

**THE
VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION**



**ANNUAL REPORT
Season 1956**

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

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SEASON 1956

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27TH ANNUAL REPORT

Ladies & Gentlemen :

The following is a report of the work undertaken by your Association for the Season 1956.

PENNANT COMPETITIONS :

The pennant competitions this year saw an entry of 256 teams competing in 26 grades (21 men, 5 women).

The standard of play was very high, and all matches were played in a most sporting spirit; it was also noticeable that dressing of the players was much improved; during the season full benefit was taken of your committee's experience in regard to playing conditions.

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 and players bring themselves up to date by obtaining copies of the Regulations from any sports store, or in the case of Affiliated Associations direct from the V.T.T.A.

This year we played 10 teams to each grade - this made the season longer and proved very popular; it is likely this practice will be continued. Another new venture was the New Clubs' Night at Earls Court. An invitation was extended to all the new clubs to attend, a special exhibition was given and all questions were answered. This enabled the newcomers to feel as though they were not strangers.

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

M E N

A. GRADE, COBURG HARRIERS

B1, Coburg Har.

B2, Hakoah

C1, Coburg Har.

C2, Kraft

A. RESERVE, COBURG HARRIERS.

B3, Cyclone

C3, East Malvern

B4, Com.Bk., Eliz.St.

C4, V. P. I.

C5, Nat. Mutual.

D1, Globe, D2, A.M.P.,

D3, St.Johns,

D4, Myer,

D5, E.S.&A Bank.

E1, Dairy Research,

E2, Godfrey Philips,

E3, Sth.Melb.,

E4, Springvale

E5, E.S.&A. Bank

W O M E N

A. GRADE, GEELONG.

B.1, Hakoah

C.1, East Malvern

B.2, Astor Radio

C.2, Godfrey Phillips.

JUNIOR PENNANT :

For the first time in the history of table tennis a junior pennant competition was started. This was played on Saturday mornings and was

composed of schoolboys; sufficient entries were received to warrant three grades and all were most emphatic that it fulfilled a need for the younger players. The results of these were -

A. Grade: Coburg Technical School
B. Grade, - St. Kilda Ckt. Club. C. Grade, - Coburg Harriers.

NEWS SHEET :

We are proud of the fact that ours is the only sporting organisation to send out a weekly news sheet giving all the points etc. the same week as the event being played. To this end it is of course most important that your score sheets are to hand on time.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS :

The 27th Annual Victorian Championships were played at Earls Court during the period July 16th - 27th.

Our congratulations are extended to the following winners of their respective events.

MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	G. Jonnings
Runner Up:	-	B. Peters
WOMEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	D. Payne
Runner Up:	-	A. Jennings
MEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	V. Matison - E. Sibison
" " Runners Up:	-	W. Lowen - K. Evans
WOMEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	M. Znaminko - S. Kompton
" " Runners Up	-	H. Sullivan - V. Fitzroy
MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	-	G. McIlvona - Miss L. Nichols
" " Runners Up	-	V. Matison - Miss P. Smith
JUNIOR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP, Boys	-	C. McDonald (N.S.W.)
" " Runner Up :	-	T. Andronkis (Tasmania)
JUNIOR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP, Girls	-	H. Sullivan
" " Runner Up :	-	L. Cohen

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

We congratulate the following players on their success:

Special Singles - Men	P. Sanders
Special Doubles - Men	W. Johnson - G. Robertson
B Grade Singles - Men	L. Stone
C Grade Singles - Men	R. Shuck
D Grade Singles - Men	J. Stedman
C Grade Doubles - Men	Morton - Sutton
B Grade Singles - Women	L. Cohen
C Grade Singles - Women	M. Freeman
Schoolboys Championship, Under 16	E. Mano
" " " Under 14	R. Dyer

AUSTRALIAN CARNIVAL :

The 11th Australian Carnival was this year conducted by the Queensland Table Tennis Association at Brisbane, Q'land, Sept. 24-29th.

Men's and Women's teams from every State competed with the exception of a Women's team from Western Australia.

The teams selected to represent Victoria were :

Men :: W. Bates, G. Jennings, V. Matison (Capt.), B. Peters.

Women: A. Jennings, L. Nichols (Capt.), D. Payne, P. Smith.

Mr. V. French was the Manager of both teams.

Our Women's team was successful in winning back the **Shield** that N.S.W. had retained since 1948 and were undefeated throughout the Carnival.

The Men's team put up a good performance, being runners up; Queensland won this Shield - to them we tender our congratulations.

