

AUSTRALIAN  
TABLE  
TENNIS  
ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL REPORT &  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1st July 1981  
to  
30th June 1982

# AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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1981-1982

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		N.J. BELL (APPOINTED November, 1981)	S. Australia
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<u>HON. TREASURER</u>	.....	J.L. BEER (RESIGNED January, 1982)	Victoria
		H.K. BOWLER (APPOINTED February, 1982)	New South Wales

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VICTORIA	.....	H. ROCKEFELLER A.W. CLEAVES
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	.....	J.L. PADLEY L.Y. HITCHEN

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## LIFE MEMBERS

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# AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

## 1981-1982 COMMITTEES

<u>SELECTORS</u> ...	* N.L. HARWOOD (Tas.)	K. JAVOR (Vic.)	R.J. HODGE (S.A.)
<u>STANDING ORDERS</u> .....	* L.Y. HITCHEN (W.A.)	N.J. BELL (S.A.)	P.J. BOND (Qld.)
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<u>RULES</u> .....	* N.J. BELL (S.A.)	DR. J.F. JACKSON (S.A.)	
<u>COACHING</u> ....	* M. JOHNS (N.D.C.) E. COSTER (N.S.W.) P. MASCALL (Vic.)	R. MOULE (S.A.) F. KENNY (W.A.) Mrs. P. ROSARIO (Vic.)	P.J. BOND (Qld.) N. KERRISON (Tas.)
<u>PLAYER OF THE YEAR</u> ...	* J.L. PADLEY (W.A.)	K. BERNDT (Qld.)	N.HARWOOD (Tas.)
<u>NATIONAL JUNIOR</u> .....	* Miss B. PUNCH (W.A.)	Miss C. HUGHES (N.S.W.)	Mrs. V. GAY (Vic.)
<u>NEWSLETTER</u> ..	* P.J. BOND (Qld.)	D. STEWART (N.S.W.)	
<u>N.D.C. COMMITTEE</u> ...	* L.Y. HITCHEN (W.A.)	J.L. PADLEY (W.A.)	
<u>FINANCE</u> .....	* J.L. BEER (Vic.) H.K. BOWLER (N.S.W.)	H. ROCKEFELLER (Vic.) L. HAYCRAFT (Vic.)	N.J. BELL (S.A.)
<u>UMPIRES</u> .....	* C. GADD (Vic.) Mrs. A. STRACK (Qld.)	S. SCOTT (Exec.) (N.S.W.) N.J. BELL (S.A.)	T. MARTIN (W.A.) W. ATKINSON (Tas) (Sec.)
<u>DISCIPLINARY</u>	N.J. BELL (S.A.) J.L. PADLEY (W.A.)	Miss N. CALLINAN (N.S.W.) H. ROCKEFELLER (Vic.)	N. HARWOOD (Tas.) Mrs. STRACK (Qld.)
<u>PLAYERS PARTICIPATION</u>	* L.Y. HITCHEN (W.A.)	L.H. WHARMBY (Tas.)	
<u>PROMOTION</u> ...	* H.K. BOWLER (N.S.W.)	H. ROCKEFELLER (Vic.)	DR. JACKSON (S)
<u>EQUIPMENT</u> ...	* A.W. CLEAVES (Vic.)	J.L. BEER (Vic.)	
<u>HON. AUDITORS</u>	E. LEDER (Vic.)	S. BARKER (Vic.)	
<u>RECORDS OFFICER</u>	K. JAVOR (Vic.)		
<u>DELEGATE TO I.T.T.F.</u> .....	L. HAYCRAFT (Vic.)		
<u>AFFILIATIONS &amp; MEMBERSHIPS</u>	.....	INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION ASIAN TABLE TENNIS UNION (ASSOCIATE) COMMONWEALTH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION CONFEDERATION OF AUSTRALIAN SPORTS	

\* (Chairman)

ANNUAL REPORT OF HONORARY GENERAL SECRETARY  
FOR THE YEAR 1st JULY, 1981 to 30th JUNE, 1982

PERSONNEL

Mr. ALAN CLEAVES tendered his resignation but was given one month to reconsider his decision. He advised on 19th October that his decision would stand and Council then appointed Mr. NOEL BELL as Honorary General Secretary.

South Australia appointed Dr. JOHN JACKSON as their A.T.T.A. Delegate following the appointment of Mr. Noel Bell as Honorary General Secretary of the A.T.T.A.

The Victorian Delegate (Mr. HERMAN ROCKEFELLER) was replaced by Mr. ALAN CLEAVES in March, 1982.

The Treasurer, Mr. JOHN BEER, tendered his resignation, for business and personal reasons. His resignation was accepted with regret and Council then appointed Mr. KEITH BOWLER as Honorary Treasurer.

The Western Australian Delegate also resigned for business and personal reasons and the Western Australian Association appointed Mr. LEN HITCHEN as their Delegate to the Australian Association.

DECISIONS

The Australian Council Members made the following decisions at the General Personal Meeting held in Brisbane:

1. The national levy was raised from \$6,500 to \$7,300, made up as follows:

Victoria .....	\$2,900
New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia ...	\$1,300 (each)
Tasmania and Western Australia	\$ 250 (each)

Tasmania offered to donate an additional \$250.

2. As from 1st January, 1982, annual subscription for Affiliated State associations be \$100 each and for Associate Member associations the fee be \$20.
3. GPM Travel Levy ... Each State to pay by 30th June, 1982 an amount of \$350 to the ATTA.
4. The ATTA accepted a donation from the Brisbane Trophy Centre of a Shield for the Australian Veterans Singles, to be known as the RUSSELL BOND MEMORIAL TROPHY, and to be engraved with all previous winners' names.
5. As from 1st January, 1982 only rubbers approved by ITTF can be used. ATTA decided to adopt these regulations in respect of Australian Championships and International matches. (List to be circulated when received from ITTF).
6. Junior Player of the Year Award ... This will continue to be decided by the Awards Committee at the National (Senior) Championships. Submissions will need to be made by States.



