

NEW SOUTH WALES
TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION



ELEVENTH

Annual Report

AND

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TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL REPORT

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS to be presented to Members at the Annual Meeting to be held at the Railway Institute Hall, Devonshire Street, (near Central Railway), Sydney, on the 25th. March, 1941, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Executive Council has pleasure in presenting the Eleventh Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Association covering the Season 1940/1941.

Sustained interest in our game was again displayed throughout the Season which was a long one, due to the necessity of a play-off (on account of a tie) and a Challenge Match, both in the "A" Grade, and a Challenge Match in the "B" Grade.

TEAMS' PREMIERSHIP. The major activity conducted by the Association during the Season comprised the Teams' Competitions which opened on 8th. May, 1941, with 91 Teams competing in A. B. C. D. E. and Ladies Grades.

Congratulations are extended to the winning teams and runners-up in the various Grades:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Runners-up</u>
"A"	Langridge I	Insurance I
"A" (2nd. Div)	M. G. M.	--
"B"	Y.M.C.A. I	C'bury-Dul.Hill
"C"	Syd. C. Council	Vacuum Oil
"D"	Shell	Police Boys 3
"E"	Hordernian II	Gen. Agency
Ladies	Hordernian 3	Syd. Tech College

The play throughout the whole of the Competition was very keen, and although the

balance of some teams was at times upset by unavoidable absences of players on military duty, very few forfeits were recorded. The enthusiasm of players in Camp who travelled considerable distances to play in matches is commendable.

Exciting finishes were a feature of most of the closing matches in all Grades

The "A" Grade Competition, after the First Round, when the weakest teams were placed in a separate Division, provided a round of evenly fought matches, notwithstanding the previously mentioned upsets and inconveniences caused by absences of players in Camp on military duties.

Langridge I and Insurance I tied for the "A" Grade Minor Premiership, necessitating a play-off which resulted in a "draw", each team winning 10 games and 366 points. This unique result required a further play-off, which was won by Insurance I by 13 games to 7.

In the Semi-finals, Langridge disposed of Insurance III and Insurance I defeated Leita.

In the Final, A. Symonds won all of his singles, and was ably supported by G. Henley who won three singles. The other members of Langridges, G. Brooke and E. Easton, won two games each, the total weight of which was too great for Insurance I, for whom C. Comber won three games and A. Parsons two.

The Grand Final was contested very keenly, Langridge I defeating Insurance I by 11 games to 8. E. Easton won his four singles, having narrow wins from C. Comber(21/19) and G. Trethowan(24/22). C. Comber won three singles for Insurance I.

Langridge I now holds, for the ensuing twelve months, the Spalding Shield, which has been in the keeping of the Insurance Association's Teams for some

years past. Landgridge's win was a meritorious one, and was the culmination of a long, hard-fought competition by a well balanced team. Much of the credit for Landgridge's win is due to the never failing energy and enthusiasm of L. Tomlinson, who, by his example of concentration and determination, kept his team on its toes, especially in the vital matches in the last stage against Insurance 1, which was so ably led by C. Comber.

The "B" Grade Final was won by Canterbury-Dulwich Hill from Y.M.C.A., 14 games to 6, but Y.M.C.A. exercised its right of challenge and in the resultant Grand Final, Y.M.C.A. narrowly beat Canterbury-Dulwich Hill by 11 games to 9, G. Easton and A. Armstrong winning three games each for Y.M.C.A., with L. Couchman for Dulwich Hill also winning three games.

In the "C" Grade, the Final was contested between Vacuum Oil and the Sydney County Council, the latter having a very narrow win, 10 games 380 points to 10 games 360 points. Each team won two doubles and eight singles.

"D" Grade, in which 16 Teams competed, was won by Shell from Police Boys' 3. Although Police Boys put up good performances during the Competition Shell had no difficulty in running out easy winners in the Final.

No less than 31 Teams played in the "E" Grade, which was won by Hordernians 2 from Central Agency 11 games to 9. Had Central Agency been able to field a stronger fourth player, the result might have been reversed. F. Webber for Central Agency won four singles in the Final, a feat not equalled by any other player in the match.

The Ladies Grade was won by Hordernians 3 from Sydney Technical College, the score being 12 games to 8. Miss Bradbury, (Hordernians) led her team strongly against Miss Sandiland's players, taking

four singles and sharing victory in each of her two doubles games. Miss Sandilands and Miss Wall won two singles each for the losers. This year a very handsome Cup was presented for Ladies Competition annually, and this opportunity is taken of expressing the Executive Council's sincere appreciation to Mr. Gus. Moon-ey, the donor.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS. The State Championships again attracted a very large entry. Congratulations are extended to the winners and runners-up!

