

SQUASH AUSTRALIA

ANNUAL REPORT 07



Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission



HEAD®



POWERING UP YOUR GAME

Play your passion. Support your game with the new HEAD Championship ball and the new HEAD Metallix™ 160. Made of a specially designed matrix of carbon fibers and a new crystalline metal alloy the Metallix™ 160 is the most aggressive HEAD Tour Squash racquet ever. The choice of Pros like David Palmer.

metallix™



head.com

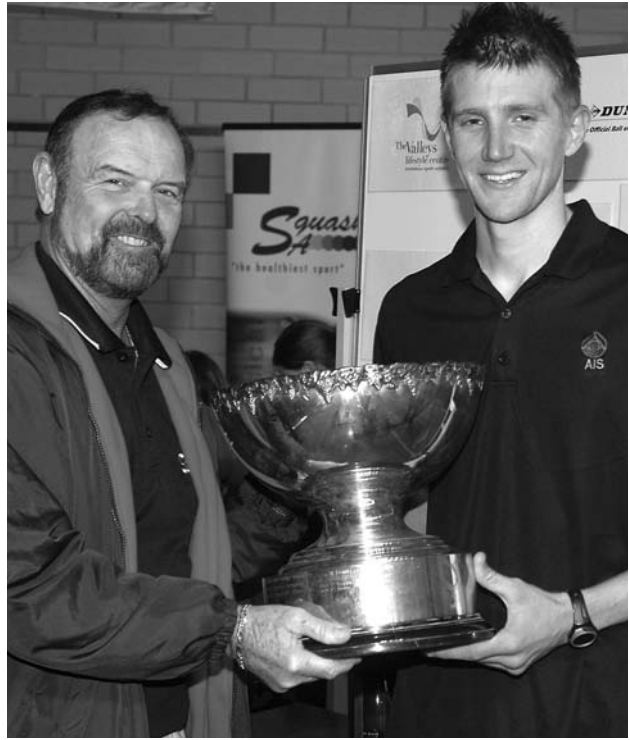
David Palmer,
2-Times World Champion*
3-Times British Open Winner**

*2002 und 2006; **2001, 2003 und 2004





Anthony Ricketts at the Tournament of Champions
SquashPics.com



Stewart Boswell 2007 Winner Australian Open with John Holland



2007 Australian Men's Team – Runner Ups in the 21st ICL World Men's Team Squash Championships
SquashPics.com

CONTENTS

Squash Australia Board	3	Junior Women's World	23
Squash Australia Staff	4	Championships	
Squash Australia Staff	5	Australian Junior Championships	24
Presidents Report	6	2007 in Pictures	25 - 27
Chief Executive Officer Report	7	Hall of Fame Dinner	28
National Technical Report	8	National Junior Series Report	31
Message from the Australian Sports Commission	9	National Teams Championships	32
Media Liaison Officer Report	10	Australian Deaf Squash Association Report	32
National Coaching Manager Report	11	Arafura Games Report	33
National Refereeing Manager Report	12	PSCAA Report	33
World Squash Federation Conference and AGM	13 - 14	NSW Squash Report	34
Exceptional Effort	14 - 15	Squash NT Report	35
ALS Squash Program Report	16 - 17	Squash SA Report	36
Australian Open Champions	18	QSquash Report	37
Australian Closed Champions	19	Squash Tasmania Report	38
Australian Open Doubles Championships	20	Squash ACT Report	39
World Men's Team Championships	21 - 22	WA Squash Report	40
		VSF Report	40 - 41
		VIS Report	42
		History	43 - 50
		Squash Australia Organisational Chart	51

Photographs kindly supplied by
Stephen Line of SquashPics.com (as detailed and page 26)



Squash Australia's 2006 Award Winners (L - R):
Byron Davis, Ryan Cuskelly, Meryl Loss, Peta Hughes, Carin Clonda (on behalf of David Palmer), John Small and Greg Hutchings

SQUASH AUSTRALIA BOARD



PRESIDENT
Mr John Holland

PORTFOLIOS
ACGA Delegate
IOC Delegate
Sponsorship
National Rankings/Player
Database



VICE PRESIDENT – FEMALE
Ms Sarah Fitz-Gerald

PORTFOLIOS
Junior Squash
National Tournaments
High Performance



VICE PRESIDENT – MALE
Mr Richard Best

PORTFOLIOS
Coaching
Officiating
Masters



DIRECTOR
Mr Stephen Derbyshire

PORTFOLIOS
Financial
Information Technology
Insurance



DIRECTOR
Mrs Carol Kawaljenko

PORTFOLIOS
Women's Squash
Rural and Indigenous Squash
Oceania Delegate



PATRON
Mr Chris Dittmar



Squash Australia Board at the Squash Australia Awards Dinner 2007

SQUASH AUSTRALIA STAFF



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Mr Gary O'Donnell



**FINANCE AND
ADMINISTRATON OFFICER**
Ms Jenna Van Heerden
(from July 07)



**FINANACE AND
ADMINISTRATION
OFFICER**
Ms Bridget Harris
(until July 07)



**ADMINISTRATION
ASSISTANT**
Ms Kate Calcino



MEDIA LIAISON OFFICER
Mr Andrew Dent



**NATIONAL TECHNICAL
MANAGER**
Mr Greg Hutchings (until July 07)



**NATIONAL COACHING
MANAGER**
Mr Jeffery Wollstein



**NATIONAL REFEREEING
MANAGER**
Mr John Small



Squash Australia Staff at the Squash Australia Awards Dinner 2007

SQUASH AUSTRALIA

Office 9, Sports House, 150 Caxton Street, Milton, QLD, 4064

Founded 1934

Founding Member of International Squash Rackets Federation (1976) now the World Squash Federation (WSF)

Auditor

Bevan Schafferius

Members

Australian Capital Territory Squash Rackets Association (Inc)
New South Wales Squash Ltd
Squash Northern Territory (Inc)
QSquash
Squash Rackets Association of South Australia (Inc)
Squash Rackets Association of Western Australia (Inc)
Tasmanian Squash Rackets Association (Inc)
Victorian Squash Federation (Inc)

Affiliate Members

Australia Deaf Squash Association, Australian Squash Rackets Referees Association, Gay and Lesbian Squash Association, Professional Squash Coaches Association of Australia

High Performance Committee

Greg Hutchings (Chair), Barbara Slotemaker de Bruine, Byron Davis, Geoff Davenport, Karen Morrissey

National Awards Dinner Committee

Bob Finch, Gary O'Donnell, Jenna Van Heerden, Kate Calcino

National Coaching Committee

Jeff Wollstein (Chair), Anthony Polling, Barbara Slotemaker de Bruine, Bill Cook, Grant Gough, Manfred Lang, Tim Batty

National Coaches Panel

Barbara de Bruine, Bill Cook, Geoff Davenport, Grant Gough, Jeffrey Wollstein, Kelly Fowler, Mike Cornish, Noel Forster, Peter Saxby, Richard Cagliarini, Terry White, Tim Batty

National Historical Committee

Owen Parmenter (Chair), Dick Carter, Geoffrey Biggers, Jeffrey Wollstein, John Cameron

National Junior Committee

Glenn Reece (Chair), Des Panizza, Karen Morrissey, Noel Forster, Susan Cowell

National Venues Committee

Ian Kent

Rules and Refereeing Committee

John Small (Chair) Chris Sinclair, Damien Green

National Selectors

Jeff Wollstein (Chair), Byron Davis, Dawn Moggach, Geoff Davenport, Kaye Reeves

Website Committee

Ray Strachan, Gary O'Donnell, Kate Calcino

Women's Committee

Sandie Davis (Chair), Kirsty Groves, Vicki Cardwell





Presidents Report

Squash Australia has seen some significant changes take place over the past year both in staffing and process.

After four years of excellent service, Norman Fry was tempted to join yachting in Brisbane, and we could not match their offer. Norman had revolutionised our systems and instigated a number of regulations which have enabled our sport to prosper and which have been copied by a number of other sporting bodies.

With Norman's departure we welcomed Gary O'Donnell who came to us with a wealth of sporting administration experience through his association with Volleyball. His familiarity with sporting administration has enabled him to quickly assimilate into the position and provide us with valuable input and guidance.

In June, our Finance and Administration Office, Bridget Harris, gave notice to pursue a career in the finance industry, and we welcomed Jenna Van Heerden to the role, who has proven a more than capable replacement.

Our Technical Manager, Greg Hutchings also resigned during the year, as he was tempted to another more lucrative role with MS. Greg's work on our competition circuit, and in particular his role with the 2006 Commonwealth Games, has been instrumental in the success our sport has enjoyed from a management perspective.

Early in the year, David Palmer was rewarded for his services to Squash as a competitor with an OAM, a fitting reward for an athlete who always gives of his best for Australia, and is an excellent ambassador for our sport.

Rachael and Natalie Grisham continue to perform very well on the world stage and they created history in the Women's World Open Championships, being the first sisters to every play-off in the final, which was won by Rachael.

Unfortunately, late in the year, Anthony Ricketts was forced to announce his retirement due to ongoing problems with his knees. Anthony has distinguished himself as an Australian representative and he will be missed on the professional circuit, not only for his squash prowess, but also his endearing personality.

Michelle Martin joined the AIS as a part-time coach during the year and Sarah Fitzgerald was contracted by the VIS – both these athletes bring a

wealth of experience to our programs and will make a difference as we rebuild our talent pools.

The Australian Open was trialled in a country area in South Australia, and the town of Clare in the wine region of the Clare Valley was an excellent choice. The local Council supported this initiative and provided their new sports facility which had new courts and a hall for the glass court. It was a resounding success and will again be held in the Clare Valley in 2008.

Our Junior Women's team competed in Hong Kong and went into the competition seeded 9th, and finished in 11th position. There is obviously a deal of work to be done in this area to bring Australia back up to be a threat to other nations.

There has been a review of the high performance pathway, and some significant initiatives have been adopted to ensure that we address the decline in our national performances, and re-assert ourselves as a force in World Squash.

The VIS squash unit has been recognised as a National Training Centre, and the SAAS unit is rapidly approaching accreditation status.

On a very positive note, I was privileged to watch our Men's team perform in India, and in a thrilling and absorbing final, they went down to England 3-1. Our team of David Palmer, Stewart Boswell, Cameron Pilley and Scott Arnold went into the event seeded 4th and finished in 2nd place – a great effort.

At our last AGM, both Margaret Zachariah and Ken Watson were awarded Life Membership, and Rodney Martin was inducted into our Hall of Fame.

The establishment of the Squash Australia Foundation Trust was also approved.

After many years with the Victorian Squash Federation, Paul Vear has announced his retirement. Paul will be missed, not only in Victoria, but throughout the squash community, and I take this opportunity to personally thank him for his hard work and support.

I would like to thank all Squash Australia personnel for their dedication throughout the past year. All do a great job for our sport and ensure that we meet our obligations and progress squash in Australia.

My thanks to all members and squash enthusiasts for your support and I trust that I will be able to continue to serve the sport we all love.

John Holland
President



Chief Executive Officer Report

The assessment of a sporting organisation's performance in any given year is an interesting challenge, for while we focus ourselves on the annual tasks needed to be completed, the organisation is on a long term journey and a view towards the future is essential.

2007 was a year of significant activity for Squash Australia. This Annual Report will provide extensive detail on the organisation's efforts, however, I will take this opportunity to highlight a number of areas of operation, key individuals and organisations.

Behind the scenes work for a sporting organisation is extensive, with wide responsibilities to be covered from regulatory environments including corporation law, community (e.g. child protection), ethics (e.g. anti-doping) to expectations of the sport's members and participants including education programs, communication, calendar development, membership and participation in international affairs.

These aspects were well coordinated by Squash Australia staff; Jenna Van Heerden, Jeff Wollstein, John Small, Andrew Dent, Kate Calcino and former staff Bridget Harris and Greg Hutchings with the contribution of many fantastic volunteers across a range of committees that support the sport.

Over the year, the reinstigation of meetings between the Executive Officers of the Members Associations and myself, particularly focussed on 'the business of squash', will I believe, create a framework to a greater level of co-ordination across the states that will benefit the sport.

Similarly on the world level the emergence of meetings of Executive Officers of National Squash Federations will enhance the growth of the sport on the international scene. The opportunity to engage with our near neighbours more regularly and receive a 'reality check' on the challenges that face the smaller squash nations really focuses the organisation at a practical level.

We should feel pride in our efforts to support the internationally not only by our participation in world championships, but also by the many Australians who serve on the Oceania Squash Federation, and by taking a leading role in the development of new

rules for Doubles Squash which were approved late in the year at the WSF AGM.

To Squash Australia's stakeholders and partners including the Australian Sports Commission, Australian Institute of Sport, the Australian Commonwealth Games Association, the Victorian Institute of Sport and each of our member state associations your engagement with Squash Australia is key to this organisation's ongoing success.

I commented above about a view towards the future. Squash is a mature sport and the national organisation will celebrate its 75th Anniversary in 2009. The tradition and experience gained across the years provides an important context for the organisation's operations however, we cannot rely on the past to deliver on our aspirations for the future. The sport faces numerous challenges, some which are external to us and others that are controlled from within. The external factors Squash Australian must face are;

- The growth in the sport internationally through the increased membership of the World Squash Federation, the inclusion of squash in over 20 multi-sport games and the men's and women's tours are all welcome but challenges us, for it is in this competitive environment that our teams and players must seek success.
- The domestic squash scene is pressured through the boom in national property values and market place choice for recreational sport and fitness.

While internally important goals to achieve are;

- Harnessing all the sport's organisational resources collectively and bring into the organisation those who are involved in the sport but extraneous to its structure;
- The building of our stakeholder base to gain a wider set of partners for the sport, these include government or commercial sponsors and
- Continued good management of the organisation.

Rising to these challenges in the context of our Mission and Vision statements will put the sport in control of its future.

This was my first year with Squash Australia and I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to engage with the individuals who comprise the sport. My personal thanks go to the Board of Directors and President John Holland for direction and support as we work towards making 2008 a great year for Squash in Australia.

Gary O'Donnell
Chief Executive Officer

National Technical Report

The portfolio of responsibilities that comprise the National Technical Manager include National Competition Management and High Performance. The position was formed in late 2006 and managed by Greg Hutchings through to mid 2007.

Competitions

Through Greg's good planning and the experience of our Championship hosts, the sweep of Squash Australia events were allocated and effectively delivered by the member states. Specific Championship summaries are contained in the Annual Report.

- Australian Open Championships – Squash South Australia
- Australian Closed Championships - Victorian Squash Federation
- Australian Junior (Individual & Team) Championships - QSquash
- Australian Doubles Championships - Victorian Squash Federation
- National Teams Championships - QSquash
- National Junior Series - ACT Squash
- Australian Junior Doubles (Graded) Championships - Victorian Squash Federation

Over the year, each Member State delivered a State Open and Junior Championships, and with numerous Centres and Clubs, in all over 50 WISPA and PSA tournaments were held across the nation.

Performance Pathway

National Teams - Two national teams attended World Championships in 2007.

The Senior Men (David Palmer, Stewart Boswell, Cameron Pilley & Scott Arnold, Aaron Frankcomb (reserve) with coach Byron Davis and physiotherapist Shane Lemke) competed with 28 nations in Chennai India.

The Junior Women (Kimberley Bessell, Melody Francis, Maggy Marshall & Laura Stock, Zoe Petrovansky (reserve) with coach Kelly Fowler and Head of Delegation Michelle Martin) competed with 19 nations in Hong Kong China.

Thanks are extended to the players and coaches, detailed reports on each tour are contained in the Annual Report.

National Junior Talent Squads

The Junior Talent Squads for each of the 2007 and 2009 Girls, 2008 and 2010 Boys were conducted with competitive opportunities either domestically or internationally provided for each program.

- the 2007 Girls selected in the Australian Junior Team were provided with grants to use on competition, (Kimberley Bessell, Maggy Marshall, Melody Francis, Zoe Petrovansky) choosing events in Malaysia.
- the 2008 Boys had two athletes travel to Malaysia Jacob Alexander (Qld) & Matt Hopkin (Qld), while Josh Larkin (ACT), Julius Krauss (Qld), Aaron Fyfe (NSW), Matthew Muller (QLD) played (PSA events) and trained in Western Australia.
- the 2009 Girls (Sarah Cardwell, Rachel Mahon, Christine Nunn, Tamika Saxby, Dijo Sexton, Tayla Sinclair) travelled to Malaysia for events in KL & Penang.
- the 2010 Boys (Jason Barrett, Jake Davidson, Sam Fife, Tim Cornish, Ben Werchon, Alexander Gough) travelled to Malaysia for events in KL & Penang.

Delhi 2010 Team

The Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games Team program commenced with;

- the appointment of Squash Australia nominees for Head Coach Byron Davis and Section Manager Greg Hutchings, subject to their final approval by the Australian Commonwealth Games Association (ACGA) in late 2009.
- a panel of Assistant Coaches, Tim Batty, Mike Cornish, Geoff Davenport, Sarah Fitz-Gerald, Michelle Martin and Jeff Wollstein, who will eventually produce a single Assistant Coach for the team.
- An initial squad of athletes including; Kasey Brown, Lisa Camilleri, Peta Hughes, Amelia Pittock, Donna Urquhart, Scott Arnold, Stewart Boswell, Ryan Cuskelly, Aaron Frankcomb, David Palmer, Cameron Pilley, Anthony Ricketts was named.
- A camp was held in July in Melbourne focussed on doubles squash.

Future

Over 2007 the organisation undertook an evaluation of the Performance Pathway which has lead to a number of structural changes that will progressively be implemented through 2008. The focus of these is to lead to a greater level of integration of our various squads, improved services to athletes, tighter leadership and focus and a greater level of accountability in performance.



Message From The Australian Sports Commission

Australia, for its small population and remoteness of location, continues to confound the world with its achievements on the international sporting stage. This position has been reached by the development of a comprehensive and effective national sport system that encourages sport and physical activity for all Australians and creates opportunities to enable those who are talented and motivated to reach their potential. This system has evolved with the strong support of the Australian Government, State/Territory and local governments, the private sector and sporting organisations at all levels.

At the national level, primary responsibility for developing and directing sport lies with national sporting organisations. On behalf of the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission plays central leadership, co-ordination, funding and advocacy roles in the operation of the Australian sport system, largely through the national sporting organisations. Indeed the Australian Government, through the Commission, is the major investor in Australian sport.

In 2006-07 the Australian Government, through the Commission, provided Squash Australia with funding of \$964,600 for the development of the

sport and its continued enhancement at the grass-root and elite levels, including an allocation of \$421,600 for the Australian Institute of Sport Squash program. Elite Australian squash players additionally received \$54,000 directly through the Australian Government Sports Training Grant initiative.

The Australian Sports Commission recognises that Squash Australia has continued to work to build its membership base and introduced a number of very worthwhile programs including a 'revamp' of its high performance program and the appointment of Australian Institute of Sport coach, Byron Davis as the National Head Coach.

A highlight of the last twelve months was the success of Australian squash players in world championship events. David Palmer won gold at the World Men's Championship in November 2006 and the Grinham sisters, Rachael and Natalie, won gold and silver respectively at the World Women's Championship in October 2007. Congratulations also to the Australian team of David Palmer, Stuart Boswell, Scott Arnold and Cameron Pilley which won the silver medal at the World Men's Team Championship in December 2007.

On behalf of the Commission, I look forward to working with Squash Australia in future for the betterment of Australian sport.