7. Table Royalties ... Regulation 53.1.3 amended to change charge for a seal of approval for a table to one dollar (from five dollars). Any future tours and Australian Championships must be played on endorsed tables.
8. New Coaching Accreditation Syllabus was approved. When the Coaches Re-classification list has been announced, dissatisfied coaches will have until 1st February, 1982 to appeal to the ATTA through their State Co-ordinators. A special sub-committee appointed by the ATTA President will handle any appeals.
9. Any classified member suspended for non-payment of fees shall remain suspended until ATTA Council approves lifting of suspension.
10. Subject to continuation of Commonwealth funding of the N.D.C. scheme, a contract will be negotiated with the present N.D.C. for a firm six months from 1st July, 1982, with an option for a further 18 months.
11. Other than players and the managerial section, no other persons will be attached or seconded to the Australian party to the 1983 World and Commonwealth Championships.
12. Forward Planning ... Messrs. L. Hitchen (WA), J. Padley (WA) and N. Bell (SA) were appointed as a sub-committee to recommend a 3-5 year plan by 1st August, 1982.
13. Ball Approvals .... The following were approved for use in Australia: Nittaku 3x white and colour and 2x white, TSP Astoll 3x white and yellow, Halex Ultra 3x white and yellow, Barna 3 crown white, Yasaka 3 star white.

#### IRA BERK AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP, 1981

The Queensland Table Tennis Association conducted the 36th Australian National Championship at the Brisbane Table Tennis Association's Stadium from 27th September to 2nd October.

#### TEAM EVENTS

Papua-New Guinea entered men's and women's teams for the first time and all States were represented in the team events, with Northern Territory again entering the men's teams event.

New South Wales regained the men's team title from Victoria, who retained the women's team title.

Teams finishing order was as follows:-

<u>MEN</u>		<u>WOMEN</u>	
1.	NEW SOUTH WALES (2)	1.	VICTORIA (1)
2.	VICTORIA (1)	2.	SOUTH AUSTRALIA (3)
3.	QUEENSLAND (3)	3.	TASMANIA (4)
4.	WESTERN AUSTRALIA (4)	4.	QUEENSLAND (2)
5.	SOUTH AUSTRALIA (5)	5.	NEW SOUTH WALES (5)
6.	TASMANIA (6)	6.	WESTERN AUSTRALIA (6)
7.	NORTHERN TERRITORY (7)	7.	PAPUA-NEW GUINEA (-)
8.	PAPUA-NEW GUINEA (-)		

WINNER: Keith Bowler Trophy

WINNER: R.H. Jones Shield

NEW SOUTH WALES

VICTORIA

# INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Paul Pinkewich (NSW) proved he is still our men's No. 1 player when he retained the Men's Singles Championship, defeating Bob Tuckett (Vic.) in the final. Paul defeated Gary Haberl (NSW) in his semi-final, while Bob defeated Greg Thomas (NSW) in the other semi-final.

Adele Morrow (Vic) after losing the first game easily, defeated Ann Middleton (SA) to win the Women's Singles Championship. Adele became the second of the Morrow sisters to win the women's title (Leane having won in 1973 and 1974).

Winners and runners-up were:-

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>RUNNER UP</u>
MEN's SINGLES .....	P. PINKEWICH (NSW)	R. TUCKETT (Vic)
WOMEN's SINGLES .....	A. MORROW (Vic)	A. MIDDLETON (SA)
MEN's DOUBLES .....	P. PINKEWICH (NSW)	R. JAVOR (Qld.)
	R. TUCKETT (Vic.)	W. VICKERY (NSW)
WOMEN's DOUBLES .....	J. TREGEA (Qld.)	A. STRACK (Qld.)
	A. McDONNELL (Qld.)	J. WHISSON (Qld.)
MIXED DOUBLES .....	G. TEPPER (Vic)	N. WARD (SA)
	N. BISIACH (Vic)	A. MIDDLETON (SA)
VETERAN SINGLES .....	I. KLAF (Vic)	J. LEGGATT (NSW)
MEN's CONSOLATION SINGLES	M. PILOTTOS (NSW)	E. HERMAN (SA)
WOMEN's CONSOLATION SINGLES	M. WALKER (Tas)	G. D'ARCY (Qld)

1981 AUSTRALIAN RANKINGS WERE:-

<u>MEN</u>				<u>WOMEN</u>			
1.	P. PINKEWICH (NSW)	(1)		1.	A. MORROW (Vic)	(8)	
2.	G. HABERL (NSW)	(8)		2.	A. MIDDLETON (SA)	(5)	
3.	R. TUCKETT (Vic)	(2)		3.	D. MILLIKAN (Tas)	(2)	
4.	G. THOMAS (NSW)	(7)		4.	K. THOMPSON (Vic)	(1)	
5.	R. CARLYLE (Vic)	(4)		5.	N. BISIACH (Vic)	(-)	
6.	R. JAVOR (Qld)	(6)		6.	S. MUNDAY (Vic)	(-)	
7.	G. TEPPER (Vic)	(9)		7.	J. TREGEA (Qld)	(-)	
8.	N. WARD (SA)	(3)		8.	S. ISELE (Qld)	(9)	
9.	J. DREW (WA)	(-)		9.	K. FUDGE (SA)	(7)	
10.	J. BARTOLO (Vic)	(-)		10.	M. CANNON (NSW)	(-)	

FIGURES IN BRACKETS INDICATE 1980 RANKINGS

PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD ..... Victor Barna Trophy

PAUL PINKEWICH - New South Wales

JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD ... Michael Szabados Memorial Trophy  
GARY HABERL - New South Wales

## AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 1982

The second Australian Junior Championship run in the new age groupings was conducted by the South Australian Table Tennis Association at the Prince Alfred College Sports Hall, Adelaide, from 16th to 21st June, 1982.

New Zealand again entered in the boys and girls under-17 teams events but were below the standard of previous teams, mainly due to the loss of several players to their senior ranks.

All States participated in each group with Victoria coming out top, winning the four teams events.

