

**THE
VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION**



**ANNUAL REPORT
Season 1954**

THE VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION.
(Affiliated with the Australian Table Tennis Assn.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SEASON 1954.

President:

H.H. OAKLEY, ESQ.

Vice Presidents:

MESSRS. A. COOPER, J. HOSKING, R. JONES.

Life Members:

MESSRS. A.R. TAYLOR, H.H. OAKLEY, A. WILLIAMS,
R. JONES, L. HAYCRAFT.

Executive Committee:

MESSRS. W. HARRATT, V. EDWARDS, V. FRENCH,
K. DEFRIS, E. LEDER, R. CARLILE.

Honorary Secretary:

R. H. SUMMERS.

Joint Assistant Honorary Secretaries:

M. RUNDLE. B. GIBBINS.

Honorary Treasurer:

L. HAYCRAFT, A. I. C. A.

Assistant Honorary Treasurer:

K. WILLIAMS.

Delegate to A.T.T.A.

R. H. JONES.

Auditors:

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

K. WOOD.

RECORD YEAR 1900-1901

Record Year Number of
Remnant Teams
2 is Champs
Sunny Weeks

New York Metropolitan
Champs Summer

THE VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

25TH ANNUAL REPORT

To be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held at Earl's Court, St. Kilda, on the 9th March, 1955, at 8 p.m.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The following is a report of the work undertaken by your Association for the season 1954.

This was our Silver Jubilee year, celebrating 25 years of Table Tennis in this State and it was a momentous year.

One main feature of this season was the appearances of former World champions Richard Bergmann and Johnny Leach, at Earl's Court, St. Kilda and in some Victorian country centres.

During the year it was decided to make Earl's Court, St. Kilda the Headquarters of the Victorian Association and we feel sure you will agree it is something of which we can all be very proud. On its success depends the support of all table tennis enthusiasts.

Bergmann and Leach played three nights at Earl's Court, the main night being a test match between England and Australia. For this event your Committee brought to Melbourne the selected Australian Team, Phil Anderson, National champion from Queensland, and Geoff Jennings from N.S.W. Ken Evans of Victoria was the third member of the Australian team.

Although defeated, 5 rubbers to love, it was a memorable night of Table Tennis, and we were honored by the patronage of Sir Dallas and Lady Brooks.

BERGMANN - COACHING.

For the first time in Victoria, arrangements were made by your Committee for all affiliated clubs and Associations, to participate in a coaching scheme by a world famous player.

Richard Bergmann, when his tour finished with Johnny Leach, was brought back to Melbourne to do individual coaching at Earl's Court, St. Kilda and he also attended a number of clubs at their own rooms. It was unfortunate that his visit had to be curtailed owing to Overseas commitments, but the time spent here is sure to improve the already high standard of play.

PENNANT COMPETITIONS.

The Pennant Competitions this year saw a record entry of both men's and women's teams, 264 teams competed in 63 grades. (27 men, 6 women). The standard of play improved considerably and

Referee

Rule 10. order of play.
11. started by captain
agreement

57 Sustained
Novak.

THE VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

A G E N D A

FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT

EARL'S COURT

9th MARCH, 1955.

1. Minutes.
2. Executive Committee's Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
3. Election of Office Bearers and Committeemen.
4. Election of Auditors.
5. Presentation of Pennants and Ribbons.
6. Match Regulations.

Notice of Resolution & Recommendation from Executive Committee that portion of the 6th line of match regulation 5 on page 2 be deleted, and the following to be inserted - "12 noon of the second day following date of fixture" in place of - "12 noon on the Friday following the match".

7. Notice of Resolution from St. George's Table Tennis Club that clause 17 Victorian Table Tennis Association match regulations be added to as follows:- a player once registered with a club, must obtain a clearance from that club before being eligible to play with any other club; UNLESS he gives notice in writing to his Club Secretary, at least 4 weeks before the date set down for the Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Table Tennis Association for that year.
 8. General Business.
-

THE VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 9th MARCH 1955.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEEMEN.

LIST OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

President:	H. Oakley	☒
Vice Presidents:	A. Cooper	☒
	J. Hosking	☒
	R. Jones	☒
Hon. Secretary:	R. Summers	☒
Joint Asst. Hon. Secretaries:	M. Rundle	☒
	B. Gibbons	☒
Hon. Treasurer:	L. Haycraft	☒
Asst. Hon. Treasurer:	K. Williams	☒
Committeemen:	R. Carlile	☒
	K. Defris	☒
	V. Edwards	☒
	V. French	☒
	W. Harratt	☒
	E. Leder	☒
	J. Murphy	
	J. Reid	
	A. Walker	

☒ Retiring members eligible for re-election.