Mark A Peters
Chief Executive Officer
Australian Sports Commission



Anthony Ricketts at the 2007 Tournament of Champions.
SquashPics.com



Media Liaison Officer Report

Squash's presence in Australian media continued its slow and steady growth throughout 2007, with radio and regional newspapers again the shining lights for the sport. Without the dominating presence of the Commonwealth Games, the sport last year needed another event on which to focus and this was provided by the revitalised Australian Open in Clare.

Australian Open

The publicity and resultant media coverage generated by the Clare Valley Australian Open demonstrated the benefits of a cooperative approach from all relevant parties. Despite a relative short lead-in time, the organisers were able to bring the local newspaper – the Northern Argus – and the ABC on board from the beginning, which meant the people of Clare were kept up to date from an early stage. Squash Australia then joined the media push and national outlets were kept informed of developments through a series of media releases and draw announcements. This approach meant there was awareness in the Australian media that the Australian Open was being held, and that it was being held outside a capital city.

In the week leading up to the tournament and once the matches actually began, the increased coverage compared with recent years was immediately evident. While small stories did appear in the capital city newspapers, radio, and the ABC in particular, gave the event plenty of airtime. Players, organisers, coaches and even media liaison officers were interviewed for ABC news during the week, while on the weekend Stewart Boswell featured on Newsradio's nationally broadcast sports magazine show. Grandstand also did live crosses on Saturday and Sunday to get updates from the semi finals and finals. There was a small amount of television coverage, with Channel 7 in Adelaide running a piece, but because of the lack of vision, television was reduced to scores only. Capital city newspapers ran small items and scores, while regional newspapers who had a local player involved gave the tournament plenty of space. The Northern Argus also distributed photos around its fellow Rural Press newspapers, so, for example,

the Manning River Times in Taree was able to run photos alongside Kasey Brown stories. Shelley Kitchen's win also meant the Australian Open received a great deal of publicity in New Zealand newspapers and radio. Shelly did a number of live interviews with New Zealand radio in the hours after her win.

So why do we push the Australian Open so much? From a media point of view, squash needs something to hang its hat on. With our top players overseas so much, we need a local angle with which the media can identify. The Australian Open has a rich tradition, and if it is promoted properly the mainstream media will support it with editorial space. But we need to make it easy for them – they won't chase us. We need to make players available; we need to provide top quality photographs from local tournaments' and if possible we need to provide vision from the Australian Open. We also need to give the impression of a well-run series of tournaments leading up to the Australian Open. The media will still see us a minor sport, but they will see us as a "top tier" minor sport.

Overall Coverage

Rachael Grinham's World Open triumph featured prominently, as did her British Open success. In the men, David Palmer continued to be the highest profile Australian, with Stewart Boswell also prominent. David and Stewart were both interviewed by ABC and commercial radio a number of times, while David was also profiled by Alpha magazine. Tournament successes also gained coverage in mainstream newspapers, particularly the Daily Telegraph, Herald-Sun and The Advertiser.

I would like to thank all the players for once again being exemplary ambassadors for their sport. Their willingness to give interviews any time they are asked is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank the various state bodies who help me from time to time, especially when they are holding tournaments. Gary O'Donnell, John Holland and Raymond Strachan have given me a good deal of support and assistance throughout the year.

Finally, while we have had good media coverage this year, there has been one standout. Radio SEN in Melbourne is a true friend of squash and I urge people living in Melbourne to support it.

Andrew Dent
Media Liaison Officer



National Coaching Manager Report

There were some major changes in the coaching sector in 2007, many ongoing improvements in administration and the maintenance of a full-time National Coaching Manager position for a 2nd year – formerly titled National Coaching Director.

Coach Accreditation Management

The most significant positive change was the administration and management of our coach accreditation system. 90% of our coaches are at Level 1 and the accreditation and reaccreditation procedures are now managed directly by our new Finance and Administration Officer, Jenna Van Heerden and Administrative Assistant, Kate Calcino.

I still deal with all accreditation and re-accreditation matters with our Level 2 and 3 coaches.

National Selectors

Squash Australia had some of the best coaches and highly experienced squash enthusiasts acting as National Selectors in 2007 after our March AGM being:

- Byron Davis (AIS Head Coach)
- Geoff Davenport (SAAS Head Coach)
- Dawn Moggach (long standing National Selector)
- Kaye Reeves (long standing National Selector)

Website – Coaching Information

A dedicated section on our home page for “Latest Coaching News” still remains and the new site for our Squash Australia Coaches Section (SACS) has been expanded. Updated profile articles were written for all members of the National Coaching Committee, National Coaches Panel and Program Design Committee members.

Program Design Committee

The new committee established from the start of 2006 to oversee and advise the technical content of a new coach education system (CES) continued throughout 2007. This is a long-term 2-4 year project where the existing “levels-based” CES will be progressively replaced with a “program-based” CES. Jane Woodlands replaced Roger Flynn and joined the committee in June 2007 and the composition of the PDC from thereon was:

Mike Cornish (WA), Roger Smith (Qld), Jane Woodlands (SA), Grant Gough (NSW), Margaret Holmes (Qld), Karen Morrissey (Vic), Chris Doig (Tas), Jeffrey Wollstein – Chairman

National Coaches Panel

The management of the National Coaches Panel came under my position as the NCM in 2006 and continued in 2007. A major review of all operations was conducted in 2007 by our new CEO in conjunction with our AIS Head Coach, Byron Davis. The current policy is being re-written in order to reflect a better way to assist our top Junior players into the Senior ranks.

Level 2 Assessors Course - Adelaide

A supplementary 3-day Level 2 Assessors Course was conducted in Clare in early-July 2007 as a follow up for more training from the inaugural Assessors Course in November 2005 and June 2006. 6 of the original 9 Level 2 candidate coaches attended and were once again trained by Ken Watson, Grant Gough (replacing Roger Flynn) and myself.

Level 2 Course – Melbourne

Eight participants attended another 5 day Level 2 Course in Melbourne, 15-19 November 2007. Sarah Fitzgerald, Vicki Cardwell and Dan Jenson were 3 of the participants who were upskilled to a higher level of coaching competency. Grant Gough was my co-presenter for the first time and at the end of the L2 Course he was formally presented with the PSCAA Coach of the Year Award for 2007.

Level 3 Coaches

Of the original 18 candidate coaches in 2005 and 2006, not one L3 candidate coach finished their L3 High Performance coach assessment in 2007 although we gained 4 new ones in 2006 being Geoff Hunt, Roger Flynn, Barbara de Bruine and Grant Gough. The one coach who did the most amount of PD work in 2007 was Karen Morrissey who is now the new Head Coach for the VIS, taking over from Roger Flynn.

National Coaching Committee (NCC)

The National Coaching Committee members in 2007, who advised Squash Australia extensively on a range of coaching and policy matters throughout comprised:

Tim Batty, Bill Cook, Grant Gough, Barbara de Bruine, Anthony Polling, Manfred Lang, Jeffrey Wollstein - Chairman

PSCAA

Margaret Zachariah continued to do an excellent job for the PSCAA and gained Life Membership of Squash Australia in 2007.

The coaching sector continued to receive excellent support in 2007 from the Board, Gary O'Donnell and Jenna Van Heerden.

Jeffrey Wollstein
National Coaching Manager



National Refereeing Manager Report

After a very busy year in 2006 with the Commonwealth Games, refereeing was less hectic in 2007 with funding significantly less than has been available in the past 3 years.

Referees were provided to all national events - National Junior Series, Australian Open, Australian Doubles, Australian Closed, Australian National Teams, and the Australian Junior Championships. The tournaments also allowed 5 State referees to gain further experience and assessment towards National accreditation.

Craig Sandy, ACT, reached national accreditation during the year. Karim Langer, Vic, and Nicholas Norman, SA, have passed all of their assessment requirements and only need to complete General Principles to reach national accreditation.

Four referee training programs were registered by the ASC under the NOAS for the next 4 years - they are National, State, Club and Doubles. A *Squash Assessor Training Manual* was also produced and an initial course run. The training was considered very successful.

Our good relations with the ASC and other NSO's continues with John Small being a member of the ASC reference group who is redeveloping presenter training. John Small and Chris Sinclair also attended an ASC Mentor Training Workshop and a Coaching & Officiating Directors' Workshop.

Our contribution to WSF refereeing has continued to be significant this year. World Referee, Chris Sinclair and International Referees, Damien Green and Harvey Bowlt have officiated at various overseas tournaments. Chris Sinclair, Damien Green and John Small all attended and presented at the International Refereeing Conference in Chennai, with Chris jointly facilitating the Conference. Chris remains on the WSF Rules Committee reviewing the rules and is also an assessor and a member of the Referee Review Panel. John Small continues to lead the WSF working group implementing Competency-Based Training and Assessment for WSF International Refereeing. Four CBTA programs have already been adopted by WSF for world, international, regional and national levels. An assessor training program is nearing completion. However, more remains to be done.

For Oceania Federation, Chris Sinclair continues as Convenor Refereeing and John Small is on the Refereeing Committee. Chris was also Championship Referee at the XIII South Pacific Games in Samoa and Australian referees Dawn Moggach and Karim Langer officiated at their own expense.

Following recognition of shortcomings in the Doubles game after the Commonwealth Games, New Zealand took the lead in trialling improvements, the major being a recommendation to increase the court width by 800mm. This was followed up by the Australian Rules & Refereeing Committee proposing a number of changes to the rules. A highly successful trial was then run at the Australian Doubles Championships and a report recommending the adoption of the entire package was sent to WSF. It was adopted at the WSF AGM and will be used at the 2008 World Doubles Championship and the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

As in 2006, activity at a national and international level has not been matched by the activity in the States. Refereeing remains at an unsustainably low level in 5 States and Territories with a low number of referees and no one to train them. It is planned to provide assistance for this in 2008.

A number of activities have been undertaken throughout the year to meet the performance indicators outlined for refereeing in the Squash Australia Operational Plan. All outcomes against the indicators for 2007-08 have either been met or are expected to be met during the first half of 2008.

Refereeing priorities for 2008, subject to funding, are as follows:

- Provision of referees at national tournaments;
- Assistance for national referees and assessors to go to elite player tournaments to meet the accreditation requirements for assessments;
- Running of a combined state representatives and national referee workshop; and
- Encouraging and supporting state associations to increase the level of local refereeing.

I wish to thank Chris Sinclair and Damien Green for all of their work on the Rules & Refereeing Committee, as well as those who committed so much voluntary time this year. Strong support has once again been provided from the top by CEO, Gary O'Donnell and Squash Australia staff.

John Small
National Refereeing Manager

World Squash Federation

Conference and AGM

After about forty hours travel which included stopovers in Los Angeles and New York, I finally arrived in Bermuda and I must admit, the long trip was worth it.

The Bermuda Squash Association had set up the glass court for the World Men's Championship in a huge marquee on the crest of a hill overlooking the ocean and the beautiful Horseshoe Bay. The conference was at the same location, the Fairmont Southampton Hotel.

The first day of the conference was Wednesday 28th November and involved the Executive Committee meeting, the Major Games Committee meeting and the Championships Committee meeting.

The WSF Executive Committee (Exco) consists of the five Management Committee members (Mancom) and the Regional Vice Presidents – Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania and Pan America. I attended the Exco Meeting representing Oceania and the Major Games Meeting on behalf of Sarah. Among the issues discussed at the Exco Meeting were:

Dunlop Sponsorship – A new deal has been signed and the sponsorship squash balls will now be delivered to the regions FOC.

Medical – Both the WSF Medical Director and the Anti Doping Director are stepping down and nominations will be called for both positions.

Scoring System – A working group with Frank van Loon as the liaison, is to prepare a report on unifying the professional scoring systems prior to the European Squash Federation AGM. The completed report will be presented to the 2008 WSF AGM. There is a strong feeling that PAR (point a rally) to 11 is the way to go.

Refereeing – The three referee system was to be used at the championship and appears to be having a positive effect based on trials to date.

Exco Meetings – To remain at one per year at the WSF AGM but communication from Mancom is to be improved.

PSA and WISPA – The issues surrounding the World Championships will be addressed urgently and Mancom will work much more cooperatively with the two bodies.

Athletes Commission – Mancom has agreed to form an Athletes Commission.

Issues discussed at the Major Games Meeting included :

World Games – The World Women's and Men's Team events will be used as the qualifiers for the World Games. The top twelve countries in each event will be able to select two men and two

women and the remaining eight positions in each category will be allocated.

Asian Games – The next will be in China and will include a Men's and Women's team event.

Major Games – In 1991 squash was featured in two of the major games and it is now in over twenty.

Olympic Games – At the IOC meeting in Guatemala it was resolved that a sport now only needs a simple majority vote for inclusion in the Olympics rather than the previous two thirds majority.

- The WSF President, Jahangir Khan and CEO, Christian Leighton now meet with IOC President, Jacques Rogge, on an annual basis.
- All Regions need to continually lobby for Squash's inclusion in the Olympic Games.
- We all need to work closely with PSA and WISPA to push our case.

Thursday was the beginning of the Conference which had the theme of "Reaching Out to Win" - divided into four sessions the first of which covered "World Squash Achievements 06/07".

- WSF financials show a surplus of 6% with income up 5% and expenditure basically on line with the previous year.
- PSA reported that the current tour prize money is almost three million dollars per annum which is healthily up from one million in 2001. Membership is now at 469, which is well up on the 301 in 2001..
- WISPA reported membership of 275 which is an increase of 59 on 2001 numbers and a total of 75 world tour events, an increase of 25. They are developing the sport through their Premier Series events for which they find the sponsorship. These are totally new events in new/developing squash countries or regions.

During the panel discussion it was noted web streaming is becoming much more viable both in terms of quality and price. Some countries are now even web streaming their National Championships. The three referee system was again discussed and all agreed that it appears to be reducing the unwanted exchanges between referees and players.

"Reaching Out to Potential Players: The Marketing Angle" was the second session. A survey commissioned by the WSF for their Global Branding exercise identified the squash "Drivers" and surprisingly, competition and skill did not rate. Endurance, Challenge and Efficient were the key "Drivers" and it was noted by some that this appeared to be a very masculine perspective. These drivers should be borne in mind when we are looking at branding.

The last two sessions were titled "Reaching Out to WSF Members: Resources". A very interesting presentation on Long Term Athlete Development

led off the session. It was noted that LTAD should be based on the athlete's developmental age rather than chronological age which seems to be the current basis. Athletes develop at very different rates physically and it is important not to overlook the late developers. There is also a lot of work being done on mapping the stages where different facets of sport are most readily absorbed by the athlete. We should also be encouraging juniors to participate in more than one sport and the eleven and thirteen years age groups are more appropriate at regional rather than national level.

The doubles revamp was discussed with no objections other than USA who are keen to see American Hard Ball Doubles adopted as the world game - this won't happen due to the court size variations required for AHBD. A world junior ranking was broached by Frank van Loon and we should provide him with details of the Matrix and the tournament software which we use.

The Friday was set aside for discussions on World Championship reports and bids. The quality of reports was excellent although some were a little long. The bids were all for events to be held within the next four years, which under the constitution are under Mancom's authority to award and we will be advised of the outcomes at a later date - Germany has bid for the 2010 Masters Championships.

The Annual General Meeting on the Saturday was reasonably uneventful as we were not in an election year. A motion to increase Mancom period

of service from two years to three years per term was withdrawn after lengthy discussion and a new proposal linking length of service with tenure will be formulated for discussion at next year's AGM. The motion requiring WSF Vice Presidents to resign from the Presidency/Chairmanship of Regional or National Squash Associations upon election to the WSF was defeated.

The amendment to the doubles rules of squash was accepted.

The University Games which feature Squash will be held in Egypt in 2008 and we should ensure that Australia is represented.

World Squash Day will be on Saturday March 15th 2008.

The next WSF AGM is currently planned for Manchester on the 17th - 19th October 2008.

The Saturday night was reserved for the World Men's final where Amr Shabana comfortably defeated Gregory Gaultier in three games and was followed by the closing dinner.

I wish to express my thanks to Squash Australia for the opportunity to represent Australia at another interesting and informative AGM and Conference where I was able to renew friendships and foster new ones.

John Holland
President - Squash Australia

Exceptional Effort

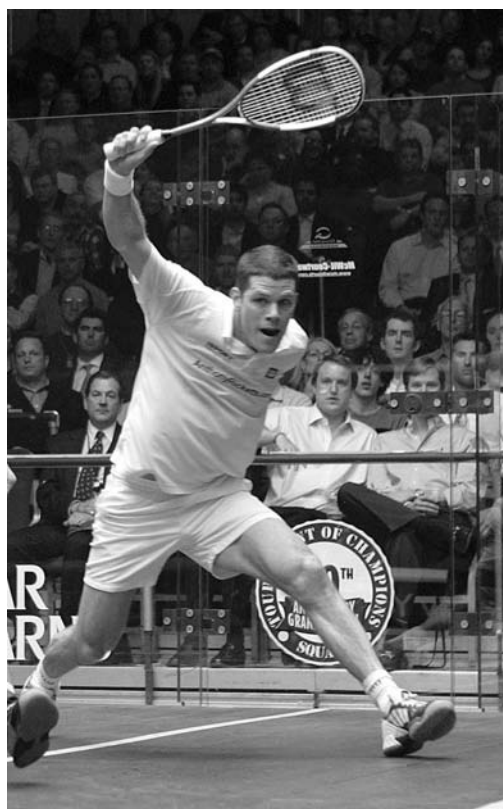
Anthony Ricketts

By anyone's measure Anthony Ricketts' squash career has been an incredible one.

Ranked as high as number three on the men's world tour, with a British Open, the Tournament of Champions, the PSA Super Series and two Australian Open trophies his individual career was formidable.

He has however also performed with zeal for his country. A Men's World Teams Championship Gold medallist in 2003 with Silver medals at consecutive Commonwealth Games in Manchester and Melbourne.

With Anthony's retirement in late 2007, it is appropriate to laud our great champion and acknowledge him with special mention in this year's Annual Report.



Tamika Saxby

The diminutive Tamika Saxby from the NSW North Coast has had an incredible year in junior squash with an impressive set of results throughout 2007.

With wins in both rounds of the National Junior Series in Canberra, she headed to Malaysia where she was runner up in Kuala Lumpur and won in Penang.

She maintained her form through the Australian Junior Championships being undefeated in the 15 years age group in the individual and teams events. She was also recognised as the female MC Hazell Award winner, a unique award combining results, improvement, courage and sportsmanship.

At year end she travelled to the UK where she won the Scottish Junior and in the British Junior she unfortunately crossed the number 1 seed in the 3rd round but fought through to finish the highest placing available - 9th.

Incredibly this means she lost only two matches over the year on the national/international scene in her age group.



Clare Squash Club

The 2007 Australian Open, is appropriately mentioned in this Annual Report however, the Open was encased in a wider Squash Festival in the Clare Valley – one of Australia's premier wine producing districts.

Simply put the effort of the Clare Squash Club to deliver the Clare Valley Squash Festival was quite unbelievable.

Coordinated by club President Tobie van Loggerenberg and lead organiser Grant Norman, the club conducted not only the Australian Open but also the South Australian Country Championships and the Mid North Junior Skills Challenge.

Constructing the Glass Court, engagement of local sponsors, media, the Clare & Gilbert Valley Council and the local community really was a project of epic proportions and deserved of recognition of the Squash community across the country.

It shows what is possible when motivated, positive people get together with their community.

We look forward to the 2008 Festival with great anticipation. Well done to all involved!.



CLARE SQUASH

AIS Squash Program Report

The AIS Squash Program had 10 scholarship holders in 2007, made up of 6 males and 4 females. The results achieved by the scholarship holders were solid with a number of the program's athletes achieving career best rankings. Australia's second place finish at the World Men's Teams Championship in December was a highlight. Current scholarship holders Stewart Boswell and Scott Arnold combined with former AIS scholarship holders Cameron Pilley and David Palmer to secure an excellent result for Australia.

