

A P (Tony) Andrikonis, Life Member in 1981: Tony started playing in the early fifties and captured the State junior title in 1952 and again in 1955, 1956 and 1957. He was an attractive hard bat defensive player with a deadly backhand hit. When the National Fitness Council introduced coaching programs for table tennis, Tony Andrikonis also a gifted basketballer, was appointed State Coaching Director. In 1956 at Devonport he wrested the State Open men's singles title from Ralph Wilcox, who had won it each year since the end of WW2. He won the State singles crown again in 1957 and 1959, and in partnership with fellow Lithuanian, Stan Valaitis won State doubles titles in 1956, 1957, 1959 and 1960.