

**Australian
Table Tennis
Association
Inc.**



**ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**JULY 1984
to
JUNE 1985**

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HON. INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY . L.A. Haycraft

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NEW SOUTH WALES	H.K. Bowler
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	G. Goss (appointed December, 1984) R. Robertson (resigned November, 1984)
TASMANIA	N.L. Harwood
QUEENSLAND	P.J. Bond
VICTORIA	A. Tabone
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	Miss B. Punch

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H.K. BOWLER	(New South Wales)
A.W. CLEAVES	(Victoria)
L.H. HAYCRAFT	(Victoria)
L.Y. HITCHEN	(Western Australia)
Dr. J.F. JACKSON	(South Australia)
R.H. JONES	(Victoria)
P. PINKEWICH	(New South Wales)
C. SHAW	(Queensland)
L.H. WHARMBY	(Tasmania)

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AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC

1984-85 COMMITTEES

<u>SELECTORS</u>	W. Oatey (Chairman) V. Matison E. Coster (retired April, 1985) J. Hwa Lee (appointed May, 1985)
<u>STANDING ORDERS</u>	L.H. Wharmby (Chairman) N.J. Bell A. Tabone
<u>TOURS</u>	L.A. Haycraft (Chairman) H.K. Bowler E. Coster
<u>RULES</u>	L.H. Wharmby (Chairman) N.L. Harwood
<u>COACHING</u>	R. Moule (Chairman) A. Andrikonis P.J. Bond W. Gray R. Cubbage Mrs. P. Rosario
<u>PLAYER OF THE YEAR</u>	A. Tabone (Chairman) W. Oatey R. Chadband
<u>NATIONAL JUNIOR</u>	Miss B. Punch (Chairperson) G. Smith D. Wilson
<u>NEWSLETTER</u>	P.J. Bond (Chairman) D. Stewart (Editor) P.E. Males
<u>N.D.C. COMMITTEE</u>	P.J. Bond E. Coster
<u>FINANCE</u>	P.E. Males (Chairman) H.K. Bowler L.A. Haycraft
<u>UMPIRES</u>	C. Gadd (Chairman) W. Atkinson (Secretary) S. Scott (Executive Member) M. McShane N.J. Bell P. Ranger

DISCIPLINARY L.H. Wharmby (Chairman)
 G. Goss
 E. Coster
 P.J. Bond
 Dr. R. Bayly
 D. Cotton

NATIONAL LEAGUE A. Tabone (Chairman)
 E. Coster
 Dr. R. Bayly

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ORGANISING A. Tabone (Chairman)
 J. Beer
 K. Javor
 P. Mascall

HON. AUDITORS

RECORDS OFFICER K. Javor

INTERNATIONAL TABLE
TENNIS FEDERATION L.A. Haycraft (Vice President)
 H.K. Bowler (Press Committee)
 N.J. Bell (Olympics Commission)
 E. Coster (Delegate & Council)

COMMONWEALTH TABLE
TENNIS ASSOCIATION H.K. Bowler
 L.A. Haycraft
 E. Coster

OCEANIA TABLE TENNIS
FEDERATION L.A. Haycraft
 H.K. Bowler

AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC
FEDERATION N.J. Bell
 H.K. Bowler

CONFEDERATION OF
AUSTRALIAN SPORT L.A. Haycraft
 R. Moule

ASIAN TABLE TENNIS
UNION A. Tabone

AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIP

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 ASIAN TABLE TENNIS UNION (Associate)
 OCEANIA TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION
 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC FEDERATION
 CONFEDERATION OF AUSTRALIAN SPORT

REPORT OF THE HONORARY GENERAL SECRETARY FOR THE
YEAR 1st JULY, 1984 to 30th JUNE, 1985

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PERSONNEL

Mr. PARDEY did not seek re-election as Honorary Treasurer and Council appointed Mr. PHIL E. MALES to fill the office.

Miss B. PUNCH was elected as the new delegate for Western Australia following the resignation of Mr. L. HITCHEN.

Mr. R. ROBERTSON was forced to resign as the South Australian Delegate owing to other commitments and he was replaced by Mr. G. GOSS.

Messrs. OATEY and MATISON were re-elected as NATIONAL SELECTORS in April, 1985 with Mr. J. HWA LEE subsequently being elected for the third position.

1984 GENERAL PERSONAL MEETING

The 1984 General Personal Meeting was held at the Albert Park Centre, headquarters of the Victorian Table Tennis Association, Inc. during the Australian Open Championships from 29th September to 5th October, 1984 and a summary of decisions made were:-

The Tasmanian Association was granted the right to organise the Australian Junior, Closed and Open Championships at the Kingston Sports Centre, Hobart. The dates approved were:-

JUNIOR 1st to 6th September, 1985
CLOSED 7th to 8th September, 1985
OPEN 9th to 13th September, 1985.

The Queensland Association was granted the right to organise the 2nd Australian Veterans' Championships during the Warana Festival in Brisbane, the dates, later advised, being 7th to 11th October, 1985.

The offer received from HENSELITE (Aust.) PTY. LTD. to adopt the Halex 3 star white ball for the Junior, Closed, Open and Veterans' Championships was accepted.

The other offers received were from Chabek and Sportcontact.

The Office Bearers elected for the 1984-85 year were:-

*PRESIDENT Mr. L.H. Wharmby
 VICE PRESIDENT Mr. H.K. Bowler
 HON. GENERAL SECRETARY . Mr. N.J. Bell
 HON. TREASURER Mr. P.E. Males
 HON. INTERNATIONAL
 SECRETARY Mr. L.A. Haycraft*

All the above were elected unopposed, with the exception of Mr. Bowler, who won the ballot against Mr. Bond.

The announcement that His Excellency The Governor-General of Australia, Sir Ninian Stephen, A.K., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.B.E. had accepted the Association's invitation to the office of Patron was received with pleasure.

The Working Party of Messrs. Wharmby, Bowler and Bell, investigating the employment of a National Executive Director, were authorised to proceed with the necessary arrangements to make an appointment for this position. The commencement date agreed was 1st July, 1985.

Dates approved for 1985 State Championships were:-

*VICTORIA Junior 20th July, 1985
 Senior 21st July, 1985
 WESTERN AUSTRALIA to be advised
 TASMANIA 27th July, 1985
 QUEENSLAND Junior - 24/28 June, 1985
 Senior - 19/20th May, 1985
 SOUTH AUSTRALIA Junior - 23/24th March, 1985
 Senior - 27/28th July, 1985
 NEW SOUTH WALES .. to be advised*

The General Secretary was authorised to have the Association incorporated under the South Australian Incorporation Act. This followed investigations by Mr. Pardey into the Association becoming a "Company by Guarantee", which had been approved at the 1983 G.P.M.

Application was made to the South Australian Corporate Affairs Department for incorporation under the South Australian Act and this was granted on the 30th January, 1985 and Certificate No. 9574A was issued to the Association. Clause 14 of the Constitution was revised to allow more time for the transmission of evidence in appeal cases.

The residential qualification date for juniors eligible to represent a State in Regulation 37.2.1. was altered from "January" to "April" and a new section for 'PRESS AND PUBLICITY' was approved.

Regulations 48.6.1., 48.6.2., and 48.6.3. were also revised to improve the 'approval of players' selected to represent Australia at international level.

A new regulation dealing with 'ELIGIBILITY FOR OLYMPIC GAMES' was approved and would be numbered 59.

A THINK TANK FORUM on junior table tennis was held and special guests were - Mr. John Windsor, Australian Sports Commission, and Mr. Laurie Woodman, National Coaches Accreditation Scheme. Mr. Bowler presented a report from the Forum and it was agreed that a Working Party be formed under the chairmanship of the National Director of Coaching to investigate junior table tennis in Australia and to make a report to Council on their findings.

A resolution that the Junior Championships be held on the week prior to the Open Championships was passed and it was also agreed to continue the Closed Championships in 1985.

The Rules Committee were requested to add to the Regulations appropriate conditions to cover the Closed Championships.

It was agreed that the entry fees for the Australian Championships be reviewed yearly. Messrs. Bond and Bowler were elected to a Working Party to investigate the direct affiliation of the Northern Territory and A.C.T. Associations to the A.T.T.A.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Following the decision of Council to appoint a National Executive Director, the Working Party, with Mr. Males co-opted, continued their investigations and arranged for the position to be advertised in national and state newspapers and the Association's Newsletter. Then followed initial interviews in Melbourne and Sydney on the weekends of 19th/20th and 26th/27th April. From the total number of 17 applicants eight were given an interview and this number was reduced to 5 for the final interviews held in Melbourne on 10th/11th May. Mr. John Ostermeyer of Melbourne was finally selected and was offered the position, which he accepted. The Working Party met with Mr. Ostermeyer on 7th June to finalise the contract and other matters relating to the setting up of a national office, as from 1st July, 1985.

AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC FEDERATION

All State Associations became members of their State Olympic Committees and this enabled the Association to apply for membership of the Australian Olympic Federation. The Association's application was accepted by the Australian Olympic Federation and the A.T.T.A. is now a full member of the A.O.F.

During the year Messrs. Bowler and Bell attended a conference in Canberra organised by the Oceania National Olympic Committee, which enabled Australian National Sporting Associations to advise the Pacific Country Delegates exactly what benefits and assistance in technics, skills and development they could receive from the national bodies to introduce, extend and improve their particular discipline in the area concerned.

