

WESTERN SUBURBS
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ASSOCIATION
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WESTERN SUBURBS BADMINTON ASSOCIATION INC.

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A PROFILE OF LIFE MEMBERS

1946 - Mr. W. J. Muir *

Windsor was the foundation secretary of the Association and member of St. John's Footscray. He carried the burden of the Association in the pre-war years. Windsor served as Secretary for 4 years, Assistant Secretary 1 year, Vice President 1 year and President 1 year.

1952 - Mr. W. R. Weisheit *

Ray was the President of the Association from 1942 until 1956 a period of 15 years. He also served as a Vice President in 1940 before assuming the Presidency and was a member of St. John's Footscray. He held the position of Australian President in 1955, Auditor of the Australian Association for 25 years, Vice President of the Victorian Association for 5 years and was made a Life Member of that Association in 1954.

1953 - Mr. W. R. Hindson *

Bob was the Secretary of the Association from 1943 until 1952 (10 years), Vice President from 1953 until 1956 (4 years) and President from 1957 until 1959 (3 years). He held the position of Australian Secretary from 1959 until 1968 a period of 10 years, was a Vice-president of the Victorian Association and was made a Life Member of that Association in 1968. He was a Commonwealth Games Badminton Referee and a Victorian selector. Bob was made a Life Member of the Australian Badminton Association in 1978. Bob was a foundation member of the Umpires Association serving as an umpire and referee for many years

1957 - Mrs. M. J. Boniface *

Marge served on the committee of the Association from 1948 until 1950 (3 years), Vice President from 1951 until 1958 (8 years) and was Secretary from 1959 until 1979 (21 years). She played badminton with St Andrew's Williamstown from the early days, was a member of the pennant Team and also served the Victorian Association as a Selector. Marge was made a Life Member of the Victorian Association in 1972.

1958 - Miss. D. Melrose *

Dorrie was the Treasurer of the Association from 1941 until 1957 a period of 17 years. Dorrie was a highly efficient treasurer, unobtrusive by nature and was a member of St. Andrew's Williamstown.

1959 - Mr. A. C. Round *

Allan was the Assistant Secretary of the Association in 1951 and 1952 (2 years) and Secretary from 1953 until 1958 a period of 6 years. He was a first class doubles player credited with many wins and was a member of St. Andrew's Williamstown.

1963 - Mr. R. Mayo *

Russell spent some years on the Committee of the Association before succeeding Dorrie Melrose as Treasurer from 1958 until 1968 a period of 11 years.

1964 - Mr. I. D. Scott *

Ian spent some years on the Committee of the Association before becoming Vice President in 1959. He assumed the Presidency in 1960 and served until 1965 a period of 6 years, when he was transferred to Papua New Guinea to establish the Technical College System.

1966 - Mr. A. M. Burnham

Max was Vice President of the Association from 1958 until 1965 and President from 1966 to 1972. He was a Vice President of the Victorian Association and was made a Life Member of that Association in 1973. He represented the Association as a member of the Pennant Team and had a reputation as a doubles player.

1969- Mr. R. Gates *

Bob spent some years on the Committee of the Association from 1951 and was Vice President for four years. He was one of the original playing members of the Association, representing St. John's, Footscray.

1976 - Mr. V. Handley

Vic was Vice President of the Association for eighteen years between 1963 and 1980. He was a Foundation Member of the Umpires Association and served as an umpire for many years.

1979 - Mrs. H. J. Bird *

Heather was Treasurer of the Association from 1971 until her untimely death in 1983, a period of thirteen years. She was a player with North Williamstown Presbyterian, West Newport and St. Andrew's, Williamstown.

1985 - Mr. R. C. Croft

Ray has held many positions of the Committee of the Association. He was Hon. Match Secretary from 1973 to 1977, Vice President in 1978 until 1979 and again from 1983 to 1985, and he was Hon. Secretary in 1980 and 1981. He has represented the Association at the Melbourne Badminton Association, the Victorian Badminton Association and at the Western Region Sports Assembly. He was a member and Treasurer of the Westgate Uniting Church Badminton Club for many years.

1989 - Mr. A. G. Walsh

Alan became Vice President of the Association in 1982 and was the President from 1983 until 1988, during which time he and his Committee negotiated with the Altona City Council and were successful in obtaining the lease of the Altona Badminton Centre exclusively for Badminton. Alan played with West Newport and Westgate Uniting Church badminton clubs for many years.

1996 – Mrs. P. Fox

Phyllis became Secretary of the Laverton Club in 1974, when Miss K. Tompkins (a Teacher) left the school after forming the Laverton High School Club, which entered the WSBA Summer Competition in 1971/72.

Phyllis was also Secretary of the Try Youth Club from 1976-1983. She made the Laverton High School Hall available for tournaments, meetings and finals.

Phyllis helped in the organising and training of Western Suburbs under-age teams from 1974-1985, before the Altona Badminton Centre was built.

