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Ladies and Gentlemen,

A year of consolidation and progress! So the past 12 months can go on record, as much has been accomplished and many plans have been laid for the future. The work involved to complete a successful year in any walk of life calls for a lot of sacrifice in time and money, and the sport of Table Tennis is no exception.

This report reflects the growth of Table Tennis in Victoria and many are the people who go to make the "Association". The record of the work of these interested and hard-working committees is recorded herein.

PENNANT COMPETITIONS

Records are only made to be broken and the ever increasing pennant entries certainly prove this statement. Although there was a small drop in Junior entries through a change in dates, the Winter and Summer Metropolitan Pennants attracted increased entries.

The usual Fixture Books were published and distributed free to all registered players. These books contained the up-to-date Match Regulations and the amendments made at the 1959 Annual Meeting. The main alterations were the provision for the Match of the Week in Men's and Women's Grade A to be played on the Centre Court of the Table Tennis Centre, the home team taking A,B,C, during Home and Home fixtures, and the penalty clause for late starters. The amendments worked quite satisfactorily and your Committee feels that improvements have been made to the competitions.

When calling for entries for the Pennant Competitions, your Committee decided to test the feeling of Clubs for District competitions to be played on Monday and/or Thursday nights. Whilst this principle did receive some support from the larger Clubs, there were not sufficient entries to conduct a properly graded event and those who had entered transferred their teams to the main pennant. This is the third attempt to commence pennant competitions on a night other than Tuesday or Wednesday, and the lack of support leads your Committee to believe that the existing nights of play are the most suitable.

The following statistics are of interest and our congratulations are extended to the winners recorded in the various grades.

1. WINTER

Conducted from 24 and 25 March until 14 and 15 July.

45 grades divided between 9 Women's Grades and 36 Men's Grades.

354 teams entered and this was an increase of 11% on 1958 figures.

Owing to the increase in the entries received for this Pennant, F Grade was introduced for the newer teams in the Men's Competition and E Grade Women was also a new standard. Grading the entries is always a difficult task, when so little information is available other than the past season's performances. The closeness of matches in the final round and the keenness of the semi-finals showed that the grades were fairly even although, in some of the lower grades, a team may have dominated.

Winners and runners-up were as follows:-

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>
A	V.T.T.A. Colts	Coburg Harriers
A Reserve	Commonwealth Bank	St. George's Red
B1	Newzico	Coburg Harriers
B2	Preston	University
B3	St. Kilda Cricket	South Melbourne
B4	Y. C. L.	Commonwealth Bank
B5	Comm. Dept. Works	I. S. A. S.
B6	St. George's	St. Kilda Cricket
B7	Wanderers	Alstergren
C1	Myttons	Coles
C2	Contracts	Astor Radio
C3	Vaccinscol	A.A.T.T.C.
C4	Headquarters	Healesville
C5	Stores & Transport	Lions
C6	Ace	Coburg Harriers
C7	Alexanders	Wanderers
D1	Brunswick	V.P.I. Transport
D2	Sabres	Myer
D3	Northern	E.S.A. Bank
D4	Glazebrooks	V.P.I. South Yarra
D5	Commonwealth Bank	Preston
D6	Sutton	Commonwealth Bank
D7	Commonwealth Bank	St. John's
E1	Foys	Stevedores

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>
E2	Canterbury	University
E3	Austin Hospital	Feltex
E4	Sisalkraft	Kraft
E5	Golden Fleece	Olympic
E6	Hakoah	MacRobertsons
E7	Kauri Sharpes	Ayando
F1	H.M.A.S. Lonsdale	Bosch
F2	Yencken	R. M. H.
F3	Coburg Harriers	Cyclone Forge
F4	Coburg Harriers	Commonwealth Bank
F5	V.P.I. South Yarra	Vacuum
F6	Foys	Northern

<u>WOMEN :-</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>
A	Kiwi	Melbourne Hakoah
A Reserve	Melbourne Hakoah	University
B1	Headquarters	South Melbourne
B2	Melbourne Hakoah	Headquarters
C1	Headquarters	Forest Products
C2	Contracts	Vaccinscol
D1	Caterpillar	Commonwealth Bank
D2	Headquarters	Glen Eira
E2	State Savings Bank	Sutton.

2. SUMMER

Conducted from 15 and 16 September until 24 and 25 November.
33 grades of 10 teams divided over 7 Women's Grades and 26 Men's Grades.

321 teams entered and this was an increase of 11% on 1958 figures.

Following on the decision of the Annual Meeting, the Summer Pennant was conducted over a period of nine weeks for the Home and Home with ten teams participating in each grade. The shorter season worked satisfactorily and your Committee feel that a similar programme should be followed in the future.

