

Thanks and Acknowledgement:

Thank-you to the members of the committee and co-ordinators for their significant contributions over the past twelve months. Also, thank you for nominating again for the next year and hopefully one more person will fill the vacancy for the ninth position on the committee.

Also, thanks to the groups of members who have volunteered to assist with AWTTA tournaments, an ADF Exhibit, many Primary School group sessions, school sessions with coach Adam Pegg, Vacation Care Table Tennis sessions, Lavington Lions evening, North Albury AFL U16 evening, Cubs evening and even a child’s birthday party with attendees playing some Table Tennis. Other members quietly go about less noticeable tasks, such as scoring, extra umpiring, catering, minor maintenance, gardening, equipment orders, promotion, social media, history scrap book and other voluntary jobs, and I appreciate their willing and worthwhile contributions.

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

Ian Radley has continued to provide good opportunities for competition players and it was a relief that COVID restrictions were lifted for 2022. Cody Luton has continued with school sessions and co-ordinator for Thursday nights. It is pleasing to see more help for competition play with Hayden Scott looking after the scoring, and Daryl Stone and Michelle Bowd lining up to assist as competition co-ordinators.

The 2021 Club Championships were postponed to March 2022.

The winners and runners-up were:

Div 1: Max Geering and David Smith

Div 2: Rohan Hempel and Cameron Burt

Div 3: Daryl Stone and Jo Cantor

Div 4: Darsh Shah and Joel Polkinghorne.

The 2022 Club Championships were held in October

The winners and runners-up were:

Div 1: Max Geering and Levi Geering

Div 2: Cameron Burt and Brendan Burt

Div 3: Tyler Green, Derryn Drew

Div 4: Zachery Ryan and Lucas Welsh

Season 1 winners

Div 1: Border Sign Studio (Max Geering, Kevin Phibbs, Ash Harding)

Leading Player: Max Geering

Div 2: Delited Cleaning Service (Ken Smith/Mitchell smith, Rick Woods, Vilfred Correa)

Leading Player: Eamon O’Dowd

Div 3: Lester & Son (Fritz Wolmarans, Dhruv Kapoor, Peter Smith)

Leading Player: Dhruv Kapoor

Div 4: Commercial Club (Bridie Evans, Alexander Pope, Zachery Ryan)

Leading Player: David Frizzell

Season 2 winners

Div 1: V&P Brosolo (Dean Bilston, Ash Harding, Daniel McLaurin)

Leading Player: Dean Bilston

Div2: V&P Brosolo (Rohan Hempel, Hugh Lawrence, Jack Parker)

Leading Player: Vilfred Correa

Div 3: Helloworld (Andy Nguyen, Justin Bui, Darsh Shah)

Leading Player: Andy Nguyen

Div 4: V&P Brosolo (Hudsynn Jackson, Alex Pope, Zach Ryan)

Leading Player: Hudsynn Jackson

Season 3 will be completed after this AGM.

Social events.

Thanks to Ian Radley and Janet Dennis for organising a very enjoyable night of social play and dinner for all members in June. A raffle held in conjunction with this event raised funds for AWTTA junior players selected in the Victorian teams. We are looking forward to good numbers at the AWTTA Christmas lunch on Saturday December 10.

Membership Stats, as per TTV's records:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Competition - Juniors	43	50	34	33	36
Competition - Adults	87	78	59	97	103
Social	138	143	156	152	146
Total	268	271	249	282	285

Financial Stats (June 30):

	2018	2019	2020 [#]	2021 [#]	2022 [#]
Competition	\$22,728	\$18,281	\$15,729	\$16,778	\$13,331
Keenagers	\$29,262	\$33,164	\$25,654	\$28,927	\$30,464
Schools & Groups	\$12,813	\$13,995	\$11,681	\$13,667	\$11,968
Total	\$64,903	\$65,440	\$53,064	\$59,372	\$55,763

Closed due to COVID for some time during the financial year.

Tournaments/Interclub events

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
AW Junior Tournament	53 [#]	28	Not Held	Not Held	42
AW Senior Tournament	43	58	Not Held	Not Held	33
AW Veterans (2 days)	81	75	68	Not Held	66 [@]
AW Keenagers	75	75	Not Held	74	62 [^]

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

^ A lot of Keenagers from the Melbourne area were still very reticent to travel after COVID restrictions were lifted. Hopefully, there will be an increase in 2023.

@ Some Veterans from across Victoria did not attend due to recent high COVID numbers and flooding.

The **AWTTA Junior and Senior Tournaments** were held in May

Max Geering was AWTTA's most successful player with first in U17 Boys Singles; and first in the U19 Boys Singles; second in the Senior Div 1 Singles; first in Senior Div 2 Singles; second in the U21 Singles. Levi Geering was second in the U15 Boys Singles; second in Senior Div 2 Singles; first in the Open Mens Consolation Singles.

Luke van Zanten was third in the U19 Boys Singles

Lucas Welsh was second in the U9 Singles.

Sam Palmer was first in the Open Men's Singles.

Daniel McLaurin was second in the Senior Div 3 Singles.

Andy Nguyen was first in the U21 Consolation Singles.

Zac Moffat was second in the U21 Consolation Singles.

Sam Palmer and Max Geering were second in the Open Doubles.

The **AWTTA Veterans Tournament** was held in November, preceded by an association umpires course conducted by Sam Miller, the tournament referee. Eight AWTTA members attended the course.

