



# ANNUAL REPORT 2005



### **OUR MISSION**

To provide innovative leadership and direction for the growth and development of Squash in Australia.

### **OUR VISION**

Squash will be a flourishing participant sport for people of all ages from all sectors of the Australian community;

Squash will be a high profile sport in Australia, receiving extensive media coverage and maintaining a high level of community awareness;

Squash facilities will be attractive, enticing, professionally operated and managed, and be financially viable;

Australia will dominate squash internationally in terms of playing performance;

Squash will be effectively administered throughout Australia under the leadership of a financially strong national body (Squash Australia); and

Squash will be played in all major international (multi-sport) games.

### **OUR VALUES**

In our relationship and dealings with our stakeholders and each other, we will:

be open and transparent;

communicate effectively;

accept responsibility for decisions and actions;

be responsive to their needs;

endeavour to reach a common understanding through consultation;

strive for excellence, effectiveness and efficiency to maximize our performance

be cooperative and operate as a team;

strive for continuous improvement; and

value the well-being and diversity of all our players.



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Photos - Front Cover Top Left L-R: K. Morrissey (Assistant Coach), S. Davies, L. Huffer, J. Gillett, V. Pickerd & D. Landy (Manager/Coach) Top Right L-R: C. Pilley, B. Davis (Manager/Coach), J. Kneipp, S. Boswell & A. Ricketts Bottom L-R: K. Hiscoe, S. Fitz-Gerald, G. Hunt, H. McKay, M. Martin & V. Cardwell

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Joseph Kneipp having a smashing time at the World Teams



South Australia Squash Team win National Teams Championship L-R: R. Smith, J. Mudge, K. Groves, S. Carruthers & R. Bergamin



2007 National Talent Squad compete in Malaysia L-R: S. Davies, K. Bessell, T. Beverage, M. Francis & K. Fowler (Coach)





Initial team selection for 2005 Junior World Championships L-R: J. Gillett, V. Pickerd, P. Hughes, K. Sinclair & D. Urquhart

Amelia Pittock representing Squash at 2006 Games launch



2005 Junior Women's Team in Belgium L-R: S. Davies, J. Gillett, L. Huffer & V. Pickerd

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Natalie Grinham (AUS) playing Shelley Kitchen (NZ)



David Palmer (AUS) playing Lee Beechill (ENG)

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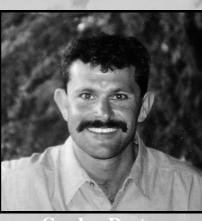


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NATIONAL REFEREEING DIRECTOR Mr John Small



Fordon Dextei 1963 – 2005

Respected sports journalist Gordon Dexter died suddenly of a still unknown illness on Christmas Day 2005. He was 42.

Gordon was born in Birmingham, England on December 14 1963 and grew up in the south coast city of Eastbourne. He was educated at Eastbourne Grammar School and Manchester Polytechnic, from which he graduated with a degree in business management. It was in Eastbourne where he met his Australian wife, Cathryn, whom he married in 1986.

The couple came to live in Australia soon after where Gordon trained as a journalist, working in newspapers on the Sunshine Coast, before accepting a job with Australian Associated Press in Sydney, where he worked for six years.

At AAP, he worked on the national sports desk and covered all sports, both in Australia and overseas.

He returned to live in Queensland in 2000 and set up his own Brisbane-based freelance writing business, with a diverse range of clients including The SportsVine, the Redland Bay Times newspaper, the Redcliffe City Council and Ralph magazine.

Sport was the cornerstone of Gordon's profession, just as it was his greatest passion. He was the national media liaison officer for Squash Australia and worked in a media role at the Sydney Olympics and the 2003 Rugby World Cup.

He was scheduled to work in a media liaison role at the upcoming Turin Winter Olympics. Gordon not only loved to watch, read and write about sport – he was also a keen sportsman who played tennis, golf, cricket and soccer.

In England he had been Devonshire Park Tennis Club Junior Champion and captain of his university soccer team. In more recent times he was an integral part of the establishment of the Redlands Bay Over 35 football team as well as a key player on the field. He was a lifelong supporter of Brighton-Hove-Albion and Manchester United.

Gordon was very much a people person who loved to travel, dine out and attend any kind of social event. Though not, by his own admission, a fanatic for the great outdoors he would cheerfully and valiantly join in camping, canoeing and bushwalking expeditions, such as an Earth Watch project in Mexico and a photographic safari to Kenya.

He made friends wherever he went because his happy nature and sheer enthusiasm for life made him a good companion, always ready to tell a tale and listen with genuine interest to those told by others.

He is survived by wife Cathryn, parents Harvey and Barbara and sisters Tracy and Julie.

He will be missed by the Australian Squash Community.

# SQUASH AUSTRALIA

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Amelia Pittock & Rachael Grinham Australian Open 2005



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2005 year has proven to be an extremely busy one for Squash Australia as we build up to the World Doubles in Melbourne in January 2006 which is then closely followed by the Commonwealth Games. The amount of time spent in planning and negotiating for these events is incredible and everyone involved has really been most helpful and cooperative – Squash Australia thanks you all.

The Commonwealth Games facilities are now all fully functional with the completion of the MSAC doubles courts and the arrival of the glass convertible court. All is now in readiness for Squash to put on the best event possible and I am positive that no one will be disappointed.

Unfortunately we could not repeat the playing successes we enjoyed in 2004 but our athletes represented our country with pride and put in many creditable performances. Our Junior Women's team was decimated by injuries and the unavailability of David Palmer for our Men's Team was a real blow. At the World Games, Joseph Kneipp was defeated in the Quarter Finals and Rachael Grinham went on to collect the Silver medal in the women's event.

On a brighter note, our doubles team competed in a series of test matches against England with outstanding success and look set for great results in both the World Doubles and the Commonwealth Games.

One of the highlights for the year was the re- launch of our website which is a vast improvement on our previous site. Raymond Strachan is to be congratulated on a superb effort – the site is further evidence of the professionalism now evident in the administration of Squash in Australia.

We have been unfortunate to lose our Finance and Administration Officer, Jacqueline Souwer and realised that her skills would eventually see her move on to bigger and better roles and thank her for her past efforts. In farewelling Jacqueline we now welcome Bridget Harris to the role and although she has been with us only a short time, she is proving a very competent replacement.

The AIS program was reviewed and judged to be performing to expectations and has been confirmed up until 2009. Byron Davis, with the help of Geoff Hunt and Rodney Martin is making his mark in the role and has justified our faith in his abilities.

The National Junior Series was organised in a slightly different manner this year with events one and two in Adelaide and the third in Brisbane. The Adelaide events, known as the Chris Dittmar Challenge and the Vicki Cardwell Classic, attracted 198 players from Australia and overseas which indicates a healthy state for Junior Squash.

We have made a little more headway in our efforts to implement the Matrix rating system on a nationwide basis. The states which have embraced the system are seeing really positive benefits and I can only urge all state bodies to get behind the system and give your players this valuable feedback on their current standings. Our ultimate goal is to have all players in Australia locked into the system and thereby ensure that games can be competitive and enjoyable to all.

A new innovation this year was our Inaugural Awards Night Dinner, where we inducted the initial members into our Hall of Fame and also recognised the people who contribute to our sport in all areas.

Our initial inductees into the Hall of Fame were Vicki Cardwell, Chris Dittmar, Sarah Fitz-Gerald, Ken Hiscoe, Geoff Hunt, Michelle Martin and Heather McKay.

We have also instituted four new sub-committees – Awards Dinner, Squash Venues, Website and Historical. The Historical Committee has taken on the difficult challenge of producing a written history of Australian Squash under the guidance of Owen Parmenter and a team of advisers from each state. We felt

that we needed to tap into the knowledge and memories around the country before it is too late.

A major focus for the past year was our attempts to get Squash into the Olympic Games program and we held face to face meetings with each of Australia's Olympic Committee members in an attempt to win their votes. We received favourable comments from each of them and it was extremely disappointing to see Squash miss out on becoming an Olympic Sport despite the opening of two vacancies.

Our team of contractors, utilising their considerable skills and expertise in their chosen areas, once again provided us with valuable input. We are indeed fortunate to have such a talented and passionate group and I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Greg Hutchings (National Competition Manager), Geoff Hunt (High Performance Manager), John Small (National Referee Director) and Jeff Wollstein (National Coaching Director).

On a sad note I take the opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of our Media Liaison Officer, Gordon Dexter who sadly passed away at Christmas. Gordon was proving very successful at gaining publicity for Squash in the media and his enthusiasm and assistance will be sadly missed.

Late in the year I was privileged to attend a reception at the Third World Deaf Squash Championships in Melbourne where I was able to announce that the Australian Deaf Association has been admitted to Squash Australia as an Associate Member.

At the last AGM both Richard Best and Carol Kawaljenko were re elected to the Board and together with Sandie Davis and Steve Derbyshire have proven to be a most cohesive team who continue to work tirelessly for the betterment of Squash in Australia. They have been an excellent team to work with and you can be assured that Squash Australia is in good hands.

Norman Fry, our CEO, continues to set a very high standard for sports administration and many of our initiatives have been replicated by other sports. Norman's office team of Jacqueline Souwer and now Bridget Harris (Finance and Administration Officers) and Larissa Williams (Administration Assistant) have performed extremely well under his guidance and it is a pleasure to contact our office in the knowledge that any enquiry will be handled quickly and efficiently.

Finally I wish to thank all the members of Squash Australia for their support and I'm sure that we would all agree that we have continued to prosper by working together and the future for Squash in Australia is very promising.

Regards,

John Holland President



Anthony Ricketts winning Tournament of Champions

# WORLD SQUASH FEDERATION CONFERENCE & AGM

This year the AGM and Conference was held at Costa Do Sauipe in Bahia, Brazil. This is a resort area about 100km from Salvador which is the fourth largest city in Brazil. It was an excellent venue with first class facilities and a very popular convention area. The first two days were set aside for the Conference, with the AGM on the third day.

For the conference, we had a keynote speaker, Kevin Roberts, who is the Editorial Director for Sport Business Group. Kevin is an expert in the business of sport and provided the background for each of the three workshop sessions.

The first session was titled "The Opportunity for Squash". After an interesting presentation from Kevin, we split into five groups and discussed the following topics in relation to the Brand squash.

