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PRESIDENT'S 1989 ANNUAL REPORT

During the year under review, the Director of Marketing, Communication and Media, and Secretary of the Board; Mr. Noel Bell, tendered his resignation on the 24th May. This was accepted with regret. Noel has been a member of A.T.T.A. Council since 1980. He first became involved at the National level as a member of the Umpire's Committee on which he served from 1978 to 1989. He has served as a member on many other committees during his time on the Council.

He was appointed South Australian Delegate on the A.T.T.A. Council in 1980 and served in that capacity until 1982 when he was elected Honorary General Secretary of the A.T.T.A. in 1982. He continued as Secretary until the formation of the Board of Management in 1986 when he became Director of International Affairs and Secretary of the Board. He became Director of Marketing, Communications and Media when the International Affairs portfolio was changed to Marketing, Communications and Media. He continued as Board Secretary.

He served the I.T.T.F. as a member of the Olympic Committee from 1983 to 1989.

We thank Noel for his service to the A.T.T.A. over the last 11 years.

There were three candidates nominated to fill the vacancy caused by Noel's resignation. Mr. Mike Johns (.W.A.) was the successful candidate and was declared elected on 15th August 1989. Mike attended his first Board Meeting on 30th September.

Two issues of the Australian Table Tennis magazine, the first in newspaper format, the second in magazine form, which is a great improvement, and I commend Mike on his efforts to date.

The Youth Championship was again disappointing - the entries were such that it was decided to cancel the Championship. The rotation order, thought to have been well received last year, came in for some criticism and has yet to be reviewed. Because of these and other problems, the Board has set up a "National Championship Investigation Committee" (N.C.I.C.) to look at all Championships and other National competitions or potential competitions.

This Committee comprises your President (as Chairman), Neil Harwood and Angelo Tabone. Correspondence has been entered into on possible changes and the Committee recommendations will be presented at the G.P.M. in March.

There seems to be a desire for an International Australian Open Championships which would mean the present Australian National Open would become the Australian Closed with it's format being the same as the present Open, and it would be held at the latter end of the season.

The new Australian Open would be a sponsored Championship with some prize money and invitations being extended to International teams to compete.

This is only in the talking stage at present, and I mention it here as it may be that we will require an early decision on this, for it has been pushed forward by an offer of sponsorship by the Melbourne Olympic Committee to hold an International event in 1990 to forward the A.O.F.'s decision to apply for the Olympic Games in 1996, and this could be the first Australian Open Championships under the proposed alteration, as referred to above.

A Committee from the Board comprising your President, the Vice-President, Keith Bowler and John Ostermeyer attended a conference in New Zealand with representatives of the New Zealand Association on matters concerning both Associations and the Oceania Federation. This has been reported in some detail in the President's Newsletter dated 5th December 1989.

The Academy has extended it's efforts to give our promising players more international experience. A number of players spent some months in Europe from September on, playing in team competitions and championships in a number of countries.

In January, a Junior Team was sent to Hong Kong for experience also.

We still have the same problem of players from States other than Victoria becoming members of the Academy. Some interest is being shown by some S.A. and Queensland players and we hope they will be able to become full members of the Academy for at least a season.

An Italian team visited Australia during the year under review. One Test Match was played in Perth and was won by Australia. Other matches were played in Eastern Australia against local teams.

An Australian team visited Italy to reciprocate at the end of 1989.

Mr. Rod Lindroth resigned from his position with the V.T.T.A. and the Board has employed him as Academy Manager on a part time basis.

Former New Zealand player, Barry Griffiths, was also employed as a part time assistant coach at the Academy to work with the National Coach (Mr. Zhou Lansun) and to supervise the Academy programme in the absence of the National Coach. Barry will also make himself available as a player for all major international commitments and tournaments.

PRESIDENT'S 1989 ANNUAL REPORT (Cont.)

Once again, I wish to record the work done by our salaried staff - John Ostermeyer, Ron Moule and Zhou Lansun have performed their duties willingly and efficiently as usual and the part time staff have fitted in well to date.

I thank you all for the support you have given throughout the year, even when we have had our little disagreements.

This support, and the support of the staff, is very much appreciated.

LAURIE H. WHARMBY

VICE PRESIDENT - DIRECTOR, TECHNICAL 1989

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Australian Senior and Junior Championships were conducted in Melbourne both at the Albert Park Table Tennis Centre.

Both events were most successful, attracting good entries from all States.

However, the National Youth Championships awarded to Townsville had to be cancelled, owing to lack of entries. There is no doubt that under the present economic conditions prevailing in Australia, the extremely high travelling costs associated with such a location was the only reason for the small entry, thus taking it's toll in this tournament and leading to cancellation.

Another small entry was recorded in the Australian Closed. This Championships was played outside of a Capital City for the first time and when you consider the fact that it was for individual events only, was played over a long weekend, again economic costs allied to the extra travelling time, took it's effect.

This statement was undoubtedly proven when the entry of Victorian players living in Melbourne was down from previous years.

There was a query raised as to the method used to conduct the draw for the National Championships. The A.T.T.A. Rules Committee has been in touch with the I.T.T.F. and we are certain their ruling will now satisfy all involved.

A.T.T.A. SELECTORS

As Chairman of A.T.T.A. Selectors, I must comment on the difficult job of meeting by telephone. Being a Selector at any level is a thankless position at the best of times, but when meeting under such trying conditions, it becomes even more difficult and when States fail to send tournament results, it becomes an impossibility.

From some States, the co-operation with sending results was excellent, from others, not too bad. It is the States that send few, if any, results who are penalising their players.

We appeal to all States to do the right thing by their Players, to ensure that they receive merit.

NEW I.T.T.F. EVENTS

Following the successful introduction of Table Tennis in the Olympic Games, and the resulting Oceania Zone representation, the I.T.T.F. has introduced two new World events for non-World Championship years, they are: -

The T.S.P. World Teams Cup which will be played in 1990 and then bi-annually. The first event will be played in Osaka, Japan and Australia has qualified for the Womens Teams event, with New Zealand being Oceania representative in the Mens Team.

The Butterfly World Doubles Cup to be played at the venue for the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul. A qualifying tournament will be played amongst pairings from Australia and New Zealand early in 1990, with the winning men and womens doubles pairs going to Seoul to represent the Oceania Zone.

Presentation of Table Tennis. The I.T.T.F. is watching with great interest the experiment in colour of tables, flooring and surrounds in an effort to add a dash of colour to our sport. Already the I.T.T.F. has introduced new coloured shirts. It is now possible to have two-coloured shirts. Pink or blue tables, red coloured flooring or purple surrounds are under consideration and it is hoped to introduce some of these new colours into Australian events in 1990.

Concrete Tables. The I.T.T.F. has issued technical details for concrete, terrazzo and similar materials for tables, as the price of wooden tables ever-increases. Details of these tables are available from the A.T.T.A.

DIRECTOR - COACHING & DEVELOPMENT

1989 ANNUAL REPORT

1989 has been a year for consolidation in the elite area of our sport as well as planning for the future at the junior or developmental level.

Schemes are in place to enhance elite development with the Academy, overseas training tours and scientific testing. It is important that we can offer incentives for the elite to gain maximum benefit from the initiatives but this same profile must realise their responsibilities.

Much time and effort, particularly by our National Coaching Director, has been directed towards developing strategies for our future at the school and junior level. It is imperative that table tennis is adopted as a school sport nationally and that we encourage level 0 coaching accreditation particularly amongst teachers. We have a sport with appeal and a large base of eager students but we must be able to manage our resources to maximise development.

A working party has been investigating options for the conducting national titles and recommendations will be presented to the 1990 GPM. It is believed that recommended changes will provide more acceptable structures and competitions in line with international trends.

A structure can be put in place, an expert coach such as Zhou Lansun employed, but significant results can only be achieved with a great deal of effort at the State level. The increasing trend of employing professional staff both as administrators and coaches is heartening but the importance of the voluntary workers cannot be overstated. One of our immediate major thrusts must be to provide initiatives and training in this area.

We have been fortunate to once again have the service of our National Coaching Director, Ron Moule whose quality and capacity of work increases with each passing year. Ron is providing a sound framework for the future and we must provide construction input and get behind him in it's implementation.

I wish to record my thanks to my fellow Board members for their support, Angelo Tabone for his contribution regarding National Championships and finally to our professional Executive Director, John Ostermeyer for his contribution.

