

WESTERN SUBURBS
BADMINTON ASSOCIATION
(INCORPORATED)



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“FOUNDED FOR THE FUTURE”

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 also Badminton Referee at the last Commonwealth games, and was a Victorian selector. Bob was made a Life Member of the Australian Badminton Association in 1978.

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 the Association 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 1950. 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 has been a member and Treasurer of the now Westgate 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 for many years and has now retired to the bowling green.

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 W.S.B.A. 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. She is still the Secretary of Laverton Badminton Club.

1998 – Mr R. Gray

Ron joined the Committee of W.S.B.A.Inc. in 1983, was Hon.Treasurer from 1985-1989, Vice-President in 1990, Committee Member in 1991 &1992, Hon. Treasurer from 1993-1995 and a Committee Member from 1996-1998.

Ron has played with Keilor East for some years and prior to that with Essendon.

As a Committee Member, Ron continues to oversee the role of Treasurer, which requires dedication and commitment on a weekly basis for the entire year.

Awarding Ron a Life Membership is a small way of thanking him for his dedication to the continued success of W.S.B.A.Inc.

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 is still currently holding this position. During these years, Alan has 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 has also been the Chairman of our Junior Committee, which organises our Friday Night Junior Competition and Coaching, since 1989.

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 W.S.B.A.Inc. 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 began playing badminton in about 1934 and continued playing until about 1989. Nat played in Bendigo & Echuca before coming 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 provide for players, sponsors, officials, guests and volunteers. During the early years of the Altona Badminton Centre, Nat and Jerry were involve 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 W.S.B.A.Inc. Committee in 1984, prior to the opening of the Stadium and served as a Committee Member until 1988. Nat took on the role of Honorary 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.

* denotes deceased

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2002 has been another busy and interesting year for W.S.B.A.Inc. and we continue to appreciate the work done by Peter Roberts in his role as Manager.

The Thomas & Uber Cups were held in the Show Court area at the Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre in February. Peter Roberts volunteered to be the "Team Liaison Officer", to meet the overseas teams as they arrived at Tullamarine, organise their transfers to and from the airport and find a person to look after each team during their stay in Melbourne. I volunteered to assist, what a great experience! I met several teams, holding my Badminton Australia sign aloft and even assisted an umpire from Japan who arrived on a much earlier flight than he (and whoever was supposed to meet him) had expected. The competition was fierce and extremely well supported by badminton players in Victoria. I know there were many people who play in our stadium who went to watch the matches. It's not often we get to see some of the best badminton players in the world in our home town.

My thanks again to my hard working committee who continue to volunteer their time and commitment to ensure you and your members have access to pennant competition and casual hire.

The Altona International held on the 26th, 27th & 28th April was our first venture into a designated International event. I would like to thank our sponsors Epsilon Sports, Schweppes-Cottee's, Smorgon Steel, G. Eastmure Trophies and the City of Hobsons Bay for their support. With players coming from around Australia, New Zealand and the Republic of South Africa, I would like to thank the people who offered to billet some of these players (sadly, one of the South African players was killed in a car accident shortly after he returned home, however his host was able to give his family photos taken while he was here, the last ones taken). Special thanks to our own W.S.B.A. volunteers, who came to assist with the Graded events.

There were some great matches over the three days, under the watchful eyes of Fred Stanlake, the Referee and Peter Griffin, the Assistant Referee, who were appointed by Badminton Australia and I congratulate all the players on their performances (see the Tournament Results pages for individual winners). Congratulations to Daniel Shirley (NZL) for winning the CM Wong Memorial Trophy for the best overall performance in the Open Section. We were extremely disappointed to learn during the final day's play that the announcement of the Commonwealth Games Team had been deferred, it was our agreement with Badminton Australia that the Team would be announced at the conclusion of the Altona International.

The Graded tournament was a great success, too, with increased entries enabling us to have A, B & C Grade events, all of which provided good competition.