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Singles</u>	<u>Doubles</u>
<u>OPEN</u>	1. E.K. Baker. 2. C. Comber.	1. Comber and Parsons. 2. Symonds and Godfrey.
<u>B.</u>	1. M. Fox. 2. C. Hill.	1. Couchman-Brotherton. 2. Marks and Astill.
<u>C.</u>	1. W. Smith. 2. J. Amos.	1. Marks and Astill. 2. Fraser and Wyatt.
<u>D.</u>	1. L. Couchman. 2. G. McPherson.	1. McPherson-Ham. 2. G. and J. Smith.
<u>E.</u>	1. L. Couchman. 2.	1. Marks and Astill. 2. Ogier and White.
<u>Ladies.</u>	1. Miss A. Jacobs. 2. Mrs. A. Ward.	1. Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Richardson. Miss Jacobs and Mrs. Green.
<u>Junior.</u>	1. A. Armstrong. 2. L. Laza.	----- -----

The Finals of the State Championships were played at the Y.M.C.A. Hall and were witnessed by a large crowd. The Open Final (won by Keith Baker) was not spectacular, but for what it lost in that regard, it compensated with a display of tactics and concentration between two evenly matched players who have measured each others strength in many hard fought games.

Opportunity is here taken of thanking Mr. Geo. Moore for his donation of two trophies for the Ladies Championship; and to Mr. J. Conlon for his donation of a trophy for the Junior Singles Championship.

JAPANESE TOUR BY AUSTRALIAN TEAM. The general development of Table Tennis as a sport was plainly indicated during the past Season, when, despite the War, which, however, had not then produced any uneasiness of feeling in the Pacific, two Australian players were selected to tour Japan at the invitation of the Japanese Table Tennis Association.

Messrs. Arthur Bowe, (N.S.W.) and Ken Adamson, (Vic.) represented Australia, and although the Japanese players proved too strong for our representatives, the tour was, nevertheless, a wonderful success. The Australians were joined on the tour by a team of American players, who fared no better than our players at the hands of the Japanese.

ANNUAL SMOKE SOCIAL. From the experience gained in 1939, when the smoke social, held for the purpose of presenting trophies, was found to be so successful, the Council had little doubt about combining with the Railway Institute Association and the Insurance Officers Association, and again holding a Smoke Social at which to present the Trophies won in 1940. The evening proved a great success, those present spending a very enjoyable evening. The entertainment included musical items and exhibitions of Table Tennis. The Council appreciates the splendid co-operation of the two combining Associations, and the good work performed by Mr. Joe Nies, of the Railway Institute Ass'n, who carried out practically the whole of the necessary work.

GRADING OF PLAYERS. The Selection Committee has graded the best ten players, not including Arthur Bowe, who, on account of his tour in Japan in the Australian Team, had insufficient match play during the Season to indicate his position, as follows:

1. E.K. Baker, 2. C. Comber and G. Brooke, (equal);
4. J. Clarke; 5. K. Lambert; 6. J. Martin; 7. W. Symonds; 8. G. Mitchell; 9. A. Godfrey; 10. E. Easton.

CITY OF SYDNEY CHAMPIONSHIPS. The Railway Institute Table Tennis Association again conducted the City of Sydney Championships. A splendid entry was received, the Open Singles being won by G. Brooke from J. Cartwright. Both in 1938 and in 1939 the title was won by the then holder of the State Championship, but this year the State title holder, (E. K. Baker) was eliminated.

AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION. Apart from the Tour of Japan by the Australian Team, mentioned elsewhere in this report, very little other activity of an Australian nature calls for any comment. It is desired to record, however, that the Australian Associations organization was tested thoroughly in the nominating and selecting of a team to tour Japan, and in complying with all the necessary preliminary arrangements. It is a matter of satisfaction for all States concerned to see the Australian Association established so firmly.

The Executive Council places on record its sincere appreciation of the assistance extended to the Australian Association by Mr. Akiyama, the Consul General for Japan, on the occasion of the departure of the Team for Japan, and also for his generous hospitality.

RESIGNATION OF MR. REES AIKMAN. In September last, on account of pressure of private work, Mr. Rees Aikman was obliged to relinquish the duties of Honorary Secretary of the Association. Mr. W. E. Robbins was appointed by the Council to carry on. The Council records the good work done by Mr. Aikman during his period of office, and expresses the hope that, at some early date, it will be possible for Mr. Aikman to again take an active part in the Association's affairs.

EXHIBITIONS. During the year several Exhibitions were staged, two of which were held in Military Camps where the players were afforded a wonderful reception. The Council plans to meet the demand for Exhibitions, especially in Camps, to its utmost capacity.

Messrs. Szabados & Kelen, the well known overseas players, entertained the Showground troops in December 1940, with an Exhibition of fine table tennis which was enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience.