SIX TO BE ELECTED

PENNANT COMPETITIONS (Contd.)

was very high. All clubs rallied around to help the administrative control function most efficiently, and the spirit in which the game was played made for a successful season. It was noticed that more clubs are making an endeavour to have their own distinguishing badge on their playing shirts.

Playing conditions were much improved, and once again full benefit was taken of your Committee's experience in regard to advice on these matters.

It was found necessary on some occasions to penalize clubs for various breaches of match regulations, particularly late results, and it is requested that all Clubs bring themselves up to date by obtaining copies from any sports store, or in the case of Affiliated Associations, direct from the V.T.T.A., as these regulations are formed solely for the purpose of protecting the clubs in the interest of the game in general.

The following teams are congratulated on winning their respective grade competitions:-

MEN:

✓ A Grade Coburg Harriers 2.			
✓ A Reserve	✓ City Mutual	✓ B1	St. Kilda Cricket.
✓ B2 F'men's Bend	✓ B3 Coburg Harriers	✓ B4	Myers
✓ B5 Forest Products	✓ C1 Cuaco	✓ C2	Kraft
✓ C3 St. Georges	✓ C4 Hakoah	✓ C5	Adult Deaf
✓ C6 Thornbury C.Y.M.S.D1	✓ Pt. Phillip	✓ D2	Bk. N.S.W.
✓ D3 Electrolux	✓ D4 Glazebrooks	✓ D5	V.R.I.
✓ D6 Rusman	✓ D7 Repatriation	✓ E1	Melb. Har. Trust
✓ E2 Prahran Y.S.	✓ E3 Raymonds	✓ E4	Golds. Mort.
✓ E5 Gainsborough	✓ E6 Goodlass Wall	✓ E7	<i>Russell</i>

WOMEN:

A Grade Kiwi		
B1 Vaccinscol	B2 Public Service	C1 Autojax
C2 Vaccinscol	C3 Austin Hospital	

At this stage it is interesting to pause for a moment and reflect on the growth of pennant teams over the period of a few years, the figures are as follows:- 1946 - 73 Teams, 1947 - 116 Teams, 1948 - 171 Teams, 1949 - 199 Teams, 1950 - 203 Teams, 1951 - 189 Teams, 1952 - 192 Teams, 1953 - 222 Teams, 1954 - 264 Teams.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The 25th Annual Victorian Championships were played at Earl's Court during the period July 26th - 30th, 1954.

A record entry was received and our congratulations are extended to the winners of their events:-

Men's Singles Championship:	G. Jennings (N.S.W.)
Runner Up :	W. Lowen
Women's Singles Championship:	N. Buckland
Runner Up :	L. Nicholls
Men's Doubles Championship:	G. McIlvens - S. Impey
Runners Up :	K. Williams - D. Saville
Women's Doubles Championship:	J. Thompson - E. Nicholls
Runners Up :	P. Bull - J. Angwin
Mixed Doubles Championship:	K. Evans - N. Buckland
Runners Up :	V. Matison - N. Phin
Junior Singles Championship:	B. Griffin (N.S.W.)
Runner Up :	T. Sulyok

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

We congratulate the following players on their success:-

Special Singles for Men:	J. Walker
Special Doubles for Men:	W. Johnston - N. Davies
"B" Grade Singles for Men:	E. Clarkson
"C" Grade Singles for Men:	L. Stone
"D" Grade Singles for Men:	B. Loughlin
Schoolboy's Open Championship:	D. Oakley
"B" Grade Singles for Women:	J. Hardy
"C" Grade Singles for Women:	V. Bailey

CITY OF MELBOURNE CHAMPIONSHIP.

This event was played at Earl's Court, St. Kilda on Friday 13th August and special invitations were issued to leading players to participate. Amongst these were Johnny Leach and Richard Bergmann (England), Phil Anderson (Q'ld.) and Geoff Jennings (N.S.W.)

The winner was Johnny Leach and the Runner Up - Richard Bergmann. In this final match was seen some of the best Table Tennis that it has been our good fortune ever to applaud. Both these players were presented with the Coat of Arms of Melbourne engraved on Cuff links as a memento of their visit.

AUSTRALIAN CARNIVAL.

The 9th Australian Carnival was held at Perth, West Australia in September, 1954.

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

The teams selected to represent Victoria were -

<u>MEN</u>	V. Matison, E. Sibbison, V. Sirjativicius, R. Summers (Capt.) (W. Lowen & K. Evans were not available).
<u>WOMEN</u>	Miss N. Buckland (Capt.) Miss P. Bull, Miss L. Nicholls, Mrs. N. Phin.

