

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2015 – February 11<sup>th</sup> 2016

In every club it is a team effort that brings everything together. We need four different committees, development, sponsorship, juniors and our main one because of the increase in need to cater for all the different requirements of the club

### **Accomplishments of the Club in 2015 include:**

- 2 competition seasons (x 2 divisions: Feb - June and July - November). *Last season: Most numbers of tables in use*
- Alice Open in August with our major sponsor Red Centre Office Technology
- Trivia Night Fundraiser (raised \$2,500 to offset costs of juniors going to Nationals)
- NT Open in May – Biggest prize pool offered
- Participation Project: Alois Rosario and Jacob Moore– club ( Mon-Friday junior arvos and club sessions, school (274 school students at OLSH, Braitling, Araluen, Ross Park Primary)and advanced coaching (adults and juniors)
- Alois conducted TOPS and Level 1 Coaching Course
- Mid and end of year presentations (Telegraph Station, OLSH)
- Open Day: TT/Badminton combined Advanced coaching and the continuation of interstate coaches to help with teams
- Corporate Challenge featuring many businesses/organisations (12 – highest)
- Australian Juniors: SA (5 ASTTA juniors attended) (2 ASTTA coaches)
- Announcement of the Australian National Juniors in Alice Springs in June 2016
- \$5,000 grant from to help purchase tables
- Secured funding from Community Benefit Fund (\$20,000) for Australian National Juniors
- Table tennis is included in Pacific Schools Games (2 ASTTA juniors attended)
- Table Tennis provided from late January to November
- Hire of Table Tennis equipment to raise funds for the ASTTA (Paramatta Eels: \$500)

### **THANKS TO SPONSORS/BUSINESSES/ORGANISATIONS:**

The efforts of Allan Duffell have led to massive increases in our sponsorship. 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: 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 (and attended events)
- Lasseters for Loyalty Club rewards, vouchers for events, accommodation assistance, venue, Trivia Night and ongoing assistance with Nationals
- Home Timber and Hardware: provided the opportunity to fundraise BBQs.
- Yeperenye Shopping Centre: vouchers for various events and Corporate Challenge
- Harvey Norman: BBQs, vouchers for events and Corporate Challenge
- Australian Sports Commission: continued partnership with ASTTA Desert Sports Foundation: continued to support our juniors.
- Red Cirrus – donations for equipment
- People's Choice
- Red Centre Technology Partners: prize money for the Alice Open
- Table Tennis NT (formerly NTTA), in particular Graham Symons, who has provided interest and support for our strategic development
- Table Tennis Australia for their interest, support and Participation Project funding

## **2016: WHAT NEXT**

There is much to look forward to, including:

- Open Day (date tbc)
- NT Open in Darwin (May)
- National standard coaches (in the pipeline)
- Alice Open in August
- Australian Juniors – July 2nd -9th
- Masters Games in October 8-15
- Weekly coaching and training opportunities
- Corporate Games and other Theme Events

## **Appreciations**

- Thanks to committee members, particularly Goldy (Treasury), Michelle (competition), Paul (coaching/equipment), Jacob (coaching, drills), Greg (scores, website), Stewart (training – helping Jacob) and Laurel (Participation Project- Alois Rosario, media, newsletters, coaching, coaching courses). Thanks to Chuck Conrad who has continued to provide IT support to our website that he created. Thanks also to Graeme Shaughnessy who continues to help via Adelaide and is the Tournament Director for the Junior Nationals in 2016. TY Lee (Darwin) has offered further coaching opportunities for our juniors.

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