The Altona Junior Opens (Under 13 & 16 & Under 15 & 19) were well supported by players and their parents. Thanks to Noel Jennings, our Referee, again, for the under age events. Official umpires provided by the Badminton Victoria Court Officials Committee supported all events, special thanks to Kevin Phillips and Hilary Weaver for their contributions to our tournaments.

Friday night Junior Competition continues to thrive with the continued support of Alan & Hilary Black and Wilma McKenzie. Hilary has been researching the junior archives and so far has come up with more than one hundred names of juniors who have moved on to our night pennant competition since the stadium opened in 1985.

Badminton Victoria have appointed Matt Weisheit as State Administrator (and yes, he is related to me, his great-grandfather and my grandfather were brothers) and Craig Haydock as Administration Assistant.

I congratulate Bob Hindson (a Life Member of W.S.B.A.Inc.) on his induction into the Badminton Victoria Hall of Fame.

The Australian squad continue to train in our stadium under coach Martin Andrew. Congratulations to Peter Blackburn, Ashley Brehaut, Stuart Brehaut, Travis Denney, Murray Hocking, Rhonda Cator, Jane Crabtree, Kellie Lucas, Lenny Permana and Kate Wilson-Smith on their selection to represent Australia at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester in August.

This year we have participated in the Primary Schools Participation Program, you can read about the schools and children who have participated in Michelle's report. The ultimate aim of this program is the setting up of a Primary Schools team competition after the two years of participation.

We are also participating in the Healthy Eating Program under the Vic Health and the Heart Foundation banner, encouraging the eating of healthier foods by providing a choice. During tournament weekends we have included sushi and mountain bread wraps in the food offered as well as a choice of fruit, these inclusions have proved to be quite popular. Thanks to Ron Gray for his contribution to these programs by attending meetings organised by Vic Health and the PSPP.

We were to have been the second venue for the World Masters Games in October, however the entries were so large in many events, that extra court areas for Badminton were found at MSAC.

2003 will see two seasons of Pennant Competition (with great support from our Club Secretaries), the continuation of the Primary Schools Participation Program and our Healthy Eating commitment, two Junior Open Selection Tournaments, our own Open & Graded Tournament and the development of our own website.

Pat Daw
President W.S.B.A. Inc.

Managers Report 2002

Where has the year gone?

Once again our association relies on very few volunteers. I would like to thank this band of dedicated workers for making my job much easier during the year. If you would like to join this small group of dedicated people, and continue to see our Association grow and improve, ask me for more information on how you can help.

We have retained our team numbers during the past year, this is a good result for WSBA. Compared with many other associations who have dropped in the number of teams playing pennant competition.

Our casual court hire usage has seen a significant rise in the past 12 months, as many members would be well aware, it is now very difficult to get a court during the week. Weekend court hire is also very busy with some Saturdays and Sundays seeing people waiting for up to an hour to hire a court.

In the past 12 months there has been a lot of top class Badminton played in Victoria. In February Australia hosted the preliminary and semi-final rounds of the Thomas & Uber Cups. The event was held at the Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre. We were not successful in attracting some of the countries to our stadium prior to the event for pre-event training.

In April 2002 WSBA hosted the Altona International Badminton Tournament. The event carried \$5000.00 prize money and attracted Australia's top players, with many overseas players also attending.

This tournament was a major lead-up tournament to the announcement of our Commonwealth Games team. We were advised by Badminton Australia that the Commonwealth Games Team would be announced at the conclusion of this tournament. It did not happen. WSBA objected to B.A. to no avail.

I would like to thank the volunteers who assisted in putting on this event. It was a very successful tournament although we could have had more co-operation from Badminton Australia.

In October 2002 Melbourne hosted the World Masters Games, with thousands of competitors from all over the world and Australia, playing in 26 different sports. WSBA had been successful in bidding to host a major part of the Badminton program in our stadium. Unfortunately World Masters Games contacted me several weeks before the event and advised that they would be holding all the Badminton at MSAC.

I applied for and WSBA received financial compensation for the breaking of the agreement.