Our players were not at any time disgraced in their individual efforts and hereunder are the individual results :

MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP	..	R. Jackson (N.Z.)
" " Runner-up	..	P. Anderson (Q'land)
WOMEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP	..	D. Shipp (N.S.W.)
" " Runner-up	..	S. Irvin (Q'land)
MEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	..	R. Jackson - V. Matison (N.Z.&Vic.)
" " Runners-up	..	P. Anderson - H. Porter (Q'land)
MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	..	G. Jennings - L. Nichols (Vic.)
" " Runners-up	..	P. Anderson - S. Irvin (Q'land)
WOMEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	..	S. Irvin - D. Sellwood (Q'land)
" " Runners-up	..	L. White - J. Tymms (S.A.)
VETERANS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP	..	G. Brandis (N.S.W.-)
" " Runner-up	..	H. Bauers (Q'land)
JUNIOR BOYS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP	..	B. Weber (Q'land)
" " Runner-up	..	J. Stanaway (Q'land)
JUNIOR GIRLS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP	..	J. Spence (Q'land)
" " Runner-up	..	J. Stanaway (Q'land)

The teams finished as follows :

M E N : 1 - Queensland; 2 - Victoria; 3 - N.S.W. ; 4 - South Australia
5 - Western Australia; 6 - Tasmania.

W O M E N: 1- Victoria; 2- South Australia; 3- N.S.W. ; 4- Q'land; 5-Tasmania.

At the conclusion of the Carnival the A.T.T.A. announced their Australian rankings for Season 1956 :

M E N : 1 - P. Anderson; 2 - H. Porter; 3 - A. Robinson; 4 - G. Jennings;
5 - B. Peters; 6 - J. Klosman; 7 - V. Matison ; 8 - C. Wheeler;
9 - R. Clements; 10 - W. Bates.

W O M E N : 1 - D. Shipp; 2 - L. Nichols; 3 - L. White ; 4 - S. Irvin
5 - M. Keating; 6 - D. Payne ; 7 - J. Spence;; 8 - P. Smith
9 - A. Jennings; 10 - J. Tymms.

The A.T.T.A. office-bearers for Season 1956/7 are :

PRESIDENT : L. Wharmby - Tasmania.
SEC.-TREASURER : R.H. Jones - Victoria.
A.T.T.A. SELECTORS: L. Wharmby (Tas.), R. Jones (Vic.), C. Shaw (Q'ld.);

The Selectors announced the following panel from which players may be selected to represent Australia at the 1957 World Championships :

M E N : P. Anderson, G. Jennings; J. Klesman; L. Laza; V. Matison,
B. Peters, H. Porter, A. Robinson.

WOMEN : N. Buckland, S. Irvin, M. Koating, L. Nichols, D. Shipp, L. White.

This year the A.T.T.A. selected a Men's Team to participate in the World Championships series held in Tokio, Japan; the team consisted of G. Jennings, A. Robinson, V. Matison, P. Anderson (Capt.). Mr. Cooper, our President, was elected Manager of the touring side and Mr. Jones also accompanied the team to attend the conference as A.T.T.A. delegate. Our team did very well and, with the experience gained, hope to do even better next year. We congratulate and are proud that Messrs. Jennings, Matison and Cooper are Victorians who helped make history in this sending of the first Australian team overseas. Your Association paid £300 to help the expenses of the Victorian players on this tour.

JUNIOR CARNIVAL :

Your Executive committee were again to the fore inaugurating the first Junior Carnival to be held. In order to make this possible, your Association had to guarantee each State certain expenses for their players. We are pleased to record this was held at Earls Court and was a great success. It was arranged so that the players could also play in the State Championships if they so desired. It is pleasing also to record that every State participated.

N.S.W. won this event played in Melbourne between 25th and 27th July, and a Shield was donated for this event by Mr. J.P. Oliphant. 17 Juniors represented their States. This will be an annual affair.

VICTORIAN RANKINGS :

The V.T.T.A. Selection committee announced its official 1956 Victorian rankings as below -

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
1.	G. Jennings	L. Nichols
2.	B. Peters	D. Payne
3.	V. Matison	P. Smith
4.	W. Bates	A. Jennings
5.	K. Fahey	M. Znaminko
6.	G. McIlvona	M. Hallet
7.	K. Hoyno	M. Phin
8.	E. Sibbison	Y. Fitzroy
9.	E. Sokolowski	E. Nichols
10.	S. Wong	A. O'Brien

Mention must be made of our leading Player, Miss Norma Buckland, who is not seeded because she is playing table tennis overseas.

COUNTRY WEEK :

The 6th Country week proved an even greater success than previously - our thanks go to all the players and officials for their co-operation in making this such a success.

During this week team matches for the Country Atlas Shield and the individual Country Championships were played. The winners of their respective events are hereunder : (This was the biggest ever, 35 teams competed - men and women).

