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**THE
VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION.**

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AFFILIATED WITH THE AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SEASON 1947

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To be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held on 2nd April, 1948.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In reviewing the activities of the Association during 1947, your Executive Committee have pleasure in reporting one of the most successful seasons since the Association's inception.

Summarised, events were as follows:-

(1) PENNANT COMPETITIONS: 116 Teams (compared with 73 in 1946) competed in 15 Grades. Playing conditions in a number of Clubs were not ideal, and it is hoped that these faults can be remedied in the future, when such shortages as tables and playing space become available.

The existing Match regulations concerning the order of play were abused on a number of occasions during the Season, and this shortcoming in our Rules can only be rectified by the introduction of the International Swaythling Cup and the A.T.T.A. Teams Championship of Australia method, by playing three singles players in each team, and each player playing the best of three games against each player of the opposing team.

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

A Grade	St. Kilda Cricket	D Section 1	Kitchen's
A Reserve	Crescent	D Section 2	Williams
B Section 1	St. George's	D Section 3	Forest Products
B Section 2	Vacuum	D Section 4	Allambe
C Section 1	Goldsbrough Mort	D Section 5	Hebco
C Section 2	J. R. C.	Women's A	Ramblers
C Section 3	Myer's	Women's B	J.R.C.
C Section 4	State Electricity		

(2) STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS: The 18th Annual Victorian Championships, played at Wirth's Olympia, July 24th to August 1st, were conducted in a manner which we consider gave increased prestige to our Game.

Considerable improvement in playing conditions was given to Competitors.

A large number of Interstate players were included in the record number of 592 entries received for the 13 events decided,

and appreciation is offered for the co-operation given by the visiting interstate players, (namely R. Hodge, S.A., and from N.S.W. Messrs. P. Anderson, B. Hodge, L. Laza, D. McCulla, M. Szabados, Miss D. Shipp and Mrs. M. Szabados) local players, volunteer umpires, and Committeemen, who all helped to bring the tournament to a successful conclusion, when, on the Finals Night, the major titles were decided before a packed Olympia.

Congratulations are offered to the following players on winning their respective events:-

Men's Singles Championship	..	M. Szabados (N.S.W.)
Women's Singles Championship	..	Miss F. White
Men's Doubles	..	P. Anderson - L. Laza (N.S.W.)
Women's " " "	..	Miss F. White - Mrs. Thomson
Mixed " " "	..	R. Summers - Miss F. White
Junior Singles	..	G. Brukner
Men's Special Singles	..	O. Gruenberger
Men's Special Doubles	..	L. Clough - A. Walker
Men's "B" Grade Singles	..	O. Gruenberger
Men's "C" Grade Singles	..	K. Defris
Men's "D" Grade Singles	..	G. McIlvina (Geelong)
Men's Novice Singles	..	E. Bye
Women's "B" Grade Singles	..	Miss I. Suran.

(3) INTERSTATE MATCHES: Three Interstate Matches were played during 1947. The resumption of these Matches is welcomed, as such events offer Victorian players incentive, experience, and the opportunity to improve their game.

(a) Victoria v. South Australia - played in Adelaide, 10th and 11th July, 1947.

Victorian Teams:-

Men

Women

R. Summers
H. Bashford
L. Phillips

Miss F. White
Miss E. Nicholls
Miss A. McClelland

Results:- Men: South Australia, 7 rubbers, 15 games defeated
Victoria, 4 rubbers, 11 games.
Women: Sth. Australia 6 rubbers, 13 games defeated
Victoria 5 rubbers, 12 games.

(b) Tasmania v. Victoria - Played in Hobart, 6th September, 1947.

Victorian Team:- J. Phin, H. Bashford, D. Labb.

Result:- Victoria, 9 rubbers, 19 games defeated
Tasmania, 2 rubbers, 5 games.

(c) Victoria v. Tasmania. - played at Sandringham, 10th October, 1947.

Victorian Team:- R. Summers, H. Bashford, H. Oakley, J. Phin.

Result:- Victoria, 10 rubbers, 20 games defeated
Tasmania, 0 rubbers, 2 games.

(4) INVITATION TOURNAMENTS: On two occasions during the Season, leading players were invited to participate in Interstate Tournaments:-

(a) SZABADOS METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - played in Sydney, October, 1947. R. Summers and Miss F. White accepted invitations to play in these Championships, in which the leading players of New South Wales and Queensland were also participating.