N.L. HARWOOD

DIRECTOR - MEDIA, MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

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Having been elected to the position in August 1989, my report covers only the latter part of the year, during which time I have produced an edition of the Newsletter (October) and the first edition of "Australian Table Tennis" (December).

Of the two, the "Newsletter" was possibly the most difficult. Unless the editor is on the spot to deal with any problems, he has little control over the finished product. Mike Campbell was extremely helpful, but from the time I sent the text to Mike until the Newsletter was printed, nearly 6 weeks elapsed. Mike had to fit the Newsletter in with the work schedule of both the typesetter and the printer. I do feel that in future, the Association's magazine must be produced in the City of the editor.

Using a printer here in Perth, another Campbell, Craig, former Geelong and Victorian player, makes things so much easier. Although there are a number of faults with the first edition of "Australian Table Tennis", I feel sure we will be able to improve, and without doubt, the magazine format looks far more professional. Two points to consider if we are to improve the magazine are: -

1. We need more advertisers; and
2. We need all States to submit regular articles. Help with either point would be appreciated.

Now that the magazine format is established, I intend to spend more time trying to get a more co-ordinated media coverage for table tennis. It is true that in some areas, coverage of our sport is reasonably good, but in others it is virtually non-existent. Table Tennis should be receiving coverage of all State and National Championships, but at the moment this is not happening.

I would like to thank all the people who have helped me since my appointment, particularly Mike Campbell for his work on the Newsletter and all the correspondents who provided the material for the Newsletter and "Australian Table Tennis".

MIKE JOHNS

DIRECTOR (FINANCE) - ANNUAL REPORT 1989

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the financial year 1 January 1989 to 31 December 1989.

Unfortunately, I must report a loss, however this is not the Association's fault. It is just bad timing. The second instalment of Government Grants which are normally received during October/November each year have not been received this year due to Government supply not being passed through Parliament. In turn, the Government would not send us the Grants until they had the money. Accordingly, debts which have been accumulating over the last couple of months reflect as sundry creditors. This results in a paper loss of \$68,720.10. I hasten to add that if the estimated grant amount of \$74,000.00 had been received prior to 31 December, we would have been in the black by a couple of thousand dollars. Our loss is only temporary but it is unfortunate that it had to come at the end of our financial year.

Because of this situation, debts have been mounting and staff have not been paid, but we are still holding out as funds should be available by the middle of January.

The accounting procedure for the Association's books has been revised this year. The grant account has been eliminated and all grant funds now come into general funds as income under their appropriate headings and subsequently form part of the Association's income and expenditure. You will note that last years unexpended grant has been added to accumulated funds making the 1989 opening figure \$52,585.13 instead of \$9,375.41.

The A.T.T.A. has increased it's fixed assets by a substantial amount. It is imperative that the N.E.D. be able to communicate with people and for people to communicate with him, therefore a Fax machine was purchased for his use. Photocopy machines for the N.E.D. and Director (Finance) were also purchased to assist with the increasing administration duties carried out by these officials. Table Tennis tables and a video camera were obtained for the benefit of, and assistance to, players at the Academy. A financial programme (Compatible with most computers) was purchased to manage the increasing workload generated by our large turnover of funds.

After 1988 this year has not been as hectic, although our turnover is still over the half a million \$ mark. The Academy is our principal activity and it had a turnover of \$231,053.80 during the year.

Government grants are received to assist with employment of staff, coaching, development, international events and meetings and for the Academy. Assistance was also received from the Olympic Commission, Rothmans Foundation and the A.N.Z. Bank. We sincerely thank those bodies for their contributions.

It is apparent that the A.T.T.A. now cannot survive on income derived from its traditional sources, namely the states and their players. We must look for outside monetary assistance whenever we get the opportunity. The States and players must still be expected to contribute their share towards the running of the Association.

A new area recently introduced is the Sports Aid Foundation. With this scheme, players/officials can donate funds to the A.S.A.F. and request that it be sent to the A.T.T.A. or to their State Association. The A.S.A.F. then directs the funds to the A.T.T.A. for the players' use, but only for Table Tennis activities. By doing this, taxation benefits can be obtained by the player/parent or official. Ultimately, the funds end up with the A.T.T.A. or State body to which they were originally destined, but now have the added advantage of a tax deduction. The A.T.T.A. has been appointed an agent for the Australian Sports Aid Foundation.

PHILIP MALES

AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1989

<u>1988</u>			<u>1989</u>
	<u>CAPITAL</u>		
13,475.87	Accumulated Funds Brought Forward		52,585.13
-4,100.46	Net Loss for Year		-68,720.10
<u>9,375.41</u>	Total Accumulated Funds		<u>-16,134.97</u>
	Represented By:		
	<u>Current Assets</u>		
4,882.73	Comm. Bank Bowral - Gen. A/c	5,458.00	
40,000.00	AEFC Limited - 24hr call a/c	0.00	
1,343.76	Comm Bank Bowral - SIA	1,454.95	
0.00	Sundry Debtors	1,579.00	
279.64	Trading Stock end of Year	0.00	
<u>46,506.13</u>			8,491.95
	<u>Fixed Assets:</u>		
5,512.00	Plant	12,677.00	
750.00	Office Furniture	600.00	
- 183.00	Provision for Depreciation	0.00	
<u>6,079.00</u>			13,277.00
52,585.13			21,768.95
	<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
43,209.72	Unexpended Grants	0.00	
0.00	Sundry Creditors	37,903.92	
			37,903.92
<u>9,375.41</u>	Net Assets		<u>-16,134.97</u>

STATEMENT OF INCOME
FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1/1/89 TO 31/12/89

<u>1988</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>1989</u>
91,767.95	Academy	96,558.61
4,275.00	Affiliation	4,950.00
49.00	Administration Recovery	97.65
4,302.80	Australian Championships	3,225.30
400.00	Ball Adoption	500.00
2,100.00	Ball Approvals	1,700.00
0.00	Board Meetings	292.00
0.00	Coaching Projects	614.85
4,442.00	Coaching Resources	3,004.90
0.00	Development	1,000.00
2,339.66	Interest Received	3,062.80
	<u>International: -</u>	
1,200.00	Asutralia/China Trip	0.00
9,308.28	Oceania Senior Championships	0.00
28,319.05	Asian Tournaments	5,000.00
0.00	1989 World Championships	39,412.04
	New Caledonia Tournament	3,053.50
	International Meetings	0.00
0.00	National Coaching Director	25,000.00
0.00	National Executive Director	20,000.00
20.00	Newsletter	20.00
3,291.00	Registrations 1987	0.00
	<u>Saleable Items:</u>	
76.00	A.T.T.A. Badges	272.50
60.00	Coaching Manuals	0.00
24.00	I.T.T.F. Badges & Ties	24.00
316.00	I.T.T.F. Handbooks	275.00
288.50	I.T.T.F. Rule Booklets	1,388.00
	I.T.T.F. Match Official Handbooks	202.00
0.00	Selectors	192.00
2,208.40	<u>Sponsorships & Other Grants:</u>	
3,000.00	A.N.Z. Bank	4,000.00
17,000.00	Australian Olympic Commission	15,000.00
1,000.00	Rothmans Foundation	0.00
	Sports Aid Foundation	15,782.00
32,000.00	State Levy	35,007.00
877.00	Training Camps	0.00
0.00	Umpires	105.00
1,107.55	Sundries	2,757.20
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209,872.19	TOTAL INCOME	282,496.35
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213,972.65	LESS:	
	Expenditure for Year	351,216.45
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- 4,100.46	SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	-68,720.10
	Transferred to Accumulated Funds	
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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE
FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1/1/89 TO 31/12/89