The Annual Meeting of the Federation was attended by our delegates, in Melbourne, on Saturday, 20th April, 1985.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

At the 1984 G.P.M. the following members were nominated for positions with the Commonwealth Table Tennis Association and the International Table Tennis Federation:-

*Mr. E. Coster Management Committee, C.T.T.A.
Oceania Council Member, I.T.T.F.*

*Mr. H.K. Bowler Secretary, Press Committee, I.T.T.F.
Secretary/Treasurer, C.T.T.A.*

*Mr. N.J. Bell Oceania Olympic Commission, I.T.T.F.
Rules Committee, I.T.T.F.*

The Association was represented at the Asian Championships held in Islamabad, Pakistan, during 20th to 28th October, 1984 by men and women's teams. Teams also competed at the 8th Commonwealth and 38th World Championships held in Douglas, Isle of Man, and Gothenburg, Sweden, during the period 17th March to 7th April, 1985. Reports of these tournaments appear in the section from the International Secretary.

Players selected for the teams were:-

ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN

*R. Tuckett (Vic)
G. Tepper (Vic)
R. Javor (SA)
N. Ward (SA)*

WOMEN

*N. Bisiach (Vic)
B. Benli (Vic)
A. Campbell (NSW)*

*NON PLAYING CAPTAINS ... V. Matison & N.L. Harwood
(Vic) (TAS)*

MANAGER A. Tabone (Vic)

COMMONWEALTH AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

*R. Tuckett (Vic)
G. Haberl (NSW)
G. Tepper (Vic)
R. Javor (SA)
I. Irvine (Qld)*

*Myung Hee No (Vic)
Nadia Bisiach (Vic)
Lorraine Tichy (SA)
Jan Tepper (Vic)*

*NON PLAYING CAPTAINS .. J. Hwa Lee & N.L. Harwood
(NSW) (Tas)*

MANAGER A. Tabone (Vic)

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Mr. Ron Keyhoe, National Umpire, was a member of the party which travelled to Islamabad for the Asian Championships, while Mr. Stuart Scott and Miss Ruth Singer, International Umpires, with a New Zealand Umpire, represented the Oceania Zone at the Commonwealth and World Championships.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee - Messrs. Wharmby, Bowler, Males, Haycraft and Bell - had another busy year dealing with many items including finance, grants, the Newsletter, players' registrations, junior championships.

The meetings of the Executive are proving very effective in the administration of the Association's affairs and with the appointment of the National Executive Director, should continue to be of great benefit to table tennis.

AUSTRALIAN VETERANS' CHAMPIONSHIPS - 19th-23rd November, 1984.

The Tasmanian Association had the honour to host the 1st Australian Veterans' Championships and this tournament proved to be very successful. The 'oldies' thoroughly enjoyed their stay in Hobart and comments from the competitors brought nothing but praise for the organisation, hospitality, sportsmanship and the renewal of many long standing friendships.

The competition in the teams and individual events was very competitive and many close matches were played during the week and resulted in the following list of winners:

TEAMS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

VETERAN MEN

1. VICTORIA
2. TASMANIA
3. SOUTH AUSTRALIA
4. QUEENSLAND
5. NEW SOUTH WALES
6. NEW ZEALAND

VETERAN WOMEN

1. QUEENSLAND
2. VICTORIA
3. SOUTH AUSTRALIA
4. TASMANIA
5. NEW ZEALAND
6. NEW SOUTH WALES

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

WOMEN

WINNER

RUNNER UP

Over 60 singles	T. Beaumont (NSW)	P. Beard (SA)
Over 50 singles	P. Rosario (Vic)	U. Fitzgerald (Qld)
Over 40 singles	J. Whisson (Qld)	J. Tregea (Qld)
Over 40 doubles	(P. Rosario (Vic)	(J. Tregea (Qld)
	(M. Walker (Tas)	(J. Whisson (Qld)

AUSTRALIAN VETERANS' CHAMPIONSHIPS ... continued

<u>MEN</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>RUNNER UP</u>
Over 70 singles ..	B. Campbell (Vic)	R. Chappell (Tas)
Over 60 singles ..	T. Sandberg (NZ)	F. O'Gorman (NZ)
Over 50 singles ..	J. Lelliott (NZ)	S. Feige (Qld)
Over 40 singles ..	I. Klaf (Vic)	E. Herman (SA)
Over 40 doubles ..	(I. Klaf (Vic) (G. Puchlenko (Vic)	R. Cintolo (Vic) J. Healy (Vic)
Over 40 Mixed Doubles	E. Herman (SA) J. Tregea (Qld)	I. Klaf (Vic) P. Rosario (Vic)

At the conclusion of the tournament it was decided to issue a Merit List of players who had played during the week and the Committee named the following:-

WOMEN

<u>OVER 40</u>	<u>OVER 50</u>
1. J. Whisson (Qld)	1. P. Rosario (Vic)
2. J. Tregea (Qld)	2. U. Fitzgerald (Qld)
3. U. Fitzgerald (Qld)	3. T. May (NZ)
4. P. Rosario (Vic)	4. D. Sanders (Vic)
5. M. Walker (Tas)	
6. T. May (NZ)	<u>OVER 60</u>
7. C. Moule (SA)	1. T. Beaumont (NSW)
8. H. Cox (Qld)	2. P. Beard (SA)

MEN

<u>OVER 40</u>	<u>OVER 50</u>
1. I. Klaf (Vic)	1. J. Lelliott (NZ)
2. E. Herman (SA)	2. S. Feige (Qld)
3. R. Morriss (Tas)	3. A. Rapita (SA)
4. G. Puchlenko (Vic)	4. D. Stewart (NSW)
5. A. McKellar (Tas)	5. R. Watson (Tas)
6. R. Cintolo (Vic)	6. R. Brown (NSW)
7. K. Cole (NSW)	
8. L. Curson (Vic)	
<u>OVER 60</u>	<u>OVER 70</u>
1. T. Sandberg (NZ)	1. B. Campbell (Vic)
2. F. O'Gorman (NZ)	2. R. Chappell (Tas)
3. P. Doyle (NZ)	
4. V. Kwok (NZ)	

AUSTRALIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1984

The 38th Australian Open Championships were hosted by the Victorian Table Tennis Association at their Albert Park Centre, South Melbourne, from 2nd to 5th October, 1984 and resulted in many close and exciting matches.

Victoria retained both the Men's and Women's teams titles yet again.

Teams finishing order was as follows:-

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

KEITH BOWLER TROPHY

Victoria

R.H. JONES SHIELD

Victoria

The individual events created some surprises in the early rounds but generally the seeded players reached the quarter finals with Tommy Danielsson and Nadia Bisiach, the home town favourites, being convincing winners of the singles events.

Winners and runners-up of the events were:

MEN'S SINGLES

WINNER	T. Danielsson	(Victoria)
RUNNER-UP	R. Tuckett	(Victoria)

WOMEN'S SINGLES

WINNER	N. Bisiach	(Victoria)
RUNNER-UP	Myung Hee No	(Victoria)

MEN'S DOUBLES

WINNERS	T. Danielsson	(Victoria)
	P. Forsberg	(Victoria)
RUNNERS-UP	A. Jakubczak	(Victoria)
	R. Tuckett	(Victoria)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1984 ... continuedWOMEN'S DOUBLES

WINNERS	W. Hughes	(Victoria)
	C. Young	(Victoria)
RUNNERS-UP	N. Bisiach	(Victoria)
	S. Munday	(Victoria)

MIXED DOUBLES

WINNERS	P. Forsberg	(Victoria)
	B. Benli	(Victoria)
RUNNERS-UP	R. Javor	(South Australia)
	S. Munday	(Victoria)

BOYS UNDER 21 SINGLES

WINNER	I. Irving	(Queensland)
RUNNER-UP	E. Kasser	(Victoria)

GIRLS UNDER 21 SINGLES

WINNER	J. Tepper	(Victoria)
RUNNER-UP	S. Mitchell	(South Australia)

MEN'S CONSOLATION SINGLES

WINNER	W. Spivak	(Victoria)
RUNNER-UP	A. Moore	(Victoria)

WOMEN'S CONSOLATION SINGLES

WINNER	J. Langridge	(Victoria)
RUNNER-UP	W. Hughes	(Victoria)

1984 AUSTRALIAN RANKINGS

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<u>MEN</u>			<u>WOMEN</u>		
1.	T. DANIELSSON	Vic. (2)	1.	N. BISIACH	Vic (3)
2.	R. TUCKETT	Vic. (3)	2.	M.H. NO	Vic (-)
3.	G. HABERL	NSW (1)	3.	S. MUNDAY	Vic (1)
4.	R. JAVOR	SA (4)	4.	D. HORDER	Tas (2)
5.	P. PINKEWICH	NSW (-)	eq.	B. BENLI	Vic (6)
eq.	G. TEPPER	Vic. (5)	6.	L. GODLEY	SA (8)
7.	P. FORSBERG	Vic (-)	7.	A. CAMPBELL	NSW (4)
8.	N. WARD	SA (6)	eq.	A. McDONNELL	Qld (9)
9.	A. JAKUBCZAK	Vic (7)	9.	M. STERLAND	NSW (-)
10.	R. CARLYLE	Vic (-)	10.	J. TEPPER	Vic (-)
eq.	J. COONEY	Qld (10)	eq.	B. BIRD	SA (-)
eq.	W. HEGINBOTHAM	NSW (-)			
eq.	L. SKEATE	Qld (-)			

[Figures in brackets indicate 1983
rankings]

PLAYER OF THE YEAR VICTOR BARNA TROPHY

JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR .. MICHAEL SZABADOS MEMORIAL TROPHY

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AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following the decision of the A.T.T.A. Council that the Junior and Open Championships would, from 1985 onwards, be played on consecutive weeks, the usual report for the Junior does not appear as it will now be held outside the period covered by this report.

AUSTRALIAN CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

The inaugural Australian Closed Championships were held, on the two days prior to the commencement of the Open Championships, at the Albert Park Centre.

The Association was extremely pleased to receive sponsorship of this event from the Dulux Company and we thank them for their support of table tennis.

