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**2011
ANNUAL
REPORT**

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NCCUA OFFICE BEARERS 2011

PRESIDENT

Darrel Luck

VICE PRESIDENT

Steve Welsh

SECRETARY

Richard Cornish

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Paul Best

TREASURER

Neville Turner

COMMITTEE MEMEBERS

Phil Behrendt	Gavin Cornish	Roger Crowhurst
Peter Hampshire	Ron Oeser	Roy Reichert

UMPIRES COACH

Peter Hampshire

UMPIRES APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE

Peter Hampshire (Chairperson)
Roger Crowhurst
Steve Welsh

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 - 2011

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
2011	Darrel Luck	Steve Welsh	Richard Cornish	Paul Best	Neville Turner	Phil Behrendt, Gavin Cornish, Roger Crowhurst, Peter Hampshire, Ron Oeser & Roy Reichert	Peter Hampshire	Darrel Luck	Aden Kittel

BLACK DIAMOND AFL GRAND FINAL UMPIRES 2000 - 2011

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
2011	R. Crowhurst	A. Kittel	J. Stokes	C. Alexander	S. Oeser	P. Best	P. Marriott

BLACK DIAMOND AFL GRAND FINAL UMPIRES 2000 - 2011

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
2011	J. Crookall	L. Gardener	D. Luck	C. Goodenough	N. Hickson	P. Behrendt	J. Sullivan

BLACK DIAMOND AFL GRAND FINAL UMPIRES 2000 - 2011

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
2011	T. Edwards	C. Fox	C. Tunks	J. Alexander	C. Williams	R. Judd	R. Oeser

NCCUA AWARD WINNERS 2000 - 2011

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
2011	Aden Kittel	Richard Cornish	Aden Kittel	Chris Alexander	Paul Best	Cameron Fox	Joel Alexander

NCCUA UMPIRING AWARDS 2011

UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

Aden Kittel

FIELD UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

Aden Kittel

BOUNDARY UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

Chris Alexander

GOAL UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

Paul Best

CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR

Richard Cornish

GOLDEN WHISTLE AWARD (BEST UP AND COMING UMPIRE)

Cameron Fox

BEST FIRST YEAR UMPIRE

Joel Alexander

BLACK DIAMOND AFL AWARDS 2011

UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

Paul Best

2011 BLACK DIAMOND CUP DEBUTANTS

Field Umpires

Jason Crookall, Brendon Favero and Cameron Fox

Boundary Umpires

Joel Alexander, Jay Barry, Cael Fitzgerald, Jacob Freeman, Matthew Kelly, Joshua Roney, Andrew Smee and Alexander White

Goal Umpires

Sasha Farrand, Peter Hampshire, Michael Livingstone and Roy Williams

MILESTONES IN 2011

250 Games

Lee Gardener	250 BDAFL games, 200 BDAFL games (Field Umpire) and 100 BDC games (Field Umpire)
Darrel Luck	250 BDAFL games, 250 BDAFL games (Field Umpire) and 50 Under 18's games (Field Umpire)
Neville Turner	250 BDAFL games (Field Umpire)
John Sullivan	250 BDAFL games, 200 BDAFL games (Goal Umpire) and 50 BDAFL games (Field Umpire)

200 Games

Ray Dinneen	200 BDAFL games
Richard Judd	200 BDAFL games and 50 BDAFL games (Goal Umpire)

150 Games

Roger Crowhurst	150 BDAFL games and 150 BDC games (Field Umpire)
Wayne Farrand	150 BDAFL games and 150 BDAFL games (Goal Umpire)
Colin Goodenough	150 BDAFL games and 100 BDC games (Boundary Umpire)
Roy Reichert	150 BDAFL games (Field Umpire) and 100 Under 18's games (Field Umpire)
Steve Welsh	150 BDAFL games

100 Games

Phil Behrendt	100 BDAFL games, 100 BDAFL games (Goal Umpire) and 50 BDC games (Goal Umpire)
Phil Marriott	100 BDC games (Goal Umpire)
Ron Oeser	100 BDAFL games and 50 BDC games (Goal Umpire)

50 Games

Paul Best	50 BDAFL games
Cameron Fox	50 BDAFL games
Troy Edwards	50 BDAFL games and 50 BDAFL games as a Field Umpire
Peter Hampshire	50 BDAFL games
Nick Hickson	50 BDAFL games and 50 BDAFL games as a Boundary Umpire
Shannon Oeser	50 BDC games as a Boundary Umpire
Roger Stokes	50 BDAFL games and 50 BDAFL games as a Goal Umpire
Cameron Tunks	50 BDAFL games and 50 BDAFL games as a Field Umpire

2011 NORTHERN REGION DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Shannon Oeser – GSJ Newcastle
 Chris Alexander – GSJ Newcastle
 Andrew Thompson – GSJ Newcastle
 Jackson Tisdell – GSJ Newcastle
 Abe Gibson – GSJ Newcastle
 Joshua Duffy-Sykes – GSJ Central Coast

2011 REPRESENTATIVE UMPIRES**BDAFL v SOUTH COAST (U/23's)**

Field Umpires - Roger Crowhurst, Aden Kittel and Jackson Stokes

Boundary Umpires - Chris Alexander and Shannon Oeser

Goal Umpire - Phil Marriott

BDAFL v SOUTH COAST (U/18's)

