst & Darrel Luck	Neville Turner	Darrel Luck	Chris Rawling	Adam Lowe	Tyler Druwitt & Emily Reichert	Tyler Druwitt
2008	Ashley Borg	Richard Cornish & Steve Welsh	Ashley Borg	Doug Bell	Richard Cornish	Marc Trialonas	Jonathan Behrendt & Shannon Oeser
2009	Ashley Borg	Phil Behrendt & Richard Cornish	Ashley Borg	Nicholas Hickson & Shannon Oeser	Richard Cornish & Phil Marriott	Jonathan Behrendt & Jackson Stokes	Cameron Fox, Hayden Farrell & Nicholas Hickson
2010	Jackson Stokes	Ron Oeser	Jonathan Behrendt	Andrew Thompson	Richard Cornish	Aden Kittel	Daniel White

NCCUA UMPIRING AWARDS 2010

UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

Jackson Stokes

FIELD UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

Jonathan Behrendt

BOUNDARY UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

Andrew Thompson

GOAL UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

Richard Cornish

CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR

Ron Oeser

GOLDEN WHISTLE AWARD (BEST UP AND COMING UMPIRE)

Aden Kittel

BEST FIRST YEAR UMPIRE

Daniel White

BLACK DIAMOND AFL AWARDS 2010

UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

Roger Crowhurst

2010 BLACK DIAMOND CUP DEBUTANTS

Field Umpires

Aden Kittel and Daniel White

Boundary Umpires

Chris Alexander, Cameron Brooks, Daniel Gustard, Michael McKenzie, Shayne McKenzie, Andrew Thompson and Cooper Williams

Goal Umpires

Shannon Oeser

MILESTONES IN 2010

<i>Jonathan Behrendt</i>	50 games in the BDAFL as a Field Umpire
<i>Richard Cornish</i>	200 total games in the BDAFL 150 games in the BDAFL as a Goal Umpire
<i>Tyler Druwitt</i>	50 Black Diamond Cup games as a Field Umpire
<i>Wayne Farrand</i>	50 Under 18's game as a Goal Umpire
<i>Colin Goodenough</i>	100 games in the BDAFL as a Boundary Umpire
<i>Aden Kittel</i>	50 total games in the BDAFL
<i>Phil Marriott</i>	150 total games in the BDAFL 150 games in the BDAFL as a Goal Umpire
<i>Shannon Oeser</i>	50 total games in the BDAFL 50 games in the BDAFL as a Boundary Umpire
<i>Roy Reichert</i>	150 total games in the BDAFL
<i>Neville Turner</i>	250 total games in the BDAFL 100 Black Diamond Cup games as a Field Umpire

2010 NORTHERN REGION DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Nicholas Hickson (Boundary Umpire) – Black Diamond AFL
 Casey Parsons (Field Umpire) – AFLGSJ Newcastle
 Cameron Fox (Field Umpire) – AFLGSJ Newcastle
 Aden Kittel (Field Umpire) – AFLGSJ Newcastle
 Jackson Monk (Field Umpire) – AFLGSJ Newcastle
 Shannon Oeser (Field Umpire) – AFLGSJ Newcastle
 Daniel White (Field Umpire) – AFLGSJ Central Coast
 Brendan Favero (Field Umpire) – AFLGSJ Central Coast
 Dale Holland (Field Umpire) – AFLGSJ Central Coast

2010 AFL NSW/ACT UMPIRES DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

Aden Kittel (Hunter Region)
 Cameron Tunks (Central Coast Region)
 Daniel White (Central Coast Region)

Newcastle Central Coast Umpires Association Inc Umpiring Statistics for the Black Diamond AFL Competition - 2010

Surname	Given Name	2010 Black Diamond AFL Season											Overall Career Games in the Black Diamond AFL														
		Black Diamond Cup				Reserve Grade				Under 18's			Total For 2010 Season	Black Diamond Cup				Reserve Grade				Under 18's			Total Overall Games		
		Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	Field	Boundary	Goal		Total	Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	Field	Boundary		Goal	Total
Alexander	Chris		14		14				0		1		1	15		14		14				0		1		1	15
Barry	Jay				0				0		7		7	7				0			0		10	1	11	11	
Behrendt	Jonathan	18			18				0				0	18	47	1		48	2		2	7			7	57	
Behrendt	Phil			15	15			3	3			9	9	27			49	49		6	6			38	38	93	
Best	Paul			10	10				0	8		2	10	20	6		11	17	15		15	15		2	17	49	
Brooks	Cameron		9		9				0		3		3	12		9		9			0		3		3	12	
Cornish	Richard			14	14				0			4	4	18		11	97	108	9		36	45	26		34	60	213
Crookall	Jason				0				0	2			2	2				0			0	2			2	2	
Crowhurst	Roger	20			20				0				0	20	136			136	2		2	2			2	140	
Dinneen	Ray	1			1				0	11			11	12	89			89	48		48	57			57	194	
Druwitt	Tyler	15			15				0	1			1	16	56			56	3		3	10			10	69	
Edmiston	Bruce	1		1	2				0	5		3	8	10	46		14	60	30		4	34	32		11	43	137
Edwards	Troy	12			12				0	2	1		3	15	28			28	10		10	2	1		3	41	
Farrand	Sasha				0				0		9		9	9				0			0		9		9	9	
Farrand	Wayne			15	15				0		1	10	11	26			66	66			18	18		1	53	54	138
Farrell	Hayden		12		12				0		5		5	17		30		30			0		8		8	38	
Fox	Cameron				0				0	8			8	8		16		16		1	1	9	10		19	36	
Gardener	Lee	13			13	4			4				0	17	81	17	7	105	61	7	4	72	57	3	1	61	238
Goodenough	Colin		15		15		3		3		1		1	19		92	1	93		6	6		11	17	28	127	
Goodenough	Rachel			3	3				0			8	8	11			8	8			0			55	55	63	
Gustard	Daniel		5		5				0		6		6	11		5		5			0		6		6	11	
Hampshire	Peter	12			12				0			2	2	14	40			40	4		4			2	2	46	
Hickson	Nicholas		14		14		4		4			1	1	19		32		32		4	4		5	1	6	42	
Hoffman	Kevin	13			13	3			3				0	16	31	1	1	33	23		23	29	1		30	86	
Hoffman	Peter				0				0				0	0	51		9	60	32		10	42	31		31	133	
Judd	Richard			12	12			2	2			8	8	22	74	1	28	103	32	1	12	45	18		9	27	175

