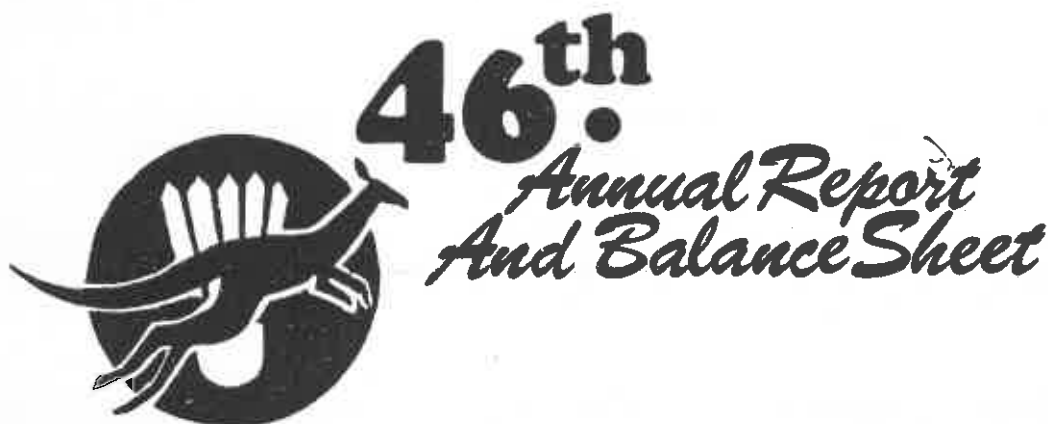


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REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER TO THE
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ABA OFFICE BEARERS 1988

Board of Management

President:	Hon. H.R. Ward
Members:	Mr. R.O. Fyfe MBE
	Mr. D.G. Stockins OAM
	Mr. R. Whittle
Secretary/Treasurer:	Mr. C.A. Baxter

Hon. Auditor:	Mr. D. Walker
IBF Delegates:	Mr. C.A. Baxter & Hon. H.R. Ward
ACGA Delegates:	Mr. C.A. Baxter (Executive member)
	Mr. D.G. Stockins
CAS Delegate:	Mr. R.O. Fyfe MBE
AOF Delegates:	Mr. C.A. Baxter & Hon. H.R. Ward
ABCC Committee:	Ms. G. Brown, Mrs. J. Tyrrell
	Mr. C. Stapleton, Mr. Sze N.O.,
	Mr. K. Turner
ABUC Committee:	Mrs. P. Dobson, Mr. I. McDowell,
	Mr. A. McElroy, Mr. G. Vellacott,
	Mrs. Y. Kavanagh
ABA Selectors:	Mr. D. Stockins, Mr. A. Brown,
	Mrs. J. Tyrrell, Mrs. J. Twining,
	C. Mitchell (Mitchell resigned March 88
	Norm Aldous appointed March 88)
National Coach:	Mr. C. Stapleton

Members,

At this time each year, since 1979, I have wondered how to launch this report.

The need to examine what has happened, or failed to happen, the plus and minus factors for the year, the newsy items against the factual items, are all laid out for examination, and the appraisal of whether we have had a good year or otherwise.

I am very conscious this year of the concern in States for more dialogue between States and ABA, and between States and States, and I have taken a long hard look at this factor in retrospect for 1988, at least where the ABA-States communication is concerned.

I have commented elsewhere during the year that in terms of ABA, (the Board) needing to tell States, I have no qualms that this has happened wherever needed.

Certainly, I think the important communiques have been sent at the right times.

There have been one or two instances where I may have missed a point in a letter, or had to delay a reply until a matter could be dealt with by Board or other. I have apologized for the former and explained the latter.

I believe the Circulars to States have covered in most cases the indirect information.

Until the demand on his time made it impossible, Roy Ward's newsletters covered a lot of the up to date tournament scores and news.

I am convinced that short of sending out trivia or gossip, I have cleared ABA's baskets of all communication it was within my power to relay.

I believe that the need for more lateral communication between States is currently being addressed - and that is a major plus.

We are still amateur and part time workers for our sport, and unnecessary impositions on our time should be avoided. It would certainly help if ABA could know when a communication that is not a "private" one, has been circulated.

Such knowledge would absolve me from the need of repetition. e.g., When I receive something from a State, and circulate it to all States, to find the author State has already done this.

The other big issue was the inaugural States meeting. This again was a big plus, and should be continued.

It was unfortunate though that issues were discussed that could have been immediately addressed if a Board member were present.

This would have again saved a deal of time, our precious commodity

It is sincerely hoped by the Board that the States discussion meetings continue, without creating a we-they situation. The Board is the body the States have elected to run their affairs. All their deliberations and actions are directed towards the welfare of our sport, and decisions that affect some States adversely are no different from parental guidance within a family. It doesn't make the parent an enemy, surely.

Now on to some specifics.

ADMINISTRATION

States administration personnel remained in the main, fairly static, and this again is a good thing. It allows administrators some continuation of policy and progress.

Some states recently, have had a continual turnover of office bearers, making it, I am sure, very difficult for the new ones to pick up threads without some hiccups.

Peg Park, Jean Hingston, Trevor Beckingham, Kaye Pratt, Yvonne Kavanagh, Belinda Van Haefton, and Brigid Crick, of the honorary workers all gave great service to ABA, while Bob Burrows of the paid personnel also played his part.

SABA had some structural changes in 1988, and have come up with a new President and reconstituted Board.

I have been pleased to be in communication with the new SABA President Ian Tremain, and look forward to meeting him at the AGM. A welcome return to the SABA Administration is former ABA & SABA President Barbara O'Brien, and it is good to see her 'back in business.'

The West has had some changeovers in paid staff, and in fact will have a very much changed Board for 1989, but still headed by Alan McElroy.

I am delighted to know David Hoppen will head our largest affiliate, VBA. Welcome to the top spot David, and may you have a great year at the helm in 89.

Again I can report the Board is working productively and harmoniously.

It is vital that I clarify that the ABA Board does not 'just meet' a few times a year, at which meetings important discussions and decisions are made, and the rest of the time the ABA only exists in my office!

This is very far from the truth, and it is a factor that should be very carefully examined in nominating to or accepting nominations to the ABA Board.

Each Board member has ongoing and continuous responsibilities, which he or she must service and submit to Board debate, either at meetings or between them.

There is no time when a Board member is not servicing some ABA project.

A typical allocation of duties:

AOF, IBF, CAS, Oceania, Umpires, Newsletters, Incorporation, Research into Promotion, Training Academies. Govt liaison in Canberra, Funding and other Presidential duties - Roy Ward.

Forward Planning, Coaching, Training Academies, Govt. Representation, CAS, Publications - Rob Fyfe.

Selectors, Players needs, Bylaw Research, Tournament upkeep and advice, Referee and Event directors, uniforms, International Play, Forward Planning, ACGA, ABA teams - Don Stockins.

Junior Sport, States issues, bylaws, publications, budgets, forward planning, Training camp - Ron Whittle.

The Secretary/Treasurer of course has a 'hand' in all the above and is specifically responsible for IBF dialogue, including IBF AGM, ACGA & AOF, all finance, planning budgets, upkeep and drafting bylaws, forward planning, transport and travel, meetings, accommodation, player contacts, archives etc. etc.

I've probably missed some of the more specific jobs in the above lists. So no one sits around watching telly, I can assure you. New nominees to the Board take note! But then - we were all new nominees at one time weren't we?

I indicated in my 1987 report that the Board was looking at a more general distribution of some of the 'jobs' that go with a year's activity, and I am sure the members endorsed this idea.

