

**VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION**



**29th  
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*Above: Exterior view of the Table Tennis Centre.*

# **Table Tennis Centre of Victoria**

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*Below: An interior scene taken during Country Week Championships.*







Left to Right: E. Leder, B. Gibbins, J. Reid, G. Page, K. Defris, V. French, J. Hosking, R. Jones, A. Cooper (President), M. Rundle, L. Haycraft, G. Forbes, T. Horsfield, A. Walker—Absent: R. Cartile.



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(Affiliated with the Australian Table Tennis Association)

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## VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

### 29th ANNUAL REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This Annual Report is in no way only related to "Season 1958." Your Association has grown, in a short space of 14 months, from an organization controlling a season of Metropolitan Pennant Competition and affiliated Associations, to a body in charge of a major sport and a business venture open to the public for 70 hours in a seven-day week.

Such tremendous strides in such a short time have brought many problems and it is in the solving of these problems that a full calendar year has elapsed. This report is a record of your Association's progress in 1958, and the work undertaken during the record double "Season."

#### TABLE TENNIS CENTRE OF VICTORIA

##### *Official Opening*

On Monday, 9 June 1958, the Honorable Mr Murray Porter, M.L.A., officially opened the Table Tennis Centre of Victoria. Invitations were extended to all affiliated organizations and the business houses who had assisted in donations towards the completion of the Centre. Although a very cold night, large numbers attended the opening and various guests were conducted on tours of the Centre.

Mr Porter paid tribute to the work of all the interested people in the founding and establishing of the Centre, and "opened" it by hitting on the main table with former V.T.T.A. Vice-President, Mr Harry Hopman. Exhibitions by leading players and a film added to the evening which ended with supper being served to guests.

Our own home was officially opened and the result well rewarded the Executive Committee and the other willing helpers for their months of weekend toil.

##### *Albert Park Trust*

This report would be incomplete without mention of the Chairman of Albert Park Trust, Senator P. J. Kennelly, and his Committee of Management, for their help and support throughout the year. Completion of the exterior walls and internal brickwork greatly enhanced the building and your Association is proud to be a partner with the Trust in adding Table Tennis to the many sports domiciled within the Albert Park.

##### *Public Demand*

Even the enthusiastic Executive Committee were surprised at the tremendous support given to the Association by members of the public. As was expected many pennant players have made the Centre their own home ground, but the greatest support has come from the general public and the demand has been so great that on many occasions the 28 tables have been insufficient to meet the demand.



This demand and continued support has been greatly appreciated by your Committee, and has certainly justified their belief that such a large Centre was a possibility in Melbourne. On reference to the financial statements attached to this report it will be seen that profits from the Centre takings are being used for the continual improvement of the conditions. Your Committee feel that they have your support in this financial policy and will continue with it until we own the finest Table Tennis Centre in the World.

### *Dutymen and Staff*

When the public are being served for 70 hours of every week, a big business venture is at work. Our thanks are due to all dutymen who have added prestige to the name of Table Tennis by providing such pleasant and efficient service to all who have used the Centre. These willing helpers are not paid employees and it is indicative of their work that overhead is kept at a minimum and thus greater improvements can be achieved.

The appointment of Mr "Paddy" Hutchins as building Superintendent on 1/9/58 turned a big building with 28 tables into a friendly meeting place for all those interested in the game. Your Association is justly proud to have the services of such a friendly and capable man.

### *Expansion*

Many hours of your Committee's time have been spent in the detailed planning for the expansion of the Centre to house 40 tables. We will have occupancy of the rest of the building in the first half of 1959 and it is desired to develop the new area on the same high standards as have been followed to date. Such expansion will call for large expenditure and the continued support of the Centre will be necessary to cover all commitments. Your Committee feel sure that the support will be forthcoming and have therefore planned with confidence in the future.

### *PENNANT COMPETITIONS*

Entries in the three pennant competitions conducted during 1958 greatly exceeded any previous years and the large numbers were an encouragement to your Executive Committee. It has been a long standing policy of your Association to conduct pennant competitions as efficiently as possible and the ever increasing numbers would indicate that this policy is based on sound lines.

In spite of the larger volume we were able to produce the Official News Sheet carrying the up-to-date results and ladders during the weeks of the Pennant Seasons. It is interesting to record that for 40 weeks out of 52 a News Sheet was published and we feel proud of this regular service to Clubs.

Very full use was made of the addressed envelopes supplied free of charge to affiliated organizations and this meant improved posting



facilities to the benefit of all concerned. A small number of breaches of Match Regulations cause penalties for the Clubs involved but many of the appeals lodged were upheld by the Executive Committee.

Realizing that the Match Regulations needed wider publicity your Committee decided to incorporate the full regulations in the Fixture Books as supplied to all registered Clubs and players. This innovation proved very popular and will be continued in the future.

To provide two equal Pennant Seasons of 14 weeks plus finals it was decided to reduce the number of teams per grade to 8. This reduction called for keener grading of the teams entered and the close finishes in many grades showed that this very difficult task was fairly accurate.

Now on to statistics and the congratulations.

### 1. *Winter*

Conducted from 25 and 26 March until 15 and 16 July.

320 teams entered and this was an increase of 23% on 1957.

