



AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Annual Report

1987.



Australian Team, 1987 World Championships, New Delhi, India, 1987.

Zhou Lansun (Captain Women's Team), Gary Haberl, Andrea Campbell, Paul Pinkewich (Captain, Men's Team), Nadia Bisiach, Neill O'Connor, Kerri Tepper, Tommy Danielsson, Neil Harwood (Manager), Alois Rosario.

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Directors

President:	Mr. L. H. Wharmby
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Director (Technical):	Mr. H. K. Bowler
Director (Finance):	Mr. P. E. Males
Director (Coaching and Development):	Mr. N. L. Harwood
Director (International):	
Secretary to Board:	Mr. N. J. Bell

Members of Council

Victoria:	Mr. A. Tabone
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New South Wales:	Miss N. Callinan
Queensland:	Mr. P. J. Bond
Tasmania:	Mr. B. Dale
Western Australia:	Miss B. Punch

Life Members.

H. K. Bowler
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R. H. Jones
P. Pinkewich
C. Shaw
L. H. Wharmby
S. Javor
J. Nies*
R. A. Vardon*

*Deceased

PRESIDENTIAL REPORT

It is not my wish to cut across the various Director's reports, which limits me somewhat to making general remarks only. However, I do wish to comment on some matters which should be of interest to all.

This last year has seen the setting up of the Academy and the employment of Chou Lan Sun as the National Coach. Some results in the 1987 Australian Open were proof that the Academy was showing some results even in the short time it has been open.

The new Championships for Under 21 and Under 19 were to have their inaugural Tournaments this last year. This was achieved for the Under 21 although the entry was small and comprised many who would also represent their States in the Junior Championships. The Under 19 did not receive sufficient support for them to be held. Not a very good start. 1988 will see them combined into the 'Youth Championships' which hopefully might bring about greater interest.

As from 1988 the Under 17 and Under 15 Championships will be held separate from the National Open and will be called the 'Junior Championships'.

Also, as from the 1988 G.P.M. the position of Director - International Affairs will be abolished and replaced by a position of Director - Marketing, Communications and Media. The Board also appointed Mr. Noel Bell as Board Secretary.

The raising of finance through a levy on States will be introduced this year. The Association obtained increased funding in 1987, and while we appreciate this, it must be remembered that such funding is for specific purposes and must be used for those purposes, which has the effect of increasing our overheads and administration costs. No-one is particularly happy that it is necessary to go to the constituent States by way of a levy to raise additional funds to cover the additional overheads and administration and we have yet to devise a way which is acceptable (if ever) to all States.

The 1st Australian Masters Games - incorporating the 4th Australian Veteran's Championships - were held in Hobart in 1987. A detailed report will be discussed by the Board at its meeting on 6/7 February. As the Organising Chairman I will report on the problems the incorporation of the Veterans with the Masters Games caused. If such a proposition were to be made for a similar arrangement in the future, I can only say we would have to take a very hard look at the details proposed before we agreed to take part. Having said that, I must admit that there were some good ideas which arose out of the exercise and these will be dealt with in the coming year.

I am pleased to be able to report on the good work done by our salaried staff; in a number of cases, one could say almost beyond the call of duty. John Ostermeyer was responsible for the setting up of the Academy in a most professional way. He has obtained much additional funding as mentioned earlier. He was responsible for the running of the Oceania Qualifying Tournament held at Coburg. He has co-ordinated an on-going programme for the elite players of the Academy. Ron Moule has expanded and upgraded the coaching scheme and has been responsible for the introduction of Table Tennis into the Aussie Sports programme to be introduced into the schools. Ron has also assisted in the setting up of the Academy, particularly in the Sports Science area.

Chou Lan Sun has already achieved results at the National Championships as mentioned earlier. Camps have been held and have already been organised through Ron for this year. Chou is at the time of writing is in China with some members of the Academy nearing the conclusion of a five week training session.

Don't think for a moment that this is all that these three have been doing. I have only mentioned the more important projects that they have attended to. Much other work has been done, and done well, and the normal daily grind has also been attended to.

We look forward to our Bi-Centennial National Championships to be held in Sydney in October '88. Australian Vice-President Keith Bowler has already done a mountain of work in preparation for this, possibly our greatest ever National Championship.

I thank you all for the support given even in some unpalatable decisions. Your support and goodwill are much appreciated.

Laurie H. Wharmby

PRESIDENT

Areas of responsibility in this portfolio during 1987 were :

- 1) Chairman, ATTA Selectors
- 2) Chairman, ATTA Umpires Committee
- 3) Championships.

I would like to comment on happenings during the year :

- 1) Selectors : Another hectic year in which 5 meetings were held to :
 - a. Select a junior team for the Asian Junior Championships
 - b. Select a senior men's team for an international tournament in New Caledonia.
 - c. Input of initial intake into the Australian Table Tennis Academy.
 - d. Seedings for Australian Championships.
 - e. Rankings for Australian Men & Women, 1987.

It was fortunate that the Selectors were able to meet at the commencement of the season during the Australian Closed Championships, this meeting which principles were agreed and the fact that it was the second year of selectors having a Board member as Chairman, assisted in an easier and smoother handling of all selections.

However apart from this personal meeting in Melbourne and the final meeting in Brisbane, all other meetings were conducted by telephone party calls, a difficult procedure.

- 2) Umpires Committee. The Executive of the ATTA Umpires Committee and State delegates meet personally at the Oceania Olympic Solidarity Course, at Narrabeen, NSW during May.

The Executive elected for 1987-88 comprises : N.J. Bell (Secretary)
C. Gadd and W. Atkinson.

As usual meetings by correspondence continued although it has been found that with better lines of communication through the ATTA office, there is not the need for as much correspondence as in past years.

The Oceania Federation was invited to send a team of umpires to the 1988 Olympic Games and allocated two places to Australia and one to New Zealand, the Australian members were selected by the Umpires Executive and these are :

P. Males (NSW) & A. Tabone (Vic)

- 3) Championships : Early contact was made with the QTTA Delegate, Mr. J. Bond and at a later date with the organising secretary, Mr. K. Woodward.

Generally liaison was good but the role of the Australian Association in conducting National Championships should be expanded as soon as possible.

KEITH BOWLER.
VICE PRESIDENT, ATTA.
DIRECTOR, TECHNICAL.

This year saw the consolidation of coaching activities - level 0 was introduced, levels 1-3 have been reviewed, amended where necessary and approved by the National Coaching Council. Aussie Sport has been developed for table tennis and disseminated to States. The development of level "0" accreditation and Aussie Sport are particularly significant as they apply at the grass roots level where work is badly needed.

The elite and potentially elite are now well catered for with the establishment of the Table Tennis Academy in Melbourne. The appointment of Zhou Lansun as National Coach and the decision to have him visit each State at least once a year to assess and work with the best of the young players ensures that our potential elite are recognised and headed in the right direction at an early stage. We must continually assess the effectiveness of the Academy and ensure that the effect of any proposed change in operational policy is carefully considered before its introduction.

Now that we have a complete system in place the success of coaching is dependent on the efforts of State Coaching Co-ordinators which places a huge responsibility on their shoulders and they deserve all the support they can get from State Administrators.

The other area of my responsibility, development, is the most important area at the moment. This year we have been analysing current and past trends and the reasons for the decline in our numbers. Indoor cricket popularity has been cited regularly as one of the factors - this is probably because it is a game of non stop action and over in a relatively short period. If this is the case I see this as a challenge for us to provide the type of competition to meet today's players' demands.

There must be an improvement in the level of co-operation shown by all people involved in the sport.

Coaching, particularly at the school of beginners level, is one of the major keys to development and in my opinion most States are not placing enough emphasis on this aspect. Victoria, for example, with the appointment of a full time development officer and the use of him in the Education system with appropriate support are beginning to reap the benefits in terms of popularity of the game.

In 1987 the decision was made, in line with previous junior development policy, to commence a national Under 16 competition within the Schools System with our support.

The Board is now assessing all areas of operation and both short and long term development plans will be produced in the near future. The plans will be realistic and have achievable goals.

The next few years will be vital for our sport and I would like to point out to everyone that development of its future involves us all. I, for one, am looking forward to the restoration of table tennis to its appropriate place in the sporting community.

Finally I wish to record my thanks to my fellow Board Members, the National Executive Director and the National Coaching Director Ron Moule. It has been a pleasure to work with these people, and I am particularly appreciative of Ron's efforts the result of which sees a well structured coaching system.

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Director of International Affairs.

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The international events held during the past twelve months were the World Championships, Oceania Olympic Qualifying Tournament and the Olympic Solidarity Course.

Apart from the World Championships, held in New Delhi, the other two events were held in Australia and thanks are due especially to our Executive Director, John Ostermeyer for the excellent planning and organization of these events and the participants warmly acknowledged this. Mr. Keith Bowler, as Executive Director of the Oceania Table Tennis Federation also played an important role in the Solidarity Course and he had many worries with some of the overseas participants over travel arrangements and arrival times but all worked out well in the end.

Acknowledgement must also be made of the co-operation received from the Australian Olympic Federation for the first solidarity course held in Australia for table tennis. The highlight of the course was the knowledge and enthusiasm of the principal lecturer, Mr. Hans Giesecke of West Germany and I.T.T.F. Treasurer.

A report on the World Championships has been submitted by the manager, Mr. Harwood, who attended the B.G.M. as Delegate with me. The major decision taken at the meeting was the election of Mr. Ogimura as President in a contest with Mr. Evans, who had held the position for twenty years. To date, I can report that the new president has carried out his duties extremely well and his many visits to associations around the world have been received with enthusiasm and he has been given many ideas for the future development of table tennis by the administrators in the countries he has visited. The A.T.T.A. should consider their views on the world scene, so as to be in a good position to discuss these with Mr. Ogimura when he visits Australia.

The other event where Australia was represented was the World Cup, held in Macao. Gary Haberl was our representative and he finished fourteen in the group of sixteen players. Unfortunately the 1987 Commonwealth Championships, to be hosted by Australia, had to be cancelled, due to lack of entries and this robbed our players of valuable experience against international players.