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		Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	Field	Boundary	Goal	Total		Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	
Kenna	Richard				0				0			0	0	10		5	15	91		4	95	76			76	186	
Kent	Ashley		1		1				0		3	3	4		3		3				0		3		3	6	
Kittel	Aden	6	1	4	11				0	11		1	12	23	6	5	17	28		2	2	16	2	9	27	57	
Koop	Geoff		7		7				0		6		6	13		8		8			0		10	1	11	19	
Luck	Darrel	14			14	3			3	7			7	24	170		2	172	22		3	25	39			39	236
Marriott	Brendan				0				0	7			7	7		30	1	31	4	6	3	13	20	2		22	66
Marriott	Phil			16	16				0			10	10	26		2	90	92		2	25	27			38	38	157
McKenzie	Michael		9		9				0		4		4	13		9		9			0		4		4	13	
McKenzie	Shayne		2		2				0		1		1	3		2		2			0		1		1	5	
Oeser	Ron			10	10			2	2	6			8	20			37	37		7	7	12		24	36	80	
Oeser	Shannon		11	2	13		1		1	10	2		12	26		41	2	43		1	1	10	16		26	70	
Parente	Laura			7	7			1	1			8	8	16			11	11		1	1	4		8	12	24	
Parsons	Casey				0				0	6	1		7	7		3		3			0	6	2		8	11	
Rawling	Jacki			2	2				0			7	7	9			39	39		34	34			16	16	89	
Reichert	Roy				0				0	11			11	11	16		8	24	32	1	3	36	90			90	150
Rogers	Eric				0				0				0	0	82		1	83	39		39	16	1		17	139	
Smee	Andrew				0				0		3		3	3				0			0		3		3	3	
Stokes	Jackson	14			14				0	3			3	17	25	18		43		4	4	27	2		29	76	
Stokes	Roger			1	1				0				0	1		3	24	27		14	14	3		5	8	49	
Stone	Phil				0				0				0	0	81		2	83	22	1	2	25	17		17	125	
Sullivan	John				0				0				0	0	6		114	120	7		70	77	31		11	42	239
Thompson	Andrew		13		13				0		3		3	16		13		13			0		3		3	16	
Tunks	Cameron	14			14				0	4			4	18	16	2		18		1	1	22	4		26	45	
Turner	Neville	4			4				0	7			7	11	100		2	102	74		5	79	72		1	73	254
Welsh	Steve	6			6				0	2			2	8	56			56	41		41	41			41	138	
White	Daniel	5			5				0	6			6	11	5	6		11			0	7	1		8	19	
White	Lachlan			3	3				0				4	7			5	5			0			4	4	9	
Williams	Cooper		3		3				0		9		9	12		3		3			0		9		9	12	

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the 11th annual report of the Newcastle Central Coast Umpires Association and this represents our participation in the eleventh season of the Black Diamond AFL competition in 2010.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to present the 2010 Annual Report of the Newcastle Central Coast Umpires Association.



As with previous Presidents' reports, I would like to commence this report by acknowledging and thanking our sponsors. On behalf of the Committee and members of the NCCUA, we would like to thank our sponsors who have contributed to the financial success of the Association over the past 12 months.

The sponsors in 2010 were –

- Leadership Management Australia
- Swansea RSL Club
- The Newcastle Herald
- Carlton & United Breweries

We would all agree that our sponsors play an important part in the ongoing prosperity of the Association. We thank our sponsors for their support, because without this support, the task of running a balanced bottom line would be a very difficult task. Without our sponsors support we would require Association members to raise extra money to make sure the Association remained a viable organisation.

The Committee encourages all members of the Association, to use (wherever possible), the services provided by our sponsors. This allows the Association (and eventually members) to benefit from the support of our sponsors.

The NCCUA does not function and remain so successful without the efforts of those hard working Committee members. The achievements that you have seen on the football field in 2010, would not have been possible without the time and effort spent by the members of the Committee making sure the Association runs smoothly and efficiently.

It is important for me to pause and recognise the efforts of our Committee members in season 2010. I personally (and on behalf of members) acknowledge and thank Committee members for their hard work in 2010. I would like to comment briefly on the contributions of all Committee members over the past 12 months.

We start with the heart and soul of any organisation, the Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President.

The Treasurer, Neville Turner. This is the eleventh year that Neville has been kind enough to generously share his time with the Association in the role as Treasurer. Neville's passion for football and especially umpiring seems not to have waned and he has indicated that his enthusiasm to serve members of the NCCUA will continue into the future.

As always Neville has done an outstanding job as Treasurer with the upmost honesty and integrity. Neville's focus has again been to deliver a balanced ledger at the end of this season. To this end, Neville has again delivered.

We should congratulate and thank Neville on another job well done in keeping the Associations books in order and the budget in the black in 2010. It is great to know that the Association is in a financially stable position going into the 2011 season.

Moving onto the Secretary's position, this was again carried out by Richard Cornish (affectionately known as the Blind Guy). Blind Guy also shared the portfolio of Social Co-ordinator with Ron Oeser this year.

Blind Guy and Ron have done a wonderful job in organising social events under difficult circumstances. Whilst we would all agree that we lead busy lives, there also needs to be a balance between everything we do in our lives. This includes making the most of opportunities to meet, greet and enjoy the company of our fellow umpires in a social setting.

In some respects the Association is the eleventh team in the BDAFL competition. With this analogy comes the further assumption that the Association is similar to a 'football Club' and how it operates. The umpiring group spends approximately eight months of the year training and umpiring together, so social events are an opportunity to relax and enjoy each other's company without the constraints and problems that arise from football. I have no doubt that those who did attend and participate in Association social functions enjoyed them immensely. So a challenge for 2011 is for all umpires to make an effort to participate and make social events successful.

For those new to the Association you may wonder who keeps records of matches that umpires have officiated in over the last 11 seasons. That job has again been carried out by Blind Guy, who is the statistician of the NCCUA (or the keeper of the records). Not only does Blind Guy keep the Association's umpiring match statistics up to date; he also records the Association minutes, updates the 'nccua.com' web site, presides over the 'Special Awards Committee' (SAC) at Presentation Night and keeps members informed of events happening in the life of the Association.

A big thanks Blind Guy, for your continued hard work as Secretary. Without a valuable asset such as a hard working Secretary the continued success of the NCCUA in the future would certainly be difficult.

Next we move onto the Vice President, Steve Welsh. Steve has worked hard in 2010 to make sure umpiring is well represented in the wider community. Not only has Steve taken up a position on the Baxter Field Operating Committee, he was also a member of the UAC and took up a position on the BDAFL Board.

To Welshy, my personal thanks for all your hard work this year. Thank you for your attentive listening, help and honest opinions. Welshy should be thanked and congratulated for his efforts in helping the Association raise funds for 'Call to Arms', Breast Cancer Awareness and Movember. On a final note, Welshy is a man with a big heart, who is willing to do anything when asked, thanks Steve.

We move onto the Umpires Coach. The Coach's position was filled after considerable procrastination from the BDAFL in early 2010. Peter Hampshire was approached to do the job by the BDAFL and accepted the appointment and has been ably assisted by Christine Burrows. Both of these individuals are held in high regard within the football community for their umpiring and coaching knowledge and experience.

Whilst the task of Coach, whether it is a football or umpires coach is difficult, the job was more demanding given personal circumstances of both the Coach and Assistant Coach. I believe that any problems that arose relating to training were overcome quickly through discussion with senior umpires and Committee members. For those who have coached or trained an umpiring group, they would agree that the major difficulty in setting any training session for a group such as ours is to accommodate the needs and expectations of the various fitness levels of umpires. The ideal for 2011 would be for the BDAFL to not only appoint an Umpires Coach but also to find a suitable candidate to fill the role of fitness coach. This would certainly take some of the pressure off the Coach in trying to put in place a training regime that meets the groups' needs and allow the Coach to concentrate on other issues that arise around umpiring within the group.

Peter and Chris should both be congratulated and thanked for the professionalism and leadership shown in leading the group both on and off the training and football field. Well done.

At this stage I would like to mention the AFLGSJ Umpires Managers, Roger Stokes (Central Coast) and Roy Reichert (Newcastle).