### TEAM EVENTS

Teams finishing order was as follows:-

<u>UNDER 17 BOYS</u>		<u>UNDER 17 GIRLS</u>	
1.	VICTORIA (3)	1.	VICTORIA (1)
2.	NEW SOUTH WALES (2)	2.	SOUTH AUSTRALIA (6)
3.	QUEENSLAND (6)	3.	QUEENSLAND (4)
4.	NEW ZEALAND (1)	4.	NEW SOUTH WALES (5)
5.	TASMANIA (5)	5.	NEW ZEALAND (2*)
6.	SOUTH AUSTRALIA (4)	6.	WESTERN AUSTRALIA (2*)
7.	WESTERN AUSTRALIA (7)	7.	TASMANIA (7)

WINNER J.P. Oliphant Shield - WINNER K.G. Haines Bowl -

VICTORIA

VICTORIA

<u>UNDER 15 BOYS</u>		<u>UNDER 15 GIRLS</u>	
1.	VICTORIA (4)	1.	VICTORIA (1)
2.	SOUTH AUSTRALIA (5)	2.	NEW SOUTH WALES (2)
3.	TASMANIA (3)	3.	SOUTH AUSTRALIA (4)
4.	QUEENSLAND (2)	4.	QUEENSLAND (3)
5.	WESTERN AUSTRALIA (6)	5.	TASMANIA (5)
6.	NEW SOUTH WALES (1)	6.	WESTERN AUSTRALIA (6)

WINNER Wal Savage Trophy

WINNER John Hannon Trophy

VICTORIA

VICTORIA

### INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Gary Haberl (NSW) showed his continuing improvement by dominating the Under 17 Boys Singles and outclassed Karl McKernan (Vic) in the final. Le Tran (SA) retained his Under 15 Boys title but M. Kilden (WA) made him fight all the way in the final.

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>RUNNER-UP</u>
UNDER 17 BOYS SINGLES	G. GABERL (NSW)	K. McKERNAN (Vic)
UNDER 17 GIRLS SINGLES	N. BISIACH (Vic)	W. HUGHES (Vic)
UNDER 15 BOYS SINGLES	L. TRAN (SA)	M. KILDEN (WA)
UNDER 15 GIRLS SINGLES	K. TEPPER (Vic)	A. CAMPBELL (NSW)
UNDER 17 BOYS DOUBLES	G. HABERL (NSW) M. HURST (NSW)	K. McKERNAN (Vic) J. SCHREENAN (Vic)
UNDER 17 GIRLS DOUBLES	N. BISIACH (Vic) W. HUGHES (Vic)	K. TEPPER (Vic) J. TEPPER (Vic.)
UNDER 17 MIXED DOUBLES	G. HABERL (NSW) N. BISIACH (Vic)	J. SCHREENAN (Vic) W. HUGHES (Vic)
UNDER 15 BOYS DOUBLES	L. TRAN (SA) S. CAMPBELL (SA)	M. KAMPL (Vic) G. LATIMER (Vic)
UNDER 15 GIRLS DOUBLES	B. STROPPIANA (Qld) A. CAMPBELL (NSW)	K. TEPPER (Vic) J. TEPPER (Vic)
UNDER 15 MIXED DOUBLES	M. KAMPL (Vic) J. TEPPER (Vic)	G. ANTCLIFF (NSW) A. CAMPBELL (NSW)

The A.B.C. recorded the individual finals for future showing throughout Australia.

AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR RANKINGS FOR 1982 WERE:-

<u>UNDER 17 BOYS</u>		<u>UNDER 17 GIRLS</u>	
1.	G. HABERL (N.S.W.) (1)	1.	W. HUGHES (Vic.) (1)
2.	K. McKERNAN (Vic) (2)	2.	N. BISIACH (Vic) (2)
3.	L. JOHNSON (Vic) (8)	3.	C. ROBERTSON (SA) (6)
4.	N. KILDEN (WA) (-)	4.	S. BELLWOOD (SA) (-)
5.	G. JORDAN (NSW) (4)	5.	A. CAMPBELL (NSW) (-)
6.	J. SCHREENAN (Vic) (-)	6.	K. SHUTTLEWOOD (Qld) (-)
7.	N. O'CONNOR (Qld) (-)	7.	K. TEPPER (Vic) (-)
8.	M. WALKER (NWS) (-)	8.	C. GRAY (NSW) (-)
9.	M. KILDEN (WA) (-)	9.	S. MAGARRY (Qld) (7)
10.	L. TRAN (SA) (10)	10.	D. JORDAN (NSW) (-)

FIGURES IN BRACKETS SHOW 1981  
RANKINGS



AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR RANKINGS FOR 1982 ... continued

UNDER 15 BOYS

1. E. KASSER (Vic)	(-)
2. L. TRAN (SA)	(2)
3. M. KILDEN (WA)	(-)
4. P. MIRAMS (Tas)	(3)
5. M. COLBOURN (Tas)	(8)
6. S. CAMPBELL (SA)	(-)
7. G. KASSER (Vic)	(-)
8. I. IRVING (Qld)	(-)
9. C. ADAMS (SA)	(-)
10. M. ANDERSON (Qld)	(-)

UNDER 15 GIRLS

1. K. TEPPER (Vic)	(1)
2. A. CAMPBELL (NSW)	(3)
3. J. LANGRIDGE (Vic)	(-)
4. J. TEPPER (Vic)	(4)
5. B. STROPPIANA (Qld)	(6)
6. K. LEDENAC (SA)	(-)
7. S. MITCHELL (SA)	(-)
8. A. BATES (NSW)	(-)
9. H. CROWDER (NSW)	(-)
10. S. VARGVAS (WA)	(-)

ITALIAN TOUR

The first ever Italian team to visit Australia arrived in Perth on May 13th where the first of five test matches was played. Australia won this match 4 rubbers to 3. The other test matches were played at Melbourne, Geelong, Sydney and Adelaide with the following results:-

AUSTRALIA 4 .... ITALY 3 in Melbourne  
ITALY 4 ..... AUSTRALIA 3 in Geelong  
AUSTRALIA 4 .... ITALY 3 in Sydney  
AUSTRALIA 5 .... ITALY 2 in Adelaide

Other matches were played in Melbourne, Dandenong against Victoria teams, with Victoria winning 6-1 and 4-3.

The Italians played in an invitation tournament in Sydney and the Queensland Open in Brisbane.

Italy was represented by M. Costantini, R. Appolloni and Miss P. Bevilacqua, with Mr. S. Galli as manager.

Australia was represented by R. Tuckett (Vic.), R. Javor (SA), G. Tepper (Vic), R. Carlyle (SA), P. Pinkewich (NSW), G. Thomas (NSW), Miss A. Morrow (Vic), Miss D. Millikan (Tas), Miss K. Thompson (Vic) and Miss N. Bisiach (Vic) with Mr. M. Johns (NDC), Mr. B. Buckby (SA) and Mr. N. Shorter (NSW) as non-playing captains.

It was anticipated that members of the Italian community in Australia would support this tour of their national team but, unfortunately, this proved incorrect and some States suffered a heavy loss.

