

**THE
VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION**



**ANNUAL REPORT
Season 1957**

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

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SEASON 1957.

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Mr. Carlile (Chairman), in conjunction with Publicity
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COUNTRY WEEK.

Mr. Haycraft (Chairman) with power to co-opt.

TABLE TENNIS
CENTRE,
ALBERT PARK.

Mr. Cooper (Chairman), Messrs. Haycraft, French, Carlile,
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THE VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

28th ANNUAL REPORT

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Ladies & Gentlemen :

The following is a report of the work undertaken by your Association for the Season 1957.

PENNANT COMPETITIONS:

WINTER. The pennant competitions this year saw the entry of 260 teams competing in 26 grades (21 men, 5 women).

The standard of play was very high, and all matches were played in a most sporting spirit; it was also noticeable that dressing of the players was much improved; during the season full benefit was taken of your committee's experience in regard to playing conditions.

It was found necessary on some occasions to penalize clubs for various breaches of match regulations, particularly late results, and it is requested that all clubs and players bring themselves up to date by obtaining copies of the Regulations from any sports store, or in the case of Affiliated Associations direct from the V.T.T.A.

This year we again played 10 teams to each grade, and also invited all new Club members to attend a special exhibition and meet members of the Committee. This enabled the new-comers to feel they were not strangers.

The following teams are congratulated on winning their respective grade competitions. :-

MEN

<u>A. GRADE, COBURG HARRIERS.</u>		<u>A. RESERVE, POLAR.</u>	
<u>B1</u> , Coburg Har.	<u>B2</u> , Myer	<u>B3</u> , Coburg Har.	<u>B4</u> , University
<u>C1</u> , South MELB.	<u>C2</u> , Springvale	<u>C3</u> , Customs	<u>C4</u> , Springvale
			<u>C5</u> , Dairy Research
<u>D1</u> , Police	<u>D2</u> , Lawrinack	<u>D3</u> , Coles	<u>D4</u> , South Yarra
			<u>D5</u> , Unilever
			<u>D6</u> , Bruce Floor
<u>E1</u> , Brisco	<u>E2</u> , Customs	<u>E3</u> , Kauri	<u>E4</u> , Coles

WOMEN

<u>A. GRADE, GEELONG.</u>			
B1, Y.W.C.A.	B2, Crescent.		
		C1, Y.W.C.A.	C2, Police Library.

JUNIOR PENNANT:

Again this season a Junior Pennant Competition was conducted. This was played on Saturday mornings and was comprised of schoolboys; sufficient entries were received to warrant three grades, and it fulfilled a need for the younger players.

The winners of these were :-

A. Grade	..	Coburg,
B. Grade	..	Melbourne High School,
C. Grade	..	St. Kevins.

SUMMER PENNANT COMPETITION:

This year your Association again made history by conducting our first Summer Pennant Competition. 256 teams competed in 32 grades, (28 men, 4 women). For the first time also, because of the short season, mixed teams were allowed.

This venture could not have obtained the success it did without the full co-operation of The Central Table Tennis Association. They in the past have conducted these Pennant Competitions in such a high standard and efficient manner that it was a big thing for the Executive Committee of the C.T.T.A. to voluntarily hand these Competitions over to the V.T.T.A., and to them we tender our thanks and hope that for many years to come they will co-operate with us in keeping Table Tennis at the top of the sporting ladder.

This competition was conducted from October to December.

The winners of the respective grades are as follows:-

MEN.

A. GRADE, HAKOAH.

<u>B1</u> , Myer	<u>C1</u> , Brighton
<u>B2</u> , Newizco	<u>C2</u> , MCC Electric
<u>B3</u> , Police	<u>C3</u> , Wirraways
<u>B4</u> , Coburg Harriers.	<u>C4</u> , Coburg Har.
<u>B5</u> , Isas	<u>C5</u> , Craydon
	<u>C6</u> , Rusman
	<u>C7</u> , Astor Radio

A. RESERVE. COMMONWEALTH BANK.

<u>D1</u> , St. Johns	<u>E1</u> , Kraft
<u>D2</u> , Ace	<u>E2</u> , MacRobertsons
<u>D3</u> , Oakover	<u>E3</u> , Aviation
<u>D4</u> , Goodlass	<u>E4</u> , Goodlass
<u>D5</u> , Rootes	<u>E5</u> , ANZ Bank
<u>D6</u> , Myttons	<u>E6</u> , Siddons
<u>D7</u> , T and G	<u>E7</u> , Ayando

WOMEN.