40 grades—32 men and 8 women. (Women's A Reserve and D grade were introduced.)

The following teams are deserving of congratulations for winning their respective grades:

#### *MEN*—A Grade: International.

#### A Reserve: St. Georges.

B1	St. Kilda	C4	Commonwealth	D6	Swallows
B2	Public Service		Bank	D7	Wanderers
B3	Customs	C5	Coles	D8	Commonwealth
B4	Hungaria	C6	Coburg Harriers		Bank
B5	Fisherman's Bend	C7	Hungaria	E1	Northern
B6	Wirraways	C8	Springvale	E2	Athena
B7	Wool Research	D1	Hakoah	E3	Caulfield Park
C1	Gippsland and Northern	D2	St. Kilda	E4	Maribyrnong
C2	Rusman	D3	Brunswick	E5	V.P.I. Transport
C3	Alstergren	D4	Coburg Harriers	E6	Customs
		D5	M.C.C. Electric	E7	Colonial Mut. Fire

#### *WOMEN*—A Grade: Hakoah.

#### A Reserve: Ramblers.

B1	University	C1	South Melbourne	D1	V.P.I. Sth Yarra
B2	Australian Wheat	C2	Healesville	D2	Astor Radio

### 2. *Junior*

Conducted from 16 August until 27 September.

65 teams entered, an increase of 171% on 1957.

9 grades—4 junior under 19 years, 5 sub-junior under 16 years.

This pennant was conducted on Saturday mornings and all matches were played at the Table Tennis Centre of Victoria. It is pleasing to record that junior girls were in some of the teams entered.



The standard of play was very pleasing to the many spectators who watched the matches, and the following winners are congratulated on winning their pennants:

Junior A Grade	Junior D Grade	Sub-Junior C Grade
Melbourne Grammar	Wesley	Heidelberg Technical
Junior B Grade	Sub-Junior A Grade	Sub-Junior D Grade
Coburg Harriers	Scotch College	Wesley
Junior C Grade	Sub-Junior B Grade	Sub-Junior E Grade
Melbourne Grammar	Sandringham	Swinbourne Technical

### 3. Summer

Conducted from 26 and 27 August until 9 and 10 December.  
286 teams entered, an increase of 12% on 1957.

36 grades—27 men, 7 women, 2 mixed. A special mixed pennant, played on Thursday night, was introduced in C and D grades and attracted an entry of 15 teams. The following teams won their pennants and are congratulated on their efforts:

**MEN—A Grade:** Hakoah.

**A Reserve:** Hakoah

B1 Cuaco	C2 Comm. Dept.	D3 Dovers
B2 Coburg Harriers	Works	D4 Coburg Harriers
B3 Coburg Harriers	C3 Myer	D5 St. Johns
B4 Paramount	C4 Wanderers	D6 502
B5 Commonwealth Bank	C5 M.C.C. Electric	E1 St. Kilda Ckt.
	C6 Hungaria	E2 Repatriation
	C7 Ace	E3 Sutton
B7 St. Kilda	C8 Wanderers	E4 Sabres
C1 Alstergren	D1 Lions	E5 Coles
	D2 Chelsea	

**WOMEN—A Grade:** Hakoah.

**A Reserve:** Y.W.C.A.

B1 Brett	C1 3AR	D2 Ampol
B2 Melb. Hakoah	C2 V.P.I. Sth Yarra	

**MIXED—C10:** Melbourne Harbour.

**D10:** A.P.M.

Throughout the year many Clubrooms were inspected for playing conditions by members of the Executive Committee. It is pleasing to report that the inspections showed that the standard of playing areas is improving and very few adjustments had to be recommended.

The dressing of players during these competitions showed that further improvements are desirable and affiliated bodies are asked to support the Association in its efforts to achieve uniformity in table tennis dress.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 1. Easter

In conjunction with the Riversdale Manufacturing Co. your Association conducted a Tournament during the Easter holidays and invitations



were sent to State Associations to send teams to compete in an Interstate teams competition. New South Wales were able to support the idea and sent two Mens and two Womens teams. Other States were in favour of the scheme but were unable to send teams, but we were pleased to see some representation from South Australia.

Some very interesting team matches were played and all players participating benefited from the strong competition available. Victoria was successful in winning seven of the eight teams matches contested.

The Tournament that followed the teams matches attracted a large entry from local and country players and some very interesting table tennis was witnessed. Finals night saw a large attendance and all who watched enjoyed the standard of play. Winners of the main events were:

Men's Singles	H. Beran (N.S.W.)
Men's Doubles	V. Matison and P. Sanders
Women's Singles	S. Javor
Women's Doubles	M. Hoar and M. Keating (N.S.W.)
Mixed Doubles	B. Peters and B. Turner
Junior Boys' Singles	C. McDonald (N.S.W.)

## 2. *Metropolitan Atlas Shield*

This event was conducted between the two Pennant Seasons and 6 Metropolitan Associations entered. Western Suburbs were too strong for the other Associations and were successful in retaining the Shield for another year.

Your Executive Committee extend their congratulations to the winners and thank all entrants for their support.

