

EDITORIAL PREFACE

Not all A.S.S.H. members were able to attend the Adelaide Sporting Traditions Conference last August. Consequently many have asked if the papers presented there were going to be published. This issue thus features three of the conference contributions; others will appear in the next issue and in the inaugural volumes of the *A.S.S.H. Studies in Sports History*, a series which we hope to begin publishing later this year.

As we approach our second birthday our subscription list is still healthy. Nevertheless more members would enable us to secure the benefits of economies of scale in printing, so please encourage your friends, colleagues, students (cheap rates pertain) and friendly neighbourhood librarian to join the society. And don't forget to renew your own subscription.

Finally could you please encourage entries to the *Sporting Traditions* Student Essay prize. Membership of the society is not a condition of eligibility. To ensure impartiality the judges are drawn from institutions who do not have entry short-listed and the essays are presented to them anonymously. An interesting feature of this years essays was that half were written by female entrants, a significantly higher proportion than for the manuscripts submitted to *Sporting Traditions*. It would appear that there is a gender generation gap amongst sports historians.

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