The program was fortunate to secure the coaching services of Michelle Martin, a former World Champion and former AIS Scholarship holder at the start of the year. Michelle has worked with the program on a part-time basis and has been a valuable addition to the coaching staff. Rodney Martin continued in his role as the High Performance Coach based in New York and Australia.

Anthony Ricketts retired from the circuit in December after succumbing to a long term knee injury. Anthony had a long and distinguished career including winning the British Open and two Commonwealth Games Silver medals. Anthony was an AIS scholarship holder for 12 years. Anthony will be sorely missed and we all wish him the best for the future.

Shane Lemcke (Physiotherapist), Dr Andrew Smith (Medicine), Andrew Lulham (Strength and Conditioning), and Kerry Leech (Nutrition) continued in their roles servicing the program. Geoff Cox (ACE) took leave for the last 6 months of the year. The program received outstanding support from the AIS and its consultancy staff which was an integral part in the success of the program in 2007.

The program relocated to the Daisy Hill Squash Centre in the middle of the year after training for a number of years at Hibiscus Gardens Squash Centre. The Queensland Academy of Sport continued to provide gym access to the athletes.

Squash Australia and the AIS Squash Program worked closely together through out the year to undertake a number of structural changes to enhance the High Performance Pathways in Australian squash. The AIS program conducted a training camp for the 2008 National Junior Talent Squad in December and will have a much closer involvement in the preparation of national teams in the future.

Aaron Frankcomb was on scholarship with the AIS program until June when his scholarship finished. Peta Hughes decided to withdraw from the program in December 2007 and finished on scholarship. Below is a review of the 2007 AIS scholarship holders and their performances.

Zac Alexander: - PSA World Ranking 188 December 2007



Zac has had a solid first year in the program whereby he achieved a number of good results in his PSA events. Zac suffered from glandular fever early in the year which dented his confidence somewhat however, he is learning what is required to compete on the world circuit. Zac won the Under 19 Australian Junior Championship in Brisbane this year. Zac has also been given a taste of international travel with a trip to Qatar to train with Geoff Hunt at the Aspire Academy for 3 weeks in November.

Scott Arnold: - PSA World Ranking 58 December 2007



Scott has had a good year with a number of solid performances. Scott performed well in most of his PSA events and won a one star event in Perth, W.A. Scott also qualified for the US Open, which is one of the biggest events on the PSA tour. The highlight for Scott was his selection in the Australian Men's Team to compete in the World Teams Championships in Chennai, India in December. Scott's world ranking improved from 95 at the start of the year to 58 by December 1st.

Stewart Boswell: - PSA World Ranking 15 December 2007



Stewart's ranking hovered between 10 and 15 throughout the year. Stewart won the Australian Open in Clare, South Australia. Stewart was also a member of the Australian Men's Team that finished second at the World Teams Championships. Stewart played very well at these championships where he defeated World No. 8, Karim Darwish in the final rubber to clinch victory for Australia over the number 1 seeds Egypt in the semi finals.

Kasey Brown: - WISPA World Ranking 15 December 2007



Kasey has had a year of consolidation where she improved her world ranking by two positions to 15. Kasey had a number of wins over higher ranked players throughout the year in major events and was runner up in the Australian Open in Clare in July. Kasey has based herself in England again this season to gain more competition against the top female players.

Ryan Cuskelly: - PSA World Ranking 81 December 2007



Ryan has had a year of consolidation after a setback earlier in the year. Ryan performed reasonably well over the winter where he picked up valuable ranking points with a few good performances. Ryan's ranking improved from 116 at the start of the year into 81 by December 1st. Ryan has been competing overseas for the last few months and has gained valuable experience in understanding what is required to make it to the next level.

Peta Hughes: - WISPA World Ranking 39 December 2007



Peta continued to improve her squash in 2007 and hit a career high ranking of 35 in October. Peta won her first WISPA title at Naracoorte in the middle of the year and had some solid performances in other major events including qualifying for the Hong Kong Open. Unfortunately Peta decided not to continue with her squash in 2008 and finished on scholarship in December 2007.

Anthony Ricketts: - Retired December 2007



Anthony played very well at the start of the year and recorded a number of excellent performances including making the final of the Tournament of Champions. Anthony firstly succumbed to an elbow injury straight after the Tournament of Champions however, finished the year being forced into premature retirement due to a degenerative knee condition. As mentioned earlier Anthony had an excellent career unfortunately ending while at his peak.

Rachel Smith: - WISPA World Ranking 179 December 2007



Rachel has had a difficult year with a long term back injury making it difficult for her to spend a lot of time on court and an extensive rehabilitation was required. Rachel was unable to compete on the WISPA circuit from February onwards and consequently her ranking has suffered.

Donna Urquhart: - WISPA World Ranking 41 December 2007



Donna has had an up and down year starting with an ankle injury early in the year but then bounced back at the end of the year with a number of excellent performances which saw her hit a career high of 41 in December. Donna won her first WISPA event in Malaysia in November and made the final of the Pakistan and Iranian Opens.

Acknowledgment

The Australian Institute of Sport Squash Program continued to receive excellent support from Squash Australia. The program would like to thank Bridget Harris for her contribution as the AIS administrator prior to her departure mid year and then Jenna Van Heerden who stepped into the role and has been a pleasure to work with. The squash program also continued to have an excellent relationship with the Board and CEO of Squash Australia, Gary O'Donnell.

**Byron Davis
AIS Head Coach**

Back left to right:

Ryan Cuskelly,
Rodney Martin
(High Performance Coach),
Scott Arnold,
Byron Davis (Head Coach).

Front left to right:

Peta Hughes,
Donna Urquhart,
Kasey Brown,
Zachary Alexander.

Absent:

Stewart Boswell,
Anthony Ricketts,
Rachel Smith,
Aaron Frankcomb,
Michelle Martin
(Consultant Coach).





Australian Open Championships

The Valleys Lifestyle Centre, Clare Valley was the venue for the 2007 Australian Men's and Women's Squash Opens. The newly constructed venue offered players and spectators state of the art facilities. The Squash South Australia Glass Show Court was erected in the stadium along with grandstand seating for 400 people.

None of this seemed possible in late February when the Clare Squash Club proposal was given the go ahead by Squash Australia. However, thanks to the Clare Squash Club volunteers under Grant Norman's guidance the task of hosting the Australian Open was achieved with "flying colours".

Organising sponsors, transport and accommodation for players and officials, assisting technicians with court installation, arranging the grandstand and event promotion was all handled capably by the locals of Clare - population 5000.

Thanks to our sponsors Squash Australia, Australian Sports Commission, Squash South Australia, the South Australian Government through the Office for Recreation and Sport, IGT, Dunlop, The Valleys Lifestyle Centre, Rabobank, The Clare Country Club, Kirrihill Wines and Clare Metal Fabricators. Due to this great support, the prize money for the Australian Open was increased significantly.

The Men's Event became part of the PSA Tour and the Women's part of their professional body WISPA.

Squash Australia's Andrew Dent was on hand to provide media coverage and results to the world. Local television Channel Seven cameras were present, with Squash Hall of Fame member Chris Dittmar reporting on the event in detail. Local press coverage was extensive in both Clare and Adelaide.

Some ten national referees under the guidance of John Small controlled the matches admirably and used the event as a time to assess and be assessed. Australia's squash coaches under Jeff Wollstein's direction held meetings and conducted on court sessions throughout the week.

The Clare Squash Club volunteer bus drivers, dinner coordinators, kitchen staff, ticket sellers and court custodians were the real heroes of this week. It seemed that nothing was too much trouble and everything proceeded with a minimum of fuss.

Our top seeds reached the finals with Shelley Kitchen (NZ) defeating Kasey Brown 9-4, 9-7, 9-4 in 56 minutes. The men's event saw Stewart Boswell win his third Australian Open beating a brave Cameron Pilley in 5 games, entertaining the crowd for 82 minutes.

Clare will host the Australian Open in 2008 and all squash enthusiasts are encouraged to visit this wine producing region and enjoy their hospitality.

Des Panizza
Tournament Organiser



Stewart Boswell and Cameron Pilley in the Men's final



Kasey Brown and Shelley Kitchen in the Women's final



Australian Closed Championships

For the first time in its 5 year history, the 2007 Australian Closed & Graded Championships were held in Melbourne, (previously Bendigo) with the Closed events attracting world class fields.

With the men's event registered as a PSA Closed Satellite and the women's as a WISPA Super Challenger, combined with a total prize pool of nearly \$10,000, both events attracted virtually full draws (31 in Men's and 15 in Women's).

In the Men's Championship experience prevailed over youth with 33-year-old Mike Corren defeating the Australian Junior Champion, Ryan Cuskelly in the final 11/3, 9/11, 11/8, 11/8.

Earlier the top seeded Corren had defeated another youngster in the semi finals when he accounted for New South Welshman, 21-year-old Matthew Kawalski 11/9, 11/7, 11/3.

Cuskelly reached the final with a marathon 11/8, 8/11, 11/10 (4-2), 11/8 win over South Australia's Luke Margan.

In the Women's Championship the then World No.16, Kasey Brown won her second consecutive Australian Closed title, defeating Donna Urquhart in the final 9/1, 9/2, 9/1.

Brown nearly brought off a rare double-double, by taking out the 2 major national championships (Australian Open / Australian Closed) in consecutive years, having completed this feat in 2006.

Unfortunately, Brown was thwarted in 07, losing the final of the Australian Open to the then New Zealand's World No.13, Shelley Kitchen.



Mike Corren and Ryan Cuskelly with John Holland

In the semi finals, Brown had a straight games win over Peta Hughes, 9/4, 9/5, 9/2, while Urquhart had to overcome second seed Amelia Pittock in 5 games, 2/9, 7/9, 9/7, 9/6, 9/6.

The Australian Graded Championships were held in conjunction with the Australian Closed events, attracting a large entry including several from interstate.

The husband and wife combination of Doug and Sharon Odewahn-Oxley from NSW took out the Men's State 2 and Women's A Grade Championships respectively, with Melbourne's Kristel Proctor taking out the Women's State 2 and Mildura's Paul Takacs winning the Men's A Grade Championship.

FULL GRADED RESULTS (Victorian unless otherwise stated)

Men's

State 2

Doug Odewahn-Oxley (NSW) DEF

Jeremy Ryan 9/0, 9/1, 9/0

A Grade

Paul Takacs DEF

Justin Singh 9/1, 9/2, 9/3

B Grade

Patrick Lynch DEF

Jason Lee 9/1, 6/9, 9/7, 9/7

C Grade

Adrian Teo DEF

Michael King 6/9, 9/4, 9/1, 9/2

D Grade

Carlos Da Silva DEF

Scott Davison 9/2, 9/2, 9/4

Women's

State 2

Kristel Proctor DEF

Anne Fordham 7/9, 9/5, 7/9, 9/7, 9/2

A Grade

Sharon Odewahn-Oxley (NSW) DEF

Libby Belton 9/2, 9/4, 7/9, 9/6

B Grade

Donna Kille DEF

Carla Pizzorno 9/2, 9/0, 9/4

Paul Vear

Event Manager



Kasey Brown and Donna Urquhart with John Holland

Australian Open Doubles Championships

The inaugural Australian Open Doubles Championships played on full size doubles courts, were held at the Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre during July, in conjunction with the 2010 Commonwealth Games Camp, and immediately preceding the 2007 Australian Closed Singles Championships.

With 9 doubles medals up for grabs at each Commonwealth Games Squash Competition, compared to 6 singles medals, doubles squash has suddenly become a major focus for all commonwealth squash playing nations and hopefully not in the too distant future, replicated at the Olympic Games.

At the completion of the 2006 Commonwealth Games, Squash New Zealand conducted a series of tests to modify the game of doubles squash. The testing included – widening the court, scoring options, let/stroke rules and the number of games to a match.

Squash Australia at the request of the World Squash Federation had agreed to further the testing conducted in New Zealand at the 2007 Australian Open Doubles Championships. These Championships were the platform used to test the NZ testing outcomes and also rule modifications prepared by the Squash Australia National Referee's Manager in consultation with other Australian Refereeing experts.

With seven out of the ten 2010 Commonwealth Games squad members in attendance, plus a raft of our elite youth snapping at their heels, we were assured of outstanding and fiercely contested matches.

The Championships tested the following:

- Increasing the width of the court by 800mm from the current 7,620mm to 8,420mm.

- Each match best of 5 games to 9 points - Point-A-Rally Scoring (PARS), with no tie-breaker or option of 'setting' the game to more than 9 points.
- A wide range of Rule modifications.

The 'standout' player for the Championships was Aaron Frankcomb who won the men's event with Cameron White and partnered 07 Australian Open Singles Champion, Kasey Brown to take out the Mixed title.

Another highlight was the return to the court of 6 times British Open Champion, Michelle Martin, who partnered Donna Urquhart to take out the Women's Championships, beating Peta Hughes and Kasey Brown.

FINAL RESULTS

Women's

Donna Urquhart (NSW)/ Michelle Martin (NSW) DEF Peta Hughes (QLD)/ Kasey Brown (NSW) 9/8, 9/4, 9/6
3rd place – Amelia Pittock (VIC)/ Lisa Camilleri (QLD)

Men's

Aaron Frankcomb (NSW)/ Cam White (VIC) DEF Ryan Cuskelly (NSW)/ Scott Arnold (NSW) 9/6, 9/4, 6/9, 2/9, 9/6
3rd / 4th – Steve Robinson (VIC)/ Matt Karwalski (NSW) DEF Luke Margan (SA)/ Mike Corren (SA) 9/6, 9/6, 9/6

Mixed

Aaron Frankcomb (NSW)/ Kasey Brown (NSW) DEF Ryan Cuskelly (NSW)/ Amelia Pittock (VIC) 9/6, 9/8, 7/9, 9/6
3rd / 4th – Scott Arnold (NSW)/ Donna Urquhart (NSW) DEF Aaron Fyfe (NSW)/ Lisa Camilleri (QLD) 9/4, 9/2, 9/3

Paul Vear

Event Manager



Winners Michelle Martin and Donna Urquhart with Greg Hutchings



Winners Aaron Frankcomb and Cameron White with Greg Hutchings



Winners Kasey Brown and Aaron Frankcomb with Greg Hutchings

World Men's Team Championship Report

Team Event

Australia finished second in the World Men's Team Squash Championships after defeating number 1 seed Egypt in the semi finals and losing 2/1 to England in the final which was an outstanding achievement. The World Team Championships in was held in Chennai, India. From the 6th – 12th December.

Pool Matches

Australia was drawn in Pool D with Scotland and New Zealand. The pool results proved to be straightforward, with 3/0 results recorded against both teams. Australia had a rest day on day one and then opened proceedings with a 3/0 demolition of Scotland. David Palmer was rested from this match which allowed both Scott Arnold and Cameron Pilley to make their debuts for Australia. Both recorded easy 3/0 wins over their respective opponents. The following day Australia defeated New Zealand 3/0 with our top 3 players playing. It provided Australia with an opportunity to play on the glass court which was good experience.

Round of 16

Australia drew USA in the round of 16 and progressed comfortably into the quarter finals 3/0. Scott Arnold played his second match for Australia after Cameron Pilley was rested and won the dead rubber 2/1. Scott didn't play at his best in this match but still won to secure the 3/0 victory.

Quarter finals

Australia played Canada in the quarter finals as we did 2 years ago in Islamabad. It was a chance to atone for a disappointing defeat, and the team was keen to avenge that loss. Jonathon Power had come out of retirement for this event and was scheduled to play David in the number 1 position. However, Canada chose to rest Power which seriously weakened their line-up. Stewart Boswell got Australia off to a strong start defeating Mathew Guiffre 3/0 in 33mins to put Australia up 1/0. David Palmer then went on next against Shahier Razik who put up strong resistance before David managed to get on top. Razik won the first game and had a lead in the second before Palmer started to reel him in and took the next 3 games relatively comfortably in 64mins. Cameron Pilley completed the win for Australia defeating Shawn Delierre 2/0 in the dead rubber to complete the 3/0 win for Australia.

Semi Finals

Australia completed a come from behind victory to defeat number 1 seeds Egypt 2/1 in the semi

finals. Cameron Pilley went on first for Australia against World No. 14 Mohammed Abbas. Pilley began strongly controlling much of the play and forcing errors from the experienced Egyptian. Pilley took the first game 11/7 and raced to a 4/0 lead in the second. Abbas then slowly started to find his rhythm and began to work Pilley around the court with good straight drops and drives. Abbas took the second game 11/7 and began to grow in confidence. Abbas continued to control most of the points winning the third game decisively 11/4 and raced to a 6/2 lead in the fourth. Pilley dug in and closed the gap on the Egyptian as he began to look a little shaky but Abbas finished strongly closing out the fourth game 11/8 and putting Egypt 1/0.

Two times World Champion David Palmer then took the court in a titanic battle against the three times World Champion Amr Shabana. Palmer began strongly and controlled the pace of the game, continually frustrating Shabana into mistakes. Palmer took the first game 11/8 and began strongly in the second dictating the play and forcing Shabana to defend. Palmer's strong play saw him take the second game 11/6. Shabana came out firing in the third game as he upped the pace and started reading Palmer's play from the front of the court. Shabana established an early lead which he didn't look like surrendering to take the third game 11/6. The quality of the fourth game was extremely high with both players looking to impose themselves on the outcome. Palmer broke away through the middle part of the fourth game to set up a nice break. Palmer continued to frustrate Shabana into errors and levelled the tie for Australia winning the fourth game 11/6. It was a high quality match and a fantastic win for Palmer after losing to Shabana in last weeks World Open in Bermuda.

The deciding match was between Stewart Boswell World No. 15 against World No. 8 Karim Darwish. Boswell began well, working Darwish down the backhand wall and forcing Darwish to go for shots from behind. Boswell closed out the game 11/8 to gain an early advantage. The second game changed complexion quickly with Darwish taking the ball to the front hitting a number of winners and forcing errors from Boswell's racket. Boswell began to find his range towards the end of the game but Darwish had built up a sufficient lead to win the game 11/7. The third and fourth games were very tight with a number of high quality rallies from both players. Boswell managed to win the crucial points at the end of each game as Darwish began to tire. Boswell clinched the crucial third game 11/9 and then maintained a lead in the 4th eventually winning the game and match for Australia 11/8 in 73mins.

Final

The final was always going to be a difficult assignment for the Australian team as England were very strong in the number 2 and 3 positions. Fortunately the playing order suited us with David Palmer to go on first against Nick Mathew. David played extremely well to win a tough match 3/2. David won the first two games in a close tussle before Mathew got on top in the third and fourth games. David gave it one final push in the fifth game and went out to a commanding lead. Palmer consolidated this early advantage to win the final game comfortably and put Australia 1/0.

The next match was critical to Australia's chance of success with Stewart Boswell taking on World No. 5 James Willstrop. It proved to be an extremely long 3 set match with Stewart just coming up short at the end of each game as Willstrop proved to be a fraction steadier on the big points. The match was of a high quality and very physically demanding. Stewart put in an excellent effort but Willstrop was just too strong on the day.

The last match saw Cameron Pilley playing World No. 14 Peter Barker. This was always going to be a difficult assignment for Pilley as Barker had been improving rapidly and was very steady. Barker dominated from the outset and didn't give Pilley a look in at any stage. Barker rallied very consistently and made very few unforced errors whereas Pilley struggled to find any rhythm. Barker wrapped things up 3/0 to give England the win and Australia finished second.

