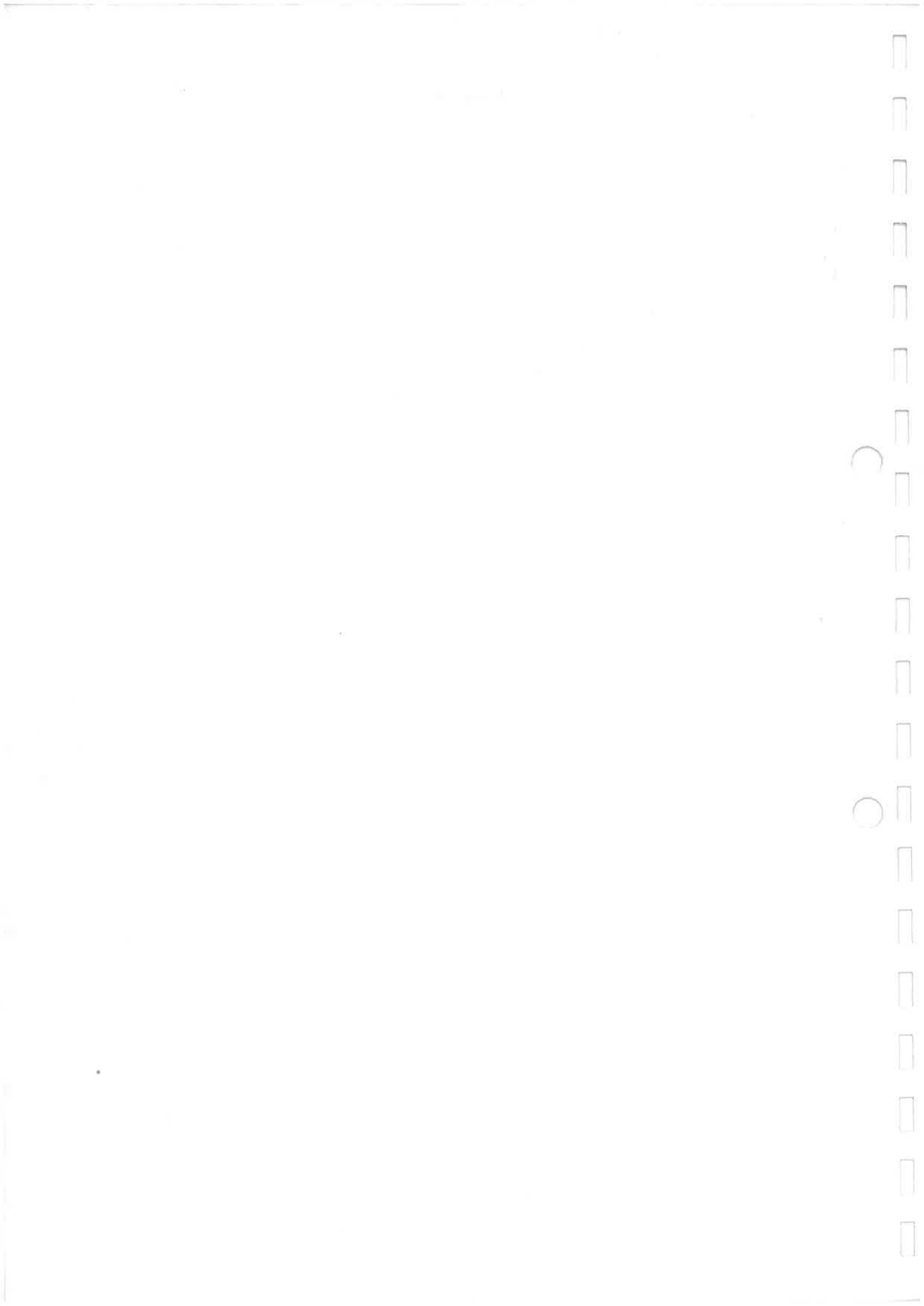


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AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA D.S. Parker
(Resigned April, 1984)
R. Robertson
(Appointed May, 1984)TASMANIA L.H. Wharmby
(Retired February, 1984)
N.L. Harwood
(Appointed February, 1984)

QUEENSLAND P.J. Bond

VICTORIA A. Tabone

WESTERN AUSTRALIA L.Y. Hitchen

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LIFE MEMBERSH.K. BOWLER (New South Wales)
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R.A. VARDON (South Australia)

AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION1983-84 COMMITTEES

<u>SELECTORS</u>	N.L. HARWOOD (Chairman) - Retired April, W. OATEY (Chairman) - appointed June V. MATISON E. COSTER - appointed May, 1984
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JIM SUMNER

RECORDS OFFICER K. JAVOR

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FEDERATION L.A. HAYCRAFT (Vice President)
H.K. BOWLER (Press Committee)
N.J. BELL (Olympic Commission)
N.L. HARWOOD (Delegate)

AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION
COMMONWEALTH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION
ASIAN TABLE TENNIS UNION (ASSOCIATE)
OCEANIA TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION
CONFEDERATION OF AUSTRALIAN SPORT

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REPORT OF HONORARY GENERAL SECRETARY FOR THE
YEAR 1st JULY, 1983 to 30th JUNE, 1984

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PERSONNEL

MR. LAURIE WHARMBY, the Tasmanian Delegate, was elected President at our General Personal Meeting in Perth in September. Laurie was elected unopposed following Len Hitchen's decision not to seek re-election due to business pressures.

MR. KEITH BOWLER was elected Vice President to fill the vacancy left by Laurie Wharmby.

MR. NEIL HARWOOD was elected ATTA Delegate by the Tasmanian Association when Mr. Wharmby decided he could serve table tennis best by holding only one position.

MR. DAVID PARKER, the South Australian delegate, resigned and was replaced by MR. ROBERT ROBINSON.

The Chairman of Selectors, MR. HARWOOD, did not seek re-election and Messrs. COSTER, MATISON and OATEY were elected as the Australian Selectors.

Mr. W. Oatey was subsequently elected as Chairman.

1983 GENERAL PERSONAL MEETING

The 1983 General Personal Meeting was held in Perth during the Australian Open Championships from 3rd to 9th September, 1983 and a summary of decisions made were:-

THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION was granted the right to hold the Australian Junior Championships at the Len Fletcher Pavilion, Perth, from 19th to 25th May, 1984.

THE VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION was granted the right to hold the Australian Open Championships and the inaugural Australian Closed Championships at the Albert Park Centre, Melbourne, from 29th September to 5th October, 1984.

THE TASMANIAN ASSOCIATION was granted the right to hold the first Australian Veterans' Championships, teams and individual events, at the Kingston Sports Centre, Hobart, in November, 1984.

T.S.P. balls were adopted for the Junior and Open Championships.

The OFFICE BEARERS elected for the 1983-84 year were:-

PRESIDENT	Mr. L.H. Wharmby	(Tas.)
VICE PRESIDENT	Mr. H.K. Bowler	(NSW)
HON. GENERAL SECRETARY	Mr. N.J. Bell	(SA)
HON. TREASURER	Mr. S.L. Pardey	(SA)
HON. INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY	Mr. L.A. Haycraft	(Vic)
RECORDS OFFICER	Mr. K. Javor	(Vic)

All the above were elected unopposed, with the except of Mr. Bell, who defeated Mr. Doug. Stewart (NSW) in a ballot.

It was resolved that His Excellency, the Governor-General of Australia, Sir Ninian Stephen, would be invited to fill the office of PATRON.

The NATIONAL LEAGUE COMMITTEE and the NATIONAL LEAGUE ORGANISING COMMITTEE were to be chaired by Mr. Angelo Tabone, with Dr. Ron Bayly and Mr. Eric Coster the other members of the National League Committee.

