

AWTTA – President’s Report, 2024

Thanks and Acknowledgement:

Thank you to the members of our committee, co-ordinators and co-ordinator assistants for ensuring that the club, Keenagers and competitions ran smoothly over the past year. Four members of the outgoing committee were not re-nominated. Fortunately, we do have the required nine nominations.

Also, thanks to about forty members who volunteered to assist with AWTTA tournaments, club social functions, Sunday sessions, Wednesday sessions, results entry, first aid officer, school sessions, external social group functions, catering co-ordinator, kitchen assistants, providing dessert slices, cleaning at events, minor maintenance, mowing, mowing equipment donations, gardening, promotion, social media and other voluntary jobs. So many unsung heroes! Their contributions are greatly appreciated.

Club Competition

Ian Radley started the year as the competition co-ordinator and has mentored Ashley Harding in this role for the latter part of the year. They have been well supported by Division Co-ordinators and assistants, including Cody Luton, Emily Bollingmoore, Chris Grealy, Ashley Wurtz and Michelle Bowd.

The 2024 Club Championships, October

The 2024 Club Championships winners and runners-up were:

Div 1: Ash Wurtz and David Smith

Div 2: Zaviar Hossack and Robert Oliver

Div 3: Nicholas Ratcliffe and Graeme Ware

Div 4: Joel Border and Archer Carroll

Social events.

About forty people enjoyed a “bring and share” dinner and some handicap-based games, organised by Ian Radley and Janet Freer, on two occasions during 2024. Also, forty people enjoyed dinner at the Albion during the Veterans Tournament. The Keenagers have had a very social interclub event, a few small BBQ lunches, a morning tea raising \$1000 to support cancer research, and nearly 80 Keenagers enjoyed a social lunch, at which Lotte Waldner’s 90th was acknowledged. Ninety-one people booked in for the AWTTA Christmas lunch on Saturday December 7, up from 70 people in 2023.

Membership Stats, as per TTV’s records:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Competition - Juniors	43	50	34	33	36	32	36
Competition - Adults	87	78	59	97	103	93	104
Social	138	143	156	152	146	140	142
Total	268	271	249	282	285	265	282

Some Receipts comparisons (June 30):

	2018	2019	2020 [#]	2021 [#]	2022 [#]	2023	2024
Competition	\$22,728	\$18,281	\$15,729	\$16,778	\$13,331	\$20,198	\$15,689
Keenagers	\$29,262	\$33,164	\$25,654	\$28,927	\$30,464	\$34,263	\$33,889
Schools & Groups	\$12,813	\$13,995	\$11,681	\$13,667	\$11,968	\$10,813	\$7,985
Total	\$64,903	\$65,440	\$53,064	\$59,372	\$55,763	\$65,274	\$57,563

Closed due to COVID for some time during the financial year.

Tournaments/Interclub events

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
AW Junior Tournament	53	28	Not Held	Not Held	42	57	70
AW Senior Tournament	43	58	Not Held	Not Held	33	55	49
AW Veterans (2 days)	81	75	68	Not Held	66	104	80
AW Keenagers	75	75	Not Held	74	62	62	82

The AWTTA Junior and Senior Tournaments, May

There was a terrific number of entries for the Junior Tournament, with a total of 70 players being a significant increase over recent years, and there were 49 players in the Senior Tournament. AWTTA members enjoyed a good deal of success. Congratulations to the following winners and runners-up.

Under 1600 Points Singles Runner-up	Blanes, Jay
O30 Women's Singles Runner-up	Bowd, Michelle
Open Mixed Doubles Runner-up	Eldridge, Sandra
Open Women's Singles Runner-up	Eldridge, Sandra
Open Men's Doubles Winner	Geering, Levi
U21 Singles Winner	Geering, Levi
U19 Boy's Doubles Winner	Geering, Levi
Under 1900 Points Singles Winner	Geering, Levi
U19 Boy's Singles Runner-up	Geering, Levi
U17 Boy's Singles Runner-up	Geering, Levi
U21 Singles Runner-up	Geering, Max
Under 1900 Points Singles Runner-up	Geering, Max
U19 Boy's Doubles Winner	Geering, Max
Under 1000 Points Singles Runner-up	Gibbs, Stuart
Under 1300 Points Singles Winner	Harding, Ashley
Under 1000 Points Singles Winner	Jackson, Nathan
Open Mixed Doubles Runner-up	Mensinga, Geert
Open Men's Doubles Winner	Palmer, Sam
O30 Men's Singles Winner	Palmer, Sam
U11 Boy's Singles Runner-up	Singh, Samarth
U13 Boy's Singles Runner-up	Singh, Samarth

