

**THE
VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION**



**ANNUAL REPORT
Season 1952**

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(Affiliated with the Australian Table Tennis Assn.)

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SEASON 1952

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ANNUAL REPORT

To be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held on the 1st April, 1953.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The following is a report of the work undertaken on behalf of the Association for the season 1952.

Features of the season were, continuation of Headquarters Club at Wirths Olympia, inauguration of Country Week, including Men and Women's individual Championships, Metropolitan Atlas Shield, and the record number of open Tournaments approved by this Association.

PENNANT COMPETITIONS.

192 teams with 916 registered players competed in 24 Grades. (20 Men, 4 Women).

During the season it was found necessary to penalize 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 A.T.T.A. Handbook Complete with V.T.T.A. Match Regulations, obtainable from all Sports Stores, 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:-

MEN. A Grade St. Kilda Ckt. A Reserve Polar. B1 Shell. B2 Lauriston. B3 St. Kilda. B4 City Mutual. C1 Box Hill Footballers. C2 Maccabi. C3 Hakoah J.R.C. C4 C'wealth Bank. D1 Electrolux. D2 Globe. D3 St. Kilda. D4 Explosives. D5 Lyell Owen. D6 C'wealth Bank. D7 Kraft Foods. D8 C'wealth Bank No. 2. D9 Olympic. D10 Edna Grove.

WOMEN. A Grade Hakoah J.R.C. B Crescent. C1 Hecla. C2 V.P.I.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The 23rd Annual Victorian Championships were played at Wirths Olympia during the period 17th to 25th July 1952.

Entries were a record and the Finals played once again on a Friday night to a very keen and appreciative audience, was considered by all to have been one of the most entertaining Finals nights that we have seen.

Michael Szabados (Former World Champion) was invited over from N.S.W. to enter in these championships and also conducted a mass coaching class at Wirth's Olympia sponsored by the V.T.T.A.

We extend our congratulations to the winners of their respective events.

Men's Singles Championship:	M. Szabados (N.S.W.)
Runner Up :	K. Evans.
Women's Singles Championship:	D. Shipp (N.S.W.)
Runner Up :	E. Nichols

Men's Doubles Championship:	M. Szabados (N.S.W.) - R. Summers.
Runners Up :	V. Matison - E. Sibbison.
Women's Doubles Championship:	D. Shipp (N.S.W.) - S. Defris.
Runners Up :	J. Maddison - P. Bull.
Mixed Doubles Championship:	K. Evans - Miss N. Buckland.
Runners Up :	W. Lowen - Miss E. Nicholls.
Junior Singles Championship:	E. Sokolowski
Runner Up :	J. Little

The Victorian Grade events for 1952, were this year conducted again in conjunction with the open events, and it was very pleasing to see the high standard of play maintained throughout the tournament. The following competitors are congratulated on their success:-

Special Singles for Men:	B. Scully
Runner Up :	J. Walker
Special Doubles for Men:	M. O'Keefe - K. Harrison
Runners Up:	A. Fryman - M. Friede
"B" Grade Singles for Men:	J. Walker
Runner Up :	Z. Adlers
"C" Grade Singles for Men:	Wong Seet Keen.
Runner Up :	K. Flannery
"D" Grade Singles for Men:	R. Woff
Runner Up :	M. Fonstein
School Boy's Singles:	Chan Sig Hoe
Runner Up :	Wong Seet Keen
"B" Grade Singles for Women:	S. Kempton
Runner Up :	P. Rigg
"C" Grade Singles for Women:	Y. Fitzroy.
Runner Up :	M. Tucker.

CITY OF MELBOURNE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

This event was again played at Wirth's Olympia during the period 10th - 13th June, 1952. All leading players competed in this event, which resulted as follows:-

Men's Singles:	W. Lowen
Runner Up:	B. Peters
Women's Singles:	N. Buckland
Runner Up:	E. Nicholls
Men's Doubles:	E. Sibbison - V. Matison
Runners Up:	W. Lowen - K. Evans.
Mixed Doubles:	K. Evans - N. Buckland.
Runners Up:	J. Little - J. Maddison.
Junior Singles:	A. Mitchell,
Runner Up :	J. Little

AUSTRALIAN CARNIVAL:

The 7th Australian Table Tennis Carnival was held at Hobart, Tasmania 8th - 12th September, 1952. Men and Women's Teams from every State competed. In addition to the official teams, many Victorians, both players and officials paid their own expenses to participate.