Physiotherapist

Australia was very fortunate to secure the services

of Shane Lemcke, AIS Squash Physiotherapist, to attend the Championships in Chennai. As in previous years it was invaluable to the team having someone of Shane's calibre providing treatment throughout the event. All of the players had competed in the World Open in Bermuda the week prior and were stiff and tired after a hectic travel schedule. All of the players sought treatment from Shane and I believe having him there helped contribute to Australia's excellent overall performance. Shane also had a good rapport with the players especially as he had worked closely with three of the players at the AIS squash unit.

Summary

Overall it was an excellent result for Australian squash as we were only seeded 4th and managed to defeat the number 1 seeds in the semi finals. I am very proud of the efforts of the team and the players worked very well as a team.

The team behaved extremely well throughout the event and were a credit to Australian Squash.

The players and I appreciated having the physiotherapist on hand to help with the team. Shane Lemcke did an excellent job and I would highly recommend that we should attempt to utilise his services again if at all possible.

Finally, I would like to thank Gary O'Donnell, Jenna Van Heerden and the staff of Squash Australia for all their assistance in the organisation and preparation of the team.

Byron Davis

Coach/Manager



World Men's Team 2007 Byron Davis (coach/manager), David Palmer, Scott Arnold, Stewart Boswell, Shane Lemcke (Physiotherapist) and Cameron Pilley
SquashPics.com

Junior Women's World Championships Report

The Hoe Hin White Flower Ointment World Junior Women's Squash Championship 2007 was conducted in Kowloon Island, Hong Kong from 30th July to 11th of August 2007.

Over 100 athletes from twenty four countries participated in the individual and teams events. Australia was seeded ninth for the team's tournament.

After the individual event, the Australian team prepared for some tough matches in the teams event. With USA, South Korea and Singapore in our pool it was clearly going to be a tough road into the top 8. The preparation for some of our girls wasn't as strong as we hoped but we put through our team order and got ready for battle. Unfortunately, we missed making the top 8 even though we had a great cheer squad and some close matches. Overall we placed eleventh.

The Australian team for the Championships comprised the following athletes: Melody Francis (VIC), Maggy Marshall (TAS), Kimberley Bessell (VIC), Laura Stock (QLD), Kelly Fowler - Coach and Michelle Martin-Delegate/Talent Scout.

The two weeks of competition was a great experience for both the athletes and the coaches. The event was professionally conducted by the Hong Kong Squash Association and there were very few problems experienced.

With better preparation our Australian Junior Women's Team could have come out with stronger results. Maggy Marshall embraced the situation the best and came away with some solid match results improving her level over the 2 weeks.

The championships showed the athletes what kind of work was required to be competitive on the international circuit if they choose to pursue their squash at an elite level.

Kelly Fowler
Head Coach



Maggy Marshall, Kimberley Bessell, Melody Francis and Laura Stock.



Australian Junior Championships

Daisy Hill was the scene for the 26th running of the Australian Junior Championships. 234 competitors lined up to compete for the 8 titles on offer.

Queensland athletes won 5 of the titles including both 13YAG titles. New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria secured one title each. The following players were crowned Australian Junior Champions for 2007:

13YAG Karl Krauss (Qld) : Bethany Brazier (Qld) :
 15YAG Sam Fife (Qld) : Tamika Saxby (NSW) :
 17YAG Aaron Fyfe (SA) : Zoe Petrovansky (Qld) :
 19 YAG Zac Alexander (Qld) : Kimberley Bessell (Vic).

Kimberley Bessell secured her 6th Australian title making her the most successful athlete in the history of the Championship.

Queenslander Sunil Seth and New South Wales' Tamika Saxby won the prestigious MC Hazell Awards.

In the teams competition Queensland once again dominated but now has a new rival in Western Australia. The Western Australian Wasps had

their most successful championship ever winning the 13YAG combined title for the first time and finished 2nd overall.

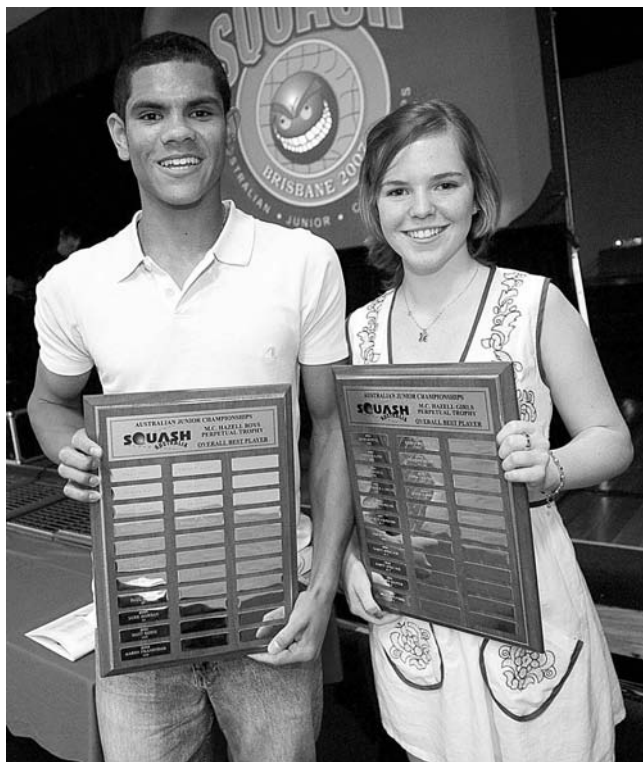
The Queensland Sharks won the 15YAG, 17YAG and 19YAG combined titles. Most importantly, they won the overall Team Championship for a 4th consecutive time.

The Championship was a tremendous success due mainly to the support of Melissa Prentice and Dawn Moggach. I would also like to take this opportunity to once again thank the referees for getting through 9 days of officiating: Pam Addison (WA), Keith Derham (Qld), Grant Donovan (SA), Trevor Dooley (Tas), Martin Grace (ACT), Greg McGuire (NSW), Bill Patterson (Vic) and Nathan Turnbull (Qld).

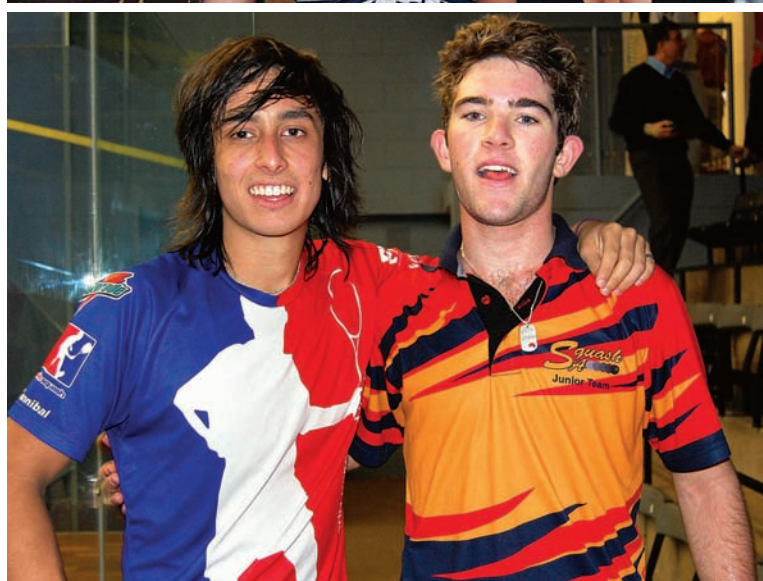
A very special thank you is extended to Caroline Bunting (WA). Caroline was a guest presenter at the presentation function. Caroline was recognised as the very first winner of an Australian Junior Title back in 1982, winning the 13YAG Girls Championship.

Finally, thank you to all our sponsors. Without your generous support such events simply wouldn't take place: ASC, Comfort Inns: Robertson Gardens, Commercial & General Insurance Brokers, Dunlop, Empire Trade Exchange, Hairy Lemon, Head and Hi Tec.

Kim Schramm
 Tournament Organiser/Director



Top Left: Female age group winners, **Bottom Left:** Male age group winners, **Above:** MC Hazel winners.



Top Left: Anthony Ricketts (SquashPics.com). **Top Right:** Natalie and Rachael Grinham (SquashPics.com). **Middle Left:** David Palmer (SquashPics.com). **Middle Right:** Peta Hughes, Donna Urquhart and Rachel Smith. **Bottom Left:** Children from St Joseph's School, Clare at the Australian Open. **Bottom Right:** Julius Krauss and Aaron Fyfe



Australian Men's Team competing in the 21st World Men's Team Squash Championships in Chennai, India

SquashPics.com





KOMBAT®
 your passion + our precision

**Australia's largest custom-made
 sportsware manufacturer**

P: 07 3804 9200
F: 07 3807 8224
E: sales@kombat.com.au

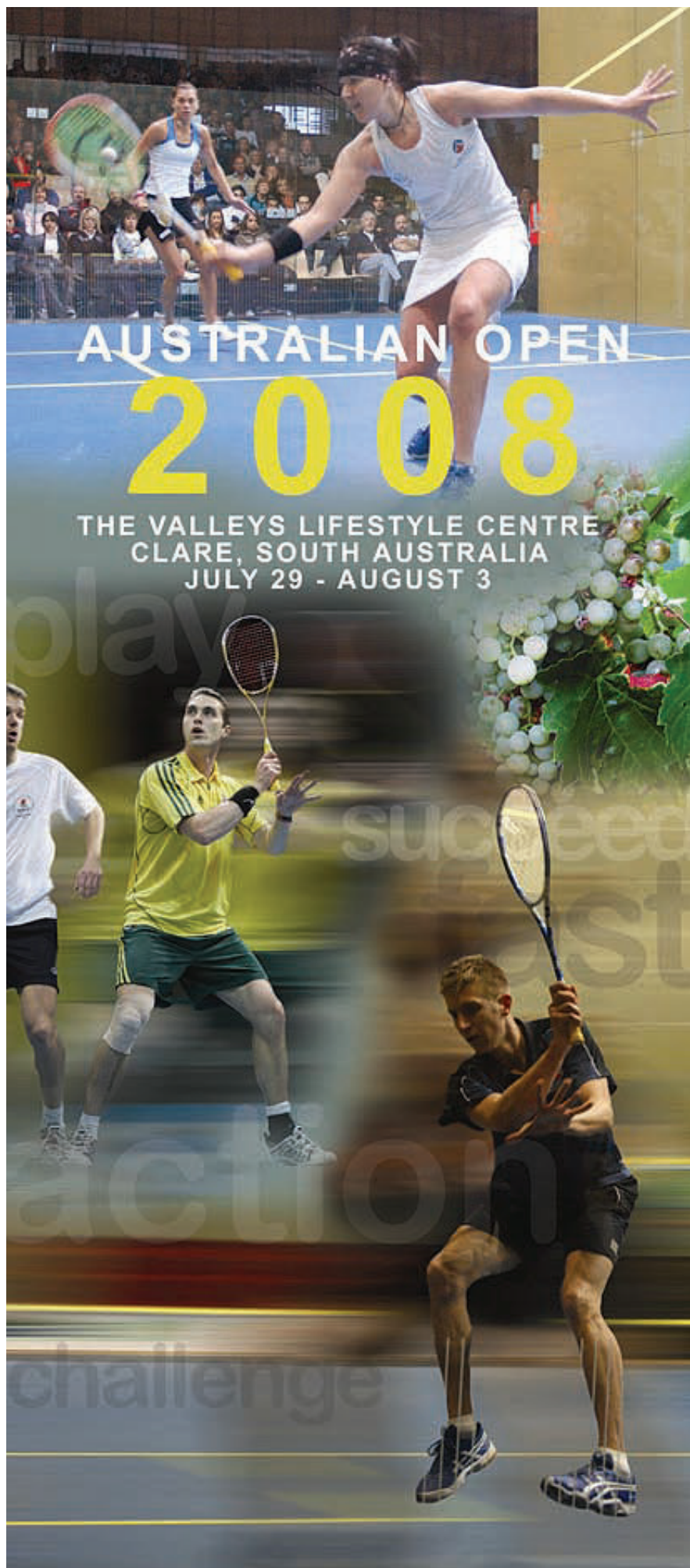
www.kombat.com.au







Top Left: Cameron Pilley and Stewart Boswell. **Top Right:** Kasey Brown and Lisa Camilleri. **Bottom Left:** Aaron Fyfe. **Bottom Centre:** 2007 World Deaf Squash Team. **Bottom Right:** Tamika Saxby



Squash Australia Hall Of Fame Dinner Report

The Hall of Fame and Annual Awards Dinner proved to be an excellent evening for all present. The large crowd representing all aspects of Squash community enjoyed the black tie event, which was held on the 24th March at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Brisbane.

Once again, some of Australia's greatest athletes, past and present, attended the function. Hall of Fame members, Vicki Cardwell, Sarah Fitz-Gerald, Ken Hiscoe, Geoff Hunt, Michelle Martin and Rhonda Thorne (Clayton), were all on hand to induct Rodney Martin into the Hall of Fame.

Margaret Zachariah and Ken Watson were awarded Life Membership of Squash Australia by President John Holland. The evening drew special meaning with their fellow Life Members Col Clapper, Bob Finch and Geoff Hunt in attendance.

Seven squash personalities received awards in recognition of their outstanding work for Australian Squash during 2006.

- 'Australian Sports Commission' Athlete of the Year - David Palmer (NSW) (accepted by Carin Clonda)
- Junior Athlete of the Year - Ryan Cuskelly (NSW) and Peta Hughes (QLD)
- 'Big Hand' Coach of the Year - Byron Davis
- Administrator of the Year - Greg Hutchings (VIC)
- 'Dunlop' Referee of the Year - John Small (NSW)
- Volunteer of the Year - Meryl Loss (QLD)

Ian (the bear) Maurice had the room buzzing with his MC antics and was well supported by auctioneer Adrian Seiffert who raised valuable funds through his auctioneer skills for junior squash. Squash Australia Media Manager Andrew Dent insightfully interviewed Geoff Hunt and Anthony Ricketts, which had its lighter moments when the microphone went into the audience for 'questions from the floor'!

The Dinner was once again a great success and thanks must go to Bridget Harris, Bob Finch, Ian Maurice, Andrew Dent, Adrian Seiffert, the Australian Sports Commission, Dunlop Sports, Big Hand, Kirrihill Wines, Holiday Inn and all the participants.



Hall of Fame Members Vicki Cardwell, Rhonda Thorne (Clayton), Michelle Martin, Rodney Martin, Geoff Hunt, Sarah Fitz-Gerald and Ken Hiscoe at the 2007 Squash Australia Hall Of Fame Dinner



Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission

WINNING PARTNERSHIP



The Australian Sports Commission proudly supports Squash Australia

The Australian Sports Commission is the Australian Government agency that develops, manages and invests in sport at all levels in Australia. Squash Australia has worked closely with the Australian Sports Commission to develop squash from community participation to high-level performance.

Squash Australia is one of many national sporting organisations that has formed a winning partnership with the Australian Sports Commission to develop its sport in Australia.

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION

www.ausport.gov.au



National Junior Series Report

The 2007 National Junior Series (NJS) was conducted from the 14th to the 22nd April, at the Woden Squash Centre, Canberra.

Event 1: Stewart Boswell Championships (14- 17 April)

Event 2: Heather McKay Classic (19-22 April)

Event one attracted 156 entrants and the second event 153 entrants. International players that took part came from Malaysia (18 players), New Zealand (5 players) and one French player. Entries did reach a peak of 183 before the Malaysians decided to withdraw some 14 players and a steady stream of local withdrawals, mostly due to injury.

The numbers of entries were down from last year owing to a drop in New Zealand participation from over 50 players in Sydney 2006 to only 5. To find the perfect timing of the event was very difficult. Easter was not a great time to conduct this event as accommodation was very difficult to find in Canberra at that time and there was no alignment with school holidays across the states.

The two events can be considered a success as they ran on time, or very close to time, on all days and close to 650 matches were staged over the eight days of the event, with few problems arising. The event should stay at two four-day events so as not to overburden the players in large draws (15YAB, 17YAB). The format of two four-day events with a rest day worked well.

The challenge of turning an event around in one day provided some headaches for the selectors and tournament administrators in finalising the draw. To their credit, the tournament admin was managed and all players were contacted to ensure a smooth start to the event. To some extent this will always occur due to the tight timeframes involved.

I would offer the following suggestions for the entry form:

- Individual entry forms must include local contact numbers for international players;
- Clear indication of the player being part of a team/squad; it is not always clear as to who is being managed by whom; and
- Manager/Coach contact name and number if applicable.

Should players wish to move from their nominated (entered) event, this is to be supported in writing and signed by the player and/or guardian and presented to the Tournament Director.

Having the Squash Australia appointed personnel worked well and enabled local officials to look after the players, referees, and coaches and from our point of view was a resounding success.

The use of Inform Connection personnel provided a very professional and experienced resource for the tournament that Squash ACT did not have within its ranks. The match processing was done very well and with humour and fun which added to the event.

The effort of the refereeing team was magnificent. Up to 14 referees were available at one time during the event and covered as much as 97% of matches, and took a huge load off the players and teams. The referees worked for very, very long hours – all done standing on their feet due to the nature of the venue. Congratulations to Dawn Moggach and her team for a job very well done.

The facility was very well presented. No major problems were encountered, apart from a lack of parking during the weekdays and some cramped viewing space. Thanks to Sean Rogers and his staff at the Woden Squash Centre.

Dunlop provided 20 dozen double dot balls for the event, which was plenty for the number of matches.

Clifton Suites on Northbourne sponsored the event by providing three complimentary rooms for use by the tournament over the event. This is a high quality establishment and the accommodation was clearly enjoyed by the referees and tournament officials.

Player conduct was of a high standard with only very isolated events of poor behaviour.

Gary O'Donnell (CEO of Squash Australia) was on-hand to present the trophies from Event 1 and Heather McKay attended Event 2 to present the trophies in her named event. Reading Heather's playing biography was clearly an education for many of the players judging by their reaction when it was mentioned that Heather lost only two matches in her career! It was great to have Heather along.

Brian Jones
Tournament Director
Squash ACT



National Teams Championships

The 2007 NTC were successfully held in September at the Wavell Squash Centre in Brisbane. All States/Territories participated.

The first semi final match up was between Queensland and Victoria and the second was between New South Wales and Western Australia. Queensland won 3 rubbers to 1 but New South Wales were even more impressive winning their clash 4-0.

In a replay of the 2006 final the two top seeds got down to business. On paper the final looked very tight and whilst the final result doesn't give that impression the clash lived up to all expectations. Even at 2-0 in the final match, it could have still gone down to points.

Georgina Davis opened proceedings with a strong 3-1 victory over Sarah Nelson, fighting back from 8-3 down in the 4th to win. Brad Freeme won the match of the final with a gutsy hard fought win over

Matt Karwalski. Sue Davis tried hard but was no match for the very consistent Shannon McNamara losing in straight games.

So the overall result rested on the shoulders of Steve Finitis to beat Simon Carruthers in the final match up. While the first 2 games were tight, Finitis was the ultimate fitness machine winning the 3rd 9-1. It was back to back titles for the mighty Stingrays and their 3rd title from the five National Team Championships conducted.

QLD 3-9-109 def NSW 1-5-93

Steve Finitis def Simon Carruthers 9-6 10-8 9-1
Brad Freeme def Matt Karwalski 6-9 9-5 9-6 9-3
Sue Davis lost to Shannon McNamara 7-9 5-9 6-9
Georgina Davis def Sarah Nelson 1-9 10-9 9-2 10-8

Sincere thanks to Steve Derbyshire (Wavell owner) for hosting a great championship. Thank you to Chris Sinclair and her team of referees who officiated at the Championships and Damian Tomasich (Photographer). The Championships now move to ACT in 2008.

