



# Tasmanian Masters Squash

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## A word from MJB Our President

Welcome to everyone to the mid-year edition of our newsletter. I hope everyone is well, playing good squash and having a great time.

In July of course we had our State championships in Hobart. This year we had players from northern Tasmania, Victoria, WA and New Zealand. Thanks to these people as they helped make the tournament a great success. The Div 1 final was a thrilling match between Tasmanian Hamish Laws and Victorian Michael Bourke with Hamish getting there in 5.

The Saturday night dinner dance was also a great success with a terrific band. With so many Tas masters turning 60 this year there was a 60<sup>th</sup> cake adding extra celebration to the evening. Thanks to those that helped setup a great night.

At the Sunday presentation for these championships our annual Marlene Champ Memorial award was presented to Elaine Boxhall and Simon Ottway for their magnificent support and sponsorship of Tas Masters which has been over many years. This is very much appreciated and many thanks.

The Australian Masters championships in Canberra are just a week away so I hope those going are finding form at the right time. Good luck to everyone going.

The biennial Trans Tasman test series is being held in conjunction with these championships. Gaye Mitchell is playing in the team representing Australia in the 55-59 age group. The format of the TT is two test matches before the individual championships and one after. Good luck to Gaye.

A stalwart of Tas squash and a longtime masters member John Harding turns 78 in this coming week. A great effort John and all the best for the future.

Finally, thanks go to the hard working Tas Masters committee for their time and effort in helping keep Tas Masters ticking along.

All the best  
MJB



Michael Brown President

# TASMANIAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS REPORT

The TMSA July tournament was held at the Eastside Squash Centre on July 7, 8, 9. With a small entry list of 68 players which included 10 from Victoria, 6 from New Zealand and 1 from Western Australia.

Although small in numbers it was big on quality matches and the social activities and interaction of players was pleasing to see. It all started with the DJ Motors sponsored welcome pizza on Friday night in our clubrooms. The Saturday night dinner dance with the theme "Back to School" was a big hit, (more on that later).

Local lad Hamish (he is our baby) took the gold in Div 1 with a bevy of Victorians 2nd/3rd/4th.

Div 2: Gaye Mitchell outlasted Leon Gallivan (Vic) 3-1

Div 3: Saw the first of the Kiwi's Brian Thrupp get over Chris Rowland in a tight 5 setter.

Div 4: Karen Ryder upheld the local flag defeating Shane Thorpe (Vic) in 5.

Div 5: Saw another match go the full distance with long and lean local George Kovacs defeating the Kiwi pocket rocket Tina Steadman.

Div 6: Was the 5th final to go to 5 sets with Kym Hancock the winner and Beth Bamford runner up.

Div 7: R/R 5. 1st Annie Baker, 2nd Di Kinghorn

Div 8: R/R 5. 1st Marc Kinghorn, 2nd Diana McHenry

Div 9: R/R 5. 1st Rachael Roberts, 2nd Belinda Evers

Div 10: R/R 5. 1st Rose Searle, 2nd Janine Jeffrey

It was great to have the group from New Zealand attend and compete in our tournament.

8 Kiwi's left the shores of the land of the long white cloud and picked up "Junior" who has been living in Queensland and were met at the Hobart airport by David McDonald and Ross Barnden.

After picking up their hired people mover, David proceeded to show them how "not" to find their accommodation in Battery Point, but all turned out well in the end after finding their units and some take-away food.

Grading the 6 unknown players was always going to be an arduous task but with the help of our resident expat Kiwi Paul Tuffin we got it fairly close. Thanks Paul, also Jackie Douglas with whom many emails passed, got us there.

Michael Bourke (Vic) is becoming quite a regular as he brings his young family to Tasmania for a holiday which coincides with our tournament. Maybe next year he will bring his mum & dad (also masters players).

Doug Minchin (WA) - a work and family trip. Shane Thorpe an ex Tasmanian and Michael Fatouris (Vic) who brought his mother down to the casino for the weekend.

Darren O'Neill also gathered a group from Victoria to join us.

Thank you to all these players.

Ross Barnden  
Tournament Director

*A big thankyou to our sponsors for their generous support for the tournament. These sponsors include **Swisse Vitamins, Globes Lighting, Kam Joinery, Tasmanian Key Services, Tierney Law, Grays & Eastside Squash.***

# TAS CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS



## Division 1

First: Hamish Laws  
 Runner-Up: Michael Bourke (Vic)  
 Plate: David Pentecost



## Division 2

First: Gaye Mitchell  
 Runner-Up: Leon Gallivan (Vic)  
 Plate: Doug Minchin (WA)



## Division 3

First: Brian Thrupp (NZ)  
 Runner-Up: Chris Rowland  
 Plate: Bob Simmons



## Division 4

First: Karen Rider  
 Runner-U: Shane Thorpe  
 Plate: Jackie Douglas (NZ)