B1, Kraft	B2, Police Library.
C1, South Melbourne	C2, Vaccinscol.

NEWS SHEET.

We are proud of the fact that ours is the only sporting organisation of our size to send out a weekly news sheet giving all the points etc. the same week of the event being played. To this end it is of course most important that your score sheets are to hand on time.

NEW POSTAL ADDRESS.

You will please NOTE that as from the 1st JANUARY 1958, our new address will be BOX 228E, MELBOURNE, the reason being to improve posting facilities for clubs.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The 28th Annual Victorian Championships were played during the period July 15th to July 26th. Our congratulations are extended to the following winners of their respective events :-

MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	Lou Sek Fong (Hong Kong)
Runner Up:	-	Chung Chin Ching (Hong Kong)
WOMEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	S. Javor
Runner Up:	-	D. Shipp (N.S.W.)
MEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	Lou Sek Fong - Chung Chin Ching.
Runners Up:	-	E. Sokolowski - B. Peters
WOMEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	S. Javor - L. Cohen
Runners Up:	-	M. Hagger - L. Nicholls
MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	G. McIlvena - L. Nicholls
Runners Up:	-	K. Javor - Mrs. Javor
JUNIOR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP, Boys	-	C. McDonald (N.S.W.)
Runner Up:	-	F. Lim
JUNIOR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP, Girls	-	L. Cohen
Runner Up:	-	M. Freeman.

The Victorian grade events were again conducted in conjunction with the open events and a high standard of play was most evident throughout the tournament.

We congratulate the following players on their success:-

Special Singles - Men.	R. Neuhold
Special Doubles - Men.	J. Healy - H. Pappon.
B Grade Singles - Men.	C. Kneebone
C Grade Singles - Men.	F. Lim
D Grade Singles - Men.	E. Dunstone
C Grade Doubles - Men.	S. Erwin - T. Sulyok
B Grade Singles - Women.	M. Freeman
C Grade Singles - Women.	M. Haig
Schoolboys Championship, Under 16.	J. Plain
Schoolboys Championship, Under 14.	R. Cleaves

The Victorian Championships this year created even more interest than usual because of the entries in the Singles and Doubles of two members of the Hong Kong Team, Lou Sek Fong and Chung Chin Ching. For the first time the Finals Night was held at the West Melbourne Stadium; this proved a great success, and our visitors from Hong Kong really established themselves as being in world class.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The 12th Australian National Championships this year were conducted by the South Australian Table Tennis Association at Adelaide, S.A., from September 16th to September 20th 1957.

Mens and Womens teams from every state competed; the teams selected to represent Victoria were:-

MEN: B.Peters (Capt.) V.Matison, T.Kurtak, W.Bates, E.Sokolowski;

WOMEN: L.Nicholls (Capt.) A.O'Brien, D.Payne, I.Sherwin.

Mr. A. Cooper was Manager of both teams, B. Peters was unavailable and Vic. Matison was then appointed Captain.

Although they put up a very good performance our Mens and Womens teams were both unsuccessful. Both the Mens and Womens Shield was won by New South Wales to whom we extend congratulations.

The teams finished as follows:-

MEN: 1. N.S.W. 2. Sth.Aust. 3. Q'Land. 4.Victoria. 5.W.Aust. 6. Tas.

WOMEN: 1. N.S.W. 2. Sth.Aust. 3. Vict. 4. Q'Land. 5. Tas. 6.W.Aust.

Our players were not at any time disgraced in their individual efforts and hereunder are the individual results.

MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	A. Robinson (Q'Land.)
Runner Up:	-	G. Jennings (Sth.Aust.)
WOMEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	M. Hoar (New Zealand)
Runner Up:	-	J. Mulconry (New Zealand)
MEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	G. Jennings - J. Mehaffey (Sth.Aust.)
Runners Up:	-	A.Robinson - C.Shaw (Q'Land.)
WOMEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	M.Hoar - B.Packwood (N.Z.)
Runners Up:	-	A.Jennings - A.Snarskis (S.A.)
MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	G.Jennings(S.A.)-L.Nicholls (Vic.)
Runners Up:	-	B.Griffin - E.Heath (N.S.W.)
JUNIOR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP, Boys	-	M. Wilcox (N.S.W.)
Runner Up:	-	C. McDonald (N.S.W.)
JUNIOR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP, Girls-	-	L. Murphy (Q'Land.)
Runner Up:	-	S. Langrehr (Sth. Aust.)

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - Continued.

At the conclusion the A.T.T.A. announced their Australian rankings for Season 1957.

<u>MEN:</u>	1. A. Robinson (Q'Land)	2. G. Jennings (Sth.Aust.)
	3. W. Hodge (N.S.W.)	4. A. Cassavetis (N.S.W.)
	5. J. Klesman (N.S.W.)	6. R. Bond (Q'Land.)
	7. T. Kurtak (Vict.)	8. J. Brakovskis (Sth.Aust.)
	9. E. Sokolowski (Vict.)	10. K. Narcisse (Sth.Aust.)

<u>WOMEN:</u>	1. J. Mulconry (N.S.W.)	2. P. Hill (N.S.W.)
	3. A. Jennings (Sth.Aust.)	4. S. Irwin (Q'Land.)
	5. A. Snarskis (Sth.Aust)	6. M. Keating (N.S.W.)
	7. J. Spence	8. L. Nicholls (Vict.)
	9. L. White (Sth.Aust)	10. L. Murphy (Q'Land.)

The A.T.T.A. office-bearers for Season 1957/8 are:-

PRESIDENT. B. Howard, South Australia.

SEC. TREASURER. R. H. Jones, Victoria.

JUNIOR CARNIVAL.

Your Executive Committee again conducted a Junior Carnival. Once more your Association guaranteed each State certain expenses for their players. It was so arranged that the players could participate in the State Championships which made this a great success. This event was played in Melbourne, commencing 23rd July. The Oliphant Shield was again won by N.S.W.

VICTORIAN RANKINGS.

The V.T.T.A. Selection committee announced its official 1957 Victorian Rankings as follows:-

Norma Buckland not ranked because of insufficient performances.

<u>Men.</u>	<u>Women.</u>
1. T. Kurtak	1. S. Javor
2. E. Sokolowski	2. D. Shipp
3. B. Peters	3. L. Nicholls
4. W. Bates	4. M. Znaminko
5. K. Javor	5. A. O'Brien
6. P. Sanders	6. D. Payne
7. V. Matison	7. I. Sherwin
8. K. Fahey	8. E. Nichols
9. S. Wong	9. L. Cohen
10. S. Kramer	10. B. Turner

COUNTRY WEEK.

The 7th Country Week proved an even greater success than before, a record entry of 41 Teams, men and women received, played 15th - 19th July. Our thanks go to all the players and officials for their co-operation in making this such a success. During this week team matches for the Country Atlas Shield and the individual Country Championships were played. The winners of their respective events are hereunder.

COUNTRY ATLAS SHIELD:

<u>Men.</u>	<u>Women.</u>
Kyabram.	Shepparton.
Men's Singles Country Championship - I. Foster, Kyabram.	
Women's Singles Country Championship- Mrs. Minchinton, Shepparton.	

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS.

It is very pleasing to record that this year 59 Associations were affiliated with us. We again thank all these Associations for their interest and co-operation throughout the season, and remind you that the experience of the Victorian Executive Committee is always at your command for any Table Tennis problems that may arise. We also tender our thanks to those associations who helped to further foster the game by conducting local and open championships.