Winners and runners-up were as follows:-

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>
A	Hakoah	St. George's Red
A Reserve	Hakoah Women	Y. C. L.
B1	Hungaria	Paramount
B2	Melbourne Hakoah Women	Coburg Harriers
B3	Coburg Harriers	Wool Research
B4	Hakoah	St. George's
B5	Neverdown	Coburg Harriers

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>
C1	Alexanders	Alstergren
C2	Golds Mort	Commonwealth Bank
C3	Cyprian	Melbourne Harbor
C4	Sabres	Headquarters
C5	Stevedores	Sidchrome
C6	Explosives	Saints'
D1	Kauri Sharpes	M.C.C. Electric
D2	Constitutional	Canterbury
D3	Spotlight	Zodiac
D4	Yencken	Alexanders
D5	V.P.I. Transport	Rushall
D6	Hakoah	Brockhoffs
E1	B.P. Australia	Alphington
E2	Sandringham	V.P.I. South Cental
E3	Kodak	H.B.A. Social
E4	Coburg Harriers	Try
E5	E. I. L.	T. & G.
E6	State Savings Bank	Try
E7	Rainbow	Wilkes

WOMEN :-

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>
A	Hakoah	Y. W. C. A.
B1	Melbourne Hakoah	Headquarters Red
B2	Headquarters	V. R. I.
C1	Bambra	Y.W.C.A. Blue
C2	T. & G.	Headquarters
D1	Hakoah	Neverdown
D2	Noyes	National Bank

3. JUNIOR

A change in the dates saw this event played over 10 rounds between the period of 6th June and 10th October and, because of the alteration, many of the teams entered in previous years by the Schools could not participate in this season. The entry was lower than 1958 in that 53 teams competed, a decrease of 17%. 9 Grades were contested, including a girls' grade for the first time, the winners and runners-up being:-

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>
A	Coburg Harriers	Melbourne Grammar
B	Heidelberg High	Vaccinscol
C	Headquarters	Caulfield Technical
D	St. Kevin's	St. Albans
E	Try Youth	Alcres
Sub-A	Headquarters	Coburg Harriers
Sub-B	St. Kevin's	Preston
Sub-C	Heidelberg High	Hungaria
Girls'	MacRobertsons	Preston.

A special Presentation morning and meeting was held for the delegates from Junior Teams and, although the meeting was during the examination period, the attendance was very encouraging. Your Committee felt that the Juniors themselves should have the opportunity of speaking on the Junior Pennant and the meeting agreed with the suggestion that 3 members from their ranks be co-opted to work with the Junior Sub-Committee of the Association.

NEWS SHEET

The News Sheet was produced on 35 weeks of the year and Club Secretaries were in possession of up to the minute news, results and points. We record here our protest against the rise in postal charges which have greatly burdened the costs of producing this very important service to Table Tennis. Our postage costs now form a big part of the overall expense of running this sport and we hold the strong opinion that a concession rate should apply to such bodies who do produce a regular publication for the information of their members.

Strong Pennant Competitions have always been the life-blood of this Association and it is encouraging to see that more and more teams are participating. Your Committee feel that as these competitions are conducted properly, in accordance with the rules and regulations on such matters as dress, playing conditions and general control, greater satisfaction is recorded by those who play.

We thank all the registered Clubs for the support that they gave throughout the various pennant seasons and hope that all their members did enjoy playing competitive Table Tennis.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

The usual major Tournaments were conducted during the year and it is pleasing to report that there was a large exchange of players in both the Interstate and Intrastate events. The wider experience offered by this interchange is evident in the improving standard of play, and your Committee thank all those players and officials who made the effort and supported the various Championships.

1. EASTER

Again the Riversdale Manufacturing Co. joined with your Association in staging the Easter Tournament and Teams Competition. Financial support was offered to Interstate Associations

to assist them in sending teams, and South Australia and New South Wales were represented. Many spectators travelled with the South Australian party and this large Interstate attendance added much to the Tournament.

Two country teams, Men and Women, were chosen to represent this important section of Victorian Table Tennis. Because of othersporting activities, some of the top players were not able to participate but the teams performed very well and their addition to the inter-team matches provided wider scope for experience.