## 3. *State*

The 29th Annual Victorian Championships with the Table Tennis Centre as the venue attracted an increased entry on previous years. Matches were played during the period 18 July to 25 July and, at times, match play on 20 tables was necessary to keep to a timetable designed to have all matches finished by 11 p.m. This policy was appreciated by players and only on one night was play necessary after this hour.

Many interstate and country players participated in the events and great interest was created by entries received from visiting American stars, Norbert Van De Walle and Michael Ralston.

Our congratulations are extended to the following players who reached the finals in the open events:

Men's Singles Championship	N. Van De Walle (U.S.A.)
Runner-up	A. Maracz
Women's Singles Championship	S. Javor
Runner-up	N. Buckland
Men's Doubles Championship	N. Van De Walle and M. Ralston (U.S.A.)



Runners-up Women's Doubles Championship	A. Robinson (Qld) and V. Matison
Runners-up Mixed Doubles Championship	S. Javor and M. Freeman
Runners-up Junior Singles Championship—Boys	N. Buckland and H. Law
Runner-up Junior Singles Championship—Girls	G. Stirling and M. Freeman
Runner-up	A. Maraczy and H. Law
	M. Wilcox (N.S.W.)
	C. McDonald (N.S.W.)
	M. Freeman
	L. Cohen

Congratulations are also due to the following winners of the grade events which were conducted in conjunction with the open events.

Special Singles Men	P. Lawrence
Special Doubles Men	R. Normand and H. Pappon
B Grade Singles Men	M. Judd
C Grade Singles Men	K. Ebenwaldner
D Grade Singles Men	O. Chan
C Grade Doubles Men	A. Woodcock and N. Austin
B Grade Singles Women	B. McVea
C Grade Singles Women	P. Plain
Schoolboys Under 16	R. Scholes
Schoolboys Under 14	J. Mano

1958 Finals night had the distinction of being the first at which television cameras recorded some of the play. These shots were shown on a television programme on the Tuesday following the Championships and were of interest to all.

#### 4. *Country Week*

With the large number of tables available entries could be accepted from a record number of teams representing affiliated Country Associations. It is pleasing to record that the 8th Annual Country Week, conducted from 21 to 25 July saw competition between teams for the honour of winning the three shields available.

Our congratulations are extended to the winners:

Atlas Shield	Men	Hamilton
Atlas Shield	Women	Shepparton
Riversdale Shield	Men	Seymour

At the conclusion of the Team Competitions the individual Country Championships were played and with the increased entries an improved standard of play was noted.

The following winners of these events are well deserving of our congratulations:

Country Men's Singles Championship—I. Foster (Kyabram).

Country Women's Singles Championship—Mrs P. Curtis (Shepparton).



Country Men's Doubles Championship—I. Morey and E. Rae (Warrnambool).

Country Women's Doubles Championship—Mrs Curtis and Mrs Minchinton (Shepparton).

Country Mixed Doubles Championship—C. Kneebone and Mrs. Kneebone (Shepparton).

Country Junior Singles Championship for Boys—D. Crow (Kyabram).

During the week the Country Delegates meeting was held and discussion took place on all matters vital to the continued growth of our sport in Country areas. Members of the Executive Committee were present at the meeting and the opportunity was taken to exchange views and ideas of all present.

One important decision worthy of recording is the introduction of an additional Men's Shield owing to the large increase of entries in recent years. The Shield will be competed for at the 1959 Country Week and in recognition of the tremendous amount of work for Country Table Tennis by the V.T.T.A. Treasurer, it will be known as the "Len Haycraft Shield."

#### 5. *Australian Junior*

This event was again held in Melbourne and run in conjunction with the Victorian Championships, from 22 to 25 July. All States except Tasmania sent a team to participate and for the first time a Junior Girl was included.

Our thanks are due to the hospitality shown by friends of Table Tennis who billeted the Junior visitors and thus helped in keeping expenses at a minimum. The standard of play was very high and all participants gained valuable experience from the competition. The Oliphant Shield was retained by New South Wales and they are to be congratulated on winning it again.

The entry of these junior players in the Victorian open events added to the success of that Championship and your Association looks forward to conducting the Junior Championship in future years. It is expected that the venue for 1959 will be Sydney and this will give Victorian Juniors the opportunity of representing their State on an Interstate trip.

#### 6. *National*

Sydney was the venue for the 13th Australian National Championships and the event was conducted by the New South Wales Table Tennis Association during the period 8 to 12 September.

Entries were received from all States for both the Men and Women Team events and a large number of entries received for the Championship events. All matches were played in the Lower Sydney Town Hall with the finals at the Leichardt Stadium. Large bodies of supporters travelled with the official teams and the Victorian Association had over 40 representatives at the Championships.

1958 could well be called "Victoria's year," in that our teams were successful in winning both Shields and individual players captured 3 major titles and 1 minor title. Full credit must be given to the players selected to represent Victoria:

Men—T. Kurtak, A. Maraczy, B. Peters, E. Sokolowski.

Women—N. Buckland, S. Javor, A. O'Brien, M. Znaminko.

The conduct of all the players both on and off the table was a credit to this State. Teams Captain and Official State Coach, Karol Javor, and Teams Manager, Vic French, are very deserving of our thanks for two jobs well done.