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AFFILIATED Associations are as follows:-

Bairnsdale	Murtoa
Brighton Districts	Maryborough
Benalla	Nullawarre & District
Ballarat	Narracan - Thorpdale
Ballan	Nathalia
Bendigo	Numurkah
Camberwell Churches	Parkside
Camperdown	Pomorneit North
Casterton & District	Postal Institute
Castlemaine Central	Public Service
Cobram	Portland
Colac	R.S.L.
Charlton	Shepparton
Croydon	Sandringham
Daylesford	Seymour
Echuca Churches	Stawell
Essendon & Flemington Protestant Churches	South East Suburban
Geelong	Swanpool
Hamilton	Tongala
Horsham	Traralgon
Insurance	Trafalgar
Kyabram	Wonthaggi
Kyneton	Warrnambool
Latrobe Valley Churches	Western Plains
Livingstone	Western Suburbs
Mirboo North	Wangaratta
Mildura	Warragul
Morwell	Yarrawonga.
Mt. Wallace	
Merino	

During the year Regional Officers were appointed for the Districts.
They are - S. Bonighton, Traralgon. C. Kneebone, Shepparton.
G. Petch, Ballarat. A. Cleaves, Warrnambool.
R. Snibson, Hamilton.

METROPOLITAN ATLAS SHIELD.

The Atlas Shield for Metropolitan affiliated Associations only, was again competed for with great rivalry and our congratulations are tendered to the winners, Western Suburbs. Runners up were Sandringham.

TABLE TENNIS CENTRE.

1957 must rank as the most momentous year in the Victorian Table Tennis Association's history, for during this year we attained the objective we had been striving for since our inception, our own Table Tennis Centre.

The Olympic Games spurred our hopes, particularly when we learned that buildings erected at Olympic Village had to be removed and would sell at a reasonable figure.

An approach was made to the Albert Park Trust to rent an area of land, the Trust suggested as an alternative that we take over a building then occupied by the Commonwealth Government as a Central Transport Depot which was to be vacated in July 1957, after negotiation we accepted the Albert Park's alternative and took over the building which we have named The Table Tennis Centre of Victoria, our occupation commenced on October 1st, 1957, we place on record our grateful thanks for the wonderful help and co-operation by the Albert Park Trust, as yet we have provided playing space for 27 tables and by 1959 we plan to increase this figure by at least another 12-15 tables.

We have reason to believe the Table Tennis Centre of Victoria is the largest in the World, and it is our intention that it should not only be the largest, but also the finest.

Our special thanks are extended to all who have helped in the commencement of the table tennis centre, voluntary members of numerous working bees, voluntary dutymen, donors of paint and other goods, also donors of cash, Mr. Ted Gallagher must be specially mentioned for his untiring painting work.

TABLE TENNIS CENTRE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

This was held to celebrate our new Table Tennis Headquarters, situated in Albert Road, Albert Park, directly behind MacRobertson Girls' High School. Our congratulations are tendered to the winners. This championship was conducted 1st, 2nd and 3rd November.

MEN'S OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	E. Sokolowski
Runner Up:	-	B. Peters
WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	N. Buckland
Runner Up:	-	M. Znaminko
MEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	E. Sokolowski - B. Peters
Runners Up:	-	P. Sanders - V. Matison
WOMEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	L. Nicholls - A.O'Brien
Runners Up:	-	Mrs. Kneebone - Mrs. Curtis
MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	E. Sokolowski - N. Buckland
Runners Up:	-	G. McIlvena - L. Nicholls
JUNIOR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP BOYS	-	E. Mano
Runner Up:	-	G. Stirling
JUNIOR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP GIRLS	-	M. Freeman
Runner Up:	-	H. Law
SPECIAL SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP MEN	-	T. Healey
Runner Up:	-	G. Stirling
SPECIAL DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP MEN	-	J. Tink - Peart
Runners Up:	-	E. Schreiber - S. Mikolaj
C GRADE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP MEN	-	R. Gough
Runner Up:	-	A. Creighton
C GRADE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP MEN	-	R. Gough - K. Kilgour
Runners Up:	-	K. Ebenwalder - G. Krahforst
NOVICE SINGLES FOR MEN	-	M. Davidson
Runner Up:	-	C. Wong
WOMENS B GRADE SINGLES	-	M. Freeman
Runner Up:	-	H. Law
MEN COUNTRY SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	C. Kneebone
Runner Up:	-	W. Hawley