This year we had funding through Badminton Victoria via VicHealth for a Primary Schools Participation program. This program ran through 2002 and will continue through 2003.

We will continue to target grade 4, 5 & 6 primary school children in our area. We are hoping this will lead to a primary school competition in 2003.

The funding for these programs is \$7200.00 over the 2-year period.

During the year the stadium was broken into several times, we have installed grills on the sides of the stadium and very soon will have similar on the front of the stadium. Cars were broken into several times during the season, we hired a security officer for several nights and will hire a guard for most nights next year.

Let's look forward to the challenges that await in the coming year, and working together to make our association bigger and better in 2003.

Peter Roberts.
Manager.

Primary Schools Participation Program 2002

The program commenced in February this year with an offer to schools in this region for badminton clinics of five or more weeks in duration, with each session running for 1 hour. The sessions had a minimum of 20 students in some cases a maximum of 70; the sessions consisted of skilled-based activities and competition. The program for each school finished with a competition contested in each skill, award certificate and coaching vouchers were then presented at the schools weekly assembly.

Seven schools participated in the program this year a total of 550 students. We have already secured a further five schools for 2003. To further enhance the program the W.S.B.A. Committee introduced a talent identification component where students are selected and offered subsidised coaching.

Schools for 2002

Altona P.S.
Hobson's Bay P.S.
Wembley P.S.
Williamstown North P.S.
St Peter Chanel
Good News Christian School
Seaholme P.S.

In 2003 we hope to start an out of schools competition, where each school will have the opportunity to enter a team. This will be run at the stadium between the hours of 4.30 and 6pm on weekly basis inline with the school terms.

This program has been supported by Vichealth and W.S.B.A. hence the cost to the schools is minimal this has enabled these public schools who would not have normally had the money to participate to do so. The children received the program with great enthusiasm and positive feedback from the teachers involved was encouraging.

I have enjoyed working on the program this year and am looking forward to a bigger and better 2003.

Michelle Rigg

WESTERN SUBURBS LADIES BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

REPORT for 2002

The ladies group play each Monday morning from 10am to 12 noon, during school terms. We break during the school holidays. The games are followed by a shared lunch at the stadium.

We again started the year with about 8 to 10 players, however some of our new younger players have been recruiting from their kinders and schools. As a result we have increased our numbers up to about 20 ladies each Monday, which is great for us.

We have all standards, from beginner to the more experienced.

A few of our players go on to play in the nighttime teams competition. We offer this to them if they are looking for more competition.

We are a social group, play round robin matches, and try to visit other Ladies groups Badminton special days. We have visitors from other Ladies groups once or twice a year; have a few games, a lot of fun and a yummy lunch.

Our group would like to thank our baby-sitter Betty who is very good with the young children.

Any Ladies who would like to come along and play with a fun group of ladies would be most welcome.

Yours in Badminton.

Joy Walsh.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS 2002

Altona International & Graded

Date: 26th, 27th & 28th April

Event Directors: Alan Black
Pat Daw

Referee: Fred Stanlake

Assistant Referee: Peter Griffin

<u>Open</u>	Winner	Runner Up
Schweppes-Cottee's Ladies Singles	Lenny Permana (AUS)	Rayoni Head (AUS)
Smorgon Steel Mens Singles	Geoff Bellingham (NZL)	Nick Hall (NZL)
Epsilon Ladies Doubles	Tammy Jenkins (NZL) Rhona Robertson (NZL)	Nicole Gordon Sara Runesten-Petersen (NZL)
Vic Health Mens Doubles	John Gordon (NZL) Daniel Shirley (NZL)	Stuart Brehaut (AUS) Travis Denney (AUS)
W.S.B.A. Mixed Doubles	Travis Denney (AUS) Kate Wilson-Smith (AUS)	Daniel Shirley (NZL) Sara Runesten-Petersen (NZL)