Field Umpires – Brendon Favero, Cameron Fox and Cameron Tunks

Boundary Umpires – Joel Alexander and Cooper Williams

Goal Umpire - Phil Marriott

BDAFL v FARRER

Field Umpires - Roger Crowhurst and Jackson Stokes

Boundary Umpire - Chris Alexander

Goal Umpire – Paul Best

SYNDEY AFL (U/23's) v RIVERINA

Field Umpire – Aden Kittel

**Newcastle Central Coast Umpires Association Inc
Umpiring Statistics for the Black Diamond AFL Competition - 2011**

Surname	Given Name	2011 Black Diamond AFL Season											Overall Career Games in the Black Diamond AFL														
		Black Diamond Cup				Reserve Grade				Under 18's				Total For 2011 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		16		16		1		1		3		3	20		30		30		1		1		4		4	35
Alexander	Joel		16		16		1		1		2		2	19		16		16		1		1		2		2	19
Barry	Jay		5		5				0	7	1		8	13		5		5				0	7	11	1	19	24
Beaven	Matthew				0				0	9			9	9				0				0	9			9	9
Behrendt	Phil			16	16			2	2				7	7	25			65	65		8	8			46	46	119
Best	Paul	5		9	14				0	5		1	6	20	10		20	30	15			15	20		3	23	68
Brasier	Richard				0				0	9			9	9				0				0	9			9	9
Cornish	Richard			2	2				0	2			2	4		11	99	110	9		36	45	28		34	62	217
Crookall	Jason	19			19				0	4			4	23	19			19	4			4	2			2	25
Crowhurst	Roger	22			22				0				0	22	158			158	2			2	2			2	162
Dinneen	Ray	1			1				0	13			13	14	90			90	48			48	70			70	208
Edmiston	Bruce				0				0	9			9	9	46		14	60	30		4	34	41		11	52	146
Edwards	Troy	14			14				0	2			2	16	42			42	10			10	4	1		5	57
Farrand	Sasha			9	9				0		8	3	11	20			9	9				0		12	7	19	28
Farrand	Wayne			3	3				0			18	18	21			69	69			18	18		1	70	71	158
Favero	Brendon	7			7				0	4			4	11	7	1		8				0	4	1		5	13
Fitzgerald	Cael		4		4				0		1		1	5		4		4				0		3		3	7
Fox	Cameron	12			12				0	10			10	22	12	16		28		1		1	19	10		29	58
Gardener	Lee	19			19	3			3				0	22	100	17	7	124	64	7	4	75	57	3	1	61	260
Goodenough	Colin	19			19		2		2		3	2	5	26		111	1	112		8		8		14	18	32	152
Goodenough	Rachel				0				0			16	16	16			8	8				0			71	71	79
Hampshire	Peter	2		9	11				0			8	8	19	42		9	51	4			4			10	10	65
Hickson	Nicholas		15		15		2		2		1		1	18		47		47		6		6		6	1	7	60
Hoffman	Kevin	9			9				0	2			2	11	40	1	1	42	23			23	31		1	32	97
Hoffman	Peter				0				0				0	0	51		9	60	32		10	42	31			31	133
Judd	Richard			21	21				0			10	10	31	74	1	48	123	32	1	12	45	18		20	38	206

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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	
Kelly	Matthew		4		4				0		2		2	6		4		4				0		2		2	6
Kenna	Richard				0				0				0	0	10		5	15	91		4	95	76			76	186
Kittel	Aden	20			20				0	1			1	21	26	5	17	48			2	2	17	2	9	28	78
Livingstone	Michael			1	1				0	13			13	14			8	8			7	7	13		7	20	35
Luck	Darrel	19			19	3			3	14			14	36	189		2	191	25		3	28	52			52	271
Marriott	Brendan				0				0	1			1	1		30	1	31	4	6	3	13	21	2		23	67
Marriott	Phil			18	18				0		6		6	24		2	108	110		2	25	27			43	43	180
Oeser	Ron			15	15			2	2	8		4	12	29			51	51			9	9	20		28	48	108
Oeser	Shannon		12		12				0	10	2		12	24		52	2	54		1		1	30	18		48	103
Rawling	Jacki				0				0			5	5	5			39	39			34	34			21	21	94
Reichert	Roy	3			3				0	13			13	16	19		8	27	32		3	35	103			103	165
Roney	Joshua		2		2				0		8		8	10		2		2				0		8		8	10
Rogers	Eric				0				0				0	0	82		1	83	39			39	16	1		17	139
Smee	Andrew		10		10		2		2		6		6	18		10		10		2		2		9		9	21
Stokes	Jackson	19			19				0	3			3	22	44	18		62		4		4	30	2		32	98
Stokes	Roger			15	15			1	1	17		2	19	35		3	39	42			15	15	20		7	27	84
Stone	Phil				0				0				0	0	81		2	83	22	1	2	25	17			17	125
Sullivan	John			19	19			2	2	8		3	11	32	6		131	137	7		72	79	39		15	54	270
Tunks	Cameron	18			18				0	2			2	20	34	2		36		1		1	24	4		28	65
Turner	Neville	5			5				0	10			10	15	105		2	107	74		5	79	82		1	83	269
White	Alexander		10		10				0		1		1	11		9		9				0		3		3	12
White	Daniel	8			8				0	2			2	10	12	6		18				0	9	1		10	28
White	Lachlan			2	2				0		1		1	3			7	7				0		5		5	12
Williams	Cooper		17		17				0		4		4	21		20		20				0		12		12	32
Williams	Roy			3	3			1	1			10	10	14			3	3			1	1			9	9	13
Welsh	Steve	7			7	2			2	7			7	16	63			63	43			43	48			48	154

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Welcome to the 12th annual report of the Newcastle Central Coast Umpires Association, this represents the umpiring groups twelfth season participating in the Black Diamond AFL competition.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to present the 2011 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 during the last decade and in particular over the past 12 months.

The sponsors in 2011 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. 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 and allows the Association to remain viable through the continued support of our sponsors. Of course new sponsors are always welcome to become part of the umpiring family and we encourage members to seek out where possible, new sponsors for the NCCUA.

The NCCUA does not function and remain successful without the hard work throughout the season by Committee members. The achievements you have seen on the football field in 2011 would not be 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 2011. I personally (and on behalf of members) acknowledge and thank Committee members for their hard work in 2011. 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 twelfth year that Neville has been kind enough to generously share his time with the Association as Treasurer. Neville's passion for football and especially umpiring seems not to have waned and his enthusiasm to serve members of the NCCUA will continue into his 13th year as Treasurer. 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 Association's books in order and the bottom line in the black in 2011. It is great to know that the Association is in a financially stable position going into the 2012 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 again this year.

