

THE VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION  
AFFILIATED WITH THE AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SEASON 1946

PRESIDENT: A. WILLIAMS, ESQ.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

Messrs. H. H. Oakley, A. Cooper, A. R. Taylor (resigned 7/6/46)

LIFE MEMBERS:

Messrs. A. R. Taylor H. H. Oakley

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Messrs. F. Falkner	F. Matthews	A. Temme
A. Pott	R. Summers	J. Phin
F. Shepperd *	L. Haycraft *	

(\* elected 7/6/46.)

Honorary Secretary:

R. H. Jones

Asst. Honorary Secretary:

C. Mayman (resigned 7/6/46)  
R. Summers (elected 7/6/46)

Honorary Treasurer:

G. Matthews (resigned 28/10/46)

Delegate to A.T.T.A.:

R. H. Jones

Honorary Auditors:

Messrs. J. Holbrook & F. Holzer.

# THE VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL REPORT

To be presented to the Annual General Meeting of  
the Association to be held on Thursday, 8th May, 1947.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Five years ago competitive Table Tennis was suspended - our Members had forced on them a greater game, and now that game is won and Peace is with us again, we must pause to remember those Members who played their part and paid with the supreme sacrifice.

The rehabilitation of Table Tennis, after a lapse of four seasons, has met many difficulties - re-forming of Clubs, shortage of space for Club Rooms, no suitable timber for tables, very few balls, and practically no rubber for bats; however, prospects for 1947 indicate that there will be an improvement in supplies of equipment.

Sport has always figured in our national life, and now, as prior to World War II, there are few Cities or Towns in which Table Tennis does not arouse interest. This interest was reflected in the Entries and Attendances to the Victorian Championships conducted last July.

Local affairs only occupied the stage during the Season under review, namely:-

1. Pennant Competitions: 73 Teams (compared with 69 in 1941, and 124 in 1939) competed in 12 Grades. Interest was fully maintained throughout until the ultimate Grade Finals were decided, and resulted as follows:-

A Grade	St. Kilda Cricket	D Section 1	Goldsbrough Mort
A Reserve	Kiwi	D Section 2	St. Catherine's
B Section 1	Iona	D Section 3	Ivanhoe
B Section 2	Motor Registration	D Section 4	Nonporite
C Section 1	Ivanhoe	Women's B	Ramblers
C Section 2	Port Phillip Mills	Women's C	Harbour Trust



2. State Championships: The 17th Annual Victorian Championships, played at Wirth's Olympia, July 8th to 12th, 1946, proved to be the most successful yet conducted. To cater for the record entry, 8 tables were used for the first four nights, and 3 tables for the finals night, which drew the largest crowd ever to witness State Finals; over 1500 paid admission to the Championships. It is regretted that in certain areas, the floor at Wirth's Olympia is not ideal for Table Tennis. Melbourne sadly lacks a large auditorium with a large floor area and seating accommodation suitable for Indoor Sports, and it is hoped that discussions already made by Sporting authorities will bear fruit, and such an auditorium will be built.

The following players are congratulated on winning their respective events:-

Men's Singles Championship	..	H. Bashford
Women's Singles Championship	..	Miss F. White
Men's Doubles	..	R. Summers - H. Bashford
Women's Doubles	..	Miss Holmes - Miss White
Mixed Doubles	..	R. Summers - Miss F. White
Junior Singles	..	J. McCarthy
Men's Special Singles	..	K. Evans
Men's Special Doubles	..	K. Evans - C. Green
Men's "B" Grade Singles	..	C. Green
Men's "C" Grade Singles	..	J. Beevers
Men's "D" Grade Singles	..	J. Wylie
Men's Novice Singles	..	P. Arnold
Women's "B" Grade Singles	..	Miss A. McClelland.

Affiliated Associations: The following bodies were affiliated with the V.T.T.A. during 1946:

Colac T.T.A.	Melb. & Suburban Beaches Assn.
Frankston T.T.A.	Oakleigh T.T.A.
Geelong T.T.A.	Sandringham & District T.T.A.
Kyabram T.T.A.	Victorian Railways T.T.A.
	Williamstown & District T.T.A.

These Associations representing 168 Clubs are popularising our game in Victoria, and every encouragement should be given them, especially by supporting the District Championships conducted by these bodies.



Committee Meetings: During the year 8 Committee Meetings were held, the attendances at same being as follows:-

A. Williams	4	A. Pott	2
H. Oakley	6	R. Summers	7
A. Taylor	- x	C. Mayman	- x
A. Cooper	4	G. Matthews	4 ●
F. Falkner	-	J. Phin	3 ø
F. Matthews	-	F. Shepperd	3 ø
A. Temme	7	L. Haycraft	3 ø
Hon. Secretary	..	8	

x Resigned 7/6/46  
ø Elected 7/6/46  
● Resigned 28/10/46

In addition various sub-committee meetings were held to investigate and report on different matters pertaining to the business of the Association.