It is necessary to record the excellent performances in the doubles play of the team members. During Team matches all pairings went through the week undefeated and the only two rubbers lost during the Championships were when the No. 2 pairs were eliminated in the Championship events. This performance must surely be a record in the history of the Australian National Championships and full credit is due to players and the officials who trained the pairings for so many months in advance.

The teams finished in the following order:

#### Spalding Shield—Men

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|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Victoria        | 3. Queensland        | 5. South Australia |
| 2. New South Wales | 4. Western Australia | 6. Tasmania        |

#### Ron Jones Shield—Women

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|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Victoria        | 3. Queensland        | 5. South Australia |
| 2. New South Wales | 4. Western Australia | 6. Tasmania        |

The following players reached the finals in the individual events and as an International flavour was added by the presence of the visiting American Junior players, the winners well deserved their titles:

Men's Singles Championship	M. Ralston (U.S.A.)
Runner-up	A. Robinson (Qld)
Women's Singles Championship	S. Javor (Vic.)
Runner-up	L. Murphy (Qld)
Men's Doubles Championship	A. Maraczy and E. Sokolowski (Vic.)
Runners-up	M. Dankin and A. Cassevetis (N.S.W.)
Women's Doubles Championship	S. Javor and A. O'Brien (Vic.)
Runners-up	M. Hoar and E. Packwood (N.Z.)
Mixed Doubles Championship	J. Klesman and M. Hoar (N.S.W.)
Runners-up	T. Ducker and J. Mulconry (N.S.W.)
Junior Singles Championship—Boys	C. McDonald (N.S.W.)
Runner-up	M. Ralston (U.S.A.)



Junior Singles Championship—Girls  
 Runner-up  
 Consolation Singles for Men  
 Consolation Singles for Women

J. Stanaway (Qld)  
 L. Murphy (Qld)  
 C. King (N.S.W.)  
 L. Prowse (Vic.)

At the Victory Ball following the Championships the Australian selectors announced the Australian rankings for 1958 as follows:

#### *Men*

1. A. Robinson (Qld) (1)
2. T. Maraczy (Vic.)
3. G. Jennings (N.S.W.) (2)
4. C. McDonald (N.S.W.)
5. P. Anderson (W.A.)
6. W. Hodge (N.S.W.) (3)
7. B. Peters (Vic.)
8. T. Kurtak (Vic.) (7)
9. E. Sokolowski (Vic.) (9)
10. W. Jones (Qld)

#### *Women*

1. S. Javor (Vic.)
2. M. Hoar (N.S.W.)
3. N. Buckland (Vic.)
4. L. Murphy (Qld) (10)
5. J. Mulconry (N.S.W.) (1)
6. A. O'Brien (Vic.)
7. J. Spence (Qld) (7)
8. D. Shipp (N.S.W.)
9. J. Stanaway (Qld)
10. M. Keating (N.S.W.) (6)

A further announcement was made concerning sending a team to the 1959 World Championships and a panel of 5 players was chosen for the eventual selection of three players including a Captain/Manager. The five chosen were:

W. Hodge, A. Robinson, C. McDonald, W. Jones and M. Wilcox; and the team selected was A. Robinson, (Captain), C. McDonald, M. Wilcox.

Your Association congratulates the players chosen and wishes the team every success during the Tour to be undertaken. In doing so your Association is deeply conscious of the fact that, although the leading State in the 1958 Championships, we did not have a Junior of the standard necessary for inclusion in the training panel. It has been accepted as a challenge to Victoria to improve the Junior standard in both Boys and Girls play and much thought and planning has gone into the future ideas for Junior promotion.

The A.T.T.A. Office-bearers remain unchanged for 1958/59:

President—B. Howard (South Australia).

Secretary-Treasurer—R. Jones (Victoria).

Your Association congratulates them on their re-appointment and thanks them for a year's work well done.

#### 7. *Metropolitan*

The third major Tournament conducted by your Association was held during the weekend prior to Cup Day and attracted a good entry from local players. Although no Interstate players were in attendance a suc-

cessful Tournament was staged and justified the inclusion of this event as an annual one on future Table Tennis calendars.

The winners of the events contested are congratulated:

Men's Singles—E. Sokolowski  
 Men's Doubles—B. Peters and S. Kramer  
 Women's Singles—S. Javor  
 Women's Doubles—M. Freeman and H. Law  
 Mixed Doubles—A. Maraczy and S. Javor  
 Junior Boys—E. Mano  
 Special Doubles—J. Place and M. Judd

Special Singles—J. Plain  
 B Grade Singles—A. Coustley  
 C Grade Singles—R. Hollow  
 D. Grade Singles—B. Preston  
 C Grade Doubles—J. Vass and T. Sal  
 B Grade Singles Women—R. Bailey  
 C Grade Singles Women—R. Bailey  
 Special Singles Women—P. Plain

## 8. *Victorian Rankings*

Following on the Metropolitan the V.T.T.A. Selection Committee met and considered the performances during the year of the leading players. The 1958 Victorian rankings were then announced as follows:

### *Men*

1. A. Maraczy
2. E. Sokolowski (2)
3. T. Kurtak (1)
4. B. Peters (3)
5. J. Marton
6. W. Bates (4)
7. S. Wong (9)
8. S. Kramer (10)
9. P. Sanders
10. V. Matison (7)

### *Women*

1. S. Javor (1)
2. N. Buckland
3. A. O'Brien (5)
4. M. Znaminko (4)
5. L. Cohen (9)
6. M. Freeman
7. L. Prowse
8. H. Law
9. G. Bruce
10. D. Payne (6)

These players are to be congratulated on obtaining rankings during a year of very keen competition. The infusion of the good players from overseas into the Victorian rankings has certainly improved the State standard as was reflected in our successes at the Australian Championships. Your Committee thank these players for their interest and support and hope that they have found friendship and understanding in their new home.