A good manifestation of this progressive concept was the naming of managers for Australia's 89/90 commitments. Don Stockins - World Championships and Sudirman Cup, Brian Semple - Commonwealth Games Jan 90, Whyte Trophy - Adrian Brown, and Thomas/Uber Cup 90 Norm Aldous, certainly has given 4 persons, from 4 states, the opportunity to manage our teams, two of them, Aldous and Semple, for the first time ever.

The National Coach position gave Jean Tyrrell a chance to demonstrate her expertise, and there were new faces in the committees.

All of which I hope demonstrates the sport is not standing still.

MAJOR EVENTS OF 1988

The year started with the Thomas/Uber cup ties in Melbourne. And this was a really big job, which saw the organising efficiency of VBA in full flight, with top people like Peg Park, Ted Barry, David Hoppen and Norm Aldous with sleeves truly rolled up! Funding was received from IBF for this event.

The Board was present in Melbourne and were honoured guests at this event, as were recipients of the IBF Meritorious Service Awards, Harry Thompson and Bert Tonkin.

Australia did well on court, and results are detailed elsewhere in this report.

July saw the Bicentennial Open conducted in Perth, with funding from the Australian Bicentennial Authority giving the incentive and the rest of the funds raised through the generosity and support of the BAWA members. Like the Melbourne exercise, this saw the efficient and knowledgeable BAWA administration, led from the front with optimism and energy by their President Alan McElroy, come through with a first class event.

IBF VIP's, President Ian Palmer, and Jeff Robson were both present at the event, and encouraged BAWA to bid for a Grand Prix event in 1989.

The senior carnival, held in Queensland saw a great new talent appear in Anna Lao, the Chinese girl resident in NSW. She displayed a standard of badminton that was far above that of the top Australians on the day.

Michael Scandolera took the men's title, and the mixed with Rhonda Cator, and was runner-up with Peter Roberts in the doubles.

There was disappointment all round when Tasmania could not conduct the U/21 teams events due to a dearth of entries. In the individual U/21 events, Peter Blackburn of Victoria swept the board with three titles.

A New Zealand contingent dominated the U/18 Carnival, with Murray Hocking and Amanda Hardy runners up in three finals each, while Victoria dominated and won the team event.

The Yonex Silver Bowl was again conducted in Melbourne and results are recorded herein.

Young Victorian Stuart Metcalfe performed very creditably in the Indonesian Bimantara World Junior Championships.

RESULTS 1988 MAJOR EVENTSClendinnen Shield 1988 - Nambour Queensland

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| 1. Victoria | 2. W. Australia | 3. Victoria (2) |
| 4. NSW | 5. Tasmania | 6. Queensland |
| 7. S. Australia | | |

Australian International 1988 - Caloundra Q.

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|----------------|--|
| Mens Singles | M. Scandolera (V) d. G. Lang (WA) 4.15, 15.11, 15.12 |
| Ladies singles | Lao OiChan (NSW) d R. Cator (V) 11.2, 11.3 |
| Mens Doubles | P. Kong/G. Lang (WA) d Scandolera/P. Roberts 15.9, 15.10 |
| Ladies Doubles | T. Small/L. Bryant (V) d J. Gibson/K. French(Q) 15.5, 15.12 |
| Mixed Doubles | Scandolera/Cator(V) d G. Silvester/Small (V) 9.15, 18.13, 15.5 |

Cliff Cutt Memorial Trophy - L. Bryant (V)H.B. Wray Trophy - Tasmania

Event not conducted due to insufficient entries.

Australian U/21 Championships - Altona Victoria

A limited number of entries from SA (8 men), Tas. (4men, 4 ladies) ACT (2 men), NSW (1 man) and NZ (1 man) together with Victorian players making up the events allowed the tournament to be run.

Mens Singles (30 players)

P. Blackburn (V) d T. Clark 15.8, 9.15, 15.4

Ladies Singles (18 players)

M. Wise (V) d W. Shinnars (V) 11.4, 11.3

Mens Doubles (16 pairs)

P. Blackburn/M. Hocking (V) d S. Metcalfe/A Parks 15.11, 15.10

Ladies Doubles (9 pairs)

T. & W. Shinnars (V) d D. Powell/M. Wise (V) 15.17, 18.17, 18.1

Mixed Doubles (24 pairs)

Blackburn/Shinnars (V) d A. Parks/M. O'Neill (V) 15.5, 15.7

Maddern Trophy 1988 - Adelaide

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|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1. Victoria | 2. NSW | 3. W. Australia |
| 4. S. Australia | 5. Tasmania | 6. Queensland |

Australian Junior Championships

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|---------------|--|
| Boys Singles | N. Hall (NZ) d. M. Hocking (V) 15.12, 6.15, 15.11 |
| Girls Singles | R. Robertson (NZ) d A. Hardy (V) 11.3, 11.4 |
| Boys Doubles | Hall/D. Galy (NZ) d Hocking/A. Connelly (V)
15.2, 7.15, 15.9 |
| Girls Doubles | N. Sue/R. Robertson (NZ) d M. O'Neill/A. Hardy (V)
15.1, 9.15, 15.6 |
| Mixed Doubles | Galt/Robertson (NZ) d Hocking/Hardy (V)
15.5, 15.2 |

Bicentennial International Open - Perth

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|--------------|--|
| Mens Singles | Yang Yang (China) d Foo Kok Keong (Mal) 18.4, 15.12
3rd place play off: Saprianto (Indo) d Sze Yu (Aus)
16.18, 18.15, 15.8 |
| Mens Doubles | J & R Sidek (Mal) d Tian Bingyo/Li Yongbo (China)
18.14, 15.5 |

Australian Singles Rankings 1988Men

1. Sze Yu (NSW)
2. M. Scandolera (V)
3. G. Lang (WA)
4. P. Stevenson (V)
5. P. Kong (WA)
6. P. Roberts (v)
7. P. Blackburn (V)
8. T. Clark (V)
9. J. Williams (Tas)
10. G. Doran (Tas)

Women

1. R. Cator (V)
2. T. Small (V)
3. L. Bryant (V)
4. J. Hyland (Tas)
5. L. Best (WA)
6. M. Wise (V)
7. K. French (Q)
8. J. Gibson (Q)
9. D. Powell (V)
10. K. Mircovic (V)

1988 Silver Bowl International

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|----------------|---|
| Mens Singles | Wei Yah (China) d Yeung Yik Kei (HK) 15.8, 15.7 |
| Ladies Singles | Chan Man wa (HK) d Pan Li (China) 11.9, 11.3 |
| Mens Doubles | Scandolera/Lang d. P. Roberts/Sylvester 15.9, 15.7 |
| Ladies Doubles | Pan Li/ Yin Ming d L. Bryant/T. Small 15.5, 10.15, 15.6 |

HONOURS 1988

Bert Tonkin and Harry Thompsn were awarded their IBF Meritorious Service Awards in January, although these awards were actually made in 1987.

Ron Whittle was presented with his IBF Award at the Bicentennial tournament in Perth mid year.

Again our congratualtions to all.

PLAYERS AND SELECTIONS

Players were selected for the Thomas/Uber Cup event in Feb. 88 and for training camps during the year.

The Bicentennial tournament invited Sze Yu to play singles, and Scandolera/Lang for doubles. This was a mens singles and doubles event exclusively.

Thomas Cup team: Sze Yu, D. McDonald, P. Stevenson, P. Roberts,
G. Lang.

Uber Cup team: J. McDonald, R. Cator, L. Bryant, T. Small, L. Best

Paul Kong who retired in 1987 found steady employment, and re-enter the lists, fronting up for his state. He achieved No. 5 on the singles ranking list, and with Gordon Lang won the mens doubles title. Well done Paul.

Julie McDonald played Uber Cup as her swan song. Tracey Small is still having problems scheduling her availability for Victoria and Australia into her very serious work/study commitments.

Gordon Lang is still resident in Victoria, and Sze Yu visits us occasionally.

