

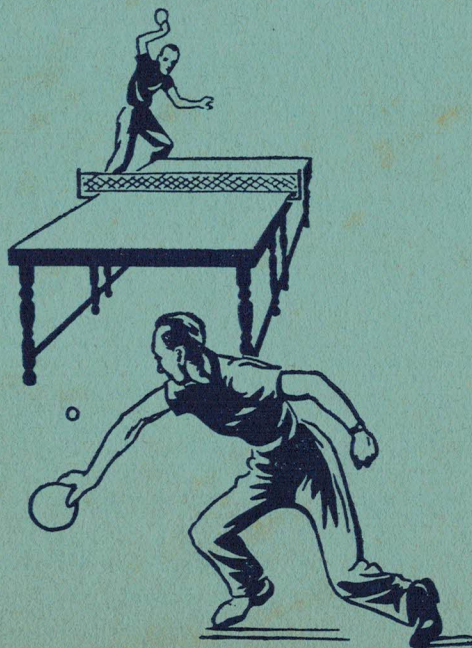
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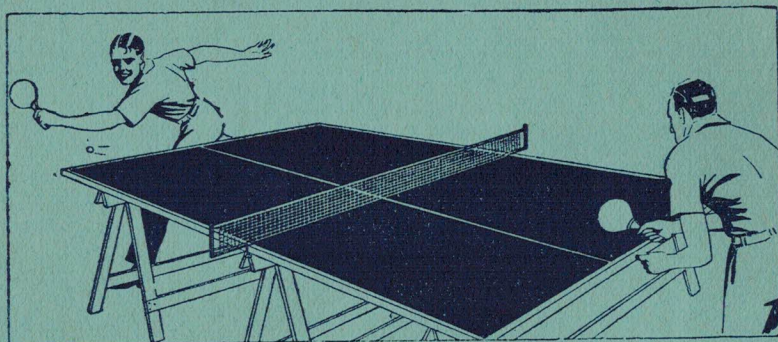


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ANNUAL REPORT.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET to be presented to Members at the Annual General Meeting to be held at Railway Institute Hall, Devonshire Street, Sydney, on Monday, 27th February, 1939, at 7 p.m. sharp.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

The Ninth Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the New South Wales Table Tennis Association are presented herewith.

In presenting this report we record a year of success and further progress for the game in this State.

During the year, which has been one of the most outstanding in the history of the Association, more general interest than ever before was created in Table Tennis mainly because of the visits to New South Wales by the overseas World Champions, Viktor Barna and Lazlo Bellak, whose exhibitions of fast and spectacular play provided such wonderful entertainment. This visit of the world famous Barna and Bellak followed closely the visit by two other World Champions, Miklos Szabados and Istvan Kelen in 1937. Thus, within two years the New South Wales Association, in co-operation with the Australian Table Tennis Association, has been able to provide members of the Association with exhibitions by the world's best table tennis players. Such exhibitions will be of untold wealth to those members who can profit by the demonstrations given both in the singles and the doubles game.

All members of the Council have worked harmoniously throughout the year and the same high standard of efficiency as shown in previous years in running the affairs of the Association has been maintained.

All officers elected at the last Annual Meeting have completed a full year of office and so far as records show, this is the first year which has been completed without any changes in the personnel.

During the year 24 meetings of Council were held.

TEAMS PREMIERSHIP COMPETITIONS: Ninety-one teams, being the same number as in the year 1937-38 commenced play on the 6th April, 1938, and a No. 2 Competition commenced on the 22nd June, 1938, with ten teams. The total number of teams in both competitions for the season was 101, being 2 more than the season 1936-37 but still one less than the record entry of 102 in 1935-36.