- The objectives of squash
- The target for squash
- The benefits of squash
- The character (personality/traits) of squash
- Low cost marketing ideas for squash

Before we can successfully market and seek sponsorship for squash we need to thoroughly understand what the Brand Squash represents and the five groups presented a very interesting report on their particular subjects.

The second session was titled "Growing Squash's profile in the media". We again split into groups and discussed a variety of media issues covering all aspects of the media. The prime focus of most was to get greater coverage of squash on television but there was also considerable discussion on the internet possibilities.

The third workshop session was the most interesting in that it covered the area of Sponsorship and Squash. Kevin gave a very comprehensive introduction to this topic and provided us with some very interesting statistics. The Global Sponsorship Market is worth in the vicinity of US\$30 Billion of which sport takes about 78%. Football (Soccer) is by far the biggest recipient of Sports Sponsorship. In fact, Kevin listed the top three sports as Soccer, Soccer and Soccer. Another interesting statistic was a survey of the top 200 companies indicating how many were intending to invest in sponsorship.

- 48% indicated they would be spending on Corporate Social Responsibility
- 44% on Entertainment
- 34% on Sport
- 15% on the Arts

(Obviously some were intending to spend in more than one area).

Squash needs to present a portfolio of opportunities and in developing this we must remember that Sponsorships must:

- Deliver real benefits
- Be Creditable
- Be Implementable
- Be Measurable

We again split into groups and reported back on the following topics:

- Brands that fit with Squash
- What is the ideal event package inventory?
- What is the most relevant data to package?
- What benefits can squash offer?

All the feedback from the groups is being collated and we will be receiving a complete report from the WSF.

The WSF is committed to proceed with the following priorities:

- 1. Invest in brand development and promotion
  - 2. Invest in research
  - Assemble/create clearly defined sponsorship portfolios
  - 4. Create compelling Sponsor Funded Program scenarios

In summary, it was a very interesting workshop and has set the groundwork for what should become opportunities for Squash to access some of the world's available sponsorship dollars.

During the open forum following the workshop Australia expressed their concerns in regard to the World Doubles prize money and protection status. There was general agreement that the WSF needs to seriously commit to doubles if we want this area of the sport to thrive.

It is probably the fact that doubles is mainly seen as a Commonwealth Games issue and not all WSF members are involved in the Commonwealth Games that is holding back the progress in doubles.

The proposed membership status changes were also discussed and in the face of strong opposition from England, Germany, Australia and several others, Mancom withdrew their motion. The membership agreed that all countries' fees be increased by 10% and the 7.5% early payment discount not be offered for 2006.

The AGM went smoothly once the fees issue had been resolved and Egypt withdrew their motions in regard to Juniors not being required to wear eyewear and the Junior Women's be held each year.

There were several tenders presented for future championships and also some expressions of interest. If all come to fruition, the world calendar will look as follows:

	Team Men	Team Women	Open Women	Open Men	Junior Men	Junior Women	Masters	Doubles
06		Canada	Ireland	Vacant	New Zealand		South Africa	Australia
07	India	-	Vacant	Bermuda	-	Hong Kong	-	-
08	-	Egypt	Manchester	Manchester	Switzerland		New Zealand	Vacant
09	USA		Vacant	Vacant		India	-	-
10		Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant		Germany	Vacant
11	Vacant		Vacant	Vacant		Vacant		

Graeme Waters presented a referees report on the progress to date on the refereeing proposals put forward at last years AGM. The plan has been instigated and there are eleven groups working on eleven aspects of this plan. A group from Australia is well advanced on the competency based training initiative.

Graeme was presented with a WSF award for his service to squash – 27 years involvement in the sport, the last 20 of these as a World Referee.

Reports were delivered on recent championships and I presented a brief report on the forthcoming World Double Championships in Melbourne. Each country had an opportunity to make comment at the end of the meeting and the only really interesting report was from Quatar who have just opened an Academy of Sport and are interested in sending athletes to Australia to one of our Academies.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for South Africa but knowing the WSF that is most likely to change.

Once again, I appreciated representing Australia at this conference and AGM and value the opportunity to strengthen our relations with other members of the World Squash family.

John Holland President



# CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

The mixed and varied results and achievements in 2005 have proven the year to be one of many challenges for Squash Australia, challenges that tested our systems and methods of operation.

As the end of my third year approaches as CEO and I review what has been achieved, a number of aspects clearly stand out from a National perspective. The first and most critical is the time and effort given to Squash by its volunteers. The objectives that have been achieved in 2005 can mainly be credited to those many people who have worked tirelessly in their own time, without financial compensation, to ensure that the sport of Squash keeps advancing and achieving. In every aspect of the game that I have been involved with this year volunteers have been the main support, whether it was as referees, coaches, athletes, parents, or just friends of the sport. My thanks to all our volunteers at all levels of our sport. Although, there are too many to mention I would like to publicly note the time given and work completed by Raymond Strachan, from Queensland, on the Squash Australia website. His efforts have produced a great asset for Squash Australia its members and the public.

The Squash Australia organisation underwent further development and finetuning during the year. Squash Australia is very grateful for the incredible workloads of the Directors and Managers and their sub-committees. All were heavily involved in the preparation of the Commonwealth Games Squad, The World Doubles, Senior and Junior World Teams, National tournaments, and the preparation for the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

As in previous years the referees under John Small's and Chris Sinclair's leadership and direction progressed well and many will be performing at the Commonwealth Games next year. The National Selectors Dawn Moggach, Kaye Reeves, Roger Flynn, Geoff Davenport, and Byron Davis had their busiest and arguably most difficult year resolving many national issues. The additional workloads and time required of Jeff Wollstein as the National Coaching Director, Geoff Hunt as the High Performance Manager and Greg Hutchings in his dual role as the Competitions Manager and Squash representative at Melbourne 2006 were exceptional, as demonstrated by the outcomes they produced.



Anthony Ricketts playing David Palmer

In acknowledging the Directors and Managers, 2005 produced the saddest moment for me during my tenure with the passing of our Media Liaison Officer Gordon (Freddie) Dexter. Gordon passed away suddenly on Christmas Day. He will always be remembered as a real professional, an excellent colleague and a great friend to all who knew him. Through his determination, perseverance and resilience Gordon achieved much for Squash with the Australian media. He will be missed by the Squash community.

The international results for our Australian teams were a mixed bag this year. The Junior Women's Team was hit with injuries before leaving Australia and the top three ranked athletes were left at home. Notwithstanding this the young team that went to Belgium performed above themselves with great credit to finish eighth in the world. The Senior Men performed well in Pakistan achieving fifth place without the services of David Palmer who was not available for selection. The Commonwealth Games Squad performed exceptionally in a three test series against England in Manchester, in April, winning all three tests.

The 2005 Australian Open (held in January 2006) was one of the highlights of the Australian Squash calendar. With the exception of one athlete, all Australia's top men and women returned to Australia and participated in the Open. A great effort and many thanks to all the athletes who competed.

Another definite highlight was the inaugural Squash Hall of Fame dinner where seven of our most prominent squash athletes were honoured. The occasion provided the opportunity to honour a number of squash personal with Squash Australia awards. The evening proved to be a great success, and it has created a keen interest as to who will be inducted in 2006.

The Commonwealth Games Squad continued its training in preparation for the 2006 Games. The team should be announced in January as this report is being printed. There can be no doubt that no matter who is selected Australia will have a strong team at the Games.

My thanks to Squash South Australia and the Victorian Squash Federation for their support in the organisation and conduct of national events this year. All were very successful.

2006 will be a very busy year for Squash Australia and its members. The year will commence with the World Doubles Championships in Melbourne followed closely by the participation of our Squash Team in the Commonwealth Games, also in Melbourne. The junior men will then be involved in the Trans Tasman series and the World Junior Men's Championships in New Zealand while our Senior women will prepare for the World Teams in Canada later in the year.

Finally a huge thank you to the permanent staff of Squash Australia for their efforts during 2005. Special thanks to Larissa Williams and Jacqueline Souwer. Jacqueline left us after three years to work for the Australian Sports Commission in Toowoomba. Bridget Harris has now joined the Squash Australia team and is settling in very well.

Squash Australia extends its thanks to the Australian Government, Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Institute of Sport for their financial support during 2005. Without this support Squash Australia would not have been able to achieve it objectives.

My final note this year is to the athletes. Without athletes at every level of our sport putting in the hard yards of training and competing, we would not be able to maintain the national teams and squads at their current high level. Thank you to all athletes, junior to elite senior.

I look forward to another year where we as one body can positively progress the game of Squash throughout Australia and maintain our status as a leader on the world stage. All the best for 2006.

Norman Fry CEO



# NATIONAL COMPETITION MANAGERS REPORT

2005 has from a personal perspective been extremely challenging, working at the coal face of the 2006 Commonwealth Games. I am pleased to report that preparations have progressed extremely well & squash will be presented exceptionally well at the M2006 Games.

Squash will at the completion of the 2006 CWG be the recipient of substantial legacy. The redevelopment of the squash facilities at the Melbourne Sport & Aquatics Centre has added a further 2 doubles courts (now totalling 4 courts). The remaining 6 courts at MSAC also received a total face lift with new floors installed & all courts painted.

Squash South Australia are now the proud owners of the worlds first Transportable Doubles Adaptable All Glass Court manufactured by ASB. Purchase of the court was made possible via a mutually beneficial deal negotiated with M2006.

A National Referee training program funded by M2006 has enabled further referees to attain National & International level accreditation.



# MEDIA LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Media interest in squash continues to grow nationally – and the success of Australia's elite players globally as well as tremendous interest in the impending Commonwealth Games has led to a positive impact for the sport.

Australian squash players enjoyed many highs in overseas tournaments throughout 2005 and the media recognised their feats - particularly in the higher profile events such as the British Open and World Open.

State and regional newspapers as well as sports magazines were regularly publishing squash articles while radio programs were keen to pick up on squash items from both home and overseas. Even squash television coverage, which in the past has been virtually non-existent, has begun to improve and there were several 'colour' stories of note, while Anthony Ricketts' British Open triumph was televised in an extended highlights package on Fox Sports.

There has been a constant flow of media releases on all squash-related issues, including overseas and Australian-based tournaments, which were distributed on virtually a daily basis to print and electronic media outlets.

Squash is gaining greater publicity now than over the past few years and the success of Australians on the world circuit certainly assisted on this front.