The Championships were confined to the women's and men's singles title only and produced many interesting matches.

Following are the winners and runners-up:

MEN'S SINGLES

WINNER	T. Danielsson	(Victoria)
RUNNER-UP	R. Tuckett	(Victoria)

WOMEN'S SINGLES

WINNER	Myung Hee No	(Victoria)
RUNNER-UP	N. Bisiach	(Victoria)

G E N E R A L

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Following the successful conduct of the first VETERANS' CHAMPIONSHIPS by the Tasmanian Association, the Rules Committee was requested to draw up appropriate conditions for these championships which, when approved, would be added to the Regulations.

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Mr. Ron Moule, the NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF COACHING, maintained his efforts to gain admission of table tennis into the Australian Institute of Sport, Canberra, or have it as a decentralised sport in Melbourne or Adelaide.

Under the coaching scheme he also organised training camps in Canberra for juniors and the National Team.

The N.D.C. also spent many hours gathering information to be presented to, and considered by, the Working Party selected to present a report to Council on the future of Junior Table Tennis in Australia.

Plans have now been finalised for the Talent Identification Scheme originally commenced at the University in Perth.

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The members of the Organising Committee were unable to meet the new guidelines set by Council for the 1985 NATIONAL LEAGUE, and at the time of preparing this report it appears that the National League will not get under way this year. However, the National Executive Director has been requested to investigate its setup and possible sponsorships and to make a report to Council with a view to making the National League a successful competition in 1986.

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The Chairman and Editor of the NEWSLETTER (Messrs. Bond and Stewart) are to be congratulated for the continued production of such an excellent Newsletter - AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS - which has, as usual, been received eagerly by its readers. However, again they came up against the problem of lack of finance to produce four issues and it is to be hoped that this almost annual obstacle can be overcome. To help alleviate the problem it will be necessary to have a larger readership, a more efficient method of distribution and, more importantly, additional advertisers to cover rising costs.

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The introduction of the PLAYERS REGISTRATION FEE brought a revenue of \$18,523 from State Associations, representing a total of 9,261 registered players playing in Australia. It was anticipated that the total would drop slightly under this new scheme of registration and, allowing for the number of juniors and school children previously included in the number of participants, this total is just below the figure expected.

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The Victorian and Tasmanian Associations, in organising the OPEN, CLOSED and VERERANS' CHAMPIONSHIPS, put in a mighty effort to ensure that these championships were conducted in an efficient manner.

The organisation was first class and the friendliness and hospitality received by visitors was much appreciated. Thanks are given by the Association's Council Members to the Victorian Committee for the use of the facilities used by the Association during the General Personal Meeting sessions.

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AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
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Financial Report and Balance Sheet for 1984/85

Treasurers Comments

I present the financial report and balance sheet for the financial year 1 July 1984 to 30 June 1985.

The first thing that is noted from the balance sheet is that a loss of \$16232.88 was incurred. This is not correct. In last years balance sheet the previous treasurer did not allow for unexpended government grants of \$30165.00, therefore the true accumulated funds figure for 1983/84 should have been \$8035.44. Unfortunately I cannot change the official report for last year as it was audited by the then auditors at the time and as far as I am concerned it should remain intact, officially anyway.

For this financial year the accumulated funds figure is correct. Although we started with the wrong figure most of the unexpended grants have now been spent, therefore the loss figure really evened everything out so that we now show a true funds position for the association for this year.

All grant monies are now held in a separate Grant Account and do not reflect in the general funds position whatsoever. As you can see by the balance sheet they show as an asset and also as a liability, therefore they cancel each other out.

Accumulated funds of \$21967.56 for this year is the true and actual total assets the Australian Table Tennis Association Inc has as at 30/6/85.

Our increase in funds resulted from the introduction of the player levy, collection of the outstanding final general levy amounts from the states and follow up of a number of outstanding accounts due to the association. Income was also received from Ball Royalties for the first time in a couple of years. Unfortunately we had to write off the Trading Stock figure from last year as it had not changed for at least two years and we had no hope of finding out exactly what it represented. An accurate record will be kept in the future.

With the advent of our National Office we have had to, or will do soon, purchase office equipment and furniture which will represent a fixed asset for the association.

I wish to thank everyone for their assistance to me during the last year and look forward to another successive year for Table Tennis.

Philip Males
Hon. Treasurer

AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

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BALANCE SHEET

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as at 30/6/85

1983/84	CAPITAL	1984/85
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6109.31	Accumulated Funds 30/6/84	38200.44
32091.13	Surplus/Loss to Date	-16232.88
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38200.14		21967.56
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Represented by:

CURRENT ASSETS

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	Cash at Bank		
3238.29	General Account	19780.77	
	Grant Account	870.98	

			20651.75
5102.75	Sundry Debtors	3112.60	
659.40	Trading Stock	0.00	
	Fixed Assets at Cost	0.00	

			3112.60
	INVESTMENTS		
	=====		
30000.00	CBFC Limited	16000.00	

			16000.00
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39000.44			39764.35

CURRENT LIABILITIES

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	Grants in Advance	16870.98	
800.00	Sundry Creditors	925.81	

			17796.79
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38200.14			21967.56
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AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

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GENERAL ACCOUNT

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Income for year 1/7/84 to 30/6/85

INCOME 1983/84	DETAILS	INCOME 1984/85	BUDGET 1984/85
620.00	AFFILIATIONS	620.00	620.00
19691.00	ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	9500.00	6000.00
371.00	AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	1303.25	700.00
0.00	BALL ADOPTION	400.00	400.00
75.00	BALL ROYALTIES	375.00	1000.00
0.00	GENERAL PERSONAL MEETING	244.25	
7800.00	GENERAL LEVY 1983/84	5200.00	
1026.12	INTEREST RECEIVED	1963.52	1800.00
0.00	JAPANESE TOUR	6189.00	6150.00
5608.40	1984 NAT JNR TRAINING CAMP	375.00	
	1985 TRAINING CAMP	4544.00	4000.00
15000.00	NATIONAL DIRECTOR COACHING	10394.80	15000.00
	NED ESTABLISHMENT	10000.00	10000.00
1964.00	NEWSLETTER	2895.00	1800.00
	NCAS REGISTER	730.00	
4864.00	REGISTRATION 1984	13659.00	17500.00
	REGISTRATION 1985	4274.00	
1602.00	TRAVEL LEVY	3120.00	3130.00
	WORLD/COMMONWEALTH CHAMPS	34497.00	34000.00
	ITTF RULE BOOKS	21.00	
1106.55	ITTF HANDBOOKS	0.00	
191.00	COACHING MANUALS	324.00	
140.50	UMPIRES BADGES	68.00	
	UMPIRES POCKETS	56.00	
1128.07	SUNDRIES	848.90	650.00
	WRITE OFFS & DEPRECIATION	800.00	
32000.00	GOVERNMENT GRANTS		16000.00
2250.00	SPONSORSHIPS		
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95437.64	TOTAL INCOME	112401.72	117750.00
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AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

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GENERAL ACCOUNT

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Expenditure for year 1/7/84 to 30/6/85

EXPENDITURE 1983/84	DETAILS	EXPENDITURE 1984/85	Budget 1984/85
290.52	AFFILIATIONS	526.46	600.00
4053.19	ADMINISTRATION	4854.20	5500.00
13768.96	ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	16898.20	16000.00
72.72	AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	1314.88	300.00
887.90	EXECUTIVE MEETINGS	0.00	1000.00
5291.87	GENERAL PERSONAL MEETING	4044.22	3600.00
38.03	GOVERNMENT CHARGES	234.84	
1008.50	COACHING MAUNALS	0.00	
1747.30	COACHING PROJECTS	1837.20	4000.00
669.31	ITTF HANDBOOKS		
1000.00	INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS	1500.00	1000.00
	NON ELITE COACHING	10000.00 *	
12781.92	NATIONAL DIRECTOR COACHING	12612.80 *	15000.00
	TALENT IDENTIFICATION	10000.00 *	10000.00
	JAPANESE TOUR	6087.82	6000.00
10793.18	1985 TRAINING CAMP	3967.76	7000.00
	NED ESTABLISHMENT	7828.01	10000.00
6804.26	NEWSLETTER	7096.99	4500.00
	NCAS REGISTER	566.00	
1873.15	PENNANTS & MEDALLIONS	0.00	
750.00	SELECTORS FARES	281.00	300.00
200.00	UMPIRES SUBSIDIES	300.00	400.00
990.70	UMPIRES SEMINAR	0.00	0.00
	WORLD/COMMONWELTH CHAMPS	37337.47	35000.00
	UMPIRES POCKETS	180.00	
325.00	SUNDRIES	409.10	350.00
	WRITE OFFS & DEPRECIATION	757.65	
63346.51	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	128634.60	120550.00

* Indicates Tfd to Grant A/c

AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

GRANT ACCOUNT

Report for year ending 30/6/85

Amount Tfd General Acc	GOVERNMENT GRANTS INCOME	From March 1985
1908.57	NATIONAL DIRECTOR COACHING	5000.00
0.00	NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	0.00
0.00	COACHING PROJECTS	5000.00
0.00	INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	10000.00
0.00	INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS	1000.00
10000.00	TALENT IDENTIFICATION	0.00
500.00	NON ELITE COACHING	0.00
12408.57		21000.00

	GOVERNMENT GRANTS EXPENDED	From March 1985
	NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR	5537.59
	NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	0.00
	COACHING PROJECTS	0.00
	INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	10000.00
	INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS	1000.00
	TALENT IDENTIFICATION	0.00
	NON ELITE COACHING	0.00

16537.59

	GOVERNMENT GRANTS UNEXPENDED	As At 30 June 85
	NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR	1370.98
	NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	0.00
	COACHING PROJECTS	5000.00
	INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	0.00
	INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS	0.00
	TALENT IDENTIFICATION	10000.00
	NON ELITE COACHING	500.00

16870.98

REPORT OF HONORARY INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY

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A Japanese team led by Mr. Yaoika, Vice President of the Japan Table Tennis Association, toured the eastern states of Australia in August, 1984 and played matches in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. The No. 1 Japanese player, H. Abe, who has been world ranked in recent years, was undefeated during this tour and led his team to a 5-1 victory in an International Match played in Melbourne. Our thanks go to the Japan Foundation for sponsoring this tour.