Congratulations are extended to the winning team in the various grades, the results being as follow:—

Grade	Winners	Runners Up
A	Insurance 1	Steamtax
A Reserve	Y.M.C.A. 2	Mick Simmons
B	Annandale 2	Y.M.C.A. 3
C	Annandale 3	Canterbury 1
D	Sydney County Council	Top Dog
E	M.M.I.	Ashgrove 1
Novice	Waverley A	Police Boys 1
Ladies	Canterbury	Annandale 4

Teams generally displayed great keenness throughout the competition. This was particularly noticeable in the "A" Grade right throughout the competition; no one team assumed a winning position, the final being in doubt up to the last set. Insurance 1 were the winners by a narrow margin of 1 game only.

Annual Match: N.S.W. Assn. versus Insurance Assn. This inter-association match was played at the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Sydney, on Tuesday, 2nd August, 1938, and resulted in a victory for the N.S.W. Association by 10 sets 85 games to 8 sets 71 games.

The N.S.W. Association side comprised: A. Bowe, M. Greene, J. Martin, V. Veinberg, H. Allen and G. Crowle, while the Insurance Association was represented by K. Baker, C. Comber, W. Symonds and M. Coates.

Prior to this match each Association shared an equal number of wins. In view of the N.S.W. Association now having one win to its credit more than the Insurance Association, it can be expected that the Insurance team this year will be "flat out" in an endeavour to even the matches up.

The fixture is one of the most interesting of the regular matches each year, and it is most disappointing that a greater number of the members of the Association do not display sufficient interest and give the event the support that it deserves. The State's most brilliant players are chosen for the respective sides and much time is devoted by the teams in practising prior to the match, whilst the Executives of each Association share in organising for the event. A hall is rented each year in order to provide good conditions for members and public to view the match and the nett profits (if any) are divided between the Associations concerned.

It is regretted to report that due to the lack of support this fixture has resulted in a financial loss for the past two years.

It is hoped, however, that members will rally more to the support of this important fixture in future.

State Championships: Although the number of entries for the State Championships this year was not as heavy as the Carnival year of 1937 it is considered that the entries received, viz. 338, to be very satisfactory when compared with the previous record year (prior to the Carnival year) when the entries totalled 336.

The final night was staged at the Australian Hall on Wednesday, 29th June, 1938, under the most ideal conditions never before provided for Table Tennis in Australia. Much time and considerable expense was put into the providing of special high power non-glare lights for the players and tiered seating for the spectators. Our thanks in this connection are mainly due to Mr. W. E. Robbins, who devoted considerable time to the carrying out of experiments and designing of the lights, which resulted in players being provided with ideal playing conditions.

This opportunity is taken of congratulating the winners and runners-up in the various events:—

Event	Winner	Runner-Up
Open Singles	A. Bowe	V. Veinberg
Ladies Singles	Mrs. A. Ward	Miss A. Jacobs
Junior Singles	L. McAuliffe	H. Gilbert

Event	Winner	Runner-Up
A Reserve Singles	K. Parr	L. Tomlinson
B Singles	J. Hyde	L. McAuliffe
C Singles	K. Lambert	J. Lambert
D Singles	E. Cannon	H. Gilbert
E Singles	J. Buckley	L. Ritchie
Open Doubles	M. Greene & C. Comber	K. Baker & M. Coates
Ladies Doubles	Misses A. Jacobs & P. Hollis	Mrs. A. Ward & Miss Hopwood
Mixed Doubles	Miss A. Jacobs & M. Greene	Mrs. A. Ward & C. Comber
A Reserve Doubles	E. Johnson & A. Swadling	J. Norris & N. Gazzard
B Doubles	E. Johnson & A. Swadling	A. Symonds & L. Trengenza
C Doubles	W. Engel & L. Ward	P. Bevis & J. Ryan
D Doubles	W. Engel & L. Ward	J. Slough & S. W. Allmark
E Doubles	K. Ritchie & J. Cartwright	E. J. O'Brien & L. J. Wellman

The result of the Consolation Singles event for those players who entered in the Open and A Reserve Singles and who were eliminated in the first round was:—

W. Foster (Winner)

A. Symonds (Runner Up)

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City of Sydney Championships: The Railway Institute Association was again granted permission to conduct the City of Sydney Championships.

These events were held at the Railway Institute under well organised conditions, the Open Singles being won by the State Titleholder, A. Bowe.