Earlier in the season the selectors had chosen a training squad consisting of :-

Men. K. Evans, G. Hallebone, K. Hoyne, W. Lowen, V. Matison, B. Peters, E. Sibbison, R. Summers.
Women. N. Buckland, P. Bull, S. Defris, J. Maddison, E. Nichols, D. Payne, I. Sherwin, M. Znaminko.

The teams finally selected to represent our State were:-

Men. W. Lowen, K. Evans, E. Sibbison, V. Matison.
Women. N. Buckland, P. Bull, J. Maddison, M. Znaminko.

The Manager and non-playing Captain of both teams was R. Summers.

For the first time in the history of the Carnival there was a triple tie. In the Men's team matches N.S.W., Queensland and Victoria were the teams concerned. For the playoff it was decided that each of the three teams play each other. N.S.W. won the shield by defeating both Queensland and Victoria. Victoria finished second by defeating Queensland.

Our Women are to be congratulated on their good efforts, as they finished second also to N.S.W. It is interesting to note here the grand team spirit that was predominant with both teams all through the Carnival. Results of the Teams Championship and Individual Championships are as follows:-

Men's Teams Championship of Australia:	New South Wales,
Women's " " " " :	New South Wales.
Men's Singles Championship " " :	M. Szabados (N.S.W.)
Runner Up :	P. Anderson (Q'ld.)
Men's Doubles Championship of Aust. :	P. Laza - J. Klesman (N.S.W.)
Runners Up :	V. Matison-E. Sibbison (Vic)
Women's Singles Championship of Aust.:	D. Beregi (N.S.W.)
Runner Up :	J. Williamson (N.Z.)
Women's Doubles Championship of Aust.:	D. Beregi-M. Bowler (N.S.W.)
Runners Up :	A. Snarskyte- F. White (S.A.)
Mixed Doubles Championship of Aust. :	P. Anderson (Q)-D. Beregi (N.S.W.)
Runners Up :	W. Lowen-M. Znaminko (Vic.)
Junior Boy's Singles Champ. of Aust. :	J. Klesman (N.S.W.)
Runner Up :	G. Jennings (N.S.W.)
Junior Girl's Singles Champ of Aust. :	J. Williamson (N.Z.)
Runner Up :	G. Blackie (W.A.)

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

AUSTRALIAN RANKINGS.

At the conclusion of the Carnival the A.T.T.A. announced their 1952 official rankings as follows:-

MEN

1.	M. Szabados	N.S.W.
2.	V. Matison	Vic.
3.	P. Anderson	Q'ld.
4.	L. Laza	N.S.W.
5.	K. Evans	Vic.
6.	M. Colonus	S.A.
7.	W. Lowen	Vic.
8.	J. Klesman	N.S.W.
9.	G. Jennings	N.S.W.
10.	H. Porter	Q'ld.

WOMEN.

1.	D. Beregi	N.S.W.
2.	(D. Shipp	N.S.W.
	(A. Snarskyte	S.A.
4.	M. Bowler	N.S.W.
5.	N. Buckland	Vic.
6.	P. Bull	Vic.
7.	S. Irwin	Q'ld.
8.	M. Mackay	Q'ld.
9.	M. Znaminko	Vic.
10.	L. Pearce	Q'ld.

VICTORIAN RANKINGS: The V.T.T.A. Selection Committee, Messrs. Oakley, Jones and Summers announced the official 1952 Victorian Rankings as follows:-

MEN.WOMEN

1. W. Lowen
2. K. Evans
3. V. Matison
4. E. Sibbison
5. R. Summers
6. V. Sirjativicius
7. B. Peters
8. G. Hallebone
9. H. Bashford
10. K. Hoyne

1. N. Buckland
2. E. Nichols
3. P. Bull
4. M. Znaminko
5. I. Sherwin
6. J. Maddison
7. S. Defris)
A. McClelland) equal
9. D. Payne
10. D. Phin.

ATLAS SHIELD COMPETITION. Early this season, the final match for the 1951 Atlas Shield was played between the two inter-zone winners, Geelong and Williamstown-Footscray Table Tennis Associations, and to the winner of this event, Williamstown-Footscray District, we tender our congratulations.

The 1952 Atlas Shield competition was conducted along different lines for the first time. With the donation of another shield, it was made possible to divide this event into two sections, country and Metropolitan, this being very successful. In the final of the Metropolitan Atlas Shield, Northern Suburbs Table Tennis Association defeated Williamstown-Footscray Districts, 9-19 to 2-9.