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

During the year 18 meetings were held and attendances were as follows:-

A. Cooper,	17	J. Mack	13
J. Hosking,	16	B. Gibbins,	17
R. Jones,	17	J. Reid,	15
V. French,	14	* M. Rundle,	18
R. Carlile,	16	R. Hutson,	9
K. Defris,	12	L. Haycraft,	17
E. Leder,	14	K. Williams,	11
		R. Summers.	15

* Last Annual Report showed M. Rundle attended 9 out of 10 meetings. This should have read 10.

MOOMBA FESTIVAL.

Your association again led the way to other sporting organisations by conducting an International Tournament of the Skolnik World Cup in the open air on the lawns during the Moomba Festival. Tables complete with Bat and Balls were also made available to enable the general public to participate in this sport of ours. On each night also, exhibitions were arranged and given by leading players in an endeavour to further the game even more. The Skolnik World Cup was played for by representatives of each country the winners of which was Australia.

3AW MOTHERS DAY APPEAL.

Your Committee decided this was a worthy cause for charity and £280 was raised through our efforts.

SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Summer Championships were conducted at the Table Tennis Centre, Albert Road, Albert Park, during December.

MEN'S OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	T. Kurtak
Runner Up:	-	J. Marton
WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	S. Javor
Runner Up:	-	M. Znaminko
MEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	V. Matison - A. Maraczy
Runners Up:	-	E. Sokolowski - B. Peters
WOMEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	N. Buckland - H. Law
Runners Up:	-	R. Bates - B. Neal
MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	E. Sokolowski - N. Buckland
Runners Up:	-	T. Healy - D. Payne
JUNIOR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP BOYS	-	G. Stirling
Runner Up:	-	J. Nicholson
JUNIOR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP GIRLS	-	L. Cohen
Runner Up:	-	H. Law
SPECIAL SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP MEN	-	A. Robergs
Runner Up:	-	G. Stirling
SPECIAL DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP MEN	-	R. Morrison - R. Robergs
Runners Up:	-	H. Dickison - G. Stirling

SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS. Continued.

C GRADE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP MEN	-	J. Plain
Runner Up:	-	R. Cintold
D GRADE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP MEN	-	G. Wong
Runner Up:	-	B. Vass
C GRADE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP MEN	-	W. Hawley - J. Grubb
Runners Up:	-	J. Mano - R. Cintold
WOMEN'S B GRADE SINGLES	-	M. Freeman
Runner Up:	-	H. Law

V.T.T.A. COACH.

Sponsored by your Association, Mr. & Mrs. Javor have settled down in Melbourne.

Mr. Javor was the official Coach in Austria and now is the V.T.T.A. Official Coach.

Our congratulations are tendered to Mrs. Javor for since arriving in Victoria and participating in the Victorian Championships, minor Championships and pennant, she has not lost one game.

OVERSEAS TOURS.

Norma Buckland made a private overseas tour with success, and visited Moscow at the Russian's invitation.

Barney Peters visited Israel as an Australian representative of Maccabi.

PUBLICITY.

A special cocktail party was held and invitations were sent out to all representatives of the Press, Television and Radio. The object of this night was to get the co-operation of all representatives concerned and to give them the opportunity of viewing an exclusive exhibition by the world famous Japanese Champions, TANAKA, and OGIMURA, this was arranged in conjunction with the Consul for Japan, Mr. Yamamoto.

INTERNATIONAL VISITS.

During the year, your Association in conjunction with the A.T.T.A. had three (3) international visits.