Victorian Metropolitan teams proved too strong and were successful in winning the Men and Women's Team events. All players then joined with local players for the Easter Tournament and this event was a great success. Those who had attended were not disappointed with the standard of play and the winners recorded below are well deserving of our congratulations:-

Men's Singles	A. Maracz
Men's Doubles	T. Kurtak & J. Marton
Women's Singles	S. Javor
Women's Doubles	S. Javor & A. O'Brien
Mixed Doubles	A. Maracz & S. Javor
Junior Boys' Singles	R. Lim
Junior Girls' Singles	L. Cohen
Special Singles - Men	P. Lawrence
Special Doubles - Men	G. Nagy & R. Normand
B Grade Singles - Men	K. Ebenwalder
C Grade Singles - Men	C. Scott
D Grade Singles - Men	C. Goh
C Grade Doubles - Men	T. Borbely & F. Kovacs
B Grade Singles - Women	H. Gruber
C Grade Singles - Women	J. Vickers
Special Singles - Women	N. Kneebone.

During the event, an opportunity was taken for a meeting of the South Australian and Victorian Executive Committees and discussion took place on the running of the Tournament as well as other matters of interest to both States. The success of the Easter events was very encouraging to your Committee and plans are well in hand to see that the event is conducted annually with a possibly wider Interstate attendance.

2. METROPOLITAN ATLAS SHIELD

Western Suburbs again proved that their Association has all-round strength in winning the 1959 Shield. Although A and B Grade

V.T.T.A. players were excluded from participation in the competition, the teams entered by Western Suburbs won both their Sections and contested the final.

Under the new rules, 16 teams were entered from 10 affiliated Metropolitan Associations and the event was played between the two pennant seasons. Our congratulations are extended to Western Suburbs for their third successive win and thanks are recorded to all the Associations who supported the event.

3. STATE

The 30th Annual Victorian Championships saw an increase in entries, which necessitated the use of 32 tables on some nights of the Championship. An indoor telephone circuit was placed in operation to help control such a large undertaking and this system made for orderly conduct of the Championship.

The event was held from 20 to 24 July and attracted many Interstate and Country players. Interest was added by the entry of A. Robinson of Queensland and C. McDonald of N.S.W. who had just returned from representing Australia at the 1959 World Titles in Germany. The experience gained by C. McDonald during this visit was a big factor in his winning of the Victorian Title and he goes on record as the youngest player ever to win the title.

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

Men's Singles Championship	C. McDonald (N.S.W.)
Runner-up	J. Marton
Women's Singles Championship	S. Javor
Runner-up	N. Buckland
Men's Doubles Championship	W. Bates & K. Fahey
Runners-up	T. Kurtak & J. Marton
Women's Doubles Championship	S. Javor & A. O'Brien
Runners-up	H. Law & M. Freeman
Mixed Doubles Championship	K. Fahey & N. Buckland
Runners-up	G. Stirling & M. Freeman
Junior Singles Championship - Boys	R. Lim
Runner-up	J. Plain
Junior Singles Championship - Girls	R. Bailey
Runner-up	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	J. Witt
Special Doubles - Men	A. Walker & E. Moy
B Grade Singles - Men	M. Judd
C Grade Singles - Men	O. Chan
D Grade Singles - Men	S. Wu
C Grade Doubles - Men	B. Preston & M. Walker
B Grade Singles - Women	B. McVea
C Grade Singles - Women	R. Packer
Schoolboys under 16	A. Doyle
Schoolboys under 14	V. Williams
E Grade Singles - Men	P. Chan
Special Singles - Women	E. Szabo
B Grade Doubles - Women	R. Bailey & S. Spinks.

Television again played a big part in the Finals night programme and a direct telecast was made from the Centre of half an hour of the Women's Singles Final. The quality of the production was excellent and proved that properly staged our sport is well worthy of televising.

4. COUNTRY WEEK

The ninth Annual Country Week was well attended by the country players, the affiliated Country Associations being represented by 51 teams. The standard of play continues to rise in the Country areas and your Committee feel that this Annual Competition adds to the interest of those who play in Country centres.

The Shield winners were:-

Atlas Shield	Men	Geelong
Atlas Shield	Women	Shepparton
Riversdale Shield	Men	Horsham
B Grade Shield	Women	Geelong
Len Haycraft Shield	Men	Ballarat,

and our congratulations are extended to the winners.

The usual individual Country Championships saw an increased entry and again the standard of play reached an all-time high. To win a Country title after a week of strenuous play every day is a well deserved honour and our congratulations go to the following:-

Country Men's Singles Championship	L. Stone	(Kyabram)
Country Women's Singles Championship	N. Kneebone	(Shepparton)
Country Men's Doubles Championship	G. McIlvena & J. Condor	(Geelong)
Country Woman's Doubles Championship	N. Kneebone & J. Teague	(Shepparton)

Country Mixed Doubles Championship - W.Hawley & J.Eddy (Traralgon)
 Country Junior Singles for Boys - P. Kluge (Horsham).

5. AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR

This year's event was held in Sydney and Victoria were represented by Miss L. Cohen, E. Mano, G. Stirling and R. Lim. Miss D. Payne was appointed Team Manageress and the team had a very successful visit to Sydney.

The Oliphant Shield was won by Victoria for the first time on a countback after a tie between Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. This was a great success for the young players as they were matched against other juniors who had had overseas experience. Miss Payne and the team members were very successful in the New South Wales titles held at the same time, and added to their team successes by reaching the finals in many events.

6. NATIONAL

The 14th Annual Australian Championships were held in Perth, Western Australia, between 5 to 9 September 1959 and were very successfully conducted by the W.A. T.T.A. Our sincere congratulations are extended to W.A. T.T.A. officials on the manner in which the titles were conducted and the hospitality shown to the many visitors from the Eastern States.

Entries were received from all States for both Men and Women's Team events, except Queensland men, and the Championship events were well supported. All matches were played in the Perth Drill Hall and Finals night saw a large attendance of visitors and local supporters. The standard of play witnessed in the Women's Final has not been bettered in Women's Table Tennis in this country before this great match, and 19 all in the fifth set showed the little difference there was between the two players.

Victoria convincingly won the Women's Shield but were not successful in retaining the Men's Shield, which was won by New South Wales. The only individual title won by Victoria was that of the Women's Singles, but our players represented their State as true Sportsmen and were well received both on and off the court.

The teams selected to represent Victoria were:-

Men - W. Bates, R. Lim, A. Maraczy, J. Marton and E. Sokolowski
 Women - S. Javor, H. Law, A. O'Brien and L. Prowse.

The Teams' Manager was V.T.T.A. President, Mr. A. Cooper, and the non-playing Captain was the official State Coach, K. Javor.

The teams finished in the following order:-

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| Spalding Shield - Men | | |
| 1. New South Wales | 3. Western Australia | 5. South Australia |
| 2. Victoria | 4. Tasmania | |
| Ron Jones Shield - Women | | |
| 1. Victoria | 3. Western Australia | 5. South Australia |
| 2. Queensland | 4. New South Wales | 6. Tasmania. |

The following players reached the finals in the individual events and the winners are well deserving of their titles:-

Men's Singles Championship	C. McDonald	(NSW.)
Runner-up	P. Anderson	(W.A.)
Women's Singles Championship	S. Javor	(Vic.)
Runner-up	L. Murphy	(Qld.)
Men's Doubles Championship	G. Jennings & M. Wilcox	(NSW.)
Runners-up	A. Maraozy & E. Sokolowski	(Vic.)
Women's Doubles Championship	L. Murphy & J. Stanaway	(Qld.)
Runners-up	S. Javor & A. O'Brien	(Vic.)
Mixed Doubles Championship	P. Anderson & P. Hughes	(W.A.)
Runners-up	M. Wilcox (NSW) & L. Murphy	(Qld.)
Junior Singles Championship - Boys	M. Wilcox	(NSW.)
Runner-up	C. McDonald	(NSW.)
Junior Singles Championship - Girls	L. Murphy	(Qld.)
Runner-up	J. Stanaway	(Qld.)
Consolation Singles for Men	C. Wheeler	(NSW.)

At the Victory Ball following the Championships, the Australian Selectors announced the Australian Rankings as follows:-

Men	Women
1. C. McDonald (NSW) (4)	1. S. Javor (Vic.) (1)
2. P. Anderson (W.A.) (5)	2. L. Murphy (Qld.) (4)
3. G. Jennings (NSW) (3)	3. A. O'Brien (Vic.) (6)
4. J. Marton (Vic)	4. J. Stanaway (Qld.) (9)
5. M. Wilcox (NSW)	5. P. Hughes (W.A.)
6. A. Maraozy (Vic) (2)	6. H. Law (Vic.)
7. R. Lim (Vic)	7. J. Grove (NSW.)
8. J. Klesman (NSW)	8. L. Prowse (Vic.)
9. E. Sokolowski (Vic) (9)	9. V. Cox (S.A.)
10. C. Wheeler (NSW)	10. L. Cohen (Vic.).

Not ranked - insufficient performances - A. Robinson (Qld.) (1).

Further honour was paid to Victorian Table Tennis at the elections of Australian Table Tennis Association Office Bearers

for 1959/60. After being the Foundation Secretary for a period of 23 years, V.T.T.A. Vice-president, Mr. Ron Jones, was elected President of the A.T.T.A. and at the Victory Ball a tribute was paid to him for his work for the Australian game by a presentation. Mr. Ray Carlile was elected as A.T.T.A. Secretary and our congratulations are extended to both.

