



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Preface

I would like to thank everyone in the STBA community for their continued support throughout the 2021-2022 year, and especially during my tenure as the President of the association. While we had a slower start to the 2022 calendar year with a resurgence of COVID cases and our borders fully opening through December and January, we have all come back with more energy and enthusiasm than before.

The committee has done some fantastic work over the past 12 months, and we have continued to move the association toward a business model requiring less volunteer hours and more paid hours. This has resulted in some slight price increases on some items, and a further investment into staff costs which reduces the overall net cashflow position.

On behalf of the elected officers that have served our members since the 2021 AGM, it has been our pleasure and we hope the members have seen and felt some positive changes in the operation of the association.

Special General Meeting

With the Special General Meeting that was held in February this year, we have since changed the membership period and as such reviewed the pricing structure of our membership fee. As passed, the current membership period is from the 1st of March 2022 to the 30th of June 2023, and after this date will revert to a 12-month period which aligns with the financial year (1st July to 30th June).

Member Numbers and Participation

As of the end of the financial year, the STBA had recorded 693 members, from the period of 1st March 2022 to 30th June 2022 – as per the Special General Meeting, these numbers will remain on our records until 30th June 2023. We have seen steady numbers in our pennant and roster offerings, but with every tournament the STBA hold we continue to grow in numbers. When we look back 2 years, we were just breaking the 100-player mark, in October of last year we broke the 200-player mark, and the latest tournament held at the STBA reached 250 players. This is a fantastic achievement for our community, and we would like to thank our players and coaches for their efforts in preparing for and entering these massive events. The quality across all grades continues to grow, as we continue to attract more players from various communities throughout Tasmania, but also more players from across Australia. This is evident with various groups hiring our venue to host their own events – such as the Hobart Ladies Badminton Association, the Southern Vets, Hobart Social Shuttlers and Picklers, the Nepalese Community, the Bangladesh Community, and various other groups such as UTAS Badminton.

School-Aged Programs

Our school program continues to be a massive success, with reports from the school's sports coordinator in southern Tasmania believing it to be the largest single-sport program on offer. This program has transferred from an honorarium-driven role last year, to a fully staffed program. We have continued to see an increase in participation to 103 teams across the High School and College rosters for 2022, which has also increased participation in the High School's Individual Championships which saw 373 entries across grades 7-10, and in all disciplines. While the program is staff-driven, we have been lucky to receive assistance from qualified coaches and players of all ages – without which we wouldn't be able to boast such a successful program.

We have also seen a strong commitment from our parents and junior players with attendance to our Super Smash Program (coaching and games) and the various School Holiday programs that have been on offer. We want to thank not only the coaches that take time out of their days to impart a bit of their knowledge, but we also need to thank the volunteers who would outnumber our paid assistants 3-1, and who truly bring these programs to life and make every child in attendance feel welcomed and valued.

Pennants

In response to feedback received, the pennants have been evolving in line with requests from our members. Sometimes this feedback and changes are received well, and other times it doesn't quite hit the mark. We feel it is important to continue to listen to feedback and make changes to provide the best possible outcome for the biggest group of participants. We would like to thank all of the participants for their continued support of this key deliverable for the association, and for the feedback that has been provided over many years to assist in the direction these offerings take. I want to make a special thank you to Clive Goransson and Luke Bennett for the work they have done in creating the software we are currently utilising for scoresheet generation, results, and statistics – autournament.com. For all results from the pennants, and past statistics, give the site a visit and have a look – I think you'll agree it is fantastic!

Badminton Tasmania Affiliation

The STBA and BT have continued the affiliation arrangement as per the STBA constitution. This year saw an increase of this fee to \$11,809.25, while the BT AGM flagged an increase back to pre-COVID levels of approximately \$19,000.

The aim of the membership price review and the increase was to detangle income and expense sources, and when discussing membership fees we are talking about the cost to members and the association to be affiliated with Badminton Tasmania. It was determined that at our current membership numbers, the cost to our association is approximately \$23 per person (Badminton Tasmania now works on a flat fee arrangement but the figure that applies to the STBA was based on our previous contribution of \$89.06 per member). The increase in the membership fee has significantly closed that gap, which allows the money generated through court hire to be used for the general member base, which involves making improvements in the Centre, and where possible, moving away from volunteer-oriented operations to staff responsibility.

