

**THE
VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION**



ANNUAL REPORT

Season 1953

THE VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

(Affiliated with the Australian Table Tennis Assn.)

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SEASON 1953.

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24th ANNUAL REPORT.

To be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held at M.S.M.A. Elizabeth Street Melbourne on 31st March, 1954 at 8 p.m.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The following is a report of the work undertaken by your Association for the season 1953.

Features of the season were the appearances of Diana and Rosalind Rowe, former Women's Doubles World Champions and popularly known as the "Rowe Twins".

This was arranged in conjunction with the A.T.T.A. and all proceeds of their matches played in Melbourne were donated to the Queen Victoria Hospital Building Appeal, this included proceeds from a test match, England v Australia played at Wirth's Olympia on Tuesday 28th July, 1953.

This was the first womens test match ever to be played in Australia and Dora Beregi (N.S.W.) Australian Champion and Aldona Snarkyte, South Australian champion were chosen by the A.T.T.A. selectors to represent Australia, and although defeated by England, put up a very creditable performance.

The Rowe twins also played with our affiliated Associations at Geelong, Hamilton and Warrnambool.

Our thanks are recorded to these girls for the good publicity they accorded the game whilst here. They were champions in every sense of the word, both on and off the court, their charming gracefulness and obvious sincerity won the generous applause of all.

PENNANT COMPETITIONS:

The pennant competition this year was notable for many outstanding items, it was a record entry of teams, 222 teams competed in 28 grades (23 men 5 women), standard of play was particularly high and most clubs, even when at times they found it extremely hard to carry on, were united in their endeavours to always field a side and not give forfeits for any match, this in itself speaks well for the spirit in which the game is played and made for a most successful season. It was also most impressive to see the various clubs wearing neat uniform dress, complete with their particular club badge on shirt.

Facilities for playing were much improved and Mr. Bill Harratt our Match Supervisor was again at the disposal of clubs for advice regarding playing conditions.

It is regretted that once again it was found necessary to penalize a number of clubs for various breaches of Match Regulations particularly late results, and it is requested that all club secretaries and players become more conversant with these Regulations, they are obtainable from all Sports Stores, or in the case of Affiliated Associations direct from the V.T.T.A.

All Clubs should realize that these Match Regulations are formed purely and solely to protect the interests of the game in general and every individual club in particular.

Relevant to this was an occurrence that happened in the Semi-final of C. Grade, Section 1 between Coburg Harriers and Royal South Yarra Clubs.

Coburg Harriers Club were found guilty of having played a member of their C.1. team under an assumed name, they were severely reprimanded and fined £5.

G. Benzil who played under the assumed name was suspended for 6 months.

R. Pearce, Captain, for signing the score sheet was also suspended for 6 months.

The match which was originally won by Coburg Harriers was taken from them and awarded to Royal South Yarra Club.

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

<u>MEN</u>	A Grade Coburg Harriers		
	A Reserve F. & Y.	B1 Maccabi	B2 Hakoah
	B3 Hakoah	B4 St.Kilda Ckt	C1 Central Transport.
	C2 Ukraine	C3 City Mutual	C4 Olympic
	C5 Camden	C6 Foys	D1 St. Kilda Ckt.
	D2 Bk. N.S.W.	D3 Camden	D4 A.M.P.
	D5 Cuaco	D6 Raymonds	D7 St. Kilda Ckt.
	D8 Auburn	D9 Cheneys	D10 Albion
	D11 Postal W'shops.		

<u>WOMEN</u>	A Grade Crescent Red		
	B1 Crescent	B2 Crescent	C1 Burlington
	C2 Vaccinscol.		

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The 24th Annual Victorian Championships were played at Wirths Olympia during the period July 13 - 24th 1953.

A record entry was received, also Interstate entries including Michael Szabados, N.S.W., and Pat Cathcart N.S.W. Womens Champion.