The Asian Junior Championships were postponed with the result that the new dates were not suitable to the members of the selected team and Australia did not participate. Postponement of events organized by the A.T.T.U. has

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Director of International Affairs - REPORT - 1987.

been a disappointment to the A.T.T.A. for a number of years and the sooner the A.T.T.U. delegate options to countries who are dependable on sticking to arranged dates, the better it will be for table tennis.

The international programme drawn up for the 1987-89 period will be of great benefit to our players who have been selected to participate in the 24th Olympiad and those vying for positions in the national teams to compete in the Commonwealth and World Championships in 1989. At the time of writing this report, Mr. Bond, as manager, is travelling around China with a group of players who are receiving extensive training and match play experience. His report will no doubt have a bearing on whether or not this type of training programme will continue or be amended/expanded.

As I.T.T.F. Vice-President for Oceania, I attended a meeting of the Management Committee in Seoul at the end of November and my report on the meeting and that of the Olympic Commission has been circularised to members.

The next meeting of the I.T.T.F. will be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, during 27th - 29th February, 1988, with the Management Committee, probably meeting during the Olympic Games in Seoul, to which I have received an official invitation to attend.

The decision of the 1987 G.P.M. means that the position of Director - International Affairs will be eliminated at the 1988 G.P.M. and I thank Council Members for electing me to the position and trust that I will be able to serve the Association in another capacity in the future.

Noel Bell.

**AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATED**

DIRECTOR (FINANCE)

I present the Financial Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December 1987.

I am happy to report that this year we came out in the black. This is mainly due to the extra levy imposed on the states following the loss in 1986. After final registration figures for 1986 were received, calculation of the levy was made and states billed which netted an income of \$7663-00. If you deduct this figure off our surplus for this year, a net surplus of \$656-00 was made. Even this small amount is encouraging considering the 1986 loss. It is hoped that any surplus of funds can be channeled into reserve funds to build up some capital for emergency situations.

Turnover through our General Account almost reached the half a million dollar mark, with the big projects such as the Olympic Solidarity Seminar and the Academy pushing up the figures. Grant Account turnover was slightly in excess of \$160000-00.

Grants from the Government increased for the 1986/87 year and will increase again for the 1987/88 year. A credit to the NED for his work in this regard.

Government Grants are a vital part of our operation and we thank the Australian Government for their support. We must keep this source open, and assist John to provide to the government the incentive that Table Tennis is looking to further improve its status.

As in previous years the ATTA has no capital or large reserve funds and at times our cash flow is very low. We managed to fulfill all our commitments without suffering any adverse comments from our creditors.

Unfortunately the same cannot be said for our Debtors. A lot of our debts are very bad late payers, and in a couple of cases we are having extreme difficulty obtaining the money at all. We managed to get our outstanding debtors down to its present level, but of these three are debts that we are still having problems in collecting. We are still pursuing these firms and hopefully will recover 75% of the outstanding monies.

Once again we have received support for various projects in the form of grants from Non Government sources and I acknowledge the following.

A.N.Z. Bank, Australia/China Council, A.I.S., Olympic FPC, Olympic Solidarity, International Management.

Assistance is also pending from the Rothmans Foundation.

I thank all the above for their valued support.

The cost of administering our organisation is always a costly exercise. Our NED, John Ostermeyer is very aware of this and has managed to achieve a reduction of just under \$3000-00 in his administration and expenses for the year. Good work John. Unfortunately general administration rose slightly by 18%.

Registration figures for the year declined once again, however some states have not indicated that they have made all their payments yet. Next year this problem should be overcome with the introduction of the State Levy which will make it easier for us to budget on a known income.

Next year we are looking forward to an improvement in all areas. With the Olympic Games and the Bicentennial Australian Championships in Sydney, Table Tennis should be brought to the attention of the whole of Australia and hopefully will go ahead in 1988.

PHILIP MALES

Director (Finance)

AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 1987

1986		1987
-----	CAPITAL	-----
=====		=====
14494.60	Accumulated Funds 30/12/86	5156.69
-9337.91	Surplus/loss for year	8319.18
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5156.69	Total Accumulated Funds	13475.87
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Represented by:-

CURRENT ASSETS

2580.19	Comm Bank Bowral - Gen A/c	13537.92
39132.27	Comm Bank Bowral - Grant A/c	3144.87
0.00	AEFC Limited - 24hr Call A/c	30000.00
0.00	AEFC Limited - 24hr Call (Gen)	0.00
537.82	Comm Bank Bowral - SIA	613.36
2328.00	Sundry Debtors	1061.00
691.68	Trading Stock End of Year	1006.53
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45269.96		49363.68

FIXED ASSETS

163.00	Plant	163.00
750.00	Office Furniture	750.00
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		913.00

46182.96 50276.68

CURRENT LIABILITIES

39132.27	Unexpended Grants	32460.87
1894.00	Sundry Creditors	4339.94
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		36800.31
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5156.69		13475.87
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STATEMENT OF INCOME
GENERAL ACCOUNT
for Financial Year 1/1/87 to 31/12/87

1986	DETAILS	1987
0.00	ACADAMY	66740.00
3020.00	AFFILIATION	3320.00
162.35	ADMINISTRATION GENERAL	468.60
2047.48	AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	1545.75
500.00	BALL ADOPTION	500.00
1000.00	BALL APPROVALS	1200.00
187.20	COACHING RESOURCES	1022.40
9.00	GENERAL PERSONAL MEETING	113.55
2744.38	INTEREST RECEIVED	2129.34
	INTERNATIONAL EVENTS	
25317.80	Asian Junior Championships	150.00
	Australia/China Trip	11150.00
20551.17	Oceania Senior Championship	0.00
14831.60	Asian Senior Championships	39.75
	1987 World Championships	27413.65
	NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	3000.00
3430.00	NATIONAL COACH	0.00
4888.00	NEWSLETTER	20.00
480.00	REGISTRATIONS 1985	0.00
20556.00	REGISTRATIONS 1986	9503.00
	REGISTRATIONS 1987	19083.00
	TRADING STOCK	
	ATTA Badges	77.10
249.49	Badges & Ties	21.00
120.00	Coaching Manuals	270.00
66.03	ITTF Handbooks	262.00
75.36	ITTF Rule Booklets	410.50
9148.10	TRAINING CAMPS	12861.60
196.00	UMPIRES	77.50
558.40	ROTHMANS FOUNDATION	0.00
1600.00	SPONSORSHIPS - (Butterfly)	0.00
	NON GOVERNMENT GRANTS	
	ANZ Bank Scholarship	5000.00
	Aust/China Council	3590.00
9000.00	OLympic FPC	8000.00
11819.60	Aust Institute Sport	4180.40
1823.00	International Management	960.00
1568.07	ITTF	0.00
	OCEANIA OLYMPIC QUALIFY	5000.00
	OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY SEMINAR	41942.00
2737.54	SUNDRIES	1475.66
0.00	WRITE OFFS	314.85
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138686.57	Total Income	231841.65
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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE
GENERAL ACCOUNT
for Financial Year 1/1/87 to 31/12/87

1986	DETAILS	1987
	ACADAMY	49284.94
564.59	AFFILIATION	385.76
1992.08	ADMINISTRATION GENERAL	2440.85
1444.50	AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	2778.55
0.00	BALL ADOPTION	200.00
5633.16	BOARD MEETINGS	6117.85
30.00	COACHING RESOURCES	34.00
5332.60	GENERAL PERSONAL MEETING	4595.75
	INTERNATIONAL EVENTS	
25317.80	Asian Junior Championships	150.00
	Australia/China Tour	19917.00
20551.17	Oceania Senior Championship	0.00
14831.60	Asian Senior Championships	39.75
105.60	1987 World Championships	25473.82
	NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
1510.00	Salary (ATTA Component)	2962.00
14001.69	Administration	14636.96
10546.39	Expenses	7250.07
3430.00	NATIONAL COACH	0.00
8805.24	NEWSLETTER	0.00
1102.60	SELECTORS FARES	1049.00
	TRADING STOCK	
590.00	ATTA Badges	907.00
	ITTF Rulebooks	260.19
	ITTF Handbooks	336.70
1520.00	TRAINING CAMPS	13160.06
285.76	UMPIRES	450.00
1640.00	ROTHMANS FOUNDATION	0.00
	NON GOVERNMENT GRANTS	
	ANZ Bank Scholarship	5000.00
	Aust/China Council	3590.00
9000.00	Olympic FPC	8000.00
11819.60	Aust Institute Sport	4180.40
1823.00	International Management	960.00
1568.07	ITTF	0.00
	OCEANIA OLYMPIC QUALIFY	5486.25
467.78	OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY SEMINAR	41761.96
2367.25	SUNDRIES	1713.61
1744.00	WRITE OFFS	400.00
148024.48	Total Expenditure	223522.47

GRANT ACCOUNT
for Financial Year 1/1/87 to 31/12/87

UNEXPENDED 1986	UNEXPENDED GRANTS	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	UNEXPENDED 1987
15190.00	NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	30000.00	36682.00	8508.00
9748.61	NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR	20000.00	21800.50	7948.11
8114.66	COACHING PROJECTS	0.00	7109.90	1004.76
0.00	ADMINISTRATION	3000.00	3000.00	0.00
5079.00	INTERNATIONAL EVENTS	20000.00	10079.00	15000.00
1000.00	INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS	0.00	1000.00	0.00
0.00	S.T.E.P. GRANTS	6000.00	6000.00	0.00
39132.27	Totals	79000.00	85671.40	
=====	Total Unexpended =====	=====	=====}	32460.87
				=====

SUNDRY DEBTORS
as at 31 December 1987

INVOICE NO	DATE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
01531	9 Aug 1986	Essex Marketing	180.00
01535	9 Aug 1986	Bond Street Sports	150.00
01547	12 Nov 1986	Bond Street Sports	150.00
01586	28 Aug 1987	International Table Tennis P/L	500.00
01595	27 Nov 1987	Victorian Table Tennis Assoc	81.00
Total Sundry Debtors			1061.00