Grants Received

The committee has been successful in gaining various grants throughout the year through Communities, Sport, and Recreation, the Federal Government, and Andrew Wilkie's office for various upgrades and investments in our sport totalling \$403,488 (GST excluded). These grants and improvements are based on work from previous committees both in the master plans for the STBA and the financial overhaul that sees us in such a strong financial position. These works will require members' funds to complete, which were estimated to be approximately \$70,000 (but may grow with the increase in construction costs and changing plans). The current committee members have given their promise to members to oversee any work that has been started (unless otherwise advised by the committee post-AGM), including project management and the acquittal of grants. The ongoing projects are as follows:

- Improving the Playing Field – all-abilities access to the Centre with appropriate facilities; and
- Stronger Communities Programme – improving the kitchen facilities.

Staffing

Under the current committee, we have worked with external Human Resources businesses, as well as the FairWork Ombudsman and our staff, to ensure working conditions are satisfactorily met. We have placed all staff members on work contracts and employed them under the most appropriate award.

We have been able to utilise staff experience to assist with committee work, but also the bookkeeping and accounting aspects of the association. This move is a significant step towards staff-driven automation of the association that requires minimal committee involvement.

Shuttles

The committee has been monitoring and reviewing the global situation in relation to shuttles, both the ongoing increase pricing and the stock levels in Australia. We have seen a constant increase to the Aeroplane shuttles that have been used over the last 12 months, with another increase recently seen pushing the cost per tube to \$36 – an increase of over \$6 per tube over this time period. The committee has decided over our tenure to not increase the price to members, which has reduced the profit margins on these shuttles – this has been a conscious decision as it is a necessary item for you to continue to play.

This review should continue post-AGM to review if the shuttles used are the most appropriate, and what other options are available that may represent greater value for money.

Committee Activity

The committee has met 11 times since being elected in September 2021, with 2 pre-planned meetings being cancelled due to lack of quorum and scheduling issues; the committee has also been strongly involved in communication via email.

Other than the previously mentioned items, the following were discussed throughout the year, with motions being passed to further activity within the association:

- Staff-ran social sessions – we have removed the requirement for committee members to volunteer their time at the 3 social sessions per week. This has slightly increased the cost of the session but operates free of committee intervention.
- Alcohol license – we have been granted a 15-hour-per-week alcohol license which will allow for the committee to put on more social events for the members.
- Junior court hire – we have provided a few free courts per week for our junior players to come and use for training purposes, to assist in their development and to assist coaches by providing their students with a space free of cost to continue their lessons.
- Group booking in peak times – we have made court hire during peak times for social games/use fairer for all members, by discontinuing these groups' ability to book in advance. While we do not want to discourage these group bookings, we want all our members to have equal opportunities to hire courts.
- Extended hours in off-peak times – we have received requests from external entities to book courts out of hours, which has seen a bigger uptake in our court usage before 3 PM and after 9 PM. This has provided our players with more access to our courts.
- Increased prize money in tournaments – we have provided more prizes in our tournaments, which has been created to incentivise players to engage more with our association, court bookings, and coaching opportunities. While this has reduced the overall profit of the association, it was agreed that as the premier club in the state we should look at raising our profile by giving back.
- Branding review – this process has started but has not eventuated into anything meaningful at this stage. We are looking at engaging with local businesses to increase the professionalism of our association through new branding, including our logo. This will then flow through to a website overhaul and a general overhaul of our marketing materials and overall presence in the hall and southern Tasmania.
- Shuttle review – this process has begun but has failed to deliver an end to the project. As members would have seen, there have been various shuttles used throughout the hall, particularly over the last 6 months. This is due to the ever-increasing prices of shuttles and import issues from the Asia region. We continue to look at fantastic products for our members to ensure we can continue to play the sport we love.

- Security upgrade – we have installed security cameras throughout the hall for player and staff safety, as well as future-proofing the hall in the event we move towards un-staffed out-of-hours court hire.
- Cleaning review – a review and tender for the cleaning contract of the STBA was instigated which has resulted in a change to the contractor. We welcomed on board David and his team at Cornerstone Cleaning Services, who in return has supported our association through a sponsorship arrangement.
- Vending machines – the committee has had another machine installed in the Centre to provide hot drinks all year around, no matter what time of day. While a small item work item, we hope this is an added benefit to members – the use has been fantastic!

