

**THE
VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION**



**ANNUAL REPORT
Season 1951**

THE VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION
(Affiliated with the Australian Table Tennis Association)

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SEASON 1951

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ANNUAL REPORT

To be presented to the Annual General Meeting
of the Association to be held on the 2nd April, 1952.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

With a feeling of satisfaction your Executive Committee report on a season crammed with more activities than in any other year since the Association was formed in 1925.

The salient features being a tour by the 1951 World Champion, Johnny Leach, and the French Champion, Michel Haguenauer; the Victorian Men's team win at the Australian Carnival; the opening of V.T.T.A. Headquarters Club; and more major open events conducted than in previous years.

PENNANT COMPETITIONS:- 195 teams, with 936 registered players competed in 25 grades (21 Men, 4 Women). During the season it was found necessary to penalise a number of clubs for various breaches of Match Regulations, and it is recommended that all Club Secretaries and players become fully conversant with the Regulations by studying the Official Handbook, as by co-operation of these Regulations not only does it make the work of your Executive easier, but ensures a happier Competition for all concerned.

The following teams are congratulated on winning their respective grade competitions: A. Grade, F. & Y. Social; A. Reserve, Crescent; B. Section 1, Crescent; B. Section 2, Kraft Walker; B. Section 3, Coburg; B. Section 4, St. George's; C. Section 1, Fishermen's Bend; C. Section 2, E.M.F.; C. Section 3, Forest Products; C. Section 4, Headquarters Club; C. Section 5, Headquarters Club; D. Section 1, City Mutual; D. Section 2, Lauriston; D. Section 3, St. John's; D. Section 4, Bedggood; D. Section 5, Foy's; D. Section 6, Taxation; D. Section 7, Kitchen's; D. Section 8, Hebco; D. Section 9, Kitchen's; D. Section 10, Cyclone. Women - A. Grade, Damon; B. Grade, Headquarters Club; C. Section 1, Postal Workshops; C. Section 2, Forest Products.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:- The 22nd Annual Victorian Championships were played at Wirth's Olympia during the period 23rd to 28th July.

The feature of this event was the participation of J. Leach (Eng.), M. Haguenauer (France), P. Anderson (N.S.W.), and Miss D. Beregi (N.S.W.). Victorian men and women competitors obtained world class match experience during the Championships.

Entries were a record. As an experiment, the Finals were played on a Saturday evening, and although the attendances were more than normal, it is felt that Finals played on a Friday evening draw more spectators.

Congratulations are offered to the following players on winning their respective events:-

Men's Singles Championship: J. Leach (Eng.)
 " " : R.U. M. Haguenauer (France)

Women's Singles Championship: Miss D. Beregi (N.S.W.)
 " " : R.U. Miss N. Buckland

Men's Doubles Championship: J. Leach (Eng.) - M. Haguenauer (France)
 " " : R.U. W. Lowen - K. Evans

Women's Doubles Championship: Miss E. Nichols - Mrs. J. Thomson
 " " : R.U. Miss P. Bull - Miss J. Maddison

Mixed Doubles Championship: P. Anderson (N.S.W.) - Miss D. Beregi
 " " : R.U. K. Evans - Miss N. Buckland (NSW)

Junior Singles Championship: T. Merrett
 " " : R.U. A. Mitchell

CITY OF MELBOURNE CHAMPIONSHIPS:- This event was reintroduced for play in 1951, and was conducted at Wirth's Olympia during the period 25th to 29th June. All leading Victorian players competed in this popular event, which resulted as follows:-

Men's Singles: W. Lowen
 " " : R.U. K. Evans

Women's Singles: Miss E. Nichols
 " " : R.U. Mrs. I. Sherwin

Men's Doubles: V. Sirjativicius - A. Krivickas
 " " : R.U. E. Wolany - S. Wlodarczyk

Mixed Doubles: K. Evans - Miss N. Buckland
 " " : R.U. A. Hamilton - Miss D. Payne

Junior Singles: J. Little
 " " : R.U. B. Young

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT:- Owing to the heavy programme of International Matches at the time of the Victorian Championships, Victorian Grade events for 1951 were conducted as a separate event and were played at Wirth's Olympia during the period 20th to 31st August.