SUNDRY CREDITORS
as at 31 December 1987

DATE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
31 Dec 1987	M Tepper	226.00
31 Dec 1987	Victorian Table Tennis Assoc	489.00
31 Dec 1987	Victorian Table Tennis Assoc	205.08
31 Dec 1987	Glenwood Travel	219.00
31 Dec 1987	Leon Lau	252.80
31 Dec 1987	Amsport	40.00
31 Dec 1987	Albany Motor Hotel	904.30
31 Dec 1987	M Tonkin	25.00
31 Dec 1987	Sportcontact	90.76
31 Dec 1987	Tech Fit	180.00
31 Dec 1987	Ansett Airlines	1708.00
Total Sundry Creditors		4339.94

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LIST OF FIXED ASSETS HELD BY THE ASSOCIATION
as at 31 December 1987

FURNITURE

2	4 Drawer Filing Cabinets @ \$100-00 each	200-00
1	Timber glass front bookcase	40-00
2	Table, square, vinyl top @ \$25-00 each	50-00
1	Typists chair, Cloth swivel	40-00
1	Typists desk, Blackbean Timber	
	L.H. Return (4ft 6ins x 2ft 6ins)	140-00
1	Chair, Swivel, Tilt, Green Leather	80-00
1	Namco Desk, Steel, R.H. Return (6ft x 3ft)	200-00

		\$750-00

PLANT & EQUIPMENT

1	Steel Petty Cash Box	21-00
1	Sharp Calculator Ser No. 42000810	20-00
1	Sharp Adapter Ser No. 400321X	14-00
1	Telerep Phone Answering Machine	108-00

		\$163-00

TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	-----
	\$913-00

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REGISTRATIONS
as at 10 January 1988

STATE	Registered Players 1986	Amount Received	Registered Players 1987	Amount Received
NEW SOUTH WALES	897	2691.00	917	2751.00
QUEENSLAND	999	2997.00	900	2700.00
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	1747	5241.00	1864	5592.00
TASMANIA	597	1791.00	448	1344.00
VICTORIA	3636	10908.00	2100	6300.00
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	150	450.00	162	486.00
	8026	24078.00	6391	19173.00

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ANNUAL REPORT BY NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Overview:

1987 will be remembered in Table Tennis circles as a year which was full of highlights, developments and challenges.

If anyone ever wonders what the A.T.T.A. does, then the following brief report should more than adequately answer their queries.

Board of Management:

1987 was the first full year of operation of the new Board of Management structure and as expected, the Directors and National Council took some time to adjust to this new management structure.

In management terms, the new arrangement worked extremely well, with Directors making decisions in respect of their own portfolios as the need arose, rather than having to refer to State delegates for all decisions.

In participation terms, the new management structure requires some further work. The tragedy of the new structure is that it bypasses the former method of consultation/participation, which in turn has led to the situation whereby some state delegates feel "left out" of the decision making process. On the other hand, the "old" method of meeting/decision making by correspondence which took up to 4 - 6 weeks was too unwieldy and cumbersome. It is essential that the A.T.T.A. take steps to ensure the continued advice, involvement and participation of the A.T.T.A. Council.

National Team Programme:

In the 1986 Annual Report, I referred to the Board's long term plan to rejuvenate the National Team programme with the aim of Australia reaching the World's top 10 in the next decade. I am pleased to be able to report that the long term plan is being implemented and is operating satisfactorily and to plan. If there is any problem it is one of understanding. It should be clearly understood that the objectives are long term and for this reason, players are selected not only on current performances but also long term potential.

The policy of subsidizing national team players on the basis of performance, effort and commitment is working satisfactorily and clearly places the National Team Programme on an achievement orientated basis. The policy is not without its detractors, who argue that all National Team players should be treated equally. It is obvious that these advocates do not understand the nature of international competition, which is not about equality but rather about WINNING and ACHIEVEMENT.

February 5, 1988.

ANNUAL REPORT BY NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

The Australian Table Tennis Academy:

In the 1986 Annual Report I referred to the National Centre of Excellence. I am pleased to be able to report that on March 12, 1987, the Victorian Minister for Sport and Recreation, Mr. Neil Tresize "launched" the Australian Table Tennis Academy.

The Academy came to fruition as a result of lengthy and detailed submissions presented to the Victorian Department of Sport and Recreation and the Australian Sports Commission. The concept of the Academy was to "pool" all financial resources available to Table Tennis and from this pool to create a planned, systematic and scientific programme, staffed by professionals, with the aim of developing Australia's elite Table Tennis players.

The Academy is unique in that it brought together the leading agencies in Australia/Victoria responsible for the development of Sport, i.e. the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Institute of Sport and the Victorian Department of Sport and Recreation.

The Academy employed one of the World's leading coaches in Mr. Zhou Lansun, from China, who has now settled in Melbourne with his family. A squad of players was selected, all of whom were expected to devote up to 25 hours per week to training at the Academy under Mr. Zhou. A number of Australia's leading players are now in the Academy Squad and over time, additional players will be added to the squad. Unfortunately, not all Australia's leading players have been able to move to Melbourne to join the Academy and over time, the Academy will need to concentrate on persuading all leading players to join the Academy. It is patently obvious that the Academy is the only realistic programme available to the A.T.T.A. to improve our International performance. Because of limited resources, what little resource we do have must be used to maximum impact. Anything less than wholehearted commitment and support for the Academy from players and/or officials, will only weaken the Academy and ultimately Table Tennis itself. It should also be clearly understood that the Academy provides Australia's elite players with the best opportunity to gain National Team selection. The Academy is also the only realistic vehicle available to the A.T.T.A. to improve its international standing.

Special thanks for the creation of the Academy must go to the foresightedness and support provided by the Australian Sports Commission, the Victorian Department of Sport and Recreation and the Australian Institute of Sport. Our gratitude also goes to the V.T.T.A. for supporting the Academy in providing the necessary facilities.

World Championships:

The World Championships in 1987 were held in New Delhi, India during February. The team comprised N. Harwood (Manager) Paul Pinkewich (NPC - Men), Zhou Lansun (NPC - Women), and Tommy Danielsson, Gary Haberl, Neil O'Connor and Alois Rosario, Kerri Tepper, Nadia Bisiach and A. Campbell. The Men's team improved their world ranking from 28th to 19th, which was in no small way due to Tommy Danielsson's excellent performance of 16 wins to only 4 losses; the women's team slipped from 23rd to 28th which in part can be explained by lack of international experience and lack of match fitness

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over the long period of the Championships. The highlight of the women's performance was the result of our women's doubles combination of Kerri Pepper/Nadia Bisiach, who won 6 games and lost only 2 (including a win over England World's No. 10 team).

There is no doubt that the new Academy will more adequately prepare Australia's team for the 1989 World Championships in Dortmund, Germany.

Oceania Olympic Qualifying Tournament:

For the first time ever, Table Tennis will be played as an Olympic Sport at the Seoul Olympics (September 17 - October 2, 1988). The I.T.T.F. after considerable lobbying by the Oceania Table Tennis Federation agreed to allocate two men's singles/one men's doubles and two women's singles/one women's doubles to the Oceania Zone. The Oceania Table Tennis Federation allocated the staging of the Oceania Olympic Qualifying Tournament to Australia and the event was held in August, 1989, at the Coburg Table Tennis Centre in Melbourne. The Australian Men's Team comprised G. Haberl, Paul Pinkewich and Glenn Pepper. The Women's Team comprised Kerri Pepper and Nadia Bisiach. The tournament was played on a round robin basis, with three complete rounds of matches being played. After three days, the Olympic qualifiers were:

Men Singles: B. Griffiths (NZ) and G. Haberl (Aus.)
Men's Doubles: B. Griffiths/P. Jackson (NZ)
Women's Singles: K. Pepper (Aus.) and N. Bisiach (Aus.)
Women's Doubles: K. Pepper/N. Bisiach (Aus.)

The Australian Olympic Federation also endorsed Neil Harwood as the Table Tennis Section Manager of the Australian Olympic Team. The I.T.T.F. endorsed A. Tabone and P. Males as part of the official Umpires' Team for the Seoul Olympics, whilst Mr. K. Bowler has been appointed as the Jury representative from Oceania Zone.

Olympic Solidarity:

As Table Tennis is now part of the prestigious world-wide Olympic movement, we have access to the vast resources of the I.O.C. and the advice and assistance provided by the International Olympic movement and the Australian Olympic Federation.

We are delighted to be able to report that after lengthy representations, Australia was granted the right to conduct a regional Table Tennis course for the whole Oceania Region. The course was to concentrate on coaching and administration and would feature world experts on coaching and administration. A grant of \$U.S. 25,000 was obtained to conduct the course.

The venue chosen was the N.S.W. Sports Academy at Narrabeen and the dates chosen were May 21 - 31, 1987. The course was held over 10 days with sessions on coaching, tournament control and administration.

Australia was privileged that the Panel of Experts approved by the I.T.T.F. included the I.T.T.F. Treasurer, Mr. Hans Giesecke, who by his extensive knowledge and understanding of International Table Tennis proved to be an excellent speaker and certainly set the tone for what turned out to be an outstanding course.

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The other international experts were Mr. Ken Wilkinson (NZ) and Mr. Peter Hurst (NZ) and Mr. Zhou Lansun (China).

Over the ten day period of the course, over 60 participants took part in lectures, exhibitions, discussions and seminars. The countries represented were Fiji, Guam, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Western Samoa, Tonga, Solomon Islands and Australia.

The course was an outstanding success and will no doubt increase the credibility and esteem of Table Tennis in the Olympic movement. It is hoped to conduct another course in 1989.

Asian Junior Championships:

The Asian Junior Championships were scheduled to be held in Indonesia in October and a team was selected accordingly. Unfortunately, despite four telexes and numerous letters and phone calls, no precise details or information on these championships was obtained. Only two weeks prior to the supposed starting date, advice was received that the Championships were rescheduled for November 4 - 11. However, by October 12, no detailed information or entry forms had been received and accordingly, the A.T.T.A. Board of Management decided not to participate because of the continuing uncertainty.