Life Members

Year	Name
Unknown Year	Eric Richman
Unknown Year	Rex Triffitt
Unknown Year	Bernie Seidel
Unknown Year	George Jarvis
Unknown Year	Robert Turnbull
1964	Harry Thompson
1965	Frank Laird
1980	Barbara Wesley OAM
1988	Doug Wylie
1992	Phil Cooper
1995	Gary Davy
2001	Terry Chapman
2006	Brian Cooper
2010	Bob Grundy
2012	Max Wood
2012	Rose Meaghan
2014	John Henderson
2015	Greg Meaghan
2015	Matthew Gillie
2017	Alan Bottomley
2017	Robert Brockman

Pennant Results

2021 Spring Pennant - Winners

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
Team 1	Athena	Bartle Frere	Brisbane
Will Ponsonby	Leigh Ford	Alan Bottomley	MD Shajahan
Daniel Downham	Bill Chen	Haydon Dennison	Tom Waller
K Lin	Paul Andrews	Sharhriar Ahmed Emon	Yice Zhang
Heather Rothery	Clive Goransson	Robert Joseph	Jess Bull
	Ricky Beswick	James Horne	Lucy Burton
	Julie Wright	Luke Warrener	
	Ester Cheang	Hayley Rice	
	Jasmine Neil	Laura Dennison	

2022 Autumn Pennant - Winners

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
Team 3	Tomato	Rabbits	Avocado
Rowan Henderson	Paris Shi	Fergus McShane	Will Rumley
Leesa Grundy	Bin Zhou	Sriram Janarthanan	James Horne
Nathan Bevin	Yarui Wu	Bryce Pepper	Muthu Guna
Annalea Reid	Michele Nissink	Nicole Gott	Lewis Shillito
	Peter Stewart	Nicole Jolley	Sam Golmakani
	Andrew Young		Natalie Stephens

2022 Winter Pennant - Winners

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
Topaz	Milky Way	Alchemy	Saturn
Dylan monks	Codi Barrett	Robert Joseph	Leonard Skeggs
Vincent Monks	Sean Boucher	Fletcher Stewart	Haydn Hallinan-Blazely
Hudson Pennells	Paul Andrews	Takahiro Nei	Adam Hays
Richard Stewart	Kara Neil-Shaw	Yice Zhang	Robert Newton
	Wendy Hickman	Nicole Jolley	Natalie Stephens
	Amanda Grundy	Deirdre Wilson	

Tournament Results

2021 City of Hobart

Event	Winner	Runner Up
BS U13	Xavier Cooper	Taiyo Painter
BS U15	Sean MacIntyre	Riichi Sato
GS U15	Samia Kabalan	Coey Hung
XD U15	Murdoch Lee & Sarah Gardner	Joshua Coy & Samia Kabalan
BD U15	Tianyu Peng & Felix Read	Murdoch Lee & Paolo Palencia
GD U15	Sarah Gardner & Samia Kabalan	Coey Hung & Lucy Wu
BS U17	Tristan Thiessen	Jacob Wyllie
BD U17	William Rumley & Jacob Wyllie	Joshua Luk Arikki Soo
BS U19	Andre Chua	Pak Ho Leung
GS U19	Scarlett Neil	Jigme Eden
XD U19	Andre Chua & Hayley Rice	Nishchal Gurung & Jasmine Neil
MS	H E Thisara	
WS	Meg Graham	Leesa Grundy
MD	Rowan Henderson & Brent Munday	Will Ponsonby & H E Thisara
WD	Meg Graham & Leesa Grundy	Jenny Grundy & Caorui Ouyang
XD	Will Ponsonby & Leesa Grundy	Brent Munday & Meg Graham
MS A	Rewanta Basnet	Ashwin Saripalli
MD A	Chun Ting Kwok & Matthew Lo	Li Hong Chew & Anton Gova
WD A	Rebecca Green & Annalea Reid	Alieta Eyles & Wendy Hickman
XDA	Chris Allen & Rebecca Green	Soon Rea Lau & L Krishnadasa
MS B	Hari Gotame	Suranga Attanayake
WS B	Teresa Tang	Lillian Masterton
MD B	Soon Rea Lau & Hong Yong	Chris Allen & Daniel Downham
WD B	Karen Arnold & Linda Lattimer	Yupei Du & Ivy Guo
XDB	Hong Yong & Yupei Du	Matthew Stewart & Karen Arnold
MS C	Daniel Jiacong Chen	Ryan Aditama
WS C	Ester Cheang	Scarlett Neil
MD C	Ryan Aditama & Zhipeng Li	Luke Edgecock-Bennett & Nucky Lin
WD C	Ester Cheang & Ivy Guo	Linda Lattimer & Lauren Tjan
XDC	Jia Su & An-Chen (Jamie) Yeh	Xinyu Shi & Yarui Wu
MS D	Mohammed Abdullah Raihan	Codi Barrett
WS D	Linxin Jiang	Shu Hui Liu
MD D	David Coombes & Martin Valencia	Ray Zhao & Shenhao Zhao
WD D	Lei Lei & Yarui Wu	Congxin Li & Joanna Wu
XDD	Shenhao Zhao & Lei Lei	Roni Suherlim & Huei Chen
MS E	Krishna Patel	jyun-Yi Wu
WS E	Pranita Jian	Peishan Jian
MD E	Fateh Abtahe & Krishna Patel	Dexiang Ai & Qiang Hu
WDE	Zhenshan Liu & Yue Qi	Yingjia Chen & Peishan Jian
XDE	Qiang Hu & Yongjia Chen	Zhiqiang Huang & Renyou Yu