## Division 5

First: George Kovacs  
 Runner-Up: Tina Steadman (NZ)  
 Plate: Garry Hulme



## Division 6

First: Kym Hancock  
 Runner-Up: Beth Bamford  
 Plate: Glen Tremayne



## Division 7

First: Annie Baker  
 Runner-Up: Di Kinghorn



## Division 8

First: Mark Kinghorn  
 Runner-Up: Diana McHenry



## Division 9

First: Rachael Roberts  
 Runner-Up: Belinda Evers



## Division 10

First: Rose Searle  
 Runner-Up: Janine Jeffrey





# TASMANIAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS WEEKEND

# BACK TO SCHOOL





What a sensational weekend of squash, fun, friendship & frivolity! Saturday nights dinner dance would not have been a success without the hard work of volunteers in our squash club. From the decorations, to the food, the band and a great bunch of party goers. Thanks to all those who put in a lot of time and effort to dress up in their school outfits, it certainly made us masters look and feel a lot younger for the night—even though the next day we may have felt our age on the court.





# Australian Masters Squash Championships Canberra September 2-13, 2013

## AUSTRALIA v NEW ZEALAND TEST SERIES

Gaye Mitchell has been selected to represent Australia in this 3 match test series in the O/55 women's.

The first test is being held at the Woden Courts on Friday 20th August commencing at 6.00 pm

The second test (Woden again) Sunday 1st September 5.00pm

The third test (Woden again) Saturday 7th September 5.00 pm

If you are able to - go along and support Australia and especially Gaye.

## INDIVIDUALS 2nd - 6th September

A small representative field

### MEN

Hamish Laws  
Michael Brown  
Bobs Simmons  
George Kovacs  
Garry Hulme  
Hans Kerkvliet  
Ross Barnden  
Mike Haybittle

### WOMEN

Gaye Mitchell  
Vicki Fox  
Judy Fox  
Elaine Boxhall  
Sandra Fogarty



We wish all these players well—ENJOY!

The individuals draw is now available on line. Follow link below -

<http://squash.actmasters.org.au/2013/05/19/australian-masters-squash-championships-2013/>

## INTERSTATE TEAMS SERIES 9th - 13th September

Tasmania has entered a small contingent consisting of 9 teams with 29 players

***“Come on Tassie bring home some gold/silver”***

Due to lack of elite players - the teams event is being redrawn and may not be available till next week.

### TEAM 1

Hamish Laws  
Rod Cahill  
Cameron Phillips

### TEAM 2

John Jeffrey  
Simon Ottway  
Peter Edwards

### TEAM 3

Vicki Fox  
George Kovacs  
Hans Kerkvliet

### TEAM 4

Cheryl Unsworth  
Wendy Ashley  
Garry Hulme

### TEAM 5

Kym Hancock  
Glen Tremayne  
Judith Fox

### TEAM 6

Di Kinghorn  
Annie Baker  
Ross Barnden

### TEAM 7

Jenny Brown  
Marcus Kinghorn  
David McDonald  
Tony Smeekes

### TEAM 8

Ann Collins  
Elaine Boxhall  
Lizzy Harper

### TEAM 9

Karen Clifford  
Sandra Fogarty  
Warwick Ashley  
Janine Jeffrey

## TASMANIAN TEAMS GET-TOGETHER/MEETING SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

All teams representatives and their spouse/partner are invited to meet and get-together at 4.00pm on Sunday 8th at the Pinnacle Apartments, starting with a brief welcome and dissemination of courts and times for all teams for the week.

This will be followed by a BBQ (weather permitting) or chicken & salads with a few drinks. Ross will pass on more details as the even gets closer. Either way our 2 sponsors - Kam Joinery (Simon Ottway) and the Tasmanian Masters will ensure we will be adequately nourished.

### BADGES

Badges are now available at \$5 each. You can purchase these before we leave or at our get together. See Annie Baker.

### WRINKLIES

We have been putting a lot of effort into our gig this year. Elaine Boxhall's daughter Ash is our choreographer and is working hard to make us look good. We realise how difficult it is to get everyone together to participate, be we do try our best to give everyone the opportunity to be involved in some way. There will be a practice on the Sunday evening of our teams get-together after all the formalities are over with. Thanks Ash for all your efforts

### TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT TO ACCOMMODATION

We will endeavour to meet flights into Canberra and transport participants to the Pinnacle Apartments. Some Virgin and Qantas flights land within fifteen minutes of each other so collection point maybe at or near either terminal. Call Ross 0408 442 515 when you have collected baggage.

### TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM COURTS

Please remember: Each time you get into a vehicle, masters team cars or private cars - \$2 goes into kitty, this will help with fuel costs.