Winners: Men's Singles: M. Szabados
Women's Singles: Miss F. White

(b) QUEENSLAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

(c) CITY OF ADELAIDE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Victorian players were invited to participate in these events, but it was unfortunate that the players invited were unable to accept, owing to the fact that previous Interstate trips earlier in the year made it impossible for the players concerned to take further leave from their places of business.

(5) ANNUAL BALL: The 1947 V.T.T.A. Cabaret Ball was held at the Dorchester Ballroom on 30th October. Championship trophies were presented by Mr. A. Williams, and all the guests had an enjoyable evening.

VICTORIAN RANKINGS: The first Victorian ranking of players ever made was announced by the Selection Committee (Messrs. R. Jones, H. Oakley, and R. Summers) on the 5th November. The rankings are:-

Men

1. R. Summers
2. A. Champion
3. H. Bashford
4. J. Phin
5. K. Evans
6. H. Oakley
7. L. Phillips
8. C. Green
9. D. Labb
10. A. Walker

Women

1. Miss F. White
2. Miss E. Nichols
3. Miss A. McClelland
4. Mrs. J. Thomson

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS: The following 16 bodies, representing over 240 teams and over 1600 registered players were affiliated with the V.T.T.A. during 1947. These Associations are to be commended on the manner in which they are organising the Game in their respective Districts. During the year, a number of leading Metropolitan players entered the District Championships conducted by these Associations. Your Executive Committee recommend to the incoming Committee that the Atlas Shield Competition be revived in 1948.

Ajax Table Tennis Club
Alexandra Table Tennis Association
Beechworth Table Tennis Association
Benalla " " "
Central Gippsland Table Tennis Association

Colac Table Tennis Association
 Frankston Table Tennis Association
 Geelong " " "
 Leongatha " " "
 Northern Suburbs Table Tennis Association
 Oakleigh Table Tennis Association
 Parkside " " "
 R.S.L. " " "
 Sandringham " " "
 Williamstown & Footscray Table Tennis Association
 V.R.I. Table Tennis Association.

EXHIBITION MATCHES: Again, during the Season, leading players gave many Exhibition games, both in the City and Country. We are indebted to those players who, on so many occasions, so willingly gave their services, especially in Exhibitions for Charitable purposes, and in Charitable Institutions and Boy's Homes, where special efforts were made to give coaching to juniors.

PUBLICITY: Owing to newsprint restrictions, Press publicity during 1947 was not all that was desired, especially as to the publication of results, and present indications are that the position in 1948 will not be improved; under the circumstances, it is recommended to the incoming Committee that in the forthcoming Season a Newsletter be sent to Clubs at least once a month, giving Team positions, and other items of interest.

EQUIPMENT: Ample supplies of all equipment, except Tables, are now available. During 1948 better class balls will be available, and your Executive have been making every endeavour to arrange for the resumption of the manufacture of tables locally.

TROPHIES: Our sincere thanks are offered to Mr. Harry Hopman for his generous donation of a Rose Bowl, for the Women's Singles Championship of Victoria. This worthy addition to our Perpetual Trophies is appreciated.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: During the year 9 Committee Meetings were held, the attendances at same being:

A. Williams	7	H. Bashford	8
H. Oakley	8	W. Harratt	8
A. Cooper	4 *	J. Hosking	8
H. Hopman	4	J. Phin	4
R. Jones	9	F. Shepperd	3
L. Haycraft	9	A. Temme	4
R. Summers	9		

* During a visit overseas Mr. Cooper was granted 6 months leave of absence.

In addition, various sub-committees were formed to investigate and report on different matters pertaining to the business of the Association. An innovation was the formation of a Women's Sub-Committee, which was comprised of:-

Mrs. Hill Miss Holden Miss F. White.

Mr. F. Shepperd was co-opted as Chairman.

This Committee, in addition to organising the Annual Ball, met and reported on matters affecting Women players.

AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION: Delegates to the A.T.T.A. met in Sydney on the 2nd and 3rd October, 1947, when the first Personal General Meeting of the Association was held since 1937. (Normally all business of the Association is conducted by correspondence between Delegates). A successful Meeting concluded with the adoption of the following regulations, which are now in force and apply to all players in Australia:-

1. General Regulations
2. Regulations for Classified Players
3. Regulations applicable to all Official Championships and Tournaments
4. Regulations for Australian National Championships
5. " " Teams Championship of Australia
6. " " Interstate Teams Matches.

