

Southern Tasmanian Badminton Association Inc

2016 President's Report

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2016 President's report for the Southern Tasmanian Badminton Association. The Association has had another very busy year conducting a 4 very successful tournaments. Our season commenced with the GOSEN Teams Championship, two tournaments in the State calendar and finished with the very successful GOSEN Australian Malaysian Championships.

Our nightly rosters have been very well supported again this year in all divisions. We trialled four rosters this year which was well accepted, with some areas for improvement. As a result of feedback we will trial three rosters next year within the calendar year, providing a break between rosters as requested by members. Our primary aim is to provide a good close roster that provides members with the opportunity to play all year round. Thanks to those players who willingly fill in for higher divisions, and those players from the Come & Try session who have found themselves in teams and filling in.

Our Come & Try sessions have been very successful this year. Sessions have been very well attended with numerous sessions having more players than available courts, requiring a lot more management of courts than is usual. A special thanks to those who have managed these sessions especially Garion and Vicky. One of our aims is to attract these players into our rosters.

This year's High School and College rosters has again been very popular with students. Although our numbers aren't as high as previous years it is still a very important component of our Association, as this is a major source of new players. A very special thanks to Garion Weller whose professional approach is greatly appreciated by the committee and participating teams and has ensured the success of this roster. A huge thank you to those schools that support this roster.

The Southern Junior roster has had yet another very busy season, and special thanks to Rowan Henderson for his efforts throughout the season. Also I wish to thank the coaches who gave up their time each weekend to help, ensuring that those new players have every opportunity to improve their game and encouraging their participation.

On the National scene STBA continues to provide significant numbers participating in State teams particularly the seniors. It is very pleasing that the numbers representing the junior teams are still strong, and with the numbers being shared around the regions, it shows the growth of junior badminton around the state. I wish to thank those coaches who spend a considerable amount of time and effort into the improvement of junior players. With the National U17 June Bevan carnival being held in Launceston at Easter next year, it's an ideal opportunity for our junior members to compete at a National level without all of the associated travel costs.

At a State level it is very pleasing to see many of our members competing successfully at the various State Tournaments. Many events would not have been possible without the support of our members both on and off the court. I would recommend these tournaments to our members who wish to test their skill against those members from around the State. I would also like to thank Brent Munday and Matt Gillie for the work they have put into the two successful GOSEN tournaments.

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 their respective rosters, and their assistance

during the tournaments conducted throughout the year. A special thanks to Rose Meaghan for her untiring efforts during the year, and Vicky Zhang, who is unfortunately stepping down as Treasurer, for her effective management of our finances this year.

A big thank you to David Needham for his efforts in continuing maintain our Stadium to the standard we have come to expect. Special thanks also to those members who have given freely of their time to assist in putting rosters together, helping with small maintenance matters as they occur, assisting in both Junior and School rosters 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

7th September