(CONFIDENTIAL TO COUNCIL MEMBERS ONLY - until advised otherwise by President)

Since taking over the position of ATTA Treasurer (or trying to) some months back, I have encountered problems that just did not exist when I had a short term in this position back in the 60's. I, apart from not being an accountant), simply have not had the time to devote to the position and may be time and patience could overcome whatever one lacked in accounting ability (but not quite).

The volume of work, the accounting expertise required when taking into consideration the continual financial demands created by such matters as the 200 Club, the growing number of classified players, the ever present NDC funding, taxation related items, makes this a most demanding office in these modern times.

The Victorian Delegate, Alan Cleaves, recently suggested that I should place before Council my views on how this position could best be handled and I can see two alternatives. Firstly, the obvious one is to find a qualified, or almost qualified accountant, who has the time to devote to this position. This person should have a good knowledge of the sport, as he has the responsibility of moving motions and voting on ATTA agenda items. I would also state that such a person should not have too many other table tennis interests.

An alternative would be to make a senior official responsible for the office of Treasurer but use an accountancy service to do the actual bookwork. From my enquiries, this would cost the ATTA about \$8-10 per week but if we consider that the next GPM is in Perth and there was a suitable Western Australian available, the cost saving farwise as against bringing someone from the Eastern States would more than pay for the accounting costs involved. Again, as the post of Treasurer has voting and other rights, this may have to be looked at, should Council consider this proposition.

I am afraid I can see no other way out but leave you with the thought that as ATTA positions become more time consuming, we may be forced to look at using professional services.

Despite the fact that I have held this office for only a few months, I would like to make several comments on the present day financing used in various areas by the ATTA.

1. Method of Financing International Tours in Australia

The following comments are made without any intent of criticism of any current official or officials of the ATTA, indeed they can be more a criticism of a scheme I put into use during my term of office as Hon. International Secretary.

I specifically refer to the method of costing the recent Italian tour and, as I understand it, this was:

Item A -	cost of international airfares	say 10 units
" B -	cost of internal airfares	" 5 "
" C -	hotels, meals, sundry cost	" 5 "
" D -	out of pocket expenses	" 2 "
" E -	costs related to Australian teams	" 5 "

Total: 27 units

Say there are 10 matches, total cost to States per match 2.7 units - from above, a Government grant was deducted.

I would recommend that Item C above be eliminated from total Australian-wide costs and that if the cost came down to 2.2 units, States would have to add all costs under Item C to their overall cost per match.



I do this because it would thus result in the ATTA having greater control over expenditure and at the same time reward States who are diligent enough to arrange sponsorship or discounts, or savings in other ways in this area.

The only exception to this recommendation is if the ATTA arrange sponsorship to cover all tour costs but as this is becoming more difficult, I ask Council to consider this recommendation.

## 2. The NDC and Coaching within and outside of Australia

On this subject, it is obvious to me that the ATTA are spending too high a proportion of their income in the one area. When discussing the capitation fee at a NSWTTA Council meeting, one experienced official stated that she would'nt mind paying say, \$20 a year levy to the ATTA, if she was assured that it was used, say, \$5 to coaching, \$5 to administration, \$5 to sending teams overseas and \$5 to bringing international teams to Australia.

At the moment, we are spending 60% of our income on coaching and last year 0% of actual TT income on players. I don't think it is illogical to assume that if this continues and say we have the best coach in the world and a great crop of potential players, we would end up in a position of having a World Championships winning team sitting on their bats in Ballarat, Bondi and Bullamacanna reading in the newspapers the results of the World titles.

To me, in the short term, we must reduce the costs related to the office of the NDC. If need be, States must pay the expenses involved in accommodation, meals, etc., whilst the NDC is in the State. The administration of the NDC must be improved. I further recommend that the NDC takes two journeys North each year, two West and 2 South. By this method, airfares could be reduced considerably. And just in case anyone thinks we can hold this year's coaching costs at last year's figure, they must remember that last year there was no overseas travel for the NDC. On the coming year with a World Championship, we are facing an additional \$2000 cost up on last year's figures.

Again, the question of whether the NDC is a National Director of Coaching or a National Team Captain must be settled.

And in the long term, I just refuse to believe that the ATTA will receive a black mark from the Dept. of Sport, Canberra, if we discuss an overall change in direction in our policy of placing National Coaching as our number one priority.

I ask why cannot the ATTA use the good number of State Coaches about for the various ATTA activities and ask Canberra to direct say half of the saved funds in other areas, such as an Executive Director, Administration, Tours, etc.

## 3. Present Budget

The budget I am placing before you includes a large increase in either State levies or capitation fees. I will make no comment other than to say I do not think I have included any unnecessary expenses, maybe some may have to be trimmed if we cannot obtain the projected income.

There are a few minor matters that may be worth looking at - is it time to review the percentage of ATTA/State splitup in relation to ball adoption fees now that States have to purchase balls for the National Championships they are running on behalf of the ATTA, or may be the cost of such purchases should be made by the ATTA.

Re Classified Members - I recommend that the words "and reinstated players must pay a fee of \$40.00 before Council can consider such reinstatement" be inserted after the word "reinstated" in Line 4, Reg.62.3.3.

Accounts Outstanding - Of the accounts owing to the ATTA, 2 are invoices made out in John Beer's day, one to K. Sleep, the other to R. Moule for \$303. These, I understand, have nothing at all to do with Messrs Sleep and Moule. Perhaps they should have been made to the SATTA but, again, I am told that there was a long delay in the NDC advising Mr. Beer of these details which, by the way, relate to the 1981 National Junior Training Camp. I have discussed this matter with Mr. Bell who states that maybe South Australia can make part payment and I would like this matter sorted out at this year's GPM.

You will note that I have also budgetted for a loss (no, I am not a John Howard or Neville Wran) but we do have some monies in the bank at present.

You will recall that during the year, I mentioned possible bankruptcy or even liquidation - was I over-reacting? Maybe, but don't get too carried away when you see a surplus for the year. Included in this figure is an amount in credit for the 200 Club and I wonder should this be allocated to a trust fund as I don't know for certain but were these funds to be used for players.

However, the main reason for a plus figure is that we normally have 4 issues of the Newsletter a year. In the year 1/7/81 to 30/6/82, we only had 3, the last issue being June. No accounts were received by the date the books were closed so allow for approximately \$2000 costs, \$700 income, and then you will have a more accurate position of the year's trading.