Glen Doran has served his penalty time and has climbed back on to the bottom of the ranking list. Let us hope his problems are behind him.

Our thanks to the Australian Selectors for their efforts in 88.

MEMBERSHIP

It is almost impossible to calculate an accurate membership in our present system.

States responding to my account reminders on the prescribed form give me a figure for July. Thereafter cheques come in, not always with accurate numbers listed.

It is also impossible to calculate numbers from State Annual Reports, where numbers are not calculated and set down.

The exception is Tasmania, and I appreciate their figures.

To the best of my calculations, the following figures represent our capitated numbers for 1988.

<u>1987</u>		<u>1988</u>
7100	Victoria	8313
2545	W. Australia	2808
1726	Tasmania	1805
1210	S. Australia	1422
561	Queensland	847
313	New South Wales	333
180	Aust Capital Terr.	198
<u>170</u>	Northern Territory	<u>220</u>
<u>14055</u>		<u>15946</u>

These figures include Junior and geographically disadvantaged players.

For your interest, Victoria shows the largest numbers of Juniors at around 1500, and S. Australia, the largest number of disadvantaged players at 484.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH GAMES ASSOCIATION

This year which is a major fundraising year for this body saw a formal appointment of a fund raising organisation - the same people who are operating for the AOF.

Unfortunately there is a dispute current between ACGA and the Queensland branch of the ACGA is as much as the latter body has initiated fund raising activity that ACGA and its fund raisers claim is counter productive to the National effort..

It is all rather sad, because the effort in question is still to raise funds, and Queensland has long been an active and competent fund raiser in this area.

The dispute is still active, and the ABA Board became involved in as much as it was called on to support the ACGA direction. As a direct affiliate and one of the ten national sports receiving funding from the ACGA, ABA felt that it should support the parent body in this matter.

Unfortunately the QBA finds itself in the other camp in this issue and is supporting the Queensland Branch of the ACGA instead of ABA.

This writer is not sure what the end game of this sad situation is and whether any sanctions will be invoked on Queensland Administrators or athletes by the ACGA. The Board merely notes QBA's stance and awaits further developments.

ACGA, through the ASC has allocated \$40000 toward the badminton teams training for Auckland in Jan 90. This money is budgetted toward training camps and elite player tournament participation in 89 and is quite generous.

AOF

Rob Fyfe and the Secretary attended a 'colloquium' which is apparently the trendy term for 'seminar' in Canberra in March. Objective - to report on and receive instructions on our commitment to the Barcelona Olympiad in 1992.

Attached to this report is the submission I drafted for this seminar.

It will be seen that we will not be automatic participants, although our formation with New Zealand of the Oceania Badminton Confederation will certainly give us a mobile start.

We have to get somebody into an Olympic allowance of 144 players for all contested events.

We must compete in Grand Prix events to gain points, must finish in front of New Zealand, and must try and otherwise finish in the top 50% of rankings. Some task!

The Olympic people were friendly and welcoming to the 'new chums' and we are assured of a reasonable ear for training funding.

OCEANIA BADMINTON CONFEDERATION

There will be a meeting of this body in Jakarta during the IBF/World Badminton activity there. Roy Ward and I shall attend, and there will be some decisions on the Olympic issues.

ABA is nominating Roy again as Secretary of that body, in the elections due this year. Heather Robson (NZ) is the President.

CAS

Roy Ward was elected onto the Confederation of Australian Sport Directors Panel in 1988. We are sure he will stir this body into more direct and productive action than it has been party to in recent times.

THE COMMITTEES

The Board made a decision in October that was somewhat controversial in some states, but stuck to its guns in explaining the reasons for that decision.

As explained at the time, the idea was hardly to assume 'power' or seek extra work.

Both the ABUC & ABCC have stagnated and atrophied in some states and areas of activity. This despite ABA literally pouring in time and funds since the early 70's into both committees.

For some committee persons - not all - election to and membership of the committee was seen as a 'reward' and recognition rather than a tough work assignment.

Recent leaders of the committees hadn't the power to stir some genuine and tough action in the committee.

The Board felt that a Board member should be able to do that, and certainly Fyfe, Ward and Stockins have the long experience in ABCC, ABUC & Selectors respectively to see what's happening.

Some initiatives are already bearing fruit and the Board, by the end of 1989 hopes to show figures to justify its decision.

Certainly the primary objective should be the formation and upkeep of a committee in each State.

SPONSORSHIP

Still elusive in any reasonable terms. The sponsorship video cost us \$7000, and should be available for viewing at the meeting.

It was decided to postpone the second video until we can gauge the effects of this one.

I still maintain we must bite the bullet and employ a professional sponsor broker.

BYLAWS

There is some discussion scheduled at the AGM on Age levels and the U/21 bylaw is up for drastic surgery.

I would suggest that the end of 1989 sees a new issue of the ABA Bylaw produced and distributed, with all the old ones destroyed, and will suggest a budget to this end.

NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR/CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

Board Members Fyfe and Ward were detailed to look after these portfolios.

Attached to the Agenda for the AGM is a submission on the appointment of a NCD. It is seen as a major move by the Board, with a higher priority than a National Administrator.

In any project that involves hiring expertise these days we're looking at big bucks, and our Coaching director has to be a top organiser rather than Coach.

The two Board members were also active in meetings and submissions to the Victorian Government in that body's exploration of a Sports Institute in Victoria.

VBA had also initiated an application in Victoria, and ABA was content to look at part of a VBA, or SABA operation, rather than the State being part of an ABA operation.

Pending discussions in Victoria, whose Government may now be cooling the project down with a long view at Melbourne's Olympic bid, the ABA is now restructuring our approach along the "Centres of Excellence" route.

ASC have been kept informed and are supportive of our planning.

NTBA & SABA are both to be congratulated on breaking the duck in imported coaches and attachment to academies.

Subash Chandra at the meeting, and Ian Tremain to the Board will both report on their progress at the AGM.

The states are aware that we have lost Sze Ning On, at least for a while, to Taiwan, who had the money and initiative to offer him a coaching job.

" Sze has indicated he would rather live and work in Oz but no one can blame him for earning a living.

It is galling to think we have one of the world's most respected badminton coaches with his home in Sydney, and we can't do anything about using him.

As far as I am aware the Tjoe camp in Ballarat is still operating

Rob Fyfe is very much involved in the practical and coaching aspects of this whole issue, while Roy Ward looks at the politics and funding.

ASC

The Australian Sports Commision continues to be a major funding source but our grants have not really been 'indexed' to the rising costs of servicing our players and projects.

They have indicated that the funding for the part time administrator will be up for review this year. We are not sure what that means - whether it will cut out after 5 years of operation, or whether they plan to up the ante.

Either way, ABA will be deeply affected, and yours truly will have to make some decisions.

THE FUTURE

The immediate future is that I am unopposed for the Secretary/Treasurer job until 1991, and on the basis of current ASC funding the ABA can rely on my services in the present mode.

Should the funding cease altogether the Board will obviously examine the implications of reinstating honorariums it can afford, which system existed before.

This presupposes funding has not been obtained elsewhere for a full time appointment.

Should the funding be increased, and with it any suggestion that that entails a bigger percentage of the incumbents time, we would again have to look very seriously at the situation. This could perhaps be more embarrassing than a drop in funding - if the increase is still inadequate to allow whoever your appointee is to be free of the need to otherwise earn a living.

We must still find a national sponsor who will look after us as an Association or Sport, rather than for a specific event or need.

As to our future on-court, I have done some soul searching and have included as addendum to this report, some thoughts and concerns regarding our players. I hope the members peruse this, and if they agree and are as concerned as I, then let us urgently address this matter.

CONCLUSION

Again I thank the Board for its friendship, tolerance and support at all times. I couldn't work with a better, more intelligent and knowledgeable bunch of people.