COUNTRY WEEK. For the first time it was decided to conduct a Country Week, and we have very much pleasure in announcing that this was an unqualified success, due in no small measure to the Sub-committee who handled the whole programme, Messrs. Haycraft, Rundle and Murphy, and also to the Affiliated Associations who wholeheartedly co-operated in this scheme. The programme was for three days and the dates were arranged so that the players, if they so desired, could participate in the Victorian Championship events. During these three days, team matches for the Country Atlas Shield and the individual Country Championships were played. It is hoped to make this an annual function. The winners of the respective events are hereunder:-
Country Atlas Shield.

(Men) Semi Finals. Moe, 6-15, defeated Warrnambool, 5-11.
Geelong No.2, 6-12, defeated Benalla, 4-11.
Final. Geelong No.2, 7-14, defeated Moe, 4-11.

(Women) Also for the first time a Women's Atlas Shield Competition was conducted. This proved very popular and was played on the basis of each team playing each other. Winners of this event were Warrnambool who won 4 and lost Nil. Our congratulations to these Associations, and to the winners of the individual events hereunder:-

Men's Singles Country Championship:	V. Kozenianskas (Moe)
Runner Up :	G. Wiese (Eildon Wier)
Women's Singles Country Championship:	P. Rigg (Warrnambool)
Runner Up :	M. Haggard (Geelong)
Men's Doubles Country Championship:	V. Kozenianskas-S. Dawson (Moe)
Runners Up :	J. Hosking - F. King (Benalla)
Mixed Doubles Country Championship:	P. Rigg - P. Rigg (Warrnambool)
Runners Up :	J. Lyons - M. Haggard (Geelong)

Women's Doubles Country Championship: M. Haggard-D. Brownlees (Geelong)
 Runners Up : E. Braybon-M. Howden (Traralgon)
 Junior Singles Country Championship : L. Stone (Kyabram)
 Runner Up : I. Ferguson (Mildura)

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS. There were 41 Affiliated Associations representing 420 clubs and 3244 players in 1952.

We take this opportunity of congratulating these associations for the manner in which they are organizing competitions in their respective areas, and wish them to take note that the V.T.T.A. Executive Committee is at their disposal at all times to advise and assist with any problems that may arise in connection with the game.

INTERNATIONAL TOUR. Unfortunately this year, there was not a tour by overseas players, but negotiations are under way for International players to visit here in 1953, as your Executive feels that these visits by International players materially help our players and popularize the game.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS. During the year 16 Committee meetings were held, and attendances were: H. Oakley 13, A. Cooper 14, J. Hosking 14, R. Jones 16, R. Summers 15, L. Haycraft 14, J. Murphy 11, M. Rundle 15, K. Smith 11, W. Harratt 14, K. Williams 13 (a), V. Edwards 12, V. French 10, K. Defris 14, H. Smith 4 (b), K. Harrison 9 (c).

(a) Elected to Committee 7/4/'52

(b) Retired 25/8/'52

(c) Elected to Committee 25/8/'52.

There were 13 Sub-committees formed for various purposes.

V.T.T.A. HEADQUARTERS CLUB. The response this year to the Headquarters Club was very disappointing. There were 101 members only, and your Association suffered a very severe financial setback. We thank the club Committee who worked so hard, and put in much of their valuable time by being in attendance every night on which the club was open, and arranging Pennant Teams for the members. It was unfortunate that very soon after the start of the season Mr. K. Williams found it necessary to resign as Honorary Secretary. This position was taken over by Mr. Ken Harrison, and we feel that 1953 will put the Headquarters Club back on it's feet.

A new feature during the season was the innovation of a Picture Night showing sporting films. This was held at the Headquarters Club and proved a great success.

A noticeable feature this year from the Victorian Championships onwards, was the special lighting over each table which was installed at great expense and made the ideal playing conditions. Also, during the season provision was made for the serving of supper and cool drinks each night.

The success of the Headquarters Club is in each and every Table Tennis player's own hands, and we ask you to rally round to all club functions that are held and bring along any intending new members.

For 1952 the Club Committee consisted of:

Chairman: Mr. A. Cooper. Hon. Secretary: Mr. K. Harrison.
 Committee: Messrs. F. McDermott, A. T. Cooper, K. Mosely, K. Jones, B. Stone, E. Watkins, H. Shaddock, and the Misses D. Payne, D. Sherar.