Phyllis helped to organise Westchamps in the 1980's and provided refreshments for participants. Phyllis retired as the Secretary of Laverton Badminton Club at the end of 2007.

1998 – Mr. R. Gray

Ron joined the Committee of WSBA in 1983, was Hon. Treasurer from 1985-1989, Vice-President in 1990, Committee Member in 1991 & 1992, Treasurer again from 1993-1995 and a Committee Member from 1996-1998. As a Committee Member, Ron continued to oversee the vacant Treasurer's role, which required dedication and commitment on a weekly basis for the entire year.

Ron has played with Keilor East and prior to that with Essendon Wanderers clubs.

Awarding Ron a Life Membership is a small way of thanking him for his dedication to the continued success of WSBA.

1999 – Mr. A. Black

Alan joined the Committee as Vice-President in 1987 and became Senior Vice-President in 1990. Alan took on the role of the Match Secretary during 1990 and continued to hold this position until the end of 2006. During these years, Alan was been one of the Event Directors for the many successful Tournaments run by W.S.B.A. Inc., including the annual Altona Open & Graded Tournament and Under 13/15/17/19 Selection Tournaments.

Alan was the Chairman of our Junior Committee, which organised our Friday Night Junior Competition and Coaching, from 1989 until 2006.

Alan was a member of and a Selector for the Victorian Junior Badminton Association, a sub-committee of Badminton Victoria for many years, and the Event Director for many of their tournaments.

2000 – Mrs. P.M. Daw

Pat joined the committee, chairing her first meeting as President in 1989 and still holds this position. Pat took over the day to day running of the Altona Badminton Centre and spent many hours organising the staff and overseeing the administration of the Stadium.

Pat has been involved in the organisation of many WSBA tournaments at our stadium and has been the Event Director for an Under 19 Australian Carnival and Under 17 Australasian Badminton Carnival hosted by Badminton Victoria.

Pat was a member of Victorian Badminton Association Council in the 1960's, a member of the Badminton Victoria Review Committee in 1999 and has worked, as a volunteer, at Badminton Australia collating tournament results.

Pat became interested in badminton when she went to pennant competition matches at St Johns Footscray with her parents Ray & Mavis Weisheit and played for about forty years. This is the first time a child of one of our Life Members has also become a Life member, Pat's father, Ray, was awarded a Life Membership in 1952.

2001 – Mrs. N. J. Cronin

Natalie started playing badminton in the Western Suburbs around 1934 and continued playing until about 1989. Nat played in Bendigo & Echuca before coming back to Williamstown in 1973 where she joined St Andrew's daytime ladies and then the St Stephen's night competition team which she helped to organise.

In 1985, Nat joined the "Committee for Catering at Official Functions", the highlights of which were the Silver Bowl and the Australian Championships. In the Annual Report for that year, Nat was thanked for her "Special Event" catering and her "attention to detail" in the organisation of the hospitality provided for players, sponsors, officials, guests and volunteers. During the early years of the Altona Badminton Centre, Nat and Jerry were involved in the organisation of Friday Night Juniors and worked as volunteers in the Pro Shop, selling in the Kiosk and taking court bookings.

Nat joined the WSBA Committee in 1984, prior to the opening of the Stadium and served as a Committee Member until 1988. Nat took on the role of Secretary in 1989 and 1990, was Vice-President from 1991-1993 and Senior Vice-President to now. Nat is also the Public Officer of the Association.

2002 – Mrs. H. Black

Hilary began playing badminton at St Luke's, Yarraville in 1958. Hilary played until the end of the Autumn Season 1999. Hilary served on the Keilor East Committee in 1973 , 1977 – 81, 1983, 1984 – 1986. In 1987 Hilary became Secretary and Public Officer and continued until 2005.

Hilary, along with Alan, became involved with the Juniors when the Altona Badminton Centre opened in 1985. A Junior Sub-Committee was formed in 1986, Alan became Chairman in 1989 and Hilary began organising Friday night Juniors, a role she maintained for nearly 15 years.

Hilary was the WSBA delegate to Badminton Victoria for a number of years and was the scorer at our Junior & Open Tournaments for many years often assisting with catering for these events.

2006 – Mrs. M. Ravenhall

Marj has been a member and player of the Keilor East Badminton Association Inc. since 1969, when it was formed. She joined the Keilor East Committee in 1974 and became its President in 1989.

Marj, supported the plan for Keilor East to become Incorporated in the mid 1980s. Her input to the Keilor East Committee resulted in strong and consistent support to WSBA. Marj has been one of the Keilor East delegates for the WSBA Annual Meetings for many years. Marj played pennant competition in many different venues until 2004 and was on the Canteen Committee when the Altona Badminton Centre first opened. She was presented with a Service Award in 1997.

Marj was also a WSBA Delegate for Badminton Victoria Meetings for many years.