Blind Guy and Ron have done a wonderful job in organising social events under difficult circumstances. The Committee understands the issues around members finding the time to spend at social events. But for cohesion of the umpiring group to continue in the future, members need to make the most of opportunities to meet, greet and enjoy the company of our fellow umpires (and families) by attending and participating in social events.

As most would know the NCCUA is a 'Special Group' affiliated with the BDAFL and is seen as the eleventh team in the BDAFL competition. With this analogy there is an assumption that the Association operates in similar fashion to a 'football Club'. The umpiring group spends approximately nine months of the year training and umpiring together, so social events should be seen as an opportunity to relax and enjoy each other's company without the constraints and issues that arise from football. For those that did attend and participate in Association social functions in 2011, I have no doubt that they enjoyed the experience. So one of the strategic goals for the NCCUA in 2012 is to challenge ALL members to attend and participate in at least 2 social events outside those events that occur on training nights to make social events successful and fun.

Again this year Blind Guy continued with the job of being the NCCUA's statistician. Not only does Blind Guy keep the Association's umpiring match statistics from the past 12 seasons and 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 hard working Secretary the success of the NCCUA in the future would be uncertain and difficult.

Next we move onto the Vice President, Steve Welsh. Steve has worked hard in 2011 to make sure umpiring is well represented in the wider community. Not only does Steve hold a position on the NCCUA Committee, but he also represents umpires on the Baxter Field Operating Committee, a member of the UAC and holds a position on the BDAFL Board.

To Welshy, my personal thanks for all your hard work this year. Thank you for your help and solutions to problems that have arisen throughout the year. 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 standing down as Vice President to play a more active role as BDAFL Board member in 2012. We thank Welshy for his hard work and commitment to the NCCUA and its members and wish him all the very best representing the interest of umpiring at the BDAFL Board level.

We move onto the Umpires Coach. The Coach's position was again filled by Peter Hampshire, who has been in the position since 2010. As we know Peter is held in high regard within the football community for his umpiring, coaching knowledge and experience.

Whilst the task of Coach, whether it is a football or umpires coach is difficult and for those who have coached or trained an umpiring group, they would agree the major difficulty faced in training our group is setting training sessions for a group so to accommodate the needs and expectations of the various individuals within the group. Another strategic goal the NCCUA would like to see adopted by the BDAFL in 2012 would be for the BDAFL to not only appoint an Umpires Coach but also to take a similar position to the Sydney AFL group and appoint discipline specific assistant coaches to help the Umpires Coach with coaching, umpire observation and skill development. Peter should 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, Gavin Cornish (Central Coast) and Roy Reichert (Newcastle).

Roy and Gavin 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 with the help from junior clubs mentor these Green Shirt umpires each week. It is good to see the continued growth in the number of umpires in each of these groups. There is an expectation that there will be more junior umpires who will show an interest and take up the challenge of umpiring in future years.

With the ongoing participation of junior umpires with the NCCUA umpiring group, I am pleased to report the continued success of combined training sessions. These sessions involve junior umpires from each region, Development and Academy Squad Umpires and the NCCUA group training 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. The NCCUA hopes that the 'Umpiring Pathway' will see the continued nurturing and progression of junior umpires into the BDAFL competition over future years. This endeavour combined with the fact that both junior competitions are expecting to play their football on Sunday's in 2012, will allow further opportunities for young umpires to develop and umpire in the Black Diamond competition on a Saturday in 2012.

It would be remiss if I did not thank Carl Fletcher (Umpire Development Officer – North) for his ongoing commitment and support to both junior umpires and the NCCUA umpiring group in 2011. In fact I have quite often joked with Carl about the need for a visa as we see him at least once every month with combined training sessions.

Unfortunately we will lose Gavin Cornish next year as he steps down from the role as AFLGSJ Umpires Manager (Central Coast) to take up other opportunities within the AFL community. We thank Gavin for his time and hard work given as Umpires Manager over the past 12 months and we wish Gavin all the best in his endeavours in the future.

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. The NCCUA will offer its continued support, mentoring and training to help improve the umpiring skill levels of the junior groups in 2012.

To the Assistant Secretary Paul Best, thank you Paul for all your hard work throughout 2011. Paul has not only had to step into the Secretaries role and take minutes at meetings but he has also taken on a coaching role with the junior umpires on the Central Coast. Thank you Paul for all your hard work in 2011.

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

Moving onto our other hard working Committee members; 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 and as a member of the UAC throughout the year. He has supported umpire development by taking an active role as mentor at training sessions and on match day to the young umpires who have progressed into Cup football this year.

Ron has helped the Association in so many different ways; from helping Blind Guy organising social events to supporting the Association by organising sponsorship from Carlton & Untied Breweries. As I indicated without people like Ron, season 2011 would not have been successful and fun, thank you Ron.

Last and by no means least I would like to mention a couple of members who have given their time at training, social functions and events by helping the Association. To Bruce Edmiston and Cameron Tunks, guys I thank you for your efforts in helping the Committee and members throughout 2011. It's a shame there are not more members who would seek to help their fellow umpires out like what you have done in 2011.

At this point of my report, I would like to reflect on season 2011 and the achievements of the Association and its members. Some statistics about our Umpiring group for 2011. The NCCUA had in 2011; 22 Field Umpires, 13 Boundary Umpires, 14 Goal Umpires; 13 of these umpires were new members and the average age of the group was 30¼ years. In comparison in 2010, the NCCUA had 21 Field Umpires, 16 Boundary Umpires, 13 Goal Umpires; 15 of these Umpires were new members with an average age of 28½ years.

The biggest achievement by the umpiring group in 2011 was receiving its level 1 Good Sports accreditation. The NCCUA is the only sporting Officials group in the region to hold such accreditation. Well done to the NCCUA group for achieving this.