Rachael Grinham spent 16 months as world No.1 before being usurped in November - a fantastic achievement – and reached the final of the World Open in Hong Kong. Her younger sister Natalie clinched the US Open for the first time and was a British Open finalist and World Open semi-finalist. Legacy in terms of administration & event management skills learnt during the CWG preparations by myself, the Squash Australia office & the VSF office will be a tremendous benefit for the sport.

Many hours have been spent during 2005 also planning & preparing the organisation of the 2006 World Doubles Championships to be staged in January 2006 as a test event for the Commonwealth Games. The WD preparations have also been as source of much learning and opportunity.

The myriad of annual National Calendar events were hosted in various states during the year. The most noted being the Australian Junior Championships in Ballarat (Victoria), National Team Championships in South Australia, National Junior Series in South Australia & Queensland and the Australian Closed Championships in Victoria. All these events were organised by experienced promoters presenting high standard events enjoyed by the participants.

Squash Australia continued in 2005 the PSA/WISPA event financial support program, providing assistance to 7 PSA & 3 WISPA events. A total of 18 PSA & 13 WISPA events registered on the 2005 National Calendar.

I would like to thank all the staff at the Squash Australia & VSF office for their support provided during this very busy year – assisting with the preparations for the Commonwealth Games & World Doubles Championships. I would also like to thank the squash staff, Judie Hoare & Duncan Constable at the M2006 headquarters for their support & hard work. John Small & Chris Sinclair continue to be a strength in ensuring all refereeing aspects are well planned & presented.

Greg Hutchings National Competitions Manager

Anthony Ricketts, who missed more than six months in 2004 following knee surgery, enjoyed a stellar 2005, winning for the first time both the Tournament of Champions and British Open, and by the end of the year was Australia's highest ranked male player at No.3 – another career first.

David Palmer clinched the Kuwait Open title early in the year and also reached four finals including a late year onslaught where he advanced to the finals of three prestigious tournaments – the US Open, Qatar Classic and World Open.

And Stewart Boswell produced a stunning return to the World Tour after 18 months on the sideline with a mystery back ailment, winning eight tournaments since his comeback in April, and in the process rising 242 ranking places to world No.20.

The media recognises Australia's achievements in world squash, currently holding the Women's World Team Championship and the men's British Open title and Tournament of Champions crown – and success breeds interest from sports editors, journalists and producers.

A low point for Australia was the quarter-final defeat to Canada at the Men's World Team Championship in Pakistan in December.

Interaction between state bodies and the Media Liaison Officer (MLO) continued to take place throughout the year and it is critical that newsworthy items are communicated to the MLO.

Squash Australia's inaugural Hall of Fame awards dinner was held in Brisbane in March, 2005, and radio sports personality Ian Maurice produced a virtuoso performance as Master of Ceremonies (MC) and will return for the 2006 version in April. The print media produced a number of stories on the first group of inductees into the coveted Australian Squash Hall of Fame, and the radio stations followed suit with weekend snippets of news.

It was an exciting year for squash promotion through media outlets, and 2006 promises to be even better, particularly given that Melbourne will host three major events in the first quarter of the year – the Australian Open and the World Doubles Championships in January and of course, the Commonwealth Games in March.

Let's hope the national and international scribes will be penning Australian gold medal squash success early in 2006!

Gordon Dexter Media Liaison Officer



# NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR REPORT

The squash coaching sector continued to grow from strength to strength in 2005 on the back of the two most productive years in 2003 and 2004 in the last decade.

### Annual Workshops and Meetings

The 2005 SCD/SDO/SDM's Workshop was conducted in Brisbane and represented by at least one delegate from every State and Territory. This Workshop dealt with many topics with major outcomes as follows:

- Requirement for 1st Aid qualifications for all national coaching appointments;
- Compulsory insurance for coaches;
- The age of entry into Level 1 Training Programs be lowered to 16 years;
- The construction of a framework for the development of a new "programbased" Coach Education System and gained unanimous support for its introduction. Resist

### **Coach Accreditation Numbers**

Our current coach accreditation numbers continued to increase in 2005 with a statistical breakdown provided in the table below.

State	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	HP	Total s
ACT	16	2	0	0	18
NSW	94	6	0	0	100
NT	3	1	0	0	4
QLD	86	10	1	1	98
SA	30	4	0	0	34
TAS	7	3	0	0	10
VIC	94	10	1	0	105
WA	99	5	0	0	104
Overseas	7	2	0	0	9
2005 Totals	435	44	2	1	483
2004	415	47	0	1	463
2003	396	55	0	1	452
2002	342	43	0	1	386

Whilst it was expected that our numbers would increase above 500 there were over 70 coaches who allowed their accreditation to expire in the last 12 months. A review of re-accreditation procedures commenced towards the end of 2005 and will continue.

### **Quality Assurance Project**

In addition to our numbers, the quality of our coaches, the structures that support their accreditation and the quality of our coach education system is equally important. Therefore, a major quality assurance proposal was approved by Squash Australia in December after 4 years of background research and progressive reviews of our current system.

### Negotiations with the PSCAA to become our Peak Coaching Body

An extensive proposal was submitted by the PSCAA in July in order to become the peak coaching body of Squash Australia and which would have seen a major coaching committee re-structuring and expansion. Most of the proposal was accepted and attempts to find common ground on some outstanding key aspects were initiated.

### Level 2 Assessors Course - Brisbane

An inaugural 3-day Level 2 Assessors Course was conducted in Brisbane in October. 9 Level 2 coaches participated and were trained by Ken Watson, Roger Flynn and myself. At the conclusion of this coach education event it was determined that most participants had made great progress with being able to independently conduct L2 Courses and act as a Level 2 Assessor. An integral component of the successful Quality Assurance proposal is the conduct of a Supplementary Level 2 Assessors Course in 2006. Plans have been put in place to link this directly to a Level 2 Course itself from mid-2006.

### Procedures for the Accreditation of Coaches

A new set of procedures (Regulation 57) were distributed in late 2005 that formalised the procedures for the accreditation and re-accreditation of all our NCAS Coaches.

### Procedures for the Accreditation of Assessors

In addition, two new support Regulations were prepared in 2005 that formalised the procedures for the accreditation of Level 1 and 2 Assessors being Regulations 59 and 71 respectively.

### Accredited Level 1 Assessors

Our number of accredited Level 1 Assessors increased by 7 in 2005 delivering a new total of 24. Five of these were participants during the Level 2 Assessors Course #: > Neil Corkery - NSW

- Karen Morrissey Vic
- # Michael Conallin NSW
- # Grant Gough NSW
- # Grant Gough NSW
   # Geoff Davenport SA
- # Geoff Davenport 3A
   # Max Moorhouse Tas
- # Mike Cornish WA

Accredited Level 2 Assessors Roger Flynn, Ken Watson and myself were officially granted Level 2 Assessor status given their exclusive coach education contributions to delivering Level 2 Courses for Squash Australia:

### Inaugural Level 3 Coaches

A major outcome from the Level 3 Courses conducted in 2003 and 2004 was that in April 2005 two coaches, Geoff Hunt and Roger Flynn, became our inaugural NCAS Accredited Level 3 Coaches:

A brief on both coaches can be read on our website. Two other Level 3 candidate coaches, Barbara de Bruine and Grant Gough, have completed more than 90% of the onerous assessment requirements and are expected to be upgraded to Level 3 status in early 2006. Every other Level 3 candidate coach has made progress, although to varying degrees, with the assessment requirements.

### **Coach Education Resource Development**

2005 saw the most productive year in coach education resource development in the history of our sport.

Two separate CD's containing the Level 1 and 2 resources respectively are planned to be provided to our L1 and L2 Assessors and candidate L2 Assessors by January 2006. These CD's will also contain our Training Documents, ASC General Principles resources, Mentoring information, newly designed Accreditation Certificates and a copy of 4 Regulations (42, 57, 59 and 71) related to the coaching sector.

### National Coaching Committee (NCC)

The National Coaching Committee members who have helped Squash Australia and our CEO, Norman Fry, in 2005 comprised:

- Grant Gough (NSW) new member appointed for a 2 year term
- Mike Cornish (WA) existing member expiring in April 2006
- Geoff Davenport (SA) existing member expiring in April 2006
- > Byron Davis (Qld) existing member expiring in March 2007
- > Barbara de Bruine (ACT) existing member expiring in March 2007
- > Roger Flynn (Vic) on-going PSCAA representative
- > Jeffrey Wollstein (Qld) Chairman

The coaching sector continued to receive excellent support in 2005 from Norman himself and the Board along with outstanding support from Jacqueline Souwer (until her resignation in late 2005) and Larissa Williams. We continue to have a great staff team and the addition of Bridget Harris has maintained the outstanding support that the coaching sector receives. 2005 has been a year without exception and sets the platform for bigger and better things to come in 2006.

### Jeffrey Wollstein National Coaching Director



# NATIONAL REFEREEING DIRECTOR REPORT

Refereeing in 2005 has been dominated by the training needed to meet officiating responsibilities at the Commonwealth Games. At the same time, it has been a year of consolidation which has seen a drop in overall numbers but has put in place a basis for growth in 2006.

Commonwealth Games training has involved 27 referees or potential referees during the year. From these have been selected the Championship Referee, Assistant Championship Referee, 4 referees, 16 markers and currently 1 reserve. Most encouraging has been the inclusion of 4 newly accredited State level referees and a number of existing referees have found renewed enthusiasm for their officiating. Without the funding provided by the M2006 organisation, this squad would have been poorly prepared for the Games.

Many opportunities for singles training have been taken during the year. As well as at the national tournaments, formal training has been undertaken at the Wynnum Open, Australian Closed Championships, South Australian Open, PNG Open, Queensland Open and the ACT International, as well as other local opportunities. Final training will occur at the Australian Open in Melbourne in January at the Games venue.

Doubles training opportunities have been more difficult to find. Australian referees in general have had limited previous doubles experience. To facilitate the training, a new doubles training program has been developed for NOAS registration, together with a rules exam and practical assessment criteria. The only opportunity for tournament training occurred at the Willoughby Doubles Championships in November, with all but one of the Games squad in attendance plus the reserve. In preparation, all referees sat the exam paper before attending and a number were assessed for accreditation during the tournament. Generally, those in attendance improved their performance considerably over the weekend. The second and final training opportunity will be the World Doubles in Melbourne in January at the Games venue.