2022 STBA Invitational

Event	Winner	Runner Up
BS U13	John Zhuang	Taiyo Painter
GS U13	Lizzy Rumley	Maye Rayner
BD U13	Lai Lillecrapp & Taiyo Painter	Xavier Cooper & Eason Wu
BS U15	Sean MacIntyre	Riichi Sato
XD U15	Murdoch Lee & Lizzy Rumley	Leonard Skeggs & Maye Rayner
BD U15	Xavier Cooper & Sean MacIntyre	Murdoch Lee & Leonard Skeggs
BS U17	Houzhi Dong	Sean MacIntyre
GS U17	Haruka Painter	Mae Parr
BD U17	Houzhi Dong & Riichi Sato	Josh Clark & William Rumley
BS U19	Nishchal Gurung	Toby Rayner
GS U19	Anne Poynter	Grace Finkelde
XD U19	Toby Rayner & Grace Finkelde	Lewis Morphett & Annabel Woolward
BD U19	Heath Clark & Toby Rayner	Riichi Sato & Tristan Zi Le Thiessen
MS	Sanjeev Khadka	Rowan Henderson
WS	Leesa Grundy	Caorui Ouyang
MD	William Ponsonby & HE Thisara	Rowan Henderson & Brent Munday
WD	Meg Graham & Leesa Grundy	Pui Kwan Karen Chan & Yan Zhuang
XD	H E Thisara & Meg Graham	Stephen Gale & Phuc Le
MS A	Andre Chua	Louis Chen Hao Lee
MD A	Li Hong Chew & Anton Gova	Matthew Hoi Kit Lo & Kwok Chun Ting
WD A	Pui Kwan Karen Chan & Yan Zhuang	Rebecca Green & Annalea Reid
XD A	Lachlan Macdonald-Meyer & Jasmine D Wong	Matthew Hoi Kit Lo & Pui Kwan Karen Chan
MS B	Daniel Jiacong Chen	Hin Sing Wong
WS B	Congxin Li	Chi Chien Gooi
MD B	Daniel jiacong Chen & Wai Leong Chiew	Soon Rea Lau & Aozheng Wang
WD B	Chi Chem Gooi & Teresa Tang	Ivy Guo & Yarui Wu
XD B	Danil Jiacong Chen & Teresa Tang	Xinyu Shi & Yarui Wu
MS C	Pak Ho Leung	Hudson Pennells
WS C	Congxin Li	Annabel Woolward
MD C	Xinyu Shi & Bin Zhou	Pak Ho Leung & Martin Valencia
WD C	Michele nissink & Julie Ann Wright	Nga Ping Cheung & Lei Lei
XD C	Casim Casim & Lauren Tjan	Luke Edgecock-Bennett & Christina Cui
MS D	Fergus McShane	Tristan Zi Le Thiessen
WS D	Anne Poynter	Linxin Jiang
MD D	Muhammad Usuman & Muhammad Zia	Anirudh Batheja & Ajilmon Siji
WD D	Jane Chen & Anna Cui	Lin Yang & Ludi Zhao
XD D	Roni Suherlim & Wen Gao	Yuqi Lai & Jingyi Chen
MS E	Jyun-Yi Wu	Riichi Sato
WS E	Jess Bull	Poppy Rayner
MD E	Yue Li & Jyun-yi Wu	Jeremy Yang & Yuehan Zhang
WD E	Xiaoge Hu & Shunyi Wang	Zhounan Zhao & Na Zou
XD E	Yuqi Lai & Jingyi Chen	Sebin George & Ei Hnin Khine Phyo