## 9. *Others*

The following affiliated bodies received approval to conduct Open Championships and your Committee is grateful for the amount of time and energy given by the Committees concerned in running these events:

Shepparton, Benalla, Kyabram, Hamilton, Murray Triangle, Murtoa, Rushworth, Castlemaine, Traralgon, Geelong, Warrnambool, Coburg, Sandringham.



Both Metropolitan and Country Opens attracted large entries from leading players and the improving standard seen in the organizing of these events was very encouraging.

Certain members of the Executive Committee were invited and were able to attend some of the Open Championships held and the Executive wish to thank the visited Associations for the hospitality shown to them. It is the Association's policy to visit as many centres as is possible, allowing for the heavy demands already made on the free time of the Executive Committee.

### CHARITIES

Your Committee, in conjunction with affiliated Associations, were pleased to support two very worthwhile appeals in 1958.

The 3AW Mothers' Day Appeal for the Royal Women's Hospital saw willing helpers collecting in the name of the V.T.T.A. and through these efforts £200 was raised.

The Sportsmen's Committee of the Anti-Cancer Appeal asked the Association to assist and your Committee appealed to all affiliated Associations. The response was gratifying and our cheque for £100 was duly acknowledged by a certificate which now adds to the decor of the Committee room.

### AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

The Victorian Table Tennis Association obtains a great strength in the claim that it speaks for Table Tennis players of Victoria and not just a select few. This claim is backed by the affiliation of 50 Metropolitan and Country Associations, representing many thousands of registered players throughout the State.

Although a slight reduction on the 1957 figure, your Executive Committee feels that those affiliated were the major bodies throughout the State and the reduction was caused by smaller Associations not operating in 1958. The Regional Officers appointed each year are a direct means of contact in the country areas, but your Executive is always available to any affiliated body should they need help or advice concerning the sport of Table Tennis.

We desire to render our sincere thanks to the many enthusiastic committees that control the Affiliated Associations and trust that they will continue to support this Association over the years to come.

The 1958 regional officers were:

- Shepparton: C. Kneebone, Katandra West, via Shepparton.
- Horsham: T. G. Wright, 8 Wawunna Road, Horsham.
- Traralgon: S. G. Bonighton, 63 Seymour Street, Traralgon.
- Ballarat: G. Petch, 215 Wendouree Street, Ballarat.
- Mildura: E. W. Rowe, Box 321, Red Cliffs.
- Warnambool: I. Morey, Morey's Road, Brucknell, via Timboon.

The 1958 Affiliations were as follows:

Bairnsdale	Hamilton	Portland
Ballan	Healesville	Public Service
Ballarat	Horsham	Rushworth
Benalla	Insurance	Sandringham
Bendigo	Kyabram	Seymour
Beyal North	Latrobe Valley	Shepparton
Brighton	Livingstone	Stawell
Camperdown	Mildura	Swanpool
Castlemaine	Minyip	Tongala
Cobram	Murtoa	Traralgon
Croydon	Nathalia	Warragul
Daylesford	Northern	Warrnambool
Eastern Suburbs	Nullawarre	Western Plains
Echuca	Numurkah	Western Suburbs
Essendon-Flemington	Nyora	Wonthaggi
Geelong	Parkside	Yarrawonga
Glenroy	Pomborneit North	

## *SPECIAL EVENTS*

### *1. Moomba Festival*

Your Executive Committee was pleased with the congratulations received from the controlling Committee of this festival for our effort on behalf of Table Tennis. The International Tournament for the Skolnik World Cup was again conducted during the week and playing facilities were also made available to the public in the Alexandra Gardens.

The winners of the Skolnik Cup were a team representing Israel and our congratulations are extended to them.

Exhibitions were given and every effort was made to further the interest of the game during the celebrated annual event. Table Tennis has been represented at every Moomba Festival and thanks are due to all who helped maintain the high standard of public entertainment during the 1958 festival.

