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ANNUAL REPORT.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

In presenting the Sixth Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the New South Wales Table Tennis Association, your Executive Council maintains that the season 1935/36 was one of amazing progress and expansion. Council of the 1934/35 season developed the game on correct and sound lines, and prepared the path for the incoming Executive. The good work was carried on, and your Council is of the opinion that the Association is now in a position to shoulder the big responsibilities expected for the forthcoming season, without fear of breakdown or control.

Affiliated Associations: The Insurance Officers' Association had the honour of being the first affiliated Association, joining up for the season 1934/35. This Association continued its support this year, and it now has a membership of 125. During the season other affiliated associations were as follows:—

Newcastle	60 Me:	mbers.
North Eastern Suburbs	100 Me	mbers.
St. George	55 Me	mbers.
Canley Vale	50 Me	mbers.
West Wyalong	82 Me:	mbers.

It is gratifying to see the inauguration of these newly affiliated bodies, and your Council is confident now that new ground has been broken, especially in the country, by the inclusion of country centres, the time is not far distant when the whole of the State will be linked up with the controlling body.

Visits: The Newcastle Gas Works Club visited Sydney on June 1st, and played a team from the Y.M.C.A. Later in the year a return visit was made to Newcastle by the Y.M.C.A. Club. The Woonona School of Arts Club also journeyed to Sydney on July 20th with two teams, and played the Postal Institute Club.

During the season Mr. and Mrs. Norman Johnson, of Brisbane, visited Sydney. Mr. Johnson is a Life Member of the Queensland T.T. Association, whilst Mrs. Johnson is the Champion Ladies' Player of that State. Mrs. Johnson kindly consented to play our leading lady players, despite lack of practice whilst holidaying in Melbourne and of having spent the previous night in the train.

Exhibition Matches: Your Council was not unmindful of the question of Exhibition Matches to bring the game before the public and provide match practice for leading players. Matches of this nature were played at regular intervals, notably at Bankstown, Bondi Junction, Rockdale, Y.W.C.A., F. J. Palmer & Son, and Anthony Horderns.

Teams Championships: The season's activities commenced on May 15th, with 66 teams competing in six grades. This had the effect of stirring up interest in the game, and on June 21st a Newcomers' Grade commenced with 18 teams. With the playing of the Individual Championships in July, further interest was manifest, and on August 19th an additional 18 teams commenced in a Novice Grade. The total number of teams engaged was, therefore, 102, thus exceeding the previous record breaking season of 1934/35 by 9 teams. Congratulations are extended to the winners. The results of the competitions were as follows:

Grade	Winners	Runners Up	Other Semi-
A	Hordernians 1	Insurance	Finalists Postal Inst. Metro Goldwyn Mayer
A Reserve	Ivanhoe	Nth. British	Railway Inst., Mick Simmons
В	Federal Tax	Winns	Merchants, Top Dog
C	Macdonald Ham. 1	N.R.M.A.	Associated Glass, Ryde 1
(c) D	Postal Inst. 2	Bushell's 1	Y.M.C.A. 3 A.U.S.N.
Newcomers	Steamship	Hardgor	Printing House
Novice .	City Tatt's	Farmer's 1	State Lottery
Ladies	Nth. British 2		M.G.M. 4 Family Endowment 4

A Summer Competition commenced on November 13th with 45 teams in the following Grades, viz., A, Reserve, C, D, and Novice. This number exceeds the previous year's figures by 15 teams. An interesting competition is now in the semi-final stages.

State Championships: The State Individual Title events were held this year in the large hall of the Y.M.C.A. on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 8th and 10th July. The record number of entries received, 310, was beyond the wildest dreams of any member of Council, and as a result of this huge entry it was found necessary to hold over the finals of the C and D Grade singles and the mixed and C Grade doubles. These events were played in the Assembly Hall of the Department of Agriculture on July 24.

Much consideration was given to the question of the smooth running of these events, and your Council was guided by the experience gained in the 1934/35 events. It is maintained that the conditions of play both for the participants and onlookers showed a decided improvement upon that of previous years. The statistics of entries giving comparisons with 1934/35 season, the previous best (these are shown in brackets in each instance), are interesting reading, and are given below:—

Open Singles, 57 (34); A Reserve, 44 (0); B, 46 (44); C, 57 (54); D, 32 (0); Ladies, 10 (18); Open Doubles, 32 pairs (16); C Doubles, 16 pairs (0); Mixed Doubles, 13 pairs (0); Ladies' Doubles, 3 pairs (0).