It is an unfortunate reflection on Table Tennis that this sorry saga developed; it does little to enhance the image of Table Tennis either in Australia or overseas.

World Cup:

In July, Gary Haberl represented Oceania at the World Cup and finished a creditable 14th.

China Tour:

On December 11, 1987, a 12 player team plus 2 officials embarked on a 5 week training tour of China under the auspices of the Australian Table Tennis Academy. The team was based in Guang Zhi (Canton) for 4 weeks and toured other Chinese cities for a further 8 days. The aim of the tour was to provide elite and potentially elite players with international training and competition. The team returned on January 18, 1988.

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 its 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 its cornerstones, the creation of schools' competition at all levels (local, regional,

state and national). In 1988, the A.T.T.A. will establish a National Schools' competition as part of the Bicentenary Programme. This competition will, if persuaded vigorously, provide a pool of players upon which Table Tennis' future will be built.

Sponsorship:

There is a disturbing belief that "somewhere out there" there are literally hundreds of sponsors waiting eagerly to be invited to pump thousands of dollars into Table Tennis. The reality is of course far different. In order to attract sponsors, one must have a package to attract them; one must have the machinery (staff!!) to service them and one must have the ability/experience to retain them. Unfortunately, Table Tennis must do a considerable amount of work to prepare the package, and put in place the machinery before sponsors fall over themselves to give us \$\$\$\$. Fortunately for some events, we have been able to obtain sponsors. However, it should be recognized that in general, sponsors are interested in "image building" activities; they are in the main not interested in covering our overhead costs, as sponsors believe that if Table Tennis players/followers themselves won't fund their own overheads, then why should they?

Uniforms:

The A.T.T.A. official supplier of National Team Uniforms, PUMA AUSTRALIA, have served Table Tennis well in 1987.

Magazine:

We regret to advise that during 1987, the Australian Table Tennis Magazine was not published due to a variety of factors, the main ones being:

- * A desperate need to reduce costs (A.T.T.A. losses on the magazine amounted to \$4,000 in 1986.
- * A reluctance by State Associations to subsidize the magazine.
- * A reluctance by State Associations to contribute material.
- * The death of the previous editor Mr. Doug Stewart.

There is no doubt that there is a need for a National magazine/newsletter to be published 4 - 6 times a year. However, these things just don't happen by themselves, they rely on people in all states to contribute to its success by the writing of articles, the distribution of newsletters, the passing-on of information, the support of advertisers. The creation of a new Portfolio on the Board of Management will hopefully lead to a new interest for a National newsletter.

Finance:

In 1986, the A.T.T.A. incurred an operating loss of \$7,500, in 1987, an operating profit of \$600 was made and in 1988 it is hoped to operate well and truly in the black.

It is disappointing to record that the registration system was so unreliable (or abused?) that it has had to be abandoned in favour of a levy system.

We have been most fairly treated by the various Government agencies and as the Director (Finance) has reported, our turnover in the general account approached half a million dollars. No doubt a fair amount of this increase in turnover can be attributed to the A.T.T.A.'s professional staff, unfortunately such a degree of professionalism comes at a cost, which not all appear happy to bear.

The Future:

In general, the future of Table Tennis must be viewed with optimism. In 1987, a great deal of work was done, the results of which will not become clearly visible for a number of years; however, the long term nature of most of these projects does not appear to be easily understood and there does appear to be a continuing niggle of criticism from people who seek immediate short term remedies rather than long term, planned solutions. Projects such as the National Teams Programme, the Table Tennis Academy, the Youth Policy, the Schools' Competition are all long term in nature and immediate spectacular results should not be expected.

Appreciation:

A great deal has been achieved in the past twelve months and a particular vote of thanks must go to:

- Mr. Greg Hartung - General Manager, Australian Sports Commission.
- Mr. Dene Moore - Director, Australian Sports Commission.
- Mr. Ken Norris - Director, Australian Sports Commission/Australian Institute of Sport.
- Mr. Judy Patching - Solidarity Director, Australian Olympic Federation.
- Mr. Jeff Parkes - Victorian Department of Sport and Recreation.
- Mr. Rod Lindroth - Executive Director, V.T.T.A.
- Mr. Ron Moule - National Coaching Director.
- A.T.T.A. Directors in Laurie Wharmby, Keith Bowler, Noel Bell, Neil Harwood and Phil. Males.

There are also many others, who in their own way contributed to the success that was 1987. To all of them, THANK YOU.

John C. Ostermeyer,
National Executive Director.

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Special Thanks:

The following should be recognized for their support and encouragement of Table Tennis in 1987.

- * 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.
- * Glenwood Travel - For their advice and support on International Travel.
- * Commonwealth Bank - The A.T.T.A.'s official Bankers.
- * Acton - For their continued support throughout Australia.
- * Pume - Official outfitters of the National Team.
- * Nittaku - The A.T.T.A. Official Ball.
- * Combined Sports Traders - (Noel Shorter and Paul Pinkewich).

Winners:

Australian "Open" (Senior):

Men Singles:		Women Singles:	
1985	Tommy DANIELSSON (Vic.)		Kerri TEPPER (Vic.)
1986	Tommy DANIELSSON (Vic.)		Kerri TEPPER (Vic.)
1987	Barry GRIFFITHS (NZ)		Nella BRAN (W.A.)
Men Doubles:		Women Doubles:	
1985	R. Carlyle (Vic.)/G. Haberl (N.S.W.)		Jan and Kerri Tepper (Vic.)
1986	T. Danielsson/A. Rosario (Vic.)		K. Tepper (Vic.)/S. Mitchell (S.A.)
1987	B. Griffiths/P. Jackson (NZ)		N. Bisiach/W. Hughes (Vic.)
Mixed Doubles:			
1985	P. Jackson (NZ)/W. Hughes (Vic.)		
1986	G. Haberl (N.S.W.)/N. Bisiach (Vic.)		
1987	G. Tepper/K. Tepper (Vic.)		
Men's Teams:		Women's Teams:	
1985	Victoria		Victoria.
1986	New South Wales		Victoria
1987	New South Wales		Victoria.

Australian Closed:

Men's Singles:		Women's Singles:	
1985	T. Danielsson (Vic.)		K. Tepper (Vic.)
1986	G. Haberl (N.S.W.)		K. Tepper (Vic.)
1987	G. Haberl (N.S.W.)		N. Bran (Vic.)
Men's Doubles:		Women's Doubles:	
1986	T. Danielsson/A. Rosario (Vic.)		K. Tepper/J. Tepper (Vic.)
1987	R. Carlyle (Vic.)/G. Haberl (N.S.W.)		K. Tepper/J. Tepper (Vic.)

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Mixed Doubles:

- 1986 P. Forsberg/S. Mitchell (S.A.)
- 1987 G. Haberl (N.S.W.)/N. Bisiach (Vic.).

Australian Under 21 Championships (Open):

Men's Singles:

- 1985 P. Jackson (NZ)
- 1986 N. O'Connor (Qld.)

Women's Singles:

- W. Hughes (Vic.)
- A. Campbell (N.S.W.)

Australian Under 17 Championships:

Boys' Singles:

- 1985 I. Irving (Qld.)
- 1986 D. Lee (S.A.)
- 1987 R. Tepper (Vic.)

Girls' Singles:

- J. Tepper (Vic.)
- K. Ledenac (S.A.)
- K. Ledenac (S.A.)

Boys' Doubles:

- 1985
- 1986 R. Moore/D. Naber (Vic.)
- 1987 B. Peel/R. Tepper (Vic.)

Girls' Doubles:

- S. Mitchell (S.A.)/J. Tepper (Vic.)
- S. Coad/M. Goldie (N.Z.)
- W. Kemp/M. Marot (Vic.)

Mixed Doubles:

- 1985 D. Lee/S. Mitchell (S.A.)
- 1986 D. Lee (S.A.)/N. Freeland (Vic.)
- 1987 M. Palmay/L. Shvartsberg (N.S.W.)

Australian Under 15 Championships:

Boys' Singles:

- 1985 D. Brady (Qld.)
- 1986 M. Searle (Qld.)
- 1987 N. Politis (N.T.)

Girls' Singles:

- T. Grant (Qld.)
- M. Marot (Vic.)
- R. Bellamy (A.C.T.)

Boys' Doubles:

- 1985 M. Maternia/R. Tepper (Vic.)
- 1986 B. Pearson/D. Sears (N.Z.)
- 1987 B. Pearson/D. Sears (N.Z.)

Girls' Doubles:

- W. Kemp/M. Marot (Vic.)
- L. Shvartsberg/A. Altuneg (N.S.W.)
- B. Dickey/T. Epps (N.Z.)

Mixed Doubles:

- 1985 R. Tepper/N. Freeland (Vic.)
- 1986 M. Palmay/L. Shvartsberg (N.S.W.)
- 1987 M. Palmay/L. Shvartsberg (N.S.W.)

Australian Veterans' Championships:

Men's 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. Wynnack (Vic.)	M. Schwarzbaum (NSW)	T. Boyd (N.S.W.)	I. Klaf (Vic.)

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Ladies' Singles	70+	60+	50+	40+
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.)

Men's Doubles	70+	60+	50+	40+
1985	-	-	W. Bates) J. Healy) Vic.	K. Cole) J. Leggatt) N.S.W.
1986	-	-	J. Lindsay) T. Boyd) N.S.W.	K. Cole) J. Leggatt) N.S.W.
1987	-	J. Breard) M. Schwartzbaum) NSW	T. Boyd) J. Craig) N.S.W.	I. Klaf) G. Puchlenko) Vic.

Ladies' Doubles	70+	60+	50+	40+
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) S.A.	J. Guggenheim) J. Morris) Vic.	B. Bird) U. Fitzgerald) Qld.	J. Tregea) U. Fitzgerald) Qld.

Mixed Doubles	70+	60+	50+	40+
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) S.A.	F. Molyneux) N. Readhead) Qld.	W. Bates) P. Rosario) Vic.	G. Happel) B. Bird) S.A.