Our congratulations are extended to the winners of their respective events:-

Men's Singles Championship:	K. Evans
Runner Up:	V. Sirjativicius
Women's Singles Championship:	N. Buckland
Runner Up:	P. Cathcart (N.S.W.)
Men's Doubles Championship:	W. Lowen - K. Evans
Runners Up:	E. Sibbison - V. Matison
Women's Doubles Championship.	P. Bull - J. Maddison
Runners Up	M. Znaminko - S. Kempton
Mixed Doubles Championship	K. Evans - N. Buckland
Runners Up	M. Szabados - P. Cathcart (N.S.W.)
Junior Singles Championship	E. Sokolowski
Runner Up	B. Griffin (N.S.W.)

The Victorian Grade Events for 1953 were again conducted in conjunction with the open events and a high standard of play was evident throughout the tournament.

The following players are congratulated on their success.

Special Singles for Men	S. Wong.
Doubles for Men	T. Taffe - K. Fahey
B. Grade Singles for Men	S. Wong
C. " " " "	I. Foster
D. " " " "	T. Sulyok
Schoolboys Open Championship	W. Onusko
B. Grade Singles for Women	J. Mark
C. Grade Singles for Women	O. Marke.

CITY OF MELBOURNE CHAMPIONSHIPS

This event was played at Wirths Olympia on 25th, 28th, 29th May 1953 and resulted in a larger entry than last year, all leading players participated in this event, which resulted as follows:-

Men's Singles Championship:	V. Sirjativicius
Runner Up:	B. Peters
Women's Singles Championship:	N. Buckland
Runner Up	M. Znaminko

Men's Doubles Championship
 Runner Up
 Junior Singles for Boys
 Runner Up

E. Sibbison - V. Matison
 R. Summers - K. Evans
 C. Opie
 D. Oakley.

AUSTRALIAN CARNIVAL.

The 8th Australian Table Tennis Carnival was held at Sydney N.S.W. from 7th - 11th September, 1953.

Men's and Women's teams from every State competed.

The teams selected to represent Victoria were -

MEN K. Evans (Capt.) V. Sirjativicius, W. Lowen, V. Matison.

WOMEN Miss N. Buckland (Capt.) Mrs. M. Znaminko,
 Miss P. Bull, Miss L. Nicholls.

Our congratulations are tendered to Queensland on winning the Men's Shield and to New South Wales for winning the Women's Shield.

A very successful Carnival was conducted by the N.S.W. Table Tennis Committee and hereunder are the individual results:-

Men's Singles Championship	P. Anderson	Q'land
Runner Up	L. Laza	N.S.W.
Women's Singles Championship	D. Shipp	N.S.W.
Runner Up	N. Buckland	Vic.
Men's Doubles Championship	J. Klesman - L. Laza	N.S.W.
Runners Up	K. Evans - W. Lowen	Vic.
Mixed Doubles Championship	P. Anderson (Q'land) and	
	(Mrs.) D. Beregi	N.S.W.
Runners Up	M. Szabados and	
	(Miss) P. Cathcart	N.S.W.
Women's Doubles Championship	(Mrs.) D. Beregi and	
	(Mrs.) M. Bowler	N.S.W.
Runners Up	A. Sarskyte (Sth. Aust.) and	
	N. Buckland	Vic.
Junior Boy's Singles Championship	G. Jennings	N.S.W.
Runner Up	J. Klesman	N.S.W.
Junior Girls' Singles C'ship	(Miss) M. Crossin	N.S.W.
Runner Up	(Miss) P. James	Tas.

At the conclusion of the Carnival the A.T.T.A. announced their 1953 Australian rankings as follows:-

MEN

1.	P. Anderson	Q'land
2.	L. Laza	N.S.W.
3.	K. Evans	Vic.

WOMEN

1.	D. Shipp	N.S.W.
2.	A. Snarskyte	S.A.
3.	(Mrs.) M. Bowler	N.S.W.

MEN

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WOMEN.

4. H. Porter Q'land
5. M. Szabados N.S.W.
6. G. Jennings N.S.W.
7. W. Lowen Vic.
8. V. Matison Vic.
9. J. Klesman N.S.W.
10. V. Sirjativicius Vic.

