

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 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 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.

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 is now in her 16th year of holding these offices.

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 has been organizing Friday night Juniors since then.

Hilary has been a W.S.B.A.Inc. Delegate to Badminton Victoria for a number of years.

Hilary has been the scorer at our Junior & Open Tournaments for many years and also assists with catering for these events.

* 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

2003 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.

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, casual hire, tournaments, coaching and the facilities of the Stadium. Thanks also to Kevin & Hilary Phillips for their contribution to us, Kevin's over many years and Hilary's over the last few years, we wish them well in their new home and work in country Victoria.

The 2003 Altona Open was well supported. Thanks to Cadbury-Schweppes for their continued sponsorship. 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 and a lot of fun for the players.

The Altona Junior Opens (Under 13 & 16 & Under 11, 15 & 19) were well supported by players and their parents. Thanks to Noel Jennings and Kay Coady, our Referees, for the under age events. Official umpires provided by the Badminton Victoria Court Officials Committee supported all events in their usual professional manner.

Friday night Junior Competition continues to thrive with the continued support of Alan & Hilary Black and Wilma McKenzie and some parents who now volunteer on a regular basis.

This year we have begun a special Development Squad of young players selected from our own Juniors and from the primary school children who have participated in the Primary Schools Program. These children have been receiving two hours coaching each Friday evening prior to our own Juniors and many remain and participate in our Juniors night. I was impressed with the improvement in the players when I returned after five months away. Some even participated in the U13/17 Tournament in October, even though many of them will be eligible to play in our U11/15/19 early next year. Thanks to Michelle and Jean for their coaching expertise.

An Umpires course was run by Kay Coady in June and nine people participated, three from DVBA and six from WSBA.

The Australian squad continues to train in our stadium under coach Martin Andrew. Martin has just accepted the position of National Coach for New Zealand, we wish him success in his new role.

2004 will see two seasons of Pennant Competition (with great support from our Club Secretaries), the continuation and growth of our Development Squad, the continuation of our Primary Schools Participation program, two Junior Open Selection Tournaments, our own Open & Graded Tournament and further development of our own website, which is almost ready to go to www.wsbaonline.com . We are also planning to run a Level 1 Coaches Course early in the New Year and will include a segment on Game Sense.

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

Managers Report 2003

The past year has seen Western Suburbs Badminton retain its number of teams in both the Spring and Autumn competitions. Our casual hire and school hire have also increased. With all the competition from other sports and social activities, computer games and Internet, I think it's not a bad result for our association.

In the past 12 months we have held 3 tournaments, U11, 15 & 19, the Open and Graded with the U13 & U17 the most recent. All tournaments were well supported by players throughout the state although it would be good to see more WSBA players competing in all tournaments. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make these tournaments a success. We can always do with more volunteers to assist with these events. We also hired the stadium to RMIT to hold their annual tournament.

Our Primary School program continues although the funding from VicHealth has ceased. WSBA will continue funding the program into the future, with the aim of the program to become self-funding. As a result of this program we have started a WSBA junior squad training on Friday nights. The program includes children from the primary schools that have been identified as having potential and includes some of our WSBA juniors.

Michelle Rigg, with Jean Tyrrell assisting with the Friday night squad training, does coaching for the clinics. WSBA will encourage and financially support these children to enter tournaments around the state

I would like to thank VicHealth for their financial support with this program.

We have had several discussions with Hobson's Bay City Council regarding stadium break-ins earlier in the year. They agreed to go 50/50 on the cost of shuttering the front of the building. Since the shutters have been installed we have had no break-ins. This has also been the case with the car park, since we started with the security we have had no reported break-ins or damage to cars.

A panic button has also been installed for the car park security, with the security person able to activate an alarm if an incident is occurring.

Matting was replaced in the foyer area earlier this year, this has assisted in keeping the floors clean and helping to prevent scratching. Our floors were sanded and re-stained at the end of 2002.

A quiz night was held in August with about 60 people attending, what was a fun night with many prizes given away during the night.

Hobson's Bay City Council have proposed to redevelop the eastern side of the stadium with a mosque and community centre. WSBA hosted an information morning in June between HBCC, community groups, the Lebanese community and local residents. Natalie, Ron and Peter attended the meeting. The mayor and several

council members from Hobson's Bay spoke during the meeting. Unfortunately the meeting descended into an aggressive question and answer session instead of a general information session. The mayor under pressure answered the aggressive and at times personal question and statements in a calm and dignified manner.

In August Norma and Nathan attended a CPR course with St John ambulance, with Peter doing a level 2 first aid course.

A WSBA team was successful in winning the Australian Under 23 teams championships. Team members were, Alison Bland, Lisa Taylor, Nicky Wong and Andreas Faulwetter competed against 6 other teams from Victoria and Interstate.

Finally I would like to thank the WSBA committee for their continued support throughout the year. This small group of dedicated volunteers do a power of work for our association and go largely unrecognised for their efforts.

Peter Roberts

Primary Schools Participation Program 2003

The program ran smoothly this year with much the same participation level as 2002. It was pleasing to see four schools from 2002 continued this year and to date we have two booking for term one next year.

2003

Altona P.S.
Williamstown Nth P.S.
Good News Christian School
Seaholme P.S.
St Monica's
Footscray P.S.
Bellbridge P.S.
Altona Nth P.S.