Roger and Roy have the difficult task of juggling umpire appointments each week in their respective AFLGSJ competitions and where possible give opportunities to young umpires to umpire in the Black Diamond competition.

Currently both junior groups (Central Coast and Newcastle) work hard to recruit Green Shirt umpires and seek help from junior clubs to help mentor these Green Shirt umpires each week. It is good to see the continued growth in the numbers of umpires in each of these groups and it is anticipated that more junior umpires will take up the challenge of umpiring in future years.

Following from the increased participation of junior umpires with the NCCUA umpiring group, I am pleased to report the ongoing and continued success of combined training sessions. These sessions involved junior umpires from each region, Development and Academy Squad Umpires and the NCCAU group. Through cooperation all umpiring groups train together one night every month. This gives junior umpires opportunities to mix with the senior group; senior umpires a chance to mentor junior umpires and a chance for junior umpires to progress and umpire senior football in the BDAFL. The NCCUA hopes that with the 'Umpiring Pathway' well established, we will see the continued nurturing and progression of junior umpires into the BDAFL competition and the Association will see future growth in umpiring numbers over future years.

Before going any further it would be remiss if I did not thank Graham Glassford (State Umpiring Manager) and Carl Fletcher (Umpire Development Officer – North) for their ongoing commitment and support to both junior umpires and the NCCUA umpiring group. In fact I have quite often joked with Carl about the need for a visa to be in our beautiful region as we see him at least once every month with combined training sessions.

Unfortunately we will lose Roger Stokes next year as he steps down from the role as AFLGSJ Umpires Manager (Central Coast) to take up a more active role in umpiring with the senior group. We thank Roger for his time and hard work given as Umpires Manager over the past three years and we wish Roger all the best in his endeavours as an umpire with the senior group.

The Association looks forward to working again next year with Roy as Umpires Manager (Newcastle) and the new Umpires Manager on the Central Coast. We know that these people have passion for umpiring and will be more than capable of increasing umpire numbers in the junior competition. If the NCCUA offers its continued support, mentoring and training, then umpiring skill levels of the junior groups will improve in 2011.

To the Assistant Secretary Shannon Oeser, thank you Shannon for all your hard work throughout the year. On a number of occasions Shannon has had to step into the Secretaries role and take minutes at meetings and has been the driving force in trying to find more sponsors for the Association. The challenge is always there for young umpires to take an active role in the Association and join the Committee, just like Shannon did this year. Opportunities are available for young umpires to learn more skills around administration of a voluntary organisation and I would encourage umpires to consider taking a position on the Committee. It will certainly add a new set of skills to any umpires arsenal which goes beyond the skills gained from umpiring on the field.

To our gear steward, Phil Behrendt, thank you for the time you put into this role; for keeping track of sales, for ordering umpiring uniforms and helping the Association with fund raising. Without this hard work in this vital role umpires would find themselves without uniforms for match day.

Last and by no means least; Roger Crowhurst and Ron Oeser. Thank you both for all your help in making sure that the Committee functions well. Roger has been active in helping the coaching staff throughout the year and supporting umpire development by taking an active role as mentor at training sessions and on match day. Ron has helped the Association in so many different ways; from helping Blind Guy organising social events to supporting the Association with sponsorship from Carlton & Untied Breweries. As I indicated without these two gentlemen and the rest of the Committee, season 2010 would not have been successful, thank you everyone.

Personally I would like to thank the retiring President, Mr Steve Smith for his work in trying to resolve issues involving umpiring. We certainly wish Steve the best in the future and hope that his health improves.

It is always said that you can't have a game of AFL without umpires. This is true, but umpires are not larger than the game itself. Sometimes the public perception of umpiring reflects the negative connotations of this later statement, that umpires believe they are bigger than the game. The NCCUA, together with coaching staff and senior umpires work very hard to form good relationships with all AFL stakeholders within the region and encourages all umpires to do likewise.

We will continue in 2011 to work hard on forming close partnerships with all stakeholders, especially the clubs and BDAFL board. One of the biggest issues that the Association hopes that will be improved in 2011 is the lack of communication and availability of the General Manager. Hopefully the current communication vacuum left by the departing

General Manager will be overcome with an opportunity for all parties to work closely with the new General Manager to move football forward in the upcoming new season.

There will also be other opportunities that will arise for the umpiring community to continue to work closely with the BDAFL board. With the election of new board members, a new President and an NCCUA representative on the BDAFL board, issues around umpiring have an opportunity to be considered seriously as with all other areas of the BDAFL competition.

At this point of my report, I would like to present briefly some statistics about our Umpiring group for 2010. The NCCUA had in 2010; 21 Field Umpires, 16 Boundary Umpires, 13 Goal Umpires; 15 of these umpires were new members and the average age of the group was 28½ years. In comparison in 2009, the NCCUA had 20 Field Umpires, 11 Boundary Umpires, 12 Goal Umpires; 10 of these Umpires were new members with an average age of 30 years.

The biggest achievement by the umpiring group in 2010 was the debut by one of our youngest field umpires, Jackson Stokes (at age 16) in the representative arena in senior football. Jackson was selected to represent the NCCUA and BDAFL in the Regional Carnival held over the June 2010 long weekend at Wagga Wagga. Congratulations and well done Jackson.

We also saw two of the three Black Diamond Cup grand final field umpires were under the age of 21. Congratulations to Jonathan Behrendt and Tyler Druwitt on achieving these grand final appointments. The debuts of Aden Kittel, Daniel White and the other nine umpires in Black Diamond Cup competition during the 2010 season illustrates just how hard the Junior Umpiring Managers, Roy Reichert and Roger Stokes have worked in previous years and that we are developing some fine young umpires who are able to follow pathway in umpiring.

The eternal problem facing our competition is always going to be umpiring numbers. The NCCUA with the help of stakeholders are trying to resolve umpire recruitment and retention. With the continued support of the junior umpiring groups (AFLGSJ Newcastle and Central Coast) we will see ongoing encouragement of junior umpires to integrate with the NCCUA so we have umpires in the future. This area still remains the key focus and highest priority for the NCCUA in 2011.

The Association now has 15 Life Members. On behalf of the members of the Association, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our Life Members for their hard work and continued support of umpiring in the region. We are fortunate to have some of the Life Members still running on the paddock each week and therefore able to help mentor and give advice to our junior umpires. Our Life Members continue to be an integral part in shaping the future of the Association and umpiring in our region. Remember that we need to know our past to be able to plan for our future.

So looking forward, what does 2011 hold for the NCCUA?

The use of 'Club' umpires by the BDAFL will still be an important measure to make sure the Reserve grade competition has umpires during the 2011 'home and away' season. Whilst junior umpires move into the NCCUA group, the overall umpiring numbers have remained stagnant over the last decade. Making sure that 'Club' umpires have a fundamental understanding of the Laws of Australian Football is an important skill and a

high priority for the NCCUA. The NCCUA will continue to give ongoing support to 'Club' umpires in season 2011.

The Umpires forum held in March 2010 was again a successful event. This annual forum has been a great success and is proposed to be held in March 2011. This compulsory event for NCCUA umpires helps make sure that umpires in the BDAFL have the same interpretation of the Laws of Australian Football. As in previous years 'Club' umpires will be invited to join the NCCUA at the Umpires Forum. This forum is a great opportunity for interaction with 'Club' umpires who attend. We are doing the same job and maybe with a little persuasion 'Club' umpires might just join us one day in an 'Orange' uniform.

