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President's Report 2012

Welcome to all members

Our accomplishments for 2012 include:

Hosting of the Alice Springs Open in May;
Joe Hoad conducting a level one coaching clinic- we now have 6 level one coaches at the club
14 players going to Darwin for the NT Championships in July our biggest ever contingent;
and the sending of 5 juniors to the National Titles in September- October at Perth WA

Our Junior committee worked hard and raised funds for interstate trips by obtaining various Grants to promote Table Tennis in Alice Springs and we were able to stage a successful coaching clinic for beginners to championship players with Joe Hoad and his entourage coming up from South Australia. It was great to see many different club members helping out in small ways to make this event a reality. Dennis Chen was invited to a clinic for players and was very beneficial preparing for the nationals. Our relationship with interstate coaches needs to continue in order for the junior development program to flourish and to improve the quality of our coaches.

This year at the National Titles in the Perth Joe Hoad was appointed by the NT Table Tennis Association as Head Coach and Graeme Shaughnessy as Assistant Coach. The coaching that was undertaken by our players proved invaluable. It was also evident that other team members improved their performance and were very competitive at this competition.

The Alice Springs Table Tennis Association has just completed its first year at this new venue of OLSH

Thanks

- The Masters Games was again very successful and our thanks go to Paul Martin and Alastair Sheriff, This year there was 50 competitors and I believe this is the most we have had since we joined Masters Games.
- Paul Martin for coaching on Sundays and Tuesdays. His work as a coach was also of benefit to our juniors in Perth.
- Karen Randall with the Treasury work.
- Ashika Biar for her work on the Alice Open
- Trevor Dean – for always setting up the drinks and being there a great club stalwart and life member
- Laurel Duffell – for her Secretarial role, enthusiastically doing the coaching on Sundays and her continued work on the newsletter. This year our social activities were the most I had ever seen which helps bring players and their families together and helps keep the club spirit alive.
- Chuck Conrad – for organising the venue for our end of season function

- Thanks Stewart Thornton for doing the players stats and the premiership table and to Kerry Russell for input into the website.
- Thanks to all the people that went to WA and helped out with transport and meals etc.
- To all the players that filled in on short notice to assist in having a viable weekly competition and the regular players who actively sought new players to fill this role.
- The BBQ's held at our sponsors venue, Home Timber and Hardware were a success and thanks to all the helpers that participated
- To Jim Lawrie for conducting coaching or the development squad- It was invaluable and results at Perth have shown that
- Finally - to all the players and the committee who in their own way have helped throughout the year. It's the small things that people do, such as turning up on time, helping to set and pack up, paying money on time, helping selling raffle tickets at the Gillen help the organisers to remain enthusiastic about putting their time and effort into the club.
- Congratulations to all the players who won the Div 1 and 2 premierships for both Feb to June and the August to November competitions

Its great to have new people on the committee as they bring new ideas and enthusiasm and this is greatly appreciated,

As my final Presidents report I would like to thank those people that have made the Table Tennis journey over the last 19 years enjoyable, sometimes frustrating, but in the end very enjoyable.

Farewell to Ben Russell who has headed off to the Macquarie University. In some ways Ben has been instrumental in where we are with the junior programme we have in place at the moment. Ben came down as a 9 yo to practise and play. At times there was only him and I and other times only 2 or 3 other players.- he then brought Samuel Nippress to the club and the Moore family followed. It has been very satisfying to witness Ben grow from a reserved young boy to a young adult
The journey we have travelled over these years has been most satisfying and I wish Ben all the best in his current endeavours.

I hope the new President enjoys the responsibilities and gains as much as I have from the experience and I wish the new committee all the best for the year 2013

Graeme Shaughnessy
February 2013