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(Affiliated with the Australian Table Tennis Association)

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SEASON 1950

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ANNUAL REPORT

To be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held on the 28th March, 1951.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—

The Executive Committee has pleasure in presenting the following report of the work undertaken on behalf of the Association for the season 1950.

PENNANT COMPETITIONS.—A record number of 203 teams with 939 registered players competed in 26 grades (22 Men, 4 Women).

Competition between the teams was very keen; however, it is regretted that more than the usual number of teams were forced to withdraw during the season.

The following teams are congratulated on winning their respective grade competitions:—A Grade, St. Kilda Cricket; A Reserve, Golds Mort; B Section 1, S.E.C.; B Section 2, St. Kilda Cricket; B Section 3, St. Kilda Cricket; C Section 1, John Vale; C Section 2, Kitchens; C Section 3, Kraft; C Section 4, Hakoah J.R.C.; C Section 5, Lauriston; D Section 1, J. Flood; D Section 2, Collingwood; D Section 3, Golds Mort; D Section 4, St. John's; D Section 5, S.E.C.; D Section 6, E.M.F.; D Section 7, Shell; D Section 8, Vaccinscol; D Section 9, Hakoah J.R.C.; D Section 10, Pt. Phillip; D Section 11, T. & G.; D Section 12, Edna Grove. Women.—A Grade Hakoah J.R.C.; B Grade, Hakoah J.R.C.; C Section 1 Crescent A; C Section 2, John's.

Special congratulations are offered to St. Kilda Cricket T.T.C., who, in 1950, won the "A" Grade Pennant for the 5th year in succession.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.—The 21st Annual Victorian Championships were played at Wirth's Olympia during the period July 19th to July 28th.

A feature of these Championships was the noticeable increase in the standard of play. This improvement, no doubt, was due to the benefit players obtained from the visit of Victor Barna and Richard Bergmann, during 1949. Again the entry was very good, including entries from Tasmania and Country towns, and overseas players who have now settled here; but the attendance on the Finals Night was very disappointing. The retiring Committee recommend that in 1951, as a trial, the Finals be played on a Saturday evening.

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

Men's Singles Championship: W. Lowen.
 Women's Singles Championship: Miss N. Buckland.
 Men's Doubles Championship: W. Lowen-K. Evans.
 Women's Doubles Championship: Mrs. Defris-Mrs. Sherwin.
 Mixed Doubles Championship: K. Evans-Miss Buckland.
 Junior Singles Championship: I. Kuncaitis.
 Special Singles for Men: V. Matison.
 Special Doubles: K. Williams-B. Campbell.
 B Grade Singles: J. Hellebone.
 C Grade Singles: A. Dennis.
 D Grade Singles: E. Ingevics.
 Novice Singles: A. Mitchell.
 B Grade Women: Miss H. Laskowski.
 C Grade Women: Miss T. D'Arcy.

AUSTRALIAN CARNIVAL.—The 1950 Australian National Championships and Teams Championship of Australia were played at Brisbane during the period September 11th to 15th. Victoria was represented by a Men's Team consisting of W. Lowen, R. Summers (Captain), and K. Evans; and a Women's team, namely, Miss N. Buckland, Miss E. Nichols (Captain), Mrs. I. Sherwin, and Mrs. S. Defris.

Although W. Lowen did not retain his National singles title, he is congratulated on being runner-up in this event to M. Szabados (N.S.W.).

Both our Men and Women's teams played particularly well to gain second places in the Teams Championship of Australia and we congratulate N.S.W. on winning these events.

We congratulate the following players on winning their events:—

Men's Singles Championship: M. Szabados.
 Men's Doubles Championship: M. Szabados-M. Dankin.
 Women's Singles Championship: D. Beregi.
 Women's Doubles Championship: D. Beregi-P. Carthcart.
 Mixed Doubles Championship: P. Anderson-Miss D. Beregi.
 Junior Boy's Championship: J. Kleisman.

The standard of our players representing Victoria at the Carnival is reflected in the 1950 Official Rankings made by the A.T.T.A. at the conclusion of the matches, and are as follows:—

MEN		WOMEN	
1. M. Szabados	N.S.W.	1. D. Beregi	N.S.W.
2. P. Anderson	N.S.W.	2. D. Shipp	N.S.W.
3. W. Lowen	Vic.	3. N. Buckland	Vic.
4. K. Evans	Vic.	4. F. White,	S.A.
5. R. Summers	Vic.	5. M. Mackay	Qld.
6. M. Dankin	N.S.W.	6. L. Pearce	Qld.
7. J. Mehaffy	S.A.	7. I. Sherwin	Vic.
8. C. Shaw	Qld.	8. E. Nichols	Vic.
9. R. Wilcox	Tas.	9. J. Field	S.A.
10. R. Clements	S.A.	10. S. Defris	Vic.

ATLAS SHIELD COMPETITION.—19 Entries were received from affiliated Associations for the 1950 Competition, and again a keen and interesting competition was contested. R.S.L.T.T.A. are congratulated on winning from Geelong T.T.A.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION.—Owing to the high costs of production and distribution, only three issues of "Table Tennis" were published in 1950. Mr. J. Hosking is again thanked for his editorial work. Mr. J. Murphy is also offered thanks for his contributions, especially the percentages given for individual players competing in V.T.T.A. Pennant.

As all members are aware, "Table Tennis" has for the last two years been a free issue, and we all know the value of this publication as a source of information to players and those interested in the game. There is the scope for a larger magazine than has so far been issued; however, with increased costs of printing and distribution, it is neither economical or advisable to continue as in the past.

