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	Committee	Elizabeth Delbourgo, Marshall Muller, Martin Randle, Kelvin Michael, Owen Jensen	
TTTA delegates	Bob and Elizabeth Delbourgo		

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Junior development held centre stage this year, the climax being our hosting of the National Junior Championships at Kingborough Sports Centre (KSC) during early October. Largely due to the monumental efforts of the organizing committee and the STTTA members who served on it (Chris Hooper, Irene Wierenga, Maureen Sherman, Andrew Goodsell, Marshall Muller) it was a stunning success and all the persons involved, including those who helped in other capacities, deserve our warmest congratulations. There were many unsung helpers such as parents, relatives and friends – not only of the participants but from STTTA players and members of sister associations. (We know this, because feedback from the participants – players and managers -- was uniformly positive.) The KSC deserve special mention in this regard, for without their active cooperation and provision of the facilities of the centre it would not have been possible to run the events; these took up the basketball courts as well as our own table tennis hall for most of the week. STTTA members deserve special thanks for their forbearance in having their normal routines interrupted by the championships and the coaching which preceded that.

A number of us will be retiring from the committee this year as we have served on the executive side for four terms; thus our time is up as demanded by the STTTA Constitution. It will be good to see a change of personnel and a lowering of the average age of serving members on the executive! Some of us will still be working behind the scenes attending to the humdrum activities, such as organizing rosters and championships, so the new members' duties should not prove too onerous. The administration of the association's business is in good shape and has gone electronic, so a lot of the paperwork has started to disappear. (I certainly hope that the new committee will continue this space-saving practice.) If you have looked into the office recently you will have noticed a rationalization of our records and equipment, which Elizabeth has ruthlessly pursued; this should simplify the tasks of the new committee.

You cannot have failed to observe the huge building works alongside KSC, associated with the move of Kingston High School to the new site. (Kelvin has kept us in touch with these developments vis-à-vis table tennis.) Difficulty in parking this year was one of the principal signals, but things should rapidly improve as the construction progresses; already we see the arrival of new parking bays. Fortunately these building activities did not cause too much disruption at weekends when tournaments were held and I thank members for their understanding and continued patience. Any move to a new site remains on the back-burner.

2009 was the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the KSC, as well as the building of our table tennis centre. (At the end of this annual report there are some interesting photos of the stages of its construction, by courtesy of Tony Rae.) At the KSC celebrations, Maureen and Dave Sherman were formally recognized by the Council for their efforts towards table tennis throughout the years. We also arranged our own celebrations one week in September, as most of you will know, with handicap tournaments.

Our membership numbers grew by about 20% in 2009 and this means that our financial situation remains good, so we are recommending that the match fees and membership charges stay the same in 2010. However our levies to TTA/TTTA will rise next year, in addition to increasing running costs, so you are warned that the following year there is a possibility that the membership charges will go up. It is to be noted that only one in six of

our members express any interest in participating in Championships so we have to keep a balanced programme of activities, bearing that the majority of our players are there for social relaxation.

Like it or not, the committee are responsible to other bodies who constantly require us to furnish information to them and demand conformity to all modern regulations such as privacy, accountability, etc., as well as looking after our own members. We filter out a lot of this required information from your membership application renewal form. Probably most of you don't realise how much you can help the committee by paying attention to all the little details asked of you in forms, instead of regarding them as yet another chore to be quickly disposed of. There will be just one new membership application form for new players, renewals, practice passes in 2010 to ensure that we can meet your interests easily, and so I urge you to fill it in completely and return it promptly.

A new web site for STTTA is in the process of construction and should be operational by early in 2010. Apart from what is posted on the notice board this will be the main route by which we will try to disseminate information to you all about upcoming tournaments, rosters, and so on. Now that almost 95% of you have access to email and internet, by consulting the web site and reading your email you will be able to print out what is needed, rather than the secretary having to supply endless copies -- copies which are often lost and represent a total waste of paper!

We have made some improvement to the facilities in our centre: the scoreboards and barriers are sturdy and have withstood constant use; we now have back seating, and an electrical upgrade of the central booth means that we can stay warm in the booth (without fusing the circuits) and can now track tournaments electronically as we go along, displaying updated draws of championships on an external monitor. We made use of these advances in the Southern Open and Tasmanian Open, which we ran in 2009 as in previous years.