PUBLICITY. We wish to place on record our sincere thanks and appreciation to all the people concerned who went out of their way to see that our sport, of which we are so justly proud, receives the full share of publicity.

Particularly do we wish to make mention of The Sporting Globe and Staff, whose co-operation was all that could possibly be desired, and we look forward to a renewal of their interest for the coming season.

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 held at the time of the Australian Carnival at Hobart in September 1952. At this meeting a decision was made that an Australian team be sent to the World Championship Series and play in the Swathling Cup, to be held in London 1954.

Mr. R. Vardon, (Sth. Aust.) resigned as President of the A.T.T.A. and Mr. J. Nies (N.S.W.) was elected to fill the vacancy.

Mr. R. H. Jones was again elected Honorary Secretary of the A.T.T.A.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT. On reviewing the financial position of the Association, it can be seen that the Association is in a sound position, even though financially, 1952 was a very tough and lean year.

Costs of equipment, service and administration have materially increased, and the upward spiral of costs can no longer be borne solely by the Association, so very reluctantly we must ask for your support by having occasion, for the first time in many seasons, to increase your pennant fees for the coming year.

In conclusion Ladies and Gentlemen, your Executive are determined that 1953 shall be another year of increasing popularity of Table Tennis, and be instrumental in bringing to everyone concerned, the goodfellowship that goes hand in hand with our game.

R. H. SUMMERS,

Hon. Secretary.

Melbourne, 15th March, 1953.

ADDE NDUM

Although we were not privileged to have a visit from overseas players, it will be gathered from the foregoing report that last season was full of activity in the table tennis field.

It is, therefore, pleasing to record that Mr. Summers, in his first year as Honorary Secretary, carried out his duties in a most capable manner ably assisted by the Joint Honorary Assistant Secretaries.

I also wish to place on record the continued invaluable service rendered to our game by the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Len Haycraft.

H. H. OAKLEY,

President.

Melbourne, 15th March, 1953.

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REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR 1952.

PAYMENTS

Vic. Champs. 1951	£6.13.10
Aust. Carnival 1951	27.12. 8
" " 1952	258.14. 0
City of Melb. Champs.	19. 5. 7
Telephone	15. 8. 7
Loss on Handbooks	4. 0. 8
Postages	45. 0. 8
Headquarters Club	113.16.11
Printing and Stationery	80. 1. 5
Premiership Pennants & Badges	35. 6. 0
Country Week & Atlas Shield	31. 4. 6
Sundries	18.11. 8
Annual Meeting	10. 0. 3
International Matches	6.12. 4
A.T.T.A. Affiliation (2 years)	10.10. 0
Audit Fees - 1952	8. 8. 0
Honorariums	94.10. 0
	<u>£785.17. 1</u>

RECEIPTS

Vic. Champs. 1952	£2. 3. 1
" " 1951	2. 1. 0
<u>Affiliation Fees</u>	
Associations	20.10. 0
Clubs	228.15. 0
Registration Fees	115. 5. 0
Fines	22.10. 0
Exhibitions	8.15. 0
Sale of Scorebooks	15. 4. 8
Interest	43. 8. 9
Leach Tour Balance	17. 5
Loss	326. 7. 2
	<u>£785.17. 1</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 15/2/1953

LIABILITIES

Bank Overdraft	£157. 8. 2
Honorariums	94.10. 0
Excess from 1951-£1057.6.4	
Less Loss for 1952 <u>326.7.2</u>	730.19. 2
	<u>£982.17. 4</u>

ASSETS

Commonwealth Bonds (at Cost)	£600. 0. 0
Lights and Fittings	100. 0. 0
Balls in Stock (at Cost)	39.19. 3
Amplifier (at Cost)	42.10. 0
Urn	9. 0. 0
Tables (at Cost)	174. 5. 6
Handbooks in Stock (at Cost)	7. 5.10
Scorebooks in Stock (at Cost)	4.16. 9
Typewriter	5. 0. 0
	<u>£982.17. 4</u>

WE HAVE EXAMINED THE BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS OF THE VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION FOR PERIOD ENDED 15TH FEBRUARY 1953, 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 AFFAIRS OF THE ASSOCIATION AT THAT DATE.

E. ADKINS, A.A.S.A.

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Hon. Treasurer.