

NEW SOUTH WALES  
TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION



THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

AND

BALANCE SHEET



Period: 31-5-47 to 31-12-47

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## ANNUAL REPORT

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS to be presented to Members at the Annual Meeting to be held at Rawson Chambers (4th Floor), Rawson Place, Sydney, on the 28th April, 1948, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Another year of Table Tennis activity has closed, and it affords me the greatest pleasure to report that it has been one of our most successful seasons, with Competition play running throughout the Summer, as well as the usual popular Winter Competition.

Practically all of our players had returned to civil life from the various Services at the commencement of the 1947/48 Season and, although some of the former well-known players did not participate, the number of entries in the various events showed that many new and promising players have come forward to carry on the game vigorously and progressively.

TEAMS' PREMIERSHIP. The Teams Winter Competition in 1947 drew a large entry, necessitating some grades being broken into as many as three Divisions. All grades were represented, including a Ladies Grade. One of the features of the "E" Grade was the participation therein of a team comprised wholly of Ladies which acquitted itself very well, although it was unable to win the grade Premiership. As in the preceding year, there was a good demand for a Teams Summer Competition which was conducted in December, January, February and March. It was necessary, unfortunately, for several teams to withdraw, but this did not impair the smooth running of the Competition generally.

On the whole, the Fixture Result Forms were regularly lodged, but there is still room for improvement in this regard, and this opportunity is taken of bringing under the notice of winning teams the necessity of lodging Result Forms promptly, and so assisting the Council to successfully conduct the Championships.

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

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Winners (Winter 1947)</u>	<u>Winners (Summer 1947/48)</u>
"A"	Szabados Academy "A"	-
"B"	Cuaco No.1	-
"C"	Kenya	-
"D"	Alco "D"	Table Tennis Centre
"E"	Academy "E"	P.M.G. Workshops No.1
Ladies	Academy Ladies No.1	Y.W.C.A.
Newcomers	-	Main Roads

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS. The State Championships in 1946 attracted good entries, but in the Season just closed, the entries were better still, and the rivalry keener. Your Executive Council is hampered by the lack of ideal space and facilities in conducting the State Championships and it appears, unfortunately, that it will be necessary to carry on for some time yet handicapped by insufficient accommodation, but with the continuation of the happy co-operation of all players which has been consistently shown during the past two years, it is hoped to determine the Championships as smoothly and conveniently as possible. It is desired to express the Council's appreciation of the loan of the room and tables owned by the N.S.W. Railways Institute Table Tennis Association, without the use of which it would have been extremely difficult to conclude the State Championships within a reasonable time. The convenience in being able to hire the tables in the Table Tennis Academy is also appreciated.

The audience which witnessed M. Szabados win the Open Singles title was the largest ever to crowd into the Y.M.C.A. Hall, and, although the Final of the Open Singles did not produce some of the thrills which more closely contested finals have provided in the past, the masterful play of the ex-world's champion more than compensated for any lack of close finishes.

The Junior Championship produced a miniature packet of proficiency in the diminutive Bobby Hodge, who appeared to have little difficulty in winning from M. Colonius. The form of the Juniors generally, however, as in 1946, was disappointing.

The Ladies Open Final did not produce a match up to the usual standard, as the nervousness of Miss C. Gillie, playing Singles for the first time before a big audience, allowed Miss D. Shipp to take the title without trouble.

Results of the State Championships were as follow:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>
Open Singles	M. Szabados	M. Dankin
Open Doubles	Laza-Anderson	Comber-Lambert
Open Ladies Singles	Miss D. Shipp	Miss C. Gillie
Junior Singles	R. Hodge	M. Colonius
Open Mixed Doubles	Mrs. Ward-Anderson	Miss Barwick-Dankin
"B" Singles	M.K. Hodda	R. Taylor
"B" Doubles	Briggs-Cramer	Wilkins-Jennings
"C" Singles	L.N. Marlow	R. Wynn
"C" Doubles	Blanchard-Wynn	Bowler-Pile
"D" Singles	R. Hodge	R.W.L. Wilson
"D" Doubles	Hodge-Feldheim	Milton-Molles
"E" Singles	M.P. Thomson	G.R. Lewis
"E" Doubles	Hodge-Linden	White-Hackett
Ladies Grade Singles	Miss P. Flanagan	Miss N. Callinan
Ladies Grade Doubles	Miss Gillie-Miss Shipp	Miss Symonds-Miss Runcorn
Ladies Open Doubles	Mrs. Ward-Miss McGuire	Miss Flanagan-Miss Barwick

Congratulations are offered to the winners of the events, for whom trophies have been provided. Trophies have been provided also for the Runners-up. Presentations will be made at a Smoke Concert which will be held at the Large Hall, Railway Institute, Devonshire Street, City, (near Central Railway) on Wednesday evening, 5th May, 1948.