Teams (Men)	70+	60+	50+	40+
1985	-	S.A.	Victoria	Victoria
1986	-	S.A.	Victoria	Victoria
1987	-	N.S.W.	Victoria	Victoria

Teams (Women)	70+	60+	50+	40+
1985	-	N.S.W./N.Z.	Victoria	Queensland
1986	-	Victoria	Victoria	Queensland
1987	-	Victoria	Victoria	Queensland

Michael SZABADOS Award for the Junior Player of the Year:

1985	Jan Tepper (Victoria)
1986	Darren Lee (South Australia)
1987	Ross Tepper (Victoria).

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Victor BARNA Award for the Player of the Year:

1985	Tommy Danielsson (Victoria)
1986	Kerri Tepper (Victoria)
1987	Kerri Tepper (Victoria)

World Championships (New Delhi, India; February 1987).

Manager: Mr. N. Harwood.
N.P.C. (Men): Paul Pinkewich
N.P.C. (Women): Zhou Lansun.

Men's Team:
T. Danielsson (Vic.)
G. Haberl (N.S.W.)
A. Rosario (Vic.)
N. O'Connor (Qld.)

Women's Team:
K. Tepper (Vic.)
N. Bisiach (Vic.)
A. Campbell (N.S.W.)

Asian Junior Championships (Indonesia; November 1987).
(Team selected, but did not participate).

Manager: N. Shorter (N.S.W.)
N.P.C. Men: Zhou Lansun.
N.P.C. Women: Cynthia Langley (S.A.)

Boys' Team:
R. Moore (Vic.)
B. Peel (Vic.)
M. Lee (S.A.)
M. Palmay (N.S.W.)

Girls' Team:
C. Tonkin (Vic.)
N. Freehand (Vic.)
M. Marot (Vic.)

Oceania Olympic Qualifying Tournament (Coburg Table Tennis Centre August, 1987).

Manager: Neil Harwood.

Men's Entries:
Gary Haberl (N.S.W.)
Paul Pinkewich (N.S.W.)
Glenn Tepper (Vic.)

Women's Entries:
Kerri Tepper (Vic.)
Nadia Bisiach (Vic.)

China Academy Tour (December 11 - January 18, 1987/88):

Manager: Mr. J. Bond (Qld.)
Coach: Mr. Zhou Lansun.

Men's Team:
Glenn Tepper
Alois Rosario
Eddie Kasser
Robin Moore
Bradley Peel
Jamie Perry
Ross Tepper.

Women's Team:
Kerri Tepper
Nadia Bisiach
Jan Tepper
Clare Tonkin
Aldwyn Altuneg



The Hon. Neil TREZISE, Victorian Minister for Sport & Recreation, plays Kerri TEPPER at the launch of The Australian Table Tennis Academy, March 1987.

Greg HARTUNG, General Manager of the Australian Sports Commission at the launch of the Australian Table Tennis Academy, March 1987.

1. INTRODUCTION

It is very easy to delineate the prime function of the Coaching Sub System, i.e. the raising of coaching standards, numbers and playing performances. It is much more difficult to develop the infrastructure to convert those simple words into practical programmes. 1987 has been a particularly significant year in Australian Table Tennis, for a number of goals have been attained that will further develop that infrastructure so that we are better equipped for that slow but discernible progress we are making through the Australian Sports Culture.

2. THE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

To produce higher standards is not a simple matter of importing overseas coaches or making the best local players into State Coaches. A much wider process is involved which produces recruits with the combined Technical-Mental-Physiological attributes that can be shaped into successful International performance. It is a measure of our progress in recent years that this concept of setting our sights and calibrating our measuring sticks by overseas standards has moved from the realm of a few individuals into common parlance.

3. THE TACTICAL OBJECTIVE

To produce talent, identify talent and shape talent requires our sport to have large pools of potential in terms of players and coaches (and these depend on the profile of the Sport within the National Sports Culture). The following list illustrates that the Coaching Sub System recognises the broad spectrum of areas it must service if it is to be successful in achieving its strategic aims. To keep the report concise I will make only a few brief comments on these projects, but with a view to speaking more fully to the report at the G.P.M.

4. 1987 - TACTICAL ACHIEVEMENTS

(1) The Academy

The enormous potential for coach and player development is hardly under way and its dividends several years away. An additional support coach, resident in Victoria, is needed. To quash beliefs that the Academy is a Victorian affair, the coordination of S.A.S.I.-Academy joint efforts must be expanded to each State. Suggestions that our embryo Academy will "decentralize" to another State(s) are illogical and should be firmly laid to rest for the foreseeable

future. The professional and work ethic of our Coach Zhou Lan Sun has yet to be matched by a number of our senior players. Our internal administration and social responsibility for players are areas for improvement.

(2) The Academy Sports Science Program

- See Appendix.

(3) New Coaching Requirements and introduction of 2 new Coaching Levels.

- will be tabled for delegates at G.P.M.

(4) Solidarity Seminar Coaching Unit

Was successful and important in that Coaches were exposed to new and conflicting philosophies and methodologies. The value of such diversity was not lost on participants as existing ideas were challenged, the roles of coaches examined and the need to encourage a variety of styles of play was again highlighted. Some weaknesses in the program were apparent but could be avoided if some procedural changes were adopted, i.e. greater delegation, forming an Oceania Coaching Committee.

(5) Accumulation of Coaching Resources

- To be illustrated and spoken to as required at the G.P.M.

(6) Aussie Sports Kit and Video

- To be illustrated and spoken to as required at the G.P.M.

(7) Secondary School Table Tennis Development

- To be illustrated and spoken to as required at the G.P.M.

(8) New Appreciation of the Role of State Coaching Directors

The importance and role of the State Coaching Director has been discussed at Forums on several occasions. The weakness of our practice of the past 10 years of National Coaching Directors devising wonderful things for voluntary State Coaching Directors to implement, has become even more obvious. The

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new coaching requirements further increase time and skill demands on State Coaching Directors and the question of payment for this position is now an action issue. Detailed papers on this subject have been circulated and should be discussed at the G.P.M.

Summary

Although these things are in place, it is not implied that all are working perfectly, nor are they definitive answers to our problems. We are years behind other sports in some of those areas and we have decades not weeks of development ahead of us. Our lack of financial, physical and human resources is still monumental and probably only the march of time will resolve the problem of those philosophies and people who actively and passively resist change.

5. OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- (1) Interstate visits by Zhou Lan Sun for Junior Training and Coach Development.
- (2) National Junior Training Camp - January 1987.
- (3) Grants from National Training Centre Program Sponsorship Rothmans Foundation
Ansett Airlines
Acton Table Tennis Products
- (4) Visits to W.A. - Queensland - Canberra.
- (5) Overseas contact and exchange of material with Germany and Sweden.
- (6) A.N.Z. Training Camp - December 1987.
- (7) National Coaching Forum - May 1987.
- (8) Planning for National Secondary Schools Development.
- (9) Integrating State Sports Grants with Academy Programmes.
- (10) Academy Camps for January 1988 and February 1988.

6. OBJECTIVES FOR 1988/89

- (1) Continuing effort to improve procedures/administration of existing projects.
- (2) Expansion of Nutrition and Sports Psychology into Academy Programmes.

- (3) Interstate Training Camps by Zhou Lan Sun.
- (4) Securing A.I.S. funding for coaching support for Zhou Lan Sun.
- (5) Re-evaluation of Coaching Levels.
- (6) National Coaching Director visits to States to assist State Coaching Directors with:
 - New Coaching Requirements
 - Level 0 and Level 1
 - Aussie Sport
 - Secondary School Competition
 - State-Academy Integration.
- (7) Biomechanical Testing of International Teams in October 1988 - (Brisbane)
 - Physiological Testing of International Teams in October 1988 - (Melbourne)
- (8) Expanding Coaching Resource Material.
- (9) 1988 National Coaching Forum.
- (10) Production of Coaching Videos using leading coaches - incorporating skills and experience learned from Aussie Sport Video.
- (11) Implementing National Talent Identification Screening Test.
- (12) A more effective assessment procedure of State activity in Coaching Development.
- (13) Pursuit of overall objective outlined in Introduction.

7. SUMMARY

- (1) This report indicates that considerable effort and energy emanates from the Coaching Sub System of the A.T.T.A. The amount of simple administrative work required to service all the projects we have under way and have planned, has become staggering. What appears as 2-3 word headings in this report translates into days, weeks and months of time. Demands for my time from some states is increasing and I believe the best and most effective long term answer is the Queensland Solution - a paid State Coaching Director, which allows more efficient sharing of the State/National work load.

- (2) With reference to 6. Section 12, I believe the time has come for greater National interest and enquiry into the extent to which States are moving in Coach Development and to the extent to which they support National Objectives.

- (3) In conclusion, I would like to thank -

Neil Harwood for his support and hope he continues in his portfolio for some time to come.

The State Coaching Directors for the work they do under difficult conditions.

The N.E.D. for his expertise, professional skills and the little notes which appear with 'over to you' or 'will you handle'. They fill many otherwise lonely hours.

