

**THE  
VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION**



**ANNUAL REPORT  
Season 1955**

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

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SEASON 1955

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## 26th ANNUAL REPORT

To be presented to the Annual Meeting of the Association to be held at Earl's Court, St.Kilda, on the 7th March, 1956, at 8 p.m.

Ladies and Gentlemen :

The following is a report of the work undertaken by your Association for the Season 1955.

Main feature this year was the conducting of the 10th Australian Carnival, by your Association, at Earl's Court, St.Kilda.

### INTERNATIONAL WORLD CUP -

There were 16 countries represented in this first International tournament for the Skolnick World Cup; it proved a great success. In the semi-finals, Australia defeated Israel, and Lithuania defeated Latvia. Lithuania then went on to win the event, defeating Australia, in the final.

### PENNANT COMPETITIONS -

The Pennant Competitions this year saw an entry of 255 teams competing in 33 grades (26 men, 7 women).

The standard of play was very high, and all matches were played in a most sporting spirit. It was noticeable that dressing of players was much improved, also full benefit was taken of your Committee's experience in regard to advice on 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 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.

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

M E N :            A Grade            -            Geelong  
                    A Reserve        -            Melbourne  
B1, St.Kilda Ckt;    B2, St.Kilda Ckt;    B3, St.George's,  
B4, Myers;            B5, St.Kilda Ckt.  
  
C1, Com. Bk.;        C2, Com. Bk.;        C3, Sth.Melbourne;  
C4, Springvale;     C5, Sands & McDougall;    C6, Central Transport.  
D1, Golds-Mort;     D2, Burlington;     D3, Sth.Hawthorn ;  
D4, Goodlass Wall; D5, T & G.;        D6, Goodlass Wall ;  
D7, Houghton & Co.; E1, Dairy Research; E2, South Yarra;  
E3, Sth.Melbourne; E4, J. Gadsden;    E5, Springvale;  
E6, Vaccinscol.

W O M E N :

A Grade - Kiwi.

B1, Vincentian ;      B2, Kraft      C1, Crust & Slovak  
 C2, Melb. H. Trust;    C3, E.A.Watts;      C4, Burlington.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS :

The 26th Annual Victorian Championships were played at Earl's Court during the period July 11th - 22nd, 1955.

Our congratulations are extended to the winners of their events.

Men's Singles Championship	..	G. Jennings
Runner-up	..	W. Bates
Women's Singles Championship	..	M. Bowler
Runner-up	..	N. Buckland
Men's Doubles Championships :	G.Tennings --	B. Griffin
Runners-up	K. Evans -	V. Sirjatanicius.
Women's Doubles Championships:	N. Buckland --	M. Znaminko
Runners-up	J. Thomson --	E. Nicholls
Mixed Doubles Championship :	G. McIlvena --	M. Hagger
Runners-up	B. Griffin --	M. Bowler
Junior Singles Championship, Boys	--	B. Griffin
Runner-up	--	O. Franklin
Junior Singles Championship, Girls	--	H. Sullivan
Runner-up	--	H. Thompson

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	..	T. Ramachandran
Special Doubles Men	..	A. Walker -- E. Moy
B Grade Singles Men	..	P. Oldham
C    "                      "    "	..	C. Kneebone
D    "                      "    "	..	C. Kneebone
C    "                      Doubles    "	..	M. Judd -- B. Hawley
Schoolboys Championship	..	D. Hunter
B Grade Singles Women	..	G. Bruce
C    "                      "    "	..	A. Trevaskis.

AUSTRALIAN CARNIVAL :

The 10th Australian Carnival was this year conducted by this Association at Earl's Court, St.Kilda, in September 1955.

Men's and Women's teams from every State competed, with the sole exception of a women's team from Western Australia.

The teams selected to represent Victoria were :

Men : : W. Bates, K. Evans, G. Jennings, V. Matison, B. Peters.

Women : N. Buckland, L. Nicholls, D. Payne, H. Sullivan, M. Znaminko.

(R. Summers was Non-playing Captain of both teams).



Our Men's team was successful in winning the shield which was previously held by N.S.W. our team were undefeated throughout the Carnival.