We also saw two of the three Black Diamond Cup grand final field umpires were under the age of 18. These two umpires (Jackson Stokes – aged 17 and 4 months and Aden Kittel – aged 17 and 5 months) are the youngest in the history of the BDAFL (and football in the region) to umpire a first grade grand final. Congratulations to Jackson and Aden on achieving these grand final appointments. The debuts of Brendon Favero and Cameron Fox and the other 13 umpires in the Black Diamond Cup competition during 2011 illustrates just how hard the Junior Umpiring Managers, Roy Reichert and Gavin Cornish have worked in the previous 12 months and that we are developing some fine young umpires who are able to follow the umpiring development pathway.

So looking forward, what does 2012 hold for the NCCUA?

As I write this report the NCCUA is currently in discussions with the BDAFL regarding a new agreement to replace the current expired agreement. Members of the NCCUA have made it clear that they would like to roll over the current agreement for 12 months whilst

the BDAFL competition and football in the region undergoes a major transformation. The issues identified in these discussions revolve around the ongoing problem of umpire numbers and umpire payments. Umpire recruitment and retention is an ongoing dilemma that can't be resolved overnight and certainly with expansion plans of the BDAFL Board will not be resolved in the near future. For all stakeholders in the region, recruitment and retention remains a high priority and a key focus for the NCCUA in 2012.

A proposed major shift for 2012 is in how training attendance is maintained by umpires in the BDAFL. This proposal which was put forward by members of the NCCUA now has in-principle support from the BDAFL. The training proposal allows for more flexibility for umpires who are unable to gain the required number of training credits each month due to unavoidable external commitments (such as work). This offers part of a solution for a more flexible approach to some of the issues that umpires face in getting to training on a regular basis.

As we would all agree and understand, umpire recruitment/retention and umpire payments are indelibly linked. At the time of writing, negotiations are continuing to move forward to roll over the current agreement. The NCCUA would encourage caution by all parties throughout these negotiations to avoid any unnecessary disadvantage to young umpires which may lead to recruitment and retention problems in the future. The NCCUA members have asked for the current agreement to be rolled over for another 12 months while the shape of football in the region is finalised.

'Club' umpires remain an integral part of the current football landscape in the BDAFL. These umpires have our respect and admiration for undertaking a tough job at short notice and will continue to be an important part of the Reserve grade competition in 2012. Whilst junior umpires move into the NCCUA group, the overall umpiring numbers have stayed constant during the last decade. Making sure that 'Club' umpires have a fundamental understanding of the Laws of Australian Football is an important skill and continues to be a high priority for the NCCUA. The NCCUA will continue to give ongoing support to 'Club' umpires in season 2012. This is important as 'Club' umpires move into becoming accredited under the national accreditation scheme in 2013. 'Club' umpire accreditation poses a big challenge both for the AFL and the BDAFL in how this is delivered from 2013.

The Umpires forum held in March 2011 was again a successful event. This annual forum has been a great success and will be held in March 2012. This has become a compulsory event for NCCUA umpires and helps make sure that umpires in the BDAFL apply the same interpretation on the Laws of Australian Football. 'Club' umpires are always welcome and are invited to join the NCCUA at the Umpires Forum. This forum offers an opportunity for interaction and to break down barriers between 'Club' umpires and orange shirt umpires as we do the same job on match day.

The issues that face umpiring will be discussed with the umpiring group at the Umpires Planning day to be held by the NCCUA in November 2011. Stakeholders are invited to give their opinions and solutions to problems facing umpiring in the region that the NCCUA has direct control over and can resolve internally.

Change is in the air the NCCUA congratulates Adam Lowe, the FOM for 2012 and we look forward to continuing an open and productive relationship with the BDAFL. With the appointment of a new Football Operations Manager the opportunity now arises to revisit an issue raised by members this season and seek a formal review to occur of the 'Prescribed

Penalty' system. The NCCUA and umpires would welcome any opportunity to be an active participant in a review of the BDAFL By-Laws.

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

In closing the Association would like to thank all the umpires who umpired in 2011. 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 2012 holds for you.

I look forward to seeing all of you in 2012 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

SECRETARY'S REPORT



2011 in footballing terms is over as we move onto preparation for the 2012 season and beyond. On a personal note 2011 was a frustrating year with only a handful of games under my belt due to a number of reasons but I look forward to returning behind the goals in 2012. Whilst it was frustrating not to be out on the ground did give me a chance to work on my coaching role with the goal umpires and continue my role as Secretary and helping the Association where possible. On a side note congratulations to all the goal umpires this year. There was a lot of improvement from all of you this year and I look forward to seeing that improvement continue in 2012 and beyond.

Members

Moving into the numbers section of my report and in 2012 we had 61 registered members (which are the same number as last year). 13 of which were first year members, eight running life members, seven non-running life members, two associate members and one honorary member, who is our resident photographer, David Ferris.

Website

In regards to websites, the Committee has the looming decision of whether to continue with the nccua.com website or not. Unfortunately this website isn't as easy to update as sportingpulse and with other commitments I didn't have the time to ensure nccua.com stayed updated. Darrel again did a great job looking after the sportingpulse website and next year unless someone else would like to take the role, I'd like to help him with this and concentrate on the sportingpulse website.

Meetings

This year we had an improvement in attendance at meetings, with general meetings being held at Baxter Field after training. However there are still people who run off after training and miss these meetings. The meetings form an important part of the Association where Committee members and Coach's have the opportunity to give out important information to members. It also is an opportunity for members to bring up suggestions, ask questions and where necessary vote on issues that affect them and the running of the Association. The month of April had the biggest attendance with 31 members attending the general meeting; however the average attendance at meetings was only 19 members.

Social Events

A big thanks to Ron Oeser who again joined me this year on the social team. Unfortunately again this year social events were poorly supported and in a number of cases events were cancelled due to the lack of support from members. These events take a fair bit of time organising and if the venues see that the events aren't bringing them business we may find the discounts we get disappear in the future. When we get a good turnout people have a lot of fun and our families get to meet other members of the Association.

The beach cricket day at Caves Beach had a good turn out and numbers for future social events looked promising for the year. The President's team narrowly beat the Coaches team in 2011 and hopefully this event will be well attended in 2012.