Annual Ball: The Third Annual Ball was held at the Paddington Town Hall on Friday, 7th October, 1938, when the President, Mr. H. G. Schachtel presented trophies won at the State Championships and 1938 Teams Competition.

This function, although not fulfilling expectations with regard to attendance, was an outstanding social success.

Wonderful camaraderie existed among the various parties present.

Affiliated Associations: This season the following Associations affiliated:—

Insurance Officers Table Tennis Association.
Railway Institute Table Tennis Association.
Road Transport and Tramways Table Tennis Association.
Lithgow Table Tennis Association.
Dubbo Table Tennis Association.

The Insurance Officers Association conducted a teams competition, as usual, during the year. "Liverpool, London & Globe" won the "A" Grade for the second year in succession and the third time since the commencement of the Association.

The team was ably captained by M. Coates and was given a great amount of support by their local manager, Mr. Dunlop.

Ken McAuley, 16 year old left-handed junior, made a name for himself in Insurance Officers Association by winning that Association's "B" Grade Championship. McAuley has been playing table tennis only 14 months. In these Championships C. Comber lost to K. Baker in the Insurance Open Singles Event. After winning the first set 6-0 and leading 2-0 in the second set he was finally defeated by K. Baker after a most thrilling match, the score being 0-6, 6-2, 6-4. Keith Baker has now won this title 4 times out of 5.

Congratulations go out to Mr. W. Harper, Secretary of the Railway Institute Table Tennis Association. It is pleasing to note that this Association's efforts during the year were crowned with success. Two major carnivals, the City of Sydney Championships and the Interstate Railways Teams and Individual Championships, were conducted during the year and the Committee in general and Mr. Harper in particular are congratulated upon the manner in which these functions were organised. The City of Sydney Championships attracted just on 400 entries.

Publicity: Publicity during the year was very satisfactory, and it is fitting that it should be here recorded the appreciation of the Association for the efforts of Mr. Geoff Allen in this regard, especially in regard to his articles which have appeared in the "Sun" regularly throughout the year.

Our thanks are also tendered to the sporting editors of all daily newspapers and broadcasting stations for the publicity given, as it was due in no small measure to the publicity given through these mediums that the Barna-Bellak Exhibitions drew such large crowds.

Trophies Donated: The President, Mr. H. G. Schachtel, donated a handsome trophy for the Ladies Singles Championships of N.S.W., and Mrs. C. Jarvis donated the Cup for the Open Singles Championship of N.S.W.

The Association desires to thank the donors for their generosity and the very practical interest displayed.

Grading of Players: The Selection Committee has graded the ten best players (men and ladies) for the year as follows:—

Men	Ladies
1. A. Bowe	1. Mrs. A. Ward
2. & 3. K. Baker & C. Comber.	2. Miss A. Jacobs
3.	3. Mrs. M. Walton
4. V. Veinberg	4. Miss P. Hollis
5. J. Hair	5. Miss Hopwood
6. M. Greene	6. Miss D. Shields
7. R. Masters	7. Miss D. Gardner
8. J. Martin	8. Miss Sampson
9. H. Whittle	9. Miss Edwards
10. A. Parsons	10. Miss Brotherton

Visit of Hungarian Players: Mr. H. N. Smith, of Hull, England, was again responsible for the visit to Australia of two Hungarian Table Tennis Champions in the persons of Messrs. Barna and Bellak. Mr. Smith again advanced the steamer fares for these players to Australia and return and was content to be reimbursed out of 25% of the gross gate receipts from exhibition matches; such generosity being greatly appreciated by Australian and State Associations.

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Prior to arrival in Australia exhibitions were given in New Zealand, where an extensive tour of both the North and South Isles had been arranged by the New Zealand Association.

While in Australia, Viktor Barna and Lazlo Bellak visited and gave exhibitions in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland and Tasmania, and drew large and appreciative audiences on every occasion.