These regulations are in line with the Laws of the International Table Tennis Federation to which the A.T.T.A. is affiliated. The first three Regulations are being printed and will be distributed for inclusion in the current V.T.T.A. Handbook.

AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS CARNIVAL: Victoria, having been offered by the A.T.T.A., first option for conducting the first post-war Australian National Championships and Teams Championship of Australia, accepted the responsibility, and bookings have been made at Wirth's Olympia for 5 days and 5 nights, 6th to 10th September, 1948.

LAWS OF TABLE TENNIS: Since the commencement of the season under review two important changes in the Laws of Table Tennis have been made to Law 10 by the International Table Tennis Federation, and as this Association is through the A.T.T.A. affiliated with the I.T.T.F., these laws are now in force in Victoria.

Law 10. A Good Service.

- (a) Insert between first and second paragraphs of old rule:
 "In the delivery of the service the free hand of any two-handed player shall be open and flat, with the fingers straight and together, thumb free, and the ball resting on the palm without being cupped or pinched in any way by the fingers. The ball shall be released by the free hand either lifting upward or dropping away."

- (b) In last paragraph: Delete the word "Both" and insert the words "the latter".

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: On perusal of the Balance Sheet, it will be seen that the Association is financially sound. Expenditure during the year under review was heavy; but your Executive Committee are confident that they have wisely administered the funds of the Association in promoting the Game of Table Tennis, and helped to build Funds for our major ambition - the ownership of V.T.T.A. Headquarters and Club Rooms.

In conclusion, the prospects for 1948 are that again the game will continue to expand, as indications already show increased membership, and with such events as Australian National Championships, Victorian Championships, Pennant Competitions, and Atlas Shield Competition, both players and supporting spectators will be well catered for.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee,

A. WILLIAMS, President

R. H. JONES, Honorary Secretary.

Melbourne,
15/3/1948.

ADDENDUM:

I desire to offer my sincere thanks to the Honorary Secretary for his fine work during the past 12 months; the success of our Association is in no small measure due to his untiring efforts. And I also wish to thank the Hon. Treasurer and Asst. Hon. Secretary for their splendid work rendered to the Association.

I cannot let the occasion pass without thanking Mrs. R. H. Jones for the unstinted help given to our Association over many years. We appreciate her work greatly.

My thanks are due also to members of the Executive Committee and to the Women's Sub-Committee who co-operated in a very active manner during the past successful season.

15/3/1948.

A. WILLIAMS,

President.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31/3/1948.

RECEIPTS

Affiliation Fees - Associations	£3.15. 0
Affiliation Fees - Clubs	121.16. 0
Registration Fees - Players	99. 6. 0
Victorian Championships	115.15.10
Fines	2.17. 6
Sundries	2. 7. 0

£345.17. 4

EXPENDITURE

Victorian Championships 1946	£5.10. 0
Telephone	12. 5. 1
Postages	12.13. 6
Handbooks	13.15. 0
Printing & Stationery	25. 6. 2
Annual Ball	3. 9. 5
Interstate Visits	79.12. 0
Honorariums	54.12. 0
Trophy Orders	22.19. 0
Food for Britain	8.13. 4
Sundry Expenses	10. 8. 6
Balance being excess Receipts over Expenditure	96.13. 4

£345.17. 4

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/3/1948.

LIABILITIES

Trophy Orders on Issue	£11. 5. 0
Honorariums	54.12. 0
Excess of Assets Brought Forward	253. 5.11
Excess for 1947	<u>96.13. 4</u>
	349.19. 3

£415.16. 3

ASSETS

Bank of New South Wales	£17. 5. 3
War Savings Certificates	363. 0. 0
Typewriter	5. 0. 0
Tables	14. 0. 0
Expenses paid in advance	<u>16.11. 0</u>

£415.16. 3

L. A. HAYCRAFT, A.I.C.A.,
Honorary Treasurer.

Melbourne,
2nd April, 1948.

This is to certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the V.T.T.A. and have found same to be correct.

F. HOLZER) Hon. Auditors.
J. HOLBROOK)

2nd April, 1948.