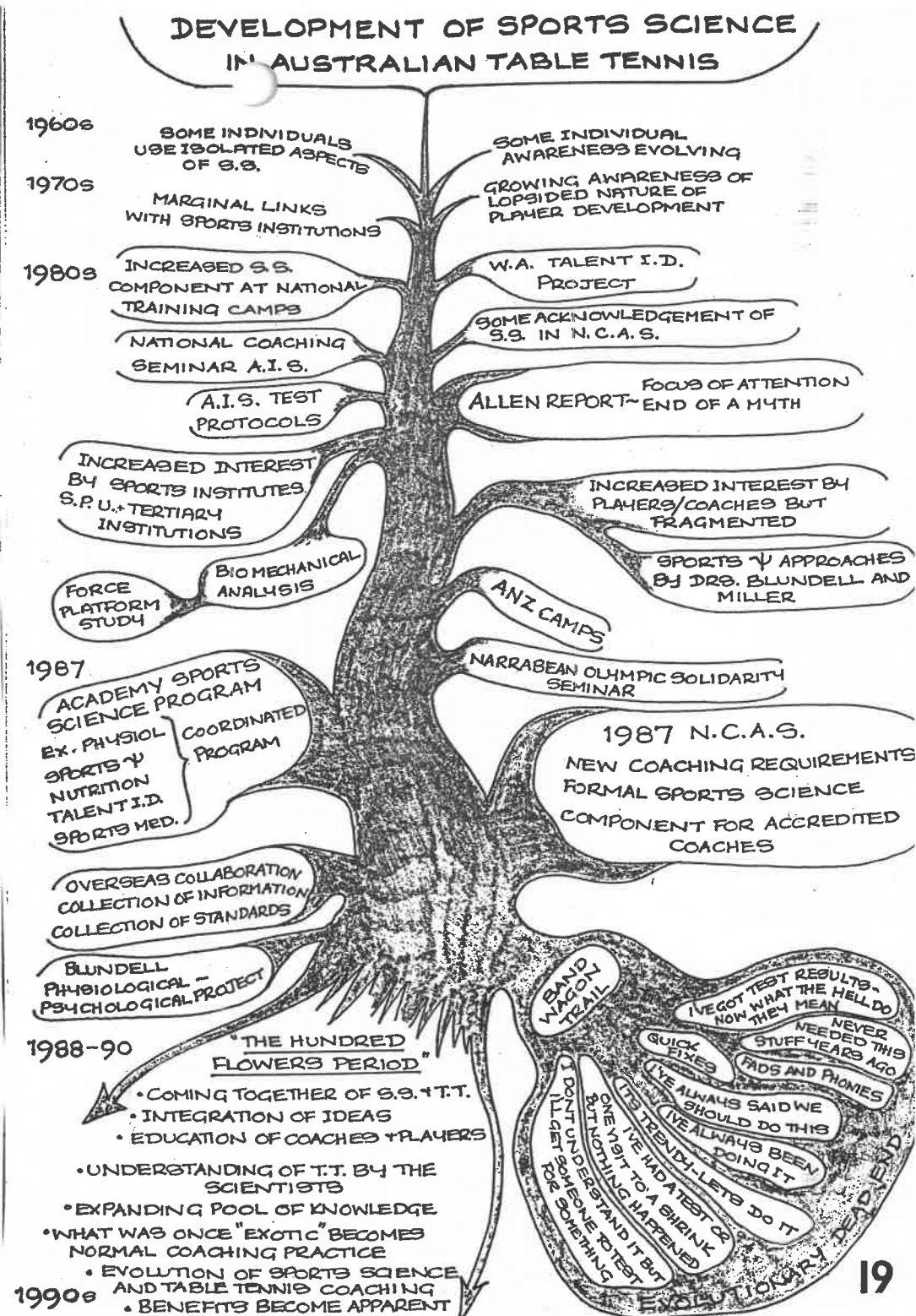
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NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR

APPENDIX 1

National Table Tennis Academy
Sports Science Papers

APPENDIX 2

Table of Coaching Figures



APPENDIX 2

COACHING FIGURES - 31/1/88

C.A.S. Computer Print Out Figures - 27/7/87

	Level I	Level II	Level III	TOTAL
N.S.W.	24	1	1	26
Qld.	31	8	4	43
S.A.	35	2	6	43
Tas.	4	4	-	8
Vic.	24	5	6	35
W.A.	3	5	1	9
Displaced Addresses				6
TOTALS	127	25	18	170

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	Level I	Level II	Level III	TOTAL
N.S.W.	24	1	1	26
Qld.	35	8	4	47
S.A.	39	2	6	47
Tas.	7	4	-	11
Vic.	25	5	6	36
W.A.	3	5	1	7
Displaced Addresses				7
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- *N.B. (1) Victoria is currently processing a Level I Course and has several registrations pending.
(2) No changes to Level II and III pending new coaching regulations.
(3) Inactive coaches not known until re-evaluation in December 1988.
(4) Level 0 Coaches not included in this census.
Nor are unaccredited coaches included in this census.

At this time, Level 0 Courses have been held in:-

W.A. - 1 Course - participants: 12.
S.A. - 3 Courses - participants: 78.

Coaching Figures

In recent years the number of people playing table tennis declined from tens of thousands (actual number unknown but estimated at 30,000 - 40,000) to around 10,000 (when we started accurate counting). Allowing for a measure of dishonesty, the register separated reality from wishful thinking.

The same applies to coaching figures - I know some people who believe that we once had several hundred coaches, but there is no physical evidence of that fact. Probably the figure was around the 100-mark, depending on how you defined a "coach".

The present coaching figures again reflect reality instead of impressions & some States are increasing their numbers!!

The Coaching Scheme alone does not recruit coaches - recruitment depends on the time and energy of State Coaching Directors.

I think it can be argued that

- Coaching faces are changing
- Areas of Coaching activity are changing
- Methods are changing

but we should not confuse "change"

with "decline".

Coaching Figures at 22/10/87

	T.T.	FOOTBALL	NETBALL	SQUASH	VOLLEYBALL	TOTAL (Nat.)
Level I	130	5,430	1,560	540	875	41,000
Level II	25	644	28	0	0	6,300
Level III	20	56	0	0	0	900
Total	175	6,250	1,590	540	875	48,000
Player Nos.	10,000	500,000	350,000	140,000	35,000	

* Figures have been rounded off.

= Ratio of Players to Coaches: Football 1 coach per 80 players
Netball 1 coach per 220 "
Volleyball 1 coach per 43 "
Squash 1 coach per 265 "

Table Tennis 1 coach per 59 "



Special VIPs at the launch of the Australian Table Tennis Academy.

(l/r) Mr.Noel SHORTER, Director, International Table Tennis P/L.

Mr.Greg HARTUNG, General Manager, Australian Sports Commission.

Hon. Neil TREZISE, Victorian Minister for Sport & Recreation.

Mr. Ron HARVEY, Deputy Chairman, Australian Institute of Sport.

Mr. Harold FRANCIS, Principal, Acton Table Tennis.



VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

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Patron: His Excellency the Governor of Victoria. Dr. Davis McCaughey A.C.

22nd January 1988

Mr. J. Ostermeyer
P.O. Box 164
MT ELIZA 3930

Dear John,

VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION - REPORT FOR THE ATTA ANNUAL REPORT 1/1/87-3/12/87

The VTTA Executive Committee for 1987 was as follows:

President:	R. Bayly		
Vice-Presidents:	A. Tabone - P. Rosario - P. Keyhoe		
Honorary Secretary:	P. Mascall		
Honorary Treasurer:	J. Beer		
Committee:	T. Barr	P. Girdler	R. Grattidge
	P. Holden	J. Huysmans	R. Jones
	K. Langridge	R. Tuckett	S. Williams

The six (6) Office Bearers comprise the Executive Council.

During the greater part of the year, Dr. Bayly was granted leave of absence for study leave in Stuttgart - Germany, and Mr. Tabone was elected acting President in his place. At the same time, Mr. Grattidge was elected acting Vice-President to fill the casual vacancy created.

Our Staff are as follows:

Executive Director:	R. Lindroth
Sports Promotion Officer:	A. Rosario
Office Manager:	V. Bartolo
Junior Administrator:	S. Graham

Victoria was represented at the National Championships, Junior, Under 21's and Masters Veterans - both Male and Female Teams in all categories.

We achieved a good measure of success in both Teams and Individual events. Victorian players also featured prominently in all the Presidents Teams. Victoria conducted the Australian Closed Championships in conjunction with the Yasaka Easter Classic.

Victorians were chosen to represent Australia in the World Championships in New Delhi, India and an International Tournament in New Caledonia.

Three Victorians were chosen to compete in the Olympic Qualifying Tournament for the 1988 Olympic Games. Of these three, Kerri Tepper and Nadia Bisiach were successful and will have the honor of representing Australia in the Singles and Doubles in Seoul.

The brother/sister combination of Ross and Kerri Tepper were successful in being awarded the Victor Barna Award for the player of the year to Kerri and the Michael Szabados Award for the Junior Player of the year to Ross.

Also on the International front an Australian Veterans Team (including several Victorians) competed in the New Zealand Masters Games with considerable success. On the Interstate level, Victoria and New South Wales continue to compete in the Under 12 and Under 14 teams - Annual competition in Wagga Wagga.

The highlight in Victoria was the establishing of the Australian Table Tennis Academy for elite National players. The VTTA congratulates the ATTA on this achievement. Congratulations are also in order for the ATTA's wise choice in Mr. Zhou Lansun, the Academy's full time coach from China.

The VTTA conducts the following Tournaments annually:

TATTS Victorian Open Championships
SPORTCONTACT Victorian Closed Championships
WEEKLY TIMES Victorian Country Championships
YASAKA Easter Classic
ACTON Moomba Tournament
K MART/SUPER K MART City of Melbourne Tournament
DOUBLE FISH Junior Tournament
COMMONWEALTH BANK Schools Table Tennis Championships
TABTEN
MINI TABTEN
SUMMER TABTEN

The various Schools competitions are greatly increasing and we look forward to the future development of our game from this source.

The Academy has certainly given an impetus to our various coaching schemes, and things auger well for the future. Recently, an Academy Team which included several of Victoria's players, toured China for a five week coaching stint.

Several Victorians attended the Olympic Solidarity Course held at the NSW Academy of Sport in Narrabeen. The course consisted of Tournament Control, Administration and Coaching.

At the VTTA Annual Meeting in March, our long serving Honorary Secretary - Mr. Peter Mascall was made a Life Member of our Association.

On the financial side, our registered members are still falling. However, our Public Hire is showing an appreciable increase.

Overall, we finished the year on a sound financial basis.

ANGELO TABONE

Victorian Delegate.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES IN 1987

Table tennis in South Australia continues to experience the same problems as of recent years. In spite of the formulation of long term plans which are up-dated annually, the lack of personnel to carry out the plans becomes frustrating to those who are dedicated to the sport, and their enthusiasm wanes.

One of the key areas in which we suffered in 1987 was the loss of a Coaching Director for several months. Mr. Joe Hoad was appointed to the vacant position on 6 December 1987, but while the position was vacant, several initiatives such as Schools Coaching were put on hold. The Association has among it's goals the employment of a Coaching Director on either a part-time or full-time basis, dependent on funding. However, while income from traditional sources such as player registration fees tends to decrease, the chances of realising that goal slip away.