<u>1988</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>1989</u>
80,953.42	Academy	134,496.19
5,035.79	Administration General	3,063.25
765.22	Affiliation	1,556.67
3,970.92	Australian Championships	1,898.49
6,652.31	Board Meetings	9,715.01
0.00	Coaching Projects	3,824.90
260.00	Coaching Resources	1,338.95
0.00	Development	12,390.00
5,563.80	General Personal Meeting	5,270.09
	INTERNATIONAL	
1,200.00	Australia/China Tour	0.00
9,308.28	Oceania Senior Championship	0.00
28,319.05	Asian Tournaments	0.00
0.00	1989 World Championships	39,412.04
0.00	New Caledonia Tournament	3,053.50
0.00	International Meetings	4,720.89
	<u>National Coaching Director:</u>	
	Management Fee	12,670.00
	Administration	6,719.90
	Expenses	7,095.22
	<u>National Executive Director:</u>	
13,792.00	Management Fee	36,734.00
17,819.13	Administration	15,367.73
11,376.24	Expenses	9,695.16
1,366.46	Newsletter	1,810.17
2,082.00	Selectors	1,778.00
	<u>Saleable Items:</u>	
0.00	A.T.T.A. Badges	1,412.00
69.69	I.T.T.F. Rulebooks	1,213.05
0.00	I.T.T.F. Handbooks	0.00
77.00	I.T.T.F. Badges & Ties	0.00
	I.T.T.F. Match Official Handbooks	299.01
	<u>Sponsorships & Other Grants:</u>	
3,000.00	A.N.Z. Bank	4,000.00
17,000.00	Australian Olympic Commission	15,000.00
1,000.00	Rothmans Foundation	0.00
0.00	Sports Aid Foundation	9,694.00
1,385.00	Training Camps	0.00
945.00	Umpires	3,725.71
941.45	Sundries	2,983.88
1,089.89	Write offs and Depreciation	279.64
<u>213,972.65</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>351,216.45</u>

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - ANNUAL

REPORT 1989

"THE END OF A DECADE, THE START OF A NEW ONE"

The 1980's saw Table Tennis take many steps to prepare the Sport for the onset of the 1990's, a decade which will require greater professionalism, commitment and accountability.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

It is pleasing to report that during 1989, the Federal Minister for Sport, Senator Graham Richardson announced a massive increase in funding for National Sport, and a renewed commitment from the National Government for a National Sports Program.

As part of the New Government initiatives, greater concentration on excellence, performance, achievements and accountability will become the order of the day.

The challenge is now for Table Tennis to confront these issues and so benefit from the increased resources available to it.

NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAMME

In the past twelve months, we have had our National Team participate in the Commonwealth Championships in Wales, the World Championships in Germany, the 2nd New Caledonia International Tournament, and we have hosted a 20 day visit by a team from Italy.

In addition, we have sent a team of up to 12 persons to tour Finland, Sweden, Italy, England and Hong Kong.

The aim of the National Team Programme is twofold. Firstly, the aim is to hold our relative position in the World rankings. The purpose of this is to allow Australia to retain it's relatively advantageous position in Group 2, whilst preparing itself for a concentrated campaign to improve it's world ranking. Secondly, the purpose is to prepare as many players as possible to represent Australia at an International level on an ongoing basis.

Only time will tell whether our program is successful in achieving these aims, fortunately there are a number of encouraging signs which would lead to a degree of optimism in this regard.

It should be clearly understood that the standards to be applied must be world standards, as our current Australian standards are of little value in preparing our players for international competition. Hence, to achieve an Australian title, or an Australian ranking in itself is of no real consequence in evaluating a player's ability to cope with World Class competition, unless that player is prepared to devote 30-40 hours per week to training and competition.

The Australian Table Tennis Academy is the only program in Australia that is capable of providing dedicated players with the facilities and world class coaching that may ultimately lead to world class performances.

THE AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ACADEMY

During 1989, the Academy was restructured with a new program for players and a decision to concentrate more on quality than quantity.

The Academy program is 3 tiered: -

- a. Full Time Members - of up to 3-5 players only to train up to 40 hours per week and to be subsidised to seek competition experience overseas for up to 3-6 months at a time.
- b. Associate Members - Who train at the Academy by arrangement on a structured, regular basis.
- c. Visiting Members - For junior and interstate players to train at the Academy at specified times, again in a programmed manner.

Although interstate players have been reluctant to join the Academy, a contingent of S.A. players have regularly travelled to the Academy for intensive training, and for some has paid off by being selected in National Teams.

The Academy's Assistant Coaching position became vacant early in 1989 with the departure of Chen Xuan who subsequently was replaced by Barry Griffiths, who will make a substantial contribution to the Academy.

During 1989, the Academy assisted 4 players to travel and compete overseas, these players were Eddie Kasser (England for 9 months), Jamie Perry, Dennis Makaling and Robin Moore (all in Sweden for 8 months). In addition, Glenn Tepper is currently in Sweden and will remain there for at least 12 months. The aim of this programme is for players to gain intensive experience internationally. Most of these players competed in the Finland Open, Swedish Open, Austrian Open, England Open and also toured Italy and England.

Despite many peoples' criticisms and misgivings, the Academy is the only realistic programme available to Table Tennis in Australia that is capable of improving Australia's international performance. There is no other programme, and accordingly the Academy deserves the full support of all state associations.

The Academy would not exist today without the generous support of: -

- * The Australian Sports Commission
- * The Victorian Department of Sport & Recreation
- * The Australian Institute of Sport
- * The Australian Olympic Federation
- * The V.T.T.A.

For 1990, the creation of the new Victorian Institute of Sport opens up tremendous opportunities for the Academy.

YOUTH POLICY

Sport in Australia is highly competitive in that Sport at all levels compete for the available players, particularly junior players in the hope that once a junior player picks up a particular sport, then he/she will maintain an interest in that sport for a long time. As a result of this, more and more sports are concentrating a great deal of their resources in the area of schools and junior competition. If Table Tennis is to attain it's fair share of junior players, then it too must make inroads into the schools' area.

The A.T.T.A. has adopted a Junior Policy which has as one of it's cornerstones, the creation of schools' competition at all levels (local, regional, State and National).

In 1988, the first Australian Secondary Schools Championship was held in Adelaide. A great deal of the work for this project was undertaken by Ron Moule. The event was a great success and was again to be held in Adelaide in 1989, unfortunately due to the pilot strike, the event was postponed and then cancelled.

APPRECIATION

The following should be recognised for their support and encouragement of Table Tennis in 1989: -

- * Australian Sports Commission - for their active support, encouragement and sponsorship
- * Australian Institute of Sport - for their assistance in preparing our elite
- * Australian Olympic Federation - for their support for our Olympic hopefuls
- * A.N.Z. Bank - for the A.N.Z. Junior Camp and the provision of Scholarships.
- * Qantas - for their support of our International programme.
- * Boronia Traveland - for their advice and support on International travel.
- * Commonwealth Bank - the A.T.T.A.'s official Bankers
- * Puma - official outfitters of the National Team
- * Nittaku - the A.T.T.A. official ball
- * Combined Sports Traders - (Noel Shorter and Paul Pinkewich)

There are many others, who in their own way, contributed to the success that was 1989; to all of them, THANK YOU.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

This is my last annual report as National Executive Director, as I believe the time has come for someone else to bring new ideas, new enthusiasm, and new directions to this vital position.

I now leave Table Tennis, with a new focus and a new set of programs, which I am sure will benefit the sport in the long term.

During my 5 years with Table Tennis, I have been privileged to work with many fine people, and in particular I would pay tribute to Laurie Wharmby, Keith Bowler, Phil Males, Neil Harwood, Mike Johns, Ron Moule, Rod Lindroth, Angelo Tabone, Norma Callinan and Brian Dale.

I wish all of you well for the new decade that we are about to commence.

JOHN C. OSTERMEYER

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report is an overview of the National Coaching Programme for the past 12 months and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying State reports and on the assessment/proposal paper prepared for the 1990 National Coaching Forum.
- 1.2 I would like to commence with what might be more appropriately described as a conclusion. Many more "things" were put in place or further developed during the past year and while this was exciting, it must be pointed out that they were both basic and overdue. Our progress is always hampered by the slow growth of the infrastructure to turn policy into achievement. In spite of the frustrations associated with trying to make our sporting mouse roar, I do believe we are changing the profile of, and the attitudes towards, Table Tennis and I further believe that when we have reached that unknown number of registered players needed to make the game viable, the machinery to sustain and expand that growth will have been developed.

2. THE STATES

- 2.1 The implementation of the National Policy and Directives rests heavily on the energy of the States. However, the quantity and quality of the work required for our many projects has long since passed what could reasonably be expected of the unpaid, voluntary S.C.D. Until the issue of payment or full-time employment for this position is resolved, we will have to work with a bottle-neck in the development of coaching. This is not to suggest that we do not have some fine efforts being made by our S.C.D.'s in a field that is much under-rated in importance. It is the conditions and resources that are of concern.
- 2.2 States - Each State has been requested to submit a standardised coaching report and these will be collated and tabled at the G.P.M.
- 2.3 Visits - The National Coach and I have made at least one visit to all States except Queensland which was well covered late in 1988. The purpose of these visits varies but includes Coaching courses, Training camps, working with individual players, seminars, school and government contracts, co-ordination with the Academy and explaining policies and programmes.
- 2.4 The advent of assistance grants for Level 0 and Level 1 courses was utilised by most States and warrants an increase in spending.