Kim Schramm
Tournament Organiser/Director

Australian Deaf Squash Association Report

The major focus for the year that was the 2007 World Deaf Squash Championships held in Cape Town, South Africa during October. The Championship involved 40 players and officials from 6 countries, including Australia, England, Ireland, Scotland, South Africa and New Zealand.

The results were as follows:

Men's Individual

Winner - Jamie Mathews (England)
Runner-up - Philip Thomas (England)

Women's Individual

Winner - Ronal Van Coller (South Africa)
Runner-up - Denise Satti (Australia)

Men's Team

Winner - England (Jamie Mathews; Philip Thomas; Matthew Hewitt; Jonathan Oster)
Runner-up - Australia (Peter Walters; Ben Bruggy; Anthony Stanford; Mark Friend)

Women's Team

Winner - South Africa (Ronal Van Coller; Therese Greenwood; Claire Sternberg)
Runner-up - Australia (Denise Satti; Roslyn Thrasy)

The next World Deaf Squash Championships will take place during October 2010 in New Zealand.

The ADSA has also been a major partner in the VSF's Deaf Friendly Squash Program and we are delighted that Jo Richards (Bendigo) has been the first deaf player to complete the Level 1 Coaching Course and will be the Head Coach for the Bendigo Deaf Squash Program.

Another major Championship for deaf squash players is the Australian Deaf Games that will be held on the Gold Coast during January 08. These Games are the premier event in the Australian deaf and hard of hearing community and is held every 3-4 years. Peter Walters from South Australia will be aiming for his 10th straight win since 1977 which was the first Squash Championship ever held.

Finally, it is with some sadness that we advise our long serving President, Lance Hatley has stepped down after being involved with the Association since 1982. Lance has been the dynamo behind the ADSA and we thank him most sincerely for his outstanding efforts and wish him all the best for the future.

Australian Deaf Squash Association

Arafura Games Report

The 9th Arafura Games, an international sporting competition for emerging champions of the Asia Pacific Region, was held in Darwin from the 14th to 21st May.

Competition is offered to regional and development athletes as well as national teams to experience the thrill and excitement of a high quality international sporting event.

Held every two years in Darwin, the Arafura Games is billed as a meeting of 'Sporting Neighbours'. This year 42 countries participated, bringing 2,800 athletes together to compete in 23 different sports.

Fourteen medals were up for grabs in the individual and team events over the 5 day competition. New comers, New Caledonia, proved to be formidable opponents taking home medals in both the individual and team events.

Once again the squash competition proved a great success and a big thank you to our squash volunteers that helped to make it an enjoyable

experience for our visiting athletes. Special thanks must go to Pam Addison and Steve Murray, our tournament referees. As these Games are for developing athletes it is very important to have qualified national referees attending so that the players can improve their marking and refereeing skills under their guidance.

The Arafura Games not only offers an international sporting competition for developing athletes, it also offers similar benefits to coaches, administrators, officials and other support staff. It is an ideal opportunity to conduct several squash training courses/seminars in conjunction with the Arafura International Sport Conference and I would encourage Squash Australia to explore these opportunities for the 2009 Arafura Games.

I would also encourage our Australian state bodies and our neighboring countries to consider sending athletes to compete. It is a great event and several Asian athletes, after being exposed to the Games, have continued on a successful squash career. For more information visit www.arafuragames.nt.gov.au. The next Games will be held in Darwin on 9th to 16th May 2009.

Carol Kawaljenko
Arafura Games Squash Coordinator



PSCAA Report

Squash Australia Hall of Fame March 24TH 2007
Another member of PSCAA, Rodney Martin, former World Champion has been inducted into the Squash Australia Hall of Fame.

PSCAA Inc Coach Of the Year 2007
Grant Gough has been selected as the 2007 PSCAA Coach of the Year, having promoted and encouraged the young players and built up a happy environment for juniors. His work in NSW has been a fantastic success in promoting squash to schools with a variety of programs. He has also been successful becoming a Level 3 Coach.

Squash Australia Life Member
Two long time members were honoured by Squash Australia for their significant contribution and service to the National Squash Organisation and the game of Squash in Australia over an extended period. Congratulations to Ken Watson & Margaret Zachariah.

Management Committee of the PSCAA Inc
At the recent Annual General Meeting of the PSCAA Inc, the Victorian Branch was voted into act as the management committee, to do the basic needs for members and with input from the Branch contacts for policy input.

The Management Committee members are:-
President – Adrian McCormack
Vice President - Richard Cagliarini
Treasurer – Joe Meilak
Honorary Secretary – Margaret Zachariah
Committee /Membership Officer – Karen Morrissey
Committee – Daniel Tanner; Kath Ryan; Lorraine Howell

Level 1 and Level 2 Courses
The PSCAA Inc has assisted coaches and Squash Australia to finance the Level 2 courses again.

Professional Development Program
Coaches were offered assistance to attend the World Squash Coaches Conference in Calgary 2007.

PSCAA Inc Promotional Polo Shirt
A very striking promotional polo shirt has been forwarded to all PSCAA Members who paid their fees on time for the financial year.

Margaret Zachariah
Hon. Secretary PSCAA



NSW Squash Report

Firstly, NSW Squash appreciates the efforts of all staff and volunteers for their time and support over the past year and to the affiliated members who have supported the Organisation in its endeavours to move the game forward.

In 2007 NSW Squash has applied for many varied Grants and has established good relationship with State and Local Governments. NSW Squash has continued a good working relationship with Squash Australia and the Department of Sport & Recreation.

NSW Squash also thanks Squash & Sporting Legend Heather McKay for her continued support as our Patron, we are indeed privileged.

2007 SAW:

Junior Development:

- All regional squads are now under the umbrella of The NSW Squash Junior Development Program
- Scholarship 500 Program launched. To date 7 recipients
- NSW Squash Junior Age Championships sponsored for the first time in over 10 years. Sponsorship provided by Sage Pastel and Mortgage Link. 137 entries competed representing a 30% increase.
- Squash accepted into the Western Region Academy of Sport, discussions are in process with other regional academies of sport.
- NSW Squash Junior Travelling Squads competed at the National Junior Series in ACT, Milo All Stars and Penang Junior Open in Malaysia.
- A record number of Country Junior Athletes grants applied, for 19 in total, with the maximum number of 7 awarded.
- Provision made for the MATRIX system to allow for Junior Tournament Results
- Squash featured on Channel Ten's Totally Wild children's program
- David Palmer featured article in The Telegraph newspaper and ALPHA magazine.
- Anthony Ricketts and David Palmer continue as our NSW Squash Ambassadors and whilst home have attended the NSW Squash Academy Camps for our state ranked junior players.

- David Palmer was recognised in the Australia Day Honours List being awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM)
- Anthony Ricketts named as NSW Squash High Performance Consultant
- The improved Website has been well received by members and attracts over 3000 hits per week
- Work commenced on fixing all Thornleigh Squash Courts. 4 Courts to be re-rendered with 5 Courts rejoined and painted.
- NSW Squash acknowledge the continued support of Corporate Partners; the IBIS Accor Hotel Thornleigh as our Official Hotel and Alto Group Pennant Hills Toyota as sponsors of NSW Squash Ambassadors Anthony Ricketts and David Palmer

OUR PLANS FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE INCLUDE:

- Girls in squash mentoring programs
- New initiatives in the area of squash in schools programs
- The staging of a major PSA /WISPA Squash event, The Australian International Squash Classic on the foreshore of Sydney Harbour in 2008
- Members workshops
- Coaching skills update workshops for registered coaches
- Live-in NSW Squash Academy Program
- Applications to the Department of Sport & Recreation Grants for upgrading of Thornleigh
- Ongoing discussions with Local and State Governments re upgrading Thornleigh to allow it to become the showcase centre to host the World Master Games and Australian Junior Championships in 2009 and tender for World Opens in the future.

2007 NSW Squash Member Awards

In 2007 NSW Squash re-launched the NSW Squash Member Awards to celebrate the achievements and contributions of members of the NSW Squash community.

Club of the Year	Willoughby Squash
Centre of the Year	Wyong Squash
Player of the Year	Simon Summers
Coach of the Year	Justin Male
Referee of the Year	John Small
Junior of the Year	Tamika Saxby
Administrator of the Year	Sue Doherty
Volunteer of the Year	Robin Boman

Carin Clonda
NSW Squash



Squash NT Report

Squash in the Northern Territory continued to build on recent strength during 2007. Participation remained strong in the major centres of Darwin and Alice Springs. The many volunteers in those centres, and in Nhulunbuy and Katherine, have continued to work hard to sustain a thriving game. The success of our junior ranks is a good measure of the results of their efforts.

The NT faces challenges quite different from the larger states. This year no less than before, it is a tough place for the business of squash. The population is small and well spread-out, and the climate often oppressive. Of course air-conditioned squash courts have some appeal in this climate, which helps our cause. This is not to underestimate the effort involved in delivering coaching, development and refereeing courses.

After initiating a professional tournament in 2006, Squash NT built on its success in 2007 with its second annual WISPA/PSA tournament, the NT Top End Open Series. The tournament again attracted strong players from interstate, this time including recently retired great Sarah Fitz-Gerald. The standard of play was exceptional in both men's and women's events. Sarah showed her great class in winning the women's event, while young rising star Ryan Cuskelly of New South Wales took out the men's event. We thank the major sponsor, the Top End Hotel, and all the volunteers who worked so hard on the tournament. Two years ago we could hardly have wished for such a successful tournament or such keen local media interest. Again we have plans to make the event bigger and better in 2008.

Immediately after the Top End Open, we launched into the Arafura Games. Squash has been a part of the Games since inception, and this year was another great success. 52 players from 9 different countries participated, including New Caledonia for the first time. The event is a favourite with players from around the region, and local support is always strong.

These tournaments and the other work of Squash NT could not continue without the financial support we receive from many sources. The NT Government has again provided generous funding to continue developing squash in the Territory. Several key sponsors, such as Nortruss Builders Supplies, Minolta Darwin and Paspaley Pearls, have been with Squash for several years, and continue to provide crucial support. Squash in the

NT could not be sustained without the continuing backing of these organisations and our ability to attract new sponsors into the sport.

Development programs in the areas of coaching and refereeing were well supported in 2007, with some involvement from regional areas. A big thank you once again to Pam Addison and Steve Murray for their assistance in the smooth running of our major tournaments.

The NT Junior Squash Academy has now been established for five years and is showing tangible results. Programmes in both Darwin and Alice Springs are helping our juniors to achieve their potential. Again in 2007 the NT has three nationally ranked players for their ages, and one just outside the national ranking. Congratulations to Sharmaine Mills, Tansyn Noble and Rhys Dowling for this well-deserved recognition. Squash NT also acknowledges the many hours of work behind these results, particularly from Academy Director Clive Naylor and coaches Bob Parker and Jarrod Ashcroft, and all the many volunteers and parents who have put in so much effort.

The NT again sent a team to the National Teams Titles and while the competition is tough all NT representatives enjoyed the opportunity to play against players of such a high standard. Despite the lack of regular tournament competition, we look forward to continuing improvements from our team.

The major challenge facing squash in the NT is the probable loss of the only commercial facility in Darwin. We have begun working with the NT Government on a plan to find a new home for squash in our biggest city. The Government is a great supporter of sports, especially where they have strong junior development programmes. We are hopeful that a path to a new facility will be secured over the next year.

The Northern Territory, like other states and territories, relies on the hard work of willing volunteers to maintain its programmes. Some volunteers contribute over many years, while we have also added some new workers in recent times. Squash NT is grateful for their generous contributions of time and effort. It has been a privilege for me to work with many of these people from throughout the Territory and other parts of Australia over the last year, and I thank them sincerely.

Squash NT also thanks Squash Australia for its assistance in 2007, and wishes the Chief Executive Officer, his team and the Board all the best in 2008.

Steve Armitage
President



Squash SA Report

During the course of the year the SRASA Board of Directors led a detailed review of the organisation's objectives and strategies, resulting in the formation of a new Strategic Plan. The assistance of key stakeholders and staff was invaluable in the process and in achieving the end result that will direct the activities of the organisation 2007 to 2010.

Thank you to the Board for their strategic vision and direction when establishing the framework for the plan. The Focus Areas and Key Result Strategies of the Plan are aligned with the national direction of the sport, and will be reviewed annually in conjunction with organisational assessments.

2006-2007 Key Highlights:

- The staging of a successful Event Calendar including 11 Junior and 5 senior tournaments. A high point was the 2006 Australian Open Championships, and the 2007 World Police and Fire Games.
- The SAAS program continued to provide quality athlete pathways to elite performance. Squad numbers have increased to a benchmark high of 58 members, 20 players from Country Clubs.
- The number of club-based referees has increased significantly along with a growing number of junior coaches coming through the ranks
- The State Junior Team improved its national ranking, achieving fourth overall at the 2006 Australian Junior Championships. The Under 19 Boys were placed runners up, in the Teams Event.
- Pennant participation numbers have remained consistent with previous years in both the autumn and spring competitions. The introduction of the Partek Matrix League and the Partek Challenge offered players with an alternative competition structure.
- The Squash community experienced the 2007 Clare Valley Squash Festival, which was staged in Clare from 23 June to 08 July 2007. Over the course of the festival, approximately 500 spectators enjoyed 3 back-to-back tournaments played on the Glass Show court and the Valleys Lifestyle Centre. Congratulations are extended to the Clare Organising Committee led by Grant Norman and Tobi Van Loggerenberg for producing a first class event.
- The launch of new branding promotional materials for Squash SA - "the healthiest sport".
- The relocation of Squash SA to the South Adelaide Squash Centre, in a joint venture between Squash SA and the SA Masters Squash Association.

The State Squash Facility remains a high priority as Squash SA continue to seek out suitable development opportunities. During the year we lobbied development stakeholders to incorporate a State Squash Facility within in the Precinct Vision for the State Aquatic Centre (Domain) and a Multi Sport Facility earmarked for Adelaide Shores.

During the year, Squash SA received support from the Office for Recreation and Sport as well as corporate sponsors to assist with the delivery of the association's core services and major events. In particular, thanks are extended to the Office for Sport and Recreation and Squash Australia for their professional advice and guidance throughout the year.

Thank you to our hardworking and committed Squash SA Staff, Des Panizza, Geoff Davenport, Lindy Foureur, Ann Mison, Sam Abishara and Lyndal Morris.

In closing, Squash SA wishes to acknowledge the support received by its member clubs, athletes and volunteers across the State. Squash SA also recognises the commitment and dedication of: the Board, Finance Advisory, Fundraising, Pennant and Racquetball Committees; and to the athletes, coaches, officials and administrators, all of whom have played an important role in ensuring the continued growth and development of the sport.

Phil Sinnott
General Manager



Q Squash Report

Once again despite the many political challenges **off** the court Queensland successfully hosted two National events and their athletes enjoyed great success **on** the court.

2007 will best be remembered for **Rachael Grinham** winning the World Open Championship for the very first time beating her sister Natalie in the final 9-4, 10-8, 9-2. It was the first "Sisters" and the first "All Queensland" World Open Final.

Queensland successes include:

Queensland Stingrays: Overall senior team champions for the 2nd consecutive year.

Queensland Sharks: Overall junior team champions for the 4th consecutive year, Age group champions: 15YAG, 17YAG, 19YAG.

Australian Junior Champions:

Bethany Brazier: 13YAG, **Karl Krauss:** 13YAG, **Sam Fife:** 15YAG, **Zoe Petrovansky:** 17YAG **Zac Alexander:** 19YAG.

Other Awards:

Sam Fife: Austin Adarraga Achievement Medal and Supershark MVP Award winner **Rheanne Niebling:** Supershark MVP Award winner **Kelly Preston:** Kay Barclay Achievement Medal **Sunil Seth:** MC Hazell Award winner.

National Junior Series Champions:

1st Event: Peter Taylor 19YAG, Julius Krauss 17YAG

2nd Event: Peter Taylor 19YAG

Queensland Junior Champions:

Boys: Ivan Jensen 11YAG, Ben Somerville 12YAG, Karl Krauss 13YAG, Sam Fife 14YAG, Jason Barrett 15YAG, Cameron Deehan (NSW) 16YAG, Matthew Muller 17YAG, Peter Taylor 19YAG and Luke Forster 23YAG.

Girls: Lakeesha Rarere 11YAG, Jessica Turnbull 12YAG, Tiffany Loss 13YAG, Dijo Sexton 14YAG & 15YAG, Kelly Preston 16YAG, Zoe Petrovansky 17YAG & 19YAG and Samantha Davies 23YAG.

Other Awards:

Peter Taylor: Peter Nance Achievement Award
Jon Van Der Kreek: Chris Robertson Encouragement Award
Tiffany Loss: Rachael Grinham Achievement Award
Grace McErvale: Rachael Grinham Encouragement Award.

Top 100 Professional Players:

WISPA: Natalie Grinham (2) **Rachael Grinham (3):** World Open and British Open Champion **Peta Hughes (39):** Queensland Open Champion
PSA: Steve Finitis (73) Brad Hindle (76).

Q Squash would like to acknowledge the support of the following volunteers: Muriel Atherton, Kay Barclay, Steve Derbyshire, Noel Forster, Ian Freeme, John Lee, Meryl Loss, Neil Peacey, Tony Sinclair and Sherri Ward.

Kim Schramm
Chief Executive Officer



Queensland Stingrays and coach Ian Freeme

Squash Tasmania Report

During 2007 we were further able to improve our organisation's performance through improved systems and planning. Through changes to our affiliation procedure and co-operation of clubs we have been able to produce an accurate members' register.

The 2007 Committee included some new faces - Jason Faulkner from Smithton, Paul Brewtnall from Ulverstone, Paul Harvey from Launceston and Melanie Dunn from Eastside. The Committee now has representation from most affiliated clubs. The Committee has been meeting every second month with the minutes circulated to clubs and posted on the web site. I greatly appreciate the efforts of the Committee Members who volunteer their time to help develop our sport.

During the year I have been able to visit all affiliated clubs and, as result, have a better understanding of the state of squash in their areas. I represented Tasmania at the Squash Australia AGM and Workshops and was lucky to be able to attend the Hall of Fame Dinner held on the same weekend. Research on Tasmanian squash history has commenced.

Maggy Marshall was selected in the Australian Junior Team and played in the World Junior Championships in Hong Kong. I would like to congratulate her for her persistent hard work over a number of years and the deserving result.

We had a small number of juniors competing at national championships in 2007 but were unable to field a State junior team. Squash Tasmania was

able to support the attendance of a State Level Referee, Trevor Dooley, to referee at the Australian Junior Championships.

Tasmania was able to field a full team at the Australian Senior Teams' Championships in Brisbane. Being selected for the team and playing in the event was a great reward for our players.

Introducing our sport to school children has been identified as a key to its future. Prep to Grade 3 children are introduced to Totball in the school yard and invited to attend after school Totball. Grade 4 to 6 children are introduced to squash either with In-School Programs or In-Centre Programs. Secondary School In-Centre Programs were also conducted. In these programs students are introduced to the sport by qualified coaches and invited to attend after school secondary school programs.

For adults there are Walk-In Programs where centres can arrange games for new players as well as regulars who do not wish to make the commitment to regular pennant or for those just looking for an extra practice match. In-house pennants continued to be successful on the NW coast and at one club in the South. The Coastal Pennant was conducted between NW Coast clubs and Hobart clubs competed in two inter-club pennants. The Masters' Pennant continues to be successful at Eastside.

Coaching Director, Max Moorhouse, conducted three Level 1 Squash Coaching Courses including Totball. Coach training is essential in order to provide coaches for our development programs.

I represented Tasmania at Squash Australia's Development Workshops. The sharing of ideas nationally is important for the sport.