Our congratulations are tendered to N.S.W. on winning both the Men's and Women's Shields.

A successful Carnival was conducted by the W.A. Table Tennis Association and hereunder are the individual results:-

Men's Singles Championship:	P. Anderson	Q'land.
Runner Up:	G. Jennings	N.S.W.
Women's Singles Championship:	D. Shipp	N.S.W.
Runner Up:	N. Buckland	Vic.
Men's Doubles Championship:	G. Jennings & B. Griffon	N.S.W.
Runners Up:	P. Anderson - H. Porter	Q'land
Mixed Doubles Championship:	J. Klesman - P. Smith	N.S.W.
Runners Up:	V. SirjataVICIUS - N. Buckland	Vic.
Women's Doubles Championship:	N. Buckland - N. Phin	Vic.
Runners Up:	S. Irvine - D. Weatherly	Q'land.
Junior Boy's Singles Championship:	B. Griffin	N.S.W.
Runner Up:	N. Norman	Sth. Aust.
Junior Girl's Singles Championship:	V. Stringer	Sth. Aust.
Runner Up:	G. Blackie	W. Aust.

In regard to Individual Events, special mention is worthy of Norma Buckland, who was runner up in the Women's open Singles, and partnered by Norma Phin, succeeded in winning the Women's Open Doubles Title.

The Women's Team also made a very good fight in the Carnival finishing second only to N.S.W. In the N.S.W. Match, which was played last, our girls were defeated 6 rubbers to 5.

The teams finished as follows:-

MEN 1. N.S.W. 2. Queensland. 3. Victoria. 4. West. Aust.
5. Sth. Aust. 6. Tasmania.

WOMEN 1. N.S.W. 2. Victoria. 3. Queensland. 4. Sth. Aust.
5. West. Aust. 6. Tasmania.

At the conclusion of the Carnival the A.T.T.A. announced their Australian rankings for 1954:-

<u>MEN</u>			<u>WOMEN</u>		
1.	P. Anderson	Q'ld.	1.	D. Shipp	N.S.W.
2.	G. Jennings	N.S.W.	2.	N. Buckland	Vic.
3.	H. Porter	Q'ld.	3.	M. Bowler	N.S.W.
4.	M. Dankin	N.S.W.	4.	S. Irvine	Q'land.
5.	A. Robertson	Q'ld.	5.	M. Edwards	Sth. Aust.
6.	W. Bates	W.A.	6.	B. Judd	Q'ld.
7.	W. Hodge	N.S.W.	7.	I. Villums	Sth. Aust.
8.	C. Neidenback	Tas.	8.	N. Phin	Vic.
9.	V. Matison	Vic.	9.	L. Thomas	Sth. Aust.
10.	V. Sirjatavictius	Vic.	10.	P. Bull	Vic.

INSUFFICIENT PERFORMANCES.

<u>MEN</u>	J. Klesman	N.S.W.	K. Evans	Vic.	<u>WOMEN</u>	P. Cathcart	N.S.W.
	W. Lowen	Vic.				L. Pearce	Q'ld.

VICTORIAN RANKINGS.

The V.T.T.A. Selection Committee announced their official 1954 Victorian rankings as below:-

<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>
1. V. Matison	1. N. Buckland
2. W. Lowen	2. N. Phin
3. K. Evans	3. D. Payne
4. V. Sirjatavicius	4. J. Thompson
5. E. Sibbison	5. L. Nicholls
6. K. Williams	6. P. Bull
7. R. Summers	7. G. Roberts
8. K. Hoyne	8. I. Sherwin
9. E. Sokolowski	9. S. Defris
10. G. McIlvena	10. H. Laskowski

ATLAS SHIELD METROPOLITAN.

This event proved most popular again this season and the entries showed a marked increase on the previous year. Once again Northern Suburbs proved too strong for their opponents defeating Camberwell Churches Table Tennis Association in the final, and to them we offer our congratulations. 11 Teams competed in this event.

COUNTRY WEEK.

The 3rd Country Week was bigger, and better than the previous year and showed a marked increase in the entries received. It was held for the first time at Earl's Court and this enabled all our Country players to view our Headquarters and play under World class conditions. Our thanks go to all the players of the various affiliated Associations for their co-operation. During this week team matches for the Country Atals Shield and the individual Country Championships were played. The winners of the respective events are hereunder:- (31 teams competing (21 Men) (10 Women)).

COUNTRY ATLAS SHIELD.