3. COACHING REGISTER

3.1 Coaching Figures

	<u>W.A.</u>	<u>S.A.</u>	<u>QLD.</u>	<u>TAS.</u>	<u>NSW</u>	<u>VIC</u>	<u>ACT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1986	9	37	53	9	27	34	1	170
1987	9	43	43	8	27	35	1	166
1988	7	47	47	11	26	36	1	175
1989	7	56	55	14	26	51	1	210
1990	9	55	57	11	28	59	1	220

3.2 Level 0: These figures above do not include Level 0 but in view of grass roots development, especially in schools, a separate register for these coaches will commence in 1990 (see Aussie Sports).

3.3 Level II and III: There has been a significant rise in these numbers due to: -

- a. The Level II and III Course held at the Academy in 1989
- b. The significant number of Chinese players and graduate coaches who are settling in Australia

I think it would be fair to say that we are better off than at any previous time, in terms of qualified coaches, but this abundance is wasted by our low profile, poor infrastructure and low training/work ethics.

4. THE NATIONAL COACHING ACCREDITATION SCHEME

4.1 The N.C.A.S. continues to evolve both a National Sporting Concept and within Table Tennis. At last people are realising that the scheme is a system for all instead of a vehicle for selected individuals and that it is a tool to be made to work rather than being denigrated as a supposed "gift from the government" that failed, because it didn't solve our problems overnight.

4.2 Level 0 has gained acceptance as a popular concept but remains undervalued as a means of grass roots development in some areas.

4.3 Level 1: Only Level 1 coaches were registered in 1989 which means a significant proportion of those enrolling in courses are not completing the follow-up requirements.

4.4 Level II: Level II coaches were appointed this year as a result of the Academy's first coaching course.

- 4.5 Level III: Level III were appointed (see Coaching Numbers 3.3)
- 4.6 Level IV: I believe applications for admission to this level will be called for in 1990. The requirements are strictly controlled by the A.C.C. but I would consider Mr. Zhou Lansun's experience and academic background will stand him in good stead when he applies.
- 4.7 The Level II/III Coaching Course scheduled for Jan. 1990 was postponed owing to lack of numbers. The alternative date is April, following the Yasaka tournament. I am looking for additional travel assistance funds to enable I/S coaches to attend. It is anticipated that this course will absorb the immediate pool of people eligible for higher levels and the next course should not be needed until Jan. 1992.
- 4.8 The A.C.C. continues to provide courses, materials, services and publications, and continues its lobby to improve the position of all coaches in Australia, e.g. 4 T.T. coaches attended the Elite Coaching Seminar held recently in Sydney. Unfortunately, we are not yet fully appreciative of all the benefits the N.C.A.S. and A.C.C. can offer our sport.

5. COACH EDUCATION

- 5.1 A sport requires many coaches and several different categories of coaches. Creating such coaches is a matter of education which in turn is a lifelong process involving many forms of experiences. The development of a Coaches Association within the States is an important step towards well informed coaches. W.A. and Tas. have joined Vic. and S.A. on this part but patience will need to be exercised as these associations struggle for support and identify their role and system of operation.
- 5.2 The number of coaches subscribing to various professional publications and associations is growing steadily. Our own Accredited Coach is part of this process but a number of pressures have limited publications in 1989.
- 5.3 Coach Education : The Academy visit to Europe in 1989/90 included 2 coaches who accompanied the group to gain experience at the I/N level. Now the principle of creating coaching experience opportunities is accepted but it is anticipated that further assistance will be given to coaches under this scheme. The alternative to training a pool of such coaches is the chancy process of accepting people available for overseas teams positions but not necessarily being the preferred candidate.

6. SPORTS SCIENCE

- 6.1 The 3rd Sports Science programme was completed in 1989. This consisted of high speed photographic analysis of both visiting Chinese and Australian players. The project was presented at an International Bio-Mechanics Conference in Melbourne and it was also written up in Sports Coach. A kit comprising 2 videos, the project report and Sports Coach articles is available from the N.C.D.
- 6.2 We will be applying for a 4th National Sports Research Project in 1990 and the likely topic is Nutrition in preparation for and during major tournaments and championships.
- 6.3 The Academy has provided an updated fitness testing battery with a request for results to be fed into the computer recording centre.
- 6.4 The "Fast Visual Information Processing" Talent Identification Test which was demonstrated during the National Junior Championships is now in kit form and available for States to use (N.B. with appropriate caution).

7. INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS

- 7.1 Mr. R. Pappalardo represented Australia at the I.T.T.F.'s 1st Sports Sciences Conference held in Italy, prior to the World Championships. Papers were collected, contacts made and possibilities for exchanges established.
- 7.2 Coaches accompanying the Academy tour to Europe were provided with a video camera and a series of tasks to gather as much information about coaching developments, methods and resources as they could in the several countries they visited. This material will be made available in due course to any interested coaches.
- 7.3 The Australian delegation which met with the New Zealanders took with them several proposals for greater coaching contacts and shared coaching developments. This has several implications for the expansion of coaching in the Oceania Region.

8. TALENT IDENTIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- 8.1 We have been active in several projects over the past decade and some progress has been made. It is still a complex area and I refer you to the paper "Talent Identification in Australian T.T.", which has been prepared as the basis for Academy policy in this area.
- 8.2 The natural progress of the Academy and the appointment of an Academy Executive Officer has streamlined our talent development approach - details in the paper mentioned above and the Academy section.

9. GRASS ROOTS COACHING

- 9.1 Our elite programmes are restricted by the problems inherent in having a small pool of players from which to choose. The need for the adoption and implementation of a grass roots development policy is crucial to solving the problem of suitability of raw material for Academy development.
- 9.2 Schools Development - A draft policy paper has been prepared outlining a multi-channelled approach, including coaching, to the advancement of Table Tennis through the school system.
- 9.3 Women in Sport - Again the problem (not unique to Table Tennis), of a shortage of women manifests itself in coach recruitment, playing standards, motivation and recruitment of girls. The purpose of this programme, built around a National Co-ordinator and supported by State workers, is to actively recruit women and girls into the sport to replace the more passive approaches of the past.
- 9.4 Aussie Sports - Approximately 30% of Australian Primary Schools are Aussie Sport schools and significantly more are involved in the programme. The assessment of Aussie Sport carried out in 1988 did not reflect very favourably on Table Tennis involvement. We were lucky to be involved in the programme and will be even luckier if we maintain involvement given the low sense of priority and lip service adopted by some administrators. Promotion of this area must become a high priority area in 1990.
- 9.5 Acton Awards - The general response to this scheme has declined since a charge was made for some items. It will be an agenda item for the next N.C.F.
- 9.6 Veterans - A coaching course and certificate for veterans have been prepared and are agenda items for the N.C.F.
- 9.7 School Teachers - The need to penetrate Teacher Training Institutions is obvious. Our current courses do not serve us as well as they might in this important area and so modifications to courses and certificates are in hand.

10. COACHING RESOURCES

- 10.1 The library of resources is growing - coaching kits, videos, books, access to information services - another video is underway and 2 more overseas videos are on order, the backbone of a series of booklets by Mr. Zhou and myself which combine technique and teaching methodology has been prepared (The editing and final productions of all of these videos and booklets are a most time-consuming and painstakingly slow process to bring to fruition.)

10.2 The coaching manual has been reviewed and changes are underway.

10.3 The Aussie Sports Kit is being revised and a new format looked at.

11. THE ACADEMY

11.1 GENERAL - The Academy remains the best programme we have to produce a steady supply of elite players. Unfortunately it is still some years from producing it's "own players" but the results are promising, and one is left to wonder at where some of our current pre-Academy players could be if they had started there at 11-12 years of age.

11.2 The appointment of Mr. R. Lindroth as the Executive Officer is a positive step that will lead to greatly increased services to the Academy players. Successful player performance depends upon quality player management and Rod's portfolio will include "pastoral care" beyond the table-work. The position will also take some pressure of the N.C.D. and enable greater attention to be paid to coaching matters.

11.3 Mr. Barry Griffiths' appointment as Assistant Coach represents our second effort in this area. Barry will be able to impart a "Western touch" to our programme and to maintain Academy services in the absences of Mr. Zhou.

11.4 Training Camps - Several camps have been conducted at the Academy and 3 interstate in S.A., Tasmania and N.S.W. The Asian Junior team will have had 2 training camps and the junior squad will have completed it's second camp by the end of January 1990. A calendar of training camps is being prepared for 1990.

VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION - 1989

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The Victorian Table Tennis Association Executive Committee was as follows: -

Patron	:	His Excellency, the Governor of Victoria, Dr. Davis McCaughey A.C.	
President	:	Dr. Ron Bayly	
Vice Presidents	:	Mr. Angelo Tabone Mr. Robert Grattidge Mr. Robert Tuckett	
Hon. Secretary	:	Mr. Peter Mascall	
Hon. Treasurer	:	Mr. John Beer	
Hon. Asst. "	:	Mr. Colin Howard	
Committee	:	Mr. Trevor Barry	- Mrs. Pamela Holden
		Mr. John Huysmans	- Mr. Kevin Langridge
		Mr. Keith Mundy	- Mrs. Prisca Rosario
		Mr. Spence Williams	

The six office bearers comprise the Executive Council.

The staff were as follows: -

Executive Director	:	Mr. Rod Lindroth (resigned July 1989) Mr. Robert Ferguson (appointed July 1989)
Sports Development Officer	:	Mr. Alois Rosario
Office Manager	:	Ms. Val Bartolo
Administrative Asst.	:	Miss Sharon Graham

This year Victoria conducted the Australian Closed Championships in Ballarat, the Australian Junior Championships and the Australian Open Championships, both latter events were conducted at The Table Tennis Centre of Victoria - Albert Park.

We were also well represented in the Presidents Team both in Senior and Junior ranks.

Victoria achieved a good measure of success in both Junior and Senior teams events, winning the U17 Boys & Girls and U15 Boys, regaining the Mens teams event from N.S.W. but losing the Womens event to the very strong N.S.W. team.

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Victoria was represented in the Australian Masters and Australian Veterans Championships in Adelaide in all categories, also with good results. The highlight being Igor Klaf winning both the Mens Over 40 and Over 50 singles events.

Victorian players were chosen to represent Australia in the Commonwealth Championships, World Championships, World Cup, International Tournament in New Caledonia and European Tour.

The highlight of International competition was Wendy Hughes and Kerri Tepper reaching the final of the Womens Doubles at the Commonwealth Championships and earning Silver Medals. On the home front, Victorian players represented Australia in their test victory over the strong Italian touring team in Perth.

The Interstate contests versus New South Wales in Wagga Wagga continue to be very popular in the Under 14 and Under 12 age groups.

We are all now keeping our fingers crossed that we get the nod next September for the 1996 Olympics in Melbourne, as Table Tennis stands to gain a fabulous International venue if we are successful.

Angelo Tabone officiated at the Commonwealth and World Championships.

Len Haycraft was made a Life Member of the Commonwealth Table Tennis Association.

Barry Griffiths is the new Assistant Coach to Mr. Zhou Lansun.

The Victorian Table Tennis Association conducts the following tournaments annually: -

- The Victorian Open Championships
- Sportcontact Victorian Closed Championships
- Weekly Times Victorian Country Championships
- Yasaka Easter Table Tennis Classic
- Moomba Tournament
- K Mart City of Melbourne Championships
- Commonwealth Bank Schools Table Tennis Championships
- Tabten
- Primary Schools Table Tennis Championships
- Summer Tabten

Part of being able to hold such events is the success one has in obtaining Sponsorship.

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Victoria has been fortunate to obtain support from such organisations as: -

K Mart
Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Tattersalls
Victorian Health Promotion Foundation
The Weekly Times
Yasaka
Sportcontact Company

The contributions these organisations have given to Table Tennis in Victoria has been greatly appreciated as they have made it that much easier to promote the Sport in this State.

ANGELO TABONE

1989 has seen the S.A.T.T.A. initiate a number of new programs and to judge the benefits of many of these at this stage would be premature. While it may be argued that there has been little progression in the way the S.A.T.T.A. operates, certainly no one could argue that we have stagnated.

The previous year ended with much discussion regarding the fees we should be charging our Affiliates for registering their players. Government policies had changed and we now have to finance the administration of the sport without resort to Government funds. We decided to almost double the cost of player registration. As a consequence, we lost about a third of our registered players. (Just as an aside, after talking to people around the State and judging from the number of entries in approved and non-approved tournaments, there appears to be slightly more people playing Table Tennis in S.A. this year).

We saw a new President and Treasurer installed at the beginning of the year. Although we lost the wisdom and experience of Bob Robertson and Geoff Goss, both of whom have ably served the S.A.T.T.A. for many seasons, Jeff Hiscock and John Matovinovic have brought fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the S.A.T.T.A. Council. Once again, Cynthia Langley has done an extraordinary amount of work for Table Tennis and without her efforts the S.A.T.T.A. would cease to function.

The most disappointing aspect of the year is the dire financial situation we find ourselves in. Despite attempts to implement strict budget guidelines for each sub-committee and attempts by Council members to become more aware and responsible for the financial state of the Association, once again we seem to have spent more than our income. Until we are, and seen to be, a financially sound organisation, many of our problems will not be overcome.

Sue Mitchell and Robbie Javor continued to dominate the playing scene, with both taking their third consecutive State Singles crown. They both only lost one match for the year in S.A. Mitchell's selection to the Australian Team was a justifiable reward for all her efforts.

Juniors Kathy Gould and Paul Langley improved greatly during 1989. Their performances at the Australian Open were outstanding - Gould and Darren Lee were runners up in the Mixed Doubles, Langley made the Semis of the Men's Doubles with Lee - and they have both been selected in the Australian Junior Team.

S.A. also did well at the Australian Veterans' Championships. The Over 50 Mens Team of Joe Hoad, Eugene Herman, Lucy Taylor and Rees Watkins, and the Over 40 Womens Team of Betty Bird, Cynthia Langley, Janet Sior and Julie Coombes, both won their Shields. However, it was the day-time social groups in the Veterans scene that really took off in 1989 and if these people can be included in the S.A.T.T.A. as a whole, then they will bring a new dimension to our sport.

A player Registration Card was introduced for the first time. Each player was individually sent his own Registration Card, so that we can give all our registered players a sense of belonging to the S.A.T.T.A.

Halfway through the year, the S.A.T.T.A. took over the lease of the Kilburn Y.M.C.A. This Centre has become the administrative centre of the Association. It is a sports complex containing as well as Table Tennis, Squash, Basketball, Badminton, Netball, Tennis and Gymnasium facilities, with activities and conference rooms. The aim of this venture is for the S.A.T.T.A. to develop a source of revenue outside of the Table Tennis community, hopefully, making us financially self-sufficient.

MICHAEL EDWARDS

NEW SOUTH WALES TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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During the year, our former President, Mr. Alan Russell, announced his retirement from this position and he was replaced by Mr. Derek Kerr. It is good to see Alan retain his interest in administration activities, by holding the position of Country League Secretary.

At the 1989 Annual General Meeting, three long-time Committee Members, Mrs. M. King, Mr. R. Pickering and Mr. W. Gray did not stand for re-election as members of the N.S.W.T.T.A. Executive Committee. They have been replaced by Messrs. D. Beaumont and Mr. Casey and the new Secretary of the Association, Mrs. B. Davies.

SCHOOLS TABLE TENNIS

Attention was paid in detail to this project, consuming a considerable amount of time both at the State Office and in the field. Our Office devoted time, money and effort in pursuing the development of Table Tennis in schools. We organised: -

- i. School demonstrations/exhibitions
- ii. School coaching
- iii. The N.S.W. section of the Australian Secondary Schools Competition

In the field, we were extremely fortunate to acquire the services of veterans player and ex-school teacher, Mrs. Gillian Hutchinson, who was appointed Schools Liaison Officer for the N.S.W.T.T.A. This work was entirely voluntary and this Association owes a large vote of thanks to Gillian. We also had the services of State Coach, Paul Pinkewich, and leading woman player, Gina Hui, available to conduct demonstrations and exhibitions and to witness over 200 youngsters standing and cheering their outstanding play was most encouraging to us all.

This activity was complimented by video tapes, coaching manuals and as Table Tennis is an "Aussie Sport", these kits were also available.

School Table Tennis will be the Number One priority in 1990. We will introduce special events for school players into our tournaments and expand into the primary school area, where we have only been involved on two occasions this year.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

N.S.W. were represented by 60 players in junior, senior and veterans National Championships, with varying degrees of success. Victories in the Womens Team Championship and by the Mens Over 40 team were the highlights. Tom Boyd won the Over 60 Mens Singles, giving N.S.W. the title for the third year in a row and of course, Ying Kwok's wins in the Open and Closed Womens Singles were standouts.

