

SOUTHERN TASMANIAN BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

President's Report 2011-2012

I am pleased to be able to present this report for the year ended 30/06/12. This past year has been a difficult one for the Association. The ever increasing demand on our younger members e.g., work commitments, study programmes, and competition from other sports has had a negative effect on the number of juniors joining our ranks. I am pleased to advise that this trend has been reversed in the second half of the year

.During the 2011-2012 year the Association has once again conducted three pennant rosters. Many thanks are due to our members for registering and playing in these rosters. As well as conducting our three rosters, the Association also hosted the City of Hobart tournament, the S T B A invitation tournament. We also had the privilege of conducting the Australasian U17 competition at our centre. This competition attracted 13 entries, including 2 from New Zealand and 1 from New Caledonia.

On the National scene S T B A players continue to dominate the open and U19 State teams. However, our numbers were much lower for the U17's. We look forward to improving our junior representation during the coming years.

The continuance of the CALD { Cultural and Linguistically Diverse } programme has resulted in additional numbers participating in our rosters and tournaments together with the increased use of our facilities. We are most appreciative of the support given this programme by Badminton Australia.

We were honoured to receive a visit from representatives of the Australian Sports Commission at the S T B A invitation tournament. They spent some considerable time filming to take back to Canberra with as I believe we are leaders in Australia as far as badminton is concerned. At this point I must pay particular tribute to Matthew Gillie and Ernest Ng for their time and dedication that they have put into this programme.

As members will appreciate, maintenance including repairs upgrades to our facilities is an ongoing and ever increasing demand on our funds. Some of the major items undertaken during the year include repairs to the roof areas above the canteen and storeroom, replacement of the carpet behind our seating and the painting out of graffiti on the exterior of our buildings. Future major works will include the re-surfacing of all courts within the next 2-4 years. The cost of this work alone will be 40 to 50 thousand dollars.

In conclusion I would like to thank all members of the committee for their work over the past year, particularly our secretary Rose Meaghan for her untiring efforts in making sure our rosters and tournaments run smoothly. I would also like to make a special mention to Alan Bottomly for his timely and informative work on our web site.

I believe that the Association can look to the future with confidence.

I commend the full report to our members.

John Henderson

President

27th September 2012