The women's team put up a mighty performance and the result of the match against N.S.W. was in doubt until the last game, with the score standing at 5 rubbers all, and one game each, N.S.W won the final game, and the match 21 - 19, 6 rubbers to five, thus retaining the shield for them.

In regard to individual results, our players made their presence felt in every event, and for the first time we have in this State the Men's and Women's Champions of Australia in Geoff Jennings and Norma Buckland, hereunder are the individual results.

Men's Singles Championship:	G. Jennings Vic.
Runner Up:	A. Robinson Q'ld.
Women's Singles Championship:	N. Buckland Vic.
Runner Up:	P. Cathcart N.S.W.
Men's Doubles Championships:	A. Robinson & C. Shaw Q'ld.
Runners Up:	E. Sibbison & B. Peters Vic.
Mixed Doubles Championship:	M. Szabados & P. Cathcart N.S.W.
Runners Up:	K. Evans & N. Buckland Vic.
Women's Doubles Championship:	P. Cathcart & M. Bowler N.S.W.
Runners Up:	N. Buckland & M. Znaminko Vic.
Veteran's Singles Championship:	R. Summers Vic.
Runner Up:	A. Champion Vic.
Junior Boys' Singles	
Championship:	J. Stanaway Q'ld.
Runner Up:	B. Griffin N.S.W.
Junior Girl's Singles	
Championship:	H. Sullivan Vic.
Runner Up:	V. Stringer Sth. Aust.

The Team finished as follows:

#### M E N:

1. Victoria; 2. Queensland; 3. N.S.W.; 4. West Australia; 5. Sth. Aust.; 6. Tasmania.

#### W O M E N:

1. N.S.W.; 2. Victoria; 3. Queensland; 4. Sth. Aust.; 5. Tasmania.

At the conclusion of the Carnival, the A.T.T.A. announced their Australian rankings for season 1955:

M E N

1.	G. Jennings	Vic.
2.	A. Robinson	Q'ld.
3.	W. Bates	Vic.
4.	H. Porter	Q'ld.
5.	K. Evans	Vic.
6.	B. Peters	Vic.
7.	B. Griffin	N.S.W.
8.	V. Matison	Vic.
9.	J. Klesman	N.S.W.
10.	M. Dankin	N.S.W.

W O M E N

1.	H. Buckland	Vic.
2.	P. Cathcart	N.S.W.
3.	L. Nicholls	Vic.
4.	D. Shipp	N.S.W.
5.	M. Bowler	N.S.W.
6.	S. Irvin	Q'ld.
7.	L. Thomas	Sth.Aust.
8.	H. Sullivan	Vic.
9.	V. Stringer	Sth.Aust.
10.	O. Carey	Q'ld.

VICTORIAN RANKINGS:

The V.T.T.A. Selection Committee announced its official 1955 Victorian rankings as below:-

M E N

1.	G. Jennings
2.	W. Bates
3.	B. Peters
4.	K. Evans
5.	V. Matison
6.	G. McIlvena
7.	K. Faney
8.	E. Sibbison
9.	W. Lowen
10.	V. SirjataVICIUS

W O M E N

1.	N. Buckland
2.	L. Nicholls
3.	H. Sullivan
4.	D. Payne
5.	M. Znaminko
6.	P. Bull
7.	G. Roberts
8.	A. Jennings
9.	B. Thompson
10.	Y. Fitzroy

ATLAS SHIELD METROPOLITAN:

This event proved popular again this season and there were 9 entries received. We offer our congratulations to Sandringham Table Tennis Association who defeated Western Suburbs Table Tennis Association in the final.

COUNTRY WEEK:

The 4th Country Week proved that this feature of Table Tennis is here to stay. 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:- (30 teams competed men and women).

COUNTRY ATLAS SHIELD:

Men's Winners

-

Traralgon.



COUNTRY ATLAS SHIELD (Contd.):

Women Winners	-	Traralgon.
Men's Singles Country C'ship	-	L. Stone - Kyabram.
Women's " " "	-	E. Braybon - Traralgon.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS:

This year it is pleasing to record 44 Associations affiliated with us. We again thank all these Associations for their interest and co-operation throughout the season, and remind them that the experience of the Victorian Executive Committee is always at their command for any Table Tennis problems that may arise. We also tender our thanks to those Associations who helped further foster the game by conducting local and open championships.