Men Winners	-	Traralgon Table Tennis Assn.
" Runners Up	-	Warrnambool " " "
Women Winners	-	Traralgon " " "
" Runners Up	-	Warrnambool " " "
Men's Singles Country Championship	-	L. Stone (Kyabram)
" " " Runner Up	-	A. Moon (Hamilton)
Women's Singles Country C'ship	-	(Mrs.) J. Smith (Warrnambool)
" " " Runner Up	-	(Mrs.) P. Curtis (Shepparton)
Men's Doubles Country C'ship	-	A. Hamilton - W. Sheehan (Shepp.)
" " " Runners Up	-	D. Morris - T. Sulyok (C'maine)
Mixed " " C'ship	-	W. Hawley - Miss E. Braybon (Trar.)
" " " Runners Up	-	L. Stone - Mrs. Gorr (Kyabram)

COUNTRY ATLAS SHIELD (Contd.)

Women's Doubles Country C'ship - Mrs. Smith - Mrs. Martin (Warrnam.)
" " " Runners Up - Mrs. Curtis - Miss Ford (Shepparton)
Junior Singles " C'ship - M. Agnew (Hamilton)
" " " Runner Up - M. Judd (Traralgon)

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS.

This year it is pleasing to note that there were 51 Associations affiliated with us, a big increase from the previous year.

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 Executive Committee is always at your disposal for any table tennis problems that may arise from time to time. Our thanks are tendered to those affiliated Associations who continuously fostered our game throughout Victoria by conducting open and local Championships.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

During the year, 13 committee meetings were held and attendances were as follows :-

* H. Oakley	7.	A. Cooper	13.	J. Hosking	8.
R. Jones	13.	W. Harratt	12.	V. French	9.
K. Defris	10.	K. Williams	12.	E. Leder	12.
B. Gibbins	12.	L. Haycraft	12.	R. Carlile	11.
				R. Summers	13.

* leave of absence granted.

Numerous sub committees were formed for various purposes throughout the season.

HEADQUARTERS CLUB.

Season 1954 turned out to be a land mark in the history of table tennis, as it saw our long awaited dreams turn into reality. Your committee after many discussions with the late Mr. John Brennan of Earl's Court, St. Kilda, eventually decided that our new Headquarters would be established at Earl's Court. There are 22 tables installed for the use of table tennis players including general public who only wish to have an occasional game. Both the top and bottom floors are completely devoted to Table Tennis and this in itself denotes the tremendous surge of popularity this grand game of ours is experiencing.

It is hoped that all our Table Tennis Fraternity will patronize Earl's Court and give us the support that is so necessary to carry on. With our Headquarters firmly established it is hoped to be able to have more functions, both competitive

and on the social side. It is interesting at this stage to make mention of the fact that both Richard Bergmann and Johnny Leach, made special mention that nowhere else in the world, had they seen anything to compare with our Earl's Court and the perfect playing conditions that exist. The 22 tables are available for use every day and night of the week including Saturday and Sunday and each table has its own set of championship lighting.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE.

Used for the first time in Australia was the famous table that the actual final of the World's Open Championship 1954 was played upon. This table was purchased by your Association and shipped out from England to replace the unfortunate loss we incurred by the disastrous fire that destroyed all our equipment at Wirth's Olympia.

SPECIAL GRAND STAND.

To match our new Headquarters, and to accommodate table tennis fans for the Bergmann - Leach matches, a special wooden stand was purchased by your Committee. This stand is a portable type and has been approved by the Health Authorities. If any Clubs are desirous of hiring the stand at any time, further details may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN BRENNAN.

It is with sincere regret that we record in this Annual Report the death of Mr. John Brennan, the Proprietor of Earl's Court.

Although most of our Officials and players had only known Mr. Brennan since our Headquarters were established at Earl's Court early last year, he won the admiration and affection of us all.

As a successful promoter of outstanding sporting events in many fields of sport, Mr. Brennan will long be remembered.

The Association extends to the family of Mr. Brennan our deepest sympathy in their severe loss.

PUBLICITY.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation of to the Press, Radio and all the people concerned, who went out of their way to see that our sport received all the publicity that was possible.

AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSN.

Delegates to the A.T.T.A. were again always in constant meeting by correspondence throughout the year and all delegates attended the General Personal Meeting held at Perth during the Australian Carnival in September this year.

Mr. L. Wharmby (Tasmania) was elected President, and Mr. R. Jones, Hon. Secretary.

The monthly news letter was again circulated this year by the A.T.T.A., keeping all Clubs fully informed with relation to all table tennis affairs, local and overseas.

An Australian team has already left for Overseas to participate in the Swathling Cup, and the World Championships to be held in Holland.