7. METROPOLITAN

This event was again conducted on the week-end prior to Cup Day and, although it attracted a good entry, it was realised the week-end tournament is not popular. A decision has been made that this event will in future be conducted on week nights and we are of the opinion that the decision will be popular among players. The winners of the 1959 Tournament receive our congratulations.

The winners were:-

Men's Singles-E. Sokolowski	B Grade Sgl.Men -T.v.de Soest
Men's Doubles-B.Peters&V.Matison	C Grade Sgl.Men -J. Shepherd
Wom's Singles-S. Javor	D Grade Sgl.Men -C. Johnson
Wom's Doubles-M.Freeman & H.Law	E Grade Sgl.Men -V. Jakube
Mixed Doubles-J.Marton & S.Javor	C Grade Doubles -J. Kiss & J. Shepherd
Junior Boys -E. Mano	B Grade Sgl.Wom.-J.Guggenheim
Spec.Sgl. Men-G. Nagy	C Grade Sgl.Wom.-P. Pagram.
Spec. Doubles-P.Meeking & J.Mano	

8. HANDICAP TOURNAMENTS

These very popular tournaments were conducted at the Table Tennis Centre on the second Sunday afternoon of each month and were very well supported by players. The good handicapping allowed for interesting matches between players of different standard and players benefited by the experience gained.

Your Committee wish to thank all those who participated and the many people who conducted the events so successfully.

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:-

Ballarat, Bendigo, Coburg, Coleraine, Geelong, Kyabram, Murray Triangle, Murtoa, Preston, Sandringham, Shepparton, Stawell, Traralgon, Warrnambool.

Both Metropolitan and Country events attracted large entries from leading players and the improving standard seen in the organising 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.

TABLE TENNIS CENTRE OF VICTORIA EXPANSION

The plans laid in 1958, for the installation of an additional 13 tables, bore fruit this year when the additional space within the building became available to your Association as from 1/7/59. As the previous improvements to the building had met with the approval of all who had visited the Centre, your Committee continued the high standard and the result to date has well justified the expense. The Centre is now open to the public for over 100 hours a week.

Many were the International visitors who were impressed when they entered such a large, well-appointed building and they have joined with Interstate and local visitors in praising all those associated with the building and expansion of the World's largest Table Tennis Centre. Many hours have been spent by your Committee in the planning of this large venture and we are justly proud of the constant expressions of appreciation.

Such a task is not achieved by a Committee alone, and our thanks are extended to all who have helped.

ALBERT PARK TRUST

The encouraging co-operation received during the year from the Chairman of the Trust, Senator P.J. Kennelly, and his Committee of Management played a large part in having the additional areas available for the finals of the 1959 Winter Pennant. The help and support given by the Trust since the inception of the Centre is gratefully acknowledged.

It is pleasing to report that during the year the Victorian Amateur Basketball Association and the Victorian Badminton Association followed our lead in opening their own Centres. The Albert Park Trust is to be congratulated on assisting these bodies and improving the area to make the setting of the three Centres a showplace of Victoria.

SUPPORT

Your Committee believe in being optimistic but even their most enthusiastic estimates have been exceeded in relation to the support given to the Table Tennis Centre. 41 Tables in use and still requests for more! To keep faith with the large numbers of the public using the Centre, your Committee have adopted the principle of hiring the last 5 courts booked on a half-hourly basis and this procedure has resulted in very few players not obtaining some Table Tennis during their visit.

The excellent support has resulted in more money being available and, following on our previous policy, improvements at the Table Tennis Centre have received priority. The finest Table Tennis Centre in the World is still your Committee's aim and 1959 saw a big step forward in this direction.

DUTYMEN AND STAFF

Our full-time staff has increased in proportion to the work to be completed and the loyal support given by Mr. "Paddy" Hutchins and the Staff has helped tremendously in making the Centre a popular place to visit. This support is greatly appreciated by the Committee and we know we speak for all visitors to the Centre when we express our thanks.

Dutymen donating their time are still supplying service at the Centre outside the normal working hours of the Staff, and their support has helped the progress of Table Tennis. Many are the queries answered by these 'supporters in action' and your Committee are pleased to record the part played by them.

MAJOR WORKS COMPLETED :-

- Extended playing arena from 28 to 41 Tables.
- Completed fixing arena fences for all public tables.
- Completed wall panelling for all public tables.
- Completed building of Reception and Meeting Hall.
- Installation of heating in Grandstands.