In closing I would like to thank Irene for keeping our financial stuff in perfect order and Elizabeth for keeping our membership database up-to-date while also attending assiduously to the numerous matters that beset a secretary. Ken Jones has maintained our equipment and liaised well with the KSC staff. Martin Randle has handled the "Come and Try" sessions with initiative and élan. Chris Hooper has worked tirelessly over the last few years in developing the juniors and has spent long hours in organizing junior rosters and beginners' classes. Brendon Black, Andrew Goodsell and Callan Wisby have done champion service with informal coaching all round. Allen Chen is a superb Youth representative on the committee and takes his role very seriously and conscientiously. We are glad that Marshall Muller did not leave Tasmania as he is always dependable and helps out in so many ways. Our Duty Officers (Frank Huber, Ray Stidston, Ronda Thomas and Leanne Cowley) have ensured that rosters run smoothly. Malcolm Farmilo and other parents have provided assistance with running Junior rosters. As ever, John French and all the KSC staff have been fully supportive of our activities and we are very grateful to them for that.

Thank you all once more and farewell from me.

Bob Delbourgo, 02/12/2009

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Members registered with TTTA/TTA (includes insurance cover) 164

These are registered on the Sportzware database and include

- cadet members (under 18 years, playing in senior roster or championships)	31
- active life members	5
- new members (previously registered with other associations, including overseas)	3
- new senior roster players	36
- new veteran roster players	9

**Members not registered on the TTTA/TTA Sportzware database, having insurance cover only
(note social players do not play table tennis but restricted players do play).**

These comprise

- junior members (including 'Beginning Table Tennis' players-restricted)	118
- honorary member(social - R.Vincent)	1
- duty officers(social)	4
- social practice pass holders(restricted)	21
- family members on family practice passes(restricted)	28

Total: 172

GRAND TOTAL of members: 336

Other information

- practice passes issued	74 (includes 14 family)
- membership cards issued	195
- guest players (registered with other associations, 2 in veterans, 4 in senior)	6

ROSTERS

Team Entries (Number of teams)

	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Veteran</i>	<i>Junior</i>
<i>Autumn</i>	19	20	23
<i>Winter</i>	18	17	17
<i>Spring</i>	16	16	19

Junior Roster (Number of teams)

	<i>Primary</i>	<i>Secondary</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Boys</i>	28	63	91
<i>Girls</i>	5	2	7
<i>Total</i>	33	65	98

'Beginning Table Tennis' (Number of players)

'Beginning Table Tennis' is a skills-oriented program for primary school beginners. The purpose is to give players basic skills before they continue into junior roster.

<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
22*	9*	31

*5 boys and one girl progressed to junior roster during the year.

Roster Winners

Autumn

Senior Div 1: DEGAS (A.Goodsell, T.Kallend, P.Man)
Senior Div 2: GAUDI (A.Aduli, O.Jensen, K.Smith)
Senior Div 3: WRIGHT (T.McKay, D.Morley, C.Stack)
Highest StrikeRate: D.Morley

Veteran Div 1: ROSS (M.Hudson, M.Muller, I.Stennard)
Veteran Div 2: JERICH0 (P.Cheverton, P.Thompson, R.Stidston)
Veteran Div 3: STONOR (G.Gressie, P.Head, K.Jones)
Highest StrikeRate: P.Nguyen

Junior Div 1: BROLGAS (J.Morley, J.Townend, J.Walker)
Junior Div 2: HUTCHINS 2 PELICANS (I.Fulton, I.Hood, S.Jones, H.Nichols)
Junior Div 3: TAROONA HIGH OSPREYS (M.Ernst, J.Riley, T.Riley)
Junior Div 4: SCRUB TURKEYS (T.Johnson, S.Morley, M.Stack)

Winter

Senior Div 1: VIOLINS (G.Armstrong, D.McLean, R.Newton, M.Tadd)
Senior Div 2: HORNS (M.Goodsell, D.Shenoy, I.Wierenga)
Senior Div 3: TAMBORINES (A.Bender, S.Bender, S.Davies)
Highest StrikeRate: R.Chalmers

Veteran Div 1: OUSE (R.Massie, M.Muller, C.Owens)
Veteran Div 2: PENGUIN (G.Rouleston, P.Stennard, K.Trippett)
Veteran Div 3: STONOR (A.Andric, D.Jones, K.Jones)
Highest StrikeRate: P.Nguyen