The 7th ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS were held in Islamabad, Pakistan, from 20th to 28th October, 1984, and Australia was represented by men and women's teams, with Vic Matison and Neil Harwood as Captains. As expected, China dominated these Championships, with our teams finishing in 7th position in the men's event and 8th position in the women's event.

Our delegate, Mr. Tabone, attended the Asian Table Tennis Union General Meeting and reported that the meeting expressed dissatisfaction at the continued domination of the International Table Tennis Federation by Europeans, and subsequently motions were lodged with that body for substantial constitution amendments. At the I.T.T.F. Congress the motions were voted out-of-order after lengthy discussions but will doubtless be re-submitted for the 1987 Congress in New Delhi.

The 8th COMMONWEALTH and 38th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS were hosted by the Isle of Man Association in Douglas and the Swedish Association in Gothenberg respectively, and Australian men and women's teams participated, and included for the first time two junior players who toured at their own expense. Ian Irvine played one teams' match in the Commonwealth but he and Jan Tepper played in the individual events in both championships, and the experience gained by both should be beneficial to them in the future. The men's team was weakened by the late withdrawal of the National Champion, Tommy Danielsson, and eventually finished in 8th position in the Commonwealth and 28th position in the World's. The women's team was strengthened by the inclusion of Mrs. No, formerly from South Korea, and improved their rankings to 6th in the Commonwealth and 23rd in the World's.

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HON. INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT ... continued

Below is a summary of matches played:-

COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>PLAYED</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Men	7	4	3	8
Women ...	9	6	3	6

INDIVIDUAL TEAMS RESULTSMEN

G. Haberl ...	17	14	3
R. Tuckett ..	13	6	7
G. Tepper ...	8	3	5
R. Javor ...	7	2	5
I. Irving ...	2	2	0

WOMEN

M.H. No	11	8	3
N. Bisiach ..	11	5	6
L. Tichy	3	2	1
J. Tepper ...	-		
N. Bisiach)			
M.H. No.) ..	6	4	2
N. Bisiach)			
L. Tichy) ..	2	2	0
M.H. No)			
L. Tichy) ..	1	1	0

INDIVIDUAL EVENTSMEN

G. Haberl	4	3	1
R. Javor	2	1	1
I. Irving	2	1	1
G. Tepper	1	0	1
R. Tuckett ...	1	0	1

WOMEN

N. Bisiach ...	3	2	1
M.H. No	3	2	1
L. Tichy	2	1	1
J. Tepper	1	0	1

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men	9	2	7	28
Women	8	4	4	23

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HON. INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT ... continuedWORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ... continuedINDIVIDUAL TEAMS RESULTS

<u>MEN</u>	<u>PLAYED</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>
G. Haberl	23	13	10
R. Tuckett	20	9	11
G. Tepper	18	4	14
R. Javor	4	-	4
I. Irving	-		

WOMEN

M.H. No	12	7	5
N. Bisiach	9	3	6
L. Tichy	-		
J. Tepper	-		
N. Bisiach/M.H. No	8	3	5

INDIVIDUAL EVENTSMEN

R. Javor	2	1	1
G. Tepper	1	-	1
G. Haberl	1	-	1
R. Tuckett	1	-	1
I. Irving	1	-	1

WOMEN

M.H. No	-		
N. Bisiach	1	-	1
L. Tichy	1	-	1
J. Tepper	2	1	1

THE COMMONWEALTH RANKINGS included two Australian players - Gary Haberl at No. 7 in the men's and Mrs. No at No. 11 in the women's. Although the Isle of Man Table Tennis Association had not previously staged a major tournament, the 1985 Commonwealth Championships attracted entries from 18 men and 15 women's teams and were conducted in an exemplary manner.

At the I.T.T.F. CONGRESS in Gothenburg three major decisions were made:-

1. To abolish the current teams category system.
2. To create a Board of Management comprising the I.T.T.F. Officers and the Continental Vice-Presidents, with the Board meeting every six months.

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3. *In International Competitions, to restrict the colours of rubber on the respective sides of the racket to red and black as from the 1st July, 1986, with the scientific specifications for red to be announced at a later date.*

Despite my efforts to obtain a decision on the OCEANIA representation in the 1988 Olympic Games competition, the I.T.T.F. President ruled that this matter should go to the new Board of Management for further investigation.

Mr. Eric Coster was elected to the COMMONWEALTH BOARD OF MANAGEMENT and to the COUNCIL of the I.T.T.F. for a two year period and I was re-elected to the Commonwealth Classification Committee.

I retire from the A.T.T.A. Council on 30th September after continuous service since 1963 and as Auditor before that, and desire to thank my colleagues for their support over these years and wish the Association every success in the future.

LEN A. HAYCRAFT

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NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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1. THE PART-TIME N.D.C. CONCEPT

This was the second year of operation and, in addition to a number of effective coaching initiatives being undertaken, the advantages of the part-time cost structure has enabled the all important full-time National Executive Director to come into being as per the discussions of 1983.

II. RELATIONS WITH STATE DIRECTORS OF COACHING

At the personal level the relationship is very good, as we have very similar views on the needs and directions the game must have to cope with the future. Carrying out the duties of S.D.C. in S.A. enables me to understand the difficulties of the Honorary position, the problems unique to each State and the reasons not all national matters receive total attention. I fully appreciate all my colleagues efforts.

III. GENERAL REPORT

The general thrust of 1984/85 has been away from consolidation to initiation and examples are provided later in the report. Progress has been on all fronts -

- (1) Elite Players*
- (2) Elite Juniors*
- (3) Non-Elite Country Coaching*
- (4) Schools Development*
- (5) Coaching Aids*
- (6) Sports Science -*

rather than concentration in particular areas. I feel we are still a few years away from reaping full benefits from some of these areas. The policy of taking table tennis and projecting a very positive image into the important Sports Forums of the country has been continued with some success.

IV. STATE COACHING REPORTS

To be submitted by S.D.C. at 1985 National Coaching Forum.

V. COACHING NUMBERS

- (a) The reassessment of all coaching levels in August, 1984 provided some interesting results and debate on assessment and evaluation of coaching performances. Our techniques, while refined somewhat, are still not*

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NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR'S REPORT ... continued

foolproof and do not have the support of all coaches (or administrators). The next re-assessment is scheduled for August, 1986 and ways of ensuring coaches (particularly Level II's & III's) present their applications in an accurate and favourable light will receive attention. The decline in coaching numbers is interesting and probably due to the accreditation requirement that coaches had to state and prove how active they were. The 1986 Re-Assessment should provide more accurate comparisons on "working coaches".

The 1984/85 Register (for actual practising coaches) showed -

181 COACHES 154 MEN and 27 WOMEN

STATE FIGURES

	<u>VIC.</u>	<u>SA.</u>	<u>NSW.</u>	<u>TAS.</u>	<u>QLD.</u>	<u>WA.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1983/84	97	57	34	11	49	14	256

1984/85	35	40	35	9	54	8	181
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(b) NATIONAL COACHING, COACHING ACCREDITATION SCHEME

Although the ATTA has had connections with the N.C.A.S. this was the first year of a mass registration attempt. The 1984 Forum ruled that in future an Accredited Coach must be a paid member of the N.C.A.S. The fee of \$10 was imposed as a condition of accreditation.

Unfortunately, Queensland and New South Wales did not fulfil these conditions, placing me in a difficult position regarding the National Register of Table Tennis Coaches, since technically all New South Wales and most Queensland coaches were not accredited. Discussions with the S.D.C. of those States will ensure that a full National Register can be produced for 1985/86. I see this as a teething problem.

The 1984 Report from the Development Officer of the N.C.A.S. shows figures by which we can compare our situation.

TOTAL N.C.A.S. COACHES 26,985
A.T.T.A. COMPONENT 181

OTHER SPORTS:

CRICKET 2,283
ATHLETICS 2,173
GYMNASTICS 1,948

VI. MAJOR PROJECTS OF 1984/85

(a) Youth Policy Working Party

While this was more of an N.E.D. portfolio, I spent a great

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NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR'S REPORT ... continued

deal of time on researching background material in many sports and in many areas of sports administration. The Working Party has been supplied with a small (?) portion of the available information on Junior Sport Development. I believe this most important exercise, if carried to its correct conclusion, will solve, in the long term, a significant number of the problems plaguing our game.

(b) Australian Institute of Sport

- (i) Full Status A firm statement on our application has not been forthcoming. Generalizations of 2-3 years are current and I would hope the N.E.D. will be able to orchestrate a sustained national lobby to bring this to fruition.
- (ii) Partial Status ... To provide a worthwhile preparation for the Seoul Olympics, I have been negotiating interim assistance measures under the National Training Centre Programme. The basis of the scheme was to combine State and Federal Funding to create a National Co-ordinating Coach and a National Training Squad (approximately 50% of the FULL STATUS programme). Federal Funding cuts have cut this initiative from the most promising position it occupied early in this year. Several reports have been issued on this matter and negotiations are continuing to salvage as much of the scheme as possible.
- (iii) Two Training Camps were held at the A.I.S. under the N.T.C.P. -

January, 1985 ... THE NATIONAL U17 TRAINING CAMPS
March, 1985 NATIONAL TEAMS TRAINING CAMPS.