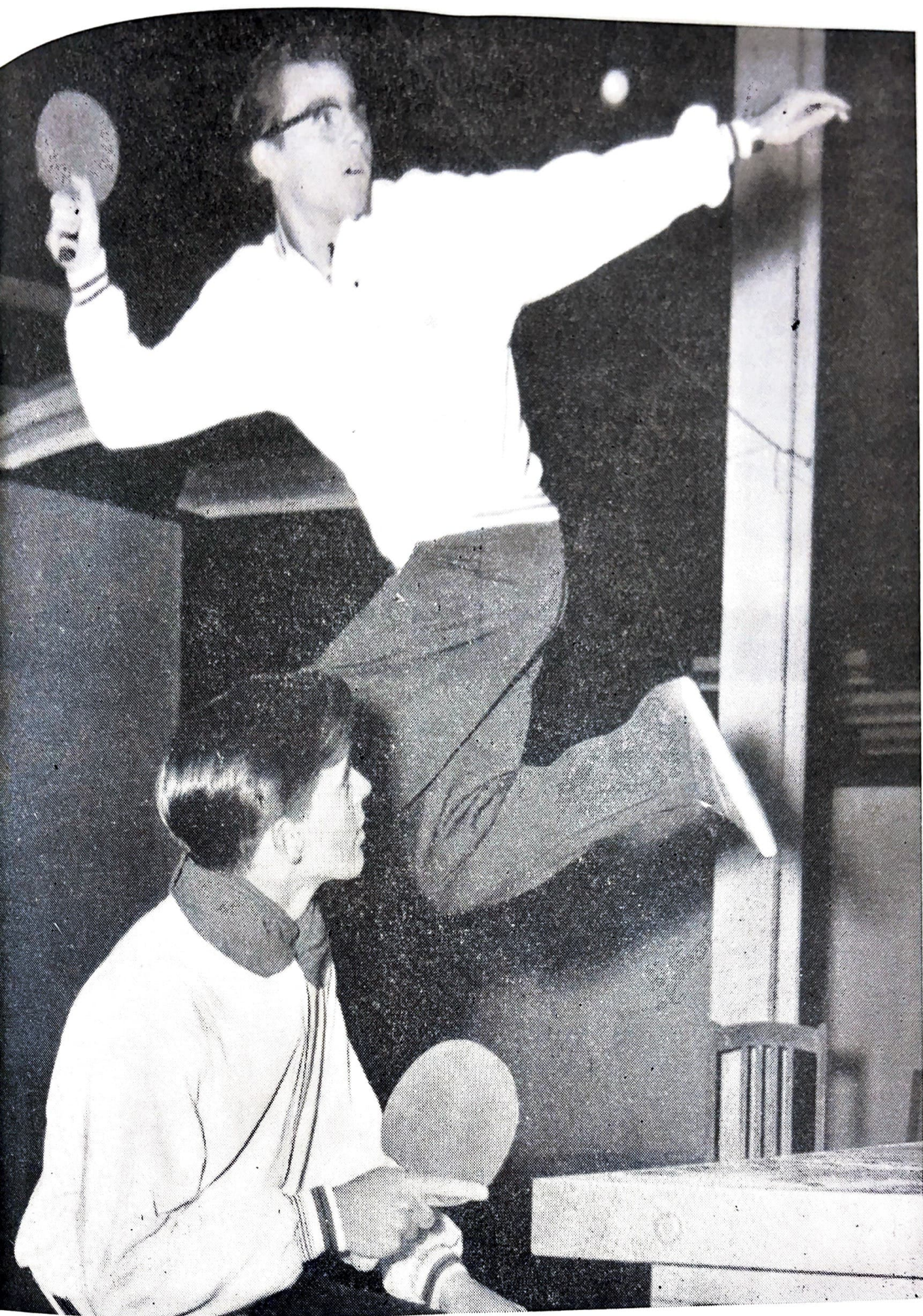
### *2. U.S.A. Tour*

It started out to be a short visit and they stayed for months. Such is the true record of the two friendly Junior boys from the U.S.A. who visited us from July to September.

The Tour was under the control of the Australian Association and a majority of the States were visited. Victoria had two visits from the Touring team, one to participate in the Victorian Championships and the second for a Test match—U.S.A. v. Australia and an Invitation City of Melbourne Championship.

Whilst the support given to these international events was disappointing, resulting in a financial loss, it did not mar the enjoyment of those





*U.S.A. visitors in action.*



who did attend. The U.S.A. boys, Norbert Van De Walle and Michael Ralston, both 17 years of age, gave us all a glimpse of what high standards can be reached at a young age.

Although the visitors were beaten by Australian players on occasions, they won the three Test matches very convincingly and between them shared the Australian and Victorian Open Singles titles. They were well received wherever they went and were impressed by what they saw to such an extent that they applied for permission to remain in Australia for a further five weeks after their tour had ended.

Michael Ralston stayed in Sydney and Norbert Van De Walle remained in Melbourne. Norbert had a very busy time coaching Victorian players and visiting local tournaments. We feel he made many friends during his stay and your Committee are grateful to all those friends and supporters who assisted in making this popular visitor feel at home.

During the Official Tour your Association was assisted financially by three Affiliated bodies arranging exhibitions and our thanks are recorded to the Geelong and Traralgon Associations and the St. Kilda Cricket Table Tennis Club.

### 3. *Ladies' Club*

In an endeavour to cater for the married women and those whose occupations preclude them from playing table tennis at night, a Ladies' Club was commenced at the Table Tennis Centre. Thursdays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. was the time decided upon and it is pleasing to report that many ladies took the opportunity of social play.

With the large area available there was plenty of room for children to play and it is intended to continue this Club during the coming Season.

### 4. *French Award*

During the year, Mr V. French donated £100 to be invested by your Association and the interest earnings to provide an Annual Award to be known as the "French Award." This will be awarded to the player of the year as chosen by the selection Committee, and your Committee are sure that the provision of such an Annual Award will greatly add to the game of Table Tennis. Various factors are to be taken into account by the Selection Committee and the presentation is to be made at the Annual Meeting.