As well as Games training, referees were provided to the Australian National Teams, the National Junior Series (both venues) and the Australian Junior Championships. The Australian National Teams benefited from additional referees on Games training. However, numbers at junior tournaments were down as volunteer time was directed to other Games training.

The cost of refereeing at national tournaments was masked this year by the Games training budgets used for many in attendance. With States unwilling to increase their contribution to this major tournament cost, this will again be a major issue in 2006.

The value of the ASC's new National Officiating Scholarship Program (NOSP) was underlined with the 2004 scholarship holder, Damien Green, achieving his International accreditation in mid year. He is one of only 2 new appointments worldwide in 2005. Our 2005 scholarship holder, National referee Alan Williams, is now well into his program but has deferred completion until after the Commonwealth Games. Also, Games priorities have seen us not apply for a scholarship in 2006.

Our contribution to WSF refereeing has continued to be significant this year. World referee Chris Sinclair, International referees Damien Green and Harvey Bowlt, together with National Referees John Small, Alan Williams and Steve Murray have officiated in Hong Kong, Canada, Pakistan and Papua New Guinea, including at the World Men's and Women's Opens and the World Men's Teams Championships. In addition, Chris Sinclair remains on the WSF Rules Committee reviewing the singles rules and Chris and John Small head WSF working groups implementing aspects of their Improvement to International Refereeing program.

As in 2004, activity at national and internationals level has not been matched by activity in the States. Whilst there have been indications that State support may improve in the near future, it remains at unsustainably low levels in 2005. The drop in refereeing numbers indicated below has been partly caused by this lack of support.

A number of activities have been undertaken during the year to meet the performance indicators for refereeing in Squash Australia's Strategic Plan. Outcomes against the indicators for 2005, or outstanding at the end of 2004, are:

- Total referee numbers stand at 123, down from 220 in 2004 and well below the 200 currently required by the plan. This drop was foreshadowed in 2004 with significant factors in the drop being low State support as indicated above, older referees retiring and failure to meet the re-accreditation requirements under the ASC's National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS). The 200 target will need to be revised;
- International referee numbers have met the target of 3;
- National referee numbers have dropped to 8, with one promotion to International, 2 resignations and no new recruits, against a target of 20. However, across 5 States, 11 State level referees are actively engaged in upgrading their skills to National level. This will be supported by a specific program in 2006. However the target of 20 will need to be revised; and
- Three singles and one doubles training program have been submitted to the ASC for NOAS registration, which is expected before the end of 2005.

Refereeing priorities for 2006 will be:

- Training for and participation in officiating at the Commonwealth Games in March;
- Education of State refereeing organisations in the changes in the new NOAS registered training programs;
- A program to assist State level referees achieve National level accreditation, including providing refereeing opportunities in Australia and possibly New Zealand, mentoring and assessment; and
- Encouraging and supporting State associations to increase the level of local refereeing;

A new guard will be required at the top of refereeing in 2006. Alan Mott, Michael Redman and Bill Patterson, have resigned from the Rules & Refereeing Committee (Bill effective from the end of 2005 and Chris Sinclair has indicated that she will resign after the Commonwealth Games. Notwithstanding this, I thank all of them, and remaining member Damien Green, for their extensive support in what has been a busy year. Excellent support has again been provided from the top by CEO Norman Fry throughout the year.

John Small National Refereeing Director



Anthony Ricketts with AIS Coach Rodney Martin



# HIGH PERFORMANCE MANAGER REPORT

This year we saw the implementation of a few new initiatives plus consolidation of other programs already commenced in the few years prior. The first year of the National Junior Coaches Panel went extremely well as did the National Talent Squad tours to New Zealand, Malaysia and the UK. Perhaps the most disappointing event was the application by squash to be included in the QAS.

The members of the High Performance Committee included Dean Landy, Roger Flynn, Byron Davis and new member Barbara Slotemaker de Bruine. We achieved many of the annual objectives although world championship team results were not up to expectation.

### 1. High Performance Coaching Program

A Coaching Retreat was not held this year but instead a number of coaches (Jeff Wollstein, Allan Bickham, Mike Thompson, Mike Cornish, Reto Vogel, John Arcidiacono and Chris Doig) all visited the AIS program in Brisbane for 5 days. This seemed to work very well with the coaches observing the program and discussing coaching issues with the AIS coaches. The other coaches in this year's program were granted funds for professional development. They included:

Victoria – Richard Cagliarini, Karen Morrissey, Neil Young ACT –ACT Squash NSW – Glenn Reece, Dean Landy

### 2. National Coaches Panel

A National Coaches panel was formed late in 2004 consisting of 12 coaches. The roles for these coaches in 2005 was to run the National Talent Squad camps, take the Squad teams to major junior events overseas and to provide direction for National Talent Squad members who do not have permanent coaches.

The coaches are as follows – Barbara Slotemaker de Bruine, Karen Morrissey, Kelly Fowler, John Arcidiacono, Mike Cornish, Dean Landy, Grant Gough, Glenn Reece, Roger Flynn, Jeff Wollstein, Noel Forster, and Geoff Davenport.

#### 3. National Talent Squad.

The four squads making up the National Talent Squad –2005, 2006 & 2007 & 2008 and camps were run by the newly appointed National Junior Coaches Panel. The girl's 2005 squad camp was run by team coaches Dean Landy & Karen Morrissey in Brisbane as was the boy's 2008 squad camp with Mike Cornish, Jeff Wollstein and Glenn Reece. The girl's 2007 camp was again held in Canberra in January with Barbara de Bruine and Kelly Fowler. The boys 2006

# WORLD DEAF SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT

The World Deaf Squash Championships were held successfully at MSAC. Almost 35 deaf squash players from 6 countries turned up to compete in the Championships, including Men and Women Individuals and Team that lasted for 6 days. Australia Deaf Squash Team celebrated their double team victories - the Men's Team conquered Rest of the World, Scotland and England to capture the team title. The Women's Team, sadly, had a walkover both Mongolia and Pakistan after they withdrew due to visa problems.

As for Individuals, the debutant Philip Thomas from England and Denise Satti from Australia won the Individual Men and Women Championships respectively. Philip Thomas became the first Englishman to capture the title after fighting through the knockout stages.

Denise Satti fought well in a round robin matches losing one match before her final pool match against Theresa Greenwood of South Africa who were undefeated in her previous 3 matches. Needing a win and not conceding at

Squad camp was held in Melbourne with Roger Flynn & Geoff Davenport. The squads were as follows.

- 2005 Donna Urquhart (NSW), Peta Hughes (QLD), Kasey Sinclair (QLD), Skye Millar (NSW), Jessica Gillett (Vic), Kimberley Bessell (Vic), Britt-Marie Paasonen, Rebecca Jones (ACT), Samantha Davies (QLD).
- 2006 Matt Reece (NSW), Jamie Wheatley (NSW), Nathan Stevenson (QLD), Tim Cowell (WA), Nathan Kam (NSW), Tom Steward (VIC), Rex Hedrick (VIC), Zac Alexander (QLD), Matt Durda (NSW).
- 2007 Kimberley Bessell (SA), Samanta Davies (QLD), Mat David (NSW). (QLD), Melody Francis (Vic), Tamryn Beveridge (NSW), Maggy Marshall (TAS), Zoe Petrovanski (QLD).
- 2008 Aaron Fife (NSW), Julius Krauss (QLD), Matthew Muller (QLD), Sion Cousins (NSW), Josh Larkin (ACT), Same Page (SA), Matt Hopkins (QLD), Jacob Alexander (QLD).

Funding support was provided for some members of the 2005 National Talent Squad to attend the Scottish and British Juniors with panel coach Noel Forster accompanying the players. Also some of the 2006 & 2007 squads attended the Malaysian juniors with panel coaches Roger Flynn & Kelly Fowler, while some of the 2008 squad attended the New Zealand Juniors with panel coach Mike Cornish.

### 4. Commonwealth Games Youth Squad.

A funding grant was provided towards International tournaments expenses for a number of 23 Year old and younger players in the Junior Commonwealth Games Squad. These included Aaron Frankcomb, Simon Carruthers, Lisa Camilleri, Peta Hughes, Donna Urguhart and Rachael Smith.

### 5. Underpinning Program Funding

This relatively new initiative rewarded the State Associations who were actively seeking to have their high performance programs included or already had established programs in their respective state or territory Institute or Academy.

### 6. Squash Australia High Performance Plan for 2005

The funding allocations remained similar to the previous year with the World Cup being funded again in this year.

### 7. Commonwealth Games Squad

With funding provided by the Commonwealth Games Association we were able to again send our Commonwealth Games Squad to a camp in England. Results in the 2 test matches played against England favoured Australia although a few of their leading males were not able to attend.

### 8. World Team Championships

Our World Junior Women's team performed extremely well by finishing in the top 8 despite our top 3 players having to withdraw from the team with injuries. With David Palmer not allowed to play in the our World Men's team at the in Pakistan just missed out on a top 4 position and finished in  $5^{\rm th}$  place.

# Geoff Hunt

High Performance Manager

least one set to win the title, in which Denise managed to do so after beating Theresa 3-1 to capture the title.

Dominic Everett was delighted at the outcome of the event, "As a founder of the Championshps in 2001, even if Ghana, Mongolia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Uzbekistan turned up without the Visa problems, we would have attracted 50 players from 11 countries within 4 continents since we have had 21 players from 6 countries within 2 continents in 2001. It showed that squash for deaf people is growing!"



2005 Australian Deaf Squash Team

# **EXCEPTIONAL EFFORT** STEWART BOSWELL

This part of the report is reserved to acknowledge an individual who demonstrates an exceptional effort on or off the court. This year it is my great pleasure to write a few notes about an athlete who has demonstrated courage, determination and the will to succeed. Stewart Boswell - In 2003 Stewart reached a World ranking high of number 4. Then in 2004 struck by an unidentified medical condition Stewart dropped to 301 in the world. In early 2005 Stewart began his march back up the world ladder until he reached number 20 in December 2005.

During this fantastic 2005 fight back Stewart won eight PSA titles knocking over many well-known athletes on the journey. His best win to date coming in the early rounds of the British Open where he defeated Lee Beachill in five. Stewart had to qualify in most of the 2005 tournaments in which he competed. As 2005 rolled on Stewart gained representational honours when he was selected for the World Men's Team's Championships in Islamabad. He was brought into the Commonwealth Games Squad in 2005 and has every chance of representing Australia at the 3rd World Doubles Championships and the Commonwealth Games in early 2006.