Service Awards

1985

Brian Dixon
Phyllis Fox
Laurie Grimmett
George Jamieson
David Matthews
Keith Ormston
Ray Opar
Rex Temby

1986

Kaye Dunscombe
Rhonda Jackson
Alby Speed
Enid Stewart
David Talbot
Joy Walsh

1989

Barbara Giles
Phillip Jackson
Rita Knight

1996

Natalie Cronin
Ron Gray

1997

Alan Black
Hilary Black
Don Hayes
Betty Jamieson
Kevin Phillips
Marj Ravenhall

1998

Samantha Hulme

1999

Gordon Douglas
Wilma McKenzie

2000

Andrew McPhee
Jessie Crerar
Jess Hilton

2001

Leonie Bury
Wynette Phillips
Marlis Bellmann

2006

Robert Burns
Murray Hicks

2007

Pauline Martin

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a great year WSBA has had! Increased court hire, two successful Pennant Competition seasons, four Junior Pennant competitions, another Under 13 Interstate Series (four teams in the Interstate Series and eight teams in the Regional Teams Challenge), four successful tournaments, including our annual Altona Open & Graded which saw every Graded event being held for the first time in many years, an increase in Junior Squad numbers and juniors who have been selected to represent Victoria. Thanks to the support of Committee members, in particular, Dave, the Sunday Social is booming.

I thank Ron for his dedication to his role as our Manager and the extra roles he has taken on, as Treasurer for Badminton Victoria and a shared position (with me) representing West Metro on the Victorian Junior Committee. With our Squad players moving up the ranks, it is extremely important for us to be involved in Junior Badminton in Victoria. We are extremely fortunate to have Ron as our Manager, he seems to be available 24/7, as many of our members would know!

Thanks to my Committee, Nat as Vice President, Robert as Secretary, Dave for his great work as Match Secretary, Julie as Treasurer and Ann-Louise, Karen, Pauline & Philip as Committee Members. I thank all those who ably assisted at all our tournaments, our "Come and Try Day" and other day to day activities, for their great support.

I also take this opportunity to thank our Staff, Kim, Don & John, our Cleaners, Michelle, our Junior Development Officer, Alexandra, Ann-Louise, Erin, Jayden, Jess, Susan, Brendan and Richard, our Casual Staff.

Thanks also to our sponsors, Epsilon, Schweppes and the City of Hobsons Bay for their continued support.

Michelle's role is a varied one which is important for our Junior players as they move up through the age groups, the co-ordination of our Coaches and our work in Primary & Secondary Schools to ensure our Squad continues to grow. Michelle also found time to run a Junior Westchamps (a 'closed' tournament only for WSBA players), a concept which was introduced when the Stadium first opened.

Our Squad players were well represented in Victorian Teams for 2009, Under 13 – Rudy Rigg and Shaun Matthews, Under 15 – Shaun Matthews, Under 17 – Jacob McNally, Under 19 – Brendan Chu, Daniel Trinh, Stephen Nguyen, Tegan Berry and Tarah Marney. Brendan was also a member of the Australian Team playing in the World Junior Championships in Malaysia at the end of October.

Thanks to all our volunteers, parents and players who helped with our representative teams, thanks also to our Coaches who volunteered their time to support our teams, as well!

Dave deserves special thanks for his work as our Match Secretary, he has been at the Stadium almost every Pennant night, great dedication and commitment! We now have our Pennant Competition results available online using the League Planner. The information gleaned from this program will and is assisting greatly with the grading - not just of teams but individual players as well.

Friday Night Junior Pennant, now has a competition each term, thanks to the guidance of Karen Audley & Wilma McKenzie.

We lost one of our Life Members, Ian Scott, earlier this year and more recently George Jamieson. Our sympathy to Ian's children and Betty and her family. George was actively involved as a coach in the years before the Stadium was built and played for many years.

Our website www.wsbaonline.com continues to play an important part in communicating with our members and the general public, in fact in October there were 2890 visits to pages on our site (last year the monthly maximum was 600). We try to keep our members informed about what is happening in the world of Badminton, not only in the Western Suburbs but in Victoria and Australia as well.

In 2010 WSBA will celebrate its 75th Anniversary. We are planning a celebration and are pleased to have Philip McNally heading a Committee to produce a written and pictorial history of WSBA. If you, or someone you know, has any anecdotes/photos/memorabilia/anything else that could be included, please let Ron know.

Pat Daw
President

MANAGER'S REPORT

In October 2008, Western Suburbs Badminton Association hosted the Under 15 Val Nesbitt Carnival. A total of eight teams played off for the state based Val Nesbitt Trophy and another ten teams entered for the Regional Teams Event. We hosted a presentation dinner following the teams' event and then continued with the individual events. Western Suburbs entered three teams in this regional event which shows the depth of badminton within our association. The WSBA Buccaneers team was successful in winning this event in a closely fought out match against Badminton Academy of Victoria.

January 2009 saw Western Suburbs Badminton Association hosting the third Under 13 Interstate Series. This year we had twelve teams enter the competition – up from ten last year. The event was split into an interstate series between two teams from New South Wales, two teams from Victoria and a regional series comprising of two Western Suburbs teams and teams from Geelong, Ballarat, New South Wales, South East Badminton Assoc and Badminton Academy of Victoria.

