

2015 President's Report

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2015 President's report for the Southern Tasmanian Badminton Association. The Association has had another very busy year conducting a very successful CALD tournament which had the most entries of any event in the State this year, two tournaments in the State calendar and later in the year a successful Ede Clendinnen Shield and National Championships.

Our nightly rosters have been very well supported again this year in all divisions, with some innovative approaches to team structure and play formats in Division One last year, now adopted by other Divisions. Thanks to those players who willingly fill in in higher divisions, and those players from the Come & Try session who have found themselves in teams and filling in for Division 4 teams

The highly successful CALD program continues to be a shining light. The program's growth is evident with increasing number of participants at each session, and moving into our regular rosters.

A special thanks to Matt Gillie and Ernest Ng for their efforts in managing this program. Their tireless efforts have seen the successful CALD Australian Malaysian tournament continue to grow, encouraging participants from mainland states to attend, whilst maintaining strong local support. Their enthusiasm and energy has ensured the ongoing success, and maintaining the ongoing sponsorship from GOSEN is greatly appreciated.

This year's High School and College rosters has again shown an increase in the number of participating schools. This year there were 68 High school and College teams competing. 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 Mrs Carolyn Webster-Jones and her team for their 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.

At a State level it is very pleasing to see many of our juniors and coaches participating and assisting in the TBATIS junior development squad, and this is reflected in the improvement of our juniors. The Tasmanian Badminton Association is undergoing the most significant change to its constitution and structure since it was formed. The new board structure will streamline the badminton operations in Tasmania and become more inclusive for those associations not currently affiliated with the Tasmanian Badminton Association. This is a very significant event for badminton in Tasmania and I encourage all members to support this change

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 Alan Bottomley, (who is stepping down as Treasurer), for his effective management of our Finances over the last three years.

A big thank you to David Needham and John Henderson for their efforts in transforming our Stadium.

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.

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