Installation of light control board for tables.
 Installation of exterior lighting to building.
 Building Office; Improvements to front entrance.

THE FUTURE

All big businesses must plan ahead if there is to be progress and this certainly applies to the Table Tennis Centre of Victoria. Already work is in hand to add wooden floors to enough areas to play the forthcoming Australian Championships, and full investigations are going into plans for the future Centre Court area and Grandstands.

All plans must be backed by the finance necessary and your Committee are sure that the popularity of the Centre will not diminish and have, therefore, planned for the future with confidence.

TRAINING SQUADS

Many of the successes gained by Victorian players were directly resulting from the many hours of training and practice by players at the Training Squads organised by your Association. From February to September, twice a week, a State squad practised under the direction of V.T.T.A. State Coach, Mr. K. Javor.

Vice-president Mr. K. Defris was the manager of this Squad, and your Committee's thanks are due to both these gentlemen for the many hours of work involved.

At the end of the Summer season a Junior coaching scheme was introduced, again under the direction of Mr. Javor. Some 30 to 40 junior players attended, including some from Country centres, and your Committee feel that this step will bear fruit in the future.

VICTORIAN RANKINGS

At the conclusion of the Season, the Selection Committee of the Association met to consider the year's performances of the leading players. The 1959 rankings were then announced as follows:-

<u>Men</u>			
1.	E. Sokolowski	(2)	
2.	J. Marton	(5)	
3.	A. Maraczy	(1)	
4.	T. Kurtak	(3)	
5.	W. Bates	(6)	
6.	R. Lim		
7.	S. Wong		(7)
8.	E. Mano		
9.	K. Fahey		
10.	S. Kramer		(8)

				<u>Women</u>				
1.	S. Javor	(1)			6.	M. Freeman	(6)	
2.	N. Buckland	(2)			7.	L. Cohen	(5)	
3.	A. O'Brien	(3)			8.	B. Neal		
4.	H. Law	(8)			9.	B. Turner		
5.	L. Prowse	(7)			10.	N. Phin.		

It is pleasing to note that young players are forcing their way to the top in Table Tennis in Victoria, and this justified the Committee's policy of trying to encourage the youth of our State to participate in this sport.

CHARITIES

The 3AW Mother's Day Appeal for the Royal Women's Hospital was again supported by your Association together with affiliated bodies. We were successful in raising £122 through our efforts for this very worthwhile appeal.

The proceeds from the Metropolitan Summer Tournament were donated to the Rotary Club of Camberwell's appeal for a Centre for Mentally Retarded Children. The Rotary Club assisted your Committee in the staging of this Tournament and through our joint efforts their Building Fund received an amount of £780.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

When the official statistics for 1959 were presented to the A.T.T.A. for its Annual Meeting, your Committee were very proud of the figures for Victoria. 50 Associations, 903 Clubs, 1574 Teams were figures which exceeded any other State and proved your Committee's claim that our affiliated associations are one of our strengths.

The Regional Officers appointed each year greatly assist your Executive in the control of the game throughout the State and our thanks are due to the following officers who were appointed in 1959:-

Shepparton	: C. Kneebone	: Katandra West
Horsham	: J. G. Wright	: 8 Wawunna Rd., Horsham
Traralgon	: S.G. Bonighton	: 63 Seymour Street, Traralgon
Ballarat	: G. Petch	: 215 Wendouree Pde., Ballarat
Mildura	: E. W. Rowe	: Box 321, Red Cliffs
Warrnambool	: T. Sulyok	: Timor Street, Warrnambool.

To the many Committees who control the affiliated associations go our thanks for a job well done and the hope that they

will continue in their good work for the good of Table Tennis.
The 1959 affiliations were as follows:-

Bairnsdale	Healesville	South-Eastern Suburbs
Ballan	Horsham	Stawell
Ballarat	Insurance	Sunraysia
Bass Valley	Kyabram	Sunshine
Benalla	Kyneton	Swanpool
Bendigo	Livingstone	Tatura
Camperdown	Murtoa	Traralgon
Cobram	Nathalia	Valley Churches
Coleraine	Northern	Victorian Railways
Croydon	Nullawarre	Wangaratta
Eastern Industries	Numurkah	Warragul
Eastern Suburban Churches	Portland	Warrnambool
Echuca Churches	Public Service	Western Plains
Essendon-Flemington	Rushworth	Western Suburbs
Geelong	Sandringham	Wonthaggi
Glenroy	Seymour	Yarrawonga-Mulwala.
Hamilton	Shepparton	

UMPIRES' LEAGUE

This League continued its important activities during the year and reported an increase in the number of members. The League were responsible for supplying umpires to the main Permanent matches each week and were of great assistance during the Tournaments conducted by your Association.