Our Autumn pennant season commenced in February with 60 teams (up 2 from the previous Autumn season).

Our Spring pennant season commenced in July and the number of teams increased by 2, to a total of 62 teams.

Over the 4th and 5th April we ran the Altona Open and Graded tournament. This year it was part of Badminton Australia's selection criteria, so the Open was one of the strongest for some time.

Thanks to the people that assisted with all these events.

This year the committee agreed to fund some initial work on soil testing, services identification and an audit of the existing building which will need upgrading to meet the new specifications of any new extension. We are also in the process at looking at another sport to work in partnership in future usage of the stadium.

The centre is fortunate to have a reliable and co-operative group of employees making up our staff. Our stadium cleaners, One Step Cleaning headed by Kim give a professional touch to the stadium and keep it looking at its best. Don, continues with his excellent service of looking after the foyer, toilet, kiosk and change room areas. Susan, Erin, Ann, Norma, Jess, Jayden and Alexandra have provided great support assisting me along with Richard who looks after the security of the car park.

A big thank-you is again extended to Pat Daw who gives so much of her time to WSBA. Her work on the tournaments, carnivals, committee work, overseeing the management and maintaining the website is invaluable.

Ron Gray
Stadium Manager

WESTERN SUBURBS FRIDAY NIGHT JUNIORS

The Friday night pennant competition remains a well-organised night for junior players. Numbers are steady at approximately forty players per night. The children attending are well behaved and we have new faces joining us. We have found most of them to be consistent in their attendance with quite a large number of children attending almost every night of competition.

This year we changed the structure of the seasons to line up with the four school terms. This has been well accepted by the children as it allows for more rotation in the teams and the opportunity of changing player levels if required more often. This also allows for newcomers to be put into a fixed team quicker than the two season per year format.

We currently have six A Grade teams and four B Grade teams playing this term.

We are always looking for more junior players to add to our list. It would be great to see the Junior competition grow as we have seen that it is a great lead in to the Senior competition.

Wilma McKenzie, Karen Audley
Western Suburbs Juniors

WSBA Junior Pennant Results

Spring 2008

A Grade	Winners	Monkeys	Eric Vuong, Steven Peterson, Phillip Audley, Casey Berry, Aimee Khoo
	Runners-up	Mandrills	James Audley, Joanne Nguyen, Rudy Rigg, Tin Cao, Andrew Khoo
B Grade	Winners	Toucans	Men Do, Declan Baker, James Sutton, May Tran, Thanh Nguyen
	Runners-up	Emus	Nicholas McColl, Kim Nguyen, Alison Lieu, Tin Nguyen, Hung Le

Term 1 2009

A Grade	Winners	Lizards	Ailin Ng, Rachael Evans, Declan Baker, Mouhamed Lababidi
	Runners-up	Turtles	Tin Cao, Ajaya Haikerwal, Sonny Li, Ni Pham
B Grade	Winners	Crabs	Loc Tran, Beth Audley, Caroline Dinh, Kevin Li
	Runners-up	Dolphins	Kaylin Ng, Miffy Binney, Alison Lieu, Rahul Perera

Term 2 2009

A Grade	Winners	Reel Big Fish	Phillip Audley, Ajaya Haikerwal, Declan Baker, Kim Nguyen
	Runners-up	Red Hot Chili Peppers	Xavier Vuong, Nikeel Reddy, Izzy Finn, John Lam
B Grade	Winners	AC/DC	Miffy Binney, Cheri Wong, Tin Nguyen, Ross Audley
	Runners-up	Pantera	Kaylin Ng, Erol Hasan, Ying Lim, Tim Solias

Term 3 2009

A Grade	Winners	Mars Bars	Ailin Ng, Maria Banica, Izzy Finn, Tommy Du
	Runners-up	Flakes	Andrew Khoo, Nikeel Reddy, Khanh Nguyen, Joseph Hie
B Grade	Winners Runners-up	Jelly Beans Fruit Tingles	Miffy Binney, Yu Yun Lim, Kevin Li Beth Audley, Kevin Liu, Ying Lim

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 2009

School Participation Program

The program this year delivered school clinics and Active After School Care Programs to the schools in the western suburbs on request. Regular contact with the Primary & Secondary Schools continued offering program information and clinic request forms and where possible we advertise in their school newsletters.

Within this program we continued to develop a connection with Werribee and Hoppers Crossing Schools by promoting our Program with free clinics that were delivered at the schools where possible. We also continued to offer the surrounding local schools with free clinics for years 3 & 4 in a bid to recruit and Talent Identify the 9 & 10 year old children (U11's).