From here member participation in social events took a downward spiral which resulted in the Barefoot Bowls and Hunter Valley Wine Trip being cancelled due to lack of numbers. The Putt Putt Golf Day went ahead and even with limited numbers those that attended had a really good day. The Swans trip didn't go ahead due to lack of numbers.

Even the annual June long weekend footy trip this year had a hit on numbers with 13 people travelling to Melbourne compared to the 20 who went last year. Those that attended had a really good weekend with many highlights including:

- Matilda Bay Garage Brewery Tour (Godfather keep a hold of your glass in the future)
- St. Kilda v Western Bulldogs @ Etihad Stadium (terrible game of football)
- Day at the Races @ Flemington (Shannon was kept happy with a pony ride)
- Hawthorn v Geelong @ MCG (Ron's betting agency continued)
- Carlton v Brisbane @ Etihad Stadium (including Ron getting his hair braided)
- Trip dinner at the University Hotel, Carlton (a few too many cocktails, all girls according to Ron)
- Melbourne v Collingwood @ MCG (Amelia missing most of the game after a few too many to drink)
- Flight delays to end the weekend including my flight being cancelled (after being confident all day that I'd be fine and be home that day)

The NCCUA definitely plans on running the trip again next year, so start saving and let's make the 2012 footy trip even bigger and better.

The 10-pin bowling night at Warners Bay Super Strike was a great success but with the original numbers not being met and from all accounts everyone who attended had a really good night.

The final social event of the year being the night of nights, the NCCUA Presentation Night held at the Travelodge in Newcastle. A big thank you to Sue Crowhurst for her help in organising the night. A thank you to Megan and Sonya Crowhurst who helped with the decorations. Congratulations to all the award winners, you all deserved the awards you received.

In 2012 there will be some changes to social events to try to encourage participation by members. So please get on board and attend the events as they are a really good way to get to know your fellow umpires off the football field and training track. If you have any ideas on social events please speak to me.

Milestones

We had a total of 63 milestones attained by NCCUA members during the 2011 BDAFL season including:

- Three umpires making their debuts as Field Umpires in the Black Diamond Cup
- Eight umpires making their debuts as Boundary Umpires in the Black Diamond Cup
- Four umpires making their debuts as Goal Umpires in the Black Diamond Cup
- Three umpires reached 250 BDAFL games
- Two umpires reached 200 BDAFL games
- Four umpires reached 150 BDAFL games
- Two umpires reached 100 BDAFL games

- Seven umpires reached 50 BDAFL games

We have umpires creeping closer and closer to 300 BDAFL games and that milestone could be reached in 2012.

Thank You

Before wrapping up my report I would like to thank a number of people:

- Peter Hampshire for his hard work coaching the umpiring group and for his guidance in coaching the goal umpires.
- Darrel Luck for his extremely hard work running the NCCUA to ensure the Association keeps moving forward. Without Darrel at the helm and the hours of work he puts into this Association, this Association wouldn't be in the position that it is.
- To the rest of the Committee thank you for your hard work and contribution to the Association. There is no "deadwood" on the Committee and everyone pulls their weight to complete the tasks they are given, so a big thanks to you all.
- To the sponsors; the Newcastle Herald, Swansea RSL Club, Carlton & United Breweries and Leadership Management Australia; thank you for your continued support and hopefully the partnership will continue in 2012.

Final Word

In wrapping up my report I have a final message to all members. Whatever your umpiring goals are in 2012 I have an extra one for you, which is to support the Association that supports you. Members of the Committee put hours, if not years of work into the Association (I myself have held this position now since 2006, coming up to my seventh year on the Committee) we like to see that the hard work we put into the Association is responded by members getting the most out of it. To the young guys especially, you guys are the future of the Association so please attend meetings, attend social events, put your hand up for the Committee, bring ideas forward to Committee members (we are approachable), make the most of your time with the Association and remember to have fun on and off the football field.

Many Thanks

Richard Cornish
Secretary

TABLE 1 – EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE MEMBERS MEETING ATTENDANCES 2011					
Name	Position	Total Number of Committee Meetings	Number of Committee Meetings Attended	Total Number of General Meetings	Number of General Meetings Attended
Phil Behrendt	Committee Member	9	7	8	7
Paul Best	Assistant Secretary	9	3	8	6
Gavin Cornish	Committee Member (AFLGSJ Central Coast)	9	3	8	0
Richard Cornish	Secretary	9	5	8	3
Roger Crowhurst	Committee Member	9	9	8	8
Peter Hampshire	Committee Member (Umpires Coach)	9	7	8	8
Darrel Luck	President	9	9	8	8
Ron Oeser	Committee Member	9	8	8	5
Roy Reichert	Committee Member (AFLGSJ Newcastle)	9	5	8	6
Neville Turner	Treasurer	9	7	8	1
Steve Welsh	Vice President	9	6	8	5

UMPIRE COACH'S REPORT

Season 2011 was once again a big challenge for the umpiring group of the NCCUA.



It started early in the year with the news that two of the field umpires from the 2009 and 2010 BDAFL Cup grand finals were not returning to the group. On top of this eight boundary umpires with senior experience and 2 goal umpires also were not returning. This obviously put immediate pressure on numbers and the options available to fill all appointments each week.

Statistics for the season show that 18 field umpires were involved in BDAFL Cup umpiring, 16 boundary umpires and 15 goal umpires. There were 3 debutants for the season in the field for Cup matches, 8 on the boundary and 4 in the goals. The turnover in numbers in future seasons will be critical as the age range for Cup field umpires for 2011 was from 17 to 62 years of age. As the older umpires finish their careers, it is essential younger umpires are coming through the system.

Again in 2011 it was essential that each Black Diamond Cup match be officiated by NCCUA umpires. Despite the strain on numbers, the NCCUA was able to supply umpires to all BDAFL Cup games. The fact of the demise of the Gosford club in the Cup competition reducing the number of Cup games each week to three, certainly helped in achieving the original aim. It was sad to see the Gosford club reduced to this position but hopefully the future will be brighter for them. The intended plan to return the Cup competition to nine teams and therefore four Cup games each week will put pressure back on the group to increase its numbers. More about this task later.