The issues that face umpiring will be discussed at the Umpires Planning day to be held by the NCCUA in November 2010. Stakeholders are invited to be represented and give their opinions and solutions to problems facing umpiring in the region.

The major issues that face the BDAFL from an umpiring perspective revolve around the problems surrounding the tribunal and the appointment of an umpires coach.

The number of players either being offered or accepting the 'Prescribed Penalty' in 2010 has declined from previous seasons to less than 5% of all reports. This is an alarming decline and raises concerns about where the reporting, tribunal and 'Prescribed Penalty' process is heading. The NCCUA, after discussions with previous tribunal panel members, believes that a full review of the BDAFL By-Laws in relation to the reporting of players, the 'Prescribed Penalty' process and tribunal procedures need to be conducted before the start of the 2011 season.

The opportunity now arises with the appointment of a new General Manager for this review to occur. The NCCUA, if asked would take the opportunity to be an active participant in a review of the BDAFL By-Laws and offering solutions to issues relating to the reporting and tribunal process. The 'Prescribed Penalty' system has become flawed and needs urgent repair, now is the time to fix this broken system.

The last area that requires discussion is the need to be proactive in advertising and appointing an Umpires Coach. The BDAFL and the General Manager through procrastination and inefficiency caused mayhem in the umpiring fraternity with the length of time in appointing an Umpires Coach for the 2010 season. Having an Umpires Coach appointed in October of each year is essential and helps the NCCUA and umpires with the process of planning for the following year. This year the process stalled from November 2009 until February 2010. This is unacceptable from any organisation and should not occur again. The lateness of the appointment of a coach required the Umpires Association to plan and put in place contingencies based on a 'worst case' scenario, which is that no Umpires Coach would be appointed. It is hoped that in the future the BDAFL can have the position of Umpires Coach resolved no later than by the end of October of each year.

One final issue that I believe the NCCUA and coaching staff need to address before and during the 2011 season is to get 'smarter' about how we, as an umpiring group conducts fitness training. It is apparent from the feedback received from umpires that the ongoing 'athletics carnival' (doing lots of running around a 400m track) held on Monday and Wednesday nights is not a good promotion for umpire recruitment and could possibly harm umpire retention for the group. Whilst there is a need for umpires to have a set level of fitness, the current balance between umpire professionalism and fitness seems to be of a standard that is adequate for our umpiring group and the competition we umpire. As

President I would implore the new Umpires Coach to discuss and seek advice from the Committee on a regular basis about the training regime for the umpiring group. If this occurs, it is possible to include more variation to the activities within the fitness component (other than just running around in circles) at umpire training and improve umpire morale within the group.

They say 'variety is the spice of life'. With a variation in fitness training, there is an opportunity to increase umpire recruitment numbers and keep the umpire group enthusiastic during those cold winter months. For fitness training to work in the group the following needs to occur in 2011:

- The training schedule is regularly reviewed to include a mix of activities (other than just running around in circles, eg ultimate Frisbee and touch football)
- Regular discussion and agreement on a time frame between the Committee and coaching staff regarding ideas on how variation in fitness training can be scheduled to keep training interesting
- Seek regular feedback from umpires on how they believe fitness training can be improved.

If the points above are not considered and implemented in 2011, then the gain in numbers of umpires over the last few years could well evaporate and there may be problems recruiting new umpires. This is a serious issue that needs serious ongoing discussion and feedback from the coaching staff, Committee members and umpires to create a training regime that encourages umpires to attend training and lift the morale of the umpiring group.

Before closing, to all the umpires who umpired a finals game this year, especially those who gained a grand final appointment, congratulations on representing the Association at the highest level. You have all represented the Association with the upmost professionalism.

I would also like to congratulate those umpires who have gained an appointment in the NCCUA's Umpiring Panels of the Decade. It is important in this the eleventh year the NCCUA has participated in Black Diamond competition to recognise the contribution umpires have made in the continued success of the BDAFL. The criteria for the selection of the panels were umpires who umpired the most Grand Finals and have the highest total number of games. Congratulations to all the umpires named in these panels.

In closing the Association would like to thank all the umpires who umpired in 2010. We hope that the goals you personally set were achieved during the year. If your goals were not achieved, now is the time to reconsider those goals and think about what 2011 holds for you.

I look forward to seeing all of you in 2011 and certainly look forward to the challenges that no doubt lay ahead for the Committee, the Association and its members in the upcoming football season.

Darrel Luck
President



UMPIRING PANELS OF THE DECADE (2000 – 2009)

Black Diamond Cup

FIELD UMPIRES

Roger Crowhurst, Grant Godfrey and Darrel Luck

BOUNDARY UMPIRES

Gavin Ellis and Hugh McLeod

GOAL UMPIRES

John Sullivan and Joe Wenta

Reserve Grade

FIELD UMPIRES

Bruce Edmiston, Phil Stone and Steve Welsh

BOUNDARY UMPIRES

Lee Gardener and Chris Rawling

GOAL UMPIRES

Richard Cornish and Peter Crosland

Under 18's

FIELD UMPIRES

Ray Dinneen, Ricky Johnson and Neville Turner

BOUNDARY UMPIRES

Shane Lamborn and Shane Rogers

GOAL UMPIRES

David Robinson and Paul Vella

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Well it's another year over and another Secretary's report to write. I'm sure all of you would agree with me it has been a slightly frustrating year with so many wash-outed games and no consistency in when football gets played. Personally it is hoped that this issue of washed-out matches is resolved with the BDAFL working closely with local councils so that winter sport can be played in wet weather conditions.



This year we had 62 total registered members. 15 of which were first year members, seven running Life Members, eight non-running Life Members, 3 Associate Members and our Honorary Member and resident photographer, David Ferris.

This year both our Sporting pulse and nccua.com websites ran concurrently. Our President, Darrel Luck did a great job looking after the Sporting pulse site putting up the various articles during the year and generally keeping NCCUA members and the general public up to date with information from the Association. Whilst nccua.com had a remodel during the offseason, I had time constraints due to uni and work commitments which made it difficult to continually update the site throughout the year. I am hoping to work on the site during the offseason to make it easier to update and to make it a reputable source of information on umpiring in the region in 2011. Sporting pulse saw another drop in page hits with 16,400 compared to 19,805 last year, and 138Mb of downloads compared to 143Mb last year. April was the highest number of visits with 2,546 hits and 17Mb of downloads. NCCUA.com received a total of 1,196 unique visitors and a total of 1,456Mb of traffic. April had the highest amount of unique visitors with 186 which coincided with the website being fully operational.

This year we had an average of 11 members attending each of the seven Association meetings. We had a low of six members in February and a high of 22 members in August attend these meetings. A very disappointing attendance in September saw the meeting not go ahead due to lack of numbers. Unfortunately having 11 members at a meeting only represents 18% of the current membership. While these meetings may be seen as not important for members, it forms an important arena for members to voice any concerns or ideas to the Committee and the rest of the Association.

I put it to all members, next year try to make at least three meetings during the year. Bring your ideas along and put back into the Association, which you get so much out of. Hey and Swansea RSL do a great feed.

Ron Oeser joined me this year on the social team and apart from the 10-pin bowling night and the footy trip down to Melbourne, other social events were poorly attended.

