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# ANNUAL REPORT

## 1939

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VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

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Affiliated with the Australian Table Tennis Association.



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SEASON 1939.

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President : A. WILLIAMS, Esq.

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F. MATTHEWS, A. POTT.

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*To be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Association*

*to be held on Friday, 12th April 1940.*

Ladies and Gentlemen,

After reviewing the activities of the Association during 1939, the Executive Committee have pleasure in presenting the following report for the 1939 Season.

During the past Season, your Executive Committee concentrated mainly on developing the game in Victoria, and as the following figures indicate, the efforts were indeed successful.

### 1938

112 V.T.T.A. Pennant Teams  
12 Affiliated Associations  
with 170 Teams

### 1939

124 V.T.T.A. Pennant Teams  
28 Affiliated Associations  
with 398 Teams.

A total of 522 affiliated teams at the end of 1939, compared with 282 teams during 1938. There are now approximately 3,600 players affiliated with the V.T.T.A.

This happy state of affairs clearly indicates the excellent control of the game now exercised by our Association.

Pennant Competitions: 124 teams competed in 15 Grades, in the Pennant Competitions.

Playing conditions showed a marked improvement; however, there are still a number of Clubs who have not ideal conditions, and it is hoped that these faults can be remedied in the future.

The following teams are congratulated on winning their respective grades:

A	Malvern
A Reserve	Kiwi
B	Y.M.C.A.
B Reserve	Ivanhoe
C Section 1	Motor Registration
C Section 2	Government Printing

C Section 3	Shell
D Section 1	Vacuum Oil
D Section 2	Melbourne University
D Section 3	Queensland Insurance
D Section 4	Motor Registration
D Section 5	South St. Kilda
D Section 6	North Kew
Women's A	Jaici
Women's B	Motor Registration

Affiliated Associations: During the Season, the following bodies were affiliated with the V.T.T.A.:-

Albury T.T.A.  
Alexandra T.T.A.  
Ballarat T.T.A.  
Benalla T.T.A.  
Bendigo T.T.A.  
Bentleigh & District T.T.A.  
Bright T.T.A.  
Brighton & District T.T.A.  
Castlemaine District T.T.A.  
Central Gippsland T.T.A.  
Chiltern & District T.T.A.  
Colac T.T.A.  
C.Y.M.S. T.T.A.  
Eastern Suburban T.T.A.  
Frankston T.T.A.  
Geelong T.T.A.  
Indoor Recreation Sports Club  
Kyneton T.T.A.  
Melbourne West Limit of P.F.A. T.T.A.  
Mildura T.T.A.  
Oakleigh T.T.A.  
Sale T.T.A.  
Sandringham & District T.T.A.  
Victorian Public Service T.T.A.  
Victorian Railways T.T.A.  
Warrnambool T.T.A.  
Williamstown T.T.A.  
Wodonga T.T.A.

These Associations are doing good work for our game in their districts, and every encouragement should be given them. They alone can give us the help we need in making uniform laws and popularising the game in Victoria.

During the past Season, the Atlas Shield Competition was introduced to provide annual State wide play for country Table Tennis enthusiasts.

This event, a competition for affiliated Associations only, was played on the "Davis Cup" zone elimination system. Victoria was partitioned into seven zones, geographical positions determining the section for each competing Association. *Again this year?*

Twenty-two Associations challenged for the Atlas Shield in its first year. The four inter-zone winners: Albury Table Tennis Association, Central Gippsland Table Tennis Association, Geelong Table Tennis Association, and Oakleigh and District Table Tennis Association, were brought to Melbourne to compete in the Finals, which resulted in Oakleigh and District T.T.A. defeating Geelong T.T.A. in a very closely contested final.

Victorian Championships: The Victorian Championships for 1939 were again staged in a manner which, we think, did full justice to the new found prestige of our sport and of our Association. The preliminary rounds were played over five nights at Wirth's Olympia, under what we consider ideal conditions, and the finals of the main events were contested at the Melbourne Town Hall.

Results of the 15 events played were as follows:-

Men's Singles Championship	..	K. Adamson
Women's Singles Championship	..	Miss J. Sampson
Men's Doubles	"	.. F. Matthews - K. Adamson
Women's Doubles	"	.. Misses C. Hawk - J. Sampson
Mixed Doubles	"	.. F. Matthews - Miss F. White
Men's Special Singles	..	R. Summers
Men's Special Doubles	..	L. Clough - H. Bashford
Men's "B" Grade Singles	..	B. O'Brien
Women's "B" Grade Singles	..	Miss S. Neville
Men's "C" Grade Singles	..	H. Edelsten (Section 1)
" " " "	..	F. Shepperd (Section 2)
Men's Novice Singles	..	H. Edelsten (Section 1)
" " " "	..	R. Jackson (Section 2)
Men's Novice Doubles	..	C. Stevens - R. Bienvenu
Junior Singles	..	H. Bashford

The general Tournament play was of a particularly high standard. Congratulations are tendered to the victors, and thanks are offered to all competitors for their co-operation during the Tournament.