Separate reports have been issued on both ventures, but while the Juniors was most successful, the Senior Camp exposed a number of decision-making, selection, co-ordination and administrative weaknesses.

\$10,000 was made available from the N.T.C.P. budget for these camps, while only \$8,000 is available for similar projects in 1985/86.

On the credit side, the A.I.S. is more aware than ever before that table tennis exists and the rapport between myself and the administrative, coaching and sports science staff is of a very high order.

(c) Olympic Federation

I attended a two day Seminar at the A.I.S. entitled "THE ROAD TO SEOUL". A separate report has been filed on the coaching and administrative strides being undertaken by other sports for this event. This Seminar provided me with opportunities to involve the A.O.F. and their funds in the creation of our National Coach/Squad.

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NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR'S REPORT ... continued

(d) Kidsport

An off-shoot of the 'Working Party' research involved me with the Australian Sports Commission's Plan for sports development in Primary Schools, commencing 1st January, 1986. The possibilities for a table tennis involvement were welcomed by the Commission and the ideas presented by me were in complete accord with the principles behind the Kidsport Programme. Material for the programme is already well and truly on the drawing board in the form of Children's Booklets, Teachers' Kits, Posters and Video's. Completion of this material and securing funding is my primary task for September to December, 1985.

(e) Sports Science

A most successful year in the effort to replace "subjective opinions" with "objective analysis" of table tennis skills.

- (1) The \$11,000 Talent Identification Scheme, commenced in 1983, was successfully relocated and reorganised in Melbourne. Testing will commence in July of this year and continue for some months.
- (2) (a) The Sports Science Staff at A.I.S. tested Senior and Junior players on an 'Ad Hoc' Force Platform Experiment. The results were extremely interesting and will be followed up at subsequent camps under more controlled playing conditions.
- (b) A Simple Fitness Battery was supplied by the Exercise Physiology Staff. The main value was the accompanying offer to computerise the results to provide individual profiles for national team members and a standard set of results (to be continually upgraded) for coaches to use on a comparative basis.
- (3) Under the A.S.C.'s Applied Sports Research Programme of 73 projects submitted, 26 projects were placed for tender. Three projects I submitted were among the 26 and one "THE ENERGY SYSTEMS PERTINENT TO ELITE TABLE TENNIS PERFORMANCE" received a grant of \$7,000 to be carried out at Darling Downs Institute. The project is now well under way.
- (4) I approached the P.I.T. in Melbourne to use the new VICON Analysis System to -
 - (a) analyse table tennis movements;
 - (b) use these results to:-
 - (i) place on teaching posters;
 - (ii) evaluate the process for coaching purposes.

Preliminary work has been carried out and a report made to G.P.M.

NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR'S REPORT ... continued

It would appear that a number of national and state officers have not yet caught up with the significance of the Sports Science Programme and I would like to discuss the matter at the G.P.M.

VII. COACHING MATERIALS

Coaching manuals are moving steadily with stocks of approximately 150 remaining, or sufficient for 1986 on current usage rates.

The expected launch of Kidsport material later this year has held up several items while funding, assistance and content questions were being answered by the A.S.C. In various stages of completion and preparation are:-

- (1) LIFE BE IN IT ... Notes and art work
(held up to provide material to (2)).*
- (2) PRIMARY SCHOOLS TABLE TENNIS WORK BOOK.*
- (3) PRIMARY SCHOOLS TEACHERS' KIT*
- (4) VIDEOS TO ACCOMPANY (3).*
- (5) SKILLS POSTERS (See Sports Science Section).*
- (6) COACH RECRUITING POSTER.*

These must be complete for January 1st, 1986 and Kidsport launching.

Course materials and supplements to the Coaching Manual are important areas not yet receiving attention.

VIII. SUMMARY

Many projects are under way, many more have yet to be undertaken, all have to be administered and all brought to some conclusion. While there have been disappointments, these have been offset by the knowledge and evidence that the image of table tennis is changing in many quarters. We are receiving more serious recognition and this will go a long way towards improved standards and public recognition in the future.

I would like to thank the State Directors of Coaching for their support and co-operation, Laurie Wharmby and Noel Bell for their counsel and the N.D.C. Sub-Committee.

R. MOULE
NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF COACHING

REPORTS 1984/85

1. 1984 N.C. Forum
2. A.I.S. Reports (3)
3. A.O.F. Preparations.
4. C.A.S. A.G.M.
5. Kidsport Seminar.
6. National Junior Camp.
7. National Senior Camp.
8. Fitness Training Programme.
9. Non-elite Country Coaching.
10. 1985 N.D.C. Report.

SUBMISSIONS 1984/85

1. R.S.F. - \$2,050
2. N.A.A.S. (4) - no table tennis players were successful
3. N.T.C.P. \$10,000.
4. 3 Sports Science Programmes. \$7,000.
5. Ansett - \$100.

PENDING 1985/86

1. R.S.F. - \$6,000
2. N.T.C.P. - \$8,000.
3. N.A.A.S.)
A.O.F.)
National Squad) not yet determined
4. Ansett - \$600
5. 1985/86 - Budget

PRIORITIES 1985/86

1. Kidsport - Student and Teacher material
2. A.I.S. - National Squad/Coach.
3. State Launching of Kidsport.
4. N.C.A.S. - Coaching Course Reviews.
5. Coaching Manual Supplements.
6. Rothmans Coaching Seminars.

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REPORT FROM NEW SOUTH WALES TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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FINANCE

The financial position of the NSWTTA is steadily improving, still not much to show in the way of asset backing but, again, nil liabilities.

The turnover for the year ending 31st October, 1985, will be an all-time record and will total approximately \$250,000. Yes, a trading figure of $\frac{1}{4}$ million dollars. The creation of a special reserve account some years back and its control by the present Executive sees an all-time high figure in this account.

Our charges are high, they have to be, as our costs are rising at a figure far in excess of the CPI. Communication is costly and time consuming and it must create some sort of a record for an Association such our size. For the first six months of this year, over 600 letters were mailed out and received. Telephone costs, although closely monitored, run into a four figure amount yearly.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Once again, we received most valuable Grants from the NSW State Government. This enabled the employment of part-time positions in Executive Director, Assistant Administrator and Director of Coaching.

Financial assistance was also received for the conducting of State Championships, teams travelling expenses to National Championships, administration and coaching seminars.

These last-mentioned Grants are to be withdrawn by the State Government for 1986 and we will see an Elite Athletics grant scheme introduced. Internationally ranked athletics may apply for a grant of \$15,000, nationally ranked \$4,000, so the ball is in our court to produce, or assist produce, these standards in our sport, otherwise Table Tennis will suffer financially.

COACHING

Coaching programmes continued to play an important role in the Association's activities. The majority of coaching was centred around junior players and although the older group of players, Under 17 years, are not setting the State on fire, there is considerable talent in the younger age group, the Under 15, and the Under 13 have some players of the future.

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COUNTRY COACHING

Whilst most coaching takes place in the Metropolitan area, when both City and Country players are involved, there were also special coaching clinics held in the Country for senior, junior and grade players.

GRASS ROOTS INVOLVEMENT

The Executive of the NSWTTA continue to appreciate the presence of the lower grade players.

This was no better illustrated than in the first exchange of players between the State and Auckland Table Tennis Association. This exchange was negotiated in New Zealand last year by our Executive Director, Keith Bowler, and the President of the Auckland Table Tennis Association, Dick Rassie, and their Hon. Secretary, Bob Lassen, and the main point agreed on by both Associations was that all exchanges had to include a majority of grade players.

Also, special coaching sessions were held in which players of all grades could take part.

VISIT OF PLAYERS FROM THE AUCKLAND TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

An invitation to the Auckland Table Tennis Association to take part in the 1985 Commonwealth Bank New South Wales Open Championships was accepted and the following players participated:

Valley Kwok	Auckland B Grade & Veterans Over 50.
Peter Jackson	New Zealand International
Max Pascoe	Auckland B Grade
Lorna Henderson	Auckland Womens B Grade
Bob Lassen	Auckland A Grade & Veterans Over 40
Barbara Lassen	Auckland B Grade & Veterans Over 50.

Apart from playing the 1985 State Open, this group also played in matches at the City of Sydney Association and the Western Districts headquarters at the Wentworthville Leagues Club.

This visit was greatly appreciated by all who became involved with the Auckland group and now we look forward to New South Wales players visiting Auckland in 1986.

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NSWTTA'S REPORT . . . continued

SEMINARS

A number of coaching seminars were held during the year and also two administration seminars were conducted. It is planned this year to extend the attendance at future administration seminars by inviting not only Association representatives but anyone interested in contributing their ideas for the development of the sport in New South Wales.

In conclusion, I would like to mention two other facets of NSW Table Tennis:

FIRSTLY, the continued success of the relatively new Constitution in which control of their State Association was equally divided between Metropolitan and Country. In most parts of the State this system is causing many benefits but the ever present problem of trying to administer the sport over such vast distances as from Albury to Lismore, to Wagga Wagga to Parkes, distances involving thousands of miles, is a problem that we just have to live with. But there can be no denying that it does stretch our lines of supply to a position that would have taxed the capabilities of such as Napoleon and Churchill, so bear with us if we have to try and sort out this vexing problem.

SECONDLY, it was our pleasure to host a 1985 Commonwealth Bank NSW Open Championship that will arguably be the best Table Tennis event in Oceania this year. With the top eight seeds in the Mens Singles all internationals, the event was an outstanding success. The very largeness of entries and many other facets were such pleasant problems that our Committee did an excellent job in handling, and congratulations go to all involved - a good championship, a good job well done.