It is most gratifying to record that the attendances on all six

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nights of play left nothing to be desired — the general public paying no less than £18/3/6 as compared with £2 for 1934/35. There is no doubt that a table tennis public has been created, and this is due to the wonderful improvement of this fascinating and skilful game, which is fast captivating an audience, which will, in the very near future, acclaim it as the best of indoor sports. We feel sure that it will be necessary to arrange for larger premises for these title events in the forthcoming season. Your Council congratulates the winners and runners-up in each event. The results were:—

Grade	Winner	Runner-up
Open Singles	C. Smith (Macdon. Ham.).	E. K. Baker (Ins'ce).
A Reserve Singles	J. Hair (Ivanhoe).	M. Doyle (Ivanhoe),
B Grade Singles	C. Smith (Macdon. Ham.).	W. Robbins (Federal Taxation).
C Singles	C. Smith (Macdon. Ham.).	A. Lesliè (N.R.M.A.)
D Singles	K. Parr (Mick Sim- mons).	C. Andrews (Ins'ce Association).
Ladies' Singles	Miss A. Jacobs (Winns).	Miss A. Meader (Winns).
Open Doubles	M. A. Greene, V. Veinberg (Hor- dernians).	J. Hair, M. Doyle, (Ivanhoe).
C Doubles	J. O'Keefe, A. Burke (Ass. Glass). A. Fraser (Hord.)	W. Kerby, T. Richter (N.R.M.A.) E. Bostock (Postal I.)
Mixed Doubles	Miss A. Meader (Winns).	Miss A. Jacobs (Winns).

It is desired to make a special reference to the wonderful achievement of Cecil Smith in annexing the State Singles Title in his first year of competition play. His achievement is all the more remarkable when it is realised that he was playing C Grade in the teams championships, and that he defeated in the event players of the calibre of Ted Bostock (State Champion, 1933, 1934), Keith Baker (runner-up 1934 and 1935), J. Gilliver, M. Coates, and C. Comber. Our condolences are extended to that great sportsman, Keith Baker. It is galling indeed to reach two finals in successive years and then meet defeat in each. Keith was glorious in defeat — we need say no more, except, perhaps to add that there is still 1936 and more years ahead for this graceful player.

Annual Match versus Insurance: The annual match with the Insurance Officers' Association took place at the Y.M.C.A. on September 29th. Our congratulations are extended to the Insurance team, which was again victorious. Insurance was represented by Messrs, E. K. Baker, M. Coates, A. Godfrey, W. Symonds, and C. Comber, whilst the New South Wales Association side comprised C. Smith, M. A. Greene, V. Veinberg, L. Grant, J. Gilliver, and A. Fraser. Insurance won a keenly contested match by 13 sets to 7. The match was a financial success also,

returning a profit of £6/11/6, which was evenly divided between the two Associations.

Trophies Donated: Our esteemed Patron, Mr. H. Satoh, again donated the "Satoh Cup" for the winner of the State Singles Championship. The Education Department Club presented a handsome Cup won by its team in the season 1926/27. This Cup will be held for twelve months by the winning team in C Grade each year. We desire to thank the donors of these trophies for the practical interest displayed in the game.

Publicity: Last year the "Sydney Referee" was the only city newspaper to publish articles on Table Tennis. Your President, Mr. Aikman, was granted permission to approach the newspapers and Broadcasting Stations, and as a result publicity during the season just ended was given in large quantities.

Publicity has, without doubt, been a great contributing factor to the most successful season in the history of the game, and we desire to extend the thanks of all members to the Sunday Sun, Labor Daily, Daily Telegraph, Women's Weekly, and Referee Newspapers. Our thanks are also extended to Broadcasting Stations 2KY (Mr. Andy Flannagan), 2GB (Mr. Oscar Lawson), and the Australian Broadcasting Commission. We cannot let a publicity reference pass without mentioning Mr. Geoff. Allen, a member of the Y.M.C.A. Club. Geoff has collected each week data and tit-bits concerning players, and has been responsible for the weekly column in the Sunday Sun. His assistance in this regard has been invaluable. Good work, Geoff.

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Constitution and Rules of Game, Etc.: As a result of the fine work prepared by the Council of 1934/35, a booklet, the first of its kind published here since 1902, containing Laws of Play, Constitution of Association, and Competition Rules, was published. No less than 800 copies were printed, but so great has been the demand that no further copies are available.

Registered Office: Messrs. F. J. Palmer & Son generously offered the Association an office adjoining its Sports Department at its Park Street Store. This offer was readily accepted, and the use of this office has been of untold benefit to the Association. In addition, this firm placed at our disposal a room large enough for two tables. A new table was purchased and several important games were played there during the final stages of the Winter Competition. We extend to Messrs. F. J. Palmer & Son our thanks for their generosity in this regard, and particularly to its Manager, Mr. P. Paul.