Affiliated Associations are as follows:-

Alexandra	Mildura
Albury	Morwell
Bairnsdale	Maryborough
Brighton Districts	Northern Districts
Benalla	Nullawarre & District
Ballarat	Narracan - Thorpdale
Ballan	Parkside
C'well Churches	Public Service
Camperdown	Portland
Casterton & District	R. S. L.
Castlemaine	Shepparton
Central	Sandringham
Donald	South East Suburban
Echuca Churches	Traralgon
Geelong	Trafalgar
Hamilton	Vic. Rail. Institute
Horsham	Vic. Postal Institute
Hastings	Wonthaggi
Insurance	Warrnambool
Kyabram	Western Suburbs
Korumburra	Wangaratta
Mirboo North	Yarrawonga

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

During the year 14 committee meetings were held and attendances were as follows:-

\* H. Oakley, 8; A. Cooper, 11; J. Hosking, 14;  
 R. Jones, 14; W. Harrat, 14; V. French, 12; \*\* V. Edwards, 2;  
 K. Defris, 9; K. Williams, 12; E. Leder, 11; M. Rundle, 14;  
 B. Gibbins, 12; L. Haycraft, 11; R. Carlile, 11; \*\*\* J. Reid 6;  
 R. Summers, 14.

\* Leave of absence granted. \*\* Resigned 1/8/55 \*\*\* Appointed 15/8/55.

## HEADQUARTERS, EARL'S COURT:

We thank you for your support of this venture during this season, but we must remind you that it is in the interests of Table Tennis in general and your own in particular that more support be given to this venture during season 1956. Each table has its own set of championship lighting.

## PUBLICITY:

Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to the Press, Radio and all the people concerned, who went out of their way to see that our sport received all the publicity that was possible.

## AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION:

Delegates to the A.T.T.A. were again always in constant meeting by correspondence throughout the year, and all delegates attended the General Personal meeting held at Earl's Court, St. Kilda, during the Australian Carnival in September, this year.

Mr. L. Wharmby (Tasmania) was re-elected President and Mr. R. Jones, Hon. Secretary.

The monthly news letter was again published by A.T.T.A. and circulated to all Affiliated Associations by V.T.T.A. keeping all Clubs and Associations fully informed with relation to all Table Tennis affairs, local and overseas.

An Australian team will be leaving in March 1956 to participate in the world championship series to be held in Japan.

## METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, SUMMER:

These championships were held at Earl's Court during December and although rather late in the season, proved very popular. A full program of grade events was conducted in conjunction with the open events and herewith are the full results:-

Men's Singles Open Championship:	B. Peters
" " " Runner Up :	V. Matison
Women's " " Championship:	H. Sullivan
" " " Runner Up :	D. Payne
Men's Doubles Open Championship:	K. Evans - V. Matison
" " " Runners Up :	B. Peters - E. Sibbison
Women's Doubles Open Championship:	H. Sullivan - Y. Fitzroy
" " " Runners Up :	N. Buckland - N. Phin
Mixed Doubles Open Championship :	R. Summers - H. Sullivan
" " " Runners Up :	D. Saville - G. Roberts
Junior Singles Championship:	P. Sanders
" " " Runner Up:	P. Peart
Special Singles for Men:	J. Langdon
" " " " "	L. Green - B. Loughnan



"B" Singles for Men	L. Blackham
"C" " " "	A. Lux
"D" " " "	L. Doyle
"C" Doubles for Men	A. Yorke - A. Sutton
"B" Singles for Women	B. Turner
"C" " " "	B. Turner

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

On reviewing the financial status of your Association it can be seen that we are in a very sound position, and Table Tennis in Victoria is expanding every year.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee,

R. H. SUMMERS.

Hon. Secretary.

MELBOURNE, MARCH, 1956.

#### JUNIOR COACHING:

Special coaching classes for Juniors are being held weekly in an endeavour to foster our game. Any Junior interested in joining, may receive further particulars from the Hon. Secretary.

A D D E N D U M

In a year so full of activity, including the Australian Carnival, I do wish to express the appreciation of the Executive Committee for the excellent work of our Hon. Secretary, Mr. Reg. Summers, coupled with the Joint Ass. Hon. Secretaries, Messrs. Max Rundle and Bruce Gibbins.