These events can take a fair bit of organising and if the venues see that the events aren't bringing them business we may find the discounts we get disappear. When we get a good turnout people have a lot of fun and families get to meet other members of the Association. A big thanks to Ron who organised the 10-pin bowling night, it was a great event and the addition of prizes certainly added to the fun.

The social events during 2010 where:

- Round 1 Appointments night at Belmont Golf Club
- Annual NCCUA Bare Foot Bowls Day at Teralba Bowling Club
- Annual NCCUA Putt Putt Golf Day at Newcastle Super Putt
- NCCUA Footy Trip to Melbourne
- Annual NCCUA 10-Pin Bowling Night at Warners Bay Super Strike
- Annual NCCUA Red Hots Night at Newcastle Paceway
- Grand Final Appointments Night at Swansea RSL Club
- Annual NCCUA Presentation Night at Travelodge Newcastle

I would like to thank those 20 people who attended the NCCUA Footy Trip to Melbourne on the June Long Weekend. The idea came up after the Planning Day last year and went from there.

Personally I was sceptical on how many people would attend, I was going to be happy with 10 people, but to get 20 people was an amazing turnout and I'm sure if you have spoken to those people who attended you hear about the fun we had.

For an example, an outlay of \$432.31 you got a hotel for 3 nights, 5 min down the road from both Crown Casino and Etihad Stadium, return flights with 20kg of luggage, return airport transfers to Southern Cross Station, tickets to 4 games of AFL football, private tour of the MCG, access to the national sports museum, and a footy trip t-shirt. If you can tell me that isn't value for money I don't know what is.

The event will be running in 2011 and it would be great to see even more people enjoy a fun weekend of football and the Melbourne nightlife, so look out on the emails as planning will start in January.

Moving to milestones and this year we had a total of 47 milestones attained by NCCUA members during the 2010 BDAFL season. We had two umpires making their debuts as a Field Umpire, seven umpires making their debuts as a Boundary Umpire and one umpire making their debut as a Goal Umpire in the Black Diamond Cup.

Major milestones during the year included:

- Neville Turner, 250 BDAFL Games and 100 Black Diamond Cup Games as a Field Umpire
- Richard Cornish, 200 BDAFL Games and 150 BDAFL Games as a Goal Umpire
- Phil Marriott, 150 BDAFL Games and 150 BDAFL Games as a Goal Umpire
- Roy Reichert, 150 BDAFL Games
- Colin Goodenough 100 BDAFL Games as a Boundary Umpire
- Tyler Druwitt 50, Black Diamond Cup Games as a Field Umpire

As we look to 2011 and beyond, we will see more umpires reaching major milestones and who will be the first umpire to crack the 300 BDAFL Games.

In 2010 we saw a few changes with the introduction of membership packages and new Association polo shirts. From all reports from not only umpires but the clubs and general public, umpires stood out and looked great in the new Association polo shirts. The Committee will be reviewing the membership packages and how packages are structured in 2011.

In wrapping up my report I would like to thank Peter Hampshire and Christine Burrows for their hard work coaching the umpires group. It was a difficult situation to come into after the BDAFL held off the appointment of an umpires coach and hopefully we don't see this repeated in 2011.

To Darrel Luck for his hard work running the NCCUA and keeping the Association moving forward. He is a crucial part of the NCCUA and I thank him not only for his leadership but for his help and guidance during the year.

To the rest of the Committee, thank you for your hard work during the season, without your contribution the NCCUA does not run smoothly.

To the sponsors of the NCCUA; the Newcastle Herald, Swansea RSL Club, Carlton & United Breweries and Leadership Management Australia; the Association would like to thank you for your contribution to the Association and umpiring. We hope our partnership continues in 2011.

Finally to all members of the NCCUA thank you for umpiring in 2010 and I hope you take up the challenge in 2011 and continue umpiring the greatest game in the world. I challenge all of you to a goal for 2011, do your best to contribute to the Association, you gain so much benefit from the NCCUA; so please in 2011 give something back. Attend monthly meetings, take part in the social events and put your ideas forward because without you there is no Association.

Many Thanks

Richard Cornish
Secretary

TABLE 1 – EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE MEMBERS MEETING ATTENDANCES 2010

Name	Position	Total Number of Committee Meetings	Number of Committee Meetings Attended	Total Number of General Meetings	Number of General Meetings Attended	Total Number of Special General Meetings	Number of Special General Meetings Attended
Phil Behrendt	Committee Member	9	9	7	7	1	1
Richard Cornish	Secretary	9	3	7	3	1	1
Roger Crowhurst	Committee Member	9	9	7	7	1	1
Peter Hampshire	Committee Member	9	3	7	1	1	0
Darrel Luck	President	9	9	7	6	1	0
Ron Oeser	Committee Member	9	6	7	0	1	0
Shannon Oeser	Assistant Secretary	9	6	7	2	1	0
Roy Reichert	Committee Member	9	9	7	4	1	1
Roger Stokes	Committee Member	9	4	7	1	1	1
Neville Turner	Treasurer	9	7	7	3	1	1
Steve Welsh	Vice President	9	6	7	3	1	1

UMPIRE COACH'S REPORT

It was with great trepidation that when approached early in 2010 to take over as Black Diamond AFL Umpires Coach that I accepted the role. Firstly, I was replacing Roger Crowhurst who had coached the group for the preceding 3 years and who had an inordinate amount of experience and secondly, due to work commitments, I would be unable to attend training each Wednesday night. A solution was found by appointing Christine Burrows as Assistant Coach and Club Umpires Coach who would be responsible for looking after training on Wednesday nights, attend club umpires training sessions and generally be available to offer support to both the NCCUA group and club umpires.

After discussing the way it would work with Christine and with NCCUA President Darrel Luck, I felt that with proper planning, the Black Diamond umpires would receive suitable coaching and be ready to take on the onerous task of umpiring in the Black Diamond AFL.

The first duty was the NCCUA umpires forum in late March. This forum has developed over the past few years to be an essential get together of the NCCUA group and club umpires to discuss how the season will unfold, law changes and the responsibilities of umpiring generally. Once again the 2010 forum achieved its aim and put all umpires on the right path towards a successful season.

Once the 2010 Black Diamond season was under way, one of my aims was to ensure that each Black Diamond Cup match was officiated by NCCUA umpires and not as happened in 2009, due to the lack of numbers, be left to be controlled by club umpires. Whilst club umpires do a great job throughout the year, I am sure that everyone agrees that it is not ideal for them to control Cup matches. Just the added pressure on them, makes it extremely stressful and can give players problems in adjusting to differing interpretations of AFL laws.

The planned 17 Black Diamond Cup home and away rounds meant with byes, 64 matches needed to have NCCUA umpires appointed. As we all know, the 2010 year was one of total frustration as far as the weather was concerned. Two full rounds plus four other matches were completely washed out but through all that, the Cup matches that were played were all covered by NCCUA umpires.

During the season, 16 individual field umpires controlled at least one Black Diamond Cup match. The age range makes an interesting analysis. Of the 16 umpires, six were aged between 16 and 18, two aged 25 to 28, one aged 32, three between 40 and 47 and four over 50. From these figures, it can be seen that the future of umpiring in the Black Diamond is secure in the hands of the number of young umpires who should be around for seasons to come. Of the six aged between 16 and 18, two made their debuts in the Black Diamond Cup in 2010 which followed on from two others in the same age bracket who made their debuts in 2009. In addition to the two field umpire debutants, there were 8 who debuted on the boundary (with ages ranging from 12 to 40) and 3 in the goals.