SPECIAL EVENTS

1. Moomba Festival

Your Association were again represented in the activities of Moomba by providing free of charge table tennis facilities in the Alexandra Gardens. This activity created a large amount of interest among the public and many new contacts were made by the officials in charge each night.

The International Tournament for the Skolnik World Cup was conducted during the week and we congratulate the winners, Israel, on their success. A new feature during the 1959 Festival was an individual singles competition for the Lord Mayor's Trophy and this was won by our official State Coach, Mr. K. Javor. Cr. Brens was in attendance at the final of the event and presented the Cup on behalf of the Lord Mayor.

2. French Award

This was the second year that Mrs. Javor has been presented with this award, and we know that all players will join with your Committee in thanking this champion of our sport for her services to Victorian Table Tennis.

3. Footballers' Competition

At the end of the football season the Victorian Football League were invited to nominate players for a tournament, conducted at the Table Tennis Centre. The event was well supported by the League players, who played in their club colours. Whilst this was not within Match Regulations, it added to the interest of the competition and our thanks are due to the clubs who supported this venture.

T. Merrett of Collingwood defeated R. Barassi of Melbourne in the Final, and our congratulations go to both these players. With the support received, it is our intention to make this an annual event.

PROMOTION OFFICER-COACH

Your Executive Committee fully examined the position concerning the promotion of the sport and realised that honorary officials, working outside business hours, could not properly promote the game. It was, therefore, decided to advertise throughout the Table Tennis World, calling for applications for a full-time promotion officer and coach. It was felt that if a full-time man was in charge of promotion, greater results could be achieved in a smaller space of time.

At the time of this report going to press, numerous applications had been received for the position but no appointment had been made.

ADMINISTRATION

With increased demands of the sport in general and more particularly the Table Tennis Centre, your Committee saw an urgent need for full-time clerical staff. As from January of this year this position was filled and suitable office accommodation was made available at the Centre.

This meant that it was possible to open the Centre from 9.0 a.m. on weekdays and, while the volume of business in the mornings is not great, it could be expected that this period would gradually see an increase in the number of users of the Centre.

The increased volume of administration necessary for the control of this ever-growing sport and the large business venture of the Table Tennis Centre of Victoria has resulted in a large increase in the number of Executive Committee meetings necessary. To these meetings must be added many hours of sub-committee meetings to prepare information for the full Executive.

The number of full Executive meetings between the last Annual Meeting and end of January 1960 totals 26, and the attendances were as follows:-

A.G. Cooper	25	G. Page	19	T. Horsfield	23
R.H. Jones	24	L. Haycraft	24	A. Walker	25
K. Defris	19	G. Forbes	13	B. Richmond	21
E. Leder	22	B. Gibbins	24	C. Gruber	23
J. Reid	23	R. Carlile	19	M. Rundle	26
* Leave of absence 2 meetings		} Absent on duty 1 meeting			
		/ New appointments 23/2/59.			

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The attached statements reflect the continued growth of the Association and the support given the Table Tennis Centre is clearly shown in the Table Tennis Centre Accounts. Your Committee's policy of improving and expanding the Centre has resulted in very heavy expenditure, but the continuing support from the public has justified this policy.

THANKS

It is always difficult to record in full the thanks of an Association for the help received from people not directly connected with the sport. Your Committee is deeply conscious of the fact that their task is made easier by the help so willingly given by people interested in our sport and we offer our sincere thanks to them.

Press, Radio and Television play an important part in promoting the growth of any sport and we are pleased to record that we were well supported by the Staff of the Organisations controlling these media.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee,

1 February 1960

M. RUNDLE
Honorary Secretary.

A D D E N D U M

The foregoing report shows a year full of progress and activity; the main burden of the year's work, as always, falls upon the shoulders of your Honorary Secretary, Mr. Max Rundle, and his Joint Assistant Honorary Secretaries, Messrs. J. Reid and G. Page. Mr. Max Rundle has carried out all his duties in a most capable and efficient manner.

I must also thank your Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Len Haycraft, for his splendid work with the financial records of this Association. Mr. Haycraft's duties have been greatly increased as a result of the growth of our activities at the Table Tennis Centre.

A. G. COOPER
President.

THE VICTORIAN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET - AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1959.