1. Two members of the Hong Kong Team Lou Sek Fong and Chung Chin Ching, these players participated in the Victorian Championships and also your exhibitions at Geelong and St. Kilda Cricket Club.
2. T. TANAKA and I. OGIMURA the Japanese World Champions, Tanaka being the present World's Singles title holder and Ogimura the runner up. Both these events were staged at the West Melbourne Stadium; the Japanese players participated in a test match Australia v Japan, in which Australia was represented by Geoff Jennings, S.A. and Barney Peters, Victoria. Although our players were defeated, the general public were given an opportunity to see how they compared against

world class opposition. The other night of the Japanese players tour was devoted to the City of Melbourne Invitation Championships.

3. New Zealands Women's Team made an unofficial tour of Australia including Victoria and played both at Table Tennis Centre and Mildura, the New Zealand players were - M. Hoar, B. Packwood, J. Magorian.

THANKS.

There were many people willing to give a helping hand throughout the year. To them we offer our sincere thanks. To those good folk who billeted the Juniors for the Junior Carnival - without your help this Carnival could not have been held, also Mr. Jack Nathan for his financial assistance. Special thanks to those many people, both business and private who made donations to our Table Tennis Centre.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

On reviewing the financial statement of your Association, it can be seen that we are in a very sound position. You can justly be proud of the progress table tennis has made in Victoria and by the fresh fields explored in this Annual Report and the future plans that your Executive have in mind, yours is the power to help by assisting us in our every venture.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

R. H. SUMMERS.
Hon. Secretary.

M E L B O U R N E.

19th February, 1958.

A D D E N D U M.

From this report you will appreciate that 1957 has been our busiest year ever, including three International tours, and the commencement of the Table Tennis Centre of Victoria, I wish to express the appreciation of the Executive Committee for the excellent work of our Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. Summers, Joint Assistant Secretaries, Hon. Messrs. M. Rundle and R. Hutson, also our Hon. Treasurer Mr. L. Haycraft who kept the financial records in a most efficient manner.

A. G. COOPER,

PRESIDENT.

January, 1958.

GIPPSLAND REPORT TO VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

SEASON 1957.

Once again it is pleasing to report the success of Table Tennis in Gippsland and the New South Wales Country Team's visit to Traralgon was one of the highlights.

These boys were given a Civic welcome by the Shire President and played excellent table tennis before a large gathering of enthusiasts.

Gippsland is very honored to have two players namely: Jack Plaice of Wonthaggi and Bill Hawley of Traralgon chosen in the final squad to vie for the return Interstate visit.

Tournaments were successfully held at Wonthaggi and Traralgon, the number of Metropolitan visitors to each tournament exceed previous years. Now that both tournaments have been top graded it is anticipated the events will be more keenly fought out.

Gippsland players were well represented at Country Week; the Traralgon Womens team being runners up in the Womens Teams match and four Traralgon women playing off in the final of the womens doubles.

The move of the V.T.T.A. Executive in securing their own rooms is to be highly commended and all Gippsland players wish them every success with their venture.

(Signed) S.G. Bonighton.

Gippsland Representative.

Interest in table tennis on upward trend in Shepparton and surrounding districts. In Shepparton alone over 400 players are registered.

A three (3) man competition was commenced last season for first time and standard has definitely improved. This can be proved by the fact that district players in this years Country Week took both the Ladies and Mens Atlas Shield and also the Ladies and Mens Country Singles (M. Minchinton and I. Foster, respectively).

Tournaments and trophies of very high standard this year. Benalla drawing possibly the largest body of Melbourne players. This was won by Maratzi from Ted Sokolowski and these two players really kept interest in the game alive.

Visit from Coburg Club really appreciated and all players hope that this trip becomes an annual event.

Wishing all players the very best for coming season.

Clive Kneebone.

Koorlong Avenue,
IRYMPLE.
23rd January, 1958.

The V.T.T.A.,

Dear Sirs,

When you asked for a report from me you no doubt would like a regional report. I'm afraid I can only report that so far I've received no word from any other association nor have heard of any activity among them.

However, as president of the Mildura T.T.A. I could give a brief report of our activities. Last season we had a total of twenty-four teams competing in three grades of eight to a grade. The competition as a whole was much keener than previous years. Even at the end of the season there were only a very few forfeits - a thing that in previous seasons has been a serious bugbear.