COUNTRY ATLAS SHIELD :

Men's Singlos	-	Geelong
Women's Singlos	-	Warrnambool
Men's Singlos Country Championship	-	L. Stone, Kyabram
Women's " " " "	-	Mrs. J. Smith, Warrnambool.

Special congratulations to Len Stone - this was his 3rd consecutive win in the Men's Singlos Country Championship.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS :

It is very pleasing to record that this year 50 Associations were affiliated with us. We again thank all these Associations for their interest and co-operation throughout the season and remind you that the experience of the Victorian Executive committee is always at their command for any table tennis problems that may arise. We also tender our thanks to those associations who helped to further foster the game by conducting local and open championships.

Affiliated Associations are as follows :

Bairnsdale	Maryborough
Brighton Districts	Nullawarre & District
Benalla	Narracan - Thorpdale
Ballarat	Nathalia
Ballan	Numurkah
Bendigo	Parkside
Camberwell Churches	Pomborneit North
Camperdown	Public Service
Casterton & District	Portland
Castlemaine	R.S.L.
Central	Shepparton
Colac	Sandringham
Charlton	Seymour
Daylesford	Stawell
Echuca Churches	South East Suburban
Geelong	Swanpool
Hamilton	Tongala
Horsham	Traralgon
Insurance	Tarrington
Kyabram	Trafalgar
Korumburra	Wonthaggi
Latrobe Valley Churches	Warrnambool
Mirboo North	Western Suburbs
Mildura	Wangaratta
Morwell	Yarrawonga.

During the year Regional Officers were appointed for the Districts. They are -

A. Cleaves, Warrnambool; A. Hamilton, Shepparton; R. Gaulko, Mildura;
C. Petch, Ballarat ; J. Wright, Horsham; J. Bonighton, Traralgon.

METROPOLITAN ATLAS SHIELD :

The Atlas Shield for Metropolitan affiliated Associations only was again competed for with great rivalry and our congratulations are tendered to the winners, Parkside Table Tennis Association.

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS :

These championships were held at Earls Court during the period 29th and 31st October and were perhaps a little too late, as the entries were slightly down on the previous year.

A full program of events was conducted in conjunction with the open events and hereunder are the full results :

MEN'S OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP	- B. Peters
" " " " Runner-Up	- G. McIlvonn
WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP	- M. Hallett
" " " " Runner-Up	- D. Payne
WOMEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	- Hallett - Lonergan
" " " " Runners-Up	- Znaminko - Phin
MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP	- Wong - Lonergan
" " " " Runners-Up	- Sokolowski - Smith
JUNIOR SINGLES FOR BOYS	- A. Coustley
" " " " Runner-Up	- E. Mano
SPECIAL SINGLES FOR MEN	- W. Hawley
" " " " Runner-Up	- J. Mack
SPECIAL DOUBLES FOR MEN	- Blackham - McPhee
" " " " Runner-Up	- Mikolat - Schriener
B-GRADE SINGLES MEN	- L. Doyle
" " " " Runner-Up	- J. Healey
C-GRADE SINGLES FOR MEN	- K. Dwyer
" " " " Runner-Up	- T. Kendt
D-GRADE SINGLES FOR MEN	- C. Sheppherd
" " " " Runner-Up	- J. Davin
C-GRADE DOUBLES FOR MEN	- Hawley - Judd
" " " " Runner-Up	- Dwyer - Yorke
COMBINED WOMEN'S B & C GRADE SINGLES	- L. Cohen
" " " " Runner-Up	- B. McKeown

COMMITTEE MEETINGS :

During the year 10 Committee meetings were held and attendances were as follows :

* A. Cooper, 8;	J. Hosking, 8 ;	* R. Jones, 9;	V. French, 7;
K. Williams, 7;	M. Rundle, 9;	B. Gibbins, 8;	L. Haycraft, 10;
* W. Harratt, 7;	K. Defris, 7;	R. Carlile, 8;	E. Leder, 9;
J. Reid, 10 ;	J. Murphy, 5;	R. Summers, 10;	

* Leave of absence granted.

MOOMBA FESTIVAL :

Your Association led the way to other sporting organizations by being first in the field with a sporting float in the Moomba procession; for the first time the public could see actual table tennis being played on a moving vehicle.

INTERNATIONAL WORLD CUP :

There were 16 countries represented in this second International tournament for the Skolnick World Cup - it proved a great success. Latvia won this event defeating Australia in the final. All matches were played at Earls Court.

HEADQUARTERS EARLS COURT :

We thank you for your continued support of this venture during the season but we must remind you that it is in the interests of table tennis in general and your own in particular that more support be given to this during 1957.