The day following the NSW Open, it was our pleasure on behalf of the ATTA and Oceania Federation, to stage the Oceania Zone World Cup Qualifying Tournament which we did at the Eastern Suburbs League Club. Peter Jackson, Malcolm Temperley from New Zealand and Gary Haberl and Tommy Danielsson were the players participating, and in an excellent night's Table Tennis, Tommy Danielsson proved too strong for his rivals and now goes to China to contest the 1985 World Cup as Oceania Representative.

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REPORT FROM QUEENSLAND

NOT RECEIVED AT 15th AUGUST, 1985

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REPORT FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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PENNANT COMPETITION

The winter competition organized by the S.A.T.T.A. is again lower in team entries than the previous year. A promotion pamphlet was distributed within the City in an effort to obtain work teams into the competition but did not produce results. However, this is an area that will have to be continued to obtain the results.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

There have been successful school competitions in both primary and secondary levels. Having these regular competitions are producing results, especially in the individual secondary school competition, which is being arranged now. The numbers have increased. We obtained sponsorship through Satisfac Credit Union for the primary school competitions, which is a step in the right direction.

TOURNAMENTS

Our Santos State Championship was again sponsored by Santos and the finals held at Apollo Stadium. Supper was arranged for the invited guests and players and from all reports the night was a success.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

Our affiliates have reduced by 2 and we have gained 1 which brings us to 24 affiliated bodies. Only 8 of them are affiliated at the higher level and these bodies are the ones who are looking after their juniors and needing coaching visits and information. The senior group intend to affiliate this year, but are made up of social players who do not see the need of affiliation.

COACHING

At the moment coaching grants are being distributed to the various affiliates who are doing the right thing and undertaking junior and schools competition and development. School visits for coaching are being conducted at various areas.

ADMINISTRATOR

This being the third year for this position and results are being achieved. It has taken the two years to develop the position and job and this year there has been more time allowed to promote the sport.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The Council of the S.A.T.T.A. has decided to go for a full-time

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REPORT FROM S.A.T.T.A. ... continued

position and the person will mainly promote the sport by introducing and gaining more numbers and obtain sponsorship for the various competitions. The main objective will be to increase the participants and in the long run this will improve the standard.

CYNTHIA LANGLEY
ADMINISTRATOR

TASMANIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES 1984/85

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This year has been a very busy year for Tasmania. The Southern Tasmanian Association Inc. conducted, on behalf of the Tasmanian body, the inaugural Australian Veterans' Championships in November, 1984. This event was an outstanding success, attracting entries from New Zealand as well as all States, except Western Australia. It was a delight to renew old acquaintances, the competition was very keen and the sportsmanship was very refreshing - an object lesson for our younger players.

The Association became incorporated and at the same time adopted a new structure and a constitution. The new structure was introduced to ensure that all associations within the State, both now and in the future, received fair representation.

As usual, the Umpires Committee, under the guidance of international umpire Bill Atkinson, has been very active. The rules and associated changes are being well promulgated and adequately enforced.

Coaching is one area that is not making the gains needed to raise both our standard and playing numbers and this is perhaps the area where attention should be devoted in the immediate future. It is hard to get our active coaches to devote more time to the sport when they are already serving in administrative positions. Visits by internationally acclaimed coaches have been very useful in the past and would be beneficial again.

Finally, I would like to record Tasmania's appreciation to Laurie Wharmby, who has once again undertaken the lion share of the work on such matters as incorporation and the design and introduction of our new structure. I know he is "retired" but I do not know where he finds the hours to attend to table tennis matters. This State and the whole of Australia owes Laurie a great deal and I am sure that if he ever really decides to retire there will be a gap that will be very difficult to fill.

N. L. Harwood
HONORARY SECRETARY

REPORT FROM VICTORIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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PLAYER REGISTRATION

The players registration fee is still a thorny problem with Associations. We have not recovered Associations who did not re-affiliate in 1983/84. Associations are still finding resistance from players, particularly where they are trying to develop Junior players through Junior Competition and when those Juniors fill in Senior Competition they become liable for a players registration fee. They are in a bind of either conducting smaller competitions of adults only and only mature juniors move into the competition of expanding the 'Open' Competition and less mature Juniors have to be cajoled into paying the extra P.R.F. The bright spot at this time is the continued good support for Tournaments. The Grand Prix Circuit is assisting in this area.

SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

The two school competitions conducted by the Association, Mini-Tabten and Tabten are going from strength to strength and reflect the work being done by Mr. Lindroth, the Association's Development Officer in our schools programme.

COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Country Championships showed a small loss on team entries with most Associations blaming Player Registration Fee.

INTERSTATE COUNTRY TOURS

The Interstate Country Tours keep those players unlikely to make the State Team for the National Championship with an incentive to play and practice. Unfortunately, the Men's Team Tour to South Australia was cancelled at the last minute when players became unavailable.

COACHING PROGRAMMES

With the return to Victoria of Igor Klaf our Coaching Programmes held up to the figures achieved by David Brand in 1983/84. Mr. Brand was not available in 1984/85, having secured full-time employment after completing his University Degree.

Adult Coaching on Friday nights continues to be steady and Saturday, the traditional Junior day, maintains a constant flow of youngsters into the sport. Country visits are regular and the Department of Youth and Sport continue to play a major part in our coaching programmes.

FINANCIAL GRANTS

Financial Grants are now available for Country Players Assistance,

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VICTORIAN T.T.A. REPORT ... continuedFINANCIAL GRANTS ... continued

Veterans Assistance, Disabled Assistance and Junior/Senior Assistance, plus THE SQUAD programme for International Elite competitors is a new incentive to reach an international ranking.

The main area of concentration for Victoria has been on two fronts. Firstly, a long and protracted negotiation for the development of the Albert Park Complex, and on going debate between the Federal Government, State Government and the Local South Melbourne Council has not made any concrete steps toward fruition.

Secondly, the Organisation of the International Table Tennis Class, incorporating a teams competition between China, Sweden, Japan, Korea Republic, England and Australia and an individual tournament for the Victoria Cup as part of the State's 150th Celebration has taken a large amount of the Executives' time. At this time of writing we confidently look forward to a successful promotion.

NATIONAL LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

The lack of a National League Competition has drawn pointed comments from clubs which had previously competed, particularly the provisions decided at the 1984 G.P.M. which made it impractical to comply with the likely costs being prohibitive.

P. MASCALL

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REPORT FROM WESTERN AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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The 1984/85 year saw a number of firsts for the Western Australian Table Tennis Association, the most important of these being sponsorship monies.

TOURNAMENTS

For the first time in the history of table tennis in W.A., the State Open Championships were sponsored by our good friends, the A.N.Z. Bank. Indications are that they will be with us again in 1986.

WINTER PENNANT COMPETITION

Yet another first - all A Grade teams in the 1985 Winter Pennant Competition were sponsored. Each of the six clubs involved incorporated a sponsor's name in their teams title. This has enabled the Association to offer prize money to the successful clubs. As a result, the competition is being very keenly contested by all players.

PUBLICITY

Thanks to the untiring work of our Publicity Officer, Mr. Kevan Foster, table tennis has received the best ever publicity both in the press and on television. Unfortunately, Kevan will not be standing for re-election next year and unless someone with his dedication volunteers their services, the grand work done by him and the contacts made will suddenly disappear. We all know how difficult it is to get the media on our side.

FINANCIAL

Because of the acute financial situation the Association found itself in towards the end of 1984, it was necessary to impose a General Levy on all registered members. This was required so as to assist the Association meet the capital and interest repayments on the Centre. Although there were some objections to this levy, the decision was generally accepted by the members.

Just recently, the Association applied for, and received, a special grant from the Government to help meet repayments of the Centre for the next three years.

The Association was fortunate to have an industrious Committee for the 1984/85 year and if this attitude and interest continues, we can look forward to an even better 1985/86 year.

B.F. PUNCH (Miss)
HON. SECRETARY

REPORT FROM UMPIRES COMMITTEE

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The year under review saw very little change from other years except that there was less correspondence between the State Delegates, which would suggest that everything is running smoothly in each State.

It would seem that the most contentious matter would be bat rubber colours and the combinations and this has caused trouble in Victoria when the Referees have ruled against the use of certain colours as laid down by the I.T.T.F. One hard bat veteran of many years just cannot obtain suitable rubber after trying Hong Kong, etc. and, as he puts it - we lose a player. This brings up the point that perhaps the A.T.T.A. could consider such matters when adopting the I.T.T.F. rulings.

UMPIRES, REFEREES FOR NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Bill Atkinson has suggested that the selection of these officials has been rather ad hoc whereas it was the writer's opinion that the matter of a referee for national championship was reasonably covered by the present system, i.e., making a selection from those nominees. Since the Nationals are under the auspices of the A.T.T.A. I think the A.T.T.A. Council are prepared to leave this matter to the host State because an early selection is necessary and the A.T.T.A. may not meet or be in communication with each other at this time.

As for international events which are usually held in some States, it is the custom in Victoria for the V.T.T.A. to call for nominations from the V.T.T.U.L. and the State Association makes the final selection.

The matter of Umpires is usually left to the Referee. However, this subject will be on the agenda for the A.T.T.A.U.C. in Hobart, and that body will make a submission to the A.T.T.A. to endorse or amend so that a firm policy can be implemented.

OCEANIA MEMBERS AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Stuart Scott (N.S.W) and Ruth Singer (Vic) attended as official International Umpires at Gothenburg whilst Bill Atkinson (Tas), Gordon Brydon (Qld) and Doug Stuart (NSW) attended as observers. State Umpires Neil Harwood, Noel Bell, Anne Atkinson and Angela Padley also attended and all must have gained valuable experience which will be an advantage to Australian umpiring.