The 2011 weather was a little kinder to the BDAFL with only a limited number of games washed out. The BDAFL's wet weather plan to play Cup games at Nelson Bay was used once during the year and certainly helped keep the competition moving. It must be extremely frustrating for the BDAFL to deal with councils at times who are reluctant to play winter sports on their grounds that they think will be damaged due to footballing traffic. Hopefully more work can be done by all parties to improve the quality of some grounds drainage, an area that appears to have been neglected for a number of years.

Once more I need to acknowledge the work of the junior umpire groups in Newcastle and on the Central Coast. Roy Reichert has worked tirelessly over the past few years to educate young umpires in his group and this year he was fortunate to have an assistant in Brendan Marriott. On the Central Coast, coaching was done on an ad hoc basis as Roger Stokes who had been responsible for coaching in the area in previous seasons, was not involved this year. It was left to Gavin Cornish with some help from some senior umpires including Paul Best and Darrel Luck to help progress the skills of the young group.

As I said earlier, it is critical that young umpires are developed through the junior system and progress up into senior ranks for the BDAFL to flourish in future years. A number of junior umpires decided this year to play at BDAFL under 18 level, resulting in them not being able to umpire in the senior competition. Suggestions have been made that under 18 players who are interested in umpiring, be allowed to make themselves available to officiate in BDAFL Cup matches. The danger here is that if an under 18 player scheduled to umpire a Cup match later that day is injured, the umpiring team for the Cup match is immediately under resourced and leaves holes that cannot be filled. There is no easy solution to the dilemma of an under 18 player wanting to continue umpiring.

Hopefully Roy and Brendan and a more settled Central Coast coaching panel can develop younger umpires that are keen to move up into the senior panel. For the 2012 season, ideally fresh blood will be needed especially in BDAFL Cup and it is hoped that some of the juniors can be fast tracked. It is not always easy to say when a young umpire is ready for the rigours of senior football. Obviously controlling an under 16 match differs greatly to a Cup match and the skills required to manage senior players. In saying that, two of this year's Cup grand final field umpires were seventeen years of age and handled the situation superbly and proved that with the right temperament, skill and determination, young umpires can come into Cup football and succeed.

The Northern Region Umpire Development Squad this year had 6 members – Shannon Oeser, Chris Alexander, Andrew Thompson, Jackson Tisdell, Abe Gibson and Joshua Duffy-Sykes. The group received support, coaching and feedback from the AFL NSW/ACT through Carl Fletcher and Graham Glassford. Thank you to these gentlemen for their continued support of umpiring in the Newcastle/Central Coast region. The benefits of the establishment of this squad are clear to see in reviewing the achievements of some of last year's members. Aden Kittel was one of the 2011 BDAFL Cup grand final field umpires, Cameron Fox similarly in the under 18 grand final, Nicholas Hickson a boundary umpire in the BDAFL reserve grade grand final, Daniel White umpired senior BDAFL Cup matches in 2011 and Shannon Oeser was a boundary umpire in the BDAFL Cup grand final and continues to develop his field umpiring skills in the under 18 competition.

In my report for the 2010 season I spoke in detail about the requirements of training for the group and what is needed to maintain the performance levels expected of umpiring in the BDAFL competition. Umpiring BDAFL Cup matches for field umpires entails running an average of 10 to 12 kilometres a game and for boundary umpires up to 20 kilometres. To be able to run these sorts of distances over a season of 18 matches plus finals, umpires need to have a high fitness level. To achieve this, the group commences training in late January and continues through to mid September. To attain the required fitness levels, running needs to be the basis of training sessions with a mixture of skill based options. No amount of playing novelty games at training can get umpires ready to run the distances mentioned above.

There are many people I need to thank for their support and help during the season. Firstly, I was fortunate to have Steve Welsh and Roger Crowhurst as part of the Umpires Appointment Committee. Putting the jigsaw of appointments together each week is at best described as frustrating, with plans sometimes chopping and changing from the original version right up to the day of games.. Thank you also to Steve 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 also would like to specially thank Roger Crowhurst for his support during the season. His assistance at training and behind the scenes was invaluable.

Thank you for the feedback passed on of umpiring performances from John Sullivan, Darrel Luck, Lee Gardener and Troy Edwards. Thank you also to Richard Cornish, Phil Behrendt and Paul Best for managing goal umpire training and to Richard for providing goal umpire observations. An excellent job done by all.

To the BDAFL Football Operations Manager, President and board, thank you for your work during the year. The BDAFL has a difficult task in trying to manage a competition in which historically the gap between the top teams and the bottom teams is not closing to any

significant degree. I know the BDAFL have plans in future years to change the shape of the competition and hopefully if it is done right, Australian football in the region will explode to a much higher level.

Finally I would like to thank Darrel Luck and the NCCUA committee for their support during the year. It is easy for members outside the committee to criticise decisions made, however the NCCUA committee always has the ideals of umpiring in their minds.

Good luck to all for the future.



Peter Hampshire

Black Diamond AFL Umpires Coach

AFLGSJ CENTRAL COAST UMPIRES REPORT

2011 was another successful year in the recruitment and development of junior umpires. This year the region changed the structure of the umpiring department with the introduction of split roles between the Coaching and Administration side of the overall running of the umpires.

I would like to thank the following for their support in 2011;

- Paul Best, Umpires Coach
- Newcastle Central Coast Umpires Association (NCCUA)
- AFL GSJ Regional Committee
- AFL (NSW/ACT) Hunter/Central Coast Region
- Carl Fletcher, Umpiring Development Officer (North)
- Umpires and their families
- All the Clubs, in particular Gosford who provided a training facility for Umpires this year.

In 2011 we had a total of 47 umpires including 25 Green Shirt Umpires. The majority of these participating umpires officiated games in all 3 disciplines.