The discussions at Board level are totally 'national' and dedicated to the National responsibility, without fear or favour, and I am priveleged to work with these people.

Dealings with states are very satisfying, and I feel I am friendly enough with State administrators. to allow opposing views to be aired without personal animosity. Certainly I know and appreciate State views. For 14 years I attended ABA with very strong State views from WA.

Ken Hall in Adelaide, Don Walker in Perth are both ABA assets and I thank them for their friendship and support.

I am still deeply indebted to my wife and family for their tolerance and practical support, in all sorts of chores from phone messages to typing, banking, post office, and even office cleaning and carrying duties.

And finally I thank the members for their vote of confidence in re-electing me for a further term.

I am never blase enough not to be touched and excited at being the chosen candidate, and in that role I pledge you my ongoing dedication to this job.



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TREASURER'S REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF THE ASSOCIATION'S BALANCE SHEET AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1988.

I am very pleased, as a Board member, in the abstract sense, at the Treasurer's report for 1988!

It will be seen that it is a healthy report in the terms of money conservation, or savings, and will show some padding towards any ideas we have of savings toward major projects coming up in the short and long term future.

Certainly some areas of spending are cut, and this is surely an achievement in the light of rising costs.

As outlined last year, we are still dependent on ASC funding, capitations, and grants from bodies such as ACCA, IBF etc.

Capitations are still a major source of debate, and the States meeting had some very radical views on this.

The Boards reaction was predictable and justified in that it could not see the propositions - as they stood - as a realistic substitute for the existing funding - and remember the Board's duty, given it by the members, is to ensure the business of the association is healthy and viable within its budget constraints.

The Board has always maintained it would be only too pleased to get rid of capitations, providing there is a reasonable and realistic alternative proposal.

The only current obvious replacement on a comparable financial scale would be a major sponsorship.

The writer need hardly state this is easier said than achieved. Any member state that has recently looked for sponsorship further than a donation to a tournament would have to agree.

It was therefore in ABA's interests to encourage larger memberships, and therefore capitations, and to reward this, as IBF does, with a loaded voting system.

I had a lot to say last year on this issue in the Annual Report, and the Board response to matters raised at the State meeting on this issue also covered all the arguments. So I will not continue them here.

The geographically disadvantaged clause in our capitation system is of great interest - not in financial terms, because it obviously means a revenue loss in real terms - but in potential. If the move's potential is fully realised, that is the involvement of large numbers who would not otherwise have affiliated, then in fact the long term effect could mean increased finance, and this is the Treasurer's report!

I'm sure the Board would appreciate some feedback from States on how this is working. Certainly South Australia have the largest number in this category, and it would be interesting to determine how many of these are new members, and if the fee was a factor in their registration.

SPENDING

The accounts show a saving of \$4000 in meetings, \$1000 in the Secretariat, \$2000 in IBF meeting, \$12000 in Training camp. The last two savings of course were contingent on the location of the meeting and the number of camps.

Both committees were more operational in 1988, using their full budgets, compared to 1987.

There was some spending on uniforms, new players blazers etc, and there will be more to come in this area in 1989.

The biggest individual payments were for the promotional video and the Fax machine. We shall see how much mileage we gain from the former. The latter is already proving invaluable, and one wonders "how did we do without it?"

I have had a rush of blood regarding our on-court stagnation and have attached a submission to this annual report as a progression from Rob Fyfe's paper - The Way Ahead. My submission suggests some deviation in our spending modes on players, and a new direction for our support funding.

Just like Victoria is advocating a new source of funding should be considered, I'm suggesting a new way it should be spent!

THE BUDGET

Because of some of the variations seen in our spending, and the inclusion of our savings accounts into the working money of ABA, we have a happier budget for members.

I would predict that one or two items will not be spent to full budget, and the 1990 season will likewise get off to a good start

The Board submission on 1990 fees is of course the cruncher that States will find hard to digest. But it must be remembered that proposal has a specific target.

Should that target be abandoned or deferred, and assuming we are still stuck with a capitation system until we discover an alternative, then the proposition of regular, small rises is a logical and temperate one, and I commend Western Australia who have over the past years been the watchdogs and prime thinkers in this area, and who have again made the running for the 1989 AGM.

It is of prime importance to the Board and the Treasurer that in servicing the Budget we make sure that certain moneys are spent as budgetted.

These are areas that are specifically supported and funded by grants from bodies such as ASC, ACGA etc.

Grants from these sources are separately audited to show they were expended (with ABA funds added) on their targets. On a couple of occasions in the past ABA have been in some hot water with ASC in this area and there was even a suggestion that unspent funds be returned, even though it was shown they were spent on a parallel need.

Hence the seemingly inflated budget item of \$25000 for player training. Members are assured that this item will include all legitimate player expenses to service the ACGA \$40000 training grant.

BANKS

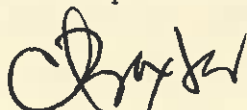
We are still receiving good service from the ANZ Bank, where we operate a general account cheque book, a passbook savings account, and several Term deposits.

Details of these accounts and deposits are set out in the notes to the accounts hereto.

Don Walker conducts our Annual Audit, and I thank him again for his efficient and friendly counsel.

The firm of N.F.V. Curtis & Associates, Chartered Accountants, of Kalamunda, looks after our mid-year Audit.

Having presented these accounts to both these competent scrutineers, I now present them, in this Annual Report, to the members.




Cedric Baxter
ABA Administrative Secretary/Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I report having audited the following statements of the Australian Badminton Association.

1. Statements of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 1988.
2. Statement of Assets at 31 December 1988.
3. Notes on Statement of Assets including Bank Reconciliation at 31 December 1988.

In my opinion the abovementioned Statements exhibit a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the Association for the year under review.


.....Auditor
D A WALKER

Commissioner for Declarations

STATEMENT OF ASSETS

Cash at Bank

General a/c

Balance as per statement at 31.12.88

Less outstanding cheques: 081290 5.60
047217 45.50
047218 1578.40
047220 437.00
047221 300.00

Saving Passbook a/c

Total cash in hand

Interest due on savings a/c as at 31.12.88 (Note 6)
Shuttle float - Adelaide (Note 20)
Forward Payments
ABCC funds held at 31.12.88 (Note 22)
ABCC funds held at 31.12.88 (Note 27)
Stock on Hand (Note 29)
Outstanding APC Grants (88-89)
Outstanding accounts

Term Deposits
AUS TD \$16679 - 20000.00 + Interest 1542.58 (Note 28)
AUS TD 318158 - 16136.35 + Interest 945.76

Add Fixed Assets (Note 26)
Toshiba BW4140 Photocopier 3500.00
Adler Typewriter 445.00
Filing Cabinets 385.00
Video Tapes 380.00
Voca Fax Machine 2100.00

Total assets

Liabilities nil

Nett Assets

Note

1.

AFFILIATIONS - RECEIPTS.

Affiliation 1988 was @ \$250 per Member.
Therefore total affiliations

\$2000.00

2.

CAPITATIONS - RECEIPTS.

Breakdown in capitations:

VBA \$18988.00
BANA 6459.50
TBA 5301.00
SABA 2532.00
JBA 1415.50
NSWBA 777.50
NTBA 650.00*
ACTBA 498.00

*NTBA's second instalment \$210.00 was not banked until after Dec.31, and has to be shown as 'outstanding account' for the purpose of audit.

3.

REIMBURSEMENTS - RECEIPTS.

Paraphrase transactions 777.20
Secretary Floats etc. 723.00
Sundry refunds 438.94
ACCA fare refund 1004.00
2943.16

4.

SALE OF GOODS - RECEIPTS

Shuttle account profits 2500.00
World Badminton Magazine 350.00*
IBF Handbooks 353.85
3203.85

*Actual income from World Badminton should be \$650.00
There is an outstanding amount due from VBA for \$300.00
(See Note 29)

NOTE

IBP DEBITES - RECEIPTS

9.