The CLASSIFIED PLAYERS REGULATION (No. 62) was replaced by the new "AMATEUR ELIGIBILITY CLAUSE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION".

APPROVED DATES FOR 1984 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS WERE:-

VICTORIA SENIOR	22nd July
JUNIOR	21st July
TASMANIA	18th August
NEW SOUTH WALES	4th and 5th August

The INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS REGISTRATION SCHEME was finally approved, to come into effect from 1st January, 1984, with payment by States on 30th June, followed by returns on 30th September and 31st December. The registration would be for a calendar year with a \$2 fee for 1984.

It was decided to hold the AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR and AUSTRALIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS on consecutive weeks in 1985.

Approval was given for Australian teams to participate in the 1st ASIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS in Bahrain in December, 1983 and the ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS in Islamabad in 1984.

It was agreed that the RULES COMMITTEE would undertake a review of the Association's Constitution, with a Board of Management or Management Committee being included. State Associations to pass their views to the Rules Committee for consideration.

The ITTF law on bat coverings was adopted and would come into effect on 1st January, 1984 for Open Championships and for all other grades and tournaments from 1st January, 1985. It was also agreed that in the Australian Championships from 1984, all doubles matches would be "the best of 3 games".

It was resolved that MR. BOND and the NEWSLETTER EDITOR would investigate other methods of preparing and printing the NEWSLETTER and associated costs and that they would prepare guidelines to instruct States on how to distribute the Newsletter and ways of seeking new advertisers.

The TREASURER would supply to the Editor a copy of the Balance Sheet, with explanations, for printing in the next issue, to advise members of our financial situation.

Membership of the AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC FEDERATION would be applied for when four States were members of their State Olympic Committee.

All qualified UMPIRES and accredited COACHES must be members of the ATTA through a State Association, and this to be effective from 1st January, 1984.

Approval was given for the TREASURER to open an account to be known as the ATTA TRUST ACCOUNT NO. 1 for contract members/players.

Members from South Australia and Queensland would be the first to be entered on the proposed NATIONAL PLAYERS REGISTER, with the other States to be phased in during 1985 and 1986 and that the information would be computerised.

The committee formed to discuss guidelines for the conduct of future Junior Championships tabled their recommendations and these were agreed, with some minor alterations - and passed.

The General Secretary was to receive a copy of the invitation sent by the 'Home State' to invited umpires before any subsidy would be paid.

MR. COSTER agreed to co-ordinate the return given to sponsors for sponsorship received and the RULES COMMITTEE would add to the Regulations a requirement that V.I.P's and sponsors would receive an invitation to major tournaments and functions.

The Council Members expressed their concern with the EXCESSIVE USE OF GAMESMANSHIP by players and the LACK OF CONTROL by referees over players' conduct during championships.

THE TREASURER was granted permission to have the Association become a "COMPANY BY GUARANTEE".

The selectors and Eric Coster were given approval to meet to discuss a programme for "RANKINGS BY COMPUTER" and to present a report to Council.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Association had been invited to send teams to the first Asian Junior Championships, and the following players were nominated by the selectors:-

<u>BOYS</u>		<u>GIRLS</u>	
M. Walker	(NSW)	A. Campbell	(NSW)
P. Tonkin	(Vic)	K. Tepper	(Vic)
P. Mirams	(Tas)	C. Robertson	(SA)
I. Irvine	(Qld)		
MANAGER/N.P.C. Mr. A. Tabone		(Vic)	
Non Playing Captain		Miss B. Punch	
		(WA)	

The boys' team finished tenth out of twenty-one and the girls' team fifth out of thirteen.

The Association had also been invited to send men and women's teams to the Asian Championships due to be held early 1984 but was eventually scheduled for September. In May Mr. Haycraft was informed of a further postponement.

Mr. Haycraft, as Vice-President for Oceania, attended the International Table Tennis Federation's Council Meeting in West Germany in May.

At the G.P.M. Mr. Haycraft tabled the minutes of the Oceania Table Tennis Federation meeting held in Sydney in September, 1982 and the Commonwealth Table Tennis Association meeting held in Kuala Lumpur in April, 1983 during the 7th Commonwealth Championships.

It was decided that the Newsletter Committee could nominate the Editor, or other suitable representative, to:-

- (a) service Australian news agencies as directed by the ATTA;
- (b) prepare and distribute publicity material on team members, the ATTA and table tennis in Australia;
- (c) report on the tournament/tour for the ATTA Newsletter at overseas international events.

The International Secretary was to take up with the New Zealand Table Tennis Association the expected standard of behaviour of New Zealand team members during their participation in the Junior Championships.

In reply to his letter of enquiry, the General Secretary advised that the Department of Sport had agreed that the Association could invite the Chinese-Taipei Table Tennis Association to Australia, but the granting of visas would depend on the styling of their team as representing China-Taipei, as agreed by the I.T.T.F.

Messrs. Ward and Javor were given permission to enter team competitions as 'Australia' during their overseas tour immediately after the 1983 Australian Open.

Messrs. Daniellson and Haberl were selected to play two New Zealand players for the right to represent Oceania in the World Cup. Tommy Daniellson won this tournament.

The report by the International Secretary, Mr. Haycraft, covers all other international affairs and the I.T.T.F. Council Meeting and is included in this document.

COACHING

The National Director of Coaching, Mr. Ron Moule, has continued his excellent work in the coaching area and has organised coaching seminars, clinics and camps. A Coaches Forum was also organised at the Australian Institute of Sport, Canberra.

The Junior Training Camp, held again at the Parnanga Recreation Centre, Adelaide, was very popular with the players invited, who gained the experience of intensive training provided by the coaches.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Unfortunately, the second year of the National League was again restricted to teams from Victoria, South Australia and the A.C.T. due to the financial burden of involving teams from other States. A full report from the Chairman, Mr. Tabone, is included in this document.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee have had many important subjects to deal with and met by correspondence during the period under review, as well as having a personal meeting in Adelaide.

DECISIONS TAKEN AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL WERE:-

- (a) The appointment of Mr. Ron Moule for a further twelve months as National Director of Coaching, with an option on both sides for a further twelve months.
- (b) The appointment of a National Executive Director from the 1st July, 1985, with the President, Vice-President and General Secretary to comprise a working party to report to Council.

The report to include job specification, personnel specification, establishment and annual costs. These matters to be considered by Council Members prior to a final decision at the G.P.M. in Melbourne in October.

- (c) The preparation of the 1984-85 Budget for approval by States.

- (d) The preparation of the Grants Application and priorities to be submitted to the Federal Government.
- (e) That the "200 CLUB" be abandoned unless a minimum of fifty members paid their subscriptions.
- (f) That the President visit Canberra annually for talks with the officers of the Department of Sport, Recreation and Tourism.
- (g) Date and times for the initial sessions of the 1984 G.P.M.
- (h) That States be invited to submit applications for the Oceania Championships to be held in 1986 and the Qualifying Tournament for the 1985 World Cup.
- (i) Mr. Bowler was given permission to form a committee, with a representative from all States, to meet in Melbourne during the 'Australian', to look at ways of improving table tennis in all aspects and at all levels.

The President advised that the Rules Committee were not prepared to submit alterations to the Constitution until States intimated what changes they thought should be required. Mr. Coster's suggestion on the formation of a Board of Management was discussed and agreed in principle.

The Vice President suggested that the history of the Association should be updated and presented in a book form. Mr. Bowler agreed to obtain the necessary information and present a draft.

Council Members and State Secretaries received a summary of the Executive Committee meeting.

AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC FEDERATION

The Association's application for membership of the Australian Olympic Federation will be considered at the September 1984 meeting of the Federation.

With table tennis being a participating sport at the 1988 Olympic Games, it is essential that we become a member of the Australian Olympic Federation to ensure that Australian players can compete at the Olympic Games and that we gain the benefits which are available to Olympic sports.