Junior Div 1: KOOKABURRAS (J.Cowley, B.Etherington, T.Stolorz)
Junior Div 2: ROSELLAS (K.Johnson, S.Morley, D.Tear)
Junior Div 3: HUTCHINS HERONS (B.Lienert, A.Pace, T.Skalicky, W.Smee)

Spring

Senior Div 1: BLUES 1 (P.Bailey, J.Goodsell, R.Newton)
Senior Div 2: BLUES 2 (M.Davis, M.Goodsell, M.Randle)
Senior Div 3: BLUES 3 (J.Imber, K.Mishina, M.Potter, P.Sun)
Senior Div 4: BLUES 4 (J.Box, T.Coad, K.Townend)
Highest StrikeRate : G.Yang

Veteran Div 1: BLACKS 1 (G.Benn, D.Gardner, C.Owens)
Veteran Div 2: BLACKS 2 (J.Nauta, D.Sherman, R.Stidston)
Veteran Div 3: BLACKS 3 (O.Jensen, R.Worsley, F.Yee)
Veteran Div 4: BLACKS 4 (S.Chalmers, P.Firth, M.Kays)
Highest StrikeRate: A.Andric

Junior Div 1: TBA
Junior Div 2: TBA
Junior Div 3: TBA
Junior Div 4: TBA

P R Seager Memorial Shield: VIOLINS (G.Armstrong, D.McLean, R.Newton, M.Tadd)
(Winning team, Winter Seniors Div 1)

Geoff Saunders Memorial Trophy: D McLean
(Best individual performance, Winter Seniors Div 1)

Stennard Shield: OUSE (R.Massie, M.Muller, C.Owens)
(Winning team, Winter Veterans Div 1)

Ian Thomas Memorial Trophy: D McLean
(Best individual performance, Winter Veterans Div 1)

Andrew Conlan Memorial Shield: Joshua Goodsell
(Best U21 player based on performance, commitment, sportsmanship and good conduct)

Summer Invitation Events (Winners)

Foursomes:

BETA (I.Weller, M.Muller, G.Starik, I.Wierenga)
GAMMA (D.Giselsson, R.Stidston, C.Nilsson, K.Jones)
ZETA (T.Rae, R.Rava, Z.Desai, M.Badcock)
ETA (A.Goodsell, J.Watts, A.Yong, O.Jensen)
IOTA (P.Man, M.Goodsell, L.Wang)
HORSES (G.Benn, B.Kirke, P.Cheverton, K.Jones)
BULLS (C.Owens, G.Starik, C.Chen, O.Jensen)
OXEN (J.Watts, D.Watts, F.Yee, L.Wang)

Continuous draw singles:

J.Faulkner, M.Davis

Continuous draw doubles:

G.Benn & P.Cheverton, M.Goodsell & F.Yee

Quartets:

G.Benn, P.Hole, B.Leung, D.Watts
J.Watts, D.Wrightson, L.Wang
C.Owens, A.Goodsell, P.Hole, S.Aflatooni,
A.Goodsell, S.Kim, M.Muller, C.Owens
D.Robinson, J.Demarte, M.Randle, A.Yong
R.Rava, B.Leung, G.Starik, F.Yee
O.Jensen, P.Cheverton, K.Jones, W.McDonald
A.Bender, B.Marusarz, S.Davies, Z.Desai

Wrong hand continuous draw singles:

B.Kirke

Hard Bat:

JAGUARS (C.Owens, B.Blues, A.Taeed)
TIGERS (B.Kirke, M.Randle, P.Cheverton)
PUMAS (A.Hutchens, P.Hole, M.Dougan)
LEOPARDS (M.Muller, C.Chen, B.Marusarz)
MANX (P.Man, P.Hutchens, D.Bain)

Davis Cup format:

O.Jensen & B.Marusarz; R.Rava & A.Taeed; K.Shields & K.Jones; D.Sherman & G.Starik;
P.NguyenHa & E.Delbourgo; F.Yee & I.Wierenga; A.Goodsell & J.Goodsell; T.Rae & S.Kim

Cumulative doubles winners

FIRST (S.Kim, A.Goodsell)

SECOND (J.Demarte, P.Hole, D.Sherman, C.Owens)

THIRD (P.Nguyen, Z.Desai)

Celebration Evening (22 September) Handicap Tournament

Winner: M.Muller

Celebration Evening (23 September) Handicap Tournament

Winners: Simon Cao, Dennis Rayment

Fun Evening (24 November) Handicap Tournament

Winner: R.Chalmers

SOUTHERN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

(16 May 2009)