The IBP rebate towards Thomas/Uber Cup ties was received Aug. 88 and amounted to \$15422.57.
The total amount received was passed on to the VBA, organisers of the event, by prior agreement between AAA-VBA.
The AAA had advanced an amount of \$5000 towards this event, of which AAA agreed to donate \$500. The balance of \$4500 was deducted from the IBP payment, and the balance of \$10922.57 was forwarded to VBA.

SUNDRIES - 87 RESIDUALS - RECEIPTS

20.

As identified in the 87 Report, the VBA and ACT second instalment 1987 missed the Dec. 31 date and are shown as 87 residuals.

87 Capitalizations	4034.50
John Nichols airfare	1643.61
Other outstanding	208.00
	<u>5886.11</u>

AFFILIATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS - PAYMENTS

21.

IBF	2838.62
ACCA	100.00
Oceania	136.00
AOF	15.00
ASSA	20.00
AFC Seminar	60.00
CAS	<u>150.00</u>
	3309.62

SECRETARIAT - PAYMENTS

22.

Telecom	1823.86
Postages/Petty Cash	905.00
Sundries	<u>875.30</u>
	3204.16

This is shown under general a/c 3049.16
savings a/c 155.00
3204.16

NOTE

GRANTS - RECEIPTS

5.

ASC Grant 87/88 - period Jul-Dec 87 (Incl. wages Jan-Jun 88)	17000.00
STEP Grants to See Yu	2000.00
ASC Maysee Grant Jul-Dec 88	<u>5000.00</u>
	25000.00

INTEREST - RECEIPTS

6.

The Bank interest shown represents:
Interest from matured AMZ T0409331
Passbook interest was credited July 88

	1397.49
	<u>2066.29</u>
	3463.78

In addition to the above, interest was accrued on our

Term deposits AMZ TD 516629	1242.58
AMZ TD 328158	<u>2080.71</u>
	3323.29

The interest was reinvested with the principal in both instances, and is not shown under receipts.

TERM DEPOSITS MATURING - RECEIPTS

7.

AMZ TD 409331, matured 18.3.88
(see also note 28 & Note 6)

	10000.00
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IBF PRISONERIES - RECEIPTS

8.

All prisoners received, with the exception of \$34.40 for Lisa Bryant, were for See Yu.

Total received See Yu	\$10006.49
Bryant	<u>34.40</u>
	\$10040.89

PRISONERIES - PAYMENTS

9.

Lisa Bryant	34.40
See Yu 87 Residual	244.73
88 Warnings	<u>10006.49</u>
89 Advance	725.68
	10976.90

Total prize money payout

made up of: ex genl. a/c	3581.10
ex passbook	<u>7430.20</u>
	11011.30

NOTE13. GRANTS - PAYMENTS

Secretarial wages ex ASC	12000.00
I. McDowell - umpire grant	300.00
Auditors Honorarium	450.00
R. Cator travel grant	500.00
P. Stevenson grant	2000.00
QBA Carnival prize money	2750.00
(Ex. general a/c)	<u>18000.00</u>
STEP Grants Sze Yu	2000.00
(Ex. savings a/c)	

14. MEETINGS - PAYMENTS

3 Board meetings were conducted - Feb, July, Oct.
The Board also met prior to the AGM in March.

Board Meetings	6021.16
AGM	<u>2787.97</u>
	8809.13

15. COMMITTEES - PAYMENTS

ABUC	2478.00
ABCC	2303.50
	<u>4781.50</u>

16. TRAINING CAMPS - PAYMENTS

Total cost of camp AIS Costs	12503.28
Flot to R. Pye	268.00
Sundry exp.	285.00
Shuttles ex VBA	<u>170.00</u>
	13226.28
Gross cost Training Camp	
Less AIS Subsidy	<u>13226.28</u>
Nett cost Training Camp	7000.00

17. 1st MEETING - PAYMENTS

Fares and Accommodation	2654.00
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NOTE18. THOMAS/UBER CUP - PAYMENTS

From general a/c	17636.77
From savings a/c	2900.00
	<u>20536.77</u>
1st advance to VBA	5000.00
Pre Cup training camp	2975.00
Sports Health training costs	1578.40
Accommodation	4759.65
Food/spending allowance	2400.00
Travel costs	2363.00
Presentations	980.72
Sundries	<u>500.00</u>
	20536.77

19. UNIFORMS - PAYMENTS

Blazers, uniforms, track suits etc	
Thomas Uber Cup	<u>1207.00</u>

20. FORWARD PAYMENTS

Advance to R. Cator on 1989 grant	979.00
(Air fare paid)	300.00
World Championship 88 Travel deposits	<u>725.68</u>
Advance to Sze Yu prize money	2004.68

21. TERM DEPOSITS - PAYMENTS

This item reflects the lodgement of ANZ TD \$16629 on 12.8.88 -	20000.00
(See also note 28)	

22. STOCK ON HAND - ASSETS

Presentation plaques	
Pennants felt -	24 @ 2.50
Primary badges -	224 @ 2.00
Secondary badges -	50 @ 2.00
Lifemember badges -	13 @ 1.00
C'Ship medals/cases	24 @ 8.88
Team Neckties	2 @ 7.50
	<u>849.12</u>
	60.00
	448.00
	100.00
	13.00
	213.12
	<u>15.00</u>

NOTE

23.

SUNDRIES - PAYMENTS

Fareshares to States	936.60
ANA costs - Bicenntennial	1500.00
IBF Videos	349.60
Voca Fax Purchase	2100.00
ACCA Paris	1004.00
White Trophy Sales VBA	292.00
Canberra Seminar Pyfe	303.00
Trophy repairs	193.90
IBF Rulebooks	204.76
Other	<u>866.28</u>
	<u>7749.04</u>

24.

BICENTENNIAL TOURNAMENT - PAYMENTS

Final payment of Bicentennial Authority Grant to BANA	2500.00
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25.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - TRANSFER

This was a straight transfer of funds from the savings account to the cheque account, and is shown under this note in payments and receipts	<u>8000.00</u>
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26.

FIXED ASSETS - ASSETS

The figures shown for Fixed Assets have not been adjusted for depreciation since 87.

27.

ASC GRANTS - ASSETS

87/88 Grant outstanding for 87 was (shown as asset in 87 Annual Report)	1500.00
Balance of 87/88 Grant received Feb 88 - £17000 less £1500 =	15500.00
Grant allocated for 88/89 =	26000.00
Therefore 30% for the period Jul-Dec 88 =	13000.00
To date only £6000 received	
Therefore outstanding balance =	<u>7000.00</u>

NOTE

28.

IBF DEPOSITS - ASSETS

ANZ TD 516629	First Invested 12.8.88	20000.00
	Natured 09.02.89 @	<u>21242.58</u>
	Re-Invested till 08.08.89	
ANZ TD 318158	First Invested 21.08.87	15000.00
	Natured 21.03.88 @	<u>16134.95</u>
	Re-Invested till 21.10.88	
	Natured 21.10.88 @	<u>17060.71</u>
	Re-Invested till 02.05.89 @ 13 1/4	
ANZ TD 409311	Natured on 18.3.88 @	<u>11397.49</u>
	and was deposited in General a/c	

29.

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS - ASSETS

1. VBA - World Badminton	300.00
2. NTBA - 2nd Instalment Caps.	<u>210.00</u>
	<u>510.00</u>

1. The VBA a/c was mixed up with another account of an almost equal sum, for IBF Handbooks, and the Treasurer did not realize the magazine a/c was not paid until the end of year audit. No further account was issued and VBA like ABA was not aware of the overdue sum.