In conclusion, I can only say once again how much I regret that I have been unable to present the facts and figures in a more precise manner. Here and now, I would like to record my appreciation of the assistance given to me by Len Haycraft, without whose expertise and vast accounting knowledge, I would not have even proceeded or should I say, stumbled, along as I have done.

K. Bowler



## REPORT OF HONORARY INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY

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The year under review has seen an International Tour by the Italian National team, and visits by Australian teams to the 1981 New Zealand Championships, the Commonwealth Championships in Delhi and the Asian Championships in Djakarta.

During the months of August and September, 1982, we will have visits from a Japan University team, from a party of 16 South Koreans and finally from the Hong Kong team who will join with Australia to present a Demonstration Match on the opening night of the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane.

Despite the increased opportunities for our top players to gain experience against world class players, Australia still lags far behind top Asian and European players in the number of International fixtures in which they are able to compete.

A party of 8 have accepted an invitation to compete in the 2nd Open Championships in Seoul from 25th to 31st August with all expenses paid, and a large number of countries are expected to compete in these Championships. Participation in this type of event is essential for the improvement of our players.

The 2nd Oceania Championships will be played in Sydney from 8th to 11th September and it is pleasing to receive entries from Papua/New Guinea, Fiji, Western Samoa, Tahiti, New Caledonia and Guam, in addition to Australia and New Zealand. The International Table Tennis Federation are anxious to see an increase in table tennis in the zone of Oceania, and has donated a sum of stg. 2,000 pounds to finance a Coaching Seminar to be conducted at the conclusion of these Championships under the leadership of our former national Director of Coaching, Eric Coster.

In my capacity as Council Member of the I.T.T.F. for Oceania, I attended the biennial meeting held in Hangzhou, China, and was able to arrange for a visit of 4 top Chinese players and 3 officials for the month of August 1983.

We appreciate the financial assistance given by the Commonwealth Government in connection with such tours, but because of the cancellation of our agreement with the airlines re fares, we are faced with enormous outlays to enable such teams to visit all States and must rely on private sponsorship to cover our costs.

The 37th World Championships will be held in Tokyo from 28th April to 9th May, 1983 and we expect the Commonwealth Championships to be held in Kuala Lumpur immediately preceding this event.

Because of the improvement in playing standards of many countries previously ranked below Australia, it is imperative that our top players be given every opportunity through training camps and international matches to improve their playing standards.

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REPORT OF HONORARY INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY ... Continued

One other international event in which Australia will be represented is the 3rd World Cup, which will be held in Hong Kong from 6th to 10th October with prize money totalling US \$45,000. Sixteen of the top men players in the world will compete, and the Oceania Zone will be represented by the current champion, Paul Pinkewich, from Sydney.

Finally, I refer to the outstanding performance of our Junior Champion, Garry Haberl, who defeated the reigning Japanese Champion, Masahiro Maehara, in the first round of the Asian Championships. We must ensure that players of his potential are given every opportunity in the future.

LEN HAYCRAFT

Hon. International Secretary

Report from The Chairman, Promotions Committee

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Council will recall that at the last GPM, it was decided to discuss an arrangement whereby we use the services of a professional public relations firm and I reported on discussions with Mr. John Devitt's company, Winam Pty.Ltd.

Shortly after the Brisbane GPM, Mr. Hitchen and myself met with Mr. Devitt and a verbal agreement was entered into, authorising Mr. Devitt to act on behalf of the ATTA. This was later confirmed in an exchange of letters between the ATTA President and Mr. Devitt.

The Italian tour was Mr. Devitt's promotional "sales" effort during the year; he had little time and despite placing the tour before several sponsors and a television organisation, failed to obtain any sponsorship before we took the tour from him to allow States to make their own individual arrangements.

We have not given Mr. Devitt any further product/s to 'sell' and as I have stated previously, no one can simply arrange sponsorship for table tennis.

I feel that this type of relationship should be encouraged - maybe a different PR firm can be used - but as Mr. Bond will confirm, people like John Devitt and John Kerr do know how to package a deal and given the right product, sufficient time and perhaps a better economical outlook, I feel can achieve the necessary results.

However, there could be one development come out of the relationship with John Devitt and it is so large that I state it could be the most significant single happening in the history of Australian Table Tennis.

In conversation with John Devitt, I learnt that he is a Director of the Institute of Sport. I immediately questioned John as to how table tennis could be involved in the Sports Institute and passed this information on to Mr. Hitchen. I have no doubt that Len will report elsewhere on his letters and interviews with the Institute's Director, Mr. Don Talbot.

To summarise the position as I know it, the Institute know we are interested in becoming involved with them then at their May board meeting, it seems that table tennis was placed on a short list of three sports they will look at adding to their list (I think the others are hockey and rowing). They have now been advised of our requirements, space and equipment-wise, indications as to numbers of coaches and players and the basis players will be involved is also under discussion.

As I said at the outset, I regard this exciting project as one that could be the most significant in the 50 years of our history, by the way when are we 50? maybe it was this year, but probably next; the first Australian Championship was played in 1933 so should we be looking at some special anniversary occasion to celebrate such an historic event.

As you are all aware, I was recently appointed Executive Director of the NSWTTA and have advised the ATTA President that this position and that of the Chairman, ATTA Promotions, have common interests, therefore I wish to tender my resignation from the ATTA office. In so doing, I regret that I was not more successful as a fund-raiser but if I have been responsible for, or partly responsible, for commencing work for admittance of table tennis into the Institute of Sport, may be my term in the ATTA has not been without reward.

K. Bowler



## REPORT OF TOURS COMMITTEE

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The only tour of Australia in the year under review was by a team from Italy, who played matches in Perth, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide. A pleasing feature of this tour was that Australia won the 5 match series 4-1, despite an outstanding performance by Italian Champion, Massimo Costantini, who won his two singles matches in each of these Internationals.

The expected support by the ethnic community for this tour was not forthcoming in any State - this was most disappointing and only the allocation of \$4,000 from the Commonwealth Government Grant to this tour prevented a financial disaster.

One disturbing feature was the large increase in the amounts charged to the A.T.T.A. by States for additional meals. I recommend that in future these costs be borne by the States, with the A.T.T.A. recovering share of air fares and bed/breakfast costs on a proportionate appearance basis.