Advertising: We desire to record our sincere thanks to the following business organisations for their co-operation in advertising in our booklets, as it is only with this assistance that the Rules, Booklets, and Fixture Lists were able to be placed in printed form:—

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Annual Dance: The Association's 5th Annual Dance was held at the New Dungowan on August 14th. It was a wonderful night, and attended by 252 table tennis enthusiasts. Nothing was spared to provide enjoyment for the vast throng present, and despite the low admission charges, a profit of approx. £5 resulted. During the evening your President, Mr. Aikman, presented the prizes to the State Title winners, and the trophies won in connection with the last Summer Competition. Comment on the Dance cannot be allowed to pass without reference to the excellent work by Mr. W. Middleton as Master of Ceremonies.

Trophies: The trophies awarded this year in connection with the Annual Championships numbered 27, as compared with 9 trophies the previous year. With the excellent public patronage and record number of entries received, runners-up in all grades were awarded trophies in addition to the winners. The trophies were all of excellent quality, and made a fine showing when assembled for presentation.

Teams Without Tables: The acceptance of teams without tables is a subject requiring a good deal of thought for the future. In the Newcomers' Grade, of the 18 teams competing, 9 teams were without tables. To enable these teams to play, Nestles Recreation Club were kind enough to allow the use of their rooms. The charge per match was 5/-, and of this amount the Association subsidised it to the extent of 1/6, leaving the

club concerned to pay 3/6. Arranging these matches made a great deal of work for the Hon. Secretary, and the successful solution of this problem is that the Association have its own Club Rooms and tables — a state of affairs for which we should all strive.

Interstate Visits: No Interstate visits were made during the season, but an invitation has already been received from South Australia to participate in an Australian Carnival at Adelaide in September, 1936. Your Executive accepted this invitation, and at this early stage it behoves all young players to work and practice assiduously with a view to seeking inclusion in the State Side.

Australian Board of Control: Your delegate to the Australian Board of Control, Mr. M. A. Greene, has been in touch with the State Delegates throughout the year in matters concerning the welfare and uniformity of rules of the game. No doubt the Adelaide Carnival will bring about uniformity in the system of scoring and other points on which the States are not in agreement at present.

Obituary: It is with profound regret that we have to record the deaths of Miss Jean Smith and Mr. L. Knespal under such tragic circumstances. Mr. Knespal was a member of the Maccabean Club, and gave promise of being a good exponent of the game. Miss Smith held the State Ladies' Title in 1933 and 1934. We extend our heart-felt sympathy to the relatives of the deceased.

Change of Officers: The following alterations in the officers of Council, as elected at the last Annual Meeting, took place during the year:—

Vice-President, Mr. N. L. Robson, vice Mr. H. Horne (resigned); Councillors, Mr. H. Whittle, vice Mr. I. White (resigned) Mr. G. T. Crowle, vice Mr. N. L. Robson (elected Vice-President); Selection Committee: Mr. H. Whittle, vice Mr. H. Horne (resigned).

Grading of Players: The Selection Committee has graded the best ten ladies and gentlemen players for the 1935/36 season as follows:—

Gentlemen

1—C. J. Smith. 2—E. K. Baker and

- M. A. Greene.
- 5—E. P. Bostock. =
- 6—V. Veinberg.
- 7—W. Symonds.
- 8—A. Fraser.
- 9—L. Grant.
- 10—L. Beioley and C. Comber.

Ladies

- 1—A. Jacobs.
- 2—A. Meader.
- 3—J. Britton. 4—P. Hollis.
- 4—P. Hollis. 5—E. Hopwood.
- 6—D. Shields.
- 7—D. Gardner.
- 8—E. Dunn.
- 9—D. Armstrong.
- 10-M. Walton and J. Lloyd.

Attendance of Councillors: During the year Councillors have attended meetings as shown below, twenty-five meetings in all being held:—

R. R. Aikman	. 23	W. C. Middleton	17
J. Clancy	. 19	M. A. Greene	21
G. T. Crowle (app. 19/8/35) 9	N. L. Robson	16
J. F. Dobbie	. 16	V. Veinberg	18
W. C. Fisher	. 25	H. Whittle (app. 20/5/35)	13
J. Gilliver	. 20		

Regulation Ball: The Spalding "Ace" ball was once more used in competition play, and it is with pleasure that we record the fact that regular supplies were available at all times, and that the standard of ball offered was of an infinitely better quality than that of the previous years.

Financial: The financial position of the Association as disclosed by the Treasurer's statement is sound. Reference is made by the President in the addendum to the work of the Treasurer, Mr. J. Gilliver.