Chris Doig
President, Squash Tasmania



Tournament Players – (L-R) Michael Brown, Cameron Booth, Jayden Wadd, Barry Teague, Cheryl Unsworth, James Stait, Nicholas Smith, Joseph Nicholls, Julie Lindsay, David Pentecost, Melanie Dunn and Paul Harvey



Squash ACT Report

2007 was a productive year for Squash ACT across many facets of its operation. Following are some of the highlights of particular interest.

Juniors

Our major focus early in 2007 was to host the National Junior Series (NJS). This major event was conducted at the Woden centre under the direction of Brian Jones and his enthusiastic band of volunteers. The sponsorship of a local serviced apartment complex was greatly appreciated by visiting referees and tournament officials. The two events were conducted smoothly and were considered a great success. The event attracted about 290 entrants and involved some 665 matches played over the eight days.

Our Elite and Development Squads continued to perform well under the guidance of our two Junior Coaches. ACT junior players achieved impressive results in major tournaments throughout the year. In the NJS, 6 players finished in the top 10 in one or both events. Four players finished in the top 10 at the Australian Junior Championships, held in Brisbane. The ACT finished 2nd overall at both the Greenshield Trophy and the Dunlop Cup. At the end of 2007 the ACT had a girl ranked in the top 10 in every national junior age group. Rebecca Jones, our number one junior girl, was ranked number 10 in the national senior women's rankings, a very impressive achievement.

Our focus in 2008 is to build on these achievements and to ensure that our juniors continue to improve in an increasingly competitive environment.

Coaches

In October Barbara de Bruine conducted a Level 1 coaching course which resulted in the accreditation of 12 new coaches, including many young players. This course has provided a significant boost to the coaching capacity of the ACT and Squash ACT is very grateful to Barbara for continuing to support squash by contributing her time and expertise to conduct these courses.

Volunteers

One of the major objectives for 2007 was to increase to recognition of our volunteer base. As a result, a new "Service Award" pin was produced and six hard-working volunteers were

recognised for many years of service at a function in December. As well two new life members were inducted. We were delighted to have our only other life member, Heather Mackay present when Barbara Slotemaker de Bruin was inducted.

An extremely sad aspect of this process was the sudden death of our long serving senior referee, Martin Grace. We were grateful to his widow that she was able to attend and accept his Life membership posthumously.

Matrix

The development of the matrix system has continued in 2007 and we are pleased to note the increase in participation from other States. Matthew Driver was presented with the John Langmore Trophy for 2007 in recognition of his continued work on this system.

Facilities

While we have been very happy with the increase in participation at the Woden centre, it was disappointing when, in mid-year, the Queanbeyan Leagues Club chose to close the only courts available in that area. We were able to accommodate the club members at other venues for the second Pennant and will trial a centre based format in 2008 as part of a review of the utilisation of the remaining courts in the ACT.

The Queanbeyan Club and Squash ACT continue to lobby the local council to support the development of a new centre which will include squash courts for local players.

Board

Four new members joined the Board at the 2007 AGM, leaving the President as the only continuing member. We were therefore particularly disappointed to receive his resignation at the end of the year as he was moving interstate. Marcus Smith has served the Board, and Squash ACT with great energy and enthusiasm for many years and his work was acknowledged at the Volunteer Presentation evening.

While the remaining Board members may have been new appointments in 2007 they bring with them many years of experience in squash and business and we look forward to facing the challenges of 2008. These will include confirmation of an updated constitution to be presented to the 2008 AGM as well as a new website to be launched in January 2008.

Vena Murray
General Manager



WA Squash Report

2007 was a very busy and successful year for squash in Western Australia. It was, however disappointing that both player registrations and facilities again declined.

Juniors

By finishing second overall, our juniors had their most successful ever AJC campaign. Junior squash in this State will be given a major boost with the 2008 Australian Junior Championships being held in Perth. Planning for the event is well underway and strong support from other states should ensure a very memorable event.

Facilities

Rapidly increasing land values in Perth, caused by the mining boom, threaten the future of existing squash centres. On the positive side, one new centre is in the process of construction in Perth and several one and two court facilities are being erected in mining towns.

Country

We have placed a major focus on country development and success in this area is due in no small part to the work of Mike Cornish.

Masters

In excess of 500 players competed in the very successful 2007 Australian Masters Championships, Masters is a sub committee of the State body and we work closely together. Two members of the board of WA Squash are heavily involved with the administration of Masters.

Several of our junior events receive sponsorship support from Masters. The junior committee arranged catering for the Australian Masters Championships and considerable funds were raised to assist the State Junior Team.

Pennants and Matrix

We will be trialling 3 seasons for our Pennant system in 2008 in the hope of encouraging new players into a shorter, more dynamic competition. The Matrix system is now fully effective and well supported by clubs and players.

Financial

After losses in the past 2 years, WA Squash in conjunction with Terrace Squash will show a considerable profit in 2007. Terrace Squash has been gradually increasing turnover since the courts were re-activated and the considerable residential development taking place in the surrounding area should see this trend continue.

Management

Membership of the board has not changed significantly over the past 5 years. The introduction of some new Board Members in 2008 should ensure stability mixed with new enthusiasm and ideas. Don Huffer has now taken over as General Manager.

Tournaments

It was a successful year for tournaments with 4 PSA and 2 WISPA events complementing our usual local junior and senior tournaments. We were very appreciative of player support for the PSA tournaments but WISPA entries disappointed. The Western Australian Closed championships were reintroduced to our calendar.

Steve Bowen
President



VSF Report

2007 was indeed another hectic and exhilarating year for the Victorian Squash Federation.

Following Karen Morrissey's appointment as Roger Flynn's replacement as VIS Head Squash Coach, an extensive recruitment process was implemented to find a new Development Manager for the VSF, which resulted in Richard Cagliarini being appointed in February.

With player affiliation fees only providing 18% of our total income, implementing alternative income streams has been a priority for the Federation in recent years, but the securing of nearly \$500,000 in sponsorships and government funding over the

past 12 months has guaranteed that the Federation will be able to continue to deliver high quality programs across the state for at least the next 3-4 years.

Throughout the year, the Federation successfully co-ordinated and managed 49 Squash & Racquetball events which included the:- **Australian Open Doubles Championships; Australian Closed & Graded Championships; Victorian Open Championships; Australian Junior Graded Doubles Championships; and Australian Corporate Games Squash Competition.**

The major focus for our Junior Development Team headed up by Mark Ikin, has been to increase participation at the club level as well as fostering player retention in junior club programs via our

Squash & Racquetball in Schools Program. During the year 8,376 students were exposed in the schoolyard to squash & racquetball with between 10 – 15% attending follow-up Come & Try Sessions and participating in Mini Squash Competitions at their local squash venues.

The Victorian Racquetball Tournament Circuit increased to 7 events in 07 with highlights being, Cameron White winning his 6th national title and nearly \$8,000 in prize money and prizes being provided at the Wangaratta International Racquetball Championships where Sarah Fitzgerald took out her 1st racquetball crown. With the support of the Victorian Primary Schools Sport Association nearly 2,500 primary schools in Victoria were invited by the VSF to conduct introductory sessions in squash and/or racquetball in the schoolyard, plus enter teams in the Victorian Primary Schools Racquetball Teams Competition. The success of this competition has led to the establishment of a junior graded racquetball series in 2008.

Under the new leadership of former World No.38, Karen Morrissey the VIS Squash Program continued to prosper, providing high performance training for 17 scholarship holders. We are delighted to see the close working relationship established between the AIS and VIS Head Squash Coaches and the VSF strongly supports a unitary model for the National High Performance Program as we believe that a fully integrated structure is highly desirable for our sport. The Federations underpinning programs, particularly in rural areas, continued to thrive with some outstanding work from 3 of our High Performance Coaches, namely Richard Cagliarini, Neil Young and Marc O'Brien. These programs underpinned the monthly HP Sessions conducted at MSAC, which involved 13 HP Coaches and 48 players.

A continuing initiative of the Federation has been our Protective Eyewear Program and during 2007 we formed an alliance with Vision2020 Australia and a further eyewear promotion was conducted, involving 4 large venues. Victoria believes it is now opportune for the squash fraternity to seriously consider the implementation of a national education/awareness program for the wearing of protective eyewear.

Once again, the Victorian Squash Rackets Referees Association (VSRRA) provided enormous support during the year, underpinning

our refereeing requirements for our major events, as well as officiating at weekly Premier League matches and various Grand Prix Senior and Junior Circuit Tournaments. Throughout the year we also conducted several Rap Courses which has led to nearly 95% of our metro interclub players being Rules Accredited.

The Federation was also heavily involved with the implementation of its Deaf Friendly Squash Program, with 6 pilot venues being selected and special Auslan training courses conducted for centre staff, program coaches and co-ordinators. This program is open to all deaf and hearing impaired persons, plus their families and friends.

To help out with our shortfall in accredited squash coaches to co-ordinate and manage our junior squash & racquetball in-house programs, particularly in country Victoria, we were able to entice 24 participants (including our first deaf participant) to a Level 1 Coaching Course held during the final quarter of 07. It was also pleasing to note 7 of the 8 coaches who attended the November Level 2 Course were from Victoria.

A most valuable asset for our sport during 2007 was the longer than usual availability of Sarah Fitzgerald on her annual pilgrimage to Melbourne, which enabled her to conduct a series of Road shows, particularly in rural and regional Victoria which were a resounding success. Whether it is individual or group coaching, talking tactics, conducting Q&A/autograph sessions, playing exhibition matches against best of the locals, or working with the media.

For many years the greatest challenge facing our industry has been the serious decline in squash venues. To try and slow down this trend we have been working closely with councils, facility planners and various squash venues to try to secure facility funding as well as the inclusion of squash courts in local council sport and leisure developments. Our greatest win to date has been the announcement that the proposed East Gippsland Sports & Recreational Centre (Bairnsdale) is to go ahead at a cost of \$1.2 million, and this has secured the playing future for 400-500 squash and racquetball players in Bairnsdale.

Paul Vear
VSF Executive Director

Significant improvements have been made to the High Performance culture of the VIS squash program and the re-launching of its brand across the country. This was achieved in a number of ways, including a reduction in the number of scholarship holders (quality over quantity) than in previous years and athletes being made more accountable to their scholarships.

Due to the nature of our 2007 squad being mainly comprised of school aged and regionally based athletes, daily training sessions at MSAC were not conducted for the squad as in previous years. Instead, training became either one on one sessions and/or targeted group (i.e. 2-3 athletes max.) at venues closest to the athletes, with monthly required sessions for the full squad that included squash, mental skills and physical preparation training. We are grateful to MSAC for their ongoing support of the VIS Squash program and also wish to thank Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, Squash Logic Melton and Epping Squash Centre for providing courts at no charge for training throughout the year.

Providing a major boost to our VIS Squash Program was the appointment of Sarah Fitz-Gerald to the position of International Consultant Coach. Sarah provided specialist one on one coaching of selected athletes, match analysis/feedback, sparring and input towards the design and delivery of athlete training programs.

In an effort to establish and build better/closer relationship with the AIS Squash Program and ensure that the VIS fits well within the Squash Australia National Performance Pathway, the VIS and AIS Head Squash Coaches participated in reciprocal visits at both institute programs where meetings between service providers and key personnel took place as well as training sessions. A great deal of positive ground was covered in relation to the performance pathways for our athletes, testing protocols and the VIS becoming a National Training Centre.

Athletes performed well during 2007 with some of the highlights including:

- After solid performances at the National Junior Series events, Kimberley Bessell was selected in the 2007 Australian Junior Women's Team which competed in Hong Kong at the World Junior Championships. Later in the year, Kimberley created Australian squash history winning her 6th Australian Junior title, the highest ever by a junior female player, and she still has 2008 to come.

- Sarah Cardwell and Tim Cornish were named in the 2009 and 2010 National Talent Squads (respectively). Sarah was a finalist in both National Junior Series events winning one and finishing runner up in the other.
- In the Australian Junior Championships Sarah finished 3rd in the Girls 17YAG while Rex Hedrick finished 3rd in the Boys 19YAG events.
- Our 2005 World Deaf Women's Champion, Denise Satti, continued training with the VIS program in preparation to defend her title at the 2007 World Deaf Championships in South Africa, during October. Despite suffering a calf injury during the championships Denise still managed to finish third.

In order to continue professional development opportunities, the VIS Head Coach was one of three Australian coaches to attend the World Coaching Conference in Alberta, Canada during September.

Under the auspices of the VIS Head Squash Coach, the centralised, monthly High Performance Program took on a new format where players were allocated into ability based squads whom they trained with at every session for the year. Each 'squad' had a coach(es) appointed who was responsible for delivering & supervising the prescribed training for their squad at each session.

All accredited and insured Victorian coaches were invited to become involved in the program to provide our leading coaches with the opportunity to work with each other and mentor newly accredited/less experienced coaches, while building rapport with and assisting the development of the most talented up and coming junior players in Victoria. Thirteen coaches took up this opportunity.

The 2007 training year commenced with the annual VSF/VIS High Performance Camp which boasted extremely high attendances, including players from South Africa, interstate and across Victoria. The camp was further enhanced by the involvement of many of our HPP coaches, Mike Cornish from WA and Sarah Fitz-Gerald.

For the first time ever an Information Night was held at the VIS for the Squash Program which attracted excellent attendance. This session was held to provide an opportunity for prospective VIS athletes, their parents, families and coaches to find out more about the VIS Squash Program. All existing scholarship holders were in attendance to assist with the 'Meet & Greet' and to participate in the evening, which concluded with a tour of the gym facility.

Karen Morrissey
Head Squash Coach

AUSTRALIAN SQUASH HALL OF FAME

Legends:

Ken Hiscoe
Geoff Hunt M.B.E, A.M
Heather McKay M.B.E, A.M

Members:

Vicki Cardwell
Chris Dittmar
Sarah Fitz-Gerald A.M
Michelle Martin
Rodney Martin
Rhonda Thorne

LIFE MEMBERS

Victor Belsham A.M (deceased)

John Cameron

Col Clapper O.A.

Bob Finch

Geoff Hunt M.B.E, A.M

Heather McKay M.B.E, A.M

Patricia Walker

Ken Watson

Margaret Zachariah

AUSTRALIAN MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

1967 Ken Hiscoe	1989 Ken Hiscoe (Manager)
Geoff Hunt	Chris Dittmar
Richard Carter	Rodney Martin
Cameron Nancarrow	Chris Robertson
1969 Ken Hiscoe	Brett Martin
Geoff Hunt	1991 Ken Hiscoe (Manager)
Cameron Nancarrow	Chris Dittmar
Richard Carter	Chris Robertson
1971 Ken Hiscoe	Brett Martin
Geoff Hunt	Rodney Eyles
Cameron Nancarrow	1993 Rodney Martin
Richard Carter	Brett Martin
1973 Cameron Nancarrow	Rodney Eyles
David Wright	Tristan Nancarrow
Michael Donnelly	1995 Geoff Hunt (Manager)
Lionel Robberds	Craig Rowland
1976 Cameron Nancarrow (Captain)	Rodney Eyles (Captain)
Kevin Shawcross	Anthony Hill
Dean Williams	Brett Martin
Steven Bowditch	1997 Geoff Hunt (Coach/Manager)
1977 Dean Williams	Rodney Eyles
Frank Donnelly	Craig Rowland
Terry Cheetham (captain)	Dan Jenson
Ian Yeates	Brett Martin
1979 Frank Donnelly	1999 Anthony Hill
Glen Brumby	Dan Jenson
Ian Yeates	Rodney Eyles
Ross Thorne	Paul Price
1981 Steve Bowditch	2001 Steward Boswell
Glen Brumby	David Palmer
Greg Pollard	Paul Price
Ross Thorne	John Williams
1983 Dean Williams	2003 Joseph Kneipp
Ross Thorne	Paul Price
Chris Dittmar	David Palmer
Ricki Hill	Anthony Ricketts
1985 Dean Williams	2005 Stewart Boswell
Greg Pollard	Joseph Kneipp
Ross Thorne	Cameron Pilley
Glen Brumby	Anthony Ricketts
1987 Chris Dittmar	Byron Davis (Coach/Manager)
Rodney Martin	Scott Arnold
Chris Robertson	Stewart Boswell
Ross Thorne	David Palmer
	Cameron Pilley
	Byron Davis (Coach/Manager)

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

1979 Barbara Wall	1994 Michelle Martin
Vicki Hoffman	Elizabeth Irving
Sue King	Sarah Fitz-Gerald
Anne Smith	Carol Owens
Rhonda Thorne	1996 Di Davis (Manager/Coach)
1981 Rhonda Thorne (Captain)	Michelle Martin
Rae Anderson	Sarah Fitz-Gerald
Vicki Hoffman (Cardwell)	Elizabeth Irving
Barbara Oldfield	1998 Di Davis (Manager/Coach)
1983 Rhonda Thorne (Captain)	Michelle Martin
Carin Clonda	Sarah Fitz-Gerald
Jan Miller	Carol Owens
Diane Davis	Elizabeth Irving
1985 Jan Millar (Captain)	2000 Sarah Fitz-Gerald
Tracey Smith	Natalie Grinham
Carin Clonda	Robyn Cooper
Di Davis	Laura Keating
Margaret Zachariah (Manager)	2002 Sarah Fitz-Gerald
1987 Vicki Cardwell (Captain)	Rachael Grinham
Robyn Friday	Natalie Grinham
Sarah Fitz-Gerald	Robyn Cooper
Michelle Martin (Player/Manager)	2004 Rachael Grinham
1989 Vicki Cardwell (Captain/Coach)	Natalie Grinham
Danielle Drady	Amelia Pittock
Elizabeth Irving	Melissa Martin
Robyn Lambourne	Michelle Martin (Manager/Coach)
1990 Robyn Lambourne	2006 Kasey Brown
Michelle Martin	Amelia Pittock
Danielle Drady	Melissa Martin
Elizabeth Irving	Dianne Desira
Margaret Zachariah (Manager)	Michelle Martin (Manager/Coach)
1992 Di Davis (Coach/Manager)	
Robyn Lambourne	
Michelle Martin	
Sarah Fitz-Gerald	
Elizabeth Irving	

WORLD MEN'S TEAM'S CHAMPIONSHIP

1967	Australia	(Australia)
1969	Australia	(England)
1971	Australia	(New Zealand)
1973	Australia	(South Africa)
1975	Great Britain	(England)
1977	Pakistan	(Canada)
1979	Great Britain	(Australia)
1980	Pakistan	(Sweden)
1983	Pakistan	(New Zealand)
1985	Pakistan	(Egypt)
1987	Pakistan	(England)
1989	Australia	(Singapore)
1991	Australia	(Helsinki)
1993	Pakistan	(Pakistan)
1995	England	(Cyprus)
1997	England	(Malaysia)
1999	Egypt	(Egypt)
2001	Australia	(Australia)
2003	Australia	(Vienna)
2005	England	(Pakistan)
2007	England	(India)

WORLD WOMEN'S TEAM'S CHAMPIONSHIP

1979	Great Britain	(England)
1981	Australia	(Canada)
1983	Australia	(Australia)
1985	Great Britain	(Ireland)
1987	England	(New Zealand)
1989	England	(Netherlands)
1990	England	(Australia)
1992	Australia	(Canada)
1994	Australia	(Guernsey)
1996	Australia	(Malaysia)
1998	Australia	(Germany)
2000	England	(England)
2002	Australia	(Denmark)
2004	Australia	(Netherlands)
2006	England	(Canada)