While in Sydney five public exhibitions were given, four nights at the Australian Hall and one at Rockdale, in addition to which a private exhibition was given at City Tattersall's Club for the benefit of press and radio representatives, and a further private exhibition was given to the staff of the Elliott & Australian Drug Co. Ltd., the latter being arranged at the request of Mr. H. N. Smith. Players have benefited greatly by their matches with the Hungarians and have been practising assiduously in an effort to emulate the style of play favoured by Barna and Bellak.

Messrs. Barna and Bellak made many friends by their genial personality and displayed a marked degree of willingness at all times to show their best where and whenever games were arranged for them. On every occasion that they appeared they played "flat out" from the first service. Their all round exposition and sporting disposition won the admiration of audiences at every public appearance.

We take this opportunity of placing on record our sincere thanks to them for making the tour and to Mr. H. N. Smith for making the tour possible.

Thanks: The Association wishes to record its thanks to the undermentioned persons and organisations for their assistance and support during the season:—

The various clubs which permitted the use of their rooms for the preliminary rounds of the State Championships.

Mr. A. G. Moyes, Mr. Con. Simons and others of the "Sun" newspaper for accepting Table Tennis articles in the "Sun" during the year.

Mr. E. N. Greatorex for his reference to Table Tennis in the "Sunday Sun."

The members of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society who assisted materially in preparation of the Australian Hall for the Barna-Bellak exhibitions and to the Society for the use of a room for a number of Council meetings.

The Chairman and Committee of City Tattersall's Club for making available their Board room for a number of Council meetings and also for the use of the Club for the staging of the private exhibition of Messrs. Barna and Bellak, which was arranged for the press and radio representatives.

The Australasian Transport and Shipping Agency Co. Ltd. (Mr. Chatfield and Mr. Packer) and members of A.T.S.A. Social Club for the use of their Club room and also for the transporting of tables and trestles, which was done without charge to the Association.

The Department of Agriculture and its Chief Clerk, Mr. Whitbread for the use of the Assembly Hall where the Consolation Singles were played off.

The following firms who assisted in advertising:—

Mick Simmons Ltd., Bert Oldfields Ltd., N.S.W. Sports Store, C. Hancock's Sports Store, A. G. Spalding & Bros. Pty. Ltd., and Eric Stewart, Esq.

To "The Sun," Sydney Morning Herald, Sydney Mail, Daily Telegraph and Daily News for the publicity given the Hungarian Exhibitions and also to The Australian Broadcasting Commission (Mr. Kerr), 2KY (Mr. Andy Flanagan), 2UE (Mr. Phillips), 2GB (Mr. Oscar Lawson), 2UW (Mr. Chas. Lawrence and Mr. Cyril Angles).

Australian Table Tennis Association: A great deal of work was carried out during the year by the Delegates from each of the State Associations, both in regard to matters affecting Table Tennis from an Australian viewpoint, and in regard to the visit by Barna and Bellak from overseas.

As is well known, the laws of Table Tennis have not been uniform throughout Australia. One of the objects of the Australian body is to have uniform laws adopted by each State, and with this object in view the Australian Association during the year adopted the Laws of Table Tennis as used in International Competitions. South Australia, Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania adopted the uniform laws, this step being a most important one indeed in the administration of the game throughout Australia.

The New South Wales Council, taking all factors into consideration, has decided to support the move for the adoption of the uniform laws and has brought the matter before members for decision at the Annual Meeting.

The Council recommends the adoption by New South Wales of the Laws of Table Tennis as adopted for international competitions. New South Wales is the only State in Australia playing under different laws, and no matter what one's opinion is as to the merits or otherwise of the subject, the Council is of the opinion that New South Wales must fall in line with the rest of Australia.

Therefore, with the object of attaining uniformity with the rest of Australia and the world, your Council strongly recommends all members to bring about the adoption of the new laws.

The visit of Barna and Bellak during the year was arranged through the Australian Association and the confusion and duplication of work which was evident during the visit of Szabados and Kelen in 1937 (at which time the Australian Association was not properly constituted) were entirely absent. The amount of detail work in connection with the visit of the overseas visitors was tremendous, and the appreciation by New South Wales of the untiring and efficient handling of matters by the Australian Association Honorary Secretary, Mr. Ron Jones, of the Victorian T.T. Association, is acknowledged.