4. N. Buckland Vic.
5. S. Irvine Q'land
6. P. Cathcart N.S.W.
7. (Mrs.) M. Edwards S.A.
8. O. Carey Q'land
9. L. Pearce Q'land
10. (Mrs. M. Znaminko Vic.

VICTORIAN RANKINGS.

The V.T.T.A. Selection Committee - Messrs. Harratt, Jones, Summers announced the official 1953 Victorian rankings as below:-

MEN.

1. K. Evans
2. V. Sirjativicius
3. W. Lowen
4. B. Peters
5. V. Matison
6. E. Sibbison
7. B. Scully
8. E. Sokolowski
9. H. Bashford
10. G. McIlvena

WOMEN.

1. N. Buckland
2. (Mrs.) M. Znaminko
3. P. Bull.
4. J. Maddison
5. (Mrs.) N. Phin
6. A. McClelland
7. (Mrs.) J. Thompson
8. (Mrs.) S. Defris
9. D. Payne
10. L. Nicholls.

ATLAS SHIELD METROPOLITAN.

Once again this proved very successful and the winners of Section 1 played the winners of Section 2.

Northern Suburbs Table Tennis Association won the final, defeating Camberwell Churches Table Tennis Association 11 - 22 to 0 - 4.

COUNTRY WEEK:

The second Country Week was even a greater success than the previous year. Our thanks go to all the players of the various affiliated associations who co-operated so well. During this week team matches for the Country Atlas Shield and the individual Country Championships were played. The winners of the respective events are hereunder:-

Country Atlas Shield.

Men Winners - - -
 Runner Up - - -
 Women Winners - - -
 Runners Up - - -

Kyabram Table Tennis Association.
 Horsham " " "
 Warrnambool T. T. Association.
 Narracan-Thorpdale T.T. Assoc.

Men's Singles Country Championship	A. Hamilton (Kyabram)
Runner Up:	I. Foster (Kyabram)
Women's Singles Country C'ship:	M. Rigg (Warrnambool)
Runner Up:	M. Leys (Thorpdale)
Men's Doubles Country C'ship:	I. Foster-A. Hamilton (Kyabram)
Runners Up:	P. Rigg - B. Bernari (W'bool.)
Mixed Doubles Country C'ship:	P. & M. Rigg (W'bool.)
Runners Up:	L. Stone-M. Howden (Kyabram)
Women's Doubles Country C'ship:	M. Rigg - J. Smith (W'bool.)
Runners Up:	M. Leys - B. Lloyd (Thorpdale)
Junior Singles Country C'ship:	L. Stone (Kyabram)
Runner Up	H. Hotchkins (Thorpdale)

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS.

This year there were 42 affiliated associations throughout Victoria, an increase from the previous season.

We again thank all the Associations for their interest and co-operation throughout the season and take this opportunity of reminding all affiliated bodies that the experience of the Victorian Table Tennis Association Executive Committee is at their fingertips for any table tennis problems that may arise. Our thanks are recorded to those affiliated Associations who fostered our game even more throughout Victoria by conducting open and local championships.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS. During the year 15 Committee Meetings were held and attendances were: H. Oakley 7 (a), A. Cooper 14, J. Hosking 11, R. Jones 14, W. Harratt 14, V. French 10, V. Edwards 8, K. Defris 10, K. Williams 12, E. Leder 8 (b), M. Rundle 15, B. Gibbins 9, L. Haycraft 15, N. Mills 4 (d), R. Summers 14, K. Harrison 2 (c),

(a) 12 months leave of absence 27/4/53; (b) Elected 9/7/53;
(c) Resigned 11/6/53 (d) Resigned 1/2/54.

There were sub-committees formed for various purposes.

HEADQUARTERS CLUB. Season 1953 saw our Headquarters Club at Wirth's Olympia go on to even greater success and it is with a great feeling of regret that we record Wirths being destroyed by fire.

Through this unfortunate occurrence we have lost our playing ground, for it was there that all our major table tennis was played. The famous Jacques table presented to the Victorian Table Tennis Association from England by H.N. Smith Esq., on which the final of the World's Championship was decided was burnt to ashes along with our other tables and equipment, but although those things can and will be replaced, our greatest difficulty at the present time is playing quarters in a hall convenient to the City.