PLAYERS IN A.I.F. During the Season many members of the Association have gone overseas with the 2nd A.I.F., whilst others are in Camp awaiting orders to sail. The Council is closely following all news of its members abroad, and in Camp, and hopes that each and everyone will return safely and in good health after victory has been achieved, to again take up their bats with their old enthusiasm born anew.

THANKS. The Association wishes to record its thanks to the following persons and organisations for their assistance and support during the year:

To the various Clubs which made their tables and rooms available for Semi-final matches in the Teams Championship and in the preliminary rounds of the State Championships, including the Railway Institute Ass'n for the use of various Tables and rooms, the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society Club, the Leica Club, Macdonald Hamilton Club, the Insurance Officers Association, Nestles Club, and others.

To the various advertisers in the Association's Fixture Booklet.

To the Chairman (Mr. Gus. Mooney) and Committee of City Tattersall's Club for making available their Board Room for use by the Executive Council for monthly meetings; and also for the staging of the Exhibition featuring A. Bowe, and K. Adamson on the occasion of the departure of those two players for Japan.

To the "SUN", "SYDNEY MORNING HERALD", and "THE

"DAILY TELEGRAPH" for their references to and publicity of table tennis in their sporting columns.

To Mr. A. G. Moyes, Mr. Claude Corbett, Mr. Con Simons and others of the "SUN" for publishing references to Table Tennis in the "SUN".

To Mr. King, of the "S.M. HERALD" for his reference to table tennis.

To the Australian Broadcasting Commission (Mr. Kerr) for time on the air.

To Mr. H. G. Schachtel for the hospitality extended to K. Adamson, Victoria, prior to his departure for Japan.

To Messrs. Gus Mooney and J. Conlon, respectively, as mentioned in another part of this report, for donations.

To all of the players in the Association who so willingly assisted the Executive Council during the year in carrying out many duties in connection with the Teams and State Championships, and Exhibitions.

To Mr. Shirley Allen, of the Aus. Transport and Shipping Agency for his continued support in lending the Ass'n a typewriter.

W. E. ROBBINS.

Honorary Secretary.

Addendum: The 1940 Season having concluded I have great pleasure in again thanking all the members of the different Clubs, and also all members of Council for their continued and loyal support. The Seasons work has been quite satisfactory and I look forward to 1941/42, knowing that the same keenness and enthusiasm will again be shown by all. I wish you all the best of luck.

H. G. SCHATCHTEL.
President

N.S.W. TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION.
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1940

<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	
To Trophies	37 15 6	By Affiliation and Registration Fees	115 5 6
" Honoraria	22 1 0	" State Championship (Net Income)	20 4 0
" Typing	10 12 0	" Sale of Rule Books	7 10
" Printing and Stationery	18 2 10	" Advertising	8 12 0
" Telephone	4 17 8	" Royalties received on Balls	4 17 7
" Postages	3 13 3	" Interest received	1 1 7
" General Expenses	1 5 0	" Donations	2 5 6
" Japanese Tour A/c.	7 8 4		
" Depreciation w/o	1 12 2		
" Bad Debts w/o	5 3 1		
	112 10 10		
Balance being excess of Income over Ex-			
penditure transferred to Accumulated Funds.	40 3 2		
	<u>£ 152 14 0</u>		<u>£ 152 14 0</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1940

<u>LIABILITIES.</u>		<u>ASSETS</u>	
Guarantee Trust Account		Cash in Hand	2 4 7
(as per contra)	46 13 0	Cash at Bank	
Sundry Creditors	42 11 9	Current Ac. Comm. Bank	141 2 5
Accumulated Funds as at 31/12/39	111 16 5)	Savings "	13 10 3
<u>Add</u> Surplus on Sale of Assets - Table	11 3)	Interest Accrued	11 3
<u>Add</u> Excess of Income over expenditure	152 10 10	Guarantee Ac. Com. Bank of Aust.	14 1 6
for year ended 31/12/40	40 3 2)	as per contra	46 13 0
		Sundry Debtors	17 12 6
		Stocks on Hand	
		Badges	6 16 6
		Rule Books	17 4
		Typewriter (at cost less Depreciation)	1 0 0
		Printing Blocks and Bag do	15 0
		Electrical Fittings do	9 0
		Shades do	5 0
		Association Table (at cost)	9 18 9
			<u>£ 241 15 7</u>
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We have audited the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the N.S.W. Table Tennis Association for the year ended 31st December, 1940, and, in our opinion, the above Balance Sheet sets forth a true and correct view of the Association's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given us and as shown by the books of the Association.

SYDNEY,
21st March, 1941.

E.W. MURPHY, Hon. Treasurer.

J.E. GILLIVER, }
A.G. PARFETT, } Hon. Auditors.