2. NTBA cheque was received, but not banked until the Treasurer returned from holidays, and therefore has to be shown in the 89 account book.

ABA PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1989.

Receipts.

Affiliations	2000
Capitations	50000
General Income - sundry sources	2000
Govt.Grants Salary 12000	
General 14000	26000
Training Camp
Sale of Goods	500
Bank Interest	5000
General Reimbursements	2000
1988 Working Capital carryover	24438
ACGA Grant	40000
	<u>151938</u>

Less Payments

Affiliations/Subscriptions	3000
Grants to players	2500
Secretariat Salary 12000	
General 5000	17000
ABA Meetings Board 7000	
AGM 3000	10000
IBF Meeting	2000
ABCC/ABUC	6000
Trophies/Uniforms	2000
Publicty/Promotion	4000
Honoraria	500
Training Camp	22000
Sudirman Cup/World Championships	14000
Carnival Prizemoney	2750
Whyte Trophy	10000
Australian International	2000
ASC Representation	1000
Coaching Manual	14000
AOF/ACGA player training G.P.Circuit	25000
	<u>137750</u>

1989 expected working capital carryover

14188

I have had recent opportunity, while crossing the Continent at 30000 feet on ABA business, to use the 4½ hours flying time to contemplate badminton's future. Others have looked recently at our administrative, financial, political futures, and I concentrated on our on-court status as a world force in IBF. I looked back and acknowledged the fine work put in a few years back by Rob Fyfe, in his paper "The Way Ahead", which paper I then, and still, support wholeheartedly.

In the matter of players, and the topic I deal with here, Rob and I were in agreement that ABA's policy of involvement in Thomas/Uber Cups, World Championships, and especially Whyte Trophy, was misplaced, unrewarding and ill-conceived. Whyte Trophy, we felt, was a particularly poor choice for expending ABA's limited funds, as all it then served, as a fairly expensive exercise, was a prolongation of "tradition", an old school tie club.

The above views, that we suspend involvement in these events, and concentrate on bridging the gap with young players, did not receive support, and ABA has continued to service these commitments.

There was some relief to the "burden" in that the Rules for Thomas/Uber Cups changed, allowing at least a little more play than the previous knock out version: the Sudirman Cup is now added to the World Championship programme: and my proposals for a modified Whyte Trophy were accepted, making this a smaller, shorter, cheaper exercise.

All this however cannot camouflage the fact that with the exception of import Sze Yu, our top players, pitted against the top players, are not yet really out of mediocrity.

This is the truth, but is not a reflection on the talents, dedication and industry of our people. It is simply a confirmation that a poorly funded, part time, talent, cannot ever hope to overcome a fully funded, full time, talent. It was conceded, and still is, that when entering a "competitive" team, Australia has to field the top players available. Especially in Whyte Trophy. This has meant, and still means, that players who had reached the Top 10 and had been around for a while, but still had a small margin in hand to beat a really young hopeful were assured of continued selection, and were justified in that selection on results achieved under the eyes of Australian selectors at ABA events.

It has also meant, unfortunately, that by the time those elder statesmen/women had seen fit to retire, or had stayed around long enough to get knocked off, a time had elapsed whereby the young hopefuls, were no longer young hopefuls, but had merely achieved the same plateau of mediocrity.

And so the cycle went on, broken only by an external injection such as Sze Yu, or perhaps an Anna Lao.

ABA's always limited resources have, contrary to the recommendations of "The Way Ahead" still been channelled into the same bin.

Some success at Edinburgh in 86, put sugar on the pill, but I seriously put it to the reader, does anyone seriously consider that we will, within ten years at our present pace, be capable of defeating a Chinese, Indonesian, or even an England team?

Can anyone seriously suggest that Michael Scandolera, currently our top home grown player, with all his heart and talent, is in the first flush of badminton achievement?

It is a dreary prospect to this writer, that even now, there is no younger player in Australia who even poses a serious threat to Michael's supremacy. I recently spoke to Administrators of other sports at an AOF Seminar in Canberra, and apart from a general confirmation of their complete involvement with and financial support of youth, one sport assured me they were already training their 1996 Olympic Squad - seven years down the track. ABA currently gives a small grant here, and a trip to Jakarta there, to our young brigade. VBA with a tolerant by law that allows a second team, are doing their bit by fielding their younger players, once a year, in open competition in the senior carnival. But most states are tied by the same syndrome as ABA. If you're sending a team to compete, you have to pick them off the rankings. So how do we ever break this deadlock? What brave biting of the bullet should we face?

I believe in the following.

1. Australia must, in both the short and long term, look at upending its funding priorities, from the "top" or elite players, to an age group preference.
2. All Australian teams, in the short term, in international competition, must include two under 18 players, and the hell with the scoreboard.
3. A top group of under 18 players must be nurtured, supported, controlled, call it what you want, by a national responsibility.
4. The group must play open competition wherever possible - and to this end ABA should sponsor a team into the Clendinnen Shield each year. This team to be all juniors in the top rankings in their age group - WHO ARE NOT ALREADY SELECTED FOR THEIR STATE, IN THAT COMPETITION.
5. This team can be called whatever - Fledglings or Youngsters etc. and ABA is responsible for their selection, travel etc to the senior carnival.
6. That funding be set aside to assemble them at least once a month at a venue, for a weekend, under the National Coach, or at a centre of excellence that has an ABA recognised coach, such as SABA & NTBA are establishing.
7. That such a squad be appraised bi-annually and if necessary the bottom player or players, or those not performing at top effort, shall be side-lined, if only for the next half year, and replaced by the next in line hopefuls.
8. That top youngsters from the currently "impoverished" states must be included in pools outside of the already selected elite group, to provide backup personnel, and that these pools be also ABA responsibility to maintain.
9. That National teams be 'considered' four years ahead of targetted events, and nurtured towards them.
10. That Australian players in this age group be funded to Grand Prix events certainly in Asia, as much as finances will allow.
11. That Australia must enter, not a player or pair, but a squad in each years Bimintara, or World Junior competition.
12. That on a five year plan as from 1990 the ABA concentrates its attention on the U/18 and U/16 events and takes a bigger official responsibility thereat, including the attendance of official selectors and coaching representatives.
13. That despite recent feelings to the contrary, these events should be open to all comers. If we can't beat the neighbours talented kids, we'll never get to beat the neighbours, when they're grown up.

Thirteen points. Maybe a lucky number, if States administrators reading this can see their way to think National and not just provincial. I know there are some states out there right now who might say "right let's go" - especially as I've suggested that funding for this concept shall be national. Let me caution. It will need ABA funding - which is your money - whether you have put it in in the "old" capitation mode, or we secure that mythical and mystical sponsor. Certainly I see possibilities in a sponsor looking at the magic of a young team. They could be the Kellogg kids, or the Mitsubishi Mites! Maybe initially even a little bit of "user pays?" How much faith do you have in our future? How much further will you see than just achieving your status quo? How interested are you in the national and international sunshine? I'm a little bit far down the track to be looking so earnestly at a future, but I'm convinced that it sure as hell has to be an improvement on the past.

Cedric

CEDRIC BAXTER

AUSTRALIAN BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

REPORT ON BADMINTON PLANS AND
PREPARATIONS FOR OLYMPIC GAMES
1992. PRESENTED TO SECOND AOF/
AIS COLLOQUIN, CANBERRA 10-11
MARCH, 1989.

Preamble.

The Barcelona Games will be badminton's first time in as a full competition.

The International Badminton Federation and I.O.C. have agreed on a competition of 4 out of the 5 disciplines of our sport, namely - Mens and Ladies singles, Mens and Ladies doubles. The mixed doubles event will not be contested.

1.No special qualifying events will be staged, but all competitors must qualify by competition.

2.Qualifying period is July 1 1990 - 31 December 1991.