EVENT	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	SCORE
Mens Singles	Callan Wisby	Tong Xin	11,11,-9,7,-10,3
Womens Singles	Rebecca Clarke	Lydia Massie	-10,9,-5,7,6,9
Mens Doubles	Andrew Castaldi/Callan Wisby	Chris Carlson/Adam Leeds	5,8,9
Womens Doubles	Lydia Massie/Jennifer Sweeney	Judy Bowerman//Sharon Gathercole	RR
Mixed Doubles	Daniel Huxtable/Lydia Massie	Callan Wisby/Sharon Gathercole	17,9,-6,10
Mens O30 Singles	Andrew Castaldi	Adam Leeds	10,4,6
Mens O40 Singles	Chris Carlson	Geoff Benn	7, -8,6,5
Mens O50 Singles	Doug McLean	Chris Carlson	6,6,5
Mens O60 Singles	Geoff Benn	Dennis Rayment	10,6,6
Mens O70 Singles	Geoff Benn	David Sherman	RR
Mens O75 Singles	David Sherman	Peter Hole	RR
Womens O40 Singles	Judy Bowerman	Margaret Gabbedy	RR
Womens O50 Singles	Judy Bowerman	Margaret Gabbedy	-10,6,3,4
Mens U21 Singles	Daniel Huxtable	Troy Higgins	5,7,-4,-2,10
Womens U21 Singles	Lydia Massie	Jennifer Sweeney	RR
U18 Boys Singles	Troy Higgins	Christian Escobar	-9,3,-11,6,7
U15 Boys Singles	Christian Escobar	Kyle Smith	9,-12,-11,11,2
U13 Boys Singles	Jackson Morley	Gavin Yang	10,4,4
U18 Girls Singles	Madeline Goodsell	Jennifer Sweeney	RR
U15 Girls Singles	Jennifer Sweeney	Madeline Goodsell	RR
U13 Girls Singles	Madeline Goodsell	Ashlee Wallace	RR

TASMANIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

(25 July 2009)

EVENT	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	SCORE
Mens Singles	Callan Wisby	Aidan Cutlan	3,6,-5,9,-5,2
Womens Singles	Lydia Massie	Kim Holcomb	2,-6,10,6,4
Mens Doubles	Andrew Castaldi/Callan Wisby	Tim Smith/Tom Xin	-12,7,6,-10,9
Womens Doubles	Jemma Massie/Lydia Massie	Claudya Admaczewski/Chris Hooper	RR
Mixed Doubles	Callan Wisby/S. Gathercole	Doug McLean/Kim Holcomb	-8,9,11,7
Mens O30 Singles	Andrew Castaldi	Adam Leeds	-2,-5,7,5,3
Mens O40 Singles	Doug McLean	John Lee	4, 9,-8,5
Mens O50 Singles	Chris Carlson	Doug McLean	-0,7,-6,8,9
Mens O60 Singles	Ian Stennard	Doug McLean	RR
Mens O70 Singles	Geoff Benn	Brian Evans	RR
Mens O75 Singles	David Sherman	Peter Hole	RR
Womens O50 Singles	Chris Hooper	Sophie Kim	5,8,6
Womens O60 Singles	Kim Holcomb	Chris Hooper	RR
Mens U21 Singles	Aidan Cutlan	Dylan Smith	9,10,-8,6
Womens U21 Singles	Lydia Massie	Jenny Sweeney	RR
Boys U18 Singles	Josh Goodsell	Troy Higgins	8,4,8
Boys U15 Singles	Kyle Smith	Christian Escobar	-8,7,9,-8,6
Boys U13 Singles	Jackson Morley	Ryan Chalmers	8,8,-9,-10,4
Girls U18 Singles	Madeline Goodsell	Jennifer Sweeney	RR
Girls U15 Singles	Madeline Goodsell	Jennifer Sweeney	9,-7,7,4
Girls U13 Singles	Madeline Goodsell	Maggie Smith	RR

STATE LEAGUE (6 & 7 JUNE)

The State League competition was once again held at the Launceston Casino (upstairs on carpet) on the Queens Birthday weekend in June. Seven Table Tennis clubs from around Tasmania were involved - Southern, Eastside, Northern Suburbs, Burnie, Deloraine, Devonport and Launceston. Each club fielded 4 two-person teams including two Senior teams, an Under21 team and an Over50 team. Our 2009 S.T.T.A. representatives were:

Senior 1 Callan Wisby & Josh Goodsell

Senior 2 Andrew Goodsell & Marshall Muller

Under 21 Maddie Goodsell and Kyle Smith

Over 50 Doug McLean & Ian Weller

Once again it was an extremely close competition, coming down to the final matches of the final team event to determine who would finish first, second or third. After the final match was over on Sunday, it was the Eastside club who won the overall Yasaka State League Shield. Launceston finished as runners-up, with Southern a very close third. Southern were very unlucky not to win this year. We drew 10 rubbers all with Eastside (if only we could've won one more match, the shield would've been ours!).