It is pleasing to record that the first winner is Mrs Suzy Javor.

### 5. *The Magdon David Adom Cup*

The presentation of this Annual Award, made to the outstanding Australian Jewish sportsman and woman, has brought further honour to Victoria. Mrs Suzy Javour was awarded the Cup for her outstanding performances whilst representing both Victoria in the National events and her own Club, Hakoah in local events.



## HONORARY SECRETARY

On 30 June 1958, Mr Reg Summers tendered his resignation as Secretary of the Association. His resignation was brought about by increasing demands on his time in both the business and private fields and the expansion of the Table Tennis Centre made even further inroads on a very busy calendar.

This resignation was regretfully accepted by your Committee and it is desired to place on record the sterling work by Reg Summers for the game of Table Tennis, both as a player and an administrator.

A leading player for many years, Reg was successful in winning the Australian and Victorian doubles title. He was runner up in an Australian Open and has many tournament successes to his credit. In 1941 he was elected to the Executive Committee and was Assistant Honorary Secretary from 1946 to 1952. In 1952 he was elected Honorary Secretary, which position he held until his retirement.

As a life member Reg will still be connected with Table Tennis and we know that he will always retain a real interest in the game.

After being Assistant Secretary for six years, Mr M. Rundle was appointed to the position of Honorary Secretary.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Alterations were made to the existing Committee following on the appointment of Mr Rundle as Secretary and Mr J. Reid was appointed Assistant Honorary Secretary—Match.

Mr A. Walker was invited to fill the vacancy and was appointed to the Executive Committee as from July 1958. Various alterations were made to the existing sub-committees and those listed in the front of this report have been operating since July.

The full Executive meetings since the last Annual Meeting total 20, and the attendances were as follows:

A. Cooper . . . 18	E. Leder . . . 19	R. Summers . . . 6†
J. Hosking . . . 7*	B. Gibbins . . . 16	J. Reid . . . . . 19
R. Jones . . . . 19	T. Horsfield . . . 20	G. Page . . . . . 18
V. French . . . . 17	A. Walker . . . . 12‡	M. Rundle . . . . 20
R. Carlile . . . . 15	L. Haycraft . . . 20	
K. Defris . . . . 12	G. Forbes . . . . 13	

\* 6 months leave of absence. † Resigned 30.6.58. ‡ Appointed 14.7.58.

It was found necessary for the full Committee to meet every three weeks but in addition to this various sub-committees met regularly to prepare reports for the full Executive.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

On reviewing the financial statements of your Association you will realize that a very busy year is under review. The wonderful support

given to the Table Tennis Centre has resulted in a sound income and the attached statement of accounts for the Centre records your Executive Committee's policy of improving and expanding the Centre.

Your attention is drawn to the Balance Sheet and the apparent overall decrease in assets. This is accounted for by reference to the 1957 Balance Sheet, where the sundry creditors were shown at the high figure of £1405/6/8. At that time the majority of the original work had been completed but the accounts had not been paid.

### THANKS

As in previous years, many people willingly gave a helping hand to the promotion and growth of Table Tennis in Victoria. To them we offer our sincere thanks and trust that the progress recorded in this report has justified their willing help.

To the ladies and gentlemen of the Press, Radio and Television, a special "thank-you" for the publicity you have given, and we hope that your continued help may assist the game in future years.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee,

Melbourne  
18 February 1959

M. RUNDLE  
Honorary Secretary

### ADDENDUM

I wish to place on record the appreciation of your Executive Committee of the splendid work of the Honorary Secretary Mr Max Rundle, and his joint Assistant Honorary Secretaries, Mr J. Reid and Mr G. Page.

Mr Rundle had the difficult task of commencing his official duties in the middle of this financial year, following the retirement of Mr Reg Summers, whose services have been fully referred to earlier in this report. Despite this disadvantage, Mr Rundle attended all his duties in a most efficient manner.

Special mention must also be recorded of the capable work of our Honorary Treasurer, Mr Len Haycraft, in his dual positions as Treasurer and Country Week Organizer.

Further, I thank all members of the Committee for a year's work well done, and in particular Mr R. Jones, Chairman of the Centre Sub-Committee, Mr V. French, Chairman of the Promotion Sub-Committee and Mr R. Carlile, Chairman of the Moomba Sub-Committee.