This year 1,000 children participated in the program – 200 more than the participation for 2008. They were from the following schools:

- **Altona Primary School**
- **St Mary's Primary School Altona**
- **Ascot Vale Primary School**
- **Altona North Primary School**
- **Baden Powell Primary School – Hoppers Crossing**
- **St Monica's Primary School – Moonee Ponds**
- **St Peter Apostle Primary School – Hoppers Crossing**
- **Mount St Joseph's Girls College – Altona**
- **Seaholme Primary School**

Development Squads & Casual Coaching Sessions

W.S.B.A. continued to deliver 3 Squad Sessions per week for 65 members, with almost half of these members attending 2 sessions per week.

The Casual Beginner Coaching Sessions for all age groups are delivered on Fridays & Sundays; these sessions were well attended all year.

Coaching Clinics during the school holidays this year have been well attended also.

Thursday Squad	5.30 – 7.30pm	27 members
Friday Squad	5.30 – 7.30pm	24 members
Friday Casual	6.00 – 8.00pm	20 (all age groups)
Sunday Squad	9.30 – 11.30am	40 (all age groups)
Sunday Casual	9.30 – 11.30am	15 (all age groups)

Development Squad – Tournaments & State Selection

This year 90 percent of the squad players attended junior selection tournaments from U/11's to U/19's. When required we hired the HBCC mini bus to transport the players to these events.

There were some great results from the players throughout the year earning them selection in Junior State and Open Teams.

Squad members selected in 2009 State Teams are as follows

Shaun Matthews U13 Victorian Team
Rudy Rigg U13 Victorian Team
Eric Vuong U15 Victorian Team
Shaun Matthews U15 Victorian Team
Jacob McNally U17 Victorian Team
Daniel Trinh U19 Victorian Team
Tarah Marney U19 Victorian Team
Tegan Berry U19 Victorian Team
Brendan Chu U19 Victorian Team & National Squad Member
Stephen Nguyen U19 Victorian Team
Pauline Martin U17 Victorian Team – Coach
Liz Martin U17 & U19 Victorian Teams – Manager

W.S.B.A. Representative Teams

W.S.B.A. entered teams in all age groups for both Junior Victorian and Regional Teams Championships played at MSAC mid-year. The children enjoyed these events having some great games and results with three of the WSBA teams bringing home the silver medal in their age groups and the other two age groups finishing in the top four.

2009 saw the start of State Junior Pennant. This graded teams' event was played over three Saturdays mid year with most of the major associations participating. WSBA entered one team in A grade and one team in B grade. Our teams performed extremely well taking the silver medal in both grades.

I would like to thank the following people for their time, effort and support during the year.

The Committee of the WSBA for their continued commitment to promoting and raising the profile of the sport.

- Maurice Boyd, Tony Cutroni and Ron Gray who drove the mini bus to tournaments throughout the year when required.
- All the parents who helped at the Victorian & Regional Teams championships, Junior State Pennant and the U13 Carnival and all those who car pooled to travel to the tournaments
- All the coaches for their hard work & dedication

Julie Bartholomew

Helen Bradwell

Vanessa Jackson

John Lim

Jane Marney

Pauline Martin

Jean Tyrrell

Tegan Berry

Brendan Chu

Jen Kang

Gen Lim

Liz Martin

Ann Slee

Denis Yeung

I look forward to working with all again in 2010

Michelle Rigg
Junior Development

W.S.B.A. Development Squad Members - 2009

James Audley	Phillip Audley
Ross Audley	Maria Banica
Casey Berry	Tegan Berry
Carson Boyd	Dylan Boyd
Ella Bradwell	Keegan Chien
David Cutroni	Aidan Dang
Alice Ding	Tony Ding
Tommy Du	Samantha Goslin
Nick Gray	Antony Guan
Ajaya Haikerwal	Calvin Hua-Ching
Celine Hua-Ching	Charlotte Huynh
Hison Huynh	Hera Jim
Andrew Khoo	Alex Kittikhoun
Vivienne Lao	Garry Li
Kevin Li	Sonny Li
Ariana Lim	Genevieve Lim
Simone Lim	Derick Le
Kevin Liu	Tarah Marney
Catherine Marshalidis	Shaun Matthews
Simone Matthews	Nicholas McColl
Georgia McIntosh	Jacob McNally
Alex Milanese	Ailin Ng
Kaylin Ng	Stephen Nguyen
Adrien Ozone	Josie Pham
Nessa Pratt	Lily Rigg
Rudy Rigg	Hunar Sandhu
Gemma Srijan	Mia Srijan
Joanna Truong	Daniel Trinh
Jennifer Trinh	Jeremy Trieu
Gary Tran	Celine Vicencio
Eric Vuong	Mahishi Wimaladharma
Jing Wu	Leon Yeung
Amy Young	

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT

There were six clubs entered in the Spring season with a combined total of 62 teams spread over eight grades; A, A Reserve, B1, B2, C1, C2, C3 and C4. They were Elite Coaching School, Keilor Road, Keilor East and Laverton badminton clubs, along with newcomers Pinoy and Southern Land badminton clubs.

Pinoy who play at Albert Park, entered one team in B2 grade and Southern Land, which was formed by some players and friends from Keilor Road, entered teams in C2 & C3.