3.Qualifiers will be adjudged from the official IBF computer ranking list at January 1, 1992 -

24 qualifiers in each event with the following proviso -

At least 1 player or pair from each of the following:

African Badminton Federations, Asian Badminton Confederation, European Badminton Union, Oceania Badminton Confederation and the Panamerican Badminton Confederation.

The Australian Badminton Association is a Foundation Member of the Oceania Confederation, which currently consists of only Australia and New Zealand as Members.

Players accepted from each zone will be the appropriate highest ranked player in the relevant I.B.F. ranking list.

Qualifying Lists notified to all National organisations no later than January 16, 1992.

These conditions will obviously have significant bearing on our responses to the items listed here for discussion.

1. Forward Planning.

As one of only 10 current sports involved in both the Commonwealth and Olympic Games, we see our planning as a two yearly leap frog, or responsibility to and from ACGA and AOF.

Our forward planning is current to January 1990 when we will compete in the Commonwealth Games in Auckland, and we have ACGA funding to that end.

All such planning now becomes ongoing, but would need to be budgetted separately to avoid overlapping or double dipping.

Our planning must include as much international grand prix competition as possible to ensure our players are included on the IBF computer ranking lists, and certainly earn more points on those lists than our only other contender, New Zealand.

With one possible exception, all Grand Prix competition is in Europe and Asia.

We will plan concentrated activity within a batch of tournaments, funding permitting, because even with funding available for participation we still have problems in player availability. We have one player currently who is not answerable to employment restrictions.

Unlike sports who compete against benchmarks of quality, there is little mileage in domestic competition for our players seeking to perform at Olympic or Grand Prix levels.

Our forward planning, which will be more specifically outlined in Items 5, 6 & 7, will therefore look mainly at international competition overseas plus two annual elite training camps at AIS or the like.

2. Athletic Assistance

We have already shown AOF our 1989 plans for 3 of our top players, in terms of their personal endeavours.

These average out at around \$10000 per annum, and covers mainly travel and accommodation to a small selection of tournaments.

It does not cover any hardships or loss from employment interruption.

At this moment, this money is being found by the players themselves.

ACGA funding is directly harnessed to Squad/team activity for 1989.

3. Justification Guidelines.

As we would be looking at a team of possible maximum 6 players, our justification would be dependent, with one exception, on the IBF ruling on zones, and we would need to rate better than New Zealand. Currently we do.

Our players, and New Zealand's are not in the worlds rankings. The one exception is Australia's No. 1 male singles player, who at the end of 1988 was ranked No. 6 on the IBF computer list.

4. Team Selection Dates.

Obviously we cannot be sure of inclusion, generally, or specifically by event, until the IBF determination of January 16, 1992.

We would anticipate dialogue with AOF to negotiate our selection dates, based on our needs for performance results as near as

possible to the July events, and their needs for logistical details such as travel and outfitting. We would see a team selection date in April/May, but this is negotiable.

5. 1989 - 1991 Plans.

Our 89 plans are locked in and we are responsible to ACGA in these. Our Commonwealth Games team will consist of 5 men, 5 women, Manager and Coach, and in 89 their funded programme consists of:

April - Elite Training Camp - 1 week

May/June - World individual and team championships in Jakarta - 2 weeks.

July - Grand Prix Tournament, Perth - 1 week.

August - International tournament, Melbourne - 1 week.

August - Whyte Trophy Tests vs N.Z. - Auckland - 1 week

September - Australian National team and individual titles, Perth - 2 weeks.

October - Selected team camp AIS - 1 week

Dec/Jan - ACGA staging camp AIS - 1 week

In addition individual players will be funded to selected Grand Prix tournaments.

90 - 91 Plans.

It is anticipated these would follow similar lines, with more emphasis on the necessary Grand Prix involvement.

A sample IBF programme for 90/91 is:

1990. Jan. Taipei & Japan Open Championships.

Mar. Swedish, All England Open.

MMV → Jun. Thai, Malaysian, Indonesian.

Aug. Hong Kong, China.

Sep. World Cup.

Oct. Dutch, Danish, Canadian.

Nov. U.S., Scottish.

Dec. Grand Prix Finals.

This pattern is repeated in 91...

Add to this the training camps, the Whyte Trophy vs New Zealand, and a possible Australian Grand Prix.

It is obvious we cannot aim at the full programme, and indeed very few top players do. But it is our intention to make the March European fixtures, which include the All England - badminton's 'Wimbledon'.

The June and August Asian circuit would be our next target.

Cost estimates for such a programme for a compact group of, say, four men, four women, coach and manager would be around \$4 60000 to \$70000 per year at today's calculations.

Domestic programmes, which would encompass a larger squad of candidates would cost an estimated \$40000 p.a. at today's calculations.

6. 1992 Completion programme.
The 92 plan would look at the June Asian events in Thailand, Malaysia Indonesia, with the team flying direct to Europe for a 2-3 week programme in England or Denmark, playing competition events, then meet the general team in Barcelona.
- 7/8. Travel programme and team assembly.
Our travel programme in 1992 would therefore be to depart Australia early June to England or Denmark, via Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, but not necessarily all three, to assemble in Barcelona at the recommendation of ACP.
9. Stay in Village.
We would anticipate being in the village no later than 3-4 days before our first event, and depart for Australia with the main body immediately after the Games.
10. Medical Support.
Funding permitting and depending on a full complement of 8 players, we would like a specific team masseur, and would rely on the general team medical resources otherwise.
11. Officials.
We would require a team coach and a team Manager.
12. Uniforms.
Apart from official ACP 'walking out' uniforms, and tracksuits, our sport requires full white tennis style competition clothing.
13. Other Matters.
We would need to budget for practice shuttlecocks - an expensive item in pre Games practice in Europe/Barcelona.
We will consult with the ACP and fellow Commonwealth Games sports on how they programme, budget, and audit their two sources for funding, and determine, for our benefit as much as ACP and ACP, a calendar of funding accounting.
We presume this is done now by these sports.
It is new to us.



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REPORT FROM THE AUSTRALIAN BADMINTON UMPIRES COMMITTEE - 1988

Two well worthwhile seminars were held this year.

Ian McDowell went to Queensland for a seminar in June 25-26 to assist with the preparation of their local umpires for the Australian Championships held in July. Fourteen experienced umpires attended the seminar and appreciated the expertise of an IUP Certificated Umpire. If the video taken at the seminar can be edited it could be of value to other State branches who circulate it through the country and provincial areas.

Alan McElroy and Greg Vellacott spent a weekend in Geraldton to give a solid foundation for umpires in the area seeking to improve their qualifications.

At the Uper and Thomas qualifying rounds in Melbourne in February Greg Vellacott completed the written examination successfully for the IUP Accredited Certificate. Mr. Vellacott led a team of local umpires at the Australian Bi-centennial Tournament in Perth in July and reports from there indicated a favorable performance by all.

The re-establishment of a NSW Branch Association is in the hands of State Secretary Yvonne Kavanagh while Ian McDowell is attempting to sort out the problems of the Sydney group of Umpires. It is hoped that between these two members of ABUC there will be a consolidated branch of umpires.

The draft budget for 1989 hopes to provide assistance for all branches with probable seminars prior to the Australian Championships or State Championships. There is a proposal also to conduct a seminar at Launceston prior to the Junior Championships.

Northern Territory is in need of an Umpires Branch and it is hoped that the incoming committee will tackle this project.

Although the job of Referees and Umpires is not the same it is important that Referees are fully knowledgeable of the Laws of Badminton as well as all the Rules and Regulations surrounding tournaments. The initiative to hold a Referees Course in Perth, in September, is another project of ABUC in 1989.

The ABUC is hopeful of having a set of standard assessment papers in 1989. The European BU Technical Committee papers are a good basis of such assessment papers. National Umpires will re-assessed every three years beginning forthwith. Internationally assessments are carried annually with written reports provided to each umpire. This could be done in Australia.

