

Southern Tasmanian Badminton Association

2018 Presidents Report

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2018 President's report for the Southern Tasmanian Badminton Association.

This year STBA decided to employ a Development Officer, whose role would be to increase the participation of juniors in particular, as well as our overall numbers of people playing badminton. Also to contact schools, and encourage them to be involved in badminton, both directly with STBA, and through the Sporting Schools Program. In December we employed Donna Meaghan, to fulfil this role.

This decision has been one of the best that STBA has made over recent years, with the number of schools participating through the Sporting Schools program has significantly increased. Our junior programs Badminton Kids and Super Smash have been extremely well received. We are looking forward to bigger and better things in the future

The Association has had another very busy year conducting 5 very successful tournaments. Our season commenced with the GOSEN Summer Tournament as a lead up to the Ede Clendinnen Tournament, two tournaments in the State calendar, GOSEN Teams Championships, which continues to attract players from the mainland, and finished with the very successful GOSEN Australian Malaysian Championships.

In July we held the U19 National Championships, incorporating the CP Maddern Teams Championships. Unfortunately not all States attended, but those that attended provided with a very well organised and managed event. Big thanks to those helped make this a very successful tournament.

Our nightly rosters have been very well supported again this year in all divisions. This year we introduced a Premier League for our elite players. This was a success, and very well received by players. With a few tweaks, I'm sure we can improve this and make it a show piece and a primary attraction for those players who wish to extend themselves. Our primary aim is to provide good close rosters 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 have again been very popular with students. As this is an important entry point for our rosters, it's very pleasing to see a significant increase in teams participating. A very special thanks to Rowan Henderson, 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.

On the National scene STBA continues to provide significant numbers participating in State teams particularly the seniors. It's very pleasing that we have been able to field teams in all age groups this year.

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 Matt Gillie and Brent Munday for the work they have put into the two successful GOSEN tournaments.

As I reported last year, we are looking at revamping our stadium. I am delighted to report that work to that end is progressing very well. Our sub-committee has had numerous meetings with the various HCC committees, and have received overwhelming support. We are now meeting with the major political parties, both State and Federal, who have been very receptive. We are working very hard to maintain the momentum. Sincere thanks to Brown Taylor, who has been leading the charge, and Nathan Bevin and Will Ponsonby for their assistance. Special thanks must go to Bob Grundy who has secured a long term lease, which will provide security of tenure, allowing us to carry out the redevelopment

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 Peter Stewart, as Treasurer, for the 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. A huge thank you to Marshall Preddy in the canteen, and Will Ponsonby & Rowan Henderson in the Off Court shop for their support throughout the year. 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 this report to the members

Robert Brockman

President

26th September