Training in 2011 was interrupted many times during the season due to wet weather and councils often closing grounds. I congratulate all those umpires who took the time to assist their own development by attending the training that Paul Best ran on Tuesday evenings. Another big thank you goes to Paul who took the Umpires Coach's role and did a wonderful and professional job in training the umpires, in particular the new green shirt umpires.

Finally, I would like to thank all the umpires who officiated in 2011 including all the umpires who had to opportunity to umpire during the Final Series and the 2011 Chairman's Challenge. To Paul and his efforts every week to take training a huge thank you for taking on that role. This will be my last report as the Umpires Manager as I will take on another direction in football next year and want to thank everyone who supported me in many of different ways this year. I hope I have left a foundation with the new structure implemented this year for the new incoming Umpire Manager which can give direction to develop the region's umpires next season.

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS 2011**2011 Northern Region Development Squad:**

Josh Duffy-Sykes

Sydney Swans v Hawthorn – Half Time Auskick Umpires:

Riley Friend, Jesse Friend, Tristian Carter, Liam Banfield, Mitchell Hayter, Luke Hayter and Jack Grimmond-Lee.

UMPIRE AWARDS 2011

<i>Goal Umpire of the Year</i>	Mitchell Hayter
<i>Boundary Umpire of the Year</i>	Matthew Lang
<i>Best First Year Umpire</i>	Ben Simpson
<i>Most Improved Umpire of the Year</i>	Hamish Barsing
<i>Field Umpire of the Year</i>	Joshua Duffy-Sykes
<i>Golden Whistle Award</i>	Lachlan Head

Gavin Cornish

Umpires Manager

AFLGSJ Central Coast

AFLGSJ NEWCASTLE UMPIRES REPORT



Newcastle Junior 2011 Umpiring Year in Review

2011 has been a year of continuing umpiring in Newcastle with the same number of umpires as in the previous two years. Overall umpiring numbers are the same at 45, which is still significantly more than the 34 umpires required each week. Basically this means we have 20 level one accredited umpires, 10 umpires starting accreditation and 15 new green shirt umpires. Even with 11 spare umpires, a couple of rounds existed where some umpires needed to umpire more than one match. This is generally around the school holidays and occurs when a family has the whole school holiday period away.

Recruiting new junior umpires remains a strong focus as it now appears that most junior umpires tend to have a three year retention span. The movement to senior football and part time jobs which run all year impact the retention of the older umpires. Overall the blend of new umpires and accredited umpires seems to provide umpires at the required standard for the competition. Clubs are still commenting that the standard of umpiring is improving each year even with the overall movement in umpires. This is probably due to most of the umpires who stay beyond the 3 year period also being active as umpires in the Black Diamond competition in both the under 18 and Cup matches or at least umpiring with umpires at that level.

The group of umpires who provide mentor support is also significant to delivering and providing good umpires and the group does rely on these umpires. In no particular order, Ron Oeser, Brett Durrance, Ashley Borg, Emily Reichert, Brendan Marriott, as well as Shane Thompson, John Janzak who have umpired but regularly attend matches. This means that every venue has at least one mentor available, and where a venue has more than one the task can just be for a single match. This support level is much appreciated and is necessary to develop umpire skills.

The junior coach feedback (online system) has meant much faster and more meaningful feedback is provided. We also seem to be getting coaches who are more aware of umpiring. Less umpire conflict helps with umpire retention and better feedback helps umpires to improve when this feedback is converted into the weekly appointment messages that are sent to the clubs, coaches and umpires.

One difficulty with junior umpires is the distance between clubs. We have umpires at all clubs; Muswellbrook, Singleton Nelson Bay and Maitland, that find it difficult to get to any training sessions due to travel time and the ability of parents to support the travel. To address this situation we do have a permanent training for junior umpires at Medowie, which has been excellently managed by Brendan Marriott, but visits to the other clubs like Singleton and Muswellbrook for coaching, other than match day remains at about one per month. To compensate for the lack of weeknight training, these venues tend to get a better quality of match day umpires coach.

The Northern Region Development squad has again continued, with Abe Gibson (Singleton), Jackson Tisdell (Newcastle City), Andrew Thompson (Port Stephens), Chris Alexander (Port Stephens) and Shannon Oeser (Warners Bay) all from Newcastle, plus Joshua Duffy-Sykes from the Central Coast who all completed the squad days and nights. Tiger Fitt also started the program from the Central coast but did not complete the full program.

I guess the tough part about any year is that the Finals series needs fewer and fewer umpires as the selections move towards the grand finals. One very pleasing result this year was that all grand finals were umpired by junior umpires, and because of the depth of the group and spread of the clubs involved, no umpire in a grand final had any links to the teams playing. The final seven umpires could have umpired any of the age groups, and yes an umpire who could have umpired a older age group may have got a lower age group to ensure neutral umpires. The most important part was they got a grand final.

Looking forward to 2012

Roy Reichert
Umpires Manager
AFLGSJ Newcastle

TREASURER'S REPORT**BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT****AS AT 4 OCTOBER 2011**

Balance B/Forward 1 October 2010	5095.07
<u>Plus</u> Deposits	<u>15844.82</u>
	20939.89
<u>Less</u> Payments	<u>19904.72</u>
Balance as at 4 October 2011	\$ <u>1035.17</u>

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
AS AT 4 OCTOBER 2011

Balance B/Forward		5095.07
<u>Plus Income Received</u>		
Membership Fees	5772.00	
Sponsorships	2800.00	
Baxter Field Oval Hire	1500.00	
Tribunals Payments	240.00	
Pre Season Match Payments	575.00	
Uniforms	2404.00	
BDAFL - Medal Night	330.00	
BDAFL – Raffle	279.00	
Presentation Night - NCCUA	730.00	
Entertainment Book Sales	460.00	
Raffles	631.05	
Training BBQs	116.41	
Interest	<u>7.36</u>	
Total Income		<u>15844.82</u>
		20939.89
<u>Less Expenses</u>		
Entertainment Books	240.00	
BDAFL Affiliation Fee	1700.00	
Dept Fair Trading (Incorporation Fees)	48.00	
Social Functions / Umpires Forums	530.00	
Baxter Field Oval Hire	1500.00	
Gym Sessions / Training Costs	963.90	
Tribunals Payments	220.00	
Grand Final Expenses	335.00	
Trophies / Awards	1127.40	
Stationery	96.57	
VAP Grant Expenditure - Radios	4634.98	
Presentation Night - NCCUA	2700.00	
Sponsorship Expenses	325.50	
Flowers / Gifts / Donations	322.00	
Uniforms	4693.80	
Training Sessions	464.70	
Bank Fees	<u>2.87</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>19904.72</u>
Balance as at 4 October 2011		<u>\$ 1035.17</u>