Some successes amongst the fifteen AWTTA players in the Veterans Tournament were:

O/60 Men's Doubles Winners: Ian Radley (with Paul Pinkewich)

O/80-85 Men's Singles Winner: Kevin Phibbs

O/80-85 Men's singles Runner-up: Colin Geraghty

O/70-75 Men's Doubles Winners: Colin Geraghty (with Ken Dawber)

O/70-75 Men's Doubles Runners-up: Wolf Forks (with Greg Bellion)

O/50 Men's Singles Runner-up: Dave Smith

O/65 Men's Double Runners-up: Geert Mensinga and Wolf Forke

O/30-50 Women's Doubles Runners-up: Michelle Bowd and Mel Pahina

Div 3 Singles (Sat) Runner-up: Ash Harding

Div 3 Singles (Sun) Runner-up: Eamon O'Dowd

Div 4 Singles (Sun) Runner-up: Rick Reitenbach

For the **AWTTA Keenagers** event in March, the most successful AWTTA Keenagers teams were Sandra Eldridge and Julie McKenzie-McHarg (winners of Div 1 Ladies Doubles); Kevin Phibbs and Stuart Gibbs (runners-up in Div 1 Men's Doubles); Peter Burr and Joe Muller (winners of Div 2 Men's Doubles); Rob Oliver with a Mornington partner (runners-up in Div 2 Men's Doubles); and Peter Burr and Lil Waugh (winners of Div 2 Mixed Doubles).

When the Keenagers travelled to **Mornington** in October, Sandra Eldridge and Lyn Fork won the Div 1 Ladies doubles, and Tony Harrington and Terry Caldwell were runners-up in the Div 2 Men's Doubles.

Then in November four Keenagers travelled to **Bairnsdale**. Sandra Eldridge and Lyn Forke won the Women's doubles; and Wolf Forke and Ron Gallagher were runners-up in Men's Doubles.

Victorian Country Championships

A big thanks to Adrian Rix who organised the five AWTTA teams for this event.

A1 - Runners Up (Sam Palmer, Max & Levi Geering)

C2 - Finished 3rd (Ashley Harding, Adrian Rix & Luke Van Zanten)

D3 - Runners Up (Terry Caldwell, Cody Luton & Ken Smith)

E2 - Finished 3rd (Darcy, Paul & Toby Thorpe)

E3 - Winners (Michelle Bowd, Lyn Forke, Wolfgang Forke)

Results other than the team events:

Sam Palmer and Max Geering: Runners-Up in Mens Open Doubles

Max Geering: Runner-Up in Mens Open Singles.

AWTTA Juniors in state teams

Max Geering, Levi Geering and Luke Van Zanten were selected to represent Victoria at the National Championships in Queensland during July. This is a wonderful achievement for these players, who have worked hard and progressed well with their many coaching and training sessions

North East Challenge

There were five teams from Wangaratta, Yarrawonga and AWTTA and one from Shepparton for this event on November 6. It was pleasing to see over thirty AWTTA members express interest in being selected for a team, with many having to miss out.

The sixteen teams were graded with four teams allocated to each of four grades, with Wangaratta and AWTTA shared the honours, winning two grades each.

The AWTTA results were:

Max Geering, Levi Geering and Hayden Scott won the A grade. Max was the leading player.

Tenniell Evans, Bridie Evans and Zac Moffat won the D Grade. Tenniell was the leading player.

Adrian Rix, David Smith and Geoff Prior were third in the A grade.

Mitchell Smith, Rohan Hempel and Daryl Stone were third in B Grade.
Justin Bui, Sandra Eldridge and Tyler Green were third in C Grade.

Congratulations to all players. Thanks to Ian Radley for organising the event and to Kerry Bell and helpers who catered for the players and spectators.

Coaching

Sam Palmer travels from Dandenong for coaching sessions in Albury on one Saturday per month. About 25 members have taken up the opportunity for at least one session. There have been a few from Yarrawonga and Wangaratta as well. Those people, who have attended sessions, have always said that they really appreciated Sam's coaching. Sam has contributed greatly to the development of our three junior state reps.

More informally, several competition players have given their time to assist less experienced players learn skills. This has been a great benefit to beginners.

Another coaching opportunity was made available free to AWTTA members when Adam Pegg from Ballarat was in Albury for some sessions with local schools, resulting from an AWTTA grant application.

More Sponsors

Thanks to Ian Radley continuing to seek sponsorships, as well as our main sponsors, Commercial Club Albury and AlburyCity, we now have the following minor sponsors: Lester & Son, 777 Automative, Helloworld, Delited Cleaning Services, Border Sign Studio, Daintree Family Dental Clinic, Lavington Auto Electrical, Table Tennis World, Kobi Energy Solutions, Seaton Arms Motor Inn, Arnold's Fruit Market and V&P Brosolo. The last three were added to the list during this year.

Looking ahead, we want:

- Continued focus on improvement of facilities including club amenities to include changerooms with showers in partnership with AlburyCity, then maybe more courts. AWTTA has recently been successful in its grant application for professional concept planning with a suitable architect in collaboration with AlburyCity. This concept planning is being led by Brett Marsh with input from other committee members, and general members will be given an opportunity to comment.
- Some members have suggested some insulation along the walls and this will be considered by the committee.
- Promotion of corporate and social club events, which in turn will help raise awareness of local Table Tennis. In 2023, this may include AlburyCity Social Club, which could involve up to 100 people.
- More people enjoying Table Tennis competitively and/or socially in our region.

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

Terry Caldwell
AWTTA President 2021-2022