The proposed visit of top Chinese players in August, 1983 presents this Association with a unique opportunity to attract public support, and we should consider the use of a P.R. firm in this connection.

The postponement of the Asian Championships from February to May caused problems but we did finally enter a men's team, and they achieved creditable results.

Inward tours by Japanese University players, and a large group of Koreans from Seoul, will give added opportunities to publicise our game, but it must be stressed that both of these tours were arranged overseas for specific purposes, and their itineraries were not prepared by the A.T.T.A.

The President of the Hungarian T.T.A. has advised that he is interested in bringing a top national team to tour Australia, but requires ample notice because of the many requests for Hungarian players. I recommend that we consider inviting such a team in May or August, 1984.

One other outward tour for which notice has been received from Papua/New Guinea is for an Australian team to play in their Championships and play a series of Test Matches in June, 1983.

My thanks to all who assisted with tours in the current year.

LEN HAYCRAFT  
Chairman



## REPORT OF NATIONAL JUNIOR COMMITTEE

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### TABLE BEHAVIOUR

Although there were no official reports made to the organising Committee during the week of the Championships, it is still quite evident that more work needs to be done to alleviate the use of offensive language on the table. We believe this problem is the responsibility of all State Associations and ask that they make every effort to eradicate the use of offensive language in their local competitions by taking the necessary disciplinary action.

### TABLE COURTESY

Many players do not think to say a brief thank you to an umpire, particularly where qualified umpires have officiated during a match. We believe this to be a matter of common courtesy and recommend all states make their representative players aware of this.

### STANDARD OF SERVING

It was noticeable during the week that the legality of serving was of a mediocre standard. A number of qualified umpires were officiating at the Championships and were unwilling to take a stand on this matter because of the verbal abuse that they get later from parents and coaches. Many players using illegal services are aware they will not be faulted and use this to their own advantage. If a player is serving illegally at a junior age, and getting away with it, this habit will follow him into the senior competition where he may find it difficult to accept he is having service faults called against him.

If qualified umpires are officiating at National Championships or tournaments of any level, it is their duty as qualified personnel to warn and fault all players who are serving illegally.

We recommend this matter be referred to the Chairman of the Umpires Committee with the request that all state representatives on this Committee be instructed to discuss this matter with all qualified umpires under their jurisdiction.

### ELECTION OF NATIONAL JUNIOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We believe election of the members of the National Junior Committee should be along the same lines as the election of the National Selectors. At present, the National Junior Committee is elected at the G.P.M. with only each state's delegate being able to vote for or against the nominees who may be unknown to him. If each Association was circularised with the nominations as is done with the nominations for the National Selectors, it would give the State Association Committee the opportunity of discussing each nominee and as to whether or not that nominee would be a suitable member of the Committee. The election of the National Junior Committee would then be a result of the State Associations voting rather than the individual delegate's voting at the G.P.M.

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REPORT OF NATIONAL JUNIOR COMMITTEE ... continued

JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

As members of the National Junior Committee responsible for rankings, seedings, etc. of the junior players, we believe nominations of players for this award should come from the National Junior Committee. We therefore recommend to the A.T.T.A -

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL JUNIOR COMMITTEE  
BE REQUIRED TO SUPPLY TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE, NAMES OF  
PLAYERS WHO, IN THE OPINION OF THE NATIONAL  
JUNIOR COMMITTEE, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR  
THIS AWARD.

RANKINGS

Constitution 46:1:4

"Junior rankings, being based on a different set of performances, need not be consistent with senior rankings."

The National Junior Committee is of the opinion that the above extract from the Constitution is unclear - no one seems quite sure what is meant by "being based on a different set of performances."

We recommend this section be worded to read -

4. JUNIOR RANKINGS BE BASED ON RESULTS  
OF PLAY DURING THE WEEK OF THE NATIONAL JUNIOR  
CHAMPIONSHIPS WITH MAIN EMPHASIS BEING PLACED ON  
RESULTS OF TEAMS MATCHES. OTHER PERFORMANCES  
MAY BE CONSIDERED IF FELT NECESSARY.

Does the A.T.T.A. feel it desirable to have players ranked equally (i.e. 2 players ranked equal 4th) or is this a matter for the National Junior Committee at the time to decide?

## REPORT OF THE A.T.T.A. UMPIRES COMMITTEE

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### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Report a static situation. It seems there is a nucleus of umpires able to cope with major competitions. They have the usual problem of people showing some interest, but are somewhat tardy in returning papers or presenting themselves for further coaching.

### NEW SOUTH WALES

New South Wales has taken a big step forward and it could be said that new enthusiasm has been engendered by the Association's new President and Secretary - Stuart Scott and Phil Males respectively.

Although no recruits since last year, they have a few prospects coming along which will reinforce their present team.

All major tournaments were adequately staffed with Referees and Umpires throughout the year, although they report a decline in numbers of practising Umpires.

Three State Umpires will be candidates for the national qualification in September and one, Phil Males, will be sitting for the international examination. The currently practising Umpires in New South Wales are as follows:-

International	....	2
National	.....	1
State	.....	8
Prospective		
Umpires	.....	6

In the year under review Stuart Scott was successful in the international examination and together with the new executive of the N.S.W. Umpires League, indications are that they will progress.

### TASMANIA

Still plugging away and they lament the fact that they have lost Mrs. Rita Packer, who was a stalwart of the Tasmanian administration.

A successful Seminar was conducted last October, from which two umpires gained their Probationary passes and others are interested. It is proposed to conduct classes within other Associations later this year.

Bill Atkinson was a successful candidate for the International qualification during the year, which is pleasing when one considers the time and effort he puts into Umpire administration.

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## REPORT OF UMPIRES COMMITTEE ... continued

### VICTORIA

We still retain the services of a nucleus of senior umpires, and fortunately our ranks have been increased by those who have attended our courses - two good Umpires now fully qualified and four others practising and about to qualify for their probationary.

Considering that there are now four large and relatively new stadiums operating, it would seem that our future needs will be greater than ever. Fortunately, we have a qualified person at the new centres and we propose to appoint them as Regional Examiners for their particular area. Very soon one of our most valued examiners will retire and there is a gradual process of "breaking in" new State Examiners.

As coaches in Victoria are required to pass the State Umpires exam we are kept busy to this end, although we would not gain their full services as Umpires. Perhaps in the future we may.

Referees and Umpires have been available for three nights a week on Pennant plus major tournaments in the city and country and outer suburban major events, including one International tour.