In any expression of thanks I must include our experienced Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Len Haycraft who continues to be a tower of strength to the Association.

H. H. OAKLEY,

President.

MELBOURNE, MARCH, 1956.



# VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

REVENUE ACCOUNT TO 15/2/1956.

## PAYMENTS.

Australian Carnival 1955	..	13.13.10
" " 1954	45. 9. 9	
Less Provision )	27 . .	
		18. 9. 9
Premiership Pennants & Badges, (1955 & 1956)		104.18. -
Printing & Stationery		75. 6.11
Postages		59.14.10
Telephone		36.10. -
Annual Meeting 1955		34. 0 9.
Promotion & Advertising		15.11. 0
A.T.T.A. Registration Fees		173. 6. 0
Depreciation		47. 0. 7
Honorariums		141.15. 0
Junior Coaching		29. 3. 9
Skolnik Cup		12.10. 1
Metropolitan Championships		15. 4. 0
Atlas Shield & Country Week		50. 4. 3
Audit Fees		8. 8. 0
New Clubs Night		9. 0. 0
Cover for Stand		19.10. 0
Donation to H. Hopman testimonial		5. 5. 0
Sundries		43.18.11
Excess for 1955.		249. 7. 9
		<u>£1162.18. 5</u>

## RECEIPTS.

Victorian Championships	137. 1.10
<u>Affiliation Fees :</u>	
Associations	22 . .
Clubs	382.10. -
Registration Fees	250.12. -
Fines	52. 7. 6
Exhibitions	17 .
Scorebooks	91.14. 6
Handbooks	22. 3. 3
Badges	2. 2. 2
Interest	26.19. 2
Classified Players Fees	1. 5. 0
A.T.T.A. Registration Fees	173. 6. 0

£1162.18. 5

VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET - AS AT 15/ 2/ 1956.

LIABILITIES

World Championships 1956 :	25 . .
Excess from 1954 -	1,196.15.10
Excess for 1955 -	<u>249. 7. 9</u>
	1,446. 3. 7

£1471. 3. 7

ASSETS

Commonwealth Bonds	600 . .
Bank of New South Wales	102. 1. 6
State Savings Bank	400 . .
<u>Sundry Assets :</u>	
Amplifier (Cost less Deprec.)	29.15. -
Duplicator "	12. 5. 0
Banderette "	7.17. 1
Urn "	7. 4. 0
Tiered Stand "	150. 0. 0
Jaques Table "	54. 0. 0
Portable Typewriter "	18.16. 0
Filing Cabinet	2.14. 0
Typewriter	44.11. 0
Scoreboards	4.19. 0
Badges (at cost)	29. 2. 9
<u>Expenses paid in advance</u>	
Sportsmans Night 29/2/1956	3.19. 3
Annual Meeting 7/3/1956	<u>3.19. 7.18. 3</u>

£1471. 3. 7

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Victorian Table Tennis Association for the year ended 15th February 1956 and in our opinion the attached Revenue Account correctly sets forth the transactions for the period under review and the Balance Sheet exhibits a correct view of the state of the affairs of the Association at that date.

KEVIN. T. WOOD.

E. ADKINS. A.S.I.A.

L. HAYCRAFT. A.A.S.A.

Hon. Treasurer.



AUSTRALIAN CARNIVAL 1955 - REVENUE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE

Meal Allowances	£104. 0. 0
Hotel Accommodation	224. 0. 0
Hire - Earl's Court	140. 0. 0
Balls	23. 8. 0
Advertising	37. 7. 1
Trophies	16. 1. 9
Printing & Stationery	21.10. 0
Reception & Hospitality	10.13. 6
Organising Secretary's Expenses	23. 5. 0
Hire Stands, Tiering Seats and Carriage	79. 2. 6
Sundries	11.16. 0
Excess of Receipts over Expenditure	179. 1.10
	£870. 5. 8

RECEIPTS

State Nominations @ £12.10. 0 per Team	£112.10. 0
Team Nominations	11.11. 0
Championship Entry Fees	165. 5. 0
Gate Receipts - Net	557. 8. 6
Programmes	3. 3. 8
Victory Ball	20. 7. 6

(Signed): L. A. HAYCRAFT,

Associate Australian Institute of Accountants,

Hon. Treasurer.

£870. 5. 8