During this difficult time, Stewart has displayed great character and is an excellent role model for all athletes. Squash Australia acknowledges this exceptional effort in 2005 by Stewart Boswell. Stay hungry Stewart.

Norman Fry CEO



Stewart Boswell (AUS) playing James Willstrop (ENG)

# **RACHAEL GRINHAM**

Rachael Grinham enjoyed another highly successful year on the World Tour claiming four titles and retaining the world No.1 position from January to November. However, she missed out on the two most coveted crowns, the British Open and World Open.

The Toowoomba 28-year-old held the No.1 ranking for a total of 16 months and will be eager to jump back to the top spot as soon as possible in 2006.

Cairo-based Rachael had a mixed April - losing a marathon Texas Open final to Vanessa Atkinson of the Netherlands before bouncing back to claim the Qatar Challenge in Doha when she defeated American Natalie Grainger in four games.

The following month, Rachael sensationally retained her Hurghada International title in her home base of Egypt after storming back from two games down to beat Egypt's former world junior champion Omneya Abdel Kawy. Rachael represented Australia at the World Games in Duisburg, Germany in July and reached the women's squash final but fell to classy Malaysian Nicol David in the showpiece. Her next success story occurred in September, when she knocked over Atkinson in straight games in the final of the Seattle Open in the United States to record her third title of 2005.

A few weeks later Rachael notched title No.4 - and her 21st WISPA crown of a stellar career - as she brushed past Abdel Kawy in four games in the Hedonism II Open final in Jamaica. Her next task was to win a third British Open crown but in a titanic five-game semi-finals Rachael went down to David.

Rachael's biggest disappointment of the year occurred in early December in Hong Kong as her nemesis David clinched a straight games victory in the final of the World Open after Rachael had beaten younger sister Natalie in the semifinals in the first all-sister World Open clash.

The Commonwealth Games beckons and Rachael, who won bronze in the singles and doubles at the 2002 Manchester Commonwealth Games, as well as silver in the women's doubles in Kuala Lumpur four years earlier, will be confident of emulating those feats at the Melbourne Games in March.

Gordon Dexter Media Liaison Officer



# **ANTHONY RICKETTS**

Anthony Ricketts' sensational title success at the prestigious British Open in Manchester in October was the overwhelming proof that he has finally stamped his mark at the very highest level in world squash. The Sydney 26-year-old thoroughly deserved the biggest victory of his career having beaten two of the world's best players, England's Peter Nicol in the semi-finals and James Willstrop, also from England, in a straight games final triumph.

Ricketts also claimed the coveted Tournament of Champions in New York in February and defeated three of the world's best players – Nicol, Egypt's Amr Shabana and Frenchman Thierry Lincou – on his march to his first individual title for two years. The final victory over world No.1 Lincou was a huge effort, winning in the deciding fifth game, and followed a frustrating 2004 when he missed half the year through a troublesome knee.

Ricketts was a part of the Australian team that fell to Canada in the quarterfinals of the Men's World Team Championship in Islamabad, Pakistan in December. Ricketts started the year ranked 11 in the world but by the end of the year had been elevated to a career high listing of world No.3 – leap-frogging David Palmer - and in the process became the highest ranked Australian on the PSA Tour for the first time.

In October he also reached the final of the St Louis Open in the US where he went down to Shabana, and was a semi-finalist at the US Open and Qatar Classic the following month. He then reached the final of the inaugural Saudi International in December but fell to Canadian Jonathon Power and missed out on taking over the world No.1 spot.

He has claimed seven Professional Squash Association (PSA) titles in the past six years, and can expect to extend that record during 2006 where he is also expected to be a key figure at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games, vying for gold medals in singles and doubles

#### Gordon Dexter Media Liaison Officer

# VIS REPORT

After a busy 2005, with many VIS scholarship holders travelling overseas to pursue their international careers, the focus of the Program reverted to our up and coming junior players and their goals for the year.

Again, we had a large number of visiting international players from Korea, Japan, India and Ireland and this provided our scholarship holders with excellent experience.

Cameron White was one of the winning World Doubles Championships Men's Team in Chennai in December 2004 and both he and Dianne Desira continue to train hard towards possible selection in the Australian Team for the Commonwealth Games in 2006.

Two of our girls were eligible for selection in the Australian Team for the World Junior Women's Championships and spent a great deal of time preparing for the Selection Trials in April but were unfortunate to miss out. They both attended the Championships in Belgium anyway and, after successful tournaments at the Australian Junior Championships, re-established their Australian rankings.

Several new technical initiatives are under development including a computerised athlete management system, 3-D video anticipation training, a new squash specific performance analysis system and we are investigating a more specific "beep" test using various squash movements to be able to measure more closely squash specific fitness.

Our High Performance Program continues to grow with players attending the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre once per month for training with our panel of HPP Coaches. We again held a very successful HPP annual training camp at the beginning of December to commence our training year. This year, 13 young players from South Africa attended along with their coach and enjoyed the experience of training with some of the best players in Victoria (and others from



interstate). All competed in a junior age tournament and a Test Match against an Victorian Team and, this year, the Victorians came out on top.

For 2006, we have accepted applications from 11 new players, including several quite young ones, to bring the resources of the VIS to those players earlier in their development. We have also provided a scholarship to the current World Deaf Women's Champion who is intent on defending her title at the next World Deaf Championships in 2007.

The Squash Australia CEO, Norman Fry, has accepted a position on the VIS Squash Program Management Committee and has taken steps to ensure that the VIS Program is recognised as a vital part of the Squash Australia Talent Development Pathway. This strong national support, along with the ongoing integration of the program into the Victorian Squash Federation, will ensure the continued success of the VIS Squash Program.

#### Roger Flynn VIS Head Coach



Cameron White (VIS)



The AIS Squash Program had 11 scholarship holders in 2005, made up of 7 males and 4 females. Cameron Pilley was only on scholarship for the first 6 months of the year. The results achieved by the scholarship holders were excellent, with Anthony Ricketts winning the British Open and Stewart Boswell returning from injury the highlights. The AIS athletes contributed heavily to the make-up of the various senior teams selected to represent Australia throughout the year, including having 3 out of the 4 players in the Australian Men's Team. The program received outstanding support from the AIS and its consultancy staff when dealing with a number of injury and personnel related issues.

The AIS Squash Programs consultants went through a number of changes during 2005 with Scott Dickinson leaving the program as Strength and Conditioning Coach, and he has been replaced by Andrew Lulham. Dr Andrew Smith replaced Dr Simon Locke as the programs Sports Doctor, while Yvonne Soper was replaced by Greg Cox as the programs ACE Coordinator. Shane Lemcke (Physiotherapist), Greg Thorne (Psychology), and Kerry Leech (Nutrition) continued in their roles servicing the program. The consultants were again an integral part in the success of the AIS program in 2005.

The program continued to utilise the Hibiscus Gardens Squash Centre, whose courts underwent an upgrade during the year. The facility was repainted and repaired and is now in excellent condition. The AIS program continued to utilise the Queensland Academy of Sport's gym facilities which are world class.

Rodney Martin continues to work for the AIS on a part time basis and is currently in the process of setting up an overseas base in New York for AIS athletes. Athletes are now able to receive quality coaching and training while competing overseas. The program has also utilised the services of a strength and conditioning coach based in New York, Scott Schaeffer. Geoff Hunt remains as a consultant to the program and I continued to work with the program on a full time basis.

### Scott Arnold:-

### Australian Number 1 Under 19

P.S.A World Ranking 157 (December 2005) Scott has had a reasonable year with a number of solid performances. Scott performed well in most of his PSA events including reaching the final of the Waikato Open where he beat a number of higher ranked players. Scott's world ranking improved from 300 at the start of the year to 154 by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Scott also won the Australian Junior Championship convincingly despite having dislocated his knee cap less than two weeks before the event.

### Stewart Boswell:-

### P.S.A World Ranking 20 (December 2005)

Stewart has made an excellent comeback from a career threatening injury to move into the top 20 of the world rankings within 8 months of returning to the world circuit. Stewart has won 8 PSA titles since his return, including titles in Australia, New Zealand, Mexico and the United States. Stewart was also chosen to represent Australia at the World Teams Championships in Islamabad, Pakistan and has been included in the Commonwealth Games Squash for 2006 in Melbourne.

#### Kasey Brown:-

### W.I.S.P.A World Ranking 34 (December 2005)

Kasey has had a difficult year suffering from breathing difficulties which severely hampered her performance. This affected her ability to compete regularly on the world circuit however she maintained her ranking at high level. This problem has naturally been a significant setback to Kasey as far as her training goes, however with her determination and professionalism she will be able to make up

for lost time. Kasey is also a member of the Commonwealth Games Squad for 2006.

### Aaron Frankcomb:-

### P.S.A World Ranking 99 (December 2005)

Aaron has continued to work on his game over the past twelve months and has gained further experience competing against higher ranked players. Aaron competed in a number of events at the end of the year with the highlight being a win over the World Number 31 Mark Chaloner in qualifying for the Saudi International. Aaron will be based in England for the next season to enable him to compete more regularly on the PSA tour.

#### Peta Hughes: -

Peta has had a successful year with her squash, culminating in her selection in the Australian junior Team which was chosen to compete at the World Junior Championships in Belgium in July. Unfortunately for Peta, she injured her ankle and was unable to compete. Peta then competed in the Australian Junior Championships where she was runner-up to fellow AIS scholarship holder Donna Urguhart.

### Joseph Kneipp:-

### PSA World Ranking 24 (December 2005)

Joseph has had mixed results over the past 12 months and his ranking has slipped to 24 as a consequence. Joseph was selected to represent Australia at the World Teams Championships in Pakistan this year and will be a key member of the Commonwealth Games Squad next year.

### Amelia Pittock:-

### WISPA World Ranking 28 (December 2005)

Amelia has had a solid year without any startling results. Amelia qualified for a number of major events throughout the year including a victory over World Number 16 Laura Lengthorn in the Weymuller Open in New York. Amelia is also a member of the Commonwealth Games Squad for 2006.