These young umpires are products of the junior umpire groups of the Newcastle and Central Coast and I must acknowledge the work of Roy Reichert and Roger Stokes in developing their junior umpires to a stage where they have become an integral part of the Black Diamond Cup senior panel. The work Roy and Roger have done and will continue to do is critical to the development of umpiring in the Black Diamond. Roy and Roger believe they have a number of young umpires in their junior groups that will be ready to umpire at senior Black Diamond level, some as soon as next season.

These junior umpires are part of the greater Umpire Pathway. Starting at umpiring at junior level, they can progress to controlling under 18 games in the Black Diamond and then of course to Black Diamond Cup. However, this is not where the pathway ends. If umpires indicate that their performances are at a high level, they first of all can be involved in representative games and carnivals at various categories. The next step could be umpiring in the Sydney AFL or other senior leagues, continually improving with the ultimate aim of umpiring at AFL level. There is no doubt that this pathway is achievable, with the proof being provided by one of this year's AFL Grand Final field umpires. Ray Chamberlain began his umpiring career in the ACTAFL in 1993 in the under 18s, progressing through to seniors and then spent one year in the Sydney AFL before moving to Melbourne. There he umpired in the VFL before graduating to the senior AFL list in 2004. Since then he has umpired over one hundred AFL games, culminating in the pinnacle of umpiring an AFL grand final. Of course he was involved in one of three drawn grand finals in VFL/AFL history and a game that will be long remembered. Ray's achievement highlights just how far umpires can go and there is no impediment for a Newcastle/Central Coast umpire who starts in the junior competitions to go all the way to the top. The young group that is currently performing in the Black Diamond and in the juniors have the potential to move right through the ranks along the umpiring pathway.

Part of the pathway is the AFL Greater Sydney Umpire Regional Development Squad and NSW/ACT Umpires Development Academy which identifies umpiring talent and provides support, coaching and feedback. This year members of the Black Diamond group that were included in these squads were Aden Kittel, Cameron Fox, Casey Parsons, Nicholas Hickson, Daniel White and Shannon Oeser. There is no doubt that these umpires have the ability to achieve at any level that they want to and with hard work can move up the umpiring pathway. Special thank you to Carl Fletcher and Graham Glassford of the AFL NSW/ACT who are always available to support umpiring in the region.

It is hoped that the young umpires in the group continue with their umpiring and develop accordingly. There is always at temptation at a young age to continue to play AFL and some of these young umpires are getting to a stage where they will need to decide between umpiring and playing. I believe the umpiring pathway is a big opportunity for these young umpires and something that should be grabbed with both hands.

One area of umpiring that I would like to talk about in detail is training and the sessions held each Monday and Wednesday at Baxter Field, Marks Point. This venue is in an ideal location for umpires living in Newcastle and surrounds and those on the Central Coast to attend. The change rooms are adequate, lighting acceptable and generally the running track is suitable for fitness work. The main problem with the ground was exacerbated by the winter of rain that occurred in 2010. As mentioned earlier, a number of matches were washed out during the year and there were also numerous occasions when the group could not get onto the Baxter Field track due to the wet weather closing the ground. Unfortunately, the available options for training when the ground is closed are very limited. Whilst doing repetition work along the road at the back of the bowling club is not ideal, it really is, other than a general road run, the only alternative available in the area and umpires need to adapt to this training routine. Perhaps moving forward, the Committee in control of the Baxter Field can work with council to improve the drainage of Baxter Field for the benefit of all users.

Some criticism has been levelled at what has been described as the lack of continuity of training during the year. I do not believe this criticism is justified on a number of fronts. Firstly, I was responsible for preparing the fitness program for each session and whilst I

was not in attendance on Wednesday nights, Christine Burrows was fully aware of what was planned and ran the program accordingly. Secondly, the training attendance varied so greatly during the year, it was extremely difficult to successfully run fitness and skill sessions on the same night when the numbers were so diverse. Thirdly, as mentioned above, Baxter Field was closed on a number of occasions and planned sessions had to be altered leaving components of these sessions missing vital elements.

To emphasise my point on training attendance, I have examined the statistics of the group for the 2010 season and summarised the 65 possible training sessions that umpires could attend between January and September. There were 35 field or boundary umpires that attended training during the year, of these only 1 umpire came to every session. The next best was 75% of sessions being attended. The split up was as follows –

100% (1), 75% (1), 60 to 70% (2), 50 to 60% (8), 40 to 50% (3), 30 to 40% (12), 20 to 30% (3), 10 to 20% (4) and < 10% (1). From these figures it can be seen that only 35% of the group attended more than fifty percent of the total training sessions. Obviously continuity will be affected by the roll up at training.

Furthermore, there were 29 weeks where umpires could attend training on both Monday and Wednesday nights. Those who came to both training sessions during any one week were –

All 29 weeks (1 umpire), 11 to 15 weeks (3), 6 to 10 weeks (7), 1 to 5 weeks (21) and 0 weeks (3). Again it can be seen that the majority of umpires came to training on only one night a week.

What does this all mean? I believe that training is one area where improvements can be made in a number of areas to benefit the entire group. Firstly, I feel it is essential that a change be made in the timeframe of training sessions. They need to be either 5.30 to 7.00 pm or 6.00 to 7.30pm. These times would be a guide only and would be the maximum time available. The additional 30 minutes will allow fitness and skill sessions to be completed each week and furthermore allow the twice monthly Committee/general Association meetings to fit around these times and proceed without interfering with the training sessions. Every training session must have a fitness component as in most cases; umpires do not have any off night routines and rely on weekly games supplemented by their training attendance to maintain their fitness. Whilst umpires have various other commitments outside umpiring such as school obligations and work and feel the travel to training can be onerous, lifting the attendance level to two nights a week will be a major assistance in improving fitness and skill levels for the entire group. Hopefully training will be a discussion point during the upcoming NCCUA Planning Day.

There are many people I need to thank for their support and help during the season. Firstly, Christine Burrows did a wonderful job in running the group on Wednesday nights and her experience certainly helped move all umpires forward. I was fortunate to have Stephen Welch as part of the Umpires Appointment Committee. Our weekly telephone conversations on a Sunday night to try and sort out the following week's appointments solved many headaches and managed to have most games covered. Thank you also to Stephen for your observations of umpires and filing reports. People do not understand the time involved in watching numerous games and completing feedback to help improve umpire performances.

I need to specifically thank Roger Crowhurst for his support during the season. I have known Roger for over 20 years and his knowledge and advice during the season certainly made my job easier. Thank you Roger for all your assistance.

Others who helped out with observations during the year included the legend himself John Sullivan, Darrel Luck, Lee Gardener, Troy Edwards and our former umpiring colleague and now player Ashley Borg. Many words have been said and written about John Sullivan and his contribution to AFL in the Black Diamond competition. Suffice it to say that his experience, willingness to help out and his respected opinions are qualities that I treasure and thank him sincerely. Thank you also to Richard Cornish, Phil Behrendt and Paul Best for managing goal umpire training and to Richard for providing goal umpire observations. A job well done.

To the BDAFL General Manager, President and board, thank you for your work during the year. People might not always agree with how things are done but this group works towards the betterment of AFL in the Black Diamond and should always be supported.