A feature of this event was the high standard of play, and the following competitors are congratulated on their successes:-

Special Singles for Men: A. Hall
 " " " " : R.U. J. Hallebone

Special Doubles for Men: A. Leehane - T. Boyd
 " " " " : R.U. J. Little - J. Murphy

"B" Grade Singles for Men: K. Williams
 " " " " " : R.U. W. Bates

"C" " " " " : T. Leehane
 " " " " " : R.U. R. Gration

"D" " " " " : R. Gration
 " " " " " : R.U. T. Taffe

"B" Grade Singles for Women: Miss A. Quince
 " " " " " : R.U. Miss V. Wilson

"C" " " " " : Miss M. Lawson
 " " " " " : R.U. Miss G. Dewan

AUSTRALIAN CARNIVAL:- The Sixth Australian Table Tennis Carnival was held in Adelaide, 24th to 28th September, 1951. Teams from all Australian States competed, and in addition to the official teams, many Victorian players paid their own expenses to Adelaide to compete.

The State teams finally selected to represent our State were:- Men: W. Lowen (Captain), K. Evans, V. Matison and E. Sibbison. Women: E. Nichols (Captain), N. Buckland, J. Maddison, P. Bull. Mr. A. Cooper acted as Manager for the Victorian contingent, and it is desired to record our thanks to him for the excellent services rendered on this occasion.

We are proud to congratulate our Men's team for winning the Teams Championship of Australia. The team spirit and play of our men was all that could be desired. It is interesting to note here that this is the third occasion on which our men have won this competition, and that no other State team has won more than once.

Results were as follows:-

Men's Teams Championship of Australia - Victoria
 Women's " " " " - N.S.W.

Men's Singles Championship: P. Anderson (N.S.W.)
 " " " " : R.U. W. Lowen (Vic.)

Men's Doubles Championship: P. Anderson - L. Laza (N.S.W.)
 " " " " : R.U. J. Kleisman - B. Honeywood (N.S.W.)

Women's Singles Championship: D. Beregi (N.S.W.)
 " " " " : R.U. D. Shipp (N.S.W.)

Women's Doubles Championship: D. Beregi - M. Bowler (N.S.W.)
 " " " " : R.U. A. Snarskyte (S.A.) -
 N. Buckland (Vic.)

Mixed Doubles Championship: P. Anderson - D. Beregi (N.S.W.)

Junior Boys' Championship: G. Jennings (N.S.W.)
 " " " " : R.U. J. Kleisman (N.S.W.)

Junior Girls' Championship: J. Millwood (S.A.)
 " " " " : R.U. J. Jackson (W.A.)

Our congratulations are tendered to these players and to the South Australian Table Tennis Association for the conducting of a successful Carnival.

ATLAS SHIELD COMPETITION:- Owing to the delay by a number of Associations in renewing affiliation, the 1951 Competition commenced later than usual, and, with 22 entries spread over a larger area than in previous years, it was found impracticable to conclude the event within the table tennis playing season, with the result that the final match between the two interzone winners - Geelong and Williamstown-Footscray - remains unplayed.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS:- A record number of 34 Associations representing 692 teams and over 4,000 players were affiliated in 1951. Again we congratulate these Associations for the manner in which they are organising competitions in their respective areas.

AUSTRALIAN RANKINGS:- At the conclusion of the 1951 Carnival, the A.T.T.A. announced the 1951 Official Rankings as follows:-

<u>MEN</u>				<u>WOMEN</u>			
1.	P. Anderson	..	..	N.S.W.	1.	D. Beregi	.. .. N.S.W.
2.	W. Lowen	..	..	Vic.	2.	D. Shipp	.. .. N.S.W.
3.	R. Clements	..	..	S.A.	3.	A. Snarskyte	.. .. S.A.
4.	K. Evans	..	..	Vic.	4.	N. Buckland	.. .. Vic.
5.	(L. Laza	..	..	N.S.W.	5.	F. White	.. .. S.A.
	(V. Matison	..	..	Vic.	6.	E. Nichols	.. .. Vic.
7.	M. Calonus	..	..	S.A.	7.	M. Bowler	.. .. N.S.W.
8.	E. Elliott	..	..	W.A.	8.	S. Irvine	.. .. Qld.
9.	R. Wilcox	..	..	Tas.	9.	M. Mackay	.. .. Qld.
10.	J. Kleisman	..	..	N.S.W.	10.	P. Bull	.. .. Vic.