NEWSLETTER

The lack of finance has restricted the Newsletter to three issues and this is a subject which will be debated at the 1984 G.P.M. Everyone agrees that it is an excellent publication but the lack of subscribers and advertisers is a serious problem.

CONFEDERATION OF AUSTRALIAN SPORT

Messrs. Haycraft and Bell represented the Association at the Annual General Meeting of the Confederation of Australian Sport. The meeting was held at the New Hill Stand, Flemington Racecourse, Melbourne on the 14th and 15th December, 1983.

The main items on the agenda were "Tobacco Sponsorship of Sport", the "Role of the Confederation", the "Discussion Paper on a National Sports Plan" and the "National Sports Commission".

GENERAL

At the 1984 Junior Championships in Perth, approximately ninety players, coaches and parents signed a petition expressing concern at the decision to have the Junior and Open Championships on consecutive weeks later in the year than the current time of the 'Junior'. This petition will be discussed at the 1984 G.P.M.

The General Secretary, who was in Canberra at an Administrator Workshop, was joined by the President and they had very useful discussions with Mr. Dene Moore, Director, and other officers of the Sport and Recreation Division.

The Umpires Committee held their first Umpires Seminar in Melbourne. There was an attendance of five of the six Committee members, many Victorian Umpires and three interstate umpires. A panel of guest speakers was arranged by Mr. Clive Gadd and these included Dr. R. Bayly, V.T.T.A. President, Mr. L.A. Haycraft, International Secretary, Mr. R. Lindroth, V.T.T.A. Development Officer, Mr. I. Robinson, V.F.L. Umpire, Mr. A. Tabone and Mr. R. Chadband, International Umpires.

All Umpires expressed their thanks to the A.T.T.A. for the financial assistance towards travel and accommodation for the interstate committee members.

The Treasurer completed the computer programming of the Association's financial records, issuing up-to-date statements to Council Members during the year. This has enabled the members to be aware of the current situation - something which has not always been known in past years. This is not a criticism of our previous efficient treasurers, but a reflection on the out-of-date system previously used.

A table of affiliations and registrations is not included in this Annual Report due to the fact that this information was not received from State Associations, who were to make their first return by 30th June under the new Players Registration Scheme. The total number of players' fees received at the time of preparing this report was

Congratulations to the Western Australian Table Tennis Association for the manner in which they undertook the task of hosting the Open and Junior Championships during the year and, considering that they are having similar problems as other State Associations in obtaining honorary officials to organise table tennis, their efforts were up to the usual high standard visitors to the west have come to expect.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1983

The 37th Australian Open Championships were hosted by the Western Australia Table Tennis Association at the Len Fletcher Pavilion, North Perth from 4th to 9th September, 1983, with our friends from the Northern Territory again competing in the men's team event.

Victoria regained the Men's Team Trophy from New South Wales and retained the Women's Team Shield.

Teams finishing order was:-

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

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

Keith Bowler Trophy

R.H. Jones Shield

VICTORIA

VICTORIA

The Individual Events went as expected, with all the seeded players making the quarter finals. The Men's Singles Final was an excellent match between Gary Haberl (NSW) and Tommy Danielsson (Vic) with Gary winning the first game, Tommy the second and third, before Gary gained the title 18 and 18 in the fourth and final games.

The Women's Singles Final was a very even game, but Shelly Munday (Vic) proved too steady for Nadia Bisiach (Vic) to whom she had previously lost in the under 21 event.

Winners and runners-up of all events were:-

MEN's SINGLES

WINNER	G. Haberl	New South Wales
RUNNER UP	T. Danielsson	Victoria

WOMEN's SINGLES

WINNER	S. Munday	Victoria
RUNNER UP	N. Bisiach	Victoria

MEN's DOUBLES

WINNERS	G. Haberl	New South Wales
	R. Carlyle	South Australia
RUNNERS UP	T. Danielsson	Victoria
	G. Tepper	Victoria

WOMEN's DOUBLES

WINNERS	S. Munday	Victoria
	N. Bisiach	Victoria
RUNNERS UP	B. Benli	Victoria
	K. Tepper	Victoria

MIXED DOUBLES

WINNERS	M. Johns	Western Australia
	C. Maisey	Western Australia
RUNNERS UP	G. Haberl	New South Wales
	D. Horder	Tasmania

BOYS UNDER 21 SINGLES

WINNER	G. Haberl	New South Wales
RUNNER UP	I. McLoughlin	Victoria

GIRLS UNDER 21 SINGLES

WINNER	B. Benli	Victoria
RUNNER UP	S. Munday	Victoria

VETERANS' SINGLES

WINNER	I. Klaf	Victoria
RUNNER UP	E. Herman	South Australia

MEN'S CONSOLATION SINGLES

WINNER	J. Cooney	Queensland
RUNNER UP	E. Herman	South Australia

WOMEN'S CONSOLATION SINGLES

WINNER	L. Whiteford	New South Wales
RUNNER UP	B. Bird	South Australia

1983 AUSTRALIAN RANKINGS

<u>MEN</u>			<u>WOMEN</u>	
1.	G. Haberl	NSW (4)	S. Munday	Vic (8)
2.	T. Danielsson	Vic (2)	D. Horder	Tas (2)
3.	B. Tuckett	Vic (3)	N. Bisiach	Vic (4)
4.	R. Javor	SA (5)	A. Campbell	NSW (6)
5.	G. Tepper	Vic (6)	S. Swan	Qld (-)
6.	N. Ward	SA (8)	B. Benli	Vic (-)
7.	A. Jakubczak	Vic (-)	L. Whiteford	NSW (-)
8.	M. Johns	WA (-)	L. Godley	SA (-)
9.	G. Thomas	Qld (-)	A. McDonnell	Qld (10)
10.	J. Cooney	Qld (-)	K. Tepper	Vic (-)

Figures in brackets indicate 1982 Rankings

PLAYER OF THE YEAR VICTOR BARNA TROPHY

Shelley Munday (Vic.)

JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR .. MICHAEL SZABADOS MEMORIAL TROPHY

Andrea Campbell (NSW)

AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1984

The 4th Australian Junior Championships were hosted by the Western Australian Table Tennis Association - again at the Len Fletcher Pavilion - during May 19th to 25th, with the young and inexperienced New Zealand players finishing third in the Under-17 Boys and Girls Section.

Victoria received a shock in the Under-17 Boys and Under-15 Girls Section, losing the titles to the Queensland Boys and Girls teams.

TEAM EVENTS

UNDER 17 BOYS

1. Queensland (5)
2. Victoria (1)
3. New Zealand (2)
4. South Australia (3)
5. New South Wales (4)
6. Western Australia (7)
7. Tasmania (6)

J.P. OLIPHANT TROPHY

QUEENSLAND

UNDER 17 GIRLS

1. Victoria (1)
2. New South Wales (3)
3. New Zealand (5)
4. South Australia (2)
5. Western Australia (6)
6. Tasmania (7)
7. Queensland (4)

K.G. HAINES BOWL

VICTORIA

UNDER 15 BOYS

1. Victoria (1)
2. New South Wales (4)
3. Queensland (3)
4. South Australia (2)
5. Tasmania (5)
6. Western Australia (6)

WAL SAVIGE TROPHY

VICTORIA

UNDER 15 GIRLS

1. Queensland (4)
2. Victoria (1)
3. South Australia (2)
4. New South Wales (6)
5. Tasmania (5)
6. W. Australia (3)

JOHN HANNON TROPHY

QUEENSLAND

The Individual Events provided some upsets with the under 17 Boys Final being won by Andrew Moore (Vic) unseeded against Stuart Campbell (SA) seeded No. 5. The No. 1 and No. 2 seeds made the Under 17 Girls and Under 15 Boys Finals but unseeded Kristine Ledenac (SA) made the Under 15 Girls Final and met the No. 2 seed L. Shvartsberg (NSW)

WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP WERE:-

UNDER 17 BOYS SINGLES

WINNER	A. Moore	Victoria
RUNNER UP	S. Campbell	South Australia

UNDER 17 BOYS DOUBLES

WINNERS	M. Kampl	Victoria
	B. Turner	Victoria
RUNNERS UP ...	A. Moore	Victoria
	E. Kasser	Victoria

UNDER 17 GIRLS SINGLES

WINNER	J. Tepper	Victoria
RUNNER UP	A. Campbell	New South Wales

UNDER 17 GIRLS DOUBLES

WINNERS	J. Tepper S. Mitchell	Victoria South Australia
RUNNERS UP	A. Campbell L. Shvartsberg	New South Wales New South Wales

UNDER 17 MIXED DOUBLES

WINNERS	S. Campbell S. Mitchell	South Australia South Australia
RUNNERS UP	G. Traill E. Hoete	New Zealand New Zealand

UNDER 15 BOYS SINGLES

WINNER	D. Lee	South Australia
RUNNER UP	D. Naber	Victoria

UNDER 15 BOYS DOUBLES

WINNERS	D. Naber B. Peel	Victoria Victoria
RUNNERS UP ...	M. Searle G. Boyce	Queensland Queensland

UNDER 15 GIRLS SINGLES

WINNER	L. Shvartsberg	New South Wales
RUNNER UP	K. Ledenac	South Australia

UNDER 15 GIRLS DOUBLES

WINNERS	C. Schreenan C. Tonkin	Victoria Victoria
RUNNERS UP	K. Robertson K. Ledenac	South Australia South Australia

UNDER 15 MIXED DOUBLES

WINNERS	D. Naber C. Schreenan	Victoria Victoria
RUNNERS UP	M. Rey C. Tonkin	Victoria Victoria

1984 AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR RANKINGSUNDER 17 BOYS

1.	I. Irvine	Qld (-)
2.	E. Kasser	Vic (9)
3.	S. Campbell	SA (-)
4.	G. Bianchi	Qld (-)
5.	B. Turner	Vic (-)
6.	M. Kilden	WA (6)
7.	M. Drage	SA (-)
8.	J. Measham	SA (-)
9.	M. Bowrey	NSW (-)
10.	R. Bonney	Tas (-)

UNDER 17 GIRLS

1.	J. Tepper	Vic (6)
2.	A. Campbell	NSW (1)
3.	J. Langridge	Vic (5)
4.	D. Hughes	Vic (-)
5.	S. Mitchell	SA (9)
6.	F. Stennard	Tas (-)
7.	H. Crowder	NSW (10)
8.	C. Korff	SA (-)
9.	S. Cosic	SA (-)
10.	K. Foster	WA (-)

Andrew Moore (8) not ranked due
to insufficient performances

UNDER 15 BOYS

1.	D. Naber	Vic (4)
2.	D. Lee	SA (5)
3.	D. Brady	Qld (6)
4.	G. Boyce	Qld (-)
5.	R. Tepper	Vic (-)
6.	M. Rey	Vic (-)
7.	M. Palmay	NSW (-)
8.	P. Ly	NSW (-)
9.	M. Lee	SA (-)
10.	C. Forster	Tas (-)

UNDER 15 GIRLS

1.	A. Muguirra	Qld (5)
2.	K. Ledenac	SA (-)
3.	L. Shvartsberg	NSW (-)
4.	C. Schreenan	Vic (9)
5.	N. Freeland	Vic (-)
6.	T. Grant	Qld (-)
7.	K. Liddle	NSW (-)
8.	K. Robertson	SA (-)
9.	N. Orosz	Vic (-)
10.	M. McCoull	Tas (-)

Figures in brackets indicate 1983 Rankings

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

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Not received as at 14th September. 1984

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ANNUAL REPORT FROM HON. INTERNATIONAL
SECRETARY

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INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Australia sent both a boys and girls team to Bahrain for the 1st Asian Junior Championships which were held from December 15-23, 1983.

Special mention must be made of the excellent results obtained by Matthew Walker from Sydney and Kerri Tepper from Melbourne in these Championships.

The Team Manager reported that the Championships were conducted in an exemplary manner by the Bahrain TTA and the conduct of the Australian Team members was at all times excellent.

The World Cup for 16 men players is scheduled to be played in Kuala Lumpur from 29 August to 2 September 1984. Oceania is entitled to enter one player in this event, to be decided at a round robin competition between 2 players from Australia and 2 players from New Zealand. This competition was held in Upper Hutt Town Hall, New Zealand, on Saturday, 17th March 1984, and resulted in a win for Tommy Danielsson of Australia, with National Champion, Gary Haberl, in 2nd place.

The biennial Council Meeting of the International Table Tennis Federation was held at Herzogemarauch, Federal Republic of Germany from 28-31 May 1984. The zone of Oceania was represented by the Vice President for Oceania, Mr. Len Haycraft of Melbourne and by Council Member, Mr. Ken Wilkinson, of Wellington. 29 Council Members discussed a lengthy agenda, which included the inclusion of Table Tennis in the Olympic games in Seoul in 1988, and the method of selecting the 64 men and 32 women who will compete in the Singles events in these games. The President advised that the I.O.C. would not agree to teams events being included in the program, but that he would endeavour to obtain a wider representation in the future.

The Council agreed to recommend to the Congress to be held in conjunction with the next World Championships at Gothenburg, Sweden, from 28 March - 7 April 1985, that Oceania be allowed 2 men and 1 woman in the singles events in the 1988 Olympic Games, these players to be selected by the Oceania Table Tennis Federation.

The Council approved the application by India to conduct the 1987 World Championships in Delhi in March of that year.

The First Asian Cup Tournament was held in Wuxi, China, from 8 - 11 October, 1983, for 32 men and 16 women players. The Chinese TTA invited 2 men players from Australia and the Australia-China Council kindly agreed to make payment of their airfares. Tommy Danielsson and Bob Tuckett - both from Melbourne - were selected, and although not successful in reaching the second round, reported that they received a warm welcome, and enjoyed competing against some of the best players in the world.

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INTERNATIONAL EVENTS ... continued

Arrangements have now been completed for an 8 day tour of the Eastern States by a strong Japanese Men's Team in August 1984, for a Chinese 'Sports Spectacular' (including 10 Table Tennis personnel) in September, 1984, and for both Men's and Women's teams to play in the Asian Championships in Pakistan in October, 1984.

L.A. HAYCRAFT

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REPORT OF NATIONAL JUNIOR COMMITTEE

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TABLE BEHAVIOUR

Again it is necessary to report that indifferent table behaviour and poor sportsmanship continues to plague Junior Championships. It was necessary for the referee to warn at least 3 players during the course of the Championships. Just how much work is being done by State Associations to alleviate this problem?

PLAYING REGULATIONS

The foot stamping regulation was enforced for the Championships and it was quite evident a number of players had not been educated sufficiently to remove this tactic method or "habit" from their game. Prior to the commencement of the Championships, the referee addressed all players on the enforcement of this rule but in many cases it appeared to go unheeded. This was most evident in the final of the U/17 Boys Singles when both players were warned and subsequently penalised for foot stamping. More work needs to be done educating players when changes are made to the regulations.

OFFICIAL SCORESHEETS

Has any progress been made with the adoption of an A.T.T.A Official Scoresheet for National Championships - both senior and junior? This suggestion was put forward in the report of the 1983 National Junior Committee.