PUBLICITY :

Our sincere thanks and appreciation go 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.

THANKS :

There are many people willing to give a helping hand throughout the year; to them we offer our sincere thanks. To those good folk who billeted the Juniors for the Junior Carnival - without your help this Carnival could not have been held.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT :

On reviewing the financial statement of your Association it can be seen that we are in a very sound position. You can justly be proud of the progress table tennis has made in Victoria and by the fresh fields exploited in this Annual Report and the future plans that your Executive have in mind, yours is the power to help by assisting us in **our every venture.**

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :

R. H. SUMMERS,
Hon. Secretary.

MELBOURNE,

March, 1957.

A D D E N D U M

I have much pleasure in reporting that all members of the Committee have attended to their duties in a proper manner.

The Honorary Secretary, Mr. R. Summers, coupled with the Joint Assistant Honorary Secretaries, Messrs. M. Rundle and B. Gibbins, are to be especially thanked, as the bulk of this Association's work is handled by them.

The Honorary Treasurer, Mr. L. Haycraft, has attended to the financial records in his usual capable style.

The affairs of this Association have been in good hands, and we are indebted to all of the fore-mentioned.

A. G. COOPER,

CHAIRMAN.

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BALANCE SHEET - AS AT 31/1/1957.

<u>LIABILITIES</u>		<u>ASSETS</u>	
Australian Carnival 1956	40. 0. 0	Commonwealth Bonds	600. 0. 0.
World Championships	15. 7. 8	Bank of New South Wales	49. 2. 8
Excess from 1955 :	1,446. 3. 7	State Savings Bank	500. 0. 0
Deficit for 1956 : <u>58.17. 7</u>		Sundry Debtor	3. 8. 0
	1,387. 6. 0	<u>SUNDRY ASSETS :</u>	
		Amplifier (Cost less Depreciation)	20. 0. 0
		Duplicator "	8.10. 0
		Banderette "	5. 0. 0
		Urn "	6. 6. 0
		Jaques Table "	48. 0. 0
		Portable Typewriter "	16. 9. 0
		Filing Cabinet "	2. 8. 0
		Typewriter "	39.12. 0
		Blackboards "	1. 0. 0
		Tiered Stand "	100. 0. 0
		V.T.T.A. Badges	10.13. 0
		Balls	19. 2. 6
		Scorebooks	13. 2. 6
	<u>£ 1,442.13. 8</u>		<u>£ 1,442.13. 8</u>

L. HAYCRAFT, A.A.S.A.
Hon. Treasurer.

AUDITED AND FOUND CORRECT :

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

25th February, 1957.

K. WOOD.

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Table Tennis is making rapid progress in the country areas of Victoria and the following are extracts from the annual reports of District Representatives :

BALLARAT (MR. G. PETCH).

At the end of last season our Association, in an endeavour to secure affiliations from all Associations in the area and to foster Table Tennis within our region, held what might be called a Regional Teams Championship. All known Associations within our region were invited to Ballarat to compete. This venture proved highly successful and will undoubtedly be held on an even larger scale this year.

SHEPPARTON (MR. A. HAMILTON).

Table Tennis is gradually expanding in this area and the number of players taking part in competitive matches is increasing. Shepparton Association has 400 registered players - the highest in the Country areas of Victoria.

Benalla, Kyabram, Echuca and Shepparton, all conducted annual tournaments. Benalla T.T.A. had a successful tournament and was one of the best as it attracted the largest number of metropolitan players. Highlight was the defeat of W. Bates by C. Balint 3 - 1, after former had led 20 - 13 in the 4th game. Trophies were a decided improvement on past years.

Shepparton T.T.A. also had a good tournament and spectators were thrilled by the men's singles final, which produced excellent table tennis of an all round nature and resulted in a 2 - 1 win by R. Bayly over I. Foster.

TRARALGON (MR. S. BONIGHTON).

I am pleased to report that Table Tennis in Gippsland during the past season has been one of the best for a number of years. Gippsland was represented at Country Week by Wonthaggi, Mirboo North, Narracan-Thorpdale and Traralgon in the men's events, and in the women's events by Bairnsdale, Narracan-Thorpdale, Mirboo North and Traralgon, with Traralgon No. 1 eventual runners-up.

Gippsland were very fortunate to be represented by Drewe Hunter in the Junior Interstate matches and the experience gained will be of great benefit to him. Warragul anticipate affiliating with the V.T.T.A. this year and both Morwell and Yallourn have high hopes of once again reforming.

I wish to thank all who have given so much to Table Tennis, and also thank you for the support given to Gippsland.