The AWTTA Veterans Tournament, November

There were just 11 locals amongst the 80 entrants and here are some winner and runner-up results for the AWTTA members:

Under 1300 Singles (Sun Div 3) WINNER	Harding, Ashley
Under 1300 Singles (Sat Div 3) RUNNER UP	Harding, Ashley
Under 1300 Singles (Sat Div 3) WINNER	Prior, Geoff
Over 60 Men's Doubles WINNER	Prior, Geoff
Over 65 Men's Doubles RUNNER UP	Prior, Geoff
Over 70 Mixed Doubles RUNNER UP	Eldridge, Sandra
Over 70 Mixed Doubles RUNNER UP	Mensinga, Geert

AWTTA Keenagers Interclub Event, March

This was a very successful Doubles event with over eighty players representing nine clubs.

AWTTA members enjoyed some success:

Mixed - Div 2	1 st	Richard Lautenbacher	AWTTA	Lea Lautenbacher	AWTTA
Mixed - Div 2	2 nd	Jim Bull	Ballarat	Judy Crichton	AWTTA
Ladies - Div 2	1 st	Lyn Forke	AWTTA	Lea Lautenbacher	AWTTA
Men - Div 3	2 nd	Wolfgang Forke	AWTTA	Richard Lautenbacher	AWTTA

Victorian Country Championships

Six AWTTA teams participated, and many of the players also participated in the individual events held at night.

Team Results:

- Ken Smith, Cody Luton and Nathan Jackson won the D2 team event with Ken 1st in the players listing.
- Geoff Prior, Max Geering and Levi Geering were second in the A1 team event, with Max 2nd and Levi 4th on the players listing.
- Ash Harding, Adrian Rix and Vilfred Correa were second in the B2 team event, with Vilfed 3rd on the players listing.
- In the E1 teams competition, Tenneill Evans was 2nd on the players listing.

Individual Events Results:

- Youth Boys Singles: Levi Geering 1st and Max Geering 2nd.
- Mens Singles: Levi Geering 2nd.
- Mens Doubles: Max & Levi Geering 2nd.
- Family Doubles: Max & Levi Geering 1st.
- D Grade: Terry Caldwell 1st.

REGIONAL INTERCLUB EVENT 2024, April

The North-East Challenge was held on Sunday April 14 at Wangaratta. There were teams of three or four players from Albury Wodonga, Deniliquin, Shepparton, Wangaratta and Yarrawonga in Divisions 1, 2 3 and Junior, determined by Ratings Central points - above 1200 points; 1000 to 1200 points; under 1000 points; and 16yrs and under.

AWTTA was quite successful:

Div 1 team: 1st. Individual top 3: Levi Geering 1st; Max Geering 2nd; Tyler Green 3rd.

Div 2 team: 2nd. Individual top 3: Ash Harding 3rd.

Div 3 team: 5th.

Junior team: 1st. Individual top 3: Samarth Singh 1st; Zavier Hossack 3rd.

AWTTA Members in state teams

Max Geering and Levi Geering were again selected to represent Victoria at the 2024 National Championships and had several wins for their teams.

Coaching

Sam Palmer continues to travel from Dandenong for coaching sessions in Albury, aiming for one Saturday per month. Some of our more experienced players have provided some ad hoc coaching at the Wednesday and Sunday sessions.

Sponsors

Thanks to Ian Radley for maintaining a good relationship with our sponsorships, including regular sponsor newsletters. Our main sponsors are Commercial Club Albury and AlburyCity. The following minor sponsors have continued to support the club in 2024: Lester & Son, 777 Automotive, Helloworld, Delited Cleaning Services, Border Sign Studio, Daintree Family Dental Clinic, Table Tennis World, Seaton Arms Motor Inn, Arnold's Fruit Market, V&P Brosolo and Albury Engineering and Mower Service.

Facilities and planning for the future

A Concept Plan was displayed at the club in 2023 to show possible development of the club facilities. It included changerooms and showers to the west of the courts; a new clubroom area; and more courts to the south. Accessing adequate funding is the key to any development. Stage 1 is estimated to cost

\$480,216, and we have submitted a grant application for about 80% of this cost to the 2025-2026 AlburyCity Community Infrastructure Fund.

The insulation of the playing area hasn't been forgotten and some options have been considered. We just need the right type of grant to become available, so we can apply.

We have managed to bring our membership back up from 265 to 280, but there's room for more! Here's an easy way to help your club – the best encouragement to join a club is definitely word-of-mouth.

Terry Caldwell
AWTTA President 2023-2024