#### Anthony Ricketts:-

### PSA World Ranking 3 (December 2005)

Anthony has had an exceptional year on the PSA circuit culminating in winning the British Open in October, one of the most prestigious titles on the PSA tour. Anthony started the year strongly, winning his first PSA Super Series event at the Tournament of Champions in New York in February where he defeated World Number 1 Thierry Lincou in the final. Anthony then recorded a number of outstanding performances throughout the year to reach a career high ranking of number 3 in the world. Anthony also led the Australian Team that competed in the World Teams Championships in Islamabad in December and is a member of the Commonwealth Games Squad.

### Donna Urquhart: -

Donna has had a very promising first year in the AIS, improving rapidly in a wide range of areas. Donna was selected in the Australian Junior Team for the World Junior Championships in the number 1 position, had good wins over higher ranked opponents in Australia and then won the Australian Junior Championships in Ballarat to end the year ranked number 1 in the Under 19's in Australia.

### Acknowledgment

The Australian Institute of Sport Squash program continued to receive excellent support from Squash Australia. The program would like to thank Jacqueline Souwer for her contribution as the AIS administrator over a number of years, and also welcome to the program our new administrator Bridget Harris. The squash program also continues to have an excellent relationship with the CEO of Squash Australia, Norman Fry, and would like to thank Norman and the Squash Australia Board for all the support they have given the program over the past 12 months.

#### Byron Davis AIS Squash Coach



# SQUASH AUSTRALIA AWARDS EVENING REPORT

One of the highlights of 2005 was the Squash Australia Annual Awards dinner held in the Stradbroke Room of the Holiday Inn. Nearly two hundred people from all over Australia packed the auditorium to witness the inaugural Squash Hall of Fame induction and the 2005 National Squash Awards. The occasion was a grand black tie affair, which heralded the recognition of some of Australia's finest squash personalities.

Those in attendance included some of the countries elite athletes, coaches, referees, administrators, volunteers, life members and squash supporters. The evening was hosted by TV Sports personality, Ian (the Bear) Maurice who kept the evening buzzing along at a great clip. He was ably supported by Lance Smith from Davlan Auction house who was a star turn. Lance

proved his auction skills by raising a great deal of money during the evening, including auctioning a five dollar note for twenty five dollars.

Seven of Australia's squash elite were inducted into the Hall of Fame. Three with legend status. Those inducted were Vicki Cardwell, Sarah Fitz-Gerald, Heather McKay (legend), Michelle Martin, Chris Dittmar, Ken Hiscoe (legend), and Geoff Hunt (legend). It was a privilege to be part of the evening and meet all these great Squash personalities. Chris Dittmar even dropped in by a magical link to say a few words. This group of wonderful athletes and ambassadors for Squash now set the standard for all future Hall of Fame aspirants.

Squash Australia also honoured six other personalities who had proven to be the top of their selected fields in squash. Rachael Grinham (QLD) took out the Senior Athlete Award while Kasey Brown (NSW) was awarded the Junior Athlete of the Year. Jacqueline Souwer (QLD) received the Administrator of the Year, John Holland (SA) the Volunteer of the Year, Damien Green (VIC) the Referee of the year, and Noel Forster (QLD) was awarded the Coach of the Year. Thanks to Gordon Dexter, Jacqueline Souwer and Larissa Williams for their organisation and conduct of the evening. The Squash Community looks forward to the 2006 dinner with much anticipation.



L-R: Ken Hiscoe, Sarah Fitz-Gerald, Geoff Hunt, Heather McKay, Michelle Martin, Vicki Cardwell.



Byron Davis and Allison McKenzie



John Holland presenting Jacqueline Souwer with Administrator of the Year Award



Davina Lynam accepting Senor Athlete of the Year Award on behalf of her daughter Rachael Grinham



Sarah Fitz-Gerald



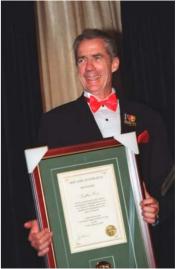
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Geoff Hunt



Noel Forster Coach of the Year Award

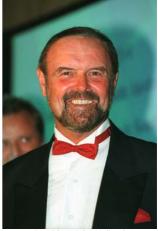


Kasey Brown





Chris Dittmar tunes in from Adelaide



President John Holland SQUASH AUSTRALIA ANNUAL REPORT 2005

# WORLD MENS TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT



Anthony Ricketts (AUS) playing Jonathon Power (CAN)

The 20<sup>th</sup> World Senior Men's Team Championships were held in Islamabad, Pakistan in December 2005. The team consisted of Anthony Ricketts (NSW), Stewart Boswell (ACT), Joseph Kneipp (QLD) and Cameron Pilley (NSW).

The championships were conducted at 2 venues, the Roshan Khan Complex and the Mushaf Complex. Both of these centres were within walking distance of each other and provided excellent facilities. The bulk of the matches were conducted at the Mushaf centre which had 4 ASB courts and a 4 wall ASB glass court. These courts were built for the World Junior Championships in 2004 and were in excellent condition. The Roshan Khan centre consisted of 3 glass back courts and a 3 wall glass court.

The players were required to attend two official functions, which included an opening and closing ceremony. The opening ceremony was conducted at the Marriot Hotel, which was handy for the players as it was the tournament hotel. The closing ceremony was held in the Islamabad Convention Centre and was well organised and hosted.

As the event was held in Pakistan it was quite difficult in securing a physiotherapist with the team. We were fortunate to secure the services of Ronald Fauvel who is the physiotherapist for the Malaysian Team. Ronald was very familiar to the players and accommodated our needs. While Ronald didn't have a big role to play this year, the availability of a physiotherapist to treat team members in a country such as Pakistan is a real asset.

Australia finished fifth in the World Teams Championships after bowing out to Canada in the quarterfinals which was a disappointing result for all concerned.

### **Pool Matches**

Australia was drawn in Pool D which consisted of us, Netherlands, Finland, and USA. The pool results proved to be straightforward, with 3/0 results recorded against all three teams. Netherlands provided Anthony with a good game at the number 1 position and also allowed good hit out for our players on the glass court. Cameron Pilley contracted a flu-like virus in Hong Kong and when he arrived he was in no condition to play, and unfortunately for him and the team he did not recover sufficiently to compete in the team's event. We therefore were required to play our top 3 men every day.

#### Quarterfinals

Australia drew Canada in the most difficult quarterfinal match up, after having a rest day. We knew this would be a tough match for us with Jonathon Power leading the Canadians. Ricketts and Power were on first and after a tough first game and a half, Ricketts started struggling with his breathing due to a throat infection and Power was able to pull away to win 3/1. There were a few

contentious calls in the match with both players having disputes with the referees; however these decisions did not affect the outcome of the match.

With Australia down 1-0, it was up to Kneipp to attempt to square the scores up against Shahier Razik of Canada in the number 3 position. Kneipp had a dream start with Razik finding the tin on numerous occasions as Kneipp raced away with the first game 9-1. He then started strongly in the second to go up 7/0 and the game looked as good as over. However Kneipp began to feel the pressure when Razik ralled and began to make more and more errors. The closer the scores got the tenser Kneipp got and he managed to lose the second game 9/7. He managed a brief rally in the fourth game but by then it was too little too late as was beaten 9-5 in the fourth. The team was extremely disappointed as it consigned us to the 5<sup>th</sup>-8th playoffs.

Stewart Boswell then went on and won the dead rubber against Graham Ryding 2/0 to restore some pride for Australia.

### 5th-8th Playoffs

Australia was now drawn to play against the 8<sup>th</sup> seeds Wales in the first playoff match. The team regrouped after the disappointment of the loss to Canada determined not to finish any worse than 5<sup>th</sup>. Stewart Boswell opened proceeding with a 3/1 win over former World number 4 David Evans. Boswell was very professional in his approach and got Australia off to a perfect start. Anthony Ricketts then defeated Alex Gough 3/0 to ensure that Australia clinched the rubber and moved into the 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> playoff. Kneipp won the dead rubber 2/0 against Gavin Jones.

Australia played Malaysia in the 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> playoffs which had the potential to be a tricky match. Ricketts played Mohd Azlan Iskander in the number 1 position and despite still feeling under the weather due to a throat infection played excellent squash to dominate Azlan after the first game. This was the start that we wanted as we knew that Malaysia were weak at number 3. Kneipp then went on defeating the Malaysian number 3 for the loss of only 2 points in 20 minutes. The third rubber wasn't played as we had already secured the tie. Australia therefore finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the championships.

Overall it was a disappointing result for Australian squash as we believed that even without David Palmer that we had a chance of winning the title again. To finish below our seeding for the event was also disappointing, however I am also proud of the effort that the team put in to ensure that they finished 5<sup>th</sup> after losing the quarterfinal match.

The players and I appreciated having the physiotherapist on hand to help with the team, especially as this year we only had 3 fit players for the entire team's event. Ronald Fauvel did an excellent job.

The organisation of the event was excellent and the hosts did their best to ensure that every need was taken care of. The hotel was excellent and full credit should be given to Pakistan Squash for the effort that they put in.

Finally, I would like to thank Norman Fry and the staff of Squash Australia for all their assistance in the organisation and preparation of the team.

### Byron Davis Coach/Manager



Joseph Kneipp (AUS) playing Nafizwan Adnan (MAL) **SQU**A

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# JUNIOR WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT

The World Junior Women's Championships were held in Herentals, Belgium from July 23-31. The Team consisted of Vanessa Pickerd (VIC, Jessica Gillett (VIC), Samantha Davies (QLD), Larissa Huffer (WA), Dean Landy (Manager/Coach) and Karen Morrissey (Assistant Coach). Unfortunately, Peta Hughes (QLD), Donna Urquhart (NSW) and Kasey Sinclair (QLD) were unable to take their place in the Team due to injury.

The squash center where the event was held was first class, with 9 courts including an all glass court with a large gallery. Our players played a number of matches on the glass court. The organisation was very good, with the tournament itself running very smoothly.

The team finished 8<sup>th</sup> out of 20 teams. A very satisfying result, considering our top 3 players were injured and unavailable to compete. The team did very well in all their matches, with narrow losses to Canada and New Zealand in the final

 $2\ \text{matches}.$  Overall, all the girls gave their best efforts in the individual and teams, which is all we asked of them.

The team was a pleasure to coach and be associated with. It was a very united and happy team that gelled well together considering the interrupted preparation and team changes leading up to the championships. The players responded well individually and as a team to any feedback given to them by us.