### FEDERAL ELECTION SATURAY 7th SEPTEMBER

Don't forget to vote absentee early or postal vote as it may be difficult to do so whilst away or flying.

HAVE A GREAT TOURNAMENT

*SHOW OTHERS HOW TASSIE'S PARTY AND WHAT GREAT SPORTS WE ARE!*

Ross Barnden  
Tas Teams Co-ordinator



### Tassie T's for Sale

There are still a few T shirts available at \$20 each. Men and Women's, various sizes. See Ross Barnden. Nice modelling Ross!



HAMISH LAWS  
TURNED 40  
On 22nd August  
Congrats to our  
Tasmanian Masters  
Champion

# MONDAY MASTERS PENNANT

## Finals night! 5th August

Congratulations to the winners – Barbados – John Jeffrey, Elizabeth Hickey, Sandra Fogarty and Mitsubishi – Cameron Phillips, Hans Kerkvliet, Diane Kinghorn who were the winners of the respective leagues tonight. Both teams each win a \$150 voucher at the Ball & Chain with the compliments of our generous sponsor, Simon Ottway of KAM Joinery. This celebration was held on Saturday 24th August and by all accounts was a most enjoyable evening.

Cheers Cheryl

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Monday Masters Pennant continues to be a very popular with a strong following. On behalf of everyone a big thankyou to Cheryl Unsworth and Ross Barnden for organising and running the pennant. Not only is there lots of great squash played the social aspect and supper afterwards is the most enjoyable part.

Don't forget to check your roster to see if its your turn to provide supper. Remember there will be prize packs for the best supper on the night.

We ask that next pennant (and beyond!) that everyone cleans up after themselves so the few that stay later, are not left cleaning up each week. The supper teams could be in charge of the clean up on their supper nights. It would be great too, if everyone totalled the game scores as it will save some computer time and Cheryl can come upstairs and drink/socialise.

## The Marlene Champ Award

Marlene was one of the original founding members of the Tassie Masters and treasurer for many years. In commemoration of her contribution to squash we award the memorial trophies to a male and female for their contribution to Masters squash. This year the awards went to Elaine Boxhall and Simon Ottway for their continued dedication and sponsorship to our fine sport. Great Effort.



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AMAZING JOHN HARDING

78 YEARS OLD on 27 August

What can we say about our John:

Coaches juniors

Runs Gentle Squash

Coordinates a ladies' group

Is our resident racket re-stringer

Supplier of lemons to any visitors to his house!

just goes on and on.....

We hope we are as active as you are when we get to your age!

Happy birthday John from all the squashies.



A VERY BIG THANKYOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS THAT SUPPORTED OUR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN JULY AND MADE IT A HUGE SUCCESS.

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# A VERY FISHY TALE

Our very generous sponsor, Simon Ottway of Kam Joinery along with the "Deckie" Ross Barnden took the 5 male Kiwi's for a full days fishing trip whilst the 4 girls did some local retail therapy.

Simon had his boat berthed at the MYCT Lindisfarne so we met at 7 am on a very icy jetty ran through a few safety details then set off. An enjoyable cruise down the harbour with the sun appearing ahead of us and being warmed by fresh tea and coffee. Round the Iron Pot past Black jack then across Fredrick Henry Bay to Dunalley.

Through the Canal another warm drink with party pies and sausage rolls for morning tea and through The Narrows, the guys were getting pretty toey to cast a line so we stopped in Marion Bay opposite the pine plantation, caught a few and moved on to "Boy in the Boat" off the southern point of Maria Island, catching a few more fish. Lunch was on with a hot dish and fresh salad rolls. We then moved to a pebbly bottom, east of Maria - some flatties and a perch - then out to a depth of 70 metres. While the boys were still catching, Simon and Ross started the process of cleaning and filleting.

After the guys had pulled up 98 good sized "keepers" with many going back to grow-up and the rest cleaned & filleted we pulled the line in. 25% OF THE CATCH WERE "Kingies".

Back to Lindisfarne enjoying bickies and cheese and dips on a leisurely cruise passing some dolphins off Howrah on the way. We picked up the girls and headed back under the bridge to Constitution Dock with a few celebrative drinks in hand. Some chips from Fish Frenzy accompanies 34 very fresh flathead fillets cooked on the BBQ on the stern of Simons boat "Opulent" BUT THATS HOW IT WAS.

We returned to the berth in Lindisfarne and bade our fishing and dining companions farewell. 7.30 pm - night over - well not quite . . . Tidy up the boat then rinse the salt from the throat . . . NOW THAT WAS A DAY!!!

## SQUASH CALENDER

**AUSTRALIAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS  
CANBERRA**

SEPTEMBER 2-13

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**VICTORIAN MASTERS CALENDAR**

Ballarat November 22-24

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