Bill Atkinson attended the B.G.M. of the I.T.T.F. as an official observer whilst proposed law changes were under discussion and it would seem he was not impressed.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL UMPIRES EXAMINATIONS

There are likely to be 3-4 candidates to be in Hobart to sit for the National, whilst there are 1 or 2 candidates for the International when the time comes.

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REPORT FROM UMPIRES COMMITTEE ... continuedI.T.T.F. LIAISON

The A.T.T.A.U.C. may seek permission of the A.T.T.A. to maintain some kind of liaison with the I.T.T.F. relative to law changes, proposals or interpretations. This is brought about by the resignation of Mr. Len Haycraft through whom we directed our enquiries in the past.

INTERNATIONAL UMPIRE JACKETS

This was designed by the A.T.T.A.U.C. in Melbourne last year, and was supported by the Oceania Federation. The A.T.T.A. paid for the pocket emblem.

SUBSIDIES

These have not kept pace with the current inflation rate and travelling interstate has become a very expensive exercise for those umpires willing to work for the good of the game. It could not be considered excessive for the current subsidy of \$100 to be increased to \$150 at least. It is proposed to hold another Umpires Seminar in 1985/86 and the A.T.T.A. are requested to budget for \$2,500 for this purpose.

REGIONAL UMPIRE ASSOCIATIONS

Tasmania has augmented an interesting umpire organisation by having a panel of umpires in each of the five associations and leagues affiliated with the T.T.T.A. The T.T.T.A. Umpiring Committee is composed of one member from each association who meet under the chairmanship of the A.T.T.A.U.C. delegate Bill Atkinson. From all accounts and proven by the figures, this system seems to have considerable merit and will be discussed in Hobart by the A.T.T.A.U.C. This policy might well be implemented by other States, especially those with vast distances between centres.

NATIONAL STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>Probationary</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>National</u>	<u>International</u>
Victoria	2	6	0	0
N.S.W.	5	2	0	0
Tasmania	4	6	0	0
Queensland	2	5	0	0
S. Australia ..	0	1	0	0
W. Australia ..	0	0	0	0
	<u>13</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
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Individual State Reports are as follows:-

C. GADD
Chairman, A.T.T.A.U.C.

TASMANIA

The Tasmanian statistics are the highest of any state, which speaks for itself.

1. *All open and major closed championships were refereed by qualified personnel and most finals, at least, were umpired by recognised umpires.*
2. *The newly-formed Umpiring Committee is now recognised as an official sub-committee of the Tasmanian Table Tennis Association. The committee consists of an independent Chairman (the A.T.T.A.U.C. member) and one member from each of the five Associations and Leagues affiliated with the T.T.T.A. under its new constitution.*
3. *The Referee's Report Form suggested in our A.T.T.A.U.C. Handbook continues to be found useful following its trial in 1984 and has been requested by the T.T.T.A. from all Referees again in 1985.*
4. *All intending players and officials who are not qualified umpires or who have not previously passed the State Umpire Theory Paper are again required to attempt the paper in 1985. (State teams).*
5. *None of the members of the Umpiring Committee has conducted a seminar in the twelve months under consideration. All are still finding their feet as co-ordinators, but will get there with encouragement. Some have now experienced paper marking (for State Team hopefuls) and others have even passed candidates for State Umpire.*
6. *One Committee member, Brian Dale, was Referee at the inaugural Australian Veterans' Championships in 1984 and two others - Simon Plapp and Carl Lawton - will be Deputy Referees at the National Open and Australian Junior titles respectively, this year.*
7. *The holding of the National Championships over a 2-week period is going to place pressure on our keener umpires, both now and in the future. It is going to mean a 6-year wait for the opportunity to attempt the National Umpire examination or to simply gain nationals experience other than by travelling interstate, which is too expensive a proposition nowadays, even with the ATTA subsidy (Tasmanians must travel by air).*
8. *The wearing of correct umpire uniforms will be the next area of development in 1985-86.*

W. Atkinson

VICTORIA

Our members were kept busy during the year with so many country and metropolitan tournaments being held. Referees and/or umpires were supplied for the following:-

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UMPIRE COMMITTEE'S REPORT ... continued

VICTORIA ... continued

Warrnambool Open
 Victorian Open
 Veterans Legend
 Women's Round Robin
 Dandenong Open
 Test Match - Australia v. Japan
 City of Melbourne
 Veterans' Round Robin
 Australian Closed
 Australian Open
 Riversdale Easter
 Eaglehawk-Bendigo (inaugural)
 Victorian Closed
 Victorian Country Championships
 Acton Croydon Masters Open

MEMBERSHIP

Membership increased from 20 to 43 mainly due to a drive among those umpires no longer active. This has not necessarily increased our work force, but we can use their subscription money.

Ruth Singer was selected to attend the Commonwealth and World Championships as an International Umpire and Ron Keyhoe attended the Asian Championships by invitation.

Coaching classes were not held during the year under review but a class will be held soon.

NATIONAL EXAMINATION

We have one candidate, Francis Keyhoe, to be tested in Hobart.

C. Gadd

QUEENSLAND

Three new probationary umpires were appointed this year. With the five from last year all from Brisbane it was pleasing to have an umpire from Bundaberg and one from Wynnum this time.

It is important that these umpires receive recognition in their regions. Players unsure of rules and laws should know who to contact for reference. I urge all regions to publish or place on their notice boards the names of all State Umpires available.

Activity was once more quiet during the year. No requests have been received from any delegate for an umpire's paper. There is no charge for these papers, neither is there a time limit for their completion. If you do nothing else in the next twelve months please encourage someone else to do a State Umpire's paper. Perhaps you could do it yourself as a refresher to incorporate the new laws on service.

A seminar planned at Wynnum had to be cancelled because of the blackouts. The many tournaments and other commitments prevented another suitable week-end being available. Perhaps a change in

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UMPIRE COMMITTEE'S REPORT ... continuedQUEENSLAND ... continued

format is needed and seminars can be conducted at night.

I urge all umpire delegates to arrange a period of discussion on the new laws with players in their regions. There are still instances of foot-stamping, bats held below the table and disputes on colours of rubber. This could also be discussed with coaches in your area.

We welcome to our ranks Kevin Montford, a national umpire from Tasmania and New South Wales, now living in Caboolture.

M. McShane

NEW SOUTH WALES

Once again a good year for New South Wales as far as umpiring and refereeing are concerned. All major tournaments have had a referee and in many instances a deputy.

On the recruiting scene we have done very well this year with seven new umpires and two more only having to pass their practical.

The statistics now stand at:

<i>Internationals</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Nationals</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>States</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Probationary</i>	<i>7</i>

For the future - Rhonda Scott is going to sit for the next International examination and Ian Finlay for the next National examination in Tasmania.

At our recent A.G.M. all the past committee were elected into office again.

It is with deep regret I have to announce the passing of one of our founder members, Bob Hawkins. Bob had not been active as an umpire for a while due to ill health but was gradually coming back on to the scene this year. He will be sadly missed but well remembered.

S. Scott

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Only one candidate this year attempted the State Umpire's test paper and unfortunately he failed to gain the necessary marks to pass. However, he received more tuition and will try again.

All major tournaments were manned by qualified umpires acting as Referee or Deputy Referee and officiating at the finals of all events in these tournaments. It is hoped that all, or some, of the South Australian State Umpires will sit for the National Test next year, when the Australian Championships will be held in Adelaide and I shall be encouraging them to do so and will arrange the necessary coaching for those who wish it.

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UMPIRE COMMITTEE'S REPORT ... continued

SOUTH AUSTRALIA ... continued

It is with regret that I advise of the death of one of our members, Mrs. Margaret Lewis.

Margaret was a tireless worker for the umpiring cause, as she was in all her activities for table tennis, especially on the veterans' scene during the last few years.

N.J. Bell

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REPORT ON THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Unfortunately, after an excellent year in 1984, and despite a concerted effort by the Organising Committee, the 1985 National League Competition did not eventuate. The reasons for this, in my opinion, are twofold:

FIRSTLY, the A.T.T.A. decided on several changes at the 1984 GPM which severely limited the scope of the competition As it applied at the time.

SECONDLY, the apathy of some of the clubs in either not replying to correspondence or even indicating their willingness to participate. This resulted in both the Organising Committee Chairman (Mr. P. Mascall) and the Secretary (Mr. P. Nedeljkovic) offering their resignation.

Of the teams which competed in 1984, namely -

1. Geelong (Vic)
2. Coburg (Vic)
3. Ballarat (Vic)
4. Super Action Saints (Vic)
5. 'S.A.S.I. Butterfly (S.A.)
6. Brighton (S.A.)
7. Canberra (A.C.T.)

Ballarat and Brighton submitted teams by the closing date - Geelong, Coburg and Super Action Saints would not give a definite answer and S.A.S.I. Butterfly and Canberra were not interested. After the resignation of the Chairman and Secretary, I was asked if I would attend a meeting at the Ballarat Centre in early February in my capacity as Victorian Delegate to the A.T.T.A. This meeting was called by interested National League Clubs. It was attended by representatives from Geelong, Coburg, Ballarat, Super Action Saints and Brighton.

The meeting, after several attempts, could not find replacements for Chairman and Secretary. I asked for the minutes to be sent to me, but they never arrived. Toward the end of April, I had several letters from Mr. J. Matovinovic and Mr. M. Edwards (Brighton) who were willing to nominate as Secretary and Chairman respectively. But after consulting with Mr. E. Coster and Dr. R. Bayly (Control Committee) we could not agree to their requests as we did not believe that there was sufficient time to commence the National League straight away. Also, we were of the opinion that there was insufficient preparation made to ensure a proper competition.