We also "blooded" a group of some 25 Under 14 and Under 12 players, both boys and girls, in the annual clash with Victoria held in Wagga Wagga.

ITALIAN TOUR

After Table Tennis made it's first appearance in the 1988 Seoul Olympiad, the Olympic Federations of Australia and Italy agreed to an exchange programme of sporting teams and Table Tennis was honoured by being the first sport selected for this exchange promotion.

The Italian Team visited Western Australia, Victoria and the A.C.T. before playing in Wollongong and Sydney in New South Wales. N.S.W. players benefitted by the decision of this State to take part in this tour and Mark Palmy, Aldwyn Altuneg, Peter Ma, Andrea Campbell, Paul Pinkewich, Gina Hui and Ying Kwok all gained representation against the visiting team which, by the way, was of a very high standard.

1989/90 AUSTRALIAN TOUR OF EUROPE AND ASIA

N.S.W. was honoured with the selection of Catherine Ying Kwok, Aldwyn Altuneg and Mark Palmy for the Australian tour.

Early results have been interesting, with Catherine winning the Finland Grand Priz and Aldwyn Altuneg recording a most meritorious win in the Finland Open with a victory over 84th World ranked Alessandra Busnardo of Italy. This is one of Australia's best international results since 1982, when Gary Habern defeated the Japanese champion in the Asian Championships teams event.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

The number of affiliated Associations remains fairly static and this is not good. As a result, at the Annual General Meeting, a promotional drive was agreed to and this will commence early in 1990.

Organisations like the N.S.W. Public Service and the Insurance Officers Associations are finding growth impossible, as modern buildings and high rents do not allow for Table Tennis rooms any longer. Indeed, all N.S.W. Metropolitan Associations are facing problems. Administration of affiliated Associations remains the key to growth and this is a major concern and one that is being looked at constantly.

In a most difficult year for our affiliates, it is pleasing to report on the activities of the Lithgow Association, who have as many junior members as they can handle in their present 5-table headquarters. Senior play has also taken on a new lease of life as some parents try to contain sons and daughters winning at the higher level. Lithgow has been most active with coaching of junior players and whilst using the expertise available from the State Body, are developing several local coaches, including two from Lithgow High School who became interested through "Aussie Sport".

COACHING

With school activities taking a major part of coaching time, remaining activities have been directed at State squads and teams, junior, senior and veterans, as well as Under 14 and Under 12 age groups. A good video library has been developed and N.S.W. looks forward to the recent decision taken by the Executive Committee to investigate the opening of a N.S.W. Academy of Excellence.

NORMA CALLINAN

QUEENSLAND TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION - 1989 ANNUAL

REPORT

The Queensland Table Tennis Association will see a change to it's structure from 1990 onwards.

The old regional system of where only 8 regions comprised the Q.T.T.A. Council has been abolished. Now, all associations affiliated with the Q.T.T.A. will be able to have a representative on the Q.T.T.A. Council.

A Board of Management will also be appointed to rule by majority, voting on policy issues throughout the year. It will comprise 3 nominees from Rockhampton North, 3 nominees from south of Rockhampton, and the President who will have a casting vote only.

All affiliated associations will have voting rights in accordance with the following: -

REGIONAL ASSOCIATION	:	3 votes + 1 additional vote for every extra 100 members
	:	100 + registered players
LOCAL ASSOCIATION	:	2 votes
	:	50-100 registered players
CLUB ASSOCIATION	:	1 vote
	:	25-50 registered players

** Maximum of votes per association - 4

1989 saw the affiliation of 2 new clubs, The University of Qld. Table Tennis Association, and the Maryborough Table Tennis Association.

The Q.T.T.A. official membership number for 1989 was 895. This figure is foreseen to increase with the new voting system in place, as there is more incentive to register more players.

Late March saw the arrival in Queensland of Chinese player David Lu (Lu Zhan Liang). David has been ranked in the top 20 in China and has completed a 3 year degree in Table Tennis at a Physical Culture Training School in GuangXi. David's dominated all tournaments in Queensland since he arrived. In Queensland's 2 major titles, the Qld. Open and Qld. Closed, David defeated John Cooney and Ian Irving respectively to take out both titles.

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In 1990, Queensland will be introducing a Computer Ranking System, whereby tournaments will be allocated a total points pool - made up of individual player points and a tournament base. The points will be split up in varying percentages to players up to the Round of 16. All tournaments will be allocated points, as well as the Qld. Closed teams matches, and at the end of the Closed, a finalised list will be produced and will be the basis for selection of the Qld. team.

MAJOR TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

Queensland Open

Mens Open Singles	:	D. Lu d. J. Cooney - 19, 21, 20, 11
Womens Open Singles	:	A. McDonnell d. N. Cowley - 18, 9, 17, 19
Mens Open Doubles	:	I. Irving/G. Bianchi d. N.O'Connor/J. Cooney 13, 15
Womens Open Doubles	:	J. Tregea/A. McDonnell d. G. D'Arcy/C. Owen 11,-17,16
Mixed Open Doubles	:	K. Jamieson/J. Whisson d. G. Bianchi/K. Smith 15,18
Mens U21 Singles	:	I. Irving d. G. Tregea 4,4
Womens U21 Singles	:	M. Gosper d. E. Widdup 20, -19, 18

Queensland Closed

Mens Open Singles	:	D. Lu d. I. Irving 12, 19, 5
Womens Open Singles	:	N. Cowley d. A. McDonnell 19, 15, 21
Mens Open Doubles	:	I. Irving/G. Bianchi d. J. Cooney/P. Anderson 17, 17
Womens Open Doubles	:	J. Tregea/A. McDonnell d. C. Owen/G. D'Arcy -18,14,12
Mens U21 Singles	:	D. Brady d. T. Grice 14, 14
Womens U21 Singles	:	E. Widdup d. L. Meng 18,17

Queensland Junior Championships

U13 Boys Singles	:	B. Dorries d. B. Patterson
U13 Girls Singles	:	K. Jones d. N. Keioskie
U15 Boys Singles	:	K. Jamieson d. R. Sy
U15 Girls Singles	:	M. Gosper d. E. Widdup
U15 Boys Doubles	:	K. Jamieson/A. Pond d. C. Bauer/R. Sy
U15 Girls Doubles	:	M. Gosper/S. McDonnell d. L. Meng/E. Widdup
U15 Mixed Doubles	:	K. Jamieson/S. McDonnell d. W. Bennett/E. Widdup
U17 Boys Singles	:	K. Jamieson d. C. McKinnon
U17 Girls Singles	:	M. Gosper d. E. Widdup
U17 Boys Doubles	:	C. McKinnon/D. May d. A. Pond/D. Pond
U17 Girls Doubles	:	M. Gosper/S. McDonnell d. M. Clemens/F. Yu
U17 Mixed Doubles	:	K. Jamieson/S. McDonnell d. B. McDonnell/M. Gosper

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ASSOCIATION ADMINISTRATION

The Association held it's Annual General Meeting on 18th February 1989 and the following were elected/appointed to the Tasmanian Council: -

Patron	:	Mr. Peter Hodgman (M.H.A.)
President	:	Bill Atkinson
Vice President:	:	Elaine Wright
Treasurer	:	David Wilson
Secretary	:	Brian Dale
Delegates	:	Marcus Plapp & Margaret Walker (Burnie T.T.L.) Noel Bonney & Martin Boyes (Devonport T.T.A.) Geoff Proudlock & Margaret Turner (Eastside T.T.L.) Roger Law & Martin Runciman (Northern Tas. T.T.A.) Geoff Long & K.Y. Lum (Northern Suburbs T.T.L.) Doug McLean & Neville Horder (Southern Tas. T.T.A.)

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Margaret Walker's excellent win in the National Veterans Championships Over 40 Womens Singles was undoubtedly Tasmania's finest performance at a National during 1989. Prior to this win, Margaret had won the Womens Consolation at the Australian Open Championships.

Tracy Auchterlonie (ranked No. 10 Under 15 Girls Singles) and Margaret Walker (ranked No. 1 Over 40 Womens Singles) were the only National rankings achieved by Tasmanian players.

TASMANIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Major Open Championships were conducted by each of the Branch Associations and generally attracted an increasing number of participants. Details of the State's leading ranked players are appended to this report.