ELECTION OF NATIONAL JUNIOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

For the 1984 Junior Championships, only one member of the elected Committee was in attendance. Messrs. G. Smith (Q) and B. Robertson (SA) were elected as substitute members by the Managers Meeting. The National Junior Committee for these Championships recommends to the A.T.T.A. the following -

1. Any person nominating for membership of the National Junior Committee must first indicate his/her involvement with junior players either at a state or national level and must have attended at least one National Junior Championships prior to accepting nomination. (Familiarization and knowledge of players is necessary when assessing players for seeded positions.)
2. Any person accepting nomination must be prepared to attend the Junior Championships the year following his/her election to the Committee.

SELECTION OF AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR TEAMS

The stand-in National Junior Committee is strongly in favour of Australian Junior Teams being selected by the Committee.

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REPORT OF NATIONAL JUNIOR COMMITTEE ... continued

The members of this Committee are in a position to assess a player's ability, attitude and behaviour. both on and off the table. at the Junior Championships. How a player handles a pressure situation on the table plays an important role in the impression this player creates to onlookers. As it would seem the Asian Junior Championships are going to be an ongoing event. it is important players selected to represent Australia should have earned this honour not only because of their playing ability but also their attitude towards the game and the people who are part of it. It is also important that players selected in an Australian team are able to "get on" with other team members thus not creating friction and ill feelings towards each other.

G. SMITH)	
B. ROBERTSON)	NATIONAL JUNIOR
B. PUNCH (Miss))	COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF COACHING'S REPORT

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The first year of the part-time N.D.C. position has been reasonably successful and, with a number of problem areas sorted out, the way is open for 1984/85 to move from consolidation and feet-finding to more productive developmental work. Good records of the year's activities plus a clearer job description has placed the N.D.C. position on a healthy footing. Relationships between the N.D.C. and C.A.S., the A.I.S. and the Federal Department of Sport & Recreation are good, which has resulted in high levels of servicing and assistance from these bodies.

I. CONSOLIDATION:

- (1) The coaching register is updated, accurate. and all badges. certificates. etc. distributed.
- (2) The ACTON scheme has been reorganised and revitalized.
- (3) The Talent Identification and Testing Programme has been clarified, loose ends tidied. assessed and redirected for 1984/85.
- (4) Application to admit Table Tennis to the A.I.S. has been researched and a formal submission lodged.
- (5) Good communication with State Directors has been established through individual contact and circulars. S.C.D.'s have greater opportunity to participate in decision making than before.
- (6) The relationship with C.A.S. has been clarified and during the 1984 reassessment of coaches our responsibilities in this area will be finalised.

II. MAJOR PROJECTS & REPORTS have been circulated on -

- (1) Table Tennis and the A.I.S.
- (2) 1983 Forum, with numerous recommendations on coaching and related matters.
- (3) 1984 National Junior Camp - conducted and reported upon.
- (4) Planning a fact finding visit to C.A.S., A.I.S. and Federal Government.
- (5) National Coaching Forum - June 1984 - conducted with report and 18 hours of tapes available.
- (6) N.D.C. Workshop - April 1984. Report to A.T.T.A. and S.C.D.
- (7) Visit to Queensland - May, 1984 - report not yet issued.
- (8) Non Elite Coaching Scheme - Guidelines.

[All these reports are self-contained and therefore no expansion is needed in this annual report.]

N.D.C.'s REPORT ... continued

III. Funds made available through coaching:

Acton \$
 R.N.S.F. \$1,250.00
 N.T.S. \$5,000
 Non Elite Coaching Scheme \$10,000.00

2. PERIOD - JULY 1st to G.P.M.

- (1) \$10,000 has been obtained under the N.T.S. for the training of the 1985 World's representatives and the U-17 National Camp.
- (2) Grant applications lodged with R.N.S.F.
- (3) Liaison and contact with Canberra to continue the Non Elite Coaching Programme.
- (4) Reassessment of coaches.
- (5) Planning is under way for -
 - (i) 1984/85 Forum
 - (ii) Training Camp - World's Team
 - (iii) National Under 17 Camp with incorporation of Talent Identification Programme.
- (6) Attending Sports Forum in Brisbane September 14th.

3. BEYOND G.P.M.

- (1) Participation in the 84/85 Research Projects Funding
- (2) Attempt greater participation for both senior and junior athletes under the National Athlete Award Scheme.
- (3) Upgrade our standing with C.A.S., A.I.S. and Federal Department.
- (4) To coordinate a "more common" Level I coaching course with core principles and methods to be covered and appropriate texts, tapes and books provided.
- (5) To establish table tennis within schools nationally:
 - (i) Physical Education Framework
 - (ii) Sporting competition - provision of video tapes, posters, skill teaching material

4. SUMMARY

I would like to thank the State Coaching Directors for their assistance and support in the past twelve months. I would like to direct special thanks to the N.D.C. Committee for their confidence and counsel during the more difficult times of the year. Without being complacent I am happy with the direction our coaching programme is going. There is obviously much more that could be done and undoubtedly will be done when the A.T.T.A. returns to a full-time director. The programmes we are following are not spectacular and will not bring benefits. i.e. more and better players, for some years. While there have been accomplishments in the past year, there have also been disappointments and the slowness

N.D.C.'s REPORT ... continued

to implement some important recommendations from the 1983 Forum is among them. Many traditional values and attitudes are still held by some of our more senior coaches and, in spite of the fact that more information to improve coaching standards is available than ever before, few coaches use the opportunities available to them. "I play - therefore I can coach" is a philosophy that is still placing limitations on our game and will not be replaced for some time.

The advent of National and State Sports Institutes and the evolution of a new breed of coaches who are able to work with the resources offered are the only real prospects for producing the types of coaches and players able to make Australian Table Tennis a serious international contender.

R. MOULE

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NEW SOUTH WALES ANNUAL REPORT

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During the past twelve months one of the main areas of development was a complete updating of the Association's Constitution which was first adopted some 50 years back, naturally with many amendments. However, this was the first major review and changes were made at a two meeting conference, the first a working meeting on changes proposed, then a draft Constitution agreed to and finally approved at a Special General Meeting.

The main change was in the facet of controlling the Association's activities during the year, in the formation of the Council of Management. Previously, a sixteen person committee mainly comprised of metropolitan officials with meetings held in Sydney monthly, the Council now comprises elected President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, with 8 Association representatives, four from both the country and metropolitan areas.

Council meetings are held every two months, alternatively in the city and country. To date, country meetings have been held in Gosford and Goulburn, with the next meeting scheduled for Wollongong.

This type of management has provided the State Association with a full Committee for the first time for some 5 years, indeed, both the country and metropolitan Leagues have officials on 'stand-by' awaiting nomination.

The theory of greater representation and involvement at the top level of management by country officials is well and probably overdue, as our country associations provide in excess of 50% of the registered players in the entire State.

Allied to this change was the introduction of the individual players registration scheme. This meant that NSW was able to reduce the association affiliation fee to a nominal amount and as a result, affiliated associations have increased from 16 to 21, the increase being in small associations - 3 from the country and 2 in the metropolitan area.

The individual players registration scheme has increased some 30-50% the time taken by the State Body in this area. Naturally in any initial year of a new operation, there are teething problems and by improved registration methods next year, this time will be decreased. However, it is still a large dent in the administration hours spent at our office.

It is pleasing to note the increased number of associations, however, at the time of writing the actual number of registered players is well down on the estimated numbers we had last year. We are looking into this but naturally enough, some initial reaction against an individual fee was to be expected.

We continued our excellent relationship with the NSW State Government and owe a lot of our financial stability to generous

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grants received from the Department of Leisure, Sport & Tourism. A change of policy agreed to by the Executive saw the main thrust of our application to part-time staff in three sections, Executive Director, Director of Coaching and an Assistant Administrator, instead of one full-time and one part-time grant last year. It is felt that this move has greatly improved the output of assistance to affiliated bodies and individual players.