Finally I would like to thank Darrel Luck and the NCCUA Committee for all their hard work during the year. Umpires must recognise the effort of this team in maintaining the cause of umpiring.

All the best for the seasons ahead.



Peter Hampshire

Black Diamond AFL Umpires Coach

AFLGSJ CENTRAL COAST UMPIRES REPORT

The 2010 season proved to be a successful year for both recruitment and growth. The role of umpires coach this season has been very busy and the development of umpiring in the AFLGSJ Central Coast has been a challenging but rewarding experience.

I would like to thank the continued contribution and support of:

- The Newcastle Central Coast Umpires Association (NCCUA.), with special mention in particular to the President, Darrel Luck and Secretary, Richard Cornish.
- The AFL (NSW/ACT) State Umpiring Manager, Graham Glassford and the Umpiring Development Manager – North, Carl Fletcher.
- Dave Dunning and John Deitz of AFL NSW Central Coast.
- The Central Coast Regional Committee.

I am proud to say that AFLGSJ Central Coast umpires have performed admirably and have made a major contribution to the success of the AFLGSJ competition in 2010. The number of reports and tribunal hearings were down on last season's figures and a stricter outlook in regards to on-ground behaviour has helped reduce the number of incidences.

There were a total of 57 umpires used during the season, a large proportion of these performed field and boundary duties. 17 new Green Shirt umpires started this season and 14 umpires retired (a net increase of just under 5%). I have already had six new enquiries from potential new umpires for 2011.

An important step forward in 2010 was the improved delivery of training to the umpiring group with 23 training sessions generally alternating between Tuesday and Wednesday nights allowing all players who were also umpiring to attend at least one training session a fortnight including:

- Seven pre-season training sessions commencing from the 1 February 2010.
- Pre-season umpires' forum held in March 2010.
- Combined training sessions conducted with the NCCUA senior umpiring group.
- Combined training sessions held in conjunction with junior clubs.

There was significant benefit in exposing the junior umpires to different and varied training methods and there was certainly mutual benefit for both umpires and players in the combined club training sessions. This is important for the combined training sessions to continue into the future as:

- Training with the senior umpiring group allows for the development and transition of junior umpires into the senior group, and
- Training with the junior clubs allows exposure of the umpiring group for the purposes of recruitment and facilitates the players understanding of our roles and interpretations of the rules, and
- Develops the pathways for the transition of junior umpires into senior football.

Through the combined efforts of the NCCUA and the AFLGSJ Central Coast umpiring groups, a number of junior umpires are now regularly umpiring in the BDAFL at Cup (senior) and Under 18's level. A number of these umpires are beginning to make their presence known including:

Field Umpires -

Daniel White

Goal Umpires -

Lachlan White

Finally we would like to acknowledge the performance of all our umpires who participated in the finals series, including the Green Shirt umpires who made the 2010 Chairman's Challenge the success that it was.

ACCREDITATION 2010

The following umpires will have completed their Level One Field Accreditation in 2010:

Tiger Fitt, Finn Neaves, Jake Bateman, Darryl Pemberton, Joshua Duffy- Sykes, Alexander White, Alec Power, Lachlan Head and Shane McGuirk.

A number of umpires from this season will be ready to undertake their level 1 accreditation in 2011.

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS 2010

2010 Northern Region Development Squad:

Dale Holland, Daniel White and Brendan Favero

2010 AFL NSW/ACT Umpire Development Academy:

Cameron Tunks and Daniel White

Swans v Brisbane Lions Auskick half-time matches at ANZ Stadium on the 1 May 2010. Jayden Banfield, Lachlan Head, Lachlan White, Jake Bateman, Shane McGuirk and Matthew Vincent

Central Coast Swans Cup Open High School Competition:

Umpires provided after school for the seven rounds of the competition that started on the 11th of May with the final held on the 6th of July.

Dale Holland, Tom Speary, Cameron Tunks, Luke Hayter, Gavin Cornish, Amos Austin, Lachlan Head, Les Hyndman, Jayden Banfield with Dale and Cameron umpiring the grand final.

AFLGSJ Representative Championships at Blacktown Olympic Park – 14 to 16 July 2010:

Tiger Fitt, Tom Speary, Shane McGuirk, Alexander White, Joshua Duffy Sykes, Jake Bateman and Lachlan Head

Essendon Grammar vs Hunter Central Coast. - 26 March 2010

Dick Burwell Oval, Nelson Bay

Field: Jonathon Behrendt and Jackson Stokes

Boundary: Daniel White

Central Coast Newcastle Challenge Cup. 4 July 2010

Alexander White, Liam Banfield, Lachlan Harnett, Kyle Hormann, Campbell Wilson, Joshua Duffy-Sykes, Luke Hayter, Daniel Duffy-Sykes, Daniel White, Brendan Favero, Jake Bateman, Lachlan White and Riley Friend

UMPIRE AWARDS 2010

<i>Goal Umpire of the Year</i>	Campbell Wilson
<i>Boundary Umpire of the Year</i>	Matthew Lang
<i>First Year Umpire of the Year</i>	Amos Austin
<i>Most Improved Umpire of the Year</i>	Jake Bateman
<i>Field Umpire of the Year</i>	Darryl Pemberton
<i>Golden Whistle Award</i>	Shane McGuirk

TOWARDS 2011

There are some clear goals for the 2011 season including:

- Continue the growth of the Green Shirt program by encouraging each club to provide a minimum of three junior umpires in the program.
- Developing a northern and a southern training session.
- Recruiting coaches to assist in umpire training.
- Encourage each club to provide one senior Green Shirt field umpire.
- Ensure each club appoints an Umpire Co-ordinator to mentor Green Shirt umpires during the 2011 season.
- Development of umpires through forums and training sessions. Expand to focus on field, boundary and goal umpiring.
- Standardised approach to coaching umpires in the AFLGSJ competition.
- Umpires gaining and maintaining their competency based accreditation.
- Retention of senior umpires and mentoring junior umpires.
- Continued integration and growth with the NCCUA through combined training sessions and opportunities to umpire in the BDAFL.
- Continue to hold combined training sessions with junior clubs.
- Continued development opportunities including participation in the AFL Greater Sydney Umpire Development Squad, representative matches, school competitions, school carnivals and AFL Auskick Half-Time matches.
- Increase parent participation.
- Development of the Pathways Program.
- Development of the Volunteers Program.

It has been a great pleasure to watch the growth and development of the junior umpires and I take great pride in the professional manner in which they perform on the field. I hope they all continue with their umpiring and develop the skills and confidence that the role of umpiring brings to one's personal achievements.

Roger Stokes

Umpires Manager

AFLGSJ Central Coast

AFLGSJ NEWCASTLE UMPIRES REPORT

Newcastle Junior 2010 Umpiring Year in Review

This year has again seen strong interest in umpiring in the AFLGSJ Newcastle Competition.



The umpiring data shows that 49 umpires performed as field umpires in more than five matches. This is equal to three umpires available for every two appointments. Most umpires completed 10 home and away matches and a few more were involved in all 15 home and away matches.

An additional 12 umpires were involved in fewer than five matches during the year for a total of 22 appointments or about 5% of the total appointments. These umpires are expected to become more involved next year, as they are generally the younger aged umpires. This year some of these umpires stopped being available weekly but would help out if appointments could not be filled.

