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## *1949*

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*(Affiliated with the Australian Table Tennis Association)*

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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### SEASON 1949

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#### President:

H. H. OAKLEY, ESQ.

#### Vice-Presidents:

MESSRS. A. WILLIAMS, A. COOPER, H. HOPMAN.

#### Life Members:

MESSRS. A. R. TAYLOR, H. H. OAKLEY, A. WILLIAMS.

#### Executive Committee:

MESSRS. L. CLOUGH, W. HARRATT, J. HOOPER, J. HOSKING,  
J. MURPHY, F. WALBRAN.

#### Honorary Secretary:

R. H. JONES.

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R. H. SUMMERS.

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## ANNUAL REPORT

To be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held on the 29th March, 1950.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—

Your Executive Committee has pleasure and a feeling of pride in presenting the following report on the work undertaken on behalf of the Association for the 1949 season, and it has been shown that at no time has our sport had a greater number of players or a larger following than it has at present.

Again our official publication "Table Tennis" fully reported in detail various activities of the season which, briefly, were:—

**PENNANT COMPETITIONS.**—199 teams, with 997 registered players competed in 25 grades (21 Men, 4 Women).

It is of interest to see the growth of this competition over the past 10 playing seasons, as shown on the following table (during the war period, 1942-1945, no competitions were played):—

Year ..	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1946	1947	1948	1949
Teams ..	80	86	112	124	121	69	73	116	171	199
Grades ..	9	10	15	15	16	11	12	15	22	25

Playing conditions at a number of clubs still leave much to be desired; however, it is beyond our control to make all clubrooms perfect until such time as playing space and regulation tables are easier to obtain, and until we have night lighting restrictions lifted permanently.

The following teams are congratulated on winning their respective grade competitions:—A Grade, St. Kilda Cricket; A Reserve, Hakoah J.R.C.; B Section 1, Shell; B Section 2, V.R.I. Tennis; B Section 3, F. & Y. Social; C Section 1, Bank N.S.W.; C Section 2, Kitchens; C Section 3, Lauriston; C Section 4, Ajax; C Section 5, Foys; D Section 1, Bank N.S.W.; D Section 2, W. Haughton; D Section 3, Adult Deaf; D Section 4, St. Kilda; D Section 5, Harbor Trust; D Section 6, Kraft Walker; D Section 7, Coburg; D Section 8, Elsternwick; D Section 9, Coburg; D Section 10, W. Haughton; D Section 11, Queensland Ins.; Women's A, Ramblers; Women's B, Crescent; Women's C1, Bank N.S.W.; Women's C2, Vaccinsol.

**STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.**—The 20th Annual Victorian Championships were played over nine nights at Wirth's Olympia, from September 5th to 16th. Interstate entries from South Australia, Tasmania, and A.C.T., together with competitors from the country, added interest to the event.

Although a record number of 651 entries were received to compete for the various titles, it is regretted that the attendance at the Finals Night was not up to previous figures; however, this is understandable, as the Championships were played shortly after the International Matches.

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

Men's Singles Championship: W. Lowen.  
Women's Singles Championship: Miss F. White.  
Men's Doubles Championship: W. Lowen-K. Evans.  
Women's Doubles Championship: Mrs. Defris-Mrs. Sherwin.  
Mixed Doubles Championship: R. Summers-Miss White.  
Junior Singles Championship: M. Caloniou.  
Special Singles for Men: D. Yates.  
Special Doubles: B. O'Shea-L. Hamilton.  
B Grade Singles: R. Maddocks.  
C Grade Singles: H. Williams.  
D Grade Singles: H. Williams.  
Novice Singles: J. Furlong.  
B Grade Women: Miss N. Buckland.  
C Grade Women: Miss N. Dodds.

**INTERNATIONAL MATCHES.**—In August, 1949, we had the opportunity of seeing our players competing against the World's two greatest exponents of Table Tennis—Richard Bergmann, who in 1950 won the World Singles Championship for the fourth time, and Victor Barna, who has won the World's single title no less than 5 times.