January 1959

A. G. COOPER  
President



# VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

## BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 1958

### *Liabilities*

Sundry Creditors . . . . .	£ 626	11	4
S.E.C. Power for December 1958, estimate	70	0	0
World Championships . . . . .	15	7	8
French Award . . . . .	4	13	9
Excess from 1957 . . . . .	£ 1,545	12	6
from 1958 . . . . .	641	19	0
	-----	2,187	11 6
		<u>£ 2,904</u>	<u>4 3</u>

### *Assets*

Bank of New South Wales . . . . .	£ 263	17	11
Cash in Hand . . . . .	12	1	6
Sundry Debtors . . . . .	8	10	0
Office Equipment:			
Typewriters . . . . .	£ 83	10	0
Duplicator . . . . .	5	0	0
	-----	88	10 0
Table Tennis Centre Equipment:			
Tables . . . . .	510	0	0
Nets . . . . .	50	0	0
Light Fittings . . . . .	950	0	0
Fences . . . . .	50	0	0
Area Seating . . . . .	105	0	0
Tiered Seating . . . . .	450	0	0
Amplification . . . . .	12	0	0
House Telephones . . . . .	45	0	0
Furniture and Fittings . . . . .	290	0	0
	-----	2,462	0 0
Stock on Hand:			
Balls . . . . .	15	0	0
Scorebooks . . . . .	29	11	4
Badges . . . . .	24	13	6
	-----	69	4 10
		<u>£ 2,904</u>	<u>4 3</u>

# VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION REVENUE ACCOUNT, 12 months to 31 December 1958

## Receipts

A.T.T.A. Levy . . . . .	£93 19 0
Table Tennis Centre Excess . . . . .	190 5 4
Sale of Badges . . . . .	8 16 0
V.T.T.A. Levy . . . . .	118 8 6
<b>Affiliation Fees:</b>	
Associations . . . . .	£50 0 0
Clubs—Winter . . . . .	630 0 0
Summer . . . . .	564 0 0
	<hr/> 1,244 0 0
<b>Registration Fees:</b>	
Winter Pennant . . . . .	379 11 0
Summer Pennant . . . . .	376 10 0
	<hr/> 756 1 0
<b>Fines:</b>	
Winter Pennant . . . . .	45 0 0
Summer Pennant . . . . .	33 5 0
	<hr/> 78 5 0
Sale of Scorebooks . . . . .	60 14 3
Interest . . . . .	37 17 9
Skolnik Cup . . . . .	3 10 0
Junior Pennant . . . . .	27 5 0
Atlas Shield and Country Week . . . . .	29 8 11
Tournaments and Handicaps . . . . .	98 14 4

£2,747 5 1

## Payments

A.T.T.A. Levy . . . . .	£93 19 0
A.T.T.A. Affiliation . . . . .	5 5 0
Australian Championships, 1957 . . . . .	17 6 4
Australian Championships, 1958:	
Expenses . . . . .	£458 15 6
Contributions from	
Social Committee . . . . .	121 16 5
	<hr/> 336 19 1
New South Wales Championships . . . . .	30 0 0
Victorian Championships:	
Expenses . . . . .	468 13 4
less	
Entry Fees £227 9 6	
Admissions 211 6 9	
	<hr/> 438 16 3
	<hr/> 29 17 1
U.S.A. Visit . . . . .	166 4 3
Depreciation . . . . .	216 11 10
P.O. Box . . . . .	12 0 0
Honorariums . . . . .	236 5 0
Newsheet . . . . .	168 6 6
Premiership Pennants and Badges . . . . .	60 18 0
Promotion and Advertising . . . . .	73 17 9
Exhibitions . . . . .	1 6 0
Moomba Expenses . . . . .	18 16 9
Amplifier Hire . . . . .	4 4 0
Annual Meeting . . . . .	57 19 6
Entertainment . . . . .	50 0 0
Shirt Badges . . . . .	12 0 0
Committee Badges . . . . .	11 6 3
Handbooks . . . . .	2 4 4
Sundries: . . . . .	32 6 5
Anti-Cancer Appeal . . . . .	100 0 0
less Donations . . . . .	97 7 6
	<hr/> 2 12 6
Excess . . . . .	641 19 0

£2,747 5 1



**VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION**  
*Statement of Accounts for 12 months ending 31 December 1958*  
Victorian Table Tennis Centre, Albert Road, Albert Park

*Receipts*

Hire:				
Tables . . . . .	£ 4,618	1	0	
Leased areas . . . . .	543	4	0	
Headquarters Club . . . . .	137	0	0	
Snack Bar . . . . .	195	0	0	
	5,493	5	0	
less Refunds . . . . .	3	0	0	£ 5,490 5 0

Sales:				
Balls . . . . .	60	4	6	
Soft Drinks . . . . .	7	1	10	
Sweets . . . . .	42	7	8	109 14 0
				6 12 6
Telephone . . . . .				56 18 0
Donations . . . . .				£ 5,663 9 6

*Expenditure*

Rent . . . . .				£ 1,000 0 0
Wall Panelling and Fixed				
Fencing . . . . .	£ 1,876	6	3	
less Advertising . . . . .	452	10	0	1,423 16 3
Dutymen's Expenses . . . . .				524 15 2
Building Supervisor . . . . .				260 0 0
Maintenance Expenses . . . . .				586 8 10
Insurances . . . . .				45 16 4
Electric Power, paid . . . . .	782	7	11	
Estimate Dec. 1958 . . . . .	70	0	0	
	852	7	11	
less Refunds . . . . .	22	13	10	829 14 1
Lighting Installations . . . . .				587 0 3
Playing Equipment . . . . .				57 17 9
Advertising . . . . .				17 0 0
Signwriting . . . . .				18 7 9
Opening Function . . . . .				75 14 11
Sundries . . . . .				26 4 7
Balance Committee Room Building . . . . .				20 8 3
Balance . . . . .				190 5 4
				£ 5,663 9 6