VICTORIAN RANKINGS.—The Selection Committee, Messrs. H. Oakley, R. Jones, and R. Summers announced in September, the 1950 Victorian rankings. They are as follows:—

MEN

1. W. Lowen
2. K. Evans
3. R. Summers
4. H. Bashford }
V. Mattison }
6. E. Sibbison
7. B. Peters
8. L. Phillips
9. Sirjativicius
10. K. Hoyne

WOMEN

1. Miss N. Buckland
2. Mrs. Sherwin
3. Miss E. Nichols
4. Mrs. Defris
5. Miss A. McClelland
6. Mrs. Thompson
7. Miss D. Payne
8. Mrs. Lasgawski
9. Miss C. Hawk
10. Miss Bull

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS.—A record number of 32 bodies, representing 648 teams and over 3,300 registered players, were affiliated with the V.T.T.A. during 1950:—

Albury, Ararat, Ballarat, Benalla, Bendigo, Camberwell Churches, Colac, Corowa, Geelong, Hamilton, Horsham, Kyabram, Latrobe Valley, Lang Lang, Maryborough, Myrtleford, Mt. Beauty, Narracon, Northern Suburbs, Oakleigh and District, Orbost, Parkside R.S.L., Sandringham, Tatura, Tongala, Traralgon, Vic. Public Service, Vic. Railways Inst., Williamstown and Footscray, Yallourn and Yea.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS (10).—Executive Committee Meetings were held during the year, the attendances of members being:—H. H. Oakley 8, A. Williams 1, A. Cooper 8, H. Hopman 0 (a), R. H. Jones 8 (a), R. H. Summers 10, L. A. Haycraft 8, L. Clough 3, W. Grant 5, W. Harrat 7, J. Hooper 2 (b), J. Hosking 9, J. Murphy 10, K. Williams 5 (c), M. Amerena 1 (d).

- (a) Leave of absence granted for 6 months to manage Davis Cup Team.
- (b) Retired 1/8/1950.
- (c) Elected to Committee 1/8/1950.
- (d) Elected to Committee 5/2/1951.

Various sub-committees were formed to attend the different matters connected with the affairs of the Association.

AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION.—Delegates to the A.T.T.A., besides being in constant meeting by correspondence during the year, held a General Personal Meeting at the time of the Australia Carnival at Brisbane.

Delegates have again done a tremendous amount of work furthering the game in a National manner, and have already got plans well in hand for the 1951 Jubilee Championships to be played in Adelaide, and for a proposed tour of Australia by two International players.

It is worthy to be recorded here, the honour bestowed on Australia in 1950 by the International Table Tennis Federation in electing an Australian (Mr. R. H. Jones) as a Vice-President of the I.T.T.F.

ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS.—In December, 1950, your Executive Committee made the important decision to open Headquarters during 1951. Details have been circulated to all Club secretaries.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—The financial position of the Association is sound, and your Executive Committee is satisfied that our funds have been wisely administered, with the object of promoting the game.

The Balance Sheet does not show an excess as great as that for the season 1949; however, as reported last year, this was anticipated with the expenditure of sending both a Men's and Women's team to Brisbane, and increased costs of administration which are beyond our control, and are liable to increase further during 1951.

In conclusion, Ladies and Gentlemen, Sport, an early casualty in World War II, has not yet fully recovered. Facilities, especially for Table Tennis, are immensely inadequate—we still have shortages of suitable playing spaces, difficulties in obtaining tables, and lighting restrictions—all these are retarding progress and until such time as these difficulties have been overcome, the standard of conditions required cannot be attained, nor can we progress in strength in the manner deserved for a great sport such as ours, enjoyed by all ages, irrespective of race, colour or creed.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee,

R. H. JONES,
Honorary Secretary.

Melbourne, 1st February, 1951.

ADDENDUM.—From the foregoing report table tennis enthusiasts will realise that our sport continues to flourish in this state. Behind our success stands your Executive Committee which never flags in its effort to help further the interests of the game and players.

I must in this regard mention the great services to the game of our Hon. Secretary Mr. Ron Jones and his able assistant Mrs. Jones.

A well deserved and distinct honour was conferred on Mr. Jones last year when he was made a Vice President of the International Table Tennis Federation. Mr. Jones is at present overseas for the purpose of attending the I.T.T.F. meetings and I am sure his visit will be of great value to Australian Table Tennis generally. I know you all join me in hoping that he has a happy trip and safe return.

H. H. OAKLEY,
President

Melbourne, 1st February, 1951.

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REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 28/2/51.

EXPENDITURE			RECEIPTS		
Victorian Championships	£23	19 1	Affiliation Fees—		
Trophy Orders	27	10 6	Associations	£8	0 0
Telephone	18	13 1	Affiliation Fees—		
Postages	22	12 8	Clubs	213	3 0
Printing & Stationery	68	0 2	Registration Fees	117	7 0
Brisbane Carnival	144	13 3	Fines	1	7 6
Honorariums	131	5 0	Sale of Handbooks	9	4 0
A.T.T.A. Affiliation	5	5 0	Sale of Scorebooks	28	10 6
T.T. News	43	3 7	Interest	27	18 11
Premiership Badges	12	0 0	Exhibitions	1	7 0
Sundry Expenses	36	1 0	Sundries	3	5 7
			Excess of Expenditure	122	19 10
	£533	3 4		£533	3 4

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 28/2/51.

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
A.T.T.A. Registration	1	0	Bank of N.S.W.	6	9 4
Trophy Orders	11	5 0	War Savings Certificates—		
Excess of Assets	878	0 5	(At Cost)	200	0 0
			Commonwealth Bonds	600	0 0
			Handbooks & Scorebooks	35	17 1
			Tables	42	0 0
			Typewriter	5	0 0
	£889	6 5		£889	6 5

L. A. HAYCRAFT, A.I.C.A.

Honorary Treasurer.

Melbourne, 1st March, 1951.