2002

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

The talent identification component of the program took a further step when the committee moved to form a junior squad; these children were selected from participating schools and the Friday Night Juniors. Sixteen juniors aged between eight and fourteen work on a Friday evening from 6 – 7.30pm, each child selected was offered one term (10 weeks) of free coaching the cost for each term after is \$50.00. More than half of these members have attended the four terms this year. Subsidised by the W.S.B.A. Committee some of the squad competed in the recent Altona Junior tournament and while scores may not have indicated it the children's performances were most credible. With little more than six months experience for most and a tournament debut for all but one they were very competitive. .

Initial plans for this program included a schools competition, for this program to progress this competitive component is essential, as it gives the players a goal or a purpose for their participation.

Looking forward to 2004

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 2003

Altona Open & Graded

Date: Saturday 16th March

Event Directors: Alan Black
 Pat Daw

Referee: Noel Jennings

<u>Open</u>	Winner	Runner Up
Ladies Singles	Vanessa Tyrrell	Dianne Malpass
Mens Singles	Juan Winata	Stuart Gomez
Ladies Doubles	Vanessa Tyrrell Tammy Jenkins	Rhonda Cator Elizabeth McBrearty
Mens Doubles	Murray Hocking Nathan Malpass	Hong Pham Gary Tho
Mixed Doubles	Vanessa Tyrrell Murray Hocking	Rhonda Cator Glenn Warfe

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

<u>A Grade</u>	Winner	Runner-Up
Ladies Singles	Xue Han	Su Yi Tho
Mens Singles	Thomas Quach	Kum Lee
Ladies Doubles	Linda Kow Nicole Reid	Tinne Karlsson Penny Loony
Mens Doubles	Gary Fisher Phong Kittkhoun	Tap-Long Duong Chee Keng lim
Mixed Doubles	Linda Kow Frankie Yee	Eugenia Tanaka Trung Tran

B Grade

	Winner	Runner-Up
Ladies Singles	Bettina Davies	Susan Bond
Mens Singles	Danny Truong	Soon Chong
Ladies Doubles	Bettina Davies Julie Filazzola	Tching Liu Amanda Nguyen
Mens Doubles	Sujith Dunuwille Shanak Perera	Seng Hem Danny truong
Mixed Doubles	Julie Filazzola Sujith Dunuwille	Minoli Molligada Shanak Perera

C Grade

	Winner	Runner-Up
Ladies Singles	Cheng Ung	Cecilia Fung
Mens Singles	Seng Hem	Anthony Robinson
Ladies Doubles	Jacqui Lau Minoli Molligada	Deanne Fernandez Joy Sleep
Mens Doubles	Hoang Pham Luan Pham	Hassan Jaward Dat Quach
Mixed Doubles	Deanne Fernandez Joachim Bjorka	Leanne Huynh Phon Si

Altona Junior Open Badminton Tournament, – Under 11, Under 15 & Under 19

Date: 8th February

Event Directors: Alan Black
Pat Daw

Referee: Noel Jennings

<u>Under 11</u>	Winner	Runner Up
Girls Singles	Louisa Ma	Nicole David
Girls Doubles	Nicole David Louisa Ma	Tara Pilven Haylee Wellard

<u>Under 15</u>	Winner	Runner Up
Girls Singles	Erica Pong	Victoria Na
Boys Singles	Boris Ma	Jonathon Chim
Girls Doubles	Coralie Charlton Louise McKenzie	Victoria Na Erica Pong
Boys Doubles	Jonathon Chim Boris Ma	Nicholas Sinnott Braden Elliott
Mixed Doubles	Victoria Na Boris Ma	Coralie Charlton Braden Elliott

<u>Under 19</u>	Winner	Runner Up
Girls Singles	Erin Carroll	Foong Meng Cheah
Boys Singles	Ben Walklate	Ross Smith
Girls Doubles	Erin Carroll Ebony Harrison	Foong Meng Cheah Shan Lim
Boys Doubles	Ben Walklate Ross Smith	Dylan Bray Clinton Broomhall
Mixed Doubles	Ebony Harrison Ben Walklate	Nicole Reid Ross Smith

Altona Junior Open Badminton Tournament, – Under 13 & Under 17

Date: 25th October

Event Directors: Alan Black
Pat Daw

Referee: Kay Coady

<u>Under 13</u>	Winner	Runner Up
Girls Singles	Danielle Gervasoni	Olivia Na
Boys Singles	Jonathan Wong	Kevin Shi
Girls Doubles	Naomi Eggleton Danielle Gervasoni	Olivia Na Louisa Ma
Boys Doubles	Jonathan Wong Kevin Shi	Nathan David Matthew Wilson
Mixed Doubles	Jonathan Wong Olivia Na	Matthew Wilson Danielle Gervasoni

<u>Under 17</u>	Winner	Runner Up
Girls Singles	Erica Pong	Eugenia Tanaka
Boys Singles	Sacha Ignatenko	Nick Wong
Girls Doubles	Shan Lim Eugenia Tanaka	Victoria Na Erica Pong
Boys Doubles	Nick Wong Van Dee Tran	Kelvin Yuen Simon Yang
Mixed Doubles	Shan Lim Nick Wong	Simone Wellard Bradley Sinnott