



PRESIDENT'S REPORT: LAUREL DUFFELL

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President: Laurel Duffell

Secretary: Alastair Sheriff

Treasurer: Karen Randell

It has been a very busy year. I am proud of the efforts of the 2013 Committees (both Junior and General).

Accomplishments of the Club in 2013 include:

- Conducting the Active After School Communities Program (Table Tennis): Gap Youth, Acacia Hill, Braitling Primary School, Bradshaw Primary School, Ross Park Primary School and Araluen Christian School
- February: Open Day attended by over 70 people
- March: ASTTA represented at the Table Tennis Australia board meeting in Adelaide
- May: Swedish Malin Pettersson conducted 32 hrs of coaching in Alice
- June: Health and Wellbeing Expo
- 2 competition seasons (x 2 divisions: Feb - June and July - November)
- June: Alice Open
- July: Brian Berry - 2 weeks of advanced coaching
- July: NT Open with special guest Brian Berry and Ben Russell
- July: Yeperenye Shopping Centre School Holiday program
- August: 6 juniors attended HWATT training in Melbourne
- August: Corporate Challenge featuring 10 businesses/organisations
- September/October: Australian Juniors: Croydon, Victoria (5 ASTTA juniors attended)
- October to Nov: 1st interschool competition (5 weeks, 4 schools, 30 kids)
- November: National Head Coach Jens Lang ran 5 coaching sessions and a High Performance Program discussion
- November: National Development and Inclusion Manager Sue Stevenson visited to discuss funding
- December: Secured significant funding from TT Australia (\$10,000) to build membership in 2014
- Discussions with NTTTA has now resulted in a more accessible and transparent funding pool and the NTTTA is prepared to work together with ASTTA to improve Table Tennis in the NT.
- December: Airport Staff Social Night
- December: Jacob Moore selected in the Australian Squad for the 3rd time
- Two committees (general and junior subcommittee met monthly for most of the year)
- Table Tennis provided from late January to mid December.
- Radio interviews on 8HA, ABC
- Weekly results and regular articles submitted to the Advocate
- Hire of Table Tennis equipment to raise funds for the ASTTA (England Cricket Team and the Paramatta Eels: \$500 each)

THANKS TO SPONSORS/BUSINESSES/ORGANISATIONS:

The efforts above have led to massive increases in participation (see attached registration and membership statistics). This has been a lot of hard work but we have a lot of people to thank:

- OLSH: for their flexibility and provision of a fabulous venue for our usage
- Gillen Club: provided boardroom facilities, the continuing opportunity to run 12 monthly raffles, supported our mid year and end of the year presentations and our Corporate Challenge.
- Southern Cross: provided three years of TV advertising
- Home Timber and Hardware: provided the opportunity to fundraise over eight BBQs this year and supported our Corporate Challenge.
- Yeperenye Shopping Centre: supported our mid year Presentation and Corporate Challenge
- Harvey Norman: supported our mid year Presentation
- Subway: supported our Corporate Challenge
- Australian Sports Commission: formed a partnership with ASTTA with the Active After School Communities Program
- Bellette: filmed an ad for our Open Day and NT Open
- Table Tennis Australia: showed an interest in our development!
- Desert Sports Foundation: continued to support our juniors.
- NTTTA: provided interest and support for our development
- DTTA: made the effort to attend the Alice Open and TY Lee helped to coach our juniors in Melbourne.

THANKS TO INDIVIDUALS:

Thanks to all committee members and to all those who helped out in 2013! Specifically, thanks to the following for their important roles:

- Graeme Shaughnessy: Head Junior Coach, Club backbone and Club stalwart
- Paul Martin: Active After School Programs, Inter school competition, Sunday coaching, Presentation host, transportation of tables
- Karen Randell: treasury, trophies, membership
- Mike Crowe: chair of junior subcommittee, Brian Berry coaching, HWATT, National Juniors, Airport Social Night
- Mitzi Ferguson: for her tenacious approach to increasing participation in schools
- Mal MacDonald: statistics, NTTTA liaison, Corporate Challenge support
- Alastair Sheriff: secretary, tournament fixtures, Active After School Program, interschool competition
- Chuck Conrad: website, dual committee support, videos, photography, mid year Presentation
- Susan Moore: minutes of junior subcommittee, Tournament Director
- Ashika Biar: Active After School Program, Interschool comp, Tournament Director
- Wendy Thornton: junior subcommittee and catering support
- Jane Lelis: junior subcommittee and catering support
- Trevor Dean: drinks
- Roland Maddocks: equipment supplies
- Jacob Moore: Active After School Program
- Stewart Thornton: Active After School Program, drinks
- Kaye Carter: Gillen Club raffles, committee support
- Marie Berryman: Gillen Club raffles, uniforms, catering and support
- Rachel Pollak: collecting cash and opening up post season
- Brian Berry, Malin Pettersson, Jens Lang and Joe Hoad all made significant contributions to individual development in 2013
- Sue Stevenson for her help with funding support from TT Australia
- Karin Yeaman: Interschool competition

- Lucy Winwood-Smith: Interschool competition
- Jim Lawrie: flyers, photography, posters
- Allan Duffell: for help with the Corporate Challenge and organising the loan of our tables for Club income

2014: WHAT NEXT

I will stand down as President in 2014 so I can work in a development role within the Club. Given the funding that has become available, I am committed to follow up on the membership goals, remove possible barriers to access and do what I can to ensure the success of the Club in the long and short term. The Club is in a strong position and this is much to do with the calibre of committee members in the past who have worked enormously hard to get the Club to where it is today.

2014 will be another busy year. It is also a year of the Alice Springs Masters Games! If you have time to spare, whether it be on a duty roster or with occasional coaching, we would love to have some help. We are in a significant growth phase and it will take time for our volunteering resources to match the workload. Have a think about what skills or interests you may be able to bring to the Club. We appreciate every little bit of help that we can get. Word of mouth is our most successful recruiting strategy and every new member helps us go a long way.

There is much to look forward to, including:

- Competition (both interschool and senior) starting next week
- NT Open in Darwin in May
- Alice Open in August
- High Performance Program
- Active After Schools will continue out at schools during terms 2 & 3
- Australian Juniors in late September/October
- Masters Games in October
- Visiting Coaches
- Weekly coaching and training opportunities
- Corporate Games and Work Social Nights
- Opportunities to socialise away from Table Tennis

I wish the new President and 2014 Committee all the best.

Regards,

Laurel Duffell
2013 President

REGISTERED MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION STATISTICS – 2013

Registered Members

Membership category	Participants
Competition players and social members	71
Male	54
Female	17
Seniors	52
Juniors	19
Inter-school competitors	28
Gap Youth	30
Total Registered members	129

Participation Statistics

Participation category	No of Individuals	Participation hrs (hrs approx.)
Open Day	65	65
Health and Wellbeing Expo	48	48
School Holiday Program – Marian Centre	5	5
Shopping Centre School Holiday Program	20	20
Gap Youth	30 x 8 weeks	240
Acacia Hill – special school	8 x 16 weeks	128
Ross Park Primary School	30 x 7 weeks	210
Araluen Christian School	30 x 7 weeks	210
Braitling Primary School	8 x 7 weeks	56
Bradshaw Primary School	30 x 7 weeks	210
Inter school comp	28 x 5 weeks	140
Corporate Challenge	30	30
Total participation	332 individuals	1362 hrs