

AWTTA – President’s Report, 2025

Thanks and Acknowledgement:

Thank you to the members of our committee, co-ordinators and co-ordinator assistants for ensuring that the club, Keenagers and competitions ran smoothly over the past year. We are thankful that Justin Fowler set up the finances on Xero, before resigning due to increased work commitments. Fortunately, our Secretary, Janet Freer, took on most of the Treasurer’s role.

Also, thanks to several members who volunteered to assist with AWTAA tournaments, the ATO Festival of Sport’s Table Tennis sessions, club social functions, Sunday sessions, results entry, first aid officer, school sessions, catering co-ordinator, kitchen assistants, providing dessert slices, cleaning at events, minor maintenance, mowing, gardening, promotion, social media and other voluntary jobs. Their contributions are greatly appreciated.

Club Competition

Thanks to Ashley Harding for his role as overall competition co-ordinator. He has been well supported by Division Co-ordinators and assistants, including Cody Luton, Emily Bollingmoore, Chris Grealy, Ashley Wurtz and Michelle Bowd. Thanks to others who have volunteered to assist these people from time to time.

The 2025 Club Championships, October

Division 1: Winner - Levi Geering; Runner-up - Andrew Lindner

Division 2: Winner - Angus Avery; Runner-up - Craig Salzke

Division 3: Winner - Jung Ui Hyun; Runner-up - Finnegan Clift

Division 4: Winner - Finn Border; Runner-up - Arsh Mandaviya

Social events.

About thirty people enjoyed a “bring and share” dinner and some handicap-based games, organised by Ian Radley and Janet Freer. The Keenagers have had a very social interclub event, a few small BBQ lunches, and two lunches where Tony Ellwood’s and Harry McDiarmid’s 90th birthdays were celebrated. Eighty people booked in for the AWTAA Christmas lunch following the AGM on Saturday December 6.

Membership Stats, as per TTV’s records:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Competition - Juniors	43	50	34	33	36	32	36	33
Competition - Adults	87	78	59	97	103	93	104	114
Social	138	143	156	152	146	140	142	133
Total	268	271	249	282	285	265	282	280

Tournaments/Interclub events

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
AW Junior Tournament	53	28	Not Held	Not Held	42	57	70	57
AW Senior Tournament	43	58	Not Held	Not Held	33	55	49	42
AW Veterans (2 days)	81	75	68	Not Held	66	104	80	93
AW Keenagers	75	75	Not Held	74	62	62	82	74

The AWTAA Junior and Senior Tournaments, May

There was a reasonable number of entries for the Junior Tournament, with a total of 57 players. There were 42 players in the Senior Tournament. AWTAA members enjoyed some success. Congratulations to the following winners and runner-up at the Senior tournament.

Under 1300 points division - winner	Geoff Prior
Under 1000 points division - winner	Geert Mensinga
Under 1300 points division – runner-up	Ashley Harding

The AWTAA Veterans Tournament, November

There were just 10 locals amongst the 93 entrants and here are some winner and runner-up results for the AWTAA members:

Mixed Doubles – Winner	Geoff Prior& Debbie Wilson (Geelong)
Under 1300 points Singles (Saturday) – Runner Up	Geoff Prior
Under 1300 points Singles (Sunday) – Winner	Geoff Prior
Over 80yrs Mens Singles – Runner Up	Kevin Phibbs
Under 1000 points Singles (Saturday) – Runner Up	Terry Caldwell

AWTAA Keenagers Interclub Event, March

This was a very successful Doubles event with over seventy players representing nine clubs.

AWTAA members enjoyed some success:

Ladies - Div 3	1	Gillian Leonard	Wangaratta	Lois Nolan	AWTAA
Ladies - Div 2	2	Lil Waugh	AWTAA	Margot Joy	Wangaratta
Ladies - Div 1	2	Julie McKenzie-McHarg	AWTAA	Sandra Eldridge	AWTAA
Men - Div 2	1	Mick Wadick	PMTTA	Kevin Phibbs	AWTAA
	2	Stuart Gibbs	AWTAA	Geert Mensinga	AWTAA

Victorian Country Championships

Team Results:

A1 grade - 1st place: Sam Palmer, Max Geering and Levi Geering.

B2 grade - 4th place: Ash Harding, Adrian Rix and Ben Anderson (Bendigo) Composite team.

D1 grade - 1st place: Ken Smith, Cody Luton and Nathan Jackson.

D2 grade - 4th place: Paul Hossack, Zaviar Hossack and Ky Lieschke.

D3 grade - 4th place: Stuart Gibbs, Julie McKenzie-McHarg, Sandra Eldridge and Geert Mensinga.

AWTAA players also did well on the individual ladder for the team event

A1: 1st Sam Palmer; 3rd Max Geering; and 4th Levi Geering

D1: 1st Ken Smith; and 3rd Nathan Jackson

Individual Events Results:

Open Mens Singles: 1st Sam Palmer; and Levi Geering made it to the semi-finals.

Under 21 Male Youth: 1st Max Geering

AWTAA's State Representation

Congratulations to Max Geering who was selected as captain of the Victorian U21 Mens team.

Life Membership

Cody Luton was granted AWTAA Life Membership, at the AGM, in recognition of his club contribution.

During his 15 years as a member, Cody served on the committee for 6 years, and he has been a competition co-ordinator for 12 years. Cody also supervised school groups for a few years and ran a couple of AWTAA tournaments, as well as many club championships. He has also organised AWTAA teams for the Victorian Country Championships, and he has been successful in that team event a few times. Many beginners have appreciated Cody's assistance in learning the basics of Table Tennis.

While on the committee, Cody initiated discussions leading to the purchase of a defibrillator. Within a short time, Cody and Luch Bartolo used the defibrillator to save the life of Bill Mitchell, a club life member.

Cody's contribution has been very significant over a long period, and he is a worthy recipient of a Life Membership award.

Coaching

Sam Palmer continues to travel from Dandenong for coaching sessions in Albury, aiming for one Saturday per month. He has also started Friday afternoon sessions for Keenagers. Some of our more experienced players have provided some additional coaching.

TTV AWARDS TO AWTTA

- 15 years of service award to AWTTA past Treasurer, Rick Woods.
- 2024 TTV's Club of the Year award.

Sponsors

Thanks to Ian Radley for maintaining a good relationship with our sponsorships, including regular sponsor newsletters. Our main sponsors are Commercial Club Albury and AlburyCity. The following minor sponsors have continued to support the club in 2024: Lester & Son, 777 Automotive, Helloworld, Delited Cleaning Services, Border Sign Studio, Daintree Family Dental Clinic, Table Tennis World, Seaton Arms Motor Inn, Arnold's Fruit Market, V&P Brosolo and Albury Engineering and Mower Service. This year they have been joined by Kelly & Astill Regional Lawyers, Stewart Gould Real Estate and Hume Retirement Resort.

Planning for the future

We are still pursuing grants for improving facilities, including changerooms, improved clubroom, additional courts, storage battery, replacement of some air conditioners and an air conditioner for the office. An application for an AlburyCity Infrastructure Grant has been submitted for Architect drawings, so that we are "shovel-ready" to apply for a future grant to commence construction.

We have accumulated a healthy cash balance that would allow us to make a significant contribution to construction costs, and this will mean grant applications are more likely to succeed.

We have managed to maintain our membership around 280, but there's room for more! Please go out of your way to actively encourage others to join. We have two schools attending regularly and it would be great to have more students visit and maybe have some of them join the club.

Terry Caldwell
AWTTA President 2024-2025