GRADING OF PLAYERS. The Executive Council authorised the Selection Committee (Messrs. Aikman, Comber and Szabados) to grade the twelve best men players and the six best lady players for 1947/48. Such are:

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|----------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1. M. Szabados | 4. L. Laza    | 7. A. Gill   | 10. K. Lambert   |
| 2. M. Dankin   | 5. C. Comber  | 8. J. Martin | 11. B. Messenger |
| 3. P. Anderson | 6. P. Raymond | 9. N. Dunn   | 12. L. Laycock   |

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Miss D. Shipp  | 4. Miss P. Flanagan |
| 2. Mrs. A. Ward   | 5. Miss L. Symonds  |
| 3. Miss C. Gillie | 6. Miss K. Pedrana  |

LAWS OF TABLE TENNIS. During the past year, the Australian Table Tennis Association re-affirmed its adherence to the Laws of Table Tennis adopted by the International Table Tennis Federation, which effected two changes in the law relating to the Service.

The alterations are:

- (a) Insert between first and second paragraphs of old rule:  
"In the delivery of the service the free hand of any two-handed player shall be open and flat, with the fingers straight and together, thumb free, and the ball resting on the palm without being cupped or pinched in any way by the fingers. The ball shall be released by the free hand either lifting upward or dropping away."
- (b) In last paragraph: Delete the word "Both" and insert the words "the latter".

All members are requested to adhere to the new law which will be strictly adhered to in all matches. The alteration has been designed to improve the game and, even though members might first think that the alteration of the Service is not justified in their particular cases, it is the common adoption by all players that will ensure its success.

AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION. In October, 1947, a Special Personal General Meeting of the A.T.T.A. was held in Sydney; South Australia, Victoria, Tasmania and Queensland, each sending a Delegate. The A.T.T.A. Constitution was reviewed, and various Regulations were adopted for the conduct of matters affecting State Associations. As advised in the notice of this Annual Meeting, the A.T.T.A. decided that persons financially interested in the game of Table Tennis would not be eligible for membership of the Executive Councils of the various

States, and that players who sought to receive payment in connection with the game must be "Classified" and would not be eligible to become a member of a team representing their State. New South Wales is seeking an alteration to these Regulations, but it appears that nothing can be done until the matters are raised at the next Personal Meeting of the Delegates of the various States, which will be held in September next in Melbourne.

AUSTRALIAN CARNIVAL, 1948. Victoria will conduct the next Australian Carnival in Melbourne in September, 1948. This will be the first post-war Australian Carnival and it is hoped that N.S.W. will be fully represented by its best players.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS. Attendance at Council Meetings during the year has been consistently good. Meetings, with one exception, were held each calendar month and it is felt that this is the opportune part of this report to express grateful appreciation to City Tattersalls Club for the use of its Board Room for Executive Council Meetings. The Association is deeply indebted to City Tattersalls. The free use of the room conserves the funds of the Association, and the comfortable appointments are such that they induce the best efforts of all Councillors.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS. The following Associations affiliated during the year. N.S.W. Railways Institute, Insurance Offices, Illawarra, Camden and District.

Various enquiries were received during the year from persons interested in the formation of Associations in the country. The indications are that 1948 will see the affiliation of further new Associations.

Championships were held by the Affiliated Associations during the year and, in this connection, the efforts of the Executives of the Associations are warmly commended.

EXHIBITIONS. Various exhibitions were given during the year and the thanks of the Association is extended to all of those players who devoted their time for this purpose. Exhibitions assist materially in demonstrating to the general public how Table Tennis is played and the selected players can feel satisfied that theirs is a job of work well done, and appreciated.

THANKS. The thanks of the Association are expressed to all of those persons and firms who assisted the Association in various ways during the year, including the various Sporting Commentators of the Broadcasting Stations and the Sporting Editors of the Sydney newspapers. Reference has been made elsewhere in this report to the assistance rendered by the N.S.W. Railways Institute and by City Tattersalls Club.

W.E. ROBINS  
HONORARY SECRETARY.

ADDENDUM

I wish to record once more the pleasure and satisfaction which I have again found in my connection with Table Tennis during the past year.

The members of the Executive Council have each been imbued with a healthy keenness which has furthered the game to no little extent.

To those members who are retiring from the Council I wish to express my thanks for their loyal support and to express my appreciation of the work which they have done. The affairs of the Association has taken up quite a good deal of their time which, however, has been given freely. To those members who will be continuing with the work of the new Council, I will say that I hope to be able to be associated with them in their further endeavours to help the game of Table Tennis prosper in New South Wales.

Whilst the Association is served by a Council which is guided by a desire to do everything possible to advance the game and the interest of the public in it, its progress is assured. I think that I know enough of the Association's members to forecast that it will elect a new Council which will do nothing to retard the game, but will do everything to further expand its popularity.

H.G. SCHACHEL  
PRESIDENT

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SHEET

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<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Income</u>	
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Honoraria 1941 to 1946	47. 5. 0	Registrations	67. 7. 0
Printing, Postage and Stationery	31. 7. 8	Entries	<u>28.15. 0</u> £96. 2. 0
A.T.T.A. Subscription	2. 2. 0	1947-48 Summer Teams	
A.T.T.A. Delegates (Entertainment)	7.16.11	Registrations	20.17. 6
Donation	2. 2. 0	Entries	<u>12. 0. 0</u> 32.17. 6
Sundries	6.16. 6	1947 Championships (Net Income to Date)	61.17. 0
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