The Association's involvement in schools competitions continues to show increased student participation and hopes are held the schools competitions will result in increased player registrations as the student center competitions outside the school environment. Senior player registrations are at best static, but junior registrations have increased in 1987, perhaps demonstrating the schools competitions are providing positive achievements.

A metropolitan junior competition played on Sundays was introduced and the interest displayed should result in greater participation in 1988.

An expanded Affiliated Associations Championships was staged in 1987 to offer country players a greater number of events. It was noteworthy that country delegates decided that two Championships should be staged in 1988, one being for country entrants only. The success of this change will be watched with interest.

The introduction of Aussie Sport has brought encouraging responses with parents and teachers showing great interest e.g. Seventy persons have gained Level 0 coaching accreditation.

New dedicated table tennis facilities were opened at Morphett Vale and Port Lincoln, with extentions to existing facilities being made at Whyalla. A new facility is due to open at Parafield Gardens in the near future.


Geoff Goss

A.T.T.A. Delegate



Australia's representatives at the 1987 Oceania Olympic Qualifying Tournament, Coburg, Vic., August, 1987.

Back Row; Paul Pinkewich, Glen Tepper, Zhou Lansun (Coach)

Gary Haberl.

Front Row; Nadia Bisiach, Neil Harwood (Manager), Kerri Tepper.

REPORT TO AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC. - 1987

Office-Bearers for the year were:

President: Mr.A. Russell
Vice-Presidents: Mr.W. Gray, Mr.C. Roden
Secretary: Miss N. Callinan
Treasurer: Mr.P. Males
Executive Director: Mr.K. Bowler

This year, the Association became the NSW Table Tennis Association Incorporated, a move which provides greater flexibility and certainly is in the best interest of the development of the sport.

Computerisation of many of the functions the Association previously managed manually has seen great strides towards more efficient operations. By the end of the year a computer will be operational in the Office. Along with the obvious advantages of word processing facilities, the Association will have competent data base facilities and a self-developed software package that provides tournament draws, table allocations, etc. In the meantime, the other computer based systems we now have, such as grades and computer rankings, will still be remote from the Office, due to format incompatibility.

Along with the computer ranking system, a Player's Behaviour Code was introduced on a 12 months trial basis. Many people have provided good feedback on both systems and these are under review.

In Australian Championships, we are aware that we compete under greater hardships than most other States which seem to be able to attract more financial support from Government sources.

Many times this year, concern has been expressed of the ever-increasing competition we face from other more "fashionable" sports which has seen the decrease in numbers of the traditional indoor sports such as Table Tennis. The State Council considered many ways to increase membership, the major idea from many quarters was to reduce State registration fees which they guaranteed would double player numbers. This was an opposite view to those other sports whose fees are much higher than ours, yet are increasing in numbers dramatically. After many hours of discussion, this controversial motion was adopted, along with a promotional drive entitled "towards 2000". Many Associations did increase in numbers but the gain was generally only a 5-10% margin above 1986 which were the lowest for many years. The unfortunate aspect was the area we were guaranteed to gain significant memberships, the Youth Clubs, produced most disappointing results.

As we move towards 1988, the year in which Table Tennis is to become an Olympic sport, it is ironic that the sport itself in NSW has a problem of identity. It is expected that Table Tennis will gain tremendous coverage from South Korea, yet with this benefit the general public don't even know how to find us. There will never be a better time to publicise our competitions.

Programme of activities for the year have included:

The 1987 Closed and Open State Championships.
Teams in all the National Championships.
Annual event for Under 12 and Under 14 Boys and Girls matches against Victoria.
Conducting training squads.
In conjunction with the NSW Umpires, held umpiring functions.
Conducted coaching seminars for all age groups.
Had coaches attend various schools for coaching demonstration activities.

Supplied back-staff and facilities for the Oceania Coaching and Umpiring Seminar, at which 15 of our members participated, lasting one week.
Took part in the "Sun Expo" at the State Sports Centre, with an audience of 2000/3000 school children and teachers daily.
A State Department of Sport coaching week was held at the State Sports Centre.

State Director of Coaching. During the year, Jae Hwa Lee resigned his position as State Coach, after almost five years service. Zhou Lansun, the internationally recognised Chinese Coach, arrived and resided in Sydney prior to his appointment as Australian Coach at the Academy in Melbourne. Subsequently, Paul Pinkewich was appointed to the position of part-time State Coach.

For the first time in many years, a City v Country match was successfully organised and despite a minor hiccup or two, was in the main a great success. An unsolicited letter from one City player contained the following:

"I believe that this type of competition has an enormous potential for the good of Table Tennis in this State, the avenues are endless, i.e., Junior City v Country, Seniors and Veterans Challenge matches. It would be an excellent vehicle for the selection of State teams and would ensure the organisers would receive a good entry."

Following this letter, a recommendation has been made that the event be a qualifying requirement for State team selection.

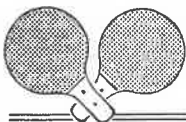
For the record, Country won the Friendship Cup, donated by Keith Bowler, and have throwdown the gauntlet to City players and officials alike for a more spirited clash in 1988.

Finance. Unfortunately, we have to report the Association incurred a loss of about \$800 for the year. This is put down to the decrease in our fees plus a small increase in our operating costs. Our total administrations costs increased by only 10%. However, our insurance costs increased by 64%, mainly due to an increase in Workers Compensation and taking out a Public Liability and Contents policies.

Overall, it is a poor result for a year in which we expected much more than we received.

We look forward to a better 1988.

Norma Callinan
NSW Delegate



Queensland Table Tennis Association

Affiliated with the Australian Table Tennis Association

26 Jan 1988
National Executive Director
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ANNUAL REPORT

In terms of your letter of 8 Dec 87 which was not received until our Delegate's return from China, we advise the following;

OFFICE BEARERS

PRESIDENT	B M (Mick) McSHANE 30 Bayview Tce Wavell Heights Q 4012	Phone H 2669431 W 2296625
TREASURER	R T (Ray) LYONS	contact at work not desirable
DELEGATE	P J (Jim) BOND	
STATE ADMINISTRATOR	Warren CROFT	3577845
STATE DIRECTOR OF COACHING	Ken BERNDT	3577845

MAJOR EVENTS

The eight regions held their usual tournaments at the regional centres. There were also events at Lower Burdekin, Gold Coast, and Bundaberg. The Brisbane Assoc held a one day school tournament sponsored by McDonalds which could lead to better things in 1988.

The Junior Closed Championships were held in Cairns, and the Senior Closed were held in Bundaberg under the joint control of the Region Seven Assocs Toowoomba and Bundaberg. This was the first time that the State Titles were held outside a Regional Centre. The Queensland Open was held in Mackay.

The highlight of the year was the hosting of the Australian Senior and Junior Tournaments in consecutive weeks. The excellent work done by the Organising Secretary, Ken Woodward, deserves special Mention.

As can be seen there were many events in 1987 throughout the State.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS.

The Executive carried out its monthly meetings but the running of the office was disrupted by the resignation of the State Administrator, Bob Hayes. Bob's work over the years, his experience and knowledge was missed, and coupled with the delay in the appointment of a successor, some administrative difficulties were experienced. At the annual general meeting negotiations with Mackay and Brisbane Associations resulted in the appointment of Ken Berndt as State Director of Coaching and Mr D Chen as Regional Coach based in Mackay. Negotiations have also begun with Cairns (Region 1) and Cheng Chung-Yin of Jubilee Sports Centre Hong Kong for appointment as Regional Coach in May 1988.

Our registered numbers have been maintained and new Associations may be started in Miles (attached to Region 7, Toowoomba) and Cooroy (attached to Region 5, Brisbane). The new State Director of Coaching is planning with the Education Dept to begin a Schools programme, and to re activate Table Tennis as a recognised sport within the Queensland State Secondary Schools Sports Assoc.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

No report would complete without a comment about money. The State's income is derived from the following sources;

1. Player Registration
2. Tournament Levy
3. Affiliation Fees and
4. By careful management, Interest.

In 1988 Queensland has its most expensive year as the Australian Junior Titles will be in Perth. The QTTA usually pays Air fare and accommodation for officials with the Teams and the funds held now do not reflect a normal situation.

An extract of the last Treasurers report appears below

CBFC Deposit account	\$14322-68
Keycard account	3261-33
Cheque account	100-15

These amounts include \$6450. held in trust for gifted sportspersons and Government grants to be passed on to regions,

Expected expenses for Officials at the 1988 Junior Titles is \$8500.

B M McSHANE
PRESIDENT



Tasmanian Table Tennis Association Inc.

(AFFILIATED WITH THE AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.)

1987 Tasmania's Report For Inclusion A.T.T.A. Annual Report

The following officers were elected/appointed to the Tasmanian Council for 1987:

Patron:	B.J. Evans
President:	L.H. Wharmby
Vice President:	I.F. Stennard
Treasurer:	D.L. Wilson
Secretary:	B.T. Dale
Delegates:	M. Plapp and J. Noble (Burnie T.T.L.) M. Boyes and N. Bonney (Devonport T.T.A.) D. Ruffin and I. James (Eastside T.T.L.) S. Moir and T. Smith (N.T.T.T.A.) N. Horder and J. Rowbottom/N. Harwood (S.T.T.T.A.)

Championships

Tasmania hosted the inaugural Under 21 National Championship, commencing 21st April and concluding 24th April, at the Burnie Police and Citizens Boys and Girls Club. The Tasmanian State Association delegated the conduct of these Championships to the Burnie Table Tennis League and a total of fifty players from most Australian States participated in a very well organised and successfully conducted Championship.

The Australian Veterans Championship was incorporated into the First Australian Masters Games and the conduct of this inaugural event was delegated by the Tasmanian Association to the Southern Tasmanian Table Tennis Association and was held at the Southern Tasmanian Table Tennis Centre, Kingston, commencing on 6th December and concluding 12th December, 1987. A large entry of 125 players from most Australian States and New Zealand enjoyed a friendly and very successful week of table tennis.