Visit by New Zealand Team: The Australian Association arranged a tour to Australia by a New Zealand team, during the latter part of the season.

A Match, New Zealand v. Victoria, was played in the Lower Town Hall on September 11th, which resulted in an overwhelming win for Victoria, the results being Victoria 8 rubbers, to New Zealand, 1 rubber.

K. Adamson, J. Thoms, A. Champion, and H. Oakley represented Victoria in this match, and are congratulated on their victory.

During the visit of the New Zealanders, the first City of Melbourne Championships were played. For this event, eleven leading Victorian players were invited to compete. R. Algie (N.Z.) defeated J. Thoms in the final of this event.

It was unfortunate that the visit coincided with the outbreak of war, as the International situation had a big effect on the gate for these matches.

Committee Meetings: During the year, 13 Committee Meetings were held, the attendances at same being as follows:-

A. Williams	11	A. Pott	9
H. Oakley	7	L. Haycraft	7
J. Sheehan	8	H. McDonald	12
A. Taylor	8	L. Tipping	5
A. Temme	7	G. Pollard	6
C. Mayman	10	F. Matthews	8

Hon. Secretary .. 13

L. Tipping resigned as a Committeeman on 21/8/39, but the vacancy was not filled.

Australian Table Tennis Association: Throughout Australia, Table Tennis is controlled by various State Associations, which have objects similar to our own, and which are united through the A.T.T.A. To the A.T.T.A., we must look for the desired standardisation of the game, and the necessary recognition by the International Table Tennis Federation. The A.T.T.A. have for three consecutive years managed and controlled three International Tours, and at the present moment are completing arrangements to send an Australian Team to Japan this year.

Exhibition Matches: Again, the demand by Clubs and Institutions for Exhibitions by leading players, was greater than ever. The Association is deeply indebted to those players who gave their services on so many occasions.

Publicity: Our special thanks are due to Messrs. Harry Hopman and Harry Marshall of the "Herald", Mr. Mervyn Weston of the "Argus", and Mr. J. M. Bayley of the "Age".

A lot of our gain in popularity is due in no small measure to these gentlemen of the Press.

Thanks are also due to "The Sun News-Pictorial", "Australian Lawn Tennis", "Sporting Globe", Radio Sporting Commentators, especially Mr. W. Sharland of "3-XY", and

Mr. F. Hartley of the Melbourne Sports Depot, for the time given us during "The Voice of the Sportsmen" Sessions.

Future Prospects: Your Executive is of the opinion that the great increase in affiliated membership during 1939, can reasonably be expected to continue in the future. However, it must be asked of all members to give greater support in the manner of attending Championship Finals and International Matches than that given during the Season underreview - such support would be an advantage to all concerned.

Appreciation: Messrs. J. Holbrook and F. Holzer, as Honorary Auditors, and Mr. Stuart King, as Honorary Solicitor, are once more thanked for their services, which have been of extreme value to the Association.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

A. WILLIAMS, President,

R. H. JONES, Honorary Secretary.

Melbourne,  
9/4/1940.

ADDENDUM.

I desire to place on record my appreciation of the good work of Secretary and Committee during the past twelve months.

The growth of our Association is due largely to their untiring efforts.

A. WILLIAMS, President.

Melbourne,  
9/4/1940.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31/3/1940.

R E C E I P T S

To Affiliation Fees	103 15 0
Fines	3 10 0
Victorian Championships	16 1
Book Debts collected	32 17 11
Sundry Receipts	30 11 0
Excess Expenditure over Receipts	11 4 0

E X P E N D I T U R E

By Postages and Telephone	18 18 10
Printing and Stationery	62 10 1
Less Advertising	£14 1 0
Less Sale of Hand-books	8 2 6
Trophies	22 3 6
Affiliation Fee, A.T.T.A.	40 6 7
N.Z. Tour	26 7 9
Atlas Shield Competition	2 2 0
Honorariums	52 15 1
Sundries	10 0
	36 15 0
	4 18 9

A. R. TEMME, Hon. Treasurer.

£182 14 0

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LIABILITIES

Balance being surplus Assets over Liabilities

118 17 10

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/3/1940.

ASSETS

Cash at Bank	74 5 3
Sundry Debtors	25 12 7
Rule Books	4 10 0
Typewriter	8 0 0
Duplicator	15 0 0
Equipment	5 15 0

£118 17 10

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A. R. TEMME, Hon. Treasurer.

Melbourne, 10/4/1940.

This is to certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the V.T.T.A. and found the same to be correct.

JOHN P. HOLBROOK, )  
FRANK HOLZER. ( Hon. Auditors.

10/4/1940.