We held the usual singles and doubles tourneys but have never applied for V.T.T.A. sanctions, as we don't go to the trouble of printing programs. However this year we hope to run a open tournament in addition to our closed events, so will seek permission and print programs.

During the year we sent a team of men to the country-week competitions. Unfortunately we have no ladies competitions here, and the few ladies that do play usually play with the men in lower grades.

Later in the season two teams from Horsham paid us a visit, and gave us rather a lesson in table-tennis I'm afraid. We hope to have more of them in the future. Two teams from Mildura later visited and played teams from the Renmark (S.A.) Association. The standard there appears a little lower than in the past, as we had a win for once.

The New Zealand girls also played exhibition matches against our men - and themselves - while here on an overnight stay on the trip to South Australia for the championships there. It proved the most successful exhibition we've ever had up here, as well over two hundred spectators came to watch it, a rare thing indeed. Even Vic Matison and Kevin Hoyne drew only about eighty people.

I guess that covers most of our activities, but if there is anything else you would like to know, or want me to do, please let me know.

All the best,

Yours faithfully,

Ralph Gaulke.

J. G. Wright,
8 Wawunna Road,
HORSHAM.

24th January, 1958.

Victorian Table Tennis Association,
Report for 1957 Season.

Sirs,

I am pleased to report that table tennis in the Wimmera area is expanding and I confidently look forward to a record 1958 season.

Two likely centres that may affiliate with the VTTA this year are Glenorchy and Minyip - both of which are keen and run regular winter competitions.

I have contacted both towns and made a special trip to Glenorchy to get them started on proper competitive play.

Stawell has a large pennant competition. They conduct a regular open tourney under ideal conditions but their tables are of a very poor standard.

Murtoa like Stawell, is now affiliated with the VTTA and their open last season attracted good entries. It was won by 1957 country champion Ian Foster (Kyabram). Organization of this open was good and tables fair but lighting poor.

Horsham Table Tennis Association had another record year - 49 teams competing in five grades. We held 3 tourneys during the year - Closed, Mid-season and Wimmera Open.

The latter title saw entries come from Geelong, Mildura, Kyabram and Hamilton. Winner of the event was highly rated, George McIlvena (Geelong) who defeated Ian Foster (Kyabram) in Straight sets, 21-12, 21-12.

McIlvena praised the organization and playing conditions and said it was one of the best he had encountered in the country playing area.

The Wimmera, and Horsham in particular, is fortunate to have the best Press coverage of table tennis throughout Victoria. I consider this of great importance.

Very little remains to be done to lift table tennis in Horsham. We have started a building fund to obtain our own headquarters but with a levy each week on every player it will still take years before we see this unveiled.

The Horsham team proved that with practice anything can happen and at Country Week in 1957 they won the Riversdale Shield - the first outside success of any team in the Wimmera.

It is interesting to relate that because of friend-ships made at Country-Week the Horsham Riversdale Shield team was invited to Mildura for a weekend.

They were unbeaten and played at Mildura on Saturday night Wentworth (NSW) Sunday and Red Cliffs Sunday. The team was later invited to Mt. Gambier (S.A.) and defeated that city's top team by a 7-4 margin.

Wishing all table tennis centres a prosperous 1958 season.

Yours faithfully,

James A. Wright.

VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS CENTRE - ALBERT PARK.From 1/10/1957 to 31/12/1957.EXPENDITURE.

Power used	105.13. 1
Installation of Lighting	728. 0. 9
Panelling	200. 0. 0
Building of Committee Room	500. 0. 0
Masonite Fences	87.15. 7
Telephone	16.18. 9
Cartage	22.15. 9
Paint	61.10. 5
Sundries	23. 0. 7
Cleaning	57. 0. 0
Netting	6.11. 8
Keys	19. 8. 5
Sweets	7.10. 9
Rent	167.13. 4
Cleaning Utensils	37. 1. 3
Furniture	19.18.11
Insurances	16. 6. 4
Survey Fee	5. 0. 0
Bats	5.10. 3

£2087.15.10
RECEIPTS.