12 umpires from the previous year did not return, many of these just decided to concentrate on playing. This was four more than in the previous year, but 10 umpires started so overall the total number of umpires was 19 more than needed for appointments.

Highlights for the year include:

- All grand final field appointments were filled by umpires under 21 years of age
- 90% of all umpires are under 21 years of age
- Five umpires involved in the Northern Region Umpires Squad
- Challenge Cup field umpires all under 20 years of age and for the second year were selected from both regions with most being involved in the Northern Regional Squad
- Northern Region Squad umpires used for all Northern Heat development days, Challenge Cup, Hunter Invitational Shield and the AFLGSJ Carnivals in Sydney
- Aden Kittel declined a U16 Grand Final to be involved in the U18 Grand Final
- Aden Kittel made a member of the State Development academy in addition to the Northern Region Squad
- Awarded Level 2 Accreditation in Umpires Coaching at the start of 2010
- Attended both the National Coaching Conference in Adelaide
- Third year Coaching the Northern Region Development Squad
- Newcastle Junior umpires did not fill in many BDAFL matches due to the number of umpires who became members of the NCCUA
- All AFLGSJ – Newcastle clubs have a minimum of two players involved as umpires
- Five clubs have five umpires or more available
- Mentor umpire available at each venue
- 10 new Green Shirt umpires
- Eight umpires awarded Level 1 accreditation

Summary

2010 has built on the previous year's development and a more balanced involvement by stakeholders is now occurring in umpiring with all clubs now participating. Umpiring quality continues to improve as more umpires gain accreditation.

Roy Reichert

Umpires Manager
AFLGSJ Newcastle

TREASURER'S REPORT**BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT****AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Balance B/Forward 31 October 2009	1940.46
<u>Plus</u> Deposits	<u>23862.79</u>
	25803.25
<u>Less</u> Payments	<u>20708.18</u>
Balance as at 30 September 2010	\$ <u>5095.07</u>

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

Balance B/Forward No 1 Account		1940.46
<u>Plus Income Received</u>		
Membership Fees	5148.00	
Sponsorships/Donations	3400.00	
Baxter Field Oval Hire	1600.00	
Fundraising/Chocolates	2960.45	
Tribunals Payments	225.00	
Match Payments	888.00	
Uniforms	445.00	
BDAFL - Medal Night	360.00	
BDAFL – Raffle	432.00	
Presentation Night - NCCUA	1282.00	
Entertainment Book Sales	552.00	
VAP Government Grant	5000.00	
Training BBQs	85.82	
Beer Sales	1480.00	
Interest	<u>4.52</u>	
Total Income		<u>23862.79</u>
		25803.25
<u>Less Expenses</u>		
Entertainment Books	360.00	
BDAFL Affiliation Fee	1400.00	
Dept Fair Trading (Incorporation Fees)	47.00	
Social Functions / Umpires Forums	1059.00	
Baxter Field Oval Hire/Key Deposit	1650.00	
Gym Sessions / Training Costs	761.60	
Training Equipment/Sessions	640.50	
Tribunals Payments	320.00	
Match Payments	659.00	
Trophies / Awards	1530.50	
Stationery	83.15	
VAP Grant Expenditure - Radios	500.00	
Presentation Night - NCCUA	3635.00	
Fundraising / Chocolates	1439.92	
Flowers / Gifts	166.00	
Uniforms	6403.33	
Members Refund – Swansea RSL Membership	16.50	
Bank Fees	<u>36.68</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>20708.18</u>
Balance as at 30 September 2010		<u>\$ 5095.07</u>

Other Assets – Training Equipment

(Approximate value of items below based on replacement \$600)

16 cones (round dome type)
5 orange cones (witches hat type)
4 mini hurdles
1 agility ladder
3 X 4kg medicine balls
1 black tub
4 footballs (very flat)
Hart Portable Goal Posts (Valued at \$175)

Note: The Association has at 30 September 2010, no outstanding debtors.

Neville Turner
Treasurer

INVENTORIES**NCCUA UNIFORM STOCK ON HAND AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Item	Size	Stock on Hand 2009	Stock Ordered 2010	2010 Sales	Stock on Hand 2010	Total (\$)
F/B Shirt	XS	0	4	3	1	45
	S	0	10	6	4	180
	M	1	10	9	2	45
	L	0	10	7	3	135
	XL	2	10	3	9	405
	2XL	2	4	3	3	135
	4XL	0	1	1	0	
Goal Umpire SS Shirt	S	2	0	0	2	9
	M	3	0	0	3	135
	L	1	3	0	3	135
	XL	5	0	0	3	135
	2XL	0	2	2	0	
	4XL	0	1	1	0	
Goal Umpire LS Shirt	S	0	4	2	2	90
	M	5	0	0	5	225
	L	3	0	0	3	135
	XL	3	0	0	3	135
	2XL	1	2	2	1	45
	4XL	0	1	1	0	
Shorts	S	0	4	3	1	11
	M	5	5	8	2	22
	L	0	4	3	1	11
	XL	11	7	12	6	66
	2XL	0	2	1	1	11
	4XL	1	0	0	1	11
Tracksuits	S	0	0	0	0	
	M	1	0	1	0	
	L	2	0	0	2	110
	XL	1	0	0	1	55
	4XL	0	0	0	0	
Polo Shirts	XS	0	0	0	0	
	S	0	0	0	1	35
	M	2	0	0	0	
	L	6	0	0	0	
	XL	6	0	0	2	70
	2XL	1	0	0	0	
Flags	SET OF 4	0	2	1	1	32
Sweatbands	pair	23	12	0	11	66
Socks	7-11	12	15	22	5	35
	11-14	7	10	9	8	56
Caps		6	15	10	11	66
SUB-TOTAL						2646

Additional Stock (Training Wear)						
Item	Size	Stock on Hand 2009	Stock Ordered 2010	2010 Sales	Stock on Hand 2010	Total (\$)
Warm Up Shirts (Red)	XS	0	0	0	1	35
	S	3	0	0	1	35
	M	3	0	0	0	
	L	5	0	0	0	
	XL	1	0	0	2	70
	2XL	0	0	0	1	35
Training Singlets	S	2	0	0	0	
	M	3	0	0	0	
	L	4	0	0	0	
	XL	0	0	0	0	
	2XL	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL						2821

All prices (except Warm Up and Polo shirts) quoted above exclude the addition of GST at 10%. The prices quoted are for replacement value of stock on hand.

Comments on the 2010 Stock on Hand Report:

The value of stock being held by the Association at the end of September 2010 was approximately \$2800. In 2009 the value of stock being held by the Association was \$2541.

Overall the stock levels being held by the Association have remained the same over the past 12 months. The overall value of the stock has increased due to the amount paid for screen printing and embroidery of sponsor logos on orange shirts, which now costs around \$25 per shirt.

The value of sales for 2010 was \$445, but this does not reflect the true amount of stock turnover in 2010. Most of the stock turnover was part of the NCCUA Goal Membership packages and totalled around \$1900. The other amount of \$445 was from umpires replacing their existing umpiring uniforms, such as purchasing replacement socks and shorts.

The Stock On Hand report has again been reported using the ex GST price of the supplier (replacement cost, including the cost of embroidery and screen printing incorporated in the price), so the actual stock value should be higher due to GST not being included in the value of the stock being reported. Note: Warm Up and Polo shirts include GST at 10% in the price quoted.

Phil Behrendt
Committee Member