Other Assets –**Audio/Visual Equipment**

Sony Data Projector, Model No VPL-EX100; Serial No 5060051 - \$669.18 (incl. postage & GST)

Communications equipment

Total cost (incl. GST) - \$1540.00

ARF 7531AA Duplex Transmitter, Serial No – F ADD0001 NO: 036

ARF 7531AA Duplex Transmitter, Serial No – F ADD0001 NO: 014

Vokkero Std Boom Microphone x 2

Vokkero 3 Battery Charger ARF 7578A, Serial No – 91120A0018

Power Supply Adaptor for Charger, Serial No – EB17231658

Vest Large

Vest X-Large

Vest XX Large

Training Equipment

HART Group Boxing Equipment - \$884.50 (incl. postage & GST)

1 x HART Get Fit Boxing Gloves – 16oz (Blue) – Cat No 6-405

1 x HART Get Fit Curved Focus Pads – Cat No 6-424

3 x HART Group Boxing Kit containing (Cat No 6-474) –

9 x HART Get Fit Boxing Gloves – 12oz (Blue) – Cat No 6-406

9 x HART Get Fit Curved Focus Pads – Cat No 6-424

3 x HART Mesh Kit Bags – Cat No 6-461

Ross Faulkner 5 x 3 Coaches Mat - \$204.05 (incl. GST)

Cooking Equipment

Toaster oven and Sandwich Press - \$184.00 (incl. GST)

Other miscellaneous 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 4 October 2011, no outstanding debtors.

Neville Turner

Treasurer

INVENTORIES**NCCUA UNIFORM STOCK ON HAND AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2011**

Item	Size	Stock on Hand 2010	Stock Ordered 2011	2011 Sales	Stock on Hand 2011	Total (\$)
F/B Shirt	XS	1	0	0	1	45
	S	4	5	1	8	360
	M	2	5	3	4	180
	L	3	5	4	4	180
	XL	9	5	3	11	495
	2XL	3	0	1	2	90
	4XL	0	0	0	0	
Goal Umpire SS Shirt	XS	0	0	0	0	
	S	2	0	1	1	45
	M	3	0	2	1	45
	L	3	0	2	1	45
	XL	3	0	0	3	135
	2XL	0	0	0	2	90
	4XL	0	0	0	0	
Goal Umpire LS Shirt	XS	0	0	0	0	
	S	3	0	0	3	135
	M	5	0	0	5	225
	L	3	0	1	2	90
	XL	3	0	0	3	135
	2XL	1	0	1	0	
	4XL	1	0	0	1	45
Shorts	XS	1	0	0	1	12
	S	2	5	1	6	72
	M	3	5	3	5	60
	L	1	5	2	4	48
	XL	6	5	1	10	120
	2XL	1	0	0	1	12
	4XL	1	0	0	1	12
Tracksuits	S	0	8	8	0	
	M	0	8	5	3	210
	L	1	4	4	1	70
	XL	1	1	1	1	70
	4XL	0	1	1	0	
Polo Shirts	XS	0	0	0	0	
	S	1	3	0	4	128
	M	0	2	0	2	64
	L	0	6	0	6	192
	XL	2	1	0	3	96
	2XL	0	0	0	0	
	4XL	0	0	0	0	
Flags	SET OF 4	1	2	1	2	72
Sweatbands	pair	11	12	9	14	91
Socks	7-11	5	40	31	7	56
	11-14	8	12	13	5	40
Caps		11	10	16	5	55
SUB-TOTAL						3820

Additional Stock (Training Wear)						
Item	Size	Stock on Hand 2010	Stock Ordered 2011	2011 Sales	Stock on Hand 2011	Total (\$)
Training Singlets	S	0	2	0	2	70
	M	0	0	0	0	
	L	0	0	0	0	
	XL	0	3	0	3	105
	2XL	0	1	0	1	35
	4XL	0	0	0	0	
Spray Jackets (White)	S	0	1	0	1	30
	M	0	2	0	2	60
	L	0	1	0	1	30
	XL	0	2	0	2	60
	2XL	0	0	0	0	
	4XL	0	0	0	0	
Blank Field/Boundary Shirts for Juniors	S	0	7	6	1	30
	M	0	8	6	2	60
	L	0	3	2	1	30
2010 Polo Shirts	S	1	0	0	1	30
	M	0	0	0	0	
	L	0	0	0	0	
	XL	2	0	0	2	60
	2XL	0	0	0	0	
	4XL	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL						4420

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 2011 Stock on Hand Report:

The value of stock being held by the Association at the end of September 2011 was approximately \$4420. In 2010 the value of stock being held by the Association was \$2821.

High stock levels carried forward from 2010 meant that the NCCUA purchased little in the way of uniforms at the start of the 2011 season. The majority of early sales were mainly socks and caps to cover membership packages.

Changes in sponsor logos (The Newcastle Herald) and the requirement for all running umpires to have NCCUA tracksuits for the finals series were the NCCUA's biggest financial outlays for uniforms. The value of sales in 2011 was \$2404 as opposed to \$445 in 2010. This was due largely to a change in uniform items that made up membership packages offered in 2011.

The NCCUA still holds 2010 Polo and Warm up shirts which the Committee will need to consider options to sell these items. White spray jackets (for goal umpires) was a new addition to the NCCUA's list of items for sale in 2011.

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