

THE VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL REPORT.

SEASON 1936.



HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Annual Report for the 1936 Season of the Victorian Table Tennis Association is presented herewith.

In presenting this report, it gives me great pleasure in recording the amazing popularity and interest shown in our game during 1936, and according to present indications, many records will be broken during the coming Season.

Pennant Competitions: 80 teams competed in nine grades in the Pennant Competitions. As the number of entries received from teams without a Home table was increasing, and owing to the inconvenience caused by such Clubs, the Executive regrets that these entries were not accepted.

Finding suitable rooms for playing Semi-final and Final matches has always been an arduous job for the Executive and the position has become worse now, owing to the number of followers Semi-finalists and Finalists bring to witness their games. In future, these matches will have to be played in suitable halls.

Every year, a few teams withdraw, owing to their rooms being not available for further matches. This is regrettable, but is a matter that cannot be overcome at present.

We congratulate the following teams on winning their respective grades:

- A Victorian Producers Table Tennis Club
- B Regent Table Tennis Club
- C Bank of New South Wales Table Tennis Club
- D Port Melbourne Table Tennis Club
- E Middle Park Surf Table Tennis Club
- F Austox Table Tennis Club
- G Sackville Street Table Tennis Club
- H Cash's Table Tennis Club
- Ladies' National Mutual Table Tennis Club

Victorian Championships: The preliminary rounds of the Victorian Championships were decided at the Y.M.C.A. and so that Matches would not have to be played at late hours, it was decided to play same over six nights instead of five as in 1935.

In an effort to reduce crowds at the Y.M.C.A., who cause great inconvenience to the players, a small charge was made for admission. This innovation was a success to a certain degree - that it paid for the hire of the hall - but it seems that free admission or pay, the crowds will come.

It is pleasing to see the number of entries received from players who do not participate in our Pennant competitions.

Originally, the Finals were to have been played in the Lower Town Hall on August 26th, but the bookings were so heavy that your Executive had no alternative but look for a larger Hall, and so it was decided to play the Finals of the Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Ladies' Singles and Junior Singles, in the Main Melbourne Town Hall, on July 5th. This venture drew the largest crowds ever to witness Table Tennis in Australia, and the publicity gained gave our game a tremendous boost.

The results of the various events were as follows:

Men's Singles Championship	H. Crawley
Ladies' " "	Miss I. Crump
Men's Doubles " "	F. Matthews & K. Adamson
Mixed " "	F. Matthews & Miss F. White
Special Singles for Men	R. Jackson
"B" Grade " " "	T. Rothfield
"C" " " " "	J. Hurley
Junior Singles Champ. for Boys	K. Adamson

Congratulations are tendered to the Victors.

It is felt that special mention should be made on the excellent performance given by H. Crawley and H. Oakley in the Semi Final of the Men's Singles, also the Final between H. Crawley and K. Adamson. This match thrilled the spectators and the listeners-in alike with the marvellous hitting and defensive strokes of both players.

Second Australian Carnival: The following team represented Victoria at the 2nd Australian Carnival held in Adelaide, during September last:

F. Matthews, K. Adamson, J. Thoms, and K. Jones. This was the best team the selectors (Messrs. Taylor, Oakley and Jones) could select from prominent players available, and although only one member of the team (F. Matthews) had previous experience in Interstate games, their performances were a credit to Victoria.

Special congratulations must be given to Jimmy Thoms on bringing back the Open Singles Title to Victoria.

The results of the Teams Premiership were:-
South Australia (6 points), 1st; N.S.W. (4 points), 2nd;
Victoria (2 points), 3rd; Queensland (0 points), 4th.

Congratulations are extended to South Australia on winning the premiership.

The results of the National Championships were:-

Open Singles: J. Thoms (Victoria), with
R. Roberts (S. Aust.) as runner up.

Open Doubles: M. Lane and M. Coleman (S. Aust.);
runners up, K. Adamson and F. Matthews (Victoria).

Ladies' Singles: Miss F. Hicks (S. Aust.);
runner up, Miss Kentish (S. Aust.).

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. Ward and Miss Jacobs (N.S.W.)
runners up, Misses Hicks and Rickard (S. Aust.).

Interstate Match: The opportunity of playing while the N.S.W. Team was passing through Melbourne to Adelaide was taken on the 5th September, when an Interstate match was played at the Y.M.C.A., results being: N.S.W. defeated Victoria, 11 sets to 8.

This evening proved that matches on a Saturday night are not successful, as it is too much to ask of players to put their best into a game after participating in other sports in the afternoon.

Exhibition Matches: Throughout the Season, leading players gave Exhibition matches, both in the City and country. We offer our thanks to these players. Such exhibitions not only show how our game is played, but boost it as well.

Annual Dinner: The first Annual Dinner of the Association was held at Carlyon's Hotel, on 11/11/1936. The attendance for such a function for the first time, was very gratifying. I foresee that this will be one of our main functions.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Harry Hopman for presenting the 1936 Pennants on this occasion.

Affiliated Associations: During the Season, the following bodies affiliated with this Association:

Beechworth Table Tennis Association.
 Central Gippsland Table Tennis Association.
 Cheltenham & District Table Tennis Association.
 Colac Table Tennis Association.
 Melb. Metro. Athletic & Tramways Table Tennis Assocn.
 Oakleigh & District Table Tennis Association.
 Terang Table Tennis Association.