All who have followed the progress of the State Indoor Sports Centre at Homebush Bay look forward to its opening late in 1984. This venue which it is understood will be of world class, we hope will play a major part in our activities in the future.

The financial position of the State Association, for the first time in some years, is on the improve and careful management, planning for reserve funds for future development and the prudent use of limited funds at our disposal will result in a vastly improved position at the end of our financial year.

During the past twelve months, a series of seminars on subjects ranging from coaching and umpiring to administrations aspects of running the sport have been conducted and all have been well attended and received. Outside lectures have been used and this facet of the sport will be increased in the coming twelve months.

Plans are in hand to use Department of Sport facilities and lectures at the National Fitness Centre at Narabeen and the Homebush Bay venue when available.

On the playing side, five open championships were held in the period January/June, 1984, with several 'Top Ten' tournaments. Coaching was concentrated in the junior area for the period until the National Junior Championships, then reverted to the senior players for several months, with the Under 14/12 groups also catered for, leading up to their interstate series against Victoria in Wagga Wagga later this year.

Special coaching sessions have also been held for women players not in the top senior ranks and these will be extended to men grade players in coming months.

Visits to schools and youth clubs by our coaches were continued with a greater emphasis on school activity.

Of special interest is the increasing involvement of "Veterans" events, with the first Australian Veterans Championships scheduled for Hobart this year.

We are looking forward to the visits of the Japanese National team in August and the table tennis programme in the Michael Edgley Promotion Sports Spectacular.

QUEENSLAND'S ANNUAL REPORT

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1984 started off very well with many exciting things to take place during the year. These included:

Visit by the New Zealand Team

*Coaching Visit by the Hong Kong National Coach.
Mr. Chen*

Registration of players to be computerised

First year of the Australian Veterans

Visit by the Chinese Team. Chinese Spectacular

Visit by the Japanese Team

All in all, a very promising year. Although exciting, it is also a lot of work, determination and is quite costly as well. Associations would like to take the various overseas visitors but simply cannot afford the expense or the manpower to host certain events. To the Associations who have assisted in this area, thank you for your effort.

Probably the most beneficial activity was the Coaching programme conducted by Mr. Chen. The Junior players did excel themselves during the Australian Titles in Perth and part of their victory must be contributed to the extensive coaching conducted since last year.

ADMINISTRATION

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The office maintained at the Brisbane Table Tennis Association is functioning very well together with the State Administrator position. Both these venues have been in operation for nearly two years now and perhaps could do with a review. The almost full-time manning of the telephone is a great asset together with a central filing system, not to mention the photo-copying facility.

The Executive have been conducting the monthly meetings in conjunction with the monthly agendas. I do not think that most people appreciate the time and effort that the Executive devote to the Queensland Table Tennis Association - the amount of correspondence that emanates from the office is astounding.

PROMOTION

Several sponsors have assisted this year and they included:

*Qantas Air travel for visiting coaches
and players*

T.A.A. Air travel within Australia

Commonwealth Bank Various tournament donations

Homestead Motor

Inns Accommodation

PUBLICITY

Headway has been made in this area this year especially the newspapers. It seems that the country papers are the most active and many clippings have been received at the office. The T.V. Channels are most unreliable - when Ian Irving was selected for the Australian Junior Team for Bahrain, one T.V. station did visit the Brisbane Stadium, shot footage of Ian playing and promised that it would be telecast, but failed in their promise. In conjunction with the Brisbane Table Tennis Association, the Queensland Table Tennis

QUEENSLAND'S ANNUAL REPORT ... continued
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Association staged a Demonstration at the Stafford Shopping Centre.

COACHING

A lot of effort has been given to coaching this year by the State Director of Coaching, Mr. Jim Bond. His work output in this area is an enormous credit to him and he has greatly endeavoured to assist all Associations in Queensland. Various seminars were conducted around the State giving everyone the opportunity to increase their skills in coaching.

MEMBERSHIP

This is the year of the computer. The only problem is that the Association does not own a computer. However, we have acquired the use of a computer and is proving very successful. The new registration forms have gone out to the Associations and the completed forms have been programmed into the computer. In an endeavour to increase membership. we have arranged with the Homestead Motor Inns to sponsor a lucky draw for members who are registered with the Queensland Table Tennis Association. Already there has been a lucky draw. the prize being a weekend for two at any of the Homestead Motels.

DEREK GRANT

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S ANNUAL REPORT

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PENNANT MATCHES

South Australia has organized winter pennant. but teams, and especially the women players, are down in numbers. We had to put the women players into the men's competition, but kept the one top women's grade separate. We are in the process of organizing a Spring Pennant competition. but the response is not good, as players are being encouraged to support their own Club competitions, which is fair enough.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

We have had successful school competitions in both Primary and High School levels. Individual and Lightning Team Carnivals have been held over the first two terms, with further activities programmed during term three.

TOURNAMENTS

Our regular annual tournaments have been conducted with a promotional exercise for the Santos State Championships, with finals played at Apollo Entertainment Centre and. at the conclusion, a supper for invited guests and players. All reports were favourable and this could be a regular event.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

We have gained four new affiliated bodies, but lost three, but numbers are down as most Associations and Clubs have registered less players. The State body is greatly concerned at the decrease in numbers. but find that other States are in much the same situation. This year a pamphlet and registration card was issued to all registered members, this being one advantage of affiliation, but find that it is getting harder every year to convince people to affiliate. as according to the majority of unaffiliated people, we haven't anything that they want.

The Over-40 age group is continuing to flourish, with 8 day groups being conducted. We have a number interested in attending the Veterans Championships in Tasmania.

COACHING

Our application for 1984/85 has been lodged at the S.A. Sports Institute, and is being considered, with the emphasis on junior players. Coaching is being conducted at various schools which show interest, and at the clubs and associations.

ADMINISTRATOR

Having an office centrally located in the City is an advantage for contact with the people and with everything at the one spot for the supplying of information and equipment.

CYNTHIA LANGLEY

TASMANIA'S ANNUAL REPORT

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This year has seen the consolidation of both Veterans and Schools competitions but unfortunately the age group in between has not seen the same consolidation. After discussion with officials from other States it appears that this problem of the retention of players from junior ranks is widespread and all of us will have to direct our energies to correct this.

The proposal to conduct a National Veterans' event later this year has been responsible for the stimulation of competition in the over 40 age group which is adding stability to our game, and I believe the long term benefits concerning the retention of younger players, as a result, will be significant.

Our state-wide competition, commenced last year, seemed to lose a little appeal to the players and different formats must be considered next year to ensure the success of this event.

The coaching activities within Tasmania have been localised, with our present coaches working well, but there has been no increase in the number of accredited coaches. A recent visit by the National Director of Coaching - the first for several years - has provided food for thought.

The umpiring scene is strong, with new umpires continually qualifying, thanks to Mr. Bill Atkinson and his Committee.

The next twelve months will be challenging, as we maintain and further develop our activities as well as hosting the National Veterans' event in November, 1984 and the 1985 Australian Open next September.

N. L. HARWOOD

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VICTORIAN ANNUAL REPORT

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STATISTICS

For the first time all associations and the Australian Association will be able to produce a near accurate figure of the number of actual players competing in registered competition. At this time Victoria has 42 affiliated bodies, with a number still to decide on affiliation. In 1982 - 72, 1983 - 62, 1984 - ? it is hard to say why some have fallen away, the Registration Fee saw great difficulties in persuading associations to affiliate, but the majority did so. In most cases which were followed up it came simply to the lack of enthusiasm by local officials.

VTTA Pennant continues to suffer small drop outs each season, but often these players have gone to a local association and are not lost to the sport.