The overall results were very pleasing, and with the next World Championships in Hong Kong 2007 there are some positives to look forward to. Australia has the makings of a good team for 2007 with two of the current team (Larissa Huffer & Samantha Davies) are eligible for 2007 event, with Kimberley Bessell who also performed well in the individual event also eligible. Much will depend on their application and focus over the next 2 years, in addition to other potential players.

There have been some good improvements in the preparation of our players and teams in the last few years, but further thought and planning is needed to make further improvements in our players and team preparations.

We would like to thank Squash Australia for their support and confidence in the team, and us as coaches of the 2005 Australian Junior Women's Team.

Dean Landy (Coach) & Karen Morrissey (Assistant Coach)



L-R: Karen Morrissey (Assistant Coach), Samantha Davies, Larissa Huffer, Jessica Gillett, Vanessa Pickerd, Dean Landy (Manager/Coach)



2006 COMMONWEALTH GAMES SQUASH SQUAD REPORT

In 2005 the Squash Squad took on a new look with a number of athletes coming and going. The squad for 2005 comprised the following:

#### Women

Kasey Brown (NSW)(AIS) Lisa Camelleri (QLD)\* Dianne Desira (VIC)(VIS) Natalie Grinham (QLD) Rachael Grinham (QLD) Amanda Hopps (WA) Melissa Martin(SA) Amelia Pittock (VIC)(AIS) Sarah Fitz-Gerald (VIC)(VIS)\* Coaches: Geoff Hunt, Byron Davis \* Part of 2005 only Men Stewart Boswell (ACT)(AIS)\* Daniel Jenson (SA) Joseph Kneipp (QLD)(AIS) David Palmer (NSW) Cameron Pilley (NSW) Paul Price (VIC) Cameron White (VIC)(VIS)

Manager: Norman Fry

In April the Squad travelled to Manchester for another camp which included a three test series against the old arch enemy England.

Australia's aim of eight squash medals at next year's Melbourne Commonwealth Games were buoyed after a full-strength squad whitewashed England in a three-Test doubles squash series in Manchester, England.



Joseph Kneipp & David Palmer (AUS) playing Nick Matthew & James Willstrop (ENG)

Australia beat England 7-6 in the first Test after the mixed pairing of Victoria's Dianne Desira and New South Wales' Cameron Pilley propelled the visitors to victory in the final match. Australia then took the second and third Test matches, 10-5 and 8-2 respectively, to wrap up a comprehensive victory over England.

Queensland's world No.1 Rachael Grinham won all the six doubles matches in which she competed, while younger sister and world No.3 Natalie Grinham won her five matches to be the only unbeaten players in the test series.

Queensland's world No.14 Joseph Kneipp was Australia's most successful men's player, winning five of his six doubles matches, while world No.7 Anthony Ricketts from NSW claimed four of his six matches, and world No.3 David Palmer, also from NSW, won three of his five matches.

The Squad has trained well over the past few years and Squash Australia thanks the athletes for their time and the effort they have given. Hopefully all the Squad members will get the opportunity to play in the World Doubles in Melbourne in January. The Commonwealth Games Team to be announced soon after.



### RESULTS

Australia-England three-Test doubles squash series in Manchester, England First Test

Australia 7 England 6

Rachael Grinham & Natalie Grinham (AUS) defeated Jenny Tranfield & Allison Waters (ENG) 9-7 9-7 9-5

Sarah Fitz-Gerald & Amelia Pittock (AUS) lost to Tania Bailey & Linda Elriani (ENG) 5-9 6-9 10-11

Melissa Martin & Kasey Brown (AUS) lost to Vicki Botwright & Laura-Jane Lengthorn (ENG) 6-9 9-6 7-9 9-3 3-9

Dianne Desira & Amanda Hopps (AUS) lost to Jenny Duncalf & Vicky Hines (ENG)

David Palmer & Anthony Ricketts (AUS) defeated Lee Beechill & Adrian Grant (ENG) 9-7 9-7 6-9 9-7

Joseph Kneipp & Cameron White (AUS) defeated Peter Barker & Bradley Ball (ENG) 9-7 9-4 9-4

Daniel Jenson & Paul Price (AUS) lost to Nick Matthew & James Willstrop (ENG) 6-9 9-6 4-9 9-11

Rachael Grinham & David Palmer (AUS) defeated Linda Elriani & Bradley Ball (ENG) 9-7 9-4 9-5

Sarah Fitz-Gerald & Anthony Ricketts (AUS) lost to Allison Waters & Adrian Grant (ENG) 9-5 9-6 5-9 7-9 10-11

Natalie Grinham & Joseph Kneipp (AUS) defeated Nick Mathew & Laura-Jane Lengthorn (ENG) 9-1 9-4 9-3

Amelia Pittock & Paul Price (AUS) defeated Jenny Duncalf & Peter Barker (ENG) 9-5 7-9 9-6 9-5

Dianne Desira & Cameron Pilley (AUS) defeated Laura-Jane Lengthorn & James Willstrop (ENG) 9-7 9-5 7-9 9-5

Amanda Hopps & Cameron White (AUS) lost to Nick Mathew & Vicky Botwright (ENG) 9-6 9-7 6-9 9-5

Second Test Australia 10 England 5

Rachael Grinham & Natalie Grinham (AUS) defeated Vicky Botwright & Tania Bailey (ENG) 6-9 9-5 9-6 9-3

Melissa Martin & Dianne Desira (AUS) defeated Laura-Jane Lengthorn & Allison Waters (ENG) 9-5 9-5 9-6

Kasey Brown & Amelia Pittock (AUS) lost to Linda Elriani & Jenny Duncalf (ENG) 5-9 0-9 2-9

Sarah Fitz-Gerald & Amanda Hopps (AUS) defeated Allison Waters & Vicky Duncalf (ENG) 9-5 9-7 6-9 4-9 9-3

David Palmer & Jospeh Kneipp (AUS) defeated Nick Matthew & James Willstrop (ENG) 3-9 7-9 9-8 9-4 9-5

Anthony Ricketts & Daniel Jenson (AUS) lost to Lee Beechill & Peter Barker (ENG) 9-7 9-5 6-9 9-7

Byron Davis & Paul Price (AUS) defeated Simon Parke & Bradley Ball (ENG) 9-8 9-5 9-8

Cameron Pilley & Cameron White (AUS) defeated Adrian Grant & Nick Taylor (ENG) 9-6 9-8 9-3

Dianne Desira & Joseph Kneipp (AUS) lost to Linda Elriani & Simon Parke (ENG) 6-9 9-6 9-5 9-3

Melissa Martin & Paul Price (AUS) lost to Jenny Duncalf & Peter Barker (ENG) 9-4 9-5 9-5

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Amanda Hopps & Cameron Pilley (AUS) defeated Linda Elriani and Simon Parke (ENG) 9-6 8-9 9-4 11-10

Third Test Australia 8 England 2

Rachael Grinham & Natalie Grinham (AUS) defeated Vicky Botwright & Jenny Duncalf (ENG) 9-4 9-3 9-6

Amelia Pittock & Melissa Martin (AUS) defeated Linda Elriani & Allison Waters (ENG) 10-11 9-7 9-7 11-9

Kasey Brown & Amanda Hopps (AUS) lost to Laura-Jane Lengthorn & Tania Bailey(ENG) 11-10 7-9 10-11 9-11

David Palmer & Cameron White (AUS) lost to Nick Matthew & James Willstrop (ENG) 7-9 7-9

Anthony Ricketts & Cameron Pilley (AUS) defeated Nick Taylor & Peter Barker (ENG) 9-3 9-6 5-9 6-9 9-2

Joseph Kneipp & Daniel Jenson (AUS) defeated Adrian Grant & Simon Parke (ENG) 9-5 9-3 11-10

Rachael Grinham & Paul Price (AUS) defeated Linda Elriani & James Willstrop (ENG) 9-8 9-8 5-9 7-9 9-7

Dianne Desira & Daniel Jenson (AUS) defeated Allison Waters & Bradley Ball (ENG) 5-9 8-9 9-3 9-1 9-5

Sarah Fitz-Gerald & Joseph Kneipp (AUS) defeated Adrian Grant & Vicky Botwright (ENG) 8-9 3-9 9-4 9-5 9-6

Amelia Pittock & Anthony Ricketts (AUS) defeated Jenny Duncalf & Peter Barker (ENG) 9-2 9-1 9-7.



# AUSTRALIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

The pinnacle event on the Australian Squash Calendar attracted capacity fields and for the first time in many years the cream of our international players (excepting for world number 4, Natalie Grinham), highlighted by the fact that only one of the top 4 seeds in either event (Anthony Ricketts in 2000) had previously won their national championships.

For other reasons as well this was no ordinary Australian Open. The titles preceded the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Doubles Championships and both events provided the final opportunity for our top players for inclusion in our 2006 Commonwealth Games team.

These Championships also held increased significance as they were M2006 CG field of play' test events, and players welcomed the opportunity to 'strut their stuff' on the refurbished Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre courts and the first ever transportable four wall glass court which could be transformed into doubles mode, which was positioned in the Table Tennis Hall of the prestigious facility.

Favourite for the Men's Championship was world number 3 Anthony Ricketts, who reached this position at the culmination of 2005, having won 5 PSA titles including February's Tournament of Champions and October's British Open. In fact if he had defeated Jonathon Power in the final of the years last tournament he would have secured the number 1 world ranking.

To underscore the calibre of player the event attracted, Rickett's first round opponent was former world number 4 and squash journeyman Paul Price, whom he defeated 11-10 in the third, prior to dispensing of Craig Rowland and 3<sup>rd</sup> seeded Stewart Boswell (both in 4) in the quarters and semis respectively.

Meanwhile world number 4 and 2<sup>nd</sup> seeded David Palmer was clinically 'cutting a swathe' through the bottom half of the draw, eliminating in order Kirby Sinclair, Tim Manning and 03/04 champion Dan Jenson.

# AUSTRALIAN CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

For the  $3^{rd}$  year in succession, the Bendigo Squash Club hosted the prestigious City of Greater Bendigo Australian Closed & Graded Championships.

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 \$11,000, both events were hotly contested and led to enormous viewing audiences.