Tasmania affiliated to the Australian Association during the year—thus now Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia form the Australian body, in which the control of the game in Australia is vested.

Memorial to late Cecil J. Smith: A very striking and fitting memorial trophy has been provided to perpetuate the memory of the late Cecil J. Smith, who passed away on the 26th September, 1937.



Those who knew this very fine young man and those players who associated with him in Table Tennis will always remember his splendid personality, cheerful demeanour and complete unselfishness at all times and in all circumstances, which won for him the admiration and esteem of all.

In 1935 he won the Open Singles Championship of New South Wales. This was his first year in competitive table tennis, at which time he was playing "C" Grade in the teams' competition with Macdonald Hamilton club.

In 1936 he was runner-up to Keith Baker in the Open Singles and also in the Open Doubles event. The following year (1937) he won his second State Open Singles Title and his first Open Doubles Title—his partner in the doubles being Charlie Comber. A little later he won the Open Singles and Doubles Titles in the City of Sydney Championships. The same year he represented New South Wales in the three Interstate fixtures in the Third Australian Carnival, and qualified for the semi-final of the Australian Singles event, going down to the Hungarian player, Istvan Kelen.

Cecil also held a wonderful record in Lawn Tennis and at cricket he was an excellent all round player. His achievements in competitive sport falls to the lot of very few so young as he was.

The Cecil J. Smith Memorial Trophy is to be played for in the State Open Singles event each year and will be held by the winner of the title, being passed on from time to time as the title is won.

The name of Arthur, Bowe, being the first player to win the title after Cecil's death, will be the first to appear on the trophy.

Arthur Bowe will receive the trophy at the Annual General Meeting and will hold same for the period that he retains the State Open Singles title.

An opportunity was afforded all clubs to contribute to the cost of purchasing this trophy. The following contributions have been received up to the time this report goes to print, and are gratefully acknowledged herein:—

Macdonald Hamilton Table Tennis Club	£1 5 0
Metro Goldwyn Mayer Table Tennis Club	1 1 0
Railway Institute Association	1 1 0
Annandale Olympic Club	1 0 0
Steamship Table Tennis Club	1 0 0
Insurance Officers Association	10 6
Ashgrove Table Tennis Association	5 0
Autowyns Table Tennis Club	5 0
Bushells Table Tennis Club	5 0
Gee Bee Table Tennis Club	5 0
Manufacturers' Mutual Table Tennis Club	5 0
Mick Simmons Table Tennis Club	5 0
Mountview Table Tennis Club	5 0
N.R.M.A. Table Tennis Club	5 0
Railway Institute No. 3 team	5 0
The Wanderers Table Tennis Club	5 0
Winns Table Tennis Club	5 0

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General: For several years Council of the Association have looked forward to the time when players, chosen to represent the State and required to be away from their homes for a period, could be sent by the Association without cost to the players. It is gratifying to record that this object was achieved during the year, when three players were selected and sent to Melbourne to take part in the Australian Championships, the travelling expenses and accommodation being paid in full by the Association.

The players selected were Messrs. A. Bowe and C. Comber and Mrs. A. Ward, whose performances in the National Championships justified their selection.

During the year the Association received an invitation from the Chairman of the Physical Education Advisory Committee to accept representation on the advisory group to the Men's Sports Committee. The invitation was accepted and Council was pleased to nominate Mr. Rees R. Aikman, who accepted the position. It is felt that no better choice could have been made than Mr. Aikman, in view of his well-known practical interest and general knowledge of Table Tennis, coupled with the fact that he is "on the spot" in the Education Department from where the Government's physical education plans in this State are being given effect.

