

Southern Tasmanian Badminton Association

2013 President's Report

It's with great pleasure that I present the 2013 Presidents report for the Southern Tasmanian Badminton Association. The Association has had another busy year conducting two tournaments in the State calendar, two very successful CALD tournaments and the very successful CP Maddern and U19 Australian Championships. During the year we also conducted our three pennant rosters, where the numbers continue to be very encouraging. The number of players continues to grow in Division 4 and 5.

The number of initiatives undertaken by the STBA over the last few years is now starting to really be very effective. The highly successful CALD program has seen numbers grow. Come & Try sessions continue to be very popular.

The National teams continue to see STBA players continue to be well represented in state teams including the U15 team representing the State in Sydney in October this year.

The CALD (Cultural and Linguistically Diverse) program has again been very successful. The number of players continues to grow, and along with the numbers moving into our rosters, it is very encouraging. The two very successful tournaments with numerous players travelling from the mainland shows that the interest in this program is very much respected. A special thanks to Matthew Gillie for managing this program and Ernest Ng whose enthusiasm and energy has ensured the ongoing success of the program well into the future, and their excellent efforts in attaining significant sponsorship from GOSEN

This year's High School and College rosters saw 73 teams competing from 14 different schools. I had the pleasure of being present on Grand Final night and witnessed some very good games. A special thanks to Karen Cassidy for her work ensuring the success of this roster, thanks also to those schools that support this roster.

The Southern Junior roster has again had another very busy season, and special thanks go to Nathan Duhig for his efforts throughout, taking over from Christine Dennison and Kev Rothery who stepped aside after their huge efforts during the last 6 years.

As members would be aware we must continue to maintain the premises, fortunately this year we have not had the major maintenance items that we have had in previous years. We have repainted the canteen, repaired and repainted the ceiling in the pro shop and the guttering has been replaced on the back of the building. We are, in the future, looking at some major works within the centre. Firstly we are having constructed two

silhouettes to place on the outside wall near the entrance. It's hoped that we will have Council approval prior to our 50th celebrations in October. Secondly we are painting the hall over the Christmas break, to both brighten and refresh the appearance. It is then anticipated that we will be able to replace the floor surface with a wooden sub-surface and put rubber mats on all courts. This will be a major expense and it is anticipated that we will apply for some external funding to assist in this cost. Finally we will replace the seating and heating behind courts one to seven similar to that behind courts nine to twelve. As you can imagine this is a significant cost to the STBA and will occur over the next few years.

In conclusion I would like to thank all members of the committee for their support and their tireless efforts throughout the year conducting and managing the respective rosters, and their assistance during the tournaments conducted throughout the year. A special thanks to Rose Meaghan for her untiring efforts this year, Alan Bottomley who took on the role of treasurer, has instigated many innovative and timesaving processes this year. Special thanks also to those members who have given freely their time to assist in putting rosters together, helping with small maintenance matters as they occur, assisting in both the Junior and Schools roster or simply offering constructive comments to help the association move forward.

I look forward to continue working, to move the Association into the future with a great deal of confidence.

I commend the report to the members

Robert Brockman

President

20th September 2013