2009 saw Elite Coaching School enter more teams in A grade, B1 and C1 grades. The majority of these new teams consisted of WSBA junior squad players who all benefited from the extra competition.

This year WSBA introduced a player pool to the competition. The pool of those who were willing to play as a fill in when required, was made up from those who were not entered into teams and from new players who contacted the centre enquiring about competition. The second half of the year saw the player pool used more frequently by the clubs. The pool list is regularly updated and forwarded to club secretaries.

The Spring season witnessed the introduction of the Rally Point scoring system in all grades. At first there were a number of players not in favour, however over the season players have become accustomed to it. With the scoring change we have seen the competition become more even. This current season has seen many draws take place and in one week alone there were three matches which resulted in draws.

During this season there was a request by some players to change the scoring for the singles matches. All matches for singles, doubles and mixed grades are the best of three games to 21. All players in these grades were surveyed, with over 70% of the total 112 players responding. The result was in favour of the existing scoring format and no changes will be made.

At the start of the Spring season, we had only three teams enter D grade. These three teams and one team from C3 grade combined to make a four team grade in C4 with the hope of finding another team to make for a better competition. With a lot of work, a new team was formed made up from spare players from Laverton, Keilor Road and players from the Sunday social night.

The Sunday social night was introduced in late 2008 and runs from 6:30pm to 9:00pm every Sunday. It is open to any member of the public and any competition player, with a cost of \$10.00 per person which covers court hire and feather shuttles.

At the beginning of 2009, WSBA set up a roster of Committee Members to organise the games between the players to ensure that everyone gets a fair share of matches and that players get mixed up. This saw the numbers grow dramatically and we now average 20-30 players each Sunday. From this night there have been a good number of players who have joined clubs and now play in the pennant competition.

This year has also seen our pennant results available on line through our website. As well as match results, there is now a host of information such as player statistics and win/loss ratios which is of great assistance when looking at teams for the new season. For those who have not yet explored this, the link for the current season is:

<http://www.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=AAA8AA6D-BF9C-4EB5-84C8-BE1135F81BF9>

Dave Matthews
Match Secretary

PENNANT RESULTS – SPRING SEASON 2008

A Grade	1 ELITE COACHING SCHOOL GOLD	180	WINNER
	2 ELITE COACHING SCHOOL GREEN	172	RUNNER UP
	3 LAVERTON	164	
	4 KEILOR EAST	122	
A Res Grade	1 KEILOR ROAD RED	171	
	2 KEILOR EAST RED	161	RUNNER UP
	3 KEILOR EAST BLUE	161	WINNER
	4 KEILOR ROAD SHUTTLEBUSTERS	142	
B1 Grade	1 KEILOR EAST SPIDER PIGS	146	WINNER
	2 KEILOR ROAD RED	144	RUNNER UP
	3 KEILOR EAST RED	125	
	4 KEILOR ROAD YELLOW	116	
B2 Grade	1 KEILOR ROAD RED	146	
	2 NOMADS	135	WINNER
	3 KEILOR EAST BLUE	129	
	4 KEILOR ROAD YELLOW	126	RUNNER UP
C1 Grade	1 KEILOR ROAD BLUE	146	WINNER
	2 KEILOR ROAD YELLOW	146	RUNNER UP
	3 KEILOR EAST RED	128	
	4 KEILOR ROAD RED	121	
C2 Grade	1 KEILOR ROAD TAN	106	RUNNER UP
	2 KEILOR ROAD BLUE	104	
	3 ST JOHNS	82	WINNER
	4 KEILOR ROAD RED	73	
C3 Grade	1 KEILOR ROAD BLUE	112	WINNER
	2 THE FOBS	106	
	3 KEILOR EAST BLUE	93	RUNNER UP
	4 KEILOR EAST RED	84	
D Grade	1 KEILOR EAST	120	RUNNER UP
	2 KEILOR ROAD GREEN	103	WINNER
	3 LAVERTON WOLVES	80	
	4 LAVERTON BRONCOS	78	