WORLD MEN'S OPEN

1975	Geoff Hunt	(AUS)	England
1977	Geoff Hunt	(AUS)	Australia
1979	Geoff Hunt	(AUS)	Canada
1980	Geoff Hunt	(AUS)	Australia
1981	Jahangir Khan	(PAK)	Canada
1982	Jahangir Khan	(PAK)	England
1983	Jahangir Khan	(PAK)	Germany
1984	Jahangir Khan	(PAK)	England
1985	Jahangir Khan	(PAK)	Egypt
1986	Ross Norman	(NZ)	England
1987	Jansher Khan	(PAK)	England
1988	Jahangir Khan	(PAK)	Holland
1989	Jansher Khan	(PAK)	Malaysia
1990	Jansher Khan	(PAK)	France
1991	Rodney Martin	(AUS)	Australia
1992	Jansher Khan	(PAK)	South Africa
1993	Jansher Khan	(PAK)	Pakistan
1994	Jansher Khan	(PAK)	Spain
1995	Jansher Khan	(PAK)	Cyprus
1996	Jansher Khan	(PAK)	Pakistan
1997	Rodney Eyles	(AUS)	Malaysia
1998	Jonathon Power	(CAN)	Qatar
1999	Peter Nicol	(SCO)	Egypt
2002	David Palmer	(AUS)	Belgium
2003	Amr Shabana	(EGY)	Pakistan
2004	Thierry Lincou	(FRA)	Qatar
2005	Amr Shabana	(EGY)	Hong Kong
2006	David Palmer	(AUS)	Egypt
2007	Amr Shabana	(EGY)	Bermuda

WORLD WOMEN'S OPEN

1976	Heather McKay	(AUS)	Australia
1979	Heather McKay	(AUS)	England
1981	Rhonda Thorne	(AUS)	Canada
1983	Vicki Cardwell	(AUS)	Australia
1985	Susan Devoy	(NZ)	Ireland
1987	Susan Devoy	(NZ)	New Zealand
1989	Martine le Moignan	(ENG)	Netherlands
1990	Susan Devoy	(NZ)	Australia
1992	Susan Devoy	(NZ)	Canada
1993	Michelle Martin	(AUS)	South Africa
1994	Michelle Martin	(AUS)	Guernsey
1995	Michelle Martin	(AUS)	Hong Kong
1996	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	(AUS)	Malaysia
1997	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	(AUS)	Australia
1998	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	(AUS)	Germany
1999	Cassie Champion	(ENG)	U.S.A.
2000	Carol Owens	(AUS)	Scotland
2001	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	(AUS)	Australia
2002	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	(AUS)	Qatar
2003	Carol Owens	(NZ)	Hong Kong
2004	Vanessa Atkinson	(NED)	Malaysia
2005	Nicol David	(MAL)	Hong Kong
2006	Nicol David	(MAL)	Ireland
2007	Rachael Grinham	(AUS)	Spain

WORLD AMATEUR MEN'S

1967	Geoff Hunt	(AUS)	Australia
1969	Geoff Hunt	(AUS)	England
1971	Geoff Hunt	(AUS)	New Zealand
1973	Cam Nancarrow	(AUS)	South Africa
1975	Kevin Shawcross	(AUS)	England
1977	Maqsood Ahmed	(PAK)	Canada
1979	Jahangir Khan	(PAK)	Australia
1981	Steve Bowditch	(AUS)	Sweden
1983	Jahangir Khan	(PAK)	New Zealand

WORLD DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

AUSTRALIAN MEDALISTS

1997	Mixed Gold:	Dan Jenson (AUS)	Hong Kong	2006	Men's Gold	Anthony Ricketts (AUS)	Australia
		Liz Irving (AUS)	Hong Kong			Stewart Boswell (AUS)	Australia
2004	Men's Gold:	Byron Davis (AUS)	India		Men's Silver	Joseph Kneipp (AUS)	Australia
		Cameron White (AUS)	India			Dan Jenson (AUS)	Australia
	Men's Bronze:	Anthony Ricketts (AUS)	India		Women's Silver	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)	Australia
		David Palmer (AUS)	India			Robyn Cooper (AUS)	Australia
	Women's Gold:	Natalie Grinham (AUS)	India		Mixed Gold	Rachael Grinham (AUS)	Australia
		Rachael Grinham (AUS)	India			Joseph Kneipp (AUS)	Australia
	Mixed Gold:	David Palmer (AUS)	India		Mixed Silver	Amelia Pittock (AUS)	Australia
		Rachael Grinham (AUS)	India			Cameron Pilley (AUS)	Australia
	Mixed Bronze:	Natalie Grinham (AUS)	India				
		Dan Jenson (AUS)	India				

AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

1980	Peter Nance	1994	Damien Mudge
	Chris Dittmar		Paul Price
	Chris Carter		Michael Fiteni
	Dale Robbins		Danny Woolbank
	Bill Hunt (Coach)		Greg Middleton (Coach)
1982	Chris Dittmar	1996	Stewart Boswell
	Tristan Nancarrow		Anthony Ricketts
	Grantley Pinnington		Paul Peters
	Peter Shroeder		Liam Kenny
	Hadyn Daly (Coach)		Greg Middleton (Coach)
1984	Sean O'Connor	1998	Shane Doherty
	Rodney Eyles		Mark Ikin
	Chris Robertson		Paul Davis
	Rodney Martin		Kirby Sinclair
	Bill Hunt (Coach)		Roger Flynn (Coach)
1986	Rodney Eyles	2000	Matt Sanders
	Anthony Hill		Cameron Pilley
	Mark Carlyon		Simon Carruthers
	Ricki Curtis		Jhie Gough
	Adam Shreibler		Roger Flynn (Coach)
	Geoff Hunt (Coach)	2002	Jhie Gough
1988	Anthony Hill		Luke Margan
	Dean Mason		Aaron Frankcomb
	Shaun Moxham		James Rogers
	Mark Carlyon		Dean Landy (Coach)
	Bill Hunt (Coach)		Byron Davis (Assistant Coach)
1990	John Williams	2004	Matthew Karwalski
	Simon Baker		Andrew Budd
	Billy Haddrell		Steven Robinson
	Grant Hixon		Ryan Cuskelly
	Ken Hiscoe (Coach)		Dean Landy (Coach)
1992	Gavin Kaddwell	2006	Mike Cornish (Assistant Coach)
	Joseph Kneipp		Zac Alexander
	Dan Jenson		Rex Hedrick
	Byron Davis		Nathan Stevenson
	Ken Hiscoe (Coach)		Matt Reece
			Roger Flynn (Coach)
			Geoff Davenport (Assistant Coach)

AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

1985	Sally Ann Robbie	1999	Sarah Dubois
	Sarah Fitz-Gerald		Dianne Desira
	Danielle Drady		Anna-Lee Starr
	Michelle Martin		Amelia Pittock
	Margaret Zachariah (Coach)		Di Davis (Coach)
1987	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	2001	Lisa Camilleri
	Angela Johnson		Kasey Brown
	Amanda Hopps		Amelia Pittock
	Shannon McNamara		Georgina Davis
	Heather McKay (Coach)		Dean Landy (Coach)
1989	Robyn Cooper	2003	Georgina Davis
	Carol Owens		Kasey Brown
	Angela Roffe		Donna Urquhart
	Marianne MacDonald		Peta Hughes
	Margaret Zachariah (Coach)		Dean Landy (Coach)
1991	Meeghan Bell		Michelle Martin (Assistant Coach)
	Meaghan Pratt	2005	Jessica Gillett
	Camille Rouland		Samantha Davies
	Heather MacDonald		Larissa Huffer
	Margaret Zachariah (Coach)		Vanessa Pickerd
1993	Rachael Grinham		Dean Landy (Coach)
	Kym Keevil		Karen Morrissey (Assistant Coach)
	Natarsha Tippet	2007	Kimberley Bessel
	Janelle Loader		Melody Francis
	Di Davis (Coach)		Maggy Marshall
1995	Emma Major		Laura Stock
	Narelle Tippet		Kelly Fowler (Coach)
	Rachael Grinham		Michelle Martin (Assistant Coach)
	Kate Major		
	Di Davis (Coach)		
1997	Christina McIver		
	Laura Keating		
	Kelly Townsend		
	Judith Mills		
	Di Davis (Coach)		

WORLD JUNIOR MEN'S TEAM'S CHAMPIONSHIP

1980	Australia	(Sweden)
1982	Pakistan	(Singapore)
1984	Australia	(Canada)
1986	Australia	(Australia)
1988	Australia	(Scotland)
1990	England	(Germany)
1992	Australia	(Hong Kong)
1994	Egypt	(New Zealand)
1996	England	(Egypt)
1998	England	(USA)
2000	England	(Italy)
2002	Pakistan	(India)
2004	Pakistan	(Pakistan)
2006	Egypt	(New Zealand)

WORLD JUNIOR WOMEN'S TEAM'S CHAMPIONSHIP

1985	Australia	(Ireland)
1987	England	(England)
1989	England	(New Zealand)
1991	England	(Norway)
1993	Australia	(Malaysia)
1995	Australia	(Australia)
1997	England	(Brazil)
1999	Egypt	(Belgium)
2001	England	(Malaysia)
2003	Egypt	(Egypt)
2005	Hong Kong	(Belgium)
2007	Egypt	(Hong Kong)

WORLD JUNIOR MEN'S INDIVIDUAL AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

1980	Peter Nance	(AUS)	Sweden
1984	Chris Robertson	(AUS)	Canada

WORLD JUNIOR WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

1983	Robyn Friday	(AUS)	Australia
1987	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	(AUS)	England
1993	Rachael Grinham	(AUS)	Malaysia

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH GAMES TEAMS

1998	2002	2006
Robyn Cooper	Robyn Cooper	Stewart Boswell
Sarah Fitz-Gerald	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	Kasey Brown
Rachael Grinham	Natalie Grinham	Dianne Desira
Michelle Martin	Rachael Grinham	Natalie Grinham
Carol Owens	Liz Irving	Rachael Grinham
Byron Davis	Stewart Boswell	Daniel Jenson
Rodney Eyles	Joseph Kneipp	Joseph Kneipp
David Palmer	David Palmer	David Palmer
Paul Price	Paul Price	Amelia Pittock
Craig Rowland	Anthony Ricketts	Anthony Ricketts
Di Davis (Coach)	Roger Flynn (Coach)	Byron Davis (Coach)
Geoff Hunt (Coach)	Geoff Hunt (Coach)	Geoff Hunt (Coach)
Phil Trenorden (Section Manager)	Ken Watson (Section Manager)	Norman Fry (Section Manager)

COMMONWEALTH GAMES RESULTS

1998: Men's Singles

Gold:	Peter Nicol (Scotland)
Silver:	Jonathon Power (Canada)
Bronze:	Paul Johnson (England) & Alex Gough (Wales)

Women's Singles

Gold:	Michelle Martin (Australia)
Silver:	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Australia)
Bronze:	Sue Wright (England) & Cassie Jackman (England)

Men's Doubles

Gold:	Paul Johnson & Mark Chaloner (England)
Silver:	Rodney Eyles & Byron Davis (Australia)
Bronze:	Peter Nicol & Stuart Cowie (Scotland) & Mark Cairns & Chris Walker (England)

Women's Doubles

Gold:	Sue Wright & Cassie Jackman (England)
Silver:	Rachael Grinham & Robyn Cooper (Australia)
Bronze:	Sarah Fitz-Gerald & Carol Owens (Australia) Claire Nitch & Natalie Grainger (South Africa)

Mixed Doubles

Gold:	Craig Rowland & Michelle Martin (Australia)
Silver:	Simon Parke & Suzanne Horner (England)
Bronze:	Rodney Durbach & Natalie Grainger (South Africa) Glen Wilson & Sarah Cook (New Zealand)

2002: Mens Singles

Gold:	Jonathon Power (Canada)
Silver:	Peter Nicol (England)
Bronze:	Stewart Boswell & David Palmer (Australia)

Womens Singles

Gold:	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Australia)
Silver:	Carol Owens (New Zealand)
Bronze:	Rachael Grinham (Australia) & Cassie Jackman (England)

Mens Doubles

Gold:	Lee Beachill & Peter Nicol (England)
Silver:	Anthony Ricketts & Stewart Boswell (Australia)
Bronze:	David Palmer & Paul Price (Australia) Mark Chaloner & Paul Johnson (England)

Womens Doubles

Gold:	Carol Owens & Leilani Rorani (New Zealand)
Silver:	Cassie Jackman & Tania Bailey (England)
Bronze:	Rachael Grinham & Natalie Grinham (Australia) Fiona Geaves & Linda Charman (England)

Mixed Doubles

Gold:	Leilani Rorani & Glen Wilson (New Zealand)
Silver:	Nicol David & Beng Hee Ong ((Malaysia)
Bronze:	Joseph Kneipp & Robyn Cooper (Australia)

2006 Men's Singles

Gold:	Peter Nicol (England)
Silver:	David Palmer (Australia)
Bronze:	Lee Beachill (England)

Women's Singles

Gold:	Natalie Grinham (Australia)
Silver:	Rachael Grinham (Australia)
Bronze:	Shelley Kitchen (New Zealand)

Men's Doubles

Gold:	Peter Nichol and Lee Beachill (England)
Silver:	Anthony Ricketts and Stewart Boswell (Australia)
Bronze:	Daniel Jenson and Joseph Kneipp (Australia)

Women's Doubles

Gold:	Natalie Grinham and Rachael Grinham (Australia)
Silver:	Shelley Kitchen and Tamsyn Leevey (New Zealand)
Bronze:	Tania Bailey and Vicky Botwright (England)

Mixed Doubles

Gold:	Natalie Grinham and Joseph Kneipp (Australia)
Silver:	Vicky Botwright and James Willstrop (England)
Bronze:	Rachael Grinham and David Palmer (Australia)



2006 Commonwealth Games Men Medal Winners
SquashPics.com

MASTERS WORLD MEN'S CHAMPIONS

1979	Kevin Adams	45
1979	Len Atkins	45
1983	Ken Hiscoe	45
1991	Ian Hocking	55
1991	Gregory Robberds	45
1991	Dean Williams	35
1993	Ian Hocking	60
1993	Peter Write	50
1995	Vic Hunt	75
1995	Fred Green	65
1995	Max Smyth	65
1995	Terry Rippon	60
1995	Max Samblebe	50
1995	Brian Cook	45
1995	Ian Freeme	40
1999	Peter Write	55
2001	Tomas Spark	45
2003	Brian Cook	55
2003	Geoff Davenport	45
2005	Jeffrey Bond	35
2005	Simon Gogolin	45
2005	George Oshlack	75
2006	Geoff Davenport	45
2006	Hugh Colburn	60

MASTERS WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS

1983	Margaret Zachariah	35
1987	Jenny Irving	50
1987	Heather McKay	45
1990	Rita Paulos	50
1990	Heather McKay	45
1990	Robyn Prentice	40
1990	Dianne Davis	40
1990	Vicki Cardwell	35
1993	Margaret Doueal	55
1993	Heather McKay	50
1995	Roma Casey	65
1995	Margaret Doueal	60
1995	Heather McKay	50
1997	Diane Ricardo	35
2001	Sue Volzke	50
2001	Vicki Cardwell	45
2001	Mary Sceney	40
2005	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	35
2006	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	35
2006	Anne Richards	50
2006	Sue Volzke	55

AUSTRALIAN DOUBLES CHAMPIONS

1996	Men's:	D. Palmer	NSW
		J. White	QLD
	Women's:	S. McNamara	NSW
		C. Foster	NSW
	Mixed:	J. Bond	ACT
		S. McNamara	NSW
1997	Men's:	G. Keenan	VIC
		G. Wilcock	VIC
	Women's:	M.J. Morgan	VIC
		V. Cardwell	VIC
	Mixed:	H. Johns	ACT
		S. Cook	NZ
1998	Men's:	P. Price	VIC
		D. Palmer	NSW
	Women's:	R. Cooper	QLD
		R. Grinham	QLD

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS AMATUER MEN

1931	F. Strickland	VIC	1958	B. Stuart	VIC
1932	R. Henderson	VIC	1959	M. Oddy	SCOT
1933	H. Hopman	VIC	1960	K. Hiscoe	NSW
1934	H. Hopman	VIC	1961	K. Hiscoe	NSW
1935	N. Heath	NSW	1962	K. Hiscoe	NSW
1936	H. Hopman	VIC	1963	K. Hiscoe	NSW
1937	M. Weston	VIC	1964	K. Hiscoe	NSW
1938	W. Vestey	UK	1965	G. Hunt	VIC
1939	M. Weston	VIC	1966	K. Hiscoe	NSW
1940/45	No competition		1967	K. Hiscoe	NSW
1946	I. Carson	VIC	1968	J. Barrington	UK
1947	I. Carson	VIC	1969	G. Hunt	VIC
1948	F. Harris	VIC	1970	G. Hunt	VIC
1949	F. Harris	VIC	1971	G. Hunt	VIC
1950	I. Carson	VIC	1972	C. Nancarrow	NSW
1951	E. W. Metcalf	VIC	1973	Q. Zaman	PAK
1952	T. Anstee	VIC	1974	S. Muneer	PAK
1953	B. Boys	VIC	1975	K. Shawcross	NSW
1954	B. Boys	VIC	1976	M. Donnelly	QLD
1955	B. Boys	VIC	1977	D. H. Williams	WA
1956	A. McCausland	VIC	1978	G. Briars	UK
1957	J. Cheadle	NSW	1979	F. Donnelly	QLD

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS AMATUER WOMEN

1932	R. Grey Smith	VIC	1959	P. Parmenter	NSW
1933	R. Grey Smith	VIC	1960	H. Blundell	NSW
1934	P. Walker	NSW	1961	H. Blundell	NSW
1935	J. Long Innes	NSW	1962	H. Blundell	NSW
1936	D. Stevenson	VIC	1963	H. Blundell	NSW
1937	R. Grey Smith	VIC	1964	H. Blundell	NSW
1938	M. Armytage		1965	H. Blundell	NSW
1939/45	No competition		1966	H. McKay	NSW
1946	B. Meagher	VIC	1967	H. McKay	NSW
1947	V. Watts	VIC	1968	H. McKay	NSW
1948	V. Watts	VIC	1969	H. McKay	NSW
1949	B. Meagher	VIC	1970	H. McKay	NSW
1950	B. Meagher	VIC	1971	H. McKay	NSW
1951	V. Watts	VIC	1972	H. McKay	NSW
1952	J. Tissot	VIC	1973	H. McKay	NSW
1953	J. Watson		1974	M. Jackman	QLD
1954	J. Morgan	UK	1975	S. Newman	NSW
1955	M. Mather	VIC	1976	S. Newman	NSW
1956	J. Tissot	VIC	1977	M. Zachariah	VIC
1957	J. Tissot	VIC	1978	V. Hoffman	SA
1958	J. Fitz-Gerald	VIC			

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS OPEN MEN

1980	G. Hunt	VIC
1981	G. Hunt	VIC
1982	J. Khan	PAK
1983	R. Thorne	QLD
1984	T. Nancarrow	QLD
1985	R. Martin	QLD
1986	R. Martin	QLD
1987	C. Robertson	QLD
1988	C. Dittmar	SA
1989	C. Dittmar	SA
1990	R. Martin	QLD
1991	C. Dittmar	SA
1992	R. Martin	QLD
1993	R. Martin	QLD
1994	B. Martin	QLD
1995	No Event	
1996	B. Martin	QLD
1997	R. Eyles	QLD
1998	J. Power	CAN
1999	No Event	
2000	A. Ricketts	NSW
2001	T. Berden	NED
2002	S. Boswell	ACT
2003	D. Jenson	SA
2004	D. Jenson	SA
2005	A. Ricketts	NSW
2006	S. Boswell	ACT
2007	S. Boswell	ACT