Details of the State's major championships are listed hereunder:

TASMANIAN OPEN: conducted at the Southern Tasmanian Table Tennis Centre, Kingston, on the 8th August, 1987

Men's Singles	D. Lee	A. Jakubczak
Women's Singles	J. Wright	F. McCoull
Men's Doubles	B. Bourke/A. Jakubczak	B. Black/R. Massie
Women's Doubles	S. Hetherington/F. Kenna	D. Horder/M. Walker
Mixed Doubles	A. Jakubczak/D. Horder	D. Lee/M. Walker
Junior Boys	K. Perera	R. Stennard
Junior Girls	S. Hetherington	T. Auchterlonie
Under 15 Boys	R. Laver	J. Hawkes
Under 15 Girls	T. Auchterlonie	C. Harwood
Men's Consolation	B. Bourke	M. Coulbourn
Women's Consolation	M. Walker	A. Atkinson

TASMANIAN CLOSED: conducted at the Clarence High School, Bellerive, on the 11th July, 1987.

Men's Singles	C. Forster	R. Bonney
Women's Singles	F. Kenna	S. Hetherington
Men's Doubles	R. Bonney/C. Forster	M. Denehey/M. Tadd
Women's Doubles	F. McCoull/F. Stennard	S. Hetherington/F. Kenna
Mixed Doubles	C. Forster/S. Hetherington	T. Smith/J. Wright
Men's Veterans	D. McLean	A. McKellar
Women's Veterans	M. Walker	H. Rofe
Junior Boys	K. Perera	D. Delbourgo
Junior Girls	S. Hetherington	J. Schmalfuss
Under 15 Boys	B. Moore	A. Castaldi
Under 15 Girls	T. Auchterlonie	C. Harwood
Special Singles	K. Perera	B. Howell
Special Doubles	B. Howell/P. Maxwell	A. Atkinson/B. Atkinson
Men's Consolation	R. Cotgrove	M. Tadd
Women's Consolation	M. Walker	J. Schmalfuss

TASMANIAN VETERANS: conducted at the Southern Tasmanian Table Tennis Centre, Kingston, on the 25th October, 1987

Over 40 Men's Singles	A. McKellar	I. Stennard
Over 40 Women's Singles	M. Walker	A. Atkinson
Over 40 Men's Doubles	A. McKellar/G. Benn	I. Stennard/R. Wright
Over 40 Women's Doubles	M. Walker/K. Bonney	A. Atkinson/E. Wright
Over 40 Mixed Doubles	A. McKellar/M. Walker	R. Wright/E. Wright
Over 45 Men's Singles	G. Benn	J. Bevan
Over 45 Women's Singles	H. Rofe	E. Wright
Over 50 Men's Singles	G. Benn	R. Wright
Over 50 Men's Doubles	I. Baldwin/R. Wright	J. Morgan/J. McCulloch
Over 50 Mixed Doubles	R. Wright/D. Wharmby	J. Bevan/P. Aherne
Over 55 Men's Singles	R. Wright	D. Sherman
Over 55 Women's Singles	B. Loftus	D. Wharmby
Over 60 Men's Singles	J. McCulloch	J. Read
Over 70 Men's Singles	R. Chappell	R. Vincent

The Tasmanian Rankings for 1987 were as follows:

Men

1. C. Forster
2. D. McLean
3. D. Wilson
4. B. Black
5. R. Borney
6. M. Denehey
7. M. Coulbourn
8. K. Deayton

Women

1. F. Kenna
2. J. Wright
3. F. McCoull
4. S. Hetherington
5. F. Stennard
6. M. Walker

Junior Boys

1. K. Perera
2. D. Delbourgo
3. B. Cugino
4. R. Stennard

Junior Girls

1. S. Hetherington
2. T. Auchterlonie
3. J. Schmalfuss
4. S. Jones

Under 15 Boys

1. R. Laver
2. B. Moore
3. A. Castaldi
4. J. Hawkes

Under 15 Girls

1. T. Auchterlonie
2. C. Harwood
3. R. Noble
4. E. Cole-Cook

General

Coaching

The State Director of Coaching, David Wilson, advised that John Noble and Elaine Wright had successfully completed the Level 1 Coaching Course bringing the total number of accredited coaches in Tasmania to 13.

Future developments for 1988 include the introduction of the "Aussie Sports" package, including the Level "0" coaching course, into selected primary schools throughout the State.

Umpiring

One of the significant developments in the sphere of umpire motivation has been the introduction of an "Umpire of the Year" award by the Eastside Table Tennis League, the inaugural recipient of the Award being Bill Atkinson.

Tasmania has in recent times required State team members to undertake the State Umpire theory paper, however, this requirement is likely to change in 1988 to players and officials participating in learning sessions and undertaking an associated test.

An appraisal sheet, which was in effect a written summation of the squad member's effort in attempting the State Umpire Theory Paper, was trialled during the year and the response indicates this move was beneficial to squad members and also very well received.

Administration

The outgoing President, Laurie Wharmby, has indicated that he will not be seeking re-election in 1988 and this fact alone will create, for the Association, a very challenging and demanding year.

Laurie has held numerous administrative positions at Club, Branch, State and National Association level and is fondly referred to as Tasmania's "Mr. Table Tennis".

For instance in 1987 Laurie's table tennis involvement was as detailed hereunder and I trust that I have not omitted anything.

Wellington Table Tennis Club - Club Secretary of one of the largest and most active clubs in Southern Tasmania.

Southern Tasmanian T.T.A. - whilst not on the Committee of Management, Laurie served on the following committees.

Secretary - Rules Committee
Chairman - Selection, Classification and Ranking Committee
Branch Historian

Tasmanian T.T.A. - State President and also served on the following committees.

Chairman - Selection and Ranking Committee
- Rules Committee
- Veterans Committee
- Development Committee
Organiser of the State League Competition
Organiser of the First Australian Masters Games
Assisted with the conduct of the U21 National Championships

Australian T.T.A. - National President and also served on the following committees.

Chairman - Standing Orders Committee
- Rules Committee

It is very difficult to select just a few highlights from this fine and outstanding career, however, during the early 1970's Laurie was appointed Liaison Officer for the "political" Chinese tour of Australia and this position saw Laurie at his diplomatic best.

Further recognition of his invaluable contribution to table tennis was bestowed on Laurie in 1986 when he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia.

Laurie was State Secretary from 1946-1957, President in 1958, State Secretary 1959-1971 and President 1972-1987. Life membership being awarded in 1960.

Development Plan

During 1988 the Association drafted a development plan which initially looked principally at the financial aspect so as to meet stipulations laid down by the Tasmanian Department of Sport and Recreation. However, in the forthcoming year it is proposed that this plan be expanded to the next stage and will gradually become a blueprint for Tasmania's future development and also an insurance for the continued growth and regular appraisal of the sport throughout Tasmania.

Financial Summary

The following represents a summarised Profit and Loss Statement for the year ended 31st December, 1987.

Revenue

Affiliation Fees Branches	\$4000
Government Grants Received	\$1400
State Fund Raising Raffle	\$ 900
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	\$6300

Expenditure

A.T.T.A. Charges	\$2600
Government Grants Disbursed	\$1400
State Team Travel	\$2800
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	\$6800

Loss \$ 500

Total Accumulated Funds \$3500

Brian Dale

Brian Dale
State Delegate.

The man who only plays once a week . . .

WHEN I travel the country and meet our members, the question I am asked most frequently is 'What do we get for our money?'. The reference is to ETТА Affiliation Fees. These are collected annually, based on team places. The sum is still less than £3 each year per member and that includes 15% VAT which goes to the taxman. When multiplied by a hundred or more members it seems, indeed is a large sum.

Poacher turned gamekeeper . . .

I used to ask that question myself when I was an active member of my local committee. The poacher has turned gamekeeper and now I have to answer that question. I hope you will be finding the answer reasonably satisfactory. I hope you will feel you are getting value for money for your £2 to £3 each year.

If there were no ETТА . . .

Who would speak for the sport? Without the national effort the sport would sink slowly out of public knowledge. It would be played on a small scale only in isolated pockets. It was that danger more than any other that persuaded me to stand as chairman. I felt that it was not merely a question of pride but survival that the game should feature more frequently in the national newspapers, that it should be seen again on television. In my time, we shall, with luck, have been seen 5 times and each time by millions. It is still not enough, but it is an advance. It is a new start. I hope we shall attract some of the interest which the World Championships brought in 1977. For the year or two that followed membership was actually going up. The link between popularity and television needs little comment.

Snooker . . .

The example of snooker is often cited. I remember a time when our Table Tennis English Open was seen by thousands at Wembley and

the World Championship of Snooker attracted a few dozen. That is how things can change. Change does not come about by itself. We must help it happen.

To make news, to keep the sport on the sports pages and before the public we must stage major events. In today's conditions this is virtually impossible without a sponsor. He will underwrite the event and help in a thousand other ways. His reward will include a good event which will enhance his image and an association with a good sport that enjoys public respect. The ETТА brings together this partnership.

If we do not appear on the great stage of world sport, we shall not attract the young and without them the sport will gradually wither away and continue only in a small way, if at all. Even the man who plays only once a week will fade away if the sport looks insignificant and small and if his colleagues and opponents disappear season after season in ever increasing numbers.

'Only once a week?'

Whether this character exists I am not too sure. The last one who told me that he only plays once a week and that he was not interested in anything else did not quite live up to his expressed philosophy. One night I met him on the Isle of Wight Car Ferry at 4 in the morning after a 'trip to the mainland' to see an Isle of Wight lad play for England. I worked out that the trip had cost him all of £40.

I don't think the members at the grass roots are as selfish as is sometimes made out. I think they want the sport to progress, to look good. They want to see new faces, new ideas. Table tennis is part of their lives too. They want England teams to do well. Thousands came to watch us play China.

There is immense enthusiasm and goodwill within the sport and plenty to build on. Let us make every season better than the last.

Extract from the English Table Tennis Association's
Table Tennis News.




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