Tournaments continue to expand or hold their entry at 1983 levels. Tabten - the Schools Teams Competition has now split into 'Mini-Tabten' for primary schools, with a good response of 44 teams, and the senior 'Tabten' continues to expand with 223 teams. In 1985 'Country Tabten' will take off and prospects for an all inclusive Victorian Tabten will be looked at for 1986.

The various High Schools, Technical Schools, Public Schools Sports Associations conduct their own competitions and bring players into the sport, but not on the scale we need.

TOURNAMENTS

As mentioned, entries are showing a slight increase in senior events but junior events are increasing greatly through the posting of entry forms to previous competitors, and those players away from the main stream of table tennis.

Cash prizes, invitations to leading players and provision of hospitality is attracting many players to go to country tournaments. Those associations still only offering trophies/giftware are falling by the wayside. Riversdale/Yasaka Easter Tournament and the Victorian Butterfly Open are prime examples of tournaments offering money prizes. The Country Championships are still continuing to be a major event and only ten teams down on 1983. Local officials failed to arrange affiliations and send in entries.

COACHING

Once again this area takes up a great amount of time and the results are most warming. Victoria lost Mr. Klaf, who went to America in December, but returned in June. Mr. David Brand was appointed as Schools and Associations Coach and Mr. Alek Jakubczak was appointed Junior Coach. The special allocation of non-elite funds has seen many new areas exposed to coaching where previously they could not afford such an activity. More 'special' squads are being formed aiming at specific areas and levels, particularly Under 12 - Under 14 years. The junior players are full of enthusiasm for the annual Victoria v NSW U12/U14 matches, and the visit to the City of Adelaide Championships. In fact, an overflow of players visited Hamilton in a special U14 series of matches.

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VICTORIAN ANNUAL REPORT ... Continued

Our general (public) coaching on Fridays has built up this year and the regular Sunday program is maintaining its numbers. Both groups aim specifically at the non-elite senior player.

Mr. John Tannerhill, a former American World Championship player and coach spent six/nine months in Victoria but returned to America. He had a short involvement with the coaching program.

The big improver is the Junior Camps held in Melbourne for non-elite country players. This reflects the number of improving juniors competing at the Country Championships.

GENERAL

The Development Officer's time and effort was mainly concentrated on maintaining contact with affiliated associations and selling the Players Registration fee, and planning the expanded coaching programs for the Associations/Schools coach. It is anticipated that 1984/85 will see an increase in the promotion of the Table Tennis Centre as a primary source of revenue to the VTTA.

The single most important act for the year is nearly complete and that is the Incorporation of the VTTA which should be completed on a referendum closing 24th August, 1984. The financial hazards amateur officials have risked for so long will be a worry of the past. It will also mean a new phase in administration of the sport in Victoria.

The expansion of table tennis facilities has continued with the Coburg Club opening a superb new 5 table premises in December and Eaglehawk/Bendigo TTA finally realising their dream with a 12 table complex, with adjoining Badminton facilities.

The National Table Tennis League finals were conducted in 1983 at the Table Tennis Centre of Victoria and the 1984 finals at the Coburg Table Tennis Club.

Victorian country associations continue to enjoy the exchange visits with their counterparts from South Australia and New South Wales.

Plans are proceeding with 1985 Victoria Cup as part of the 150th Anniversary celebrations. The following countries have agreed to send players - China 2, Japan 2, South Korea, England, Germany, Nigeria, New Zealand, Sweden, Hong Kong, Hungary, Australia. Australia will have 1 nominated player and the final place will go to the winner of a qualifying tournament open to all players.

The VTTA Executive Committee has seen vacancies filled which was a boost to administration sharing. However, Mr. Nedeljkovic resigned early in the year and Mr. Peter Mascall was appointed in his place.

Victoria continues its membership of the Victorian Olympic Council and now the 1984 Games are behind us a closer working relationship will occur towards Australia's participation in Seoul in 1988.

Our major worry in the immediate future is the proposal to redevelop all of the Albert Park Stadiums under a master plan for the area. The State Government is not keeping the four sports advised of the progress/or lack of it, in funding the project or any time scale for commencing the project. Meanwhile we have to continue minimal maintenance on the current building.

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VICTORIAN ANNUAL REPORT ... continued

Financial assistance to players is offered by the combined State Government - Statewide Building Society, also a special one for junior players funded by the Lend Lease Shopping Centres organisation and the Department for Youth, Sport and Recreation.

REPORT FROM WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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The period of the A.T.T.A. report does not coincide with the W.A.T.T.A. annual calendar but this does not alter the fact that the last 12 months saw a very hectic and extremely busy schedule for the Association.

In this period, 2 National Championships were conducted -

1. 1983 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

These Championships were held at the Len Fletcher Sports Pavilion in North Perth. All states competed in the teams events with success going to the Victorian Men's and Women's Teams. By invitation, the Northern Territory entered a men's team in the Championships. Youngsters Gary Haberl (NSW) and Shelley Munday (V) were worthy winners of the Men's and Women's Singles events. W.A. recorded its first success for many years in these Championships when Mike Johns and Claire Maisey won the Mixed Doubles title.

2. 1984 AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Queensland were successful in winning the U/15 Girls and U/17 Boys team events and Victoria the U/17 Girls and U/15 Boys team events. By invitation, New Zealand entered teams in the U/17 Boys and U/17 Girls.

Victoria players Jan Tepper and Andrew Moore were worthy winners of the U/17 Girls and Boys singles along with Lisa Shvartsberg (NSW) U/15 Girls Singles and Darren Lee (SA) U/15 Boys Singles.

These Championships were a first for the local Association. It was the first major Australian Championships run by W.A.T.T.A. that has been officially sponsored. The Association had the backing of John Hughes Skipper Mitsubishi, the second largest Mitsubishi dealer in Australia.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Five Open Championships were conducted by the Association during this period. On average, the number of entries remained static although there was an increase in all Special and Handicap events.

PENNANT COMPETITION

Spring, Summer and Winter Pennant Competitions were run during this period. In all instances, the number of teams was slightly higher than the previous seasons.

ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS

Improvements to the Association headquarters are continuing to take place. These include new tables, better lighting and carpet laying in the canteen and committee room areas. As monies become available, further improvements will be made.

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*REPORT FROM WESTERN AUSTRALIA Continued**OFFICIALS*

Due to heavy work commitments, Mr. Len Hitchen resigned as our Association's delegate to the A.T.T.A. The duties of delegate are being handled by Miss Punch and Mr. Parker until the A.G.M. in October when the position will become filled.

FINANCES

The Association finances are satisfactory and, provided assistance from the State Government is ongoing, the Association will be able to provide adequate facilities for the game in this state.

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ATTA UMPIRES COMMITTEE'S REPORT

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In the following reports it will be seen that there has been an upsurge of interest in some States, relative to umpiring. In addition there has been an increase of correspondence between members of our Committee which reflects a note of optimism and regeneration of interest. There is every indication that umpire courses and seminars are on the increase, which should result in more trained umpires in the future.

The ATTAUC appreciated very much the financial assistance given by the ATTA to conduct a Seminar in Melbourne during February and it was generally agreed that it was of considerable benefit to all those who attended. We believe that these Seminars should continue and become a regular feature of our activity.

The increased subsidy for National candidates and invited umpires for National Championships is also appreciated, and we value the practical support of the ATTA Council. We, in turn, undertake to do our best to further the interests of umpiring throughout Australia.

We note the concern of the ATTA regarding the excessive use of gamesmanship and questionable behaviour of some players and this information has been disseminated to all States. There is general concern that the standard of umpiring by players at National Championships, especially the Junior, is not as it should be, and other States might well follow the example of Tasmania by having their players sitting for umpire tests before being eligible for State Teams.

The ATTAUC Handbook has been completely updated and the State Umpire theory and practical exam papers revised to embrace the new laws.

We anticipate problems when implementing the new rules, and hope that each State will convey to its players the requirements of racket rubbers and colours, especially those competing in the National Championships.