Donations	53.11. 0
Rented Areas	64.18. 0
Coke Sales	57. 9.11
Ball Sales	16. 5. 6
Sundries	22.15. 3
Table Hire	683.19. 1
Less Amounts paid for Duty	
Men and for sundry purchases	<u>43. 7.10</u>
	640.11. 3
	855.10.11
Excess of Expenditure	<u>1232. 4.11</u>

£2087.15.10

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR 11 MONTHS ENDED 31/12/1957.

Payments.

Victorian Table Tennis Centre - Albert Park	1232. 4.11
(see separate statement)	
Australian Carnival 1956	119. 7. 1
" 1957	<u>40. 0. 0</u>
Plus estimated share of loss	
Honorariums	159. 7. 1
Premiership Pennants & Badges 1956	191. 2. 0
Moomba	51.18. 6
N.S.W. Country Visit	18. 2. 0
Hungarian Relief	29.14. 3
Printing & Stationery	28.10. 0
Postages & Telephone	150. 2. 5
Newsheet	86.16. 7
Promotion & Advertising	117. 2. 3
Metro Championships 1956	51.15. 6
Annual Meeting	8. 1. 6
H. H. Oakley Shield	44. 5. 0
A.T.T.A. Affiliation	11. 3. 6
Entertainment	5. 5. 0
Repairs	30.10. 0
New Clubs Night	7. 1. 6
Post Office Box	1. 1. 3
Sundries - Payments	4. 5. 0
Less Receipts	
State Team - Hire Tables	10.17. 7
Insurances	<u>4.19. 6</u>
New Zealand - Womens Match	
Depreciation	
Audit Fees	
Wreaths	
Excess for 1957	

Receipts.

Victorian Championships	44.15. 4
Affiliation Fees - Associations	59. 0. 0
Clubs - Winter	514. 0. 0
" - Summer	257. 0. 0
Registration Fees - Winter	327. 7. 0
" - Summer	246. 4. 0
Fines - Winter	59.10. 2
" - Summer	13. 0. 0
Scorebooks	42. 5. 0
Handbooks	23. 7. 0
Interest	39. 2. 6
Skolnik Cup	3.10. 0
Junior Pennant	10. 6. 0
V.T.T.A. Badges	3.17. 3
Japanese Tour	652.11. 6
Atlas Shield & Country Week	5.17. 0
Exhibitions	2.13. 0
Tournaments at V.T.T. Centre	91.11. 9
V.T.T.A. Levy	99.15. 0

£2495.12. 6

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1957.Liabilities.Assets.

Sundry Creditors	1405. 6. 8
Australian Carnival 1957	40. 0. 0
World Championships	15. 7. 8
Excess from 1956.1387. 6. 0	
" for 1957. 158. 6. 6	
	<u>1545.12. 6</u>

Bank of N.S.W. - Savings a/c.	514. 4. 2
" " " - Current a/c.	751. 5. 7
Cash in Hand	44. 7. 2
Sundry Debtor	17.14. 1

Sundry Assets.

Amplifier (Cost less Depreciation)	5. 0. 0
Duplicator	6.15. 0
Banderette	4. 0. 0
Urn	5. 0. 0
Jaques Table	20. 0. 0
Portable Typewriter	15. 0. 0
Typewriter	30. 0. 0
Tiered Stand	100. 0. 0
Typewriter (At cost)	18.10. 0
Chairs	100. 0. 0
Fluorescent Lighting	714. 1. 8
Nets and Posts (21)	56. 4. 0
Tables (19)	567.14. 2
Table Tennis Balls (6 dozen)	5. 8. 0

At Victorian Table Tennis Centre.

Scorebooks (21)	1.11. 6
Table Tennis Balls -	
(6½ doz. 3 Star)	
(9½ doz. 1 Star)	11.11. 6
Coca-Cola (30 cases)	18. 0. 0

£3006. 6.10£3006. 6.10

Audited and Found Correct.

(Sgd.) E. Adkins. A.A.S.A.,

(Sgd.) K. Wood.

L. Haycraft, A.A.S.A.,

Hon. Treasurer,

11th January, 1958.