PENNANT RESULTS – AUTUMN SEASON 2009

A Grade	1 ELITE COACHING SCHOOL GOLD	242	WINNER
	2 LAVERTON	218	RUNNER UP
	3 KEILOR EAST JETS	144	
	4 ELITE COACHING SCHOOL GREEN	138	
A Res Grade	1 KEILOR ROAD FIGHTING WARRIORS	158	WINNER
	2 KEILOR ROAD SHUTTLE BUSTERS	140	RUNNER UP
	3 KEILOR EAST TROOPERS	126	
	4 LAVERTON RED	121	
B1 Grade	1 KEILOR EAST WARRIORS	178	WINNER
	2 KEILOR ROAD YELLOW DEMONS	151	RUNNER UP
	3 KEILOR EAST PIRATES	138	
	4 KEILOR EAST SHARPSHOOTERS	119	
B2 Grade	1 KEILOR ROAD RED TURTLES	162	WINNER
	2 KEILOR EAST BUCCANEERS	134	
	3 KEILOR ROAD YELLOW CROCS	122	RUNNER UP
	4 KEILOR EAST RAIDERS	121	
C1 Grade	1 KEILOR ROAD FLUSH	160	WINNER
	2 LAVERTON SHARKS	139	RUNNER UP
	3 KEILOR EAST CORSAIRS	135	
	4 LAVERTON PUMAS	103	
C2 Grade	1 KEILOR ROAD RED RUBIES	122	WINNER
	2 KEILOR ROAD WHITE PEARLS	117	RUNNER UP
	3 KEILOR ROAD THE FOBS	85	
	4 KEILOR EAST POWER	84	
C3 Grade	1 KEILOR ROAD RED BACKS	141	WINNER
	2 KEILOR EAST SAMURAI	128	RUNNER UP
	3 KEILOR EAST BALANCED	87	
	4 KEILOR ROAD TIGER SNAKES	77	
D Grade	1 KEILOR ROAD MAGIC MONKEYS	108	
	2 KEILOR ROAD WHITE UNICORNS	93	
	3 LAVERTON BEARS	88	RUNNER UP
	4 KEILOR ROAD RED DRAGONS	85	WINNER

WESTERN SUBURBS LADIES BADMINTON

We have had a good year of playing involving a lot of hit and giggle which is a good way to start the week. We still play on Monday mornings, playing during school holidays but not public holidays or when the stadium closes for the summer break.

We have welcomed lots of new players to our group and they have strengthened our matches. The ladies come when they can, playing socially – no teams and we always welcome visitors to play with us.

We have a Mothers' Day event where a nice hamper is the prize for one of us, and we enjoy a yummy lunch after matches.

Just before Christmas we have another special day with prizes and good food also.

Some of our players visit other ladies special tournaments and we invite other associations to visit us.

We thank Ron for looking after us and having the courts clean for us each Monday morning.

It is certainly a great way to start the week with badminton, plenty of laughter and lots of talking.

Joy Walsh
Western Suburbs Ladies

CARNIVALS

2009 Under 13 Interstate Series

Date: January 16th & 17th

Event Directors: Pat Daw & Philip McNally

Referee: Kay Coady

Under 13 State Teams Event

1st New South Wales 1
2nd Victoria Gold
3rd New South Wales 2
4th Victoria Green

Under 13 Regional Teams Event

1st Badminton Academy Of Victoria
2nd South East Metro
3rd UB WestVic Academy
4th New South Wales Dash
5th WSBA Gold
6th Bendigo Academy
7th WSBA Blue
8th Geelong

Under 13 Individual Events

	Winner	Runner Up
Boys Singles	Anthony Joe (ACT)	Kieren Yong (NSW)
Girls Singles	Joy Lai (VIC)	Jennifer Tam (NSW)
Boys Doubles	Mitchell Gervasoni (VIC) Anthony Joe (ACT)	Kieren Yong (NSW) Austin Yu (NSW)
Girls Doubles	Joy Lai (Vic) Lucy Young (Vic)	Sirina Fan (NSW) Jennifer Tam (NSW)

Winner of the 2009 Philip McNally Sportsmanship Trophy

Stephen Weightman (Vic)

TOURNAMENT RESULTS 2009

2009 Altona Open

Date: 4th & 5th April 2009

Event Directors: Ron Gray & Pat Daw

Referee: Myrna Stanlake

<u>Open</u>	Winner	Runner Up
Men's Singles	Hung Pham	Stuart Gomez
Women's Singles	Leisha Cooper	Karyn Valez
Men's Doubles	Ben Walklate Glenn Warfe	Ben McCarthy Jason Tan
Women's Doubles	Eugenia Tanaka Kate Wilson-Smith	Leisha Cooper Ann-Louise Slee
Mixed Doubles	Kate Wilson-Smith Ben Walklate	Eugenia Tanaka Glenn Warfe

**Winner of the C.M.Wong Trophy for the best overall performance in the
Open Section:**

Kate Wilson-Smith & Ben Walklate

2009 Altona Graded

Date: **5th April 2009**

Event Directors: **Pat Daw & Philip McNally**

Referee: **Myrna Stanlake**

A Grade

Winner

Runner-Up

Men's Singles

Loke Poh Wong

Chris Wong

Women's Singles

Vinning Mak

Adelin Tham

Men's Doubles

Damien Nguyen
Aaron Pham

Leon Wong
Loke Poh Wong

Women's Doubles

Melisa Pearce
Stephanie Treloar

Vinning Mak
Natasha Sharp

Mixed Doubles

Stephanie Treloar
Braydon Allen

Adelin Tham
Jacky Chen

B Grade

Winner

Runner-Up

Mens Singles

Benny Cheah

Anthony Robinson

Womens Singles

Rasangi Ranatunga

Jen Trinh

Mens Doubles

Vien Bui
Anthony Robinson

Neil McColl
Steve Perry

Womens Doubles

Anna Frisch
Kylie McGiffin

Christina Chai
Ophelia Wong

Mixed Doubles

Rasangi Ranatunga
Dilhan Wijesinghe

Jen Trinh
James Audley

2009 Altona Graded (continued)

<u>C Grade</u>	Winner	Runner-Up
Men's Singles	Darshand Gobinathan	Andrew He
Women's Singles	Joy Lai	Rebecca Chan
Men's Doubles	Johnny Chua Hiew Hugh	Siong Khi Njo Audwin Wibrata
Women's Doubles	Debra Cocks Hue Tran	Yi Lu Wen Jing Zhang
Mixed Doubles	Rachael Rais-Colvin Francis Wilson	Hue Tran Bao Hinh

