

AWTTA – President’s Report, 2020

Thanks and Acknowledgement:

- I want to personally thank the members of the committee and division co-ordinators for their contribution over the past twelve months. COVID-19 sometimes increasing the workload markedly, but then there was the more satisfying work of organising new flooring.
 - Vice-President Ian Radley continued as Div 1 co-ordinator and overall Pennant Co-ordinator, as well as webmaster. Ian also organised the supply of the flooring from Table Tennis World and set up a booking system so that we had electronic records for COVID-19 contact tracing as well as assisting in drawing up our COVID-19 Safety Plan.
 - Secretary Kerry Bell took a step back from duties this year, but he was involved in the grant application and initial quotes that enabled us to upgrade our flooring. His contribution as Secretary and Keenagers over many years is much appreciated.
 - Treasurer Rick Woods continues to keep our financial records up to date, including managing Active Kids Vouchers being applied to various activities, and using TTV new membership portal for maintaining AWTTA member records.
 - Co-ordinator Cody Luton (Div 2 &4) has ensured the smooth running of those divisions. Cody also has looked after three secondary school groups and Wednesday Juniors, and ensures that the club is open for Sunday sessions.
 - Ivan Church provides positive support and willingly assists with catering and fund raising.
 - John Waters had positive input and will be assisting with the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle.
 - Brett Saggars had health issues which prevented him from fully participating.
 - John Zinkovsky has taken on the role of Keenagers co-ordinator.

- Then there are so many other members who provide hours of voluntary work, with some donating materials as well. We always quite a few to assist with club activities. Thanks to:
 - Geoff Cadd for his voluntary garden work and donation of plants and the Barry Wenke for his assistance with the gardening.
 - Ken Smith for his good work with Secondary School Table Tennis.
 - Graham MacDonald and Colin Parker, for maintenance work, including trim around the flooring and painting the office.
 - Neville Lowe, Peter Nelson, Ivan Church and Richard Lautenbacher for painting the shed.
 - Darryl Young for pest control.
 - Volunteers who helped clear the western drain and to Paul Geering for installing an outlet pipe at the end of the drain. Without this work, the playing area would have been flooded with the downpour on Monday November 22.
 - Ivan Church, Bruce Cowan, Tony Harrington, Michael Le, Peter Nelson, Robert Marriott and Barry Wenke for assisting me with the Hume Public School Sporting Schools sessions.
 - Barbara Manley for looking after club shirt orders and organising a Keenagers raffle.
 - Bas Smeulders for arranging members’ equipment orders from Affordable Table Tennis.
 - Geoff Prior for Facebook postings, including entertaining videos.
 - Border Signs for providing signs around the premises and updating the honour boards.
 - A team of members rostered on for the December 5 Bunnings sausage sizzles to raise significant funds for our club.

Again, I am thankful that there are so many wonderful people in this club willing to offer so much for everyone’s benefit.

Club Competition

Season 1 was abandoned a few weeks before the end, due to COVID-19 and Season 2 did not happen. A short Season 3 with only Singles games was played over October to December without finals and will be completed a week after the AGM. The club championships will be on Dec 15 & 17, much later than usual.

Social events.

These have been curtailed due to COV-19 restrictions, but our major sponsor Commercial Club will be the venue for the AWTTA Christmas Lunch on December 11 with a maximum of 100. There are over 90 people booked.

Membership Stats, as per TTV's records:

| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|-----------------|
| Pennant - Juniors | 115 | 41 | 43 | 50 | 34 [#] |
| Pennant - Adults | | 84 | 87 | 78 | 59 |
| Keenagers (not in Pennant) | 141 | 174* | 138* | 143 | 156 |
| Total | 256 | 299 | 268 | 271 | 249 |

* 2017 Thursday group discontinued. # Interesting statistic from TTV: AWTTA members' average age is 58 # This is to be checked, as it seems a little low.

Financial Stats (June 30):

| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 [#] |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Pennant | \$20,034 | \$22,986 | \$22,728 | \$18,281 | \$15,729 [#] |
| Keenagers | \$26,820 | \$35,289 | \$29,262 [^] | \$33,164 | \$25,654 [#] |
| Schools & Groups | \$13,349 | \$12,731 | \$12,813 [^] | \$13,995* | \$11,681 [#] |
| Total | \$60,203 | \$71,006 | \$64,903 | \$65,440 | \$53,064 [#] |

* We have had an increase in the number of Primary School groups through the Sporting Schools program. [^]Some decrease in income due to fewer attendees during re-stumping of clubroom and construction of the extension. # Closed last 3 months of the financial year (Closure: March 27 to July 28).

Tournaments/Interclub events

| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---------------------|------|------|-----------------|------|-----------|
| Junior Championship | 25 | 37 | 53 [#] | 28 | Not Held |
| Senior Championship | 41 | 39 | 43 | 58 | Not Held |
| Veterans (2 days) | 79 | 72 | 81 | 75 | 68 |
| Keenagers | 120 | 95 | 75 | 75 | Not Held* |

The Junior tournament was also the Victorian Open Junior tournament in 2018.

* There were 120 players booked in for the Keenagers Event, but it had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions

Veterans (23/11/2019): Eleven AWTTA players participated. Brett Marsh won the Div 5 Singles and Geoff Prior won the Over 60s Doubles with J Dever.

Country Week: Cancelled in 2020.

ACT Open: Congratulations to Max Geering on making it to the semi-finals for Division 3 Singles.

State ranking: Congratulations to Levi Geering, who is eighth in the Victorian Under 13 rankings and to Max Geering who is ninth in the Victorian Under 15 rankings.

Looking ahead:

- Continued focus on improvement of facilities including the expansion of the club amenities to include changerooms with showers. There will be an application to Albury City Community Energy Fund for assistance with solar energy.
- More school activities, taking advantage of the Sporting Schools program and the additional volunteer coaches who have completed the TOPS and Spinneroos coaching course. Also, we are

hoping to conduct out-of-school-hours Spinneroos programs for Primary students, for which a few members have already completed an on-line course.

- Hopefully more NSW children will take up the opportunity to use their Active Kids Voucher for Table Tennis. There are now two \$100 Active Kids Vouchers per year.
- Promotion of corporate events.
- Link in with the Rev Sport website modules for ease of transfer of data to and from TTV and TTA.
- Encourage all members to enjoy some club social events
- Restart interclub events in the region again.
- More people enjoying Table Tennis competitively and/or socially in our region.
- Encourage more members to be involved in at least the tournaments hosted by AWTTA.
- Continuation of younger players moving up through the Pennant divisions, assisted by good coaching opportunities, including monthly sessions with a visiting coach.
- Achieving goals set by TTV with their EPIC.TT (Enhancement Program in Clubs – Table Tennis)

Congratulations to all members who contribute to this club so that it can provide social and health benefits to many.

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