VICTORIAN RANKINGS:- The V.T.T.A. Selection Committee announced the 1951 Official Victorian Rankings as follows:-

<u>MEN</u>		<u>WOMEN</u>	
1.	W. Lowen	1.	N. Buckland
2.	K. Evans	2.	E. Nichols
3.	V. Matison	3.	I. Sherwin
4.	E. Sibbison	4.	S. Defris

MEN

5. V. Sirjativicius
6. R. Summers
7. A. Casavetis
8. A. Krivickas
9. H. Bashford
10. K. Hoyne

WOMEN

5. P. Bull
6. J. Maddison
7. J. Roberts
8. D. Payne
9. J. Thomson
10. -. Znaminko

INTERNATIONAL TOUR:- In July, for the first time, we had the opportunity of seeing our players competing against the reigning World Champion, Johnny Leach of England, who was teamed with Michel Haguenauer of France, in a series of Matches and Exhibition games in Victoria.

The principal event being an International match, Visitors v. Australia, played at Wirth's Olympia, on 24th July, which resulted in a win for the Visitors, 5 rubbers 10 games to Australia 0 - 0. The Australian team was P. Anderson, N.S.W. and W. Lowen, Victoria. A Vice Regal Party and many other distinguished personalities were guests of the Association on this evening. Our overseas visitors, together with local players, played exhibition games at Benalla and Traralgon before capacity houses, and competed in the 1951 Victorian Championships.

We feel that this visit by the International players has materially helped to improve and further popularise the game in Victoria and Australia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:- During the year 12 Committee meetings were held, and attendances were: H. Oakley 11, A. Cooper 10, H. Hopman 0, J. Hosking 8, R. Jones 11, R. Summers 12, L. Haycraft 10, K. Williams 11, M. Amerena 7, V. Edwards 10, W. Harratt 10, J. Murphy 10, M. Rundle 11, H. Smith 7.

AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION:- Delegates to the A.T.T.A. were again in constant meeting by correspondence throughout the year, and all delegates were present at a General Personal Meeting at the time of the Australian Carnival at Adelaide in September.

The most important business conducted during the year was the negotiations and organisation for the Leach - Haguenauer Tour.

It is pleasing to record that the A.T.T.A. as a body is stronger now than at any other time since it was founded in 1933, and with projects in hand, all players in Australia will benefit by its activities.

The A.T.T.A. Secretary, Mr. R. Jones, attended the World Championships at Vienna in March, 1951, and the experiences and contacts made by him with table tennis officials overseas

and various other organisations, will no doubt reflect in the future for the good of the game in Australia.

V.T.T.A. HEADQUARTERS CLUB:- After many years of planning, the V.T.T.A. Headquarters Club was opened at Wirth's Olympia in April, 1951, and remained open until the conclusion of the season.

Being the first year of such a venture, many difficulties arose; however, the results were very pleasing and it is desired to place on record our thanks for the sterling and difficult work of the Club Committee who catered for 203 members by not only being in attendance every night on which the Club was open, but in arranging for them Pennant teams and various Competitions.

For 1951 the Club Committee were:

Chairman: Mr. A. Cooper

Secretary: Mr. K. Williams

Committee: Messrs. R. Bayly, A. Hamilton,
M. Huthnance, K. Jones,
F. McDermott, M. Rundle,
A. Schuhkraft and R. Watson.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:- On reviewing the financial position of the Association, it will be readily seen that the Association is in a sound position.

Costs of equipment services and administration have materially increased, and the upward spiral of costs will be felt more in 1952 than in 1951.

It is not proposed to increase fees for Pennant Teams for the coming year.

In conclusion, Ladies and Gentlemen, your Executive is concerned at the recent action of the Federal Government in imposing increased Sales Tax on Table Tennis equipment. Our sport is a game which provides a healthy means of exercise and recreation and brings together in both competition and social play all ages irrespective of race, color or creed, and to us it seems unfair that an increased burden in obtaining equipment should be imposed on our 5,000 odd members in Victoria.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee,

R. H. JONES,

Honorary Secretary.

Melbourne, 17th March, 1952.

