



HILLS TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

17th November 2025

Presidents Report

Welcome everyone! All club representatives and management committee members, thank you for attending the Hills Table Tennis Association 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM), our first at Scott Creek Hall.

For the most part the season largely ran smoothly. I do think we continue the focus on commencing matches on or even before 7:30pm whilst keeping tables ticking over. I'm not aware of many issues where matches didn't commence by 7:30pm and conclude around 10pm. We should keep reminding teams to keep this practice going.

I commend the premierships teams on their success, in **Division 4** the **Basket Range Bees 8-19** defeated the **Mt Barker/Nairne Chihuahuas 4-11**. In **Division 3** the **Scott Creek Devils 7-14** defeated the **Aldgate Penguins 4-14**. In **Division 2** the **Aldgate Orcas 9-30** defeated the **Hahndorf Geckos 3-14**. And finally in **Division 1** the **Aldgate Sharks 8-26** defeated the **Scott Creek Koalas 3-14**.

Before the season commenced, the withdrawal of the Upper Sturt team from Division 1 created an initial challenge. This situation was compounded when the previously nominated Aldgate Div 1 team also withdrew unbalancing the Div 1 teams. However, the greater concern is Upper Sturt. Moving forward, as an association, a priority should be placed on ensuring that another club is not permanently lost—as occurred with Mylor—so, if possible, every effort should be made to retain the Upper Sturt club.

During the season, several teams incurred penalties (lost premierships points) because they had not paid their association fees on time. Following a special association meeting to address this I am confident that all teams (or their club representatives) now fully understand the necessity of ensuring association fees are paid by the due date. I sincerely hope that such an issue and discussion on removing a team's premierships points will never be necessary in the future.

The inter-association competition with the Torrens Valley Table Tennis Association was not held this year as it appears increasingly difficult to find a suitable day amongst the two associations on which to hold the matches. Additionally, it seems there is some apathy around continuing the event (from both Associations) which is unfortunate as in general it was a fun event.

The annual doubles and singles tournaments for all divisions were successfully held on the 8th, 10th, 15th and 17th of July. The competition was well organised this year by David Helbig with Steve Hooper organising the hall and setup leaving myself the straightforward job of running the event(s). We had similar participation numbers and support as previous years, with many competitive matches. A specific concern identified was the late finish of the Division 1/2 tournament, which concluded after midnight. The root cause of this is most likely allowing players from Div 2 to play across the Open and Div 2 events leading to roadblocks in progressing matches. This will need to be considered for future tournaments and with an aim to wrap up the event on, or before 11pm.

The HTTA presentation night took place on Friday, 3rd October, at the Stirling Hotel. A key highlight of the evening was the formal induction of our newest life members, David Helbig and Nick Ozols. David received his Life Membership from fellow life member and Vice President Steve Hooper.

Attendance at this year's event was lower than expected, presumably because of the long weekend, which resulted in several absent teams and members. Additionally, our sponsor Paul Kolelden and Patron Josh Teague MP, were both unavailable.

Fortunately, Lisa Woolcock, the new Adelaide Hills Ranges Ward Councilor, attended to support the association. Lisa enthusiastically presented the shields and pennants to the premiers and runners-up across all divisions and awarded medals to the winners of the 2025 HTTA Tournament.

A sincere thank you to our official office bearers: David Box, our Treasurer, for his management of HTTA's finances, and David Helbig, our Recording Secretary, for his active work on the HTTA website, news, and updates as well as organising HTTA events.

The Secretary position remains unfilled and has been collectively managed by John Haskey, Steve Hooper, and David Helbig. While we have managed the essential tasks, some smaller duties may have been delayed or overlooked. We really need to discuss how to fill this role properly as soon as possible.

I especially thank the HTTA management committee and club representatives for your support and contributions in ensuring HTTA continues to function effectively for the mutual enjoyment of our winter evening sport.

Finally with the 2025 season behind us, I commend the next elected members to the HTTA management committee the very best of success in promoting and growing table tennis in the Adelaide Hills.

Respectfully submitted,

John Haskey

President

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