LIABILITIES

	1958		1959
Albert Park Trust A/c (see contra)	597	8	8
Sundry Creditors	741	10	10
S.E.C. Power for December 1959	100	0	0
Excess from 1958 - 2187 11 6			
Excess for 1959 437 5 0			
	2624	16	6

ASSETS

	1958		1959
Albert Park Structural Alterations (see contra)	597	8	8
Bank of New South Wales	329	12	0
Cash in Hand	3	0	0
Sundry Debtors	84	13	8
Office Equipment (less Depreciation)	79	3	0
Table Tennis Centre Equipment (less Depreciation)	2795	17	0
Stock on Hand - Balls	37	1	3
Scorebooks	10	4	0
Badges	29	11	0
Australian Championships 1960 (Advance payments)	60	0	0
French Trust A/c	37	5	5

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(Sgd.) L. A. Haycraft, A.A.S.A., A.C.A.A., A.C.I.S.
Honorary Treasurer.

TEEN IS ASSOCIATION

1958		Expenditure	
94	A.T.T.A. Levy	£104	18 0
5	A.T.T.A. Affiliation	5	5 0
354	Australian Championships 1958	10	0 0
	Australian Championships 1959	536	19 2
	New South Wales Junior Carnival	48	10 0
30	New South Wales Country Tour	39	12 4
	Depreciation	9	7 0
217	Honorariums	275	10 0
236	News Sheet	219	19 5
168	Premiership Pennants & Badges	71	14 5
61	(Promotion & Advertising	33	15 2
74	(Publicity	40	16 0
	Exhibitions	7	15 0
1	Moomba	6	1 6
19	Annual Meeting	116	9 6
58	Hospitality	50	15 7
50	Committee Blazers	64	0 0
	(Fixtures & Handbooks	119	0 6
329	(Printing & Stationery	286	3 2
135	(Telephone	89	19 4
	(Postages	83	13 0
	Junior Coaching	12	5 0
	Audit Fees	10	4 0
	L. A. Haycraft Shield	10	0 0
	Donation - Prince Henry's Hospital	5	5 0
	Bank Charges	6	0 0
32	Sundries	6	5 0
642	Excess for 1959	437	5 0

£2707 8 1

THE VICTORIAN TABLE
VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS CENTRE
REVENUE ACCOUNT

Receipts				
Hire of Tables	£6813	2	1	
Enclosed Areas	543	15	2	
Headquarters Club	331	16	0	
Handicap Tournaments	63	15	3	
Junior Tennant	5	1	1	
Snack Bar				£7767 9 7
Hire of Committee Room				274 0 0
Hire of Lockers				37 0 0
Telephone				2 0 0
Sales - Balls				70 10 7
				152 7 8

TENNIS ASSOCIATION
ALBERT PARK, MELBOURNE
12 months ended 31st December 1959.

Expenditure				
RENT	923	19	6	£1250 0 0
Wall Paneling, Fixed Fencing & Flooring				
Less Advertising	30	0	0	
Dutyman's Expenses				893 19 6
Wages - Building Supervisor & Staff				640 5 4
Maintenance Expenses				1252 1 0
Insurance				477 13 2
Electric Power				47 14 9
Lighting Installations				987 13 10
Playing Equipment				500 4 6
Signwriting				139 16 8
Front Porch & Doors				27 5 10
Gates & Seats				200 0 0
Committee Room Ceiling				138 0 0
Erecting Office & Sundry Renovations				64 0 0
Reception Room Walls & Ceiling				150 14 0
Telephone				423 0 0
Telephone Installation				64 15 8
Rates				18 18 9
Interest on Rates				145 0 0
Printing				5 8 8
Hospitality				12 12 0
Mother's Day Appeal				30 0 0
Audit Fees				30 9 0
Honorariums				15 0 0
Other Centre Tournaments				95 0 0
Depreciation				32 11 6
Sundries				386 16 0
Excess for 1959				4 13 7
				259 9 1

£8293 7 10

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F R E N C H M E D A L T R U S T A C C O U N T

Liabilities

French Trust A/c (see contra)	100	0	0
Balance from 1958	4	13	9
Dividends received	10	3	4
Balance	37	5	5
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	£152	2	6
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Assets

Shares (see contra)	100	0	0
Cost of Trophy & Replicas	52	2	6
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	£152	2	6
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AUDITORS' R E P O R T

We report that we have audited the books and accounts of The Victorian Table Tennis Association for the year ended 31st December 1959, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion, the foregoing Statement of the Assets and Liabilities is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of affairs of the Association, and the accompanying Revenue Accounts are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Income and Expenditure for the year, according to the best of our information, the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Association.

Sgd. E. Adkins, A.A.S.A.

K. Wood

Melbourne, 2nd February 1960

Honorary Auditors.