Top seed for the Men's Championship was 2004 title holder, Dan Jenson, but it was fellow Commonwealth Games team member, Cameron Pilley, ranked 13 places lower on the world rankings who denied the Sth Aussie successive titles, taking full control of the final from the outset and cruising to a straight Games victory 11/8, 11/6, 11/8 in 42 minutes.

With the late withdrawal of 5 times world open champion and current title holder, Sarah Fitz-Gerald due to a broken toe left the Women's Open with 3 major contenders, Amelia Pittock, Melissa Martin and Di Desira, all vying for a spot in the Australian 2006 CG Team.

Instead, it became a 'one horse race', with former Australian Junior Women's Champion, Amelia Pittock cruising through the event losing only 16 points for the Championship and in the process dispensing in the final the '03' and '04' runner-up, Dianne Desira 9/3, 9/1, 9/2 in 29 minutes.

The final was a classic Ricketts / Palmer affair with neither player giving any quarter, but it was the number 1 seed who was able to continually keep Palmer at bay each time the former world champion surged, taking out the title 11/9, 11/8, 11/9.

World number 3 Rachael Grinham was a short priced favourite for the Women's titles with only fellow 2004 world team champion members Amelia Pittock and Melissa Martin expected to extend the pocket dynamo who for 16 months up to December 05 had held the world number 1 mantle.

To reach the final the number 1 seed disposed of Jemma Saxby, Jan Miller and Melissa Martin, whilst 2<sup>nd</sup> seeded Pittock was storming through the bottom half of the draw. Excepting for a 2<sup>nd</sup> game hiccup when Pittock stormed to a 7/2 lead, Grinham cruised home to a comfortable victory, 9/3, 9/7, 9/1.

Interestingly the Championships generated an extraordinary amount of print and electronic media once again highlighting if our top players are here and visible the sport can attract media exposure.

Paul Vear Tournament Organiser



L-R: A. Ricketts, D. Palmer, R. Grinham & A. Pittock

Once again, this event generated a large amount of media coverage, particularly from the regional print and electronic outlets which has complimented the promotional work of the Bendigo Squash Club in its quest to attract large numbers of junior players to the sport from their region.

The Championship Committee would like to echo the comments of Squash Australia President, John Holland, that "the success of this event over the past 3 years has left no doubt that the tournament has met its objectives and provided some of our younger and less experienced athletes a wonderful opportunity to compete against the older elite athletes."

Special thanks must also go to the following:

- The City of Greater Bendigo for their continued support fo this prestigious event.
- The VSRRA members for their outstanding support of this major event.
   The support of this major event.
- The support provided by our principal partner, the Australian Sports Commission, in conjunction with Squash Australia.
- The numerous regional sponsors, plus the Bendigo Advertiser for their ongoing promotional support of the tournament.
- The Bendigo Squash Club and their hard working band of volunteers who each year ensure these Championships are a resounding success.

The Closed Championships are also held in conjunction with the Australian Graded Championships with points won from these events counting towards the Victorian Grand Prix Circuit of Graded Champions. Interestingly the Circuit in 2005 enjoyed a 25% increase in player numbers including an expanded interstate entry.

Paul Vear Tournament Organiser



# AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR **CHAMPIONSHIP** REPORT

### VENUE

The Ballarat Squash & Racquetball Centre has 11 courts including an exhibition court which can accommodate up to 200 spectators. The expansive club room accommodated the Canteen, plus Tournament Control and the Player Lounge.

### ACCOMMODATION / TRANSPORT

One of the major problems for interstate teams attending the AJC is sourcing their accommodation and transport requirements. So to help out in this area the VSF obtained off each Team their requirements which enabled us to source and personally inspect appropriate accommodation establishments and then linked up each state with the selected accommodation provider.

### WELCOME FUNCTION

To help ease pressure on players and officials, team photos were taken prior to the Function, which was also shortened to enable plenty of time for teams to settle in to their accommodation and have an early evening meal prior to the first days play.

### PHOTOGRAPHER

Local company GMK Photographic was appointed as the Championships Photographer and was utilised at all 3 functions, plus the Team photographs and individual player action shots.

#### MEDIA

A comprehensive media strategy was devised which led to the Championships attracting an enormous amount of media coverage with at least 1 - 2 pages of articles in the Ballarat Courier each day, plus daily coverage on WIN TV news services and regular promos on local radio stations.

### PRESENTATION FUNCTIONS

GIRLS

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ACT

The Individual Championship function was held at the University of Ballarat with over 300 people in attendance. Champion marathon runner, Steve Moneghetti and 7 times world champion, Geoff Hunt were the guests of honour.

In a change to proceedings, the MC Hazell Award was transformed into a Brownlow Medal style count, with all votes individually recognised and displayed throughout the evening. 51 individual players received votes with the worthy winners being Tom Steward and Donna Urguhart. Trophies provided by Squash Australia were individually presented to each place getter.

The Teams Championship presentation was held at the Championship venue immediately following the conclusion of the Teams Championships, with guest presenter being Squash Australia Vice President, Sandie Davis

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### CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM

A 16 page program was produced which contained the Program of Events, Draws, Player Information, History of the Ballarat Squash & Racquetball Association, Past AJC Winners and Message from President of Squash Australia

### CATERING

The Ballarat Squash Association kindly allowed the VSF Junior Fundraising Committee to operate the tournament canteen and a wide range of foods and refreshments were made available each day, plus this group also catered for the Welcome and Closing Functions.

Kerrie Bessell as Catering/Functions Director, put in an unbelievable amount of work, considering she was also chief Foodologist for the Victorian State and Touring Group Teams. A large number of volunteers also provided an enormous amount of their time to ensure the success of this service, as well raised a significant amount for Junior Squash in Victoria

### REFEREES

An event of this magnitude does not survive without the magnificent support from the national and host state refereeing associations. No fewer than 11 referees provided their services to the Championships and we are most grateful for their support and the brilliant co-ordination of Tournament Referee Geoff Argaet who was thrown into the deep end at virtually the last minute.

### MARKETING / PROMOTION

To maximize participation and spectator numbers, a comprehensive marketing strategy was developed which included:

- Invitations forwarded to all key junior contacts of national squash • federations within the South East / Oceania regions, plus North America.
- Promotion of the event and regular updates on the VSF and Squash Australia websites
- Direct mailing of event information to all players on the victorian, interstate and national junior databases, plus all coaches on the national coach database.
- Representation and promotion of the Championships at various state, national and international junior tournaments.

### TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATION

From an operational point of view this was probably a near perfect run tournament and congratulations go out to Tournament Director, Karen Morrissey and her assistant, Mark Ikin.

Interestingly, several players and officials remarked that this was the best run AJC they had attended.

This support also confirmed by a letter to the Editor of the Ballarat Courier from a Queensland Official, complimenting the tournament's administration

### 17YAG

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- Kimberley Bessell (VIC) 1. Samatha Davis (QLD)
  - Peta Hughes (AIS) 2.

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19YAG

Rachel Smith (SA)

Donna Urguhart (AIS)

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- 1. Scott Arnold (AIS)
- Steven Robinson (VIC) 2.
- 3. Ryan Cuskelly (NSW)

Overall	
1.	QLD
2.	NSW
3.	VIC
4.	WA
5.	SA
6.	ACT
7.	NT

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### Melody Francis (VIC) 3.

Tom Steward (VIC)

Matt Reece (NSW)

Zac Alexander (QLD)

19YAG

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The National Junior Series for the first time comprised only two 4 day Events and was well supported by our major sponsor in Ashaway providing shoes, Head racquets, watches, bags, socks and T-shirts. Dunlop supplied the balls and Cadbury/Schweppes chocolate and drinks.

The first event was the Chris Dittmar Challenge and ran from Friday April 15 to Monday April 18 at three venues – Impact Fitness - Christies Beach, South Adelaide Squash Centre – Edwardstown and Somerton Squash Centre – Somerton Park giving at total of 17 courts. After a rest day the Vicki Cardwell Classic was conducted from Tuesday April 20 to Saturday April 23.

A total of 198 players were involved in these Events from the following States or Countries – New Zealand – 52, South Australia – 41, New South Wales – 31, Victoria – 22, West Australia – 17, Queensland – 12, ACT. – 9, Tasmania – 6, Northern Territory – 5, India – 3.

The Welcome Function for this Series was an informal affair at "Racquets" – Squash SA's headquarters. Richard Tisher was the MC and Chris Dittmar and Vicki Cardwell gave the 100 players and coaches present, a few friendly words of encouragement.

A total of 8 Referees were present at this year's NJS and thanks go to Grant Donovan for organising his "troops". Very few problems were encountered and our only mistake was to have all Referees at Impact on Day 4 for the finals leaving the other venues without their Rules expertise. With 17 courts and 8 referees, players had to do a reasonable amount of Refereeing and plenty of marking. This is a good thing as with only 8 Referees present, it compelled our Juniors to apply the rules and perhaps appreciate the difficulty in refereeing squash.

Tournament Organiser Roger Beard did a grand job working many hours each day at the Events and more hours after preparing for the next day. He sorted out a minor computer draw problem in the first Event to allow for smooth sailing of the second Event.

In all, it was a successful National Junior Series the quality of the finals on Day 9 was high, the player's behaviour throughout the Series was commendable and thanks to a great team of volunteers and Squash SA staff all ran smoothly.

Des Panizza Tournament Organiser



2005 National Talent Squad

# NATIONAL TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

The 2005 NTC were held successfully at the impressive Next Generation facilities in North Adelaide.

All states and territories were represented and the home team, South Australia lived up to its No1 seeding and defeated a gallant Queensland in a very closely fought final.

With the Australian Masters being conducted in Sydney. NSW and Tasmania had difficulties in nominating their first choice sides. Tasmania had to rely on SA women to complete its side. NSW thanks to the efforts of Richard Best and Jan Miller were able to find a competitive team with only days to spare after initially reporting an inability to make a side.

Thanks to modern communication, computer technology and Squash SA's Lindy Foureur it was possible to amend State rankings, produce a new Programme and have this on the Squash Australia's website within hours.

The National Teams Championship is for Pennant playing players and requires all 8 States and Territories to make the three-day Event fair and challenging for all.

With the Commonwealth Games coming up the Australian Referees used the NTC as a training Event and brought 11 Referees to Adelaide. Thanks go to Chris Sinclair and Neil Butler who assisted our State Junior squad by conducting an entertaining Junior Rules session on Thursday evening. During the Event I