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS OPEN WOMEN

1979	V. Hoffman	SA
1980	V. Hoffman	SA
1981	R. Thorne	QLD
1982	V. Cardwell	SA
1983	V. Cardwell	SA
1984	V. Cardwell	SA
1985	J. Miller	SA
1986	L. Opie	ENG
1987	L. Opie	ENG
1988	V. Cardwell	VIC
1989	V. Cardwell	VIC
1990	S. Devoy	NZ
1991	M. Martin	QLD
1992	S. Devoy	NZ
1993	M. Martin	NSW
1994	M. Martin	NSW
1995	M. Martin	NSW
1996	M. Martin	NSW
1997	S. Fitz-Gerald	VIC
1998	M. Martin	NSW
1999	M. Martin	NSW
2000	L. Joyce	NZ
2001	S. Fitz-Gerald	VIC
2002	S. Fitz-Gerald	VIC
2003	S. Fitz-Gerald	VIC
2004	N. Grinham	QLD
2005	R. Grinham	QLD
2006	K. Brown	NSW
2007	S. Kitchen	NZL

BRITISH OPEN MEN AUSTRALIAN WINNERS

1969	G. B. Hunt
1974	G. B. Hunt
1976	G. B. Hunt
1977	G. B. Hunt
1978	G. B. Hunt
1979	G. B. Hunt
1980	G. B. Hunt
1981	G. B. Hunt
2001	D. Palmer
2003	D. Palmer
2004	D. Palmer
2005	A. Ricketts

BRITISH OPEN WOMEN AUSTRALIAN WINNERS

1962	H. Blundell (McKay)
1963	H. Blundell (McKay)
1964	H. Blundell (McKay)
1965	H. Blundell (McKay)
1966	H. McKay
1967	H. McKay
1968	H. McKay
1969	H. McKay
1970	H. McKay
1971	H. McKay
1972	H. McKay
1973	H. McKay
1974	H. McKay
1975	H. McKay
1976	H. McKay
1977	H. McKay
1978	S. Newman
1979	B. Wall
1980	V. Hoffman (Cardwell)
1981	V. Hoffman (Cardwell)
1982	V. Cardwell
1983	V. Cardwell
1993	M. Martin
1994	M. Martin
1995	M. Martin
1996	M. Martin
1997	M. Martin
1998	M. Martin
2001	S. Fitz-Gerald
2002	S. Fitz-Gerald
2003	R. Grinham
2004	R. Grinham
2007	R. Grinham

SQUASH AUSTRALIA AWARD WINNERS

Senior Athlete of the Year

2004	Rachael Grinham
2005	Anthony Ricketts
2006	Stewart Boswell

Junior Athlete of the Year

2004	Kasey Brown
2005	Julius Krauss
2006	Ryan Cuskelly
	Peta Hughes

Administrator of the Year

2004	Jacqueline Souwer
2005	Paul Vear
2006	Greg Hutchings

Volunteer of the Year

2004	John Holland
2005	Ray Strachan
2006	Meryl Loss

Referee of the Year

2004	Damien Green
2005	Bill Patterson
2006	John Small

Coach of the Year

2004	Noel Forster
2005	Kay Barclay
2006	Byron Davis



Aaron Fyfe

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS JUNIOR MEN

1958	Richard Carter	NSW	1983	Chris Robertson	QLD
1959	Geoff Pares	NSW	1984	Chris Robertson	QLD
1960	Trevor Quick	SA	1985	Rod Eyles	QLD
1961	Robert Pratt	NSW	1986	Rod Eyles	QLD
1962	Robert Pratt	NSW	1987	Anthony Hill	VIC
1963	Geoff Hunt	VIC	1988	Mark Carlyon	QLD
1964	Mal Cutler	NSW	1989	John Williams	VIC
1965	Kevin Shawcross	NSW	1990	Craig Rowland	QLD
1966	Bernie Shea	VIC	1991	Billy Haddrell	VIC
1967	William Reedmand	NSW	1992	Grant Hixon	QLD
1968	Rob Jolly	VIC	1993	Dan Jenson	SA
1969	Rob Jolly	VIC	1994	Dan Jenson	SA
1970	Dave Thomas	QLD	1995	David Palmer	NSW
1971	Mark Perry	NSW	1996	Stewart Boswell	ACT
1972	Mark Perry	NSW	1997	Stewart Boswell	ACT
1973	Mark Mounsey	VIC	1998	Anthony Ricketts	NSW
1974	Dean Williams	WA	1999	Kirby Sinclair	NSW
1975	Ian Yeates	NSW	2000	Cameron Pilley	NSW
1976	Kim Richards	VIC	2001	Cameron Pilley	NSW
1977	Glen Brumby	SA	2002	Luke Margan	SA
1978	Glen Brumby	SA	2003	Aaron Frankcomb	TAS
1979	Greg Pollard	NSW	2004	Aaron Frankcomb	TAS
1980	Peter Nance	QLD	2005	Scott Arnold	NSW
1981	Chris Dittmar	SA	2006	Ryan Cuskelly	NSW
1982	Tristan Nancarrow	QLD	2007	Zac Alexander	QLD

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS JUNIOR WOMEN

1964	Jenny McDevitt	QLD	1986	Danielle Drady	QLD
1965	Jenny McDevitt	QLD	1987	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	VIC
1966	Robyn Kennedy	VIC	1988	Amanda Hopps	WA
1967	Carol Hunter	NSW	1989	Robyn Cooper	QLD
1968	Sue Newman	NSW	1990	Carol Owens	VIC
1969	Lorraine Collins	WA	1991	Leilani Marsh	NZ
1970	Lorraine Collins	WA	1992	Sarah Cook	NZ
1971	Jackie Palin	VIC	1993	Rachael Grinham	QLD
1972	Rhonda Shapland	QLD	1994	Kym Keevil	NSW
1973	Sue Heaney	VIC	1995	Kate Major	NSW
1974	Rhonda Shapland	QLD	1996	Rachael Grinham	QLD
1975	Rhonda Shapland	QLD	1997	Natalie Grinham	QLD
1976	Rhonda Shapland	QLD	1998	Laura Keating	ACT
1977	Kim Johnstone	NSW	1999	Nicol David	MAL
1978	Carin Clonda	NSW	2000	Sarah Dubois	NSW
1979	Sue Post	QLD	2001	Sarah Dubois	NSW
1980	Wendy Williams	VIC	2002	Amelia Pittock	VIC
1981	Tracey Smith	VIC	2003	Kasey Brown	NSW
1982	Wendy Williams	VIC	2004	Kasey Brown	NSW
1983	Liz Irving	QLD	2005	Donna Urquhart	NSW
1984	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	VIC	2006	Peta Hughes	QLD
1985	Michelle Martin	QLD	2007	Kimberley Bessell	VIC

MC HAZELL AWARD JUNIOR MEN

1992	Perry Daly	NSW
1993	Michael Soo	MAL
1994	Dan Jenson	SA
1995	Cameron White	VIC
1996	Stewart Boswell	ACT
1997	Shane Doherty	NSW
1998	Peter Hughes	ACT
1999	Paul Davis	SA
2000	Luke Margan	SA
2001	Matt Reece	NSW
2002	Aaron Frankcomb	NSW
2003	Daniel Blackney	WA
2004	Rex Hedrick	VIC
2005	Tom Steward	VIC
2006	Zac Alexander	QLD
2007	Sunil Seth	QLD

MC HAZELL AWARD JUNIOR WOMEN

1992	Kym Keevil	NSW
1993	Emma Major	NSW
1994	Kym Keevil	NSW
1995	C. Fitzpatrick & J. Gruer	VIC
1996	Rachael Grinham	QLD
1997	Natalie Grinham	QLD
1998	Sarah Dubois	NSW
1999	Kasey Sinclair	QLD
2000	Kasey Sinclair	QLD
2001	Larissa Huffer	VIC
2002	Amelia Pittock	VIC
2003	Kasey Brown	NSW
2004	Christine Nunn	ACT
2005	Donna Urquhart	NSW
2006	Maggy Marshall	TAS
2007	Tamika Saxby	NSW

MISCELLANEOUS AUSTRALIAN

2000	U14	S. Arnold	NSW	2002	U14	M. Rucklinger	PNG
		D. Urquhart	NSW			L. Huffer	VIC
	U16	W. Broadbent	USA		U16	S. Arnold	NSW
		G Davis	NSW			L. Yoke Wah	MAL
	U21	A. Ricketts	NSW	2003	14	M. Arnold	NSW
		B. Lewis	WA			K. Bessell	SA
	U23	A. Ricketts	NSW		16	A. Budd	NSW
		C. Mak	HK			P. Hughes	QLD
2001	U14	A. Budd	NSW				
		P. Hughes	QLD				
	U16	A. Frankcomb	NSW				
		K. Brown	NSW				
	U21	K. Sinclair	NSW				
	U23	D. Smith	QLD				

AUSTRALIAN 13 YAG BOYS CHAMPION

1982	Mark Carlyon	WA
1983	Stephen Ellul	VIC
1984	Michael Joint	VIC
1985	Simon Baker	QLD
1986	Joseph Kneipp	NSW
1987	Adam Micaleff	SA
1988	Dan Jenson	VIC
1989	Michael Fiteni	NSW
1990	Paul Peters	WA
1998	Aaron Frankcomb	TAS
1999	Scott Arnold	NSW
2000	Andrew Budd	NSW
2001	Matt Reece	NSW
2002	Matt Arnold	NSW
2003	Kamran Khan	MAL
2004	Matt Hopkin	QLD
2005	Wes Cusick	NSW
2006	Sam Fife	QLD
2007	Karl Krauss	QLD

AUSTRALIAN 15 YAG BOYS CHAMPION

1982	Rod Eyles	QLD
1983	Adam Schreiber	NSW
1984	Anthony Hill	VIC
1985	Stephen Ellul	WA
1986	Michael Joint	VIC
1987	John Williams	VIC
1988	Paul Daly	NSW
1989	Craig Dellar	VIC
1990	Dan Jenson	SA
1991	Michael Fiteni	VIC
1992	Liam Kenny	WA
1993	Stewart Boswell	ACT
1994	Benny Ong	MAL
1995	Simon Reynolds	NSW
1996	Mohd Azian Iskadar	MAL
1997	Michael Arcidiacono	QLD
1998	James Rogers	SA
1999	Scott Huffer	VIC
2000	Aaron Frankcomb	NSW
2001	Scott Arnold	NSW
2002	Andrew Budd	NSW
2003	Tom Steward	VIC
2004	Zac Alexander	QLD
2005	Julius Krauss	QLD
2006	Matt Hopkin	QLD
2007	Sam Fife	QLD

AUSTRALIAN 17 YAG BOYS CHAMPION

1982	Sean O'Connor	QLD
1983	Sean O'Connor	QLD
1984	Rod Eyles	QLD
1985	Anthony Hill	VIC
1986	Anthony Hill	VIC
1987	Glen Wilson	NZ
1988	John Williams	VIC
1989	John Williams	VIC
1990	Grant Hixon	QLD
1991	Dan Jenson	SA
1992	Dan Jenson	SA
1993	Michael Fiteni	VIC
1994	Stewart Boswell	ACT
1995	Stewart Boswell	ACT
1996	Anthony Ricketts	NSW
1997	Shane Doherty	NSW
1998	Paul Davis	SA
1999	Michael Arcidiacono	QLD
2000	Luke Margan	SA
2001	Jhie Gough	NSW
2002	Aaron Frankcomb	NSW
2003	Scott Arnold	NSW
2004	Tom Steward	VIC
2005	Tom Steward	VIC
2006	Zac Alexander	QLD
2007	Aaron Fyfe	SA

AUSTRALIAN 13 YAG GIRLS CHAMPION

1982	Carolyn Greenhouse	WA
1983	Nadine Innes	TAS
1984	Robyn Cooper	QLD
1985	Camille Rowland	QLD
1986	Camille Rowland	QLD
1987	Rachael Grinham	QLD
1988	Rachael Grinham	QLD
1989	Melissa Vacca	SA
1990	Natalie Grinham	QLD
1998	Kasey Brown	NSW
1999	Sally Looi	MAL
2000	Kasey Sinclair	QLD
2001	Kimberley Bessell	QLD
2002	Low Wee Wern	MAL
2003	Low Wee Wern	MAL
2004	Mikayla Maricic	WA
2005	Dijo Sexton	QLD
2006	Tamika Saxby	NSW
2007	Bethany Brazier	QLD

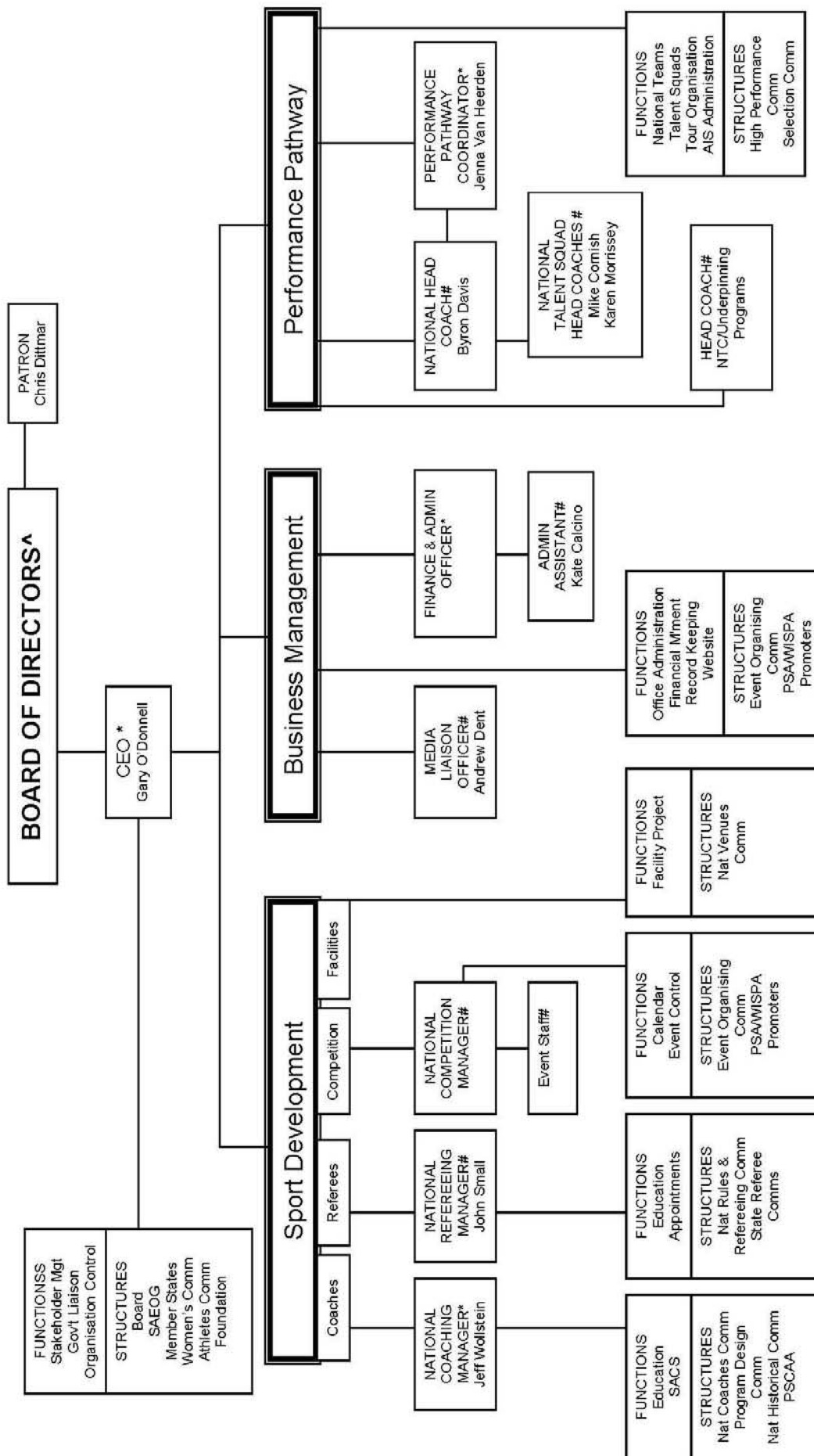
AUSTRALIAN 15 YAG GIRLS CHAMPION

1982	Danielle Drady	QLD
1983	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	VIC
1984	Amanda Hopps	WA
1985	Robyn Cooper	QLD
1986	Shannon McNamara	NSW
1987	Meeghan Bell	VIC
1988	Camille Rowland	QLD
1989	Rachael Grinham	QLD
1990	Natasha Tippet	QLD
1991	Jade Wilson	NZ
1992	Kate Major	NSW
1993	Judith Mills	QLD
1994	Kelly Townsend	NSW
1995	Leong Siu Lynn	MAL
1996	Nicol David	MAL
1997	Sarah Dubois	NSW
1998	Amelia Pittock	VIC
1999	Georgina Davis	NSW
2000	Kasey Brown	NSW
2001	Donna Urquhart	NSW
2002	Peta Hughes	QLD
2003	Larissa Huffer	VIC
2004	Kimberley Bessell	VIC
2005	Zoe Petrovsky	QLD
2006	Sarah Cardwell	VIC
2007	Tamika Saxby	NSW

AUSTRALIAN 17 YAG GIRLS CHAMPION

1982	Debbie Baertschiger	VIC
1983	Jodie Girando	WA
1984	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	VIC
1985	Angela Johnson	VIC
1986	Amanda Hopps	WA
1987	Shannon McNamara	NSW
1988	Robyn Cooper	QLD
1989	Meeghan Bell	VIC
1990	Leilani Marsh	NZ
1991	Sarah Cook	NZ
1992	Kym Keevil	NSW
1993	Janelle Loader	QLD
1994	Kate Major	NSW
1995	Shelley Kitchen	NZ
1996	Christina McIver	NSW
1997	Nicol David	MAL
1998	Sarah Dubois	NSW
1999	Amelia Pittock	VIC
2000	Amelia Pittock	VIC
2001	Georgina Davis	NSW
2002	Donna Urquhart	NSW
2003	Donna Urquhart	NSW
2004	Kasey Sinclair	QLD
2005	Kimberley Bessell	VIC
2006	Kimberley Bessell	VIC
2007	Zoe Petrovsky	QLD

SQUASH AUSTRALIA ORGANISATIONAL CHART



* Full Time
Part Time
^ Volunteer

Current at 1 Feb 2008

*Squash Australia thanks our sponsors and partners
for their generous support throughout 2007*



Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission



**AUSTRALIAN
INSTITUTE OF SPORT**





COMMERCIAL AND GENERAL INSURANCE BROKERS Pty Ltd

LICENSED INSURANCE BROKERS INC. IN QLD.

**Easy
Payment Plans**

Special discounted rates on many Industries - Tailor made solutions to suit your needs

HIGH FIRE RISK SPECIALIST

- ❖ Woodworkers
- ❖ Earthmoving Equipment
- ❖ Small Business
- ❖ Furniture Manufacturers
- ❖ Heavy Machinery
- ❖ Hard to Place Insurance
- ❖ Individual Liability
- ❖ Professional Indemnity
- ❖ Property Insurance

3357 1235

Member of NIBA

498 Lutwyche Road Lutwyche

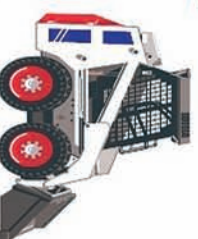
Fax: 3357 2079

Email: comgen@comgen.com.au

www.comgen.com.au



Trucks & Cranes



Earthmoving Equipment



Computer Specialists

IT



Boat Building/Repair



Business