Thanks for the opportunity to be involved with ABUC and also thanks to the members of ABUC for work on behalf of the sport.



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ABUC Report 2.

The breakdown of the Umpires and their qualifications in each branch is:-

	International	National	State	Umpire	Total
Victoria	1 Cert,	10	3	13	27
West Australia	1 Pt. Acc.	13	9	1	24
Tasmania		4	8	10	22
Queensland		1	6	9	16
New South Wales		-	5	11	16
South Australia		2	3	4	9
Aust. Cap. Terr.		2	-	3	5
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1988

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I have examined the records of the Australian Badminton Umpires Committee to 31st December 1988 and have received all information required. The examination was limited to the amounts recorded in the books.

In my opinion the statement is drawn up to present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Committee according to the information and explanations received.

Peter Franklin
Peter Franklin, A.A.S.A., Auditor
9th January 1989



AUSTRALIAN BADMINTON COACHES' COMMITTEE

1988 ANNUAL REPORT - FROM ROB FYFE

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of the committee was Sze Ning On, Charles Stapleton, Jean Tyrrell, Ken Turner and Geraldine Brown (Secretary). Sze Ning On left the committee in April when he left Australia to take up a position in Taiwan. He was not replaced.

TRAINING CAMP.

The committee provided the coaches for the National Training Camp, in the AIS in April. Jean Tyrrell assumed responsibility for it when Sze Ning On left only 48 hours before the camp was due to start. Aided only by Ken Turner, Jean did an excellent job. A full report on the camp was raised earlier this year.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

During the camp, the members of the committee present (Jean, Ken and Charles) held a meeting, with myself, as Board representative, present. The main topics were the level 3 and level 0 courses. The former had been submitted to the Australian Coaching Council late in 1987, but had been rejected. Discussions were held with ACC during the camp, and the areas of change were identified. Ken Turner agreed to modify the course for later committee consideration. The need for a Level 0 course was well known. It was agreed that a booklet like "ABC Squash" would be appropriate and Jean Tyrrell and myself were tasked with preparing the text for a booklet which would be used as the manual for the course, but would also be suitable for P.R. use as a Youth Sports book. The work on both of those courses was done. The latter has been sighted by the ACC, and the former about to be formally re-submitted.

STATE VISITS.

No visits were made to any states at ABCC cost, but Jean Tyrrell visited Tasmania and conducted a clinic there at TBA cost.

The QBCC funded a visit by Jean to Queensland to conduct a clinic. On this occasion Jean was accompanied by Rudi Bartholomeusz, a Victorian Level 3 coach, to assist in carrying out a refresher and update for a number of Queensland coaches who attended.

SEMINAR.

A Seminar was held in Melbourne on 12-13 November. The Seminar was conducted primarily to pass on information received at the Elite Seminar conducted by the ACC earlier. Jean Tyrrell, who had attended the ACC event for ABA, arranged and conducted the activities.

Approximately 16 coaches attended, including 3 from Queensland, & 1 from Tas. Topics covered included:

- * Early treatment of injuries and the coach's role, incl. practical strapping demonstrations.
- * Practical weight training for badminton.
- * Athletes and Asthma
- * Physiological needs of young players in training and in games.
- * Preparing a years programme.
- * Mental rehearsal and preparation.
- * On court training methods demonstrations.

The seminar was regarded as successful by those able to attend. The ABCC subsidised the attendance of the interstate visitors to an agreed formula.

FINANCE.

The Financial Statement has been raised and audited. Funds remaining in the ABCC account at 31 December, 1988 were \$345.06.

AUSTRALIAN BADMINTON COACHES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1988

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
	BANK BALANCE AS AT 1ST JAN.	\$1,703.48	A.I.S. SEMINAR -FEE	061987	25.00
APRIL 15	VICTORIAN COACHES ASSOC.	225.00	J. TYRRELL -SEMINAR	88	268.00
MAY 20	S.A. COACHES ASSOC.	69.00	ANSETT	89	522.00
SEPT. 9	TASMANIAN COACHES ASSOC.	45.00	CANANADIAN COACHES ASSN.	90	147.04
	QLD. COACHES ASSOC.	69.00	POSTAGE, PHOTO COPYING	91	58.55
SEPT. 27	S.A. COACHES ASSN.	51.00	VIDEOS - QLD.	92	100.00
NOV. 8	W.A. COACHES ASSOC.	56.00	REFUND SEMINAR-BENSEMANN	93	73.50
NOV. 10	W.A. COACHES ASSOC.	6.00	PETTY CASH/STATIONERY	94	85.00
	A.B.A.	1,300.00	ACCOMMODATION - SEMINAR	95	1,215.50
			CARNAVON-LECTURE SEMINAR	96	100.00
			SPEAKER SEMINAR	97	50.00
			SPEAKERS/STATIONERY SEMINAR	98	258.00
			SUNSHINE COAST ASSOC.	99	189.00
			REFUND SEMINAR ATTENDEE	200	73.50
			BANK FEES		14.33

Audited
 BALANCE OF ACCOUNT
 \$3,179.42
 345.06
 \$3,524.48

\$3,524.48

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OCEANIA BADMINTON CONFEDERATION

(Affiliated to International Badminton Federation)

President:

Mrs. Heather Robson:

MARCH, 1989

Secretary:

Hon. H. R. Ward:

REPORT FOR BIENNIAL MEETING

Most of the activity throughout the year has been correspondence with the Members and prospective members, contact regularly with the Secretary-General of Oceania National Olympic Committee and generally getting to know the workings of the Olympic movement in the Oceania region.

FIJI: Eventual contact was made with Mrs. Honor Te Koi who is a New Zealander working in Fiji. She is Secretary (Pro Tem) and is trying to re-establish the Fiji Badminton Association. It appears that the FBA was in administrative difficulties well before the political problems.

WESTERN SAMOA: Thanks to Miss Mere Lole for her regular contact with the Secretary of OBC. Work is now being undertaken to help with the local program of development. Some assistance is forthcoming from the IBF. Seiuli Paul Wallwork is very helpful. He is President of the Western Samoa NOC. He was educated in Sydney (Australia).

VANUATU: The Secretary wrote to a contact but this was fruitless. Further efforts have been made through Mr. Seru Korikalo, the Secretary-General of the Vanuatu NOC without answer to the correspondence.

TONGA: Mr. Brian Wightman has been helpful. The South Pacific Games will be held from August 22 to September 1. Bad minton has not been included but there will be development after the games.

NEW CALEDONIA (A member of the France Federation de Badminton): The FFB has given approval for the OBC to make contact with the NCBA. However there is an agreement that the FFB should be kept informed of our involvement.

GUAM: Contact is through Miss Jill Nasset. No further information for this Biennial Meeting.

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS: Contact is through the President of the NMIOC, Mr. Bill Sakovich. Nothing to report.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Nothing to report in spite of communication.

SOLIDARITY: The attached report on a National Application for funding is attached. The booklet put out by the IBF is slightly misleading because all applications on funding must be received by the IOC Solidarity Director by September 15. In the meantime there is the lengthy process of National, ONOC and International Federation approvals to be obtained. Therefore, in Oceania all applications close the ONOC Secretary-General on March 8. The meeting of ONOC will discuss these applications on June 14 at a General Meeting and then they are prepared for a general submission to the Solidarity Director to reach him not later than September 15. At the meeting on June 14 it is generally the Representative of the Region on the International body who presents the case for the Sports Funding. This will be done by the OBC Secretary this year.

DEVELOPMENT: Western Samoa is a small nation which hopes to join the IAF this year. It needs the services of a coach and general direction. Cost of coach airfare is A\$1000 from Australia. There is also need for videos to assist them.

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