Two National Umpires were successful in passing the International exam.

#### Victorian statistics - practising -

International Umpires .....	5
National .....	3
Full State Umpires .....	9
Probationary Umpires just passed or about to complete practicals .....	4

Another two events of note in Victoria. We mustered about eight Umpires to officiate at the Quadraplegic games in Melbourne in table tennis. A reasonable laws could be applied, and even though their racquets were strapped to their hands, they showed remarkable skill. Secondly, an Umpires Seminar was conducted at Shepparton (country) and with six attending, we think four will qualify.

To sum up, Victoria is progressing and the League is fulfilling its function.

### QUEENSLAND

Although activities in this direction have been reasonably quiet during the past twelve months, three more Umpires have now completed their twelve months probationary period and will be presented with their State Umpires Badges at the end of July, at the Finals night of the State Closed Titles.

A further examination paper has just been corrected for Mr. Shane Foster, who will be doing his practical test during the week of the State Closed Titles.

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REPORT OF UMPIRES COMMITTEE .... continued

QUEENSLAND .... continued

With Table Tennis being a demonstration sport at the Commonwealth Games in September, hopefully the Games Committee will see fit to use Queensland Umpires as Umpires, Line Umpires, Service Judges, and so on for this night. The last advice received on this matter was a letter from one of the Commonwealth Games Committee members asking for availability of State Umpires in all Regions in Queensland from which persons were to be chosen for the above positions at this event.

GENERAL COMMENT

STATISTICS 1/7/81 to 30/6/82

5 International Umpires (1 Queensland,  
1 Tasmania, 2 Victoria, 1 New South Wales)  
0 National Umpires  
7 Full State Umpires (W.A. 1, S.A. 1, N.S.W. 2,  
Queensland 3)  
3 " " due (Vic. 2, W.A. 1)  
4 Probationary (Tas. 3, S.A. 1)  
8 Theory passes State (Vic. 5, Queensland 2, W.A. 1)

For the second year there have not been any National passes.

During the year 5 National Umpires successfully gained their International qualification.

There has not been much correspondence between States but indications are that each is resolving its own problems. It is the Chairman's opinion that there should be more regional examiners/coaches appointed to put forward the concept that umpires be recruited and trained for their own regions rather than relying on the parent body in the capital city to supply personnel.

Nationally, we have a most effective and conscientious committee, yet it has not always been possible to get together. There are many factors controlling this omission, namely, the time when the Australian Championships are held and the problem of finance.

If interstate, our members have always paid their own expenses, and the consensus of opinion is that a subsidy of at least \$100 be made available to help these members - invariably using their annual holidays to work for table tennis.

It is requested that the A.T.T.A. consider this matter deeply, for with escalating travel costs, it can be envisaged that members will not be able to travel interstate.

RULE BOOKS

There is a desperate need for rule books in Australia. Is it the intention of the A.T.T.A. to have them printed, or could the green leaflet of rules be put out by the I.T.T.F. for resale.

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## REPORT OF UMPIRES COMMITTEE ... Continued

### RULE BOOKS .... continued

It is not meant the large and expensive I.T.T.F. Handbook, but the "laws only" run off.

### TEST PAPERS

It is proposed to update the State Umpire theory paper to include the new laws, particularly relating to the Assistant Umpire, whilst the National theory paper will also take the new laws into consideration.

At the next A.G.M. in Sydney it is proposed that the following be placed on the agenda:-

- (1) A column for Umpires in the A.T.T.A. Newsletter.
- (2) A submission from Sydney regarding the service laws.
- (3) Appointment of more Regional Examiners.
- (4) A drive for qualified people in each Association - hopefully to recruit in their immediate area.
- (5) Affiliation of Umpires with the A.T.T.A. This matter has not yet been clarified, due, it is believed, to a lack of provision within the A.T.T.A. Constitution. Perhaps a member of Council can join in the debate on this subject at the A.G.M.

Finally, there is a suggestion that some of our Umpires have been, or will be, invited to the next World Championships, but this matter is tied in with the Oceania group, which would include New Zealand. Our International Umpires are still awaiting further word on this subject. As the Committee see it, there must be a complete commitment to umpiring by those selected.

## REPORT FROM NEW SOUTH WALES

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Following submissions to the N.S.W. State Government, grants have been received from the Department of Sport & Recreation for various facets of the sport. These include coaching, administration, travel for our State senior and junior teams, talented country sports persons, national and state championships.

As reported in past years, Maureen King is our Assistant Administrator, Jae Hwa Lee our State Coach, and 'veteran' official Keith Bowler has this year been appointed Executive Director. Jae Lee coaches in both metropolitan and country areas; in addition he spends a great deal of time with the N.S.W. Police Boys' Clubs, again both in the city and country.

Keith Bowler has already visited several country associations and, following the Oceania and Australian championships, will spend more time in the country. Naturally, administration in the metropolitan areas, including suburban and other city affiliated associations, will be called on, and playing facilities will be sought.

At a recent meeting of players and Association officials, the need for a headquarters was highlighted and this will be high on the list of priorities for the future.

An upgrading of tournament conditions was commenced and it is pleasing to note the favourable comments from players on this subject.

Maureen King handles office administration and, in addition, went to several country areas, an example being the Far North Coast tournament at Lismore. Indeed, the representation of city players at country tournaments has almost reached the level of that in the Michael Szabados era, and we look forward next season to a greater number of country players travelling around the country tournament circuit. Ever increasing petrol costs are not assisting this, but concessional travel and accommodation plans are under way to overcome this problem.

The visiting Italian team played in Wollongong and Sydney and the matches were quite good. Indeed, had we received greater support from the local Italian community the tour would have been much more successful.

On the playing side space does not permit us to mention all those who have worked so hard, but mention must be made of two outstanding efforts. Gary Haberl had wonderful tours to Bombay for the Commonwealth and then in the Asian titles in Jakarta his win over the current All Japan champion, Maehara, was the highlight of his career. Then, in the N.S.W. State Championships, Wagga schoolgirl, Andrea Campbell, created what must be a State record, maybe an Australian or even World record, when she won the under 14, 17, 21 years singles, the Open Women's Singles and Women's Open Doubles.

Publicity was only noticeable in the daily press when the Italian tour was being played, whilst the Asian championships were featured from Jakarta.