GENERAL

The Tasmanian Association continues to break new ground and during 1989 a very detailed submission to the State Government seeking assistance with the appointment of a full-time Development Officer was realised. The position will be advertised in the near future and it is anticipated the successful applicant would be required to commence employment May/June 1990. Such a progressive move should ensure the growth of the sport in Tasmania and, hopefully, in the long term will see Tasmania develop as a force at the National level.

The newsletter "Tasmanian Table Tennis" continued being distributed throughout the year and from the wide response, including favourable comments from some of the leading interstate administrators and players, the Table Tennis community is very interested in and appreciative of such an informative publication.

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Tracy Auchterlonie, who won the inaugural Junior Player of the Year in 1988, deservedly was the recipient in 1989, whilst the Senior Player of the Year Award was won by Chris Forster, who completed a very successful year culminating with wins in the Tasmanian Open and Closed Championships.

Neil Harwood was appointed Team Manager of the Australian Team which competed at the Commonwealth Championships, Wales and World Championships, West Germany. Neil received further recognition for his many years of total devotion to the sport when he was awarded the "Service to Sport Award" by the Sportsmen's Association of Australia (Tasmanian Division). Brian Dale was appointed Team Manager of the Australian Team that participated successfully in the 2nd International Tournament, New Caledonia.

The State Director of Coaching, David Wilson, qualified for National Level 3 accreditation in January 1989 and became the first Tasmanian to achieve this high level of expertise. The Elizabeth College, Hobart, intends introducing a Talented Athlete Programme into it's 1990 curriculum and Table Tennis, under the guidance of Anne Atkinson, has been chosen as one of the sports available.

Two of Tasmania's leading umpires, Felecity Hack and Colin Pilgrim, will be sitting for their International Umpire theory examination during 1990. Colin was recently appointed Secretary of the A.T.T.A.'s Umpires Committee following in the footsteps of Bill Atkinson.

The Tasmanian Association formed a Marketing Committee which has been charged with the task of advertising the sport state-wide and seeking sponsorship, in what has become a very competitive area.

The Computer Rankings which were introduced in 1988 continued throughout the year to create an immense deal of interest amongst players and proved to be an invaluable benchmark.

It is envisaged that a Development Seminar will be conducted by the T.T.T.A. for the Branch Associations early in the new year, as it has become increasingly important for sporting bodies, of any size, to plan, both administratively and financially in order to maintain a reasonable standard of efficiency.

All Tasmania is looking forward to 1990 with a great deal of enthusiasm.

BRIAN DALE

TASMANIAN 1989 MENS RANKINGS

1. Chris Forster : won Tasmanian Open, won Tasmanian Closed, won North West Open, won Southern Open
2. Doug McLean : runner-up Tasmanian Closed, runner-up Eastside Open, won Tasmanian Veterans Over 40 Mens Singles, won Northern Suburbs Open
3. Bobby Mehta : runner-up Southern Open, won Northern Open, runner-up Northern Suburbs Open
4. David Wilson : semi-finalist Tasmanian Open, semi-finalist Tasmanian Closed, runner-up Northern Open
5. Roger Bonney : semi-finalist Tasmanian Open
6. Michael Colbourn : semi-finalist Tasmanian Closed
7. Brendan Black : runner-up North West Open
8. Daniel Delbourgo : runner-up Tasmanian Open
9. Alan McKellar : also ranked No. 2 Mens Veterans
10. Ian Weller : won Tasmanian Closed Mens Consolation

TASMANIAN 1989 WOMENS RANKINGS

1. Fiona Kenna : Won Tasmanian Open, won Eastside Open, won North West Open, won Southern Open, won Northern Open
2. Margaret Walker : won Australian Over 40 Womens Singles, ranked No. 1 Australian Over 40 Womens Singles, won National Womens Consolation Singles, runner-up Tasmanian Open, semi-finalist Tasmanian Closed, runner-up North West Open, won Tasmanian Veterans over 40 Womens Singles, won Northern Open
3. Sharene Hetherington : semi-finalist Tasmanian Open, runner-up Tasmanian Closed, runner-up Northern Open
4. Tracy Auchterlonie : ranked No. 10 Australian Under 15 Girls, semi-finalist Tasmanian Open, won Tasmanian Closed
5. Joanne Schmalfluss : semi-finalist Tasmanian Closed
6. Felicity Hack : won Tasmanian Closed Womens Consolation
7. Anne Atkinson : runner-up Northern Suburbs Open, won Tasmanian Open Womens Consolation
8. Suzie Jones : runner-up Tasmanian Open Womens Consolation
9. Claire Harwood : also ranked No. 2 Under 17 Girls
10. Kaye Bonney : also ranked No. 3 Womens Veterans

THE WINNERS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN (Senior)

Mens Singles

1985 Tommy Danielsson (Vic.)
1986 Tommy Danielsson (Vic.)
1987 Barry Griffiths (N.Z.)
1988 Teng Yi (China)
1989 Gary Haberl (Vic.)

Mens Doubles

1985 R. Carlyle (Vic.)/G. Haberl (NSW)
1986 T. Danielsson/A. Rosario (Vic.)
1987 B. Griffiths/P. Jackson (N.Z.)
1988 B. Griffiths/P. Jackson (N.Z.)
1989 B. Griffiths/A. Rosario (Vic.)

Mixed Doubles

1985 P. Jackson (N.Z.)/W. Hughes (Vic.)
1986 G. Haberl (NSW)/N. Bisiach (Vic.)
1987 G. Tepper/K. Tepper (Vic.)
1988 Teng Yi/Dai Lili (China)
1989 G. Haberl/Y. Kwok (NSW)

Mens Teams

1985 Victoria
1986 New South Wales
1987 New South Wales
1988 New South Wales
1989 Vi-toria

Womens Singles

Kerri Tepper (Vic.)
Kerri Tepper (Vic.)
Nella Bran (W.A.)
Liu Wei (China)
Ying Kwok (N.S.W.)

Womens Doubles

Jan and Kerri Tepper (Vic.)
K. Tepper(Vic.)/S. Mitchell (S.A.)
N. Bisiach/W. Hughes (Vic.)
Dai Lili/Liu Wei (China)
K. Tepper/J. Tepper (Vic.)

Womens Teams

Victoria
Victoria
Victoria
Victoria
New South Wales

AUSTRALIAN CLOSED

Mens Singles

1985 T. Danielsson (Vic.)
1986 G. Haberl (NSW.)
1987 G. Haberl (NSW.)
1988 P. Pinkewich (NSW.)
1989 B. Griffiths (VIC)

Mens Doubles

1986 T. Dnaielsson/A. Rosario (Vic.)
1987 R. Carlyle (Vic.)/G. Haberl (NSW)
1988 G. Haberl/Zhou Z. Jun (NSW)
1989 A. Cheang/O.P. Huy (Vic.)

Mixed Doubles

1986 P. Forsberg/S. Mitchell (S.A.)
1987 G. Haberl (NSW)/N. Bisiach (Vic.)
1988 G. Haberl (NSW)/N. Bisiach (Vic.)
1989 R. Moore/J. Langridge (Vic.)

Womens Singles

K. Tepper (Vic.)
K. Tepper (Vic.)
N. Bran (Vic.)
K. Tepper (Vic.)
J. Langridge (Vic.)

Womens Doubles

K. Tepper/J. Tepper (Vic.)
K. Tepper/J. Tepper (Vic.)
K. Tepper/N. Bisiach (Vic.)
J. Langridge(Vic.)/S. Mitchell (S.A.)

THE WINNERS

AUSTRALIAN UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mens Teams

1988 Victoria
1989 Event Postponed

Mens Singles

1985 P. Jackson (N.Z.)
1986 N. O'Connor (Qld.)
1987
1988 D. Makaling (Vic.)
1989 Event Postponed

Mens Doubles

1988 S. Munday/B. Quested (Vic.)
1989 Event postponed

Womens Teams

New South Wales

Womens Singles

W. Hughes (Vic.)
A. Campgell (NSW)
S. Mitchell (S.A.)

Womens Doubles

S. Mitchell (S.A./W.Kemp (Vic.)

AUSTRALIAN UNDER 19 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mens Teams

1988 Victoria
1989 Event postponed

Mens Singles

1988 D. Makaling (Vic.)
1989 Event Postponed

Mens Doubles

1988 D. Makaling/G. Asling (Vic.)
1989 Event postponed

Mixed Doubles

1988 J. Samuel/W. Kemp (Vic.)
1989 Event Postponed

Womens Teams

1988 - not played

Womens Singles

1988 - F. Kenna (Tas.)

Womens Doubles

1988 - T. Lewis (N.Z.)/W. Kemp (Vic.)