Thanks: The Council desires to thank the clubs which kindly loaned their tables for the State Championship, and also those clubs which allowed the use of their club rooms for the playing of domi-semi, semi-finals, and finals of the grade competitions. Our thanks are also extended to club members who assisted so generously at the State Championships. It is only with the assistance of these members that large tournaments can be carried out to a successful conclusion.

The large increase in the number of players now taking an active interest in the game, the increased number of affiliated Associations, indicates a widespread and ever-growing

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enthusiasm. Interstate visits are rare, and all-Australian Carnivals rarer still. The need for more matches of this character is realised, for with them our leading players can obtain the necessary match practice to improve their game. We should be ambitious and strive to obtain a visit from the Hungarians. Champion Nation of the world for many years, or, failing these outstanding players, a visit from English players. We realise that although the game is steadily increasing in popularity, there is still room for greater improvement in general playing conditions. Many teams have endeavoured to obtain better accommodation during the past few years, but the ideal has not yet been reached. There is a chance for some firm to take the lead in this direction. The Association would be behind it right to the limit. This season a very large hall will be necessary to hold the paying public - lack of finance will not permit the Association to build premises. In England there are public halls where tables may be hired by the hour at a moderate charge. It is understood that at least one enterprising city enthusiast intends in the near future to open a room with twenty tables, where players can hire a table for an hour or more as he desires. Is it a dream come true that we are to see after a break of 34 years, public table tennis rooms? We hope the venture will eventuate and will be successful. It is not saying too much that Table Tennis will, in the very near future, establish its claim as being definitely the best of indoor sports.

For and on behalf of the Executive Council,

W. C. FISHER, Hon. Secretary.

Addendum: It was with deep feelings of regret in 1931 when I was forced, through a temporary transfer to country work, to relinquish active participation in the administration of Table Tennis. I had visions even in that early period, of the possibilities of this grand sport of ours, and when elected last season once more to the Presidential Chair, I advised Councillors at the first meeting that the season in front of us presaged great things. The report that you have just read proves conclusively that there has been a wonderful expansion of the game, not only in the metropolis, but in country districts. Difficult positions arose throughout the season, but due to the cooperation afforded by the Executive these were overcome, and to-day we stand in a position of security. We have captivated the imagination of the general public and provided the Association continues to serve up matches of the standard of the past season, there should be no need to fear for the continued support in this connection.

I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation and thanks to every member of the Council and Association for the loyal assistance given to me. It would be impossible to mention herein the names of all to whom I am indebted for help, but I feel it incumbent upon me to place on record the ever-ready advice and the sacrifices made by the Secretary, Mr. Fisher, and the Treasurer, Mr. Gilliver.

Mr. Fisher has been the model Secretary, ever ready to help every member, no matter the number of calls made. Few outside the Excutive really understand the valuable and efficient service rendered by this talented officer. He was always on "the job," ever courteous and always on the look-out to put something into effect for the smooth running and betterment of the Association. He has been transferred to Dubbo — believe me, it will be a most difficult matter to fill the position so ably and conscientiously carried out by Mr. Fisher.

It is indeed an unlucky year for the Association in regard to the personnel of its officers — this is the only discordant note in the report, and I am loth to mention it, but the circumstances make me do so. I refer to the loss, on account of a transfer to Wagga, of Mr. Jack Gilliver, Treasurer of the Association. As a custodian of the finances of an Association Jack Gilliver has no peer. His work and his recording of such, leave nothing to be desired. The financial statement shows that our condition in this regard is particularly sound, yes, members, the healthiest condition in the annals of our Association. Our Treasurer has, in no small measure, contributed by his zealous attention to his duties, towards this wonderful achievement.

I sincerely regret that the Association loses temporarily two such valuable and trustworthy officers. I feel sure that in wishing them every success in their new positions I am expressing the sentiments of all members of the Association.

I wish also to convey to Messrs. Finikiotis and Foster on your behalf the thanks of the Association for their services, given in an honorary capacity, as Auditors. Their co-operation and ready response to meet your Executive is indeed gratifying, and is deeply appreciated.

Might I conclude with the hope that all members will continue in the forthcoming season to talk Table Tennis wherever practicable with a view to further popularising the game, and to continue to afford their support to the incoming Executive as displayed during the season just closed.

REES R. AIKMAN, President.

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J. GILLIVER, Hon. Treasurer.

We hereby certify that this Balance Sheet is a true and correct one, and sets forth the state of the Association's affairs in accordance with the Books and Accounts thereof.

Sydney. Dated this 10th February, 1936. Hon. Auditors { S. FINIKIOTIS, L.I.C.A FRED C. FOSTER.

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