Trophies: Your Executive Committee has pleasure in recording an addition to the perpetual trophies now possessed by the V.T.T.A. Last October, a handsome Cup was donated by the family in memory of the late Ken Adamson (R.A.A.F. Missing Air Operations, 1943). This Trophy is to be contested for annually in the Junior Singles Championship of Victoria event. It will be recalled that Ken Adamson, prior to winning the Victorian Men's Singles Championship in 1938 and 1939, won the Junior Singles Championship four years in succession - 1934-1937.

Thanks are due to Mr. A. Cooper for donating all Trophies for the Women's events for the 1946 Championships; this gesture on the part of one of our Vice Presidents, is greatly appreciated.

Handbook: As no stocks remain of the last edition of the V.T.T.A. Handbook published in 1941, a revised Handbook is now with the Printers. This book is the most comprehensive yet published here, and your Executive Committee feel sure that this new edition will be of help and interest not only to members, but to all Table Tennis Players.

Resignations: The services of 3 leading Executive Members were lost to the Association last year - all owing to the fact that they were moving from Melbourne.

The greatest loss was that of Mr. A. R. Taylor, who at the time of his resignation was a Vice President. Mr. Taylor had been connected with the V.T.T.A. since its formation and was Secretary of the Association from 1932 to 1936. Prior to this he held the position of Asst. Secretary for a number of years, and his untiring efforts in these positions were of the



greatest value. Mr. Taylor was the first Life Member of the V.T.T.A.

During the years 1936-1946, Mr. C. Mayman was Asst. Secretary, and the Association is indebted to Mr. Mayman for the services rendered during his connection with us.

The Honorary Treasurer (1942-1946) Mr. G. Matthews, left us with the reputation as the most efficient Treasurer to hold the position and it is recorded with regret that his services are lost to the Association.

Future Prospects: Your Executive Committee consider that there will be much further development of Table Tennis in the future, and for these reasons: It appeals to the athletic youth of both sexes - it is cheap, and the equipment is within easy reach of all pockets - it is easy to instal in every class of Club - it provides the maximum amount of strenuous competition and sporting rivalry - it is easy to learn - Local, State, and National competition provide opportunity for rewards and reputation - International Competitions for seeing the world and wider recognition.

Our game has all the advantages for youthful sport and recreation, and the development of Table Tennis in the next few years, as more equipment becomes available, will be amazing.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee,

A. WILLIAMS, President,

R. H. JONES, Honorary Secretary.

Melbourne,  
5/5/1947.

I desire to express my personal thanks to our Hon. Secretary, Mr. Jones, for his untiring work for our Association during a year full of difficulties. We are indeed fortunate in having such an enthusiastic Secretary. My thanks are due also to members of Executive Committee who co-operated in a very active manner with Secretary to place our Association in its very prominent position.

A. WILLIAMS, President.

Melbourne,  
5/5/1947.

# THE VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31/3/47.

## RECEIPTS

To Affiliation Fees  
Registration Fees  
Victorian Championships  
Sundry Receipts.  
Handbooks  
Advertising

£79. 3. 0  
62. 0. 0  
101. 4. 8  
7. 6  
1. 4. 0  
3. 12. 0

## EXPENDITURE

By Printing & Stationery  
Postages & Telephone  
Bank Charges  
Cheque Book  
Insurance  
P.M.G. Box  
Cabaret Ball  
Honorariums

£23. 10. 1  
22. 8. 1  
10. 0  
5. 0  
1. 0. 0  
1. 0. 0  
6. 6. 0  
32. 11. 0

Balance being excess  
Receipts over Expenditure

160. 1. 0

£247. 11. 2

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/3/1947.

## LIABILITIES

Trophy Orders on issue  
Balance being surplus Assets over  
Liabilities

9. 11. 0  
253. 5. 11

## ASSETS

War Savings Certificates  
Cash at Bank  
Cash in Hand  
Sundry Debtors  
Typewriter  
Equipment - 2 Tables

60. 13. 0  
175. 5. 6  
3. 2. 5  
4. 16. 0  
5. 0. 0  
14. 0. 0

£262. 16. 11

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R. H. JONES, Acting Hon. Treasurer.

2nd May, 1947.

This is to certify that I have examined the books and accounts of the V.T.T.A. and found same to be correct.

F. HOLZER, Hon. Auditor.

5th May, 1947.