AUSTRALIAN UNDER 17 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boys Singles

1985 I. Irving (Qld.)
1986 D. Lee (S.A.)
1987 R. Tepper (Vic.)
1988 J. Perry (Vic.)
1989 M. Palmay (NSW)

Boys Teams

1989 Victoria

Girls Singles

J. Tepper (Vic.)
K. Ledenac (S.A.)
K. Ledenac (S.A.)
M. Marot (Vic.)
M. Gosper (Qld.)

Girls Teams

Victoria

THE WINNERS

AUSTRALIAN UNDER 17 CHAMPIONSHIPS (Cont.)

Boys Doubles

1985
1986 R. Moore/D. Naber (Vic.)
1987 B. Peel/R. Tepper (Vic.)
1988 J. Perry/R. Tepper (Vic.)
1989 B. Clarke (Vic.)/M. Palmay (NSW)

Mixed Doubles

1985 D. Lee/S. Mitchell (S.A.)
1986 D. Lee (S.A.)/N. Freeland (Vic.)
1987 M. Palmay/L. Shvartsberg (NSW)
1988 N. Politis/N. Stroppiana (Qld.)
1989 B. Clarke/K. Ebejer (Vic.)

Girls Doubles

S. Mitchell (S.A.)/J. Tepper (Vic.)
S. Coach/M. Goldie (N.Z.)
W. Kemp/M. Marot (Vic.)
N. Stroppiana/R. Dittman (Qld.)
A. Altuneg (NSW)/K. Gould (S.A.)

AUSTRALIAN UNDER 15 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boys Teams

1989 Victoria

Boys Singles

1985 D. Brady (Qld.)
1986 M. Searle (Qld.)
1987 N. Politis (N.T.T.)
1988 M. Smyth (Vic.)
1989 J. Plumb (ACT)

Boys Doubles

1985 M. Maternia/R. Tepper (Vic.)
1986 B. Pearson/D. Sears (N.Z.)
1987 B. Pearson/D. Sears (N.Z.)
1988 R. Lowall/J. Tran (Vic.)
1989 K. Jamieson/A. Pond (Qld)

Mixed Doubles

1985 R. Tepper/N. Freeland (Vic.)
1986 M. Palmay/L. Shvartsberg (NSW)
1987 M. Palmay/L. Shvartsberg (NSW)
1988 K. Jamieson/S. MacDonell (Qld.)
1989 D. Hempstead/B. Dickey (N.Z.)

Girls Teams

Queensland

Girls Singles

T. Grant (Qld.)
M. Marot (Vic.)
R. Bellamy (ACT)
A. Altuneg (NSW)
C. Dillon (Vic)

Girls Doubles

W. Kemp/M. Marot (Vic.)
L. Shvartsberg/A. Altuneg (NSW)
B. Dickey/ T. Epps (N.Z.)
A. Altuneg/W. Phipps (NSW)
S. McDonnell/M. Gosper (Qld.)

AUSTRALIAN VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mens Singles

70+

60+

50+

40+

1985	B. Campbell (Vic.)	F. Handcock (Qld)	W. Bates (Vic.)	I. Klaf (Vic.)
1986	V. Kwok (N.Z.)	N. Vella (Vic.)	W. Bates (Vic.)	I. Klaf (Vic.)
1987	S. Wynack (Vic.)	M. Schwarzbaum (NSW)	T. Boyd (NSW)	I. Klaf (Vic.)
1988	S. Wynack (Vic.)	M. Schwarzbaum (NSW)	E. Herman (SA)	M. Johns (W.A.)
1989	S. Wynack (Vic.)	T. Boyd (NSW)	I. Klaf (Vic.)	I. Klaf (Vic.)

AUSTRALIAN VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS (Cont.)

<u>Ladies Singles</u> <u>70+</u>		<u>60+</u>	<u>50+</u>	<u>40+</u>
1985		I. Cleland (N.Z.)	P. Rosario (Vic.)	J. Tregea (Qld.)
1986	P. Beard (S.A.)	N. Readhead (Qld.)	B. Bird (S.A.)	J. Tregea (Qld.)
1987	P. Beard (S.A.)	N. Readhead (Qld.)	B. Bird (S.A.)	J. Tregea (Qld.)
1988	P. Beard (S.A.)	U. Fitzgerald (Qld.)	J. Tregea (Qld.)	P. Holden (Vic.)
1989	P. Beard (S.A.)	U. Fitzgerald (Qld.)	J. Tregea (Qld.)	M. Walker (Tas.)
<u>Mens Doubles</u> <u>70+</u>		<u>60+</u>	<u>50+</u>	<u>40+</u>
1985	-	-	W. Bates } J. Healy } Vic.	K. Cole } J. Leggatt } NSW
1986	-	-	J. Lindsay } T. Boyd } NSW	K. Cole } J. Leggatt } nsw
1987	-	J. Brecard) M. Schwartzbaum) NSW	T. Boyd } J. Craig } NSW	I. Klaf } G. Puchlenko) VIC
1988	R. Rowland) NZ M. Smith) NSW	J. Brecard) M. Schwartzbaum) NSW	R. Foster } J. Healy } VIC	I. Klaf } J. Kilderry } VIC
1989	V. Kwok) NZ R. Rowland)	F. Molyneux) SA J. Lelliott) NZ	E. Herman) SA I. Klaf) VIC	I. Parker) WA M. Andrews)
<u>Ladies Doubles</u> <u>70+</u>		<u>60+</u>	<u>50+</u>	<u>40+</u>
1985	-	-	P. Rosario) V. Walsh } VIC	A. Strack) J. Whisson) QLD
1986	-	-	P. Rosario) Y. Bran } VIC	J. Tregea) U. Fitzgerald) QLD
1987	P. Beard) M. Gleeson) SA	J. Guggenheim) J. Morris } VIC	B. Bird) SA U. Fitzgerald) QLD	J. Tregea) U. Fitzgerald) QLD
1988	-	T. Beaumont } S. Drake } NSW	-	C. Healy } J. Wilson } QLD
1989	P. Beard) M. Gleeson) SA	U. Fitzgerald) E. Pozial } QLD	B. Bird) SA U. Fitzgerald) QLD	J. Tregea) U. Fitzgerald) QLD
<u>Mixed Doubles</u> <u>70+</u>		<u>60+</u>	<u>50+</u>	<u>40+</u>
1985	-	-	W. Bates } P. Rosario) VIC	I. Klaf } P. Rosario) VIC
1986	-	-	W. Bates } P. Rosario) VIC	I. Klaf } P. Rosario) VIC
1987	S. Wynack) M. Gleeson) SA	F. Molyneux) SA N. Readhead) QLD	W. Bates } P. Rosario) VIC	G. Happel) WA B. Bird) SA
1988	S. Wynack) M. Gleeson) SA	F. Molyneux) SA U. Fitzgerald) QLD	W. Bates } P. Rosario) VIC	M. Johnson) WA B. Bird) SA
1989	R. Rowland) NZ P. Beard) SA	T. Boyd) NSW T. Beaumont)	I. Klaf } P. Holden } VIC	I. Klaf } P. Rosario) VIC

AUSTRALIAN VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS (Cont.)

<u>Mens Team</u>	<u>70+</u>	<u>60+</u>	<u>50+</u>	<u>40+</u>
1985	-	S.A.	Victoria	Victoria
1986	-	S.A.	Victoria	Victoria
1987	-	N.S.W.	Victoria	Victoria
1988	-	N.S.W.	Victoria	Victoria
1989	-	Victoria	South Australia	N.S.W.
<u>Womens Teams-70+</u>		<u>60+</u>	<u>50+</u>	<u>40+</u>
1985	-	N.S.W./N.Z.	Victoria	Queensland
1986	-	Victoria	Victoria	Queensland
1987	-	Victoria	Victoria	Queensland
1988	-	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia
1989	-	Queensland	Victoria	South Australia

Michael SZABADOS Award for the Junior Player of the Year

1985	:	Jan Tepper (Victoria)
1986	:	Darren Lee (South Australia)
1987	:	Ross Tepper (Victoria)
1988	:	Jamie Perry (Victoria)
1989	:	Mark Palmay (New South Wales)

Victor BARNA Award for the Player of the Year

1985	:	Tommy Danielsson (Victoria)
1986	:	Kerri Tepper (Victoria)
1987	:	Kerri Tepper (Victoria)
1988	:	Kerri Tepper (Victoria)
1989	:	Ying Kwok (New South Wales)