ADDENDUM

A year of unprecedented activity and development in Table Tennis has thrown a heavy load on your Executive Committee. The brunt of the work has been borne by the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Ron Jones.

In recording the Association's grateful thanks to Mr. Jones for his able work, I would like to couple the name of Mrs. Jones who has rendered him invaluable assistance in the carrying out of his Secretarial duties.

It is regretted that Mr. Jones does not intend to seek re-election for the ensuing year as Honorary Secretary. After 16 years of service in this onerous position, I wish to express the appreciation of officials both past and present for his excellent work. The sound position of the Association today is due in no small measure to the efforts of Mr. Jones.

As mentioned in the Annual Report, the visit of Mr. Jones to the World Championships in Vienna last year will be of inestimable value to the game here, particularly as Mr. Jones will continue with the Association as a Vice-President in addition to his position as the Honorary Secretary of the A.T.T.A.

During Mr. Jones' 3 months absence overseas, our Assistant Honorary Secretary, Mr. Reg Summers, carried on the good work with the assistance of other Members of the Executive, especially the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. L. Haycraft.

Apart from the normal work in organising the season's Pennant activities, negotiations were in progress for the hiring of Wirth's Olympia as a Headquarters Club and endeavours were being made to reach finality with the other States for visit of J. Leach and M. Haguener. It is to Mr. Summer's credit that all of these matters were brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

H. H. OAKLEY,

President.

Melbourne, 17th March, 1952.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of The Victorian Table Tennis Association

We have examined the books and accounts of The Victorian Table Tennis Association for the year ended 29th February, 1952, and, subject to the following qualifications, in our opinion the attached Revenue Account correctly sets forth the transactions for the year under review and the Balance Sheet exhibits a correct view of the state of affairs of the Association as at that date.

We have been unable to check cash receipts issued against entries in the Cash Book. These have been test checked only and those tested have been found to be correctly recorded.

The total expenditure arising from the Victorian Championship Matches and the Leach - Hagenauer match has been apportioned by the Executive Committee of the Association.

Commonwealth Bonds are shown at cost and the values appearing in the books are in excess of the market price at 29th February, 1952.

E. ADKINS, A.F.I.A.

C. A. CHAMBERLAIN, A.F.I.A.

Auditors.

Melbourne, 7th March, 1952.

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Revenue Account for 12 months ended 28th February, 1952.

Expenditure

Trophies
Telephone
Postages
Printing and Stationery
Pennant Result Sheets
Premiership Pennants and Badges
Australian Carnival
A.T.T.A. Affiliation Fee
Sundries
Trophy Orders
Honorariums
Excess

9.10. 0
26. 8. 1
16.19. 2
51.15. 0
33. 8. 1
15. 0. 0
158. 6. 8
5. 5. 0
42.12. 0
49. 2. 2
94.10. 0
179. 5.11

Receipts

Headquarters Club
Affiliation Fees - Associations
" " - Clubs
Registration Fees
Fines
Handbooks and Scorebooks
Interest
Exhibition Fees
Victorian Championships
Atlas Shield Competition
Sundries
Entry Fees - City of Melb. & Grade Events
Leach Tour - Gross
Less 15% to A.T.T.A.
27. 2.10
4. 1. 5
23. 1. 5
£682. 2. 1

£682. 2. 1

£682. 2. 1

Balance Sheet as at 28th February, 1952.

Liabilities

Trophy Orders

25. 9. 6

Excess

From 1950
For 1951
878. 0. 5
179. 5.11

1057. 6. 4

£1082.15.10

Assets

Bank of New South Wales
War Savings Certificates
Commonwealth Bonds
Tables - at cost
Typewriter
Balls on hand
63.11. 1
200. 0. 0
600. 0. 0
174. 5. 6
5. 0. 0
39.19. 3
£1082.15.10

N.B. Share of loss on 1951 Carnival has not been brought into account. This amount being £27.12. 8 was advised by South Australian T.T.A. too late for inclusion in above Balance Sheet.

Audited and found correct subject to our report dated 7th March, 1952.

E. ADKINS, A.F.I.A.
C. A. CHAMBERLAIN, A.F.I.A.) Auditors

L. HAYCRAFT, A.I.C.A., Hon. Treasurer.