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ANNUAL REPORT

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS to be presented to Members at the Annual Meeting to be held at the Deaf & Dumb Society, No.5 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, on the 26th June, 1947, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The last Annual Report was presented to you on 25th March, 1941, in respect of the 1940/41, and although a Teams Competition and State Championships were conducted in the Winter of 1941, conditions caused by the War did not allow of any further organised activity until the Winter of 1946, when Teams Competitions and State Championships were resumed; this report, therefore, covers the period 1941 to the close of the 1946/47 season.

TEAMS' PREMIERSHIP. The Teams Competition in 1941 started off well, considering the conditions, but towards the completion of the rounds a good deal of interest was lost, as the entry of Japan in the War caused such a change, that by March, 1942, members of the Association were so scattered that it was obvious that the Association could not function along the usual lines, and, by common consent, all activity was suspended.

In May, 1946, however, following the return to civil life of many of the members who had been in the forces, a General Meeting was convened and it was decided to resume the Teams' Winter Competitions and State Championships. Good entries were received and the Teams' Competition was run to a successful conclusion, championships being determined in "A", "B", "C", "D" and "E" Grades.

Towards the conclusion of the 1946 Teams' Competition there was a demand for a Summer Competition, particularly by Teams which had missed the Winter Competition. A Teams' Summer Competition was thereupon conducted in "C", "D", "E" and Ladies Grades.

Congratulations are extended to the winning teams in the various grades:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>1941 (Winter)</u>	<u>1946 (Winter)</u>	<u>1946/7 (Summer)</u>
"A"	Insurance I	Academy A1.	-
"B"	Rly. Institute II	Insurance III	-
"C"	(not held)	Academy "C"	Guaco I
"D"	Guaco	Central Agency	Kenya
"E"	W. & J.	Berkeley I	Taronga Park
Ladies	Y. W. C. A.	Y. W. C. A.	Hotpoint

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS. The State Championships attracted good entries both in 1941 and 1946. The 1941 Open Singles final was not spectacular, as two hard hitters in Keith Ritchie and Jack Clark met for the coveted title, but the large crowd which witnessed the match saw a splendid game of table tennis notwithstanding that there were few long rallies.

The 1946 State Championships, after a lapse of five years, were expected to bring to light much new talent, but although a few new players were prominent, the four semi finalists in the Open Singles were comprised of three players who were outstanding before the War. The Open Singles final was contested by C. Comber and J. Clark (holder). One of the largest audiences ever to crowd into the Y.M.C.A. Hall saw a long and hard fought battle which went to five games, with only a few points difference in each game. It was won by C. Comber. New faces appeared in the Ladies Singles, but here again the winner was a prominent pre-war player --- Mrs. Alan Ward.

The form of the Juniors in the State Championships was very disappointing, but as none of the Juniors had many opportunities during the War years of learning to play or gaining experience, the lack of form is understandable.

Results of State Championships were as follow:

1941

<u>Event</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>
Open Singles	J. Clark	K. Ritchie
Open Doubles	Comber-Parsons	Clark-Ritchie
Special Singles	A. Symonds	K. Ritchie
Open Ladies Singles	Miss A. Jacobs	Mrs. Green
Junior Singles	K. Santleben	K. Fox
Open Mixed Doubles	Miss Jacobs & J. Martin	Mrs. Green & J. Clark
"B" Singles	R. Watt	W.D. Fraser
"B" Doubles	Watt-Mell	Becker-Parkinson
"D" Singles	K. Santleben	R. Cain
"D" Doubles	Morrison-Ogier	Webber-Price
"E" Singles	H. Day	P. Rasmussen
"E" Doubles	Day-Gillies	Thelander-Burns
Ladies Grade Singles	Miss D. Shipp	Miss M. Rowe
" " Doubles	Misses Ellis-Durn	Misses Pausey- Brackpool

1946

<u>Event</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>
Open Singles	C. Comber	J. Clark
Open Doubles	Clark-Ritchie	Messenger-Dankin
Open Ladies Singles	Mrs. A. Ward	Miss L. Symonds

1946 (Continued)