The main feature of the tour by these two Englishmen, was a Test Match—England v. Australia, played at Wirth's Olympia, on August 11th, which resulted in a win for England 5 rubbers 15 games to Australia 0-0. The Australian team was W. Lowen (Vic.), M. Szabados (N.S.W.), R. Summers (Vic.).

On August 10th, in a match England v. Victoria, the visiting team again won 5-15 to 0-0. In this match Victoria was represented by W. Lowen, R. Summers and H. Bashford.

The City of Melbourne Championships were played on August 12th and R. Bergmann is congratulated on winning this event.

Although our teams were defeated in the International matches, they recorded good performances against players of such world renown.

Successful exhibition matches were played at Ballarat and Geelong before capacity houses.

It is fitting to record in this report our thanks to Victor Barna and Richard Bergmann for their co-operation in the many ways in which they helped to make their Victorian tour a tremendous success, and these two fine sportsmen may rest assured that they have materially helped to improve and popularise our game in Victoria and Australia.

**ATLAS SHIELD COMPETITION.**—The 1949 Atlas Shield event attracted 20 entries from affiliated Associations, and after an interesting competition, the two interzone winners—Geelong and Northern Suburban Table Tennis Associations, played off in Geelong. We congratulate Northern Suburban on winning the Shield for 1949.



**OFFICIAL PUBLICATION.**—Four issues, presenting affiliated clubs and players with Table Tennis news and notes, were published during 1949. Mr. J. Hosking is congratulated on his editorial work for this publication.

**ANNUAL DANCE.**—On Saturday, August 13th, the V.T.T.A. Annual Dance was held at the Maison de Luxe. The opportunity was taken at this function to entertain International and Interstate visitors.

**VICTORIAN RANKINGS.**—The Selection Committee, Messrs. H. H. Oakley, R. H. Jones and R. H. Summers, announced in September the 1949 Victorian Rankings. They are as follows:—

- MEN**
1. W. Lowen
  2. R. Summers }  
K. Evans }
  4. H. Bashford
  5. L. Phillips
  6. J. Phin
  7. A. Vermont
  8. H. Osborne
  9. E. Sibbison
  10. D. Labb

- WOMEN**
1. Miss F. White
  2. Miss E. Nichols
  3. Mrs. S. Defris
  4. Mrs. I. Sherwin
  5. Miss D. Payne
  6. Mrs. J. Thomson

**AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS.**—The following 27 bodies, representing 588 teams and nearly 3,000 registered players, were affiliated with the V.T.T.A. during 1949:—

Ararat, Alexandra, Ballarat, Benalla, Bacchus Marsh, Camberwell Churches, Corowa, Geelong, Horsham, Kyabram, Lang Lang, Maryborough, Mildura, Northern Suburbs, Oakleigh and District, Parkside, R.S.L., Sandringham, Sunshine, Tatura, Tongala, Vic. Public Service, Vic. Railways Inst., Williamstown and Footscray, Wodonga, Yallourn, Yea.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS.**—Seven Executive Committee Meetings were held during the year, the attendances of members being:—H. Oakley 6, A. Williams 3, A. Cooper 6, H. Hopman 2, R. Jones 7, L. Haycraft 7, R. Summers 7, L. Clough 6, W. Harratt 5, J. Hooper 7, J. Hosking 6, J. Murphy 6, F. Walbran 5.

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

**AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION.**—This body, which is constituted by a delegate from each State Association, is in meeting by correspondence at all times. During 1949, no Personal Meetings were held, and when it is considered that such a major undertaking as the arranging and financing of the 1949 Barna-Bergmann Australian-New Zealand tour was successfully negotiated and concluded—all by correspondence, that surely speaks for the efficiency of the A.T.T.A. At present, the A.T.T.A. is completing arrangements for Queensland Table Tennis Federation to conduct an Australian Table Tennis Carnival and National Championships in Brisbane, during the period September 11th to 15th, 1950. We wish the Q.T.T.F. every success.

ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS.—Your Executive Committee, during the past year, has left no stone unturned in its endeavours to find suitable Association Headquarters, the need for which is now greater than ever; as reported previously, lack of such facilities is retarding the Association's progress. Over the last few years, the Association's funds have been built up with a view to being able to finance such a venture, and should any member at any time hear of any suitable space that may be vacant or due to be vacated, please communicate with the Association immediately.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—For the first time in the Association's history, your Executive Committee has pleasure in presenting a Balance Sheet with assets to the value of over £1,000. However, during 1950, expenditure will be heavy, as in addition to the rising costs of administration, it is intended to send a Men's and Women's team to Brisbane to represent Victoria at the Australian Carnival.

We, the V.T.T.A. with nearly 4,000 members, are part and parcel of a big international sports organisation being affiliated with the A.T.T.A., who in turn is one of 40 countries affiliated with the International Table Tennis Federation. We all have a part to play in trying to make further progress. The V.T.T.A. is growing and to co-ordinate all our activities demands an efficient and business-like organisation. To ensure this our present organisation needs revision, and to implement this your retiring Executive, after considerable thought, recommend that during the forthcoming season various members be co-opted to serve on sub-committees and thus play their part to further progress the game in Victoria.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee.

R. H. JONES,  
Honorary Secretary.

Melbourne, 20th March, 1950.

ADDENDUM.—As will be seen from the foregoing report, we experienced another season of considerable activity. The main features were the growth of Clubs participating in Pennant competitions, and the outstandingly successful visit of V. Barna and R. Bergmann.

Such successful achievements are not attained without great effort, and in this regard, your Executive Committee merits commendation. Particularly does this apply to our Honorary Secretary, Mr. Ron Jones, who, ably assisted by Mrs. Jones, has worked unstintingly in the interest of Table Tennis, not only in Victoria, but throughout Australia.

H. H. OAKLEY,  
President.

Melbourne, 20th March, 1950.

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## REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 1/3/1950

EXPENDITURE	RECEIPTS
Printing and Stationery .. £32 8 5	Affiliation Fees—
Postages .. .. . 13 1 5	Associations .. .. . £6 10 0
Telephone .. .. . 24 18 11	Clubs .. .. . 208 19 0
Handbooks .. .. . 26 6 5	Registration Fees—
Dance .. .. . 4 14 1	Players .. .. . 124 12 0
Food for Britain . . . 3 0 0	Fines .. .. . 4 7 6
Premiership Pennants .. 21 3 0	Victorian Championships 8 10 1
Atlas Shield Competition 0 5 4	Sale of Scorebooks .. . 11 5 6
Table Tennis Publication 38 9 11	Exhibitions .. .. . 0 10 0
Honorariums .. .. . 78 15 0	Barna-Bergmann Tour .. 522 10 9
Sundry Expenses .. .. 11 12 7	
Surplus for 1949 . . . 632 9 9	
£887 4 10	£887 4 10

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 1/3/1950

LIABILITIES	ASSETS
Trophy Orders .. .. . £25 8 6	War Savings Certificates
Honorariums .. .. . 78 15 0	(at cost) .. .. . £363 0 0
Excess of As-	Bank of New Sth. Wales 32 3 9
sets Brought	Commonwealth Bonds .. 500 0 0
Foward ..£368 10 6	A.T.T.A.—Loan . . . 161 0 0
Surplus for 1949 632 9 9	Tables .. .. . 42 0 0
1001 0 3	Handbooks on hand . . . 2 0 0
£1,105 3 9	Typewriter .. .. . 5 0 0
	£1,105 3 9

Audited and found correct—

E. ADKINS, A.F.I.A.  
C. A. CHAMBERLAIN, A.F.I.A.

Melbourne, 20/3/1950.

(Sgd.) L. HAYCRAFT, A.I.C.A.,  
Honorary Treasurer.

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