

VOLUNTEER AWARDS

The Squash & Racquetball Victoria Volunteer Awards are designed to recognise the vital role volunteers play within the squash and racquetball community. Our 2015 Award winners are:

Jeanette Barton

Jeanette has been a long term contributor to squash at a local and association level for over 30 years. She is a current member of the Mountain District committee as co-chair of Ladies Match and Pennant after having previously served as a member of the Nunawading and Maroondah committees.

During this time she also served as a committee member of the Victorian Squash League, based in the Eastern Suburbs of Melbourne, being Ladies Match and Pennant Chairperson for much of her time with the League.

Jeanette is also a key contributor to the success of the annual Mountain District Tournament. The Mountain District club has benefited enormously from her enthusiasm and support she has given to ladies squash over many years.

Steve Ibbott

Steve provides a critical role as logistics coordinator for both the Mountain District Open Squash and the Victorian Open Racquetball championships. First to arrive and last to leave he manages set up and pack down of all facilities required to run these events. Steve manages the maintenance of the courts on behalf of the club and is one of two junior coaches at the club. In recognition of his service, Steve was made a Life Member of Mountain District in 2012.

Elisha Mitchell

Elisha started playing racquetball, a sport she has fallen in love with, at the Corio Leisuretime Centre in 2001, encouraged by her partner, Adam Lander.

Elisha commenced playing on the Victorian Racquetball Tournament Circuit in 2010, and 12 months later started to take a very keen interest in the administration component of the sport, and was appointed on to the Corio Racquetball Club Committee.

During 2012, Elisha began offering to help out at every tournament that she and her family participated in, and was eventually encouraged to take on the Tournament Director's role of the 2013 Geelong Open Classic, which is held at her home venue.

Two years on and Elisha spends over six months of each year preparing for the Geelong Open Classic. She also is heavily involved with the running of racquetball competitions and events at the Corio Centre, as well as encouraging juniors and parents into the sport, including her 11 year old son Jackson and 7 year old daughter Claire.

Corey Robertson

Corey is an enthusiastic advocate for squash, particularly in his home area of Geelong and the regions. His support of juniors at the Corio Club is instrumental in the growth of kids playing. Building on his long-term involvement in the Hopam Cup (and long winning streak!) he has worked hard in the last 12 months in particular to build the Geelong Open into a successful regional tournament, with 110+ entries this year, and terrific support from the regional clubs. Corey's passion for squash is infectious.

John Webber

John has been a driving figure of Mornington Peninsula squash for many decades. His service to the sport is legendary on the peninsula, from the committee of the Mornington Peninsula Squash Racquets Association, to his long-term and ongoing role as Mr President of Mt Eliza Club. He has been a volunteer and continues to be a driving force behind the Mornington Peninsula Open. And, he can still be found hitting the little black ball around the court!