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REPORT FROM NEW SOUTH WALES .... continued

Whilst there has been a slight increase in player participation and a few new country areas, we still have our share of problems and, like most N.S.W. sports, find capable officials ever hard to locate. Our President, Eric Coster, is working hard to mould players and officials together and the city and country into one unit.

It will only be a combined effort from everyone interested in the sport to work together that see any drastic improvements in the short term.



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ANNUAL REPORT  
1981-82

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The winds of change continue to blow through every corner of Table Tennis within the State of South Australia.

Following on from the Seminar we held in 1981, many improvements and forward-planning objectives are continuously being implemented, i.e.:

- (a) State level competition for both men and women,
- (b) State Council restructuring,
- (c) Growth of Coaching Schemes with more qualified coaching,
- (d) Improvement in State Umpiring,
- (e) Initial planning for a zoned winter pennant away from metropolitan competition only (due early 1983),
- (f) Improved selection, management and coaching techniques for all state teams,
- (g) A part-time appointment of an Administrator to lift clerical burdens on the Council.

New players continue to emerge as "Stars of the Future", but too many players are being lost to the game. The reasons are varied and numerous.

Our Junior teams achieved excellent results in this year's National Championships held in Adelaide. Judging by comments made by interstate visitors, the majority of the arrangements were well received and the planning thoughtfully executed. It was pleasant, to say the least, to record the utmost co-operation received by the S.A.T.T.A. officials from all visitors.

R. Carlyle and R. Javor boosted our hopes by becoming resident in South Australia in 1982, whilst A. Middleton retired - a sad blow to Table Tennis Australia-wide.

The Italian Test Match in Adelaide proved to be a shot in the arm for the established table tennis fraternity, although, as elsewhere in Australia, attendance was disappointing.

Our magazine "TABLE TALK" continues to inform and be a forum for ideas, etc. A pity the A.T.T.A. journal has got so spasmodic in arrival. It could be the cement that joins our bodies together.

Finally, be assured of, and thanks for the continued co-operation between the A.T.T.A. and the S.A.T.T.A.

## REPORT FROM TASMANIA - 1981-82

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In many respects Tasmania have had a quiet year after having held the Australian Junior and Senior Championships over the previous couple of years.

Six Open Championships have been conducted in the State this year to date. Entries have increased by 19% over the same events last year, the increase being more noticeable in Women's events. Championships conducted in the North and North West of the State have shown the greatest increases, mainly brought about by increasing numbers of Southern players who seem to enjoy a weekend away.

Two Junior Age Championships have been held which show a decided decrease in the boy's events (girl's events have attracted just about the same as last year). It is difficult to determine the cause. This year the main championship was held in the second term against last year's third term and, in addition, it was fairly easy this year to predict the winners of most events which may have affected the entries in some events.

So far, seven senior rosters have been held in the State - South (4), North (1) and North West (2). These have involved a total of 268 teams and it expresses the strength of the South of the State with a break down of this total into the following: South (214), North West (36) and North (18).

Three Schools rosters have been conducted by the South and one each in the North and North West. Here the number of teams again favour the South (88). North West figures were 16 and North 8 - a total of 112 teams.

Total players registrations are down by 131 in comparison to the figures given at the last Australian championships.

Association finances are satisfactory but give no cause for complacency. Cost of travel to Australian Championships has been shared by the Tasmanian Association, Players local Association and a special Fund Raising Committee in the South of the State.

Improvements at the Kingston Centre have been continued by the Southern Association. Phase 1 of heating the Centre has almost been completed: walkways have been carpeted and money has been allocated for office improvements.

The Coaching programme has been carried out through the year and two of our juniors have just returned from a coaching school in Japan.

We continue to find it difficult to raise much interest in umpiring, by which is meant through the Umpire's Scheme.

In all, we would judge the year to be a 'holding year' - not much advance, not much decline.

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## TABLE TENNIS IN VICTORIA - JULY 1, 1981 - JUNE 30, 1982

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### FINANCIAL

Our accounts remained fairly stable for the year ending October 31, 1981 net assets being unchanged. In contrast to last year, the Victorian Table Tennis Centre, with rises in rates and in hire-income, showed an operating profit sufficient to balance losses on general activities. This was due to curtailment of expenditure in many directions, and continuation of State Government grants.

### STATISTICS

By the end of 1981, Victoria had a record 78 affiliated associations. In 1982, however, there has been a drop-off in both affiliations and the numbers of players reported.

Winter pennant 1982 showed a ten per cent drop over entry for 1981.

It is felt that the high cost of travel and equipment, the growth of home entertainments, such as video-tapes, and the lack of television coverage and newspaper publicity are affecting our sport. However, table tennis is a booming sport in schools. The all-schools table tennis team championships (Tabten) held last August Filled the Centre to capacity, and in 1982 this event will be conducted over two days.

Our problem is going to be to bring these school players into adult competition.

### TOURNAMENTS

Apart from the Riversdale-Halex Easter tournament, a popular event with interstate players, most Melbourne and country tournaments are declining in entries. This is in spite of the restoration of the Victorian Grand Prix, with substantial prizes for aggregate points, though the pre-eminence of new acquisition Tommy Danielsson, may have blunted the interest in this prize-contest.

Entries for the Weekly Times Country Championships in June 1982 were equal to last year's, though some last-minute withdrawals caused disappointment.

### COACHING

The downgrading of some leading Victorian coaches by the National Coaching Committee in its November 1981 re-assessments caused much dissatisfaction in this State. However, most of those coaches who appealed were successful, several being raised by two levels.

An innovation in coaching activities this year has been the creation of squads of promising "under 13" players for special training. Their enthusiasm has been rewarding.

### ITALIAN TOUR

The expected support by the Italian community for the tour by the Italian team did not eventuate, consequently the visit was only moderately successful.

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TABLE TENNIS IN VICTORIA ... continued

GENERAL

The arrival of Tommy Danielsson from Sweden with his Australian wife, Karen, has provided Victorian men players with an incentive to lift their game.

A very successful Veterans Tournament held in October last year will be repeated in 1982 and we hope that once again it will attract interstate competitors.

The long-awaited State Indoor Sports Centre is still under construction. It will provide top class conditions for major international events.

Financial assistance continues to be given to Victorians chosen in national teams to play overseas.

It is proving difficult to find honorary officials to conduct associations, even the V.T.T.A. having long-term vacancies.

Many national table tennis events for physically handicapped players are being held in Victoria and are receiving our help wherever possible.