**Winner of the C.M.Wong Trophy for the best overall performance in the Open Section
Daniel Shirley (NZL)**

<u>A Grade</u>	Winner	Runner-Up
Ladies Singles	Avanthi Mandelason	Sin-Noar Lim
Mens Singles	Akash Singh	Jason Wong
Ladies Doubles	Erin Carroll Nicole Reid	Ebony Harrison Su Yi Tho
Mens Doubles	Tap-Long Duong Chee Kheng Lim	Dien Tran Gary Fisher
Mixed Doubles	Lynne Scutt Dylan Bray	Xiao Ling Jin Gary Fisher

B Grade

	Winner	Runner-Up
Ladies Singles	Linda Kow	Lynn Duong
Mens Singles	Peejade Cheng	Danny Lai
Ladies Doubles	Lynn Duong Minh Pham	Amanda Nguyen Sam Truong
Mens Doubles	Peejade Cheng Sammy Cheng	David Chieng Edwin Tan
Mixed Doubles	Sin-Noar Lim Edwin Tan	Joyce Lee Danny Lai

C Grade

	Winner	Runner-Up
Ladies Singles	Erica Pong	Thiep Tran
Mens Singles	Jonathon Choo	Marcus Lim
Ladies Doubles	Victoria Na Erica Pong	Jenny Tran Thiep Tran
Mens Doubles	Barry Hayward David Law	Jonathon Choo Tho Le
Mixed Doubles	Audrey Chiang Barry Hayward	Evelyn Kwan Marcus Lim

Altona Junior Open Badminton Tournament, – Under 15 & Under 19

Date: 16th March

Event Directors: Alan Black
Pat Daw

Referee: Noel Jennings

<u>Under 15</u>	Winner	Runner Up
Girls Singles	Ann Slee	Christine Mahadavan
Boys Singles	Nicky Wong	Kin Tho
Girls Doubles	Christine Mahadavan Ann Slee	Victoria Na Erica Pong
Boys Doubles	Simon Yang Boris Ma	Ashley Sim Kin Tho
Mixed Doubles	Christine Mahadavan Nicky Wong	Victoria Na Boris Ma

<u>Under 19</u>	Winner	Runner Up	Score
Girls Singles	Erin Carroll	Nicole Reid	15/4, 15/7
Boys Singles	Ben Walklate	Glenn Warfe	7/15, 15/6, 15/3
Girls Doubles	Erin Carroll Nicole Reid	Ebony Harrison Su Yi Tho	5/15, 15/11, 17/15
Boys Doubles	Ben Walklate Glenn Warfe	Ross Smith Gary Tho	15/13, 15/4
Mixed Doubles	No Mixed Doubles event		

Girls Consolation Singles Ebony Harrison def Jessica Lyons 21/9

Boys Consolation Singles Rui Lim def Clinton Broomhall 21/4

Altona Junior Open Badminton Tournament, – Under 13 & Under 16

Date: 16th November

Event Directors: Alan Black
Pat Daw

Referee: Noel Jennings

<u>Under 13</u>	Winner	Runner Up
Girls Singles	Skye Pilven	Casey McLauglan
Boys Singles	Jonathan Chim	Andrew Tapolczay
Girls Doubles	Casey McLauglan Brigette Steenholdt	Skye Pilven Claire Mckenzie
Boys Doubles	Jonathan Chim Boris Ma	George Ortega Andrew Tapolczay
Mixed Doubles	Jonathan Chim Olivia Na	Nathan David Skye Pilven

<u>Under 16</u>	Winner		Runner Up	Score
Girls Singles	Britt Harrison	def	Erica Pong	11/5, 11/8
Boys Singles	Luke Chong	def	An Huynh	15/6, 15/10
Girls Doubles	Cassy Morton Claire Wong	def	Christine Mahadavan Ann Slee	15/6, 15/6
Boys Doubles	Luke Chong An Huynh	def	Van Dee Tran Nick Wong	15/6, 15/13
Mixed Doubles	Luke Chong Cassy Morton	def	An Huynh Britt Harrison	15/1, 15/7