Our own Callan Wisby won the State League Senior Player award and the evergreen Doug McLean won the State League Over50 Player award. Both Callan & Doug were undefeated over the course of the weekend (a great effort). James Katarzynski from Launceston took out the Under21 player award. As usual, Dominic Graham (Devonport) provided many a laugh and many a bruise, 'taking out' a few players with wayward smash shots and the usual trash-talking. Devonport were awarded the best-dressed team award (again).

Thank you to our Southern players who committed to an intense weekend of games and represented our club well. On behalf of the players, I would like to offer our thanks to the committee for their financial assistance to offset the cost of competing over the long weekend. It was a great weekend of table tennis and fun and getting to know others better from the other clubs. Looking forward to next year's event.

Marshall Muller

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tasmanian teams took part in the National Junior, Youth, Senior, Over 30 and Veterans Championships. STTTA was well represented. Team members/captains from Tasmania (STTTA in italics) were:

Juniors (Hobart, September/October)

Under 13 Boys:	<i>Ryan Chalmers, Jackson Morley, Gavin Yang</i>
Non-playing captain:	<i>Elaine Wright</i>
Under 15 Boys:	<i>Christian Escobar, Tim McKay, Patrick Noonan, Kyle Smith</i>
Non-playing captain:	Roger Massie
Under 18 Men:	<i>Zik Abdullah, Josh Goodsell, Troy Higgins, James Katarzynski</i>
Non-playing captain:	<i>David Wilson</i>
President's Under 15B Boys:	<i>Mackenzie Chutterbuck, Jason Walker</i>
Non-playing captain:	<i>Marshall Muller</i>
Presidents Under 18B Men:	<i>Zak Barry, Allen Chen</i>
Non-playing captain:	Luke Vaiciulevicius
President's Under 13 Girls:	<i>Maddie Goodsell, Camilla Lewis</i>
Non-playing captain:	<i>Brendan Black</i>
President's Under 15 Girls:	Jenni Sweeney
Non-playing captain:	<i>Andrew Goodsell</i>
Team Manager:	Susan Loveless

The Tasmanian players all played well and many had good wins against tough opponents – as most were playing in their first nationals, they gained valuable experience for future years. Tasmania won its first medals for many years.

Maddy Goodsell: Bronze medal Girls Under 13 Doubles (with Elizabeth Jacob, Victoria)

Bronze Medal Girls Under 15 Doubles (with Jenni Sweeney, Tasmania)

[Jenni Sweeney also gained a bronze medal in the Girls Under 15 Teams event as a member of the President's team. Maddy and Jenni were also included in the "Order of Merit" which lists the top ten players in each age group, based on their performance during the championship]

Veterans (Sydney, October)

Over 40 Men:	<i>John Lee, Marshall Muller, Tim Smith (cap.)</i>
Over 50 men:	<i>Chris Carlson (cap.), Robert Stringer, Ian Weller</i>
Over 60 Men:	<i>Dennis Armstrong, Ken Mason, Ian Stennard (cap.)</i>
Over 70 Men:	<i>Geoff Benn (cap.), Peter Chung, Brian Evans</i>
Over 75 Men:	<i>John Piercy, Dave Sherman (cap.)</i>
Over 50 Women:	<i>Claudya Adamczewski, Judith Bowerman (cap.), Sophie Kim</i>
Over 60 Women:	<i>Margaret Gabbedy (cap.), Kim Holcomb, Chris Hooper, Pam Stennard</i>
Team manager:	<i>Maureen Sherman</i>

Kim Holcomb won a bronze medal for reaching the semifinals of the Over 60 Mixed Doubles [as did Margaret Gabbedy in the Over 65 Mixed Doubles].

Two of the STTTA players were listed in the "Order of Merit" namely John Lee (No. 8 in Over 40 Men), Geoff Benn (No. 10 in Over 70 Men).