The final rejected proposal was for the following clubs to participate:

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NATIONAL LEAGUE REPORT ... Continued

1. Geelong (Vic)
2. Coburg (Vic)
3. Ballarat (Vic)
4. Brighton (S.A.)
5. Unnamed Club (S.A.)
6. Another Possible
 Unnamed Club (S.A.)

I subsequently wrote to the A.T.T.A. and recommended that the N.E.D. investigate this matter with a view to either commencing after the 1985 National Championships, or early in 1986.

ANGELO TABONE
Chairman, Control Committee

REPORT BY EDITOR, A.T.T.A. NEWSLETTER

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Each year I make a report to the ATTA on the NEWSLETTER, detailing my recommendations on editorial input and financial support. The GPM hopefully considers these reports but there is little evidence of improvement in either the input or the financial condition of this publication. For this reason I am setting out again in some detail the substance of many of my previous reports, and I hope that the discussion on this report will result in firm decisions on the future of the Newsletter which can be a basis for successful publication over a number of years.

NEED

It is first necessary to establish whether table tennis in Australia and/or the ATTA and its members, actually need a Newsletter at all. Among the reasons for publishing a newsletter by any organisation, the following are the most applicable to the ATTA -

- provide a channel of communication from the ATTA to its members - the present Newsletter does not fulfil this function as there is very little material submitted by the ATTA or its Executive for publication. Presumably there is a lot going on at the official decision-making level, but this is not being sent to me - I have written separately to the President on this matter.
- provide a vehicle of feedback from members on association matters - some members do submit their ideas in this publication, but I do not know whether the ATTA Executive has ever taken any of these suggestions "on board". Substantial contributions in this regard have been made in recent years by Ron Keyhoe, Brian Leggatt, Glenn Tepper, Bob Tuckett and myself.
- add to the prestige of the association, and of the sport.
- spread information to generate interest in the association's activities - we do already distribute to some libraries and schools, and the more the better.
- provide a permanent record of the year's activity in table tennis in Australia - I do my best to achieve this but I am dependent on input from others who know what has happened - this problem will be further developed later in the report.
- make money - many publications are profit-making.
- provide a vehicle for returning benefits gained, i.e. free advertisements for people who provide sponsorship or other benefits to the association.

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FINANCE

COSTS of the publication can be divided into three categories:-

- (a) Distribution. Current distribution is as follows:-
- by rail to NSW, South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland.
 - by air to Victoria (carried Wagga-Melbourne by Kendall Airlines in return for a free advertisement).
 - by mail to Tasmania.
 - about 70 copies of each issue mailed individually to ATTA committee members, life members, contributors, libraries, government, etc.
- (b) Miscellaneous photography, telephone, stationery, editor's honorarium (currently \$500 per year).
- (c) Printing. Obviously the largest cost and the only one which can be substantially manipulated according to the decisions made on finance. The cost of printing can be influenced in three ways -
- number of pages printed in the issue
 - number of copies printed of an issue
 - use of additional colours.

In addition, of course, the whole format of the publication could be changed. The history of the format in recent years, as far as I am aware, has been -

1973 material typed and offset printed on foolscap paper folded.

1974-76 ..material type-set and offset printed in tabloid format.

1977 the present format adopted.

There is virtually no difference in costs between the tabloid and the present format - same amount of type and illustrations, same amount of paper used, etc. There is also no saving in costs by using a cheaper paper - this takes more time to go through the machines which negates the saving in paper costs. An illustration of the present costs of printing (at the present printer - it is unlikely that any better price would be obtained from a metropolitan printer as this job would be considered "too small" for their most economic processes) is -

	<u>4,000 copies</u>	<u>2,000copies</u>
32 pages (B and W)	\$2,100	\$1,250
24 pages (four-colour)	2,000	1,350
24 pages (B and W)	1,700	1,200

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Costs of the four-colour printing on the cover arise from two sources -

- i. making colour separation negatives
- ii. making plates and additional machining

and the above-quoted costs include only ii. and not i. as that cost has been born by the advertiser in the past.

INCOME from the publication comes from several sources:-

- (a) the general funds of the association - obviously we would like to minimise the contribution necessary from this source;
- (b) advertising income from this source has been variable. Over the last three years we have had as little as \$400 and as much as \$1,380 in an issue. You are aware of my opinion that the advertising revenue should be substantially increased. I feel that we have a good-quality publication and that we should be able to attract advertisements from a variety of sources, including travel, food and drink, insurance, financial, sportswear, oil, etc. as well as the importers, manufacturers and distributors of table tennis equipment. This will obviously depend on total circulation to some extent - I will refer to this later in the report.
- (c) subscription sales a negligible source in recent years as we have only had 10-20 subscribers, who have been more nuisance than value. However, it is worth noting that the Council's decision in 1976 to change format from tabloid to booklet was made with the objective of selling the magazine through newsagents, etc. The change was made, but the sales objective was not followed up. Other table tennis magazines - England, Scotland - sell for the equivalent of \$1 and the U.S. magazine has an annual subscription.

Other possible sources of income which I have suggested previously, and include again here for the purposes of completeness, could include -

- (d) payment by State Associations for the copies that they receive. At the very least, they could make a contribution. For example, the ATTA could decide on a basic printing of 1,500 copies to be distributed to the States on the basis of their national membership. This may entitle Victoria to, say, 400 copies. If Victoria wants 650 copies they could pay 30 cents for each additional copy. For this, we can give them a half-page advertisement to advertise their centre, or a tournament, or whatever. A variation of this approach would be to impose a compulsory levy on States for their copies, and allow States to reduce this levy by the amount of any additional advertising that they can come up with. In the last 10 years Queensland has been the only State to have paid for advertising in the Newsletter - they have "paid their way" and there is no reason why other States cannot do the same.

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- (e) there are a number of firms and individuals making money out of table tennis in Australia - only some of these are supporting the sport through advertising in the Newsletter. The U.S. Association, for one, makes a levy on all equipment used in the U.S. in return for which the distributor can claim "official approval", and the equipment can be used in official tournaments. As far as I am aware, we only do this now with balls. If this was extended, there would be more money available for the Newsletter as well as for other projects, and of course the distributors could be again given the free advertisements for their "official" products.

CONTENT

As I tried to stress to last year's GPM, the "financial crisis" is only a part of the Newsletter's present problems. The other major part is the "information crisis" - people are just not sending me the information to be printed. My ambitions of making the Newsletter a complete record of the year's activity in table tennis - mentioned previously - are being frustrated by the inability of the State Associations to appoint reliable correspondents. I need, in each State, a correspondent who will be responsible for sending me, promptly -

- results of open tournaments, and State closed, with brief commentary.
- interesting articles about players, officials, juniors, sponsors, etc.
- photographs (suitable for publication) of the above.

At present, we do not have any such reliable State correspondents. In the past, we have been successful with Jim Bond in Queensland, Terry Halling in New South Wales, Alan Cleaves in Victoria, but now all I am receiving is the contributions of some individual tournament promoters with no effort at co-ordination or completeness, and virtually no photographs or general-interest stories.

As usual, the trouble is at the top - I just cannot get any information about the National League and this has been a problem since the League started. Also, it is difficult to get good reports when Australian teams travel overseas. In my opinion, it should be a part of the duty of the manager of a team overseas to supply report and photographs for publication. If the ATTA is paying only a part of the manager's expenses, then there should be this duty to report back to the full membership through the Newsletter. Also, State appointments to the ATTA Council should also carry the responsibility of ensuring that the State's activities are fully recorded in the Newsletter.

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FORMAT

I think that we have now arrived at a good format for the Newsletter - attractive in presentation and easy to handle. It would be good if we could keep up the full-colour cover. However, financing a full-colour cover has caused other problems including one which causes me a great deal of frustration - the on-again off-again publication.

We should have regular publication of four issues per year, normally in April, June, August and October. This allows a reasonable spread of information and has been found satisfactory in the past. The huge financial losses caused by going into colour have kept us down to three issues in 1983, only two in 1984 and probably three in 1985. I must say that I am not at all happy with this set-up - any restriction in size and regularity leads to leaving material out, as well as negating the very important communication function of the Newsletter. For example, we have not been able to say anything about the forthcoming Australia Cup, or this year's Asian Junior Champs.

The Newsletter Committee's intention in venturing into the colour field was to make the publication more obviously attractive to advertisers. Well, we now have the "saleable" item - if advertisers are not attracted in the next few months then we should probably go back to black-and-white. I would prefer four issues of black-and-white to two or three issues with full colour.

FUTURE DISTRIBUTION

Noises have been made about the possibility of printing 10,000 copies and mailing them to each individual registered member. My researches on this topic have disclosed the following costings:-

Printing 10,000 copies of 32 pages, four-colour
cover (excluding negative separation, as usual) ... \$5,000
approx.

Printing 20,000 wrappers 500
approx.

Printing 20,000 envelopes and supplying 1,500
approx.

(these are November 1984 costings)

leading to a per-individual-copy basis of .. magazine 50 cents
postage $\frac{23}{73}$ " 73 cents

Wrapping $2\frac{1}{2}$ "
or envelope $7\frac{1}{2}$ "

making an all-up total of around 75 or 80 cents depending on
wrapping/envelopes plus a little extra for labour involved in

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this packaging exercise. At four issues per year we would be looking at around \$3 to \$3.50 per member costs, which could well be added to the membership fee. If you do this, and send them the Newsletter, then you have an obvious answer to anyone who asks ... "What do we get for our membership fee?". If this were the only way of getting the Newsletter, it may be an attraction for people to join. Also, the greater circulation would make the Newsletter more attractive to advertisers, and of course higher rates could be charged. On the other hand, some present advertisers (who may regard their advertisement as a necessary "donation" to the ATTA) may not want to pay the extra.

I hope that these comments are found to be helpful, and I await the decisions of the GPM.

Doug Stewart
Editor, ATTA NEWSLETTER - 1973-1985

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