<u>Event</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>
Junior Singles	G. Cramer	L.L. Hanrahan
Open Mixed Doubles	Miss Gillie- Messenger	Miss Shipp- Dankin
"B" Singles	E.J. Taylor	L.J. deMontfort
"B" Doubles	Cunningham-Newton	Hutchison-Mills
"C" Singles	J. Jennings	J.K. Morell
"C" Doubles	Wilkins-Jennings	Marlow-Miss McGuire
"D" Singles	L.N. Marlow	J.K. Morell
"D" Doubles	Radford-Radford	Walkom-Davies
"E" Singles	M.K. Hodda	J. Vaughan
"E" Doubles	Lowe-Edwards	Kay-Lewis
Ladies Grade Singles	Miss L. Symonds	Miss N. Callinan
" " Doubles	Misses McGuire- Gillie	Misses Symonds- Runcorn
" Open Doubles	Miss McGuire- Mrs. Ward	Mrs. Stringfellow- Miss Barwick

Congratulations are extended to the winners of the various events. Trophies have again been provided for the winners and runners-up in the State Championships, which, together with trophies won by the winners of the various Team Events will be presented immediately after the close of the Annual Meeting. The cost of trophies has increased considerably since 1941, the result being that the cups presented are not perhaps as large as those of former years, nor is there as large a range as is desirable with so many events to be provided for.

GRADING OF PLAYERS. No attempt has been made to officially "grade" the best ten players in the season just completed. It is expected however, that, following the 1947 season, it will again be possible for selectors to grade the State's leading players.

CITY OF SYDNEY CHAMPIONSHIPS. The Railway Institute Table Tennis Association did not function at its usual strength during 1946 and as it was not able to use its room, the 1946 City of Sydney Championships were not conducted. The Institute hopes, however, to resume the championships in 1947.

AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION. The experience of the New South Wales Association in being unable to carry on during the War was shared by all other State Associations and, therefore, the Australian Table Tennis Association did not function actively from 1941 to 1946.

Each State has now, however, re-elected its Delegate and negotiations are at present proceeding in regard to the next Australian Carnival which Queensland has made application to conduct in Brisbane. No doubt many of our present members will remember the last Australian Carnival held in Sydney in 1937 when teams from South Australia, Victoria and Queensland visited us.

The Australian Table Tennis Association to which the N.S.W.T.T.A. is affiliated, is now a full member of the International Table Tennis Federation.

EXHIBITIONS. Various exhibitions were staged during the past season, leading State players co-operating to their utmost in providing interested organisations with good displays of Table Tennis.

A Public Exhibition was held at the Town Hall in Balmain where, from the interest displayed by a large audience, it was apparent that Table Tennis has not lost any of its attraction as an entertainment.

HONOR ROLL. It was decided at the opening of the 1946/47 season to prepare an HONOR ROLL in memory of members who lost their lives in the War. The co-operation of all members is sought in compiling the HONOR ROLL and it would be appreciated if members would inform the Hon. Secretary of the names of players who have not come back to join us. Help us to honor our fallen members by recording their names in the history of our game.

THANKS. The Executive Council wishes to record its thanks to all of those persons who assisted and supported various activities of the Association. To the various ex-members of the Association who gave valued assistance during the running of the State Championships, the Council is grateful, as it is also to all those members who gave up their time to help whenever it was needed.

It is particularly desirous to express appreciation of the assistance given by the Education Department, The Adult Deaf & Dumb Society and the Department of Main Roads for the use of tables during the State Championships and Teams' Competition finals, and by Mr. M. Szabados for the use of his Academy for Exhibition practice.

Particularly, too, is the appreciation of the Council expressed to The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society and City Tattersalls Club for the use of rooms for Council Meetings.

W.E. ROBBINS
HONORARY SECRETARY

ADDENDUM. Again I have pleasure in expressing great satisfaction in having been connected with the work of members of the Executive Council in carrying on the affairs of the Association. My thanks are extended to them and to all members of Clubs for their loyal support. I know that the new Council to be elected will carry on with the enthusiasm shown by past Councils and that under its control Table Tennis in New South Wales will continue to progress.

H.G. SCHACHTEL
PRESIDENT