It is surprising the popularity our game is gaining in the country, and every encouragement must be given to these country Associations. We wish them every success for the forthcoming Season.

Committee Meetings: During the year, 12 Committee meetings were held, the attendances at same being as follows:-

A. Williams	7	C. Moroney	5
A. Taylor	8	F. Pugsley	7
H. Oakley	9	C. Mayman	11
J. Sheehan	9	H. Crawley	1
N. Jones	8	A. Temme	8
L. Haycraft	11	Hon. Secretary	12
A. Pott	10		

Australian Board of Control: The Board of Control met regularly during the Carnival in Adelaide, last September. Mr. A. R. Taylor, the Victorian delegate, was unable to attend these meetings, so Mr. J. Sheehan represented Victoria.

Although the four States, South Australia, New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria, correspond regularly, on Table Tennis matters, no constitutional body exists.

A Constitution submitted by N.S.W., is now being gone into by a sub-committee comprised of Messrs. Taylor, Oakley and R. Jones, and it is hoped that by the commencement of the 3rd Australian Carnival to be held in Sydney this year, a constitutionally formed Australian body will be in existence.

The Board of Control has applied for affiliation with the International Table Tennis Federation.

Publicity: Our thanks are due to Messrs. J. Holbrook, H. Hopman, M. Weston and L. Daley (3 X Y) for publicity given in various forms during the Season.

To popularise Table Tennis, we must bring before the public, reports of our various events and we are really at the mercy of these men, their papers and Radio stations for this support.

General: During December, Mr. H. N. Smith, a vice-president of the English Table Tennis Association, visited Melbourne. An Exhibition match was arranged at the Shell Co., so that Mr. Smith could give his opinion on our standard of play; although our players were not in form, playing out of season, Mr. Smith informed us that they were on a par with those playing County matches in England. This report is very encouraging. On hearing a talk by him, one is astounded at the growth and popularity in England and America. There are 3000 affiliated clubs in England.

Recently Clubs were asked to give permission to your Executive to adopt balls for the 1937 Season. This permission being granted, the following balls were adopted:-

Atlas
Villa
Demon
Barna (3 crown)

All these balls conform with the I.T.T.F. standard.

The Victorian Championship Trophies were presented by Mr. Rees Aikman (President, N.S.W. Association), at the Interstate match on 5th September. We thank Mr. Aikman for this service.

The time is near when this Association should have its own Club Rooms for Meetings, playing semi-finals in Pennant matches, etc. In a game like ours, such rooms should be a success, and we should all strive with this object in view.

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In conclusion, I would take this opportunity of thanking all members of the Executive, for their help and co-operation in my first year of office as Secretary of the V.T.T.A., and to wish all Clubs a most successful and enjoyable season.

R. H. JONES,

Honorary Secretary.

Melbourne,
29/4/37.

ADDENDUM.

I desire to thank most sincerely the members of the Committee for their untiring efforts during the past season. I have received loyal support from all. I also desire to thank the Hon. Secretary for his attention to duties which were very numerous and I think the Association should feel proud of having such an officer.

A. WILLIAMS,

President.

Melbourne,
29/4/37.

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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE & RECEIPTS FOR SEASON 1936.

EXPENDITURE

To Postages	6. 1. 0
" Telephone	9. 7. 7
" Printing & Stationery	15. 9. 11
" Trophies	17. 11. 0
" Sundries	14. 8. 7
" Entertainment	3. 16. 10
" Interstate Match	14. 3
" Annual Dinner	1. 4. 6
" Vict. Champs. Preliminary Rounds	1. 3. 9
" Fares - Adelaide	5. 5. 8
" Balance (being excess of Receipts over Expenditure)	32. 6. 0
	<u>£107. 9. 1</u>

RECEIPTS.

By Finals Vict. Champs.	8. 1. 6
" Affiliation Fees	1. 15. 0
" Sale Hand Books	19. 0
" Fines	1. 5. 0
" General	1. 12. 7
" Entries Vict. Champs.	25. 16. 0
" Teams	38. 10. 0
" Registration Players	27. 8. 0
" Advertising	2. 2. 0
	<u>£107. 9. 1</u>

Melbourne 28/4/37.

J. HOLBROOK)
W. LUMSDEN,) Hon. Auditors.

C. MORONEY,
Treasurer.

BALANCE SHEET FOR SEASON 1936.

Sundry Creditor	
(Affiliation Fee I.T.T.F.	2. 10. 5
Balance being surplus of assets over liabilities	122. 18. 9

Cash in hand	2. 4. 8
Cash in Current A/c.	100. 2. 0
Commonwealth Bank	
Sundry Debtors	1. 10. 0
Stocks on Hand:-	
Blazer Pockets	4. 15. 0
Handbooks	2. 10. 0
Table and Trestles	4. 0. 0
Typewriter	10. 0. 0
Duplicator	1. 10. 0
Printers Blocks	10. 0
Nets & Supports	17. 6
	<u>£125. 9. 2</u>

Melbourne, 28/4/1937.

Audited and found correct
J. HOLBROOK)
W. LUMSDEN,) Hon. Auditors.

C. MORONEY,
Treasurer.