2009 Junior Westchamps

Date: **18th July 2009**

Event Directors: **Ron Gray & Pat Daw**

Under 13

Winner

Runner-Up

Boys Singles

Phillip Audley

Sonny Li

Girls Singles

Maria Banica

Lily Rigg

Boys Doubles

Phillip Audley
Sonny Li

Calvin Hua-Ching
Kevin Liu

Mixed Doubles

Phillip Audley
Lily Rigg

Sonny Li
Hera Jim

Under 15

Winner

Runner-Up

Boys Singles

Shaun Matthews

Luke Fletcher

Girls Singles

Rudy Rigg

Nessa Pratt

Boys Doubles

Nick Gray
Hunar Sandhu

Antony Guan
Shaun Matthews

Girls Doubles

Maria Banica
Lily Rigg

Celine Hua-Ching
Rudy Rigg

Mixed Doubles

Shaun Matthews
Rudy Rigg

Nick Gray
Nessa Pratt

Under 17

Winner

Runner-Up

Boys Singles

Eric Vuong

Jacob McNally

Girls Singles

Jen Trinh

Jing Wu

Boys Doubles

David Cutroni
Jacob McNally

James Audley
Eric Vuong

Girls Doubles

Jen Trinh
Jing Wu

Casey Berry
Simone Matthews

Mixed Doubles

James Audley
Jen Trinh

Eric Vuong
Jing Wu

2009 WSBA Wild, Wild West Tournament

Date: **23rd September 2009**

Event Directors: **Ron Gray & Pat Daw**

Under 13

Winner

Runner-Up

Boys Singles

John Taing

Antony Guan

Girls Singles

Lily Rigg

Maria Banica

Boys Doubles

Antony Guan
Sonny Li

Eric Qi
John Taing

Girls Doubles

Maria Banica
Lily Rigg

Hera Jim
Adriana Phan

Mixed Doubles

Antony Guan
Lily Rigg

John Taing
Adriana Phan

Special Doubles

Blake Haggerty
Kevin Liu

Pranav Rao
Eldon Xu

Under 15

Winner

Runner-Up

Boys Singles

Stephen Weightman

Jacky Yuan

Girls Singles

Rebecca Chan

Evelyn Xu

Boys Doubles

Michael Phan
Jacky Yuan

Victor Lim
Kunal Patil

Girls Doubles

Rebecca Chan
Evelyn Xu

Nessa Pratt
Rudy Rigg

Mixed Doubles

Jacky Yuan
Evelyn Xu

Michael Phan
Rebecca Chan

Special Doubles

Pranav Aher
Izzy Finn

Stephen Weightman
Anthony Wong

2009 WSBA Wild, Wild West Tournament (continued)

<u>Under 17</u>	Winner	Runner-Up
Boys Singles	Eric Vuong	David Cutroni
Girls Singles	Jen Trinh	Ariana Lim
Boys Doubles	Eric Vuong Nick Gray	David Cutroni Gary Li
Girls Doubles	Jen Trinh	Katrina Weightman
Mixed Doubles	Eric Vuong Jen Trinh	Dylan Boyd Ariana Lim
Special Doubles	Gary Li	Chris Wong

2009 Altona Junior Open Under 13 & 17

Date: 17th October 2009

Event Directors: Ron Gray & Pat Daw

Referee: Sandra David

Under 13

Winner

Runner-Up

Boys Singles

Andre Zopf

John Taing

Girls Singles

Alice Wu

Maria Banica

Boys Doubles

Kunal Patil
Andre Zopf

Antony Guan
Calvin Hua-Ching

Girls Doubles

Maria Banica
Lily Rigg

Janice Au
Alice Wu

Mixed Doubles

Andre Zopf
Janice Au

John Taing
Adriana Phan

Under 17

Winner

Runner-Up

Boys Singles

Athi Selladurai

James Audley

Girls Singles

Sarah Wong

Melisa Pearce

Boys Doubles

Athi Selladurai
Quor-Liung Teh

James Audley
Eric Vuong

Girls Doubles

Melisa Pearce
Stephanie Treloar

Jacqueline Guan
Jen Trinh

Mixed Doubles

James Audley
Jen Trinh

Athi Selladurai
Sarah Wong

Boys Singles Plate

Gary Li

Lawrence Liu

Girls Singles Plate

Grace Hanratty

Michelle Leung