We would appreciate being informed of any application to the ATTA being made by any umpire seeking nomination or an invitation to any National Event either here or overseas. We believe that every aspect of our game should be referred to the relevant committee, to make its recommendation to help the ATTA arrive at a final decision. We appreciate and value a close co-operation with the ATTA, and will always work to that end.

The National statistics for the year under review are as follows:-

INTERNATIONAL UMPIRES	Nil
NATIONAL	2
FULL STARE UMPIRES	13 (Vic. 8, NSW 2, Tas 2, Qld 1)
PROBATIONARY UMPIRES	15 (Vic. 2, NSW 2, Tas 6, Qld 5)

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ATTA UMPIRES COMMITTEE'S REPORT ... continued

There is one candidate for the National Exam this year - R. Campisi (Vic.)

State reports are as follows:-

TASMANIA

Have reported an upsurge of interest and two Probationaries have fully qualified, with more than six entering their probationary period. These candidates were the result of a Seminar conducted last November and it was interesting to note that our ATTA President, Mr. Wharmby, also attended in order to keep informed of the law changes.

There is a favourable report on the use of the Referees Report Form we drew up last year. Its use has increased the professionalism of Referees with a resultant good effect on other officials.

The Delegate, Bill Atkinson, has communicated with all umpires in the State and indications are that Tasmania should form its own Umpires League. This could certainly improve the standard and availability of umpires for major events. They have been able to staff Open Championships throughout the State by qualified personnel. It has been reported that the players are showing a marked interest in the more recent law changes which would reflect some goodwill and understanding between players and umpires.

Bill Atkinson reports that the last twelve months have been most successful, and looks forward to further development and education of umpires for the benefit of their State.

Bill attended the ATTA Seminar in Melbourne last February.

QUEENSLAND

Our new delegate has started off extremely well and his report is the best from that State for a few years.

Mick McShane attended all or most major tournaments during the year taking in Toowoomba, Brisbane, Wynnum, Ipswich, and also attended the trials for the World Cup Oceania in New Zealand and the ATTA Seminar in Melbourne.

A seminar was conducted in March from which five umpires were gained - the first for a long time. With all these travels our delegate could not attend events in the Northern part of the State, but perhaps he should consider the appointment of Regional Examiners in the more outlying districts.

PROBATIONARY UMPIRES5
FULL STATUS 1

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ATTA UMPIRES COMMITTEE'S REPORT continued

NEW SOUTH WALES

Another recruiting drive was initiated this year which resulted in two new umpires and six more sitting for the paper.

All major tournaments were manned by qualified umpires and referees and steps are being taken to teach Referee duties by appointing deputies from the less experienced.

Stuart Scott was re-elected President of the NSW UL whilst the remaining office bearers are new. It is felt that with new blood the committee will generate more interest in the umpire area.

Currently practising umpires are:

INTERNATIONAL	2
NATIONAL	1
STATE	8
PROBATIONARY	2

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

It is reported that there has been very little improvement in the umpire situation during the last 12 months.

There are nine practising umpires and some of these are available for the major tournaments. Two Seminars were conducted and well attended, but prospective candidates do not seem to go on and attempt qualification.

Noel intends calling all his Umpires together during the State Championships in order to rectify the situation, and we hope that something more positive will result.

A Regional Examiner has been appointed for the Port Lincoln area which may produce new members. It is the writer's opinion that Noel needs help. His ATTA secretarial duties would take a great deal of time, and hopefully he could form an umpires committee of three to take over recruitment and training, although we need Noel on our Committee.

VICTORIA

The VTTUL is operating particularly well at this time. The updating of the Constitution has shown good meeting attendance, and four classes will operate shortly from which a good batch of recruits is expected.

All tournaments were completely staffed including the country and regional area, and Referees were available for weekly Pennant competition.

Organisation is now proceeding for the Japanese Tour and National Championships later in the year.

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*ATTA UMPIRES COMMITTEE'S REPORT continued**VICTORIA continued*

For our future meetings, it is proposed that all business cease by 9.00 p.m. and a guest speaker be invited for the remaining time. For the year to date -

FULL STATE UMPIRES 8
PROBATIONARY 2

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Report not received.

C. GADD
Chairman

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NATIONAL LEAGUE ANNUAL REPORT

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Following the decision of the 1983 G.P.M. it was agreed to continue the National League for a second year. The new Organising Committee had little time to organise sponsorship and call for entries. Things were further delayed due to the dispute on whether Brighton or Woodville would be playing and waiting to see if a team from N.S.W. would be entering the competition.

The upshot of all this was that Brighton withdrew. the proposed N.S.W. team did not eventuate. so the competition still had seven teams as South Australian Sports Institute entered a team.

The Canberra team only played because they had given a commitment to the competition for two years. The Organising Secretary. Mr. Peter Ward, worked extremely hard so that the competition was able to start on time, in fact he took three weeks' leave to coincide with the final preparations. Unfortunately. Mr. Ward resigned two weeks prior to the staging of the final series and Mr. Peter Mascall and myself completed all the arrangements so that the competition was concluded in a satisfactory manner.

On the financial side, a \$1,200 debt was inherited from the previous administration but by strict financial control under the leadership of the Treasurer. Mr. John Beer. and a fund-raising raffle. we have cleared that debt and there will be a credit balance of \$448 which will assist any incoming administration. The Trust account of \$1.750 (7 x \$250 per club) has been restored.

The 1984 Club administration got their act together and learnt from the experiences of the previous year. The competition was short and sweet in duration and did not clash with any events conducted by the State Associations. All the leading players that competed showed a great deal of enthusiasm, rarely seen at that early stage of the year.

We take this opportunity of thanking our sponsors - Acton. G.J. Coles and T.A.A. Other companies which gave assistance in various ways were Quality Motor Inns. National Panasonic. and T.T. & T. Enterprises. Also. those other companies who took advertising space in the programme and fixture list.

The final series was played at the Coburg Table Tennis Club's new stadium before a very enthusiastic audience. The standard of play was first-class by the four finalists and the winners. Geelong Stegbar Cats. proved themselves to be worthy champions but the home team - Coburg - were urged on by a partisan membership.

The A.G.M. of the National League was held on Saturday the 28th of April. All clubs were represented.

The two pleasing features of the season were the eradication of the debt from 1983 and the fact that we were still able to allocate \$3.200 for the prize pool.

If there was a disappointing note to the season. it was that the clubs were unable to attract more spectators to their home matches.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE ANNUAL REPORT continued
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There are recommendations from the A.G.M. which should be considered carefully. particularly the one concerning the composition of a 1985 National League. It would be fruitless to look at expanding the National League beyond the present three States only to satisfy the notion that a National League must contain all the States. because. in the process, clubs which have comprised the National League for the past two years may have to withdraw because of the added costs that would be involved.

The 1984 Organising Committee lost the services of Publicity Officer, Mr. Trevor Munday. prior to the start of the competition, which left the Press Officer, Mr. Graham Burke. short of assistance. Mr. Karol Javor. the Records Officer. despite being overseas during the season, was able to present a full set of results and players records at the end of the home and away matches. Mr. Mascall was responsible for organising the prizes for the raffle. The Treasurer, Mr. Beer, was ably assisted by Mr. Ward's administration and was able to present to the A.G.M. an accurate financial statement.

As Chairman I received every assistance and co-operation from members of the Organising Committee and Mr. Eric Coster and Dr. Ron Bayly of the Control Committee.

The unfortunate resignation of Mr. Ward marred the atmosphere of the finals series. However, he was invited to attend the finals as a guest of the Organising Committee.

Mr. Mascall has advised that now he has been appointed as Honorary Secretary of the V.T.T.A. it would not be appropriate to be involved with the National League Organising Committee.

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