C. F. A. JARVIS,
Hon. Secretary.

Addendum: It is with great pleasure and satisfaction that I take this opportunity of thanking the members of all teams playing under our Association for their loyal support during the past season. During the Winter Competition I took the opportunity of paying visits to several different clubs and I was very fortunate to see some excellent games played. Several young players impressed me as having a bright future for the 1939 season. I must also pay a tribute to the Ladies, having witnessed games in both the City and Suburbs, their play being of an excellent standard. I would especially appeal to all the players to continue again this year and put the same keenness and enthusiasm into their efforts, bearing in mind it is the Association's endeavour to help everybody and keep the game on the very high standard that it is to-day. The Association has had two great lessons in the last two years by four great Hungarian players, Messrs. Szabados, Kelen, Barna and Bellak, and it is my advice to all to try and emulate these great players of Table Tennis.

During my year as your President your Council has had quite a busy time and I want to thank every member of the Council for the able assistance and support they have given me, thus making my year of office a very happy one. I desire to make special mention of our Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. Jarvis, and Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. Finikiotis, and thank them for their worthy and untiring efforts. I cannot close without making reference to Mr. W. E. Robbins (now President of the Australian Table Tennis Association). Mr. Robbins has been of great assistance to your Council and I thank him for his work in that respect. I desire also to convey to Messrs. F. C. Foster and A. G. Parfett the thanks of the Association for their services as Honorary Auditors.

The work which has been carried out by the Association during the year must be viewed with satisfaction and I, personally, wish to take this opportunity of thanking one and all for their assistance and help to me, and hope the same good work will continue during the coming season.

HUBERT G. SCHACHTEL,
President.

N.S.W. TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1938.

EXPENDITURE.		INCOME.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Trophies	58 13 9	By Affiliations and Registrations ..	81 9 6
„ Victorian Tour	41 9 6	„ State Championships and Insurance v. Association Fixture ..	15 5 9
„ Loss on Dance	13 2 6	„ Hungarian Tour	33 6 7
„ Honoraria	31 10 0	„ Sale of Rule Books	11 5 5
„ Donation—Adult D. & D. Society	5 5 0	„ Advertising	7 10 0
„ Affiliation—A.T.T.A.	2 2 0	„ Royalties on Balls	2 0 8
„ Printing and Stationery	21 12 8	„ Guarantee Fees Forfeited ..	3 15 0
„ Postages, telegrams and telephones	19 3 9	„ Interest	1 3 2
„ Fares	4 1 5	„ Donation—C. Hancock	1 1 0
„ General Expenses	4 3 3		
„ Depreciation	3 11 11		
„ Bad Debts written off	10 6		
			£156 17 1
		„ Excess of expenditure over income—transferred from Accumulated Funds	48 9 2
	£205 6 3		£205 6 3

S. FINIKIOTIS, Hon. Treasurer.
20/2/39.

N.S.W. TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1938.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Guarantee Trust Account (as per contra)	36 8 0	Cash in Hand	11 2
C. J. Smith Memorial Fund	3 0 0	Cash at Bank—	
Accumulated Funds—		Savings Account	23 12 9
Balance at 31/12/37	118 19 9	Less Current Account overdrawn ..	9 4 1
Add Adjustment in respect of 1937	4 0 0		14 8 8
	122 19 9	Guarantee Account (as per contra)	36 8 0
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for year 1938 ..	48 9 2	Interest Accrued	11 10
	74 10 7	Sundry Debtors—	
		State and N.Z. Associations ..	32 0 2
		Other	3 15 0
			35 15 2
		Stocks on Hand—	
		Stationery	16 1
		Certificates	1 3 9
		Badges	7 5 6
		Result Forms	2 1 7
		Rules Books	7 4 0
			18 10 11
		Typewriter (at cost less depreciation)	2 15 0
		Table (at cost less depreciation) ..	1 0 0
		Printing Blocks and Bag (at cost less depreciation)	1 4 6
		Electrical Fittings (at cost less depreciation)	2 13 4
	£113 18 7		£113 18 7

We have audited the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the N.S.W. Table Tennis Association for the year ended 31st December, 1938, 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
S. FINIKIOTIS, Hon. Treasurer.
20th February, 1939.

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