2022 STBA City of Hobart

Event	Winner	Runner Up
BS U13	Kai Lillecrapp	Ari Xiang Soo
GS U13	Moriah Reimers	Lizzy Rumley
GD U13	Maye Rayner & Lizzy Rumley	Gabriella Holden & April Lee
BS U15	Riichi Sato	Sean MacIntyre
GS U15	Amelia Cooper	Liesel Reimers
XD U15	Murdoch Lee & Max Gardam	Alexandre Dalman & Leisel Reimers
BD U15	Riichi Sato & Vincent Wong	Xavier Cooper & Sean MacIntyre
GD U15	Liesel Reimers & Moriah Reimers	Max Gardam & Isabella Liu
BS U17	Zhi-Ron Tan	Tristan Thiessen
GS U17	Samia Kabalan	Lucy Wu
XD U17	Tianyu Peng & Lucy Wu	Callan Stewart & Azriel Reimers
BD U17	Callan Stewart & Zhi-Ron Tan	Dhiren Perera & Nathan Wong
BS U19	Toby Rayner	Houzhi Dong
XD U19	Toby Rayner & Grace Finkelde	Josiah Reimers & Brydie Hingston
BD U19	Josiah Reimers & Jacob Wyllie	Dhiren Perera & Nathan Wong
MS	Jordan Lee	Sanjeev Khadka
WS	Caorui Ouyang	Leesa Grundy
MD	Rowan Henderson & Brett Munday	Li Hong Chew & Anton Gova
WD	Leesa Grundy & Phuc Le	Pui Kwan Karen Chan & Thao Kim Thu Nguyen
XD	H E Thisara & Leesa Grundy	Jonothan Cracknell & Annalea Reid
MS A	Jordan Lee	Andre Chua
WS A	Caorui Ouyang	Congxin Li
MD A	Jordan Lee & Louis Chen Hao Lee	Lachlan Macdonald-Meyer & Ee-Jef Yeoh
WD A	Jenny Badger & Maria Shelverton	Pui Kwan Karen Chan & Thao Kim Thu Nguyen
XD A	Jonothan Cracknell & Annalea Reid	Lachlan Macdonald-Meyer & Thao Kim Thu Nguyen
MS B	Pak Ho Leung	Daniel Downham
WS B	Ester Cheang	Kara Neil-Shaw
MD B	Ryan Aditama & Hin Sing Wong	Bill Chen & Fabian Delanty
WD B	Nga Ping Cheung & Christina Cui	Ivy Guo & Teresa Tang
XD B	Wai Leong Chiew & Teresa Tang	Aozheng Wang & Ivy Guo
MS C	Codi Barrett	Luke Edgecock-Bennett
WS C	Lei Lei	Nga Ping Cheung
MD C	Pak Ho Leung & Bin Zhou	Fabian Delanty & Brendan Heatley-Hart
WD C	Nga Ping Cheung & Lei Lei	Huei Chen & Jan Leng Cheng
XD C	Luke Edgecock-Bennett & Nga Ping Cheung	Casim Casim & Lauren Tjan
MS D	Tristan Thiessen	Darayus H Nanavati
WS D	Samia Kabalan	Karyee Khong
MD D	David Coombes & Martin Valencia	Yuqi Lai & Simon Xinwen Li
WD D	Sarah Gardner & Samia Kabalan	Florencia Irena & Xintong Zhen Yang
XD D	Donny Yu & Xintong Qiu	Phillip Andrews & Azriel Reimers
MS E	Leo Gemini	Riichi Sato
WS E	Karyee Khong	Haruka Painter
MD E	Leo Gemini & Yinei Zhu	Clement Lim & Xiong Zhen Yang
WD E	Mingshan Wang & Nanxing Wang	Haruka Painter & Mae Parr
XD E	Yulin Sun & Victoria Cao	Fletcher Stewart & Mae Parr

It has been my pleasure to serve the STBA community over the last year, and I hope to get the opportunity to continue to do so in any capacity you see fit. Working together will create fantastic opportunities for the STBA community – and what a fantastic and diverse community we have.

Kind regards

Matthew Stewart | President

Southern Tasmanian Badminton Association