If any of our table tennis fraternity know of such a place, word of advice from you will be appreciated.

Unfortunately for the season 1954 it is extremely doubtful if there will be a Headquarters Club, but we hasten to assure you that although a ground has yet to be found, the 1954 Victorian Table Tennis Championships will be held.

PUBLICITY: Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to all the people concerned who went out of their way to see that our Sport received its available newspaper space.

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 Australian Carnival in Sydney 1953.

Mr. J. Nies (N.S.W.) was elected President and Mr. R. Jones Honorary Secretary.

A high honor was given to Mr. R. Jones by conferring on him an Honorary Life Membership of the A.T.T.A.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT. Reviewing the financial status of your Association it can be seen that we are in a very sound position and your Executive are determined that Table Tennis in Victoria must go forward every season.

Symbolical of this is the arrival on our shores of our Gracious Queen, who as you all know has followed in the footsteps of her illustrious Father, King George VI and is now a Patroness of the English Table Tennis Association, as Her Majesty could not possibly accept all the positions as Patroness that are requested of her it is fitting that our noble game is held in such high esteem.

This coming year 1954 will see your Association embark on its Jubilee year, 25 years of progress as it can be truthfully and proudly said that every year is bigger and better than the previous, and so it is we look forward to this season with greater confidence than ever before.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee.

R. H. SUMMERS.

Hon. Secretary.

MELBOURNE. 15th March, 1954.

ADDENDUM.

During the last 12 months I have unfortunately been absent from the State on business for the majority of the time. However, I know the activities of the Association have been ably conducted and I do once again wish to record our grateful thanks to the Honorary Secretary Mr. Reg. Summers for his sterling work. The lot of a Secretary is a difficult one and Mr. Summers has shouldered his responsibilities in a most capable and affable manner.

I also wish to record our grateful thanks to the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Len Haycraft, who continues to guide our finances so expertly.

Mr. Haycraft and Mr. Rundle are due for our congratulations and thanks for their efforts in conducting Country Week so efficiently, and to the obvious enjoyment of our guests.

H. H. OAKLEY.

President.

Melbourne. 15th March, 1954.

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REVENUE ACCOUNT TO 28/2/1954.

PAYMENTS

Australian Carnival	120. 6.10
Telephone	27. 4. 6
Premiership Pennants	
and Badges	50.17. 0
Printing & Stationery	70. 2. 4
Postages	60. 3.10
Annual Meeting	24. 4. 9
Promotion & Advertising	31. 2. 6
Rowe Tour	27. 3. 9
Sundries	20. 0. 1
Audit Fees	8. 8. 0
A.T.T.A. Affiliation	5. 5. 0
Depreciation	6. 0. 0
Honorariums	110. 5. 0
Profit for 1953	237.17. 0
	<u>£799. 0. 7d.</u>

RECEIPTS.

Vic. Championships	52.17. 0
Affiliation Fees	
Associations	22.10. 0
Clubs	334.10. 0
Registration Fees	224.16. 0
Fines	32. 5. 0
Exhibitions	1.15. 0
Sale of Scorebooks	51.15. 0
Sale of Handbooks	21.10. 9
Interest	18. 4. 6
City of Melb. Championships	8. 1. 0
Country Week	16. 1. 4
Hire of Amplifier	1. 1. 0
Headquarters Club Profit	13.14. 0
	<u>£799. 0. 7</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 28/2/1954.

LIABILITIES

Equipment Reserve	25.14. 6
Excess from 1952	730.19.2
Profit for 1953	<u>237.17.0</u>
	968.16. 2
	<u>£994.10. 8d.</u>

ASSETS.

Commonwealth Bonds	600. 0. 0
Bank of New South Wales	290. 4. 5
Balls in Stock	31.10. 0
Amplifier	38. 5. 0
Urn	9. 0. 0
Banderette	9.16. 3
Duplicator	15.15. 0
	<u>£994.10. 8d.</u>

We have examined the Books and Accounts of The Victorian Table Tennis Association for the year ended 28th February 1954 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.

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

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Hon. Treasurer.