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, SUMMER.

This was the first time these Championships were conducted and they proved a great success. Entries were well up to standard and a full program of grade events were conducted in conjunction with the open events. Herewith are the full results:-

Men's Singles Open Championship:-	V. Matison
Runner Up	K. Evans
Women's Singles Open Championship	N. Buckland
Runner Up	J. Thompson
Men's Doubles Open Championship	K. Williams-D. Saville
Runners Up	K. Evans- V. Matison
Women's Doubles Open Championship	N. Phin- N. Buckland
Runners Up	L. Nicholls-M. Hagger
Mixed Doubles Open Championship	K. Williams - G. Roberts
Runners Up	K. Evans - N. Buckland
Junior Singles Championship	B. Loughnan
Runner Up	J. Baratty
Special Singles for men	E. Schreiber
" Doubles " "	D. Goldman - H. Pidutti
"B" Singles for men	K. Bray
"C" " " "	L. Oroszvary
"D" " " "	T. Shaw
"C" Doubles for men	L. Oroszvary - F. Schiller
"B" Singles " women	M. Hallett
"C" " " "	M. Hallett

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

On reviewing the financial status of your Association it can be seen that we are in a very sound position, and Table Tennis in Victoria is expanding each year.

During the coming season your Association will have the honour to conduct the Australian Carnival and already arrangements have started in an endeavour to make this Carnival the best ever. It will of course, be held at Earl's Court in September.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee,

R. H. SUMMERS.

Hon. Secretary.

MELBOURNE. MARCH, 1955.

ADDENDUM.

It is very pleasing that our Jubilee year was so successful due in no small measure to the excellent work of our Hon. Secretary, Mr. Reg. Summers. To him and the two hard working Joint Assistant Hon. Secretaries, I wish to record our grateful thanks for a task well done.

With the remarkable growth of our game your officials are called upon for greater efforts. Included in this category is the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Len. Haycraft to whom we also extend our thanks for the capable manner in which he handled our finances.

H. H. OAKLEY.

President.

MELBOURNE. MARCH, 1955.

VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

REVENUE ACCOUNT TO 15/2/1955.

PAYMENTS

Australian Carnival	297. 4. 6
Telephone	33.18. 5
Premiership Pennants and Badges	26. 1. 5
Printing & Stationery	41. 6. 0
Postages	73.11. 8
Annual Meeting	20. 4. 6
Promotion & Advertising	79.10. 0
Sundries	48.13. 6
Audit Fees	8. 8. 0
A.T.T.A. Affiliation	5. 5. 0
Repairs	11.13. 0
Depreciation 48.15. 8	
Less Equipment Reserve 1954 25.14. 6	23. 1. 2
Honorariums	116.15. 0
World Championships 1954	10. 0. 0
Excess for 1954	227.19. 8
	<hr/>
	£1,023.11.10

RECEIPTS

Vic. Championships	133.17.11
Country Week and Atlas Shield	5. 7. 3
Metropolitan Championships	18.15. 6
Affiliation Fees	
Associations	25.10. 0
Clubs	396. 0. 0
Registration Fees	262.12. 0
Fines	30.10. 0
Exhibitions	2.10. 0
Scorebooks	71.16. 6
Handbooks	23. 7. 9
Badges	3.15.11
Interest	19.13. 9
Hire of Amplifier	1. 1. 0
Leach & Bergmann Tour	28.14. 3
	<hr/>
	£1,023.11.10

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 15/2/1955

LIABILITIES

Australian Carnival (West Aust. T.T.A.)	27. 0. 0
Excess from 1953 968.16.2	
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	
Excess for 1954 227.19.8	
	<hr/>
	1,196.15.10
	<hr/>
	£1,223.15.10

ASSETS.

Commonwealth Bonds	600. 0. 0
Bank of New South Wales	26. 4.10
State Savings Bank	200. 0. 0
Balls in Stock (Cost)	4. 4. 0
Amplifier (Cost less Depn.)	34. 0. 0
Duplicator do.	14. 0. 0
Banderette do.	8.16. 8
Urn do.	8. 2. 0
Stand do.	200. 0. 0
Jaques Table do.	60. 0. 0
Typewriter do.	21. 3. 0
Badges (Cost)	32.10. 7
Scorebooks (Cost)	5. 0. 0
Handbooks do.	9.14. 9
	<hr/>
	£1,223.15.10

We have examined the Books and Accounts of The Victorian Table Tennis Association for the year ended 15th February 1955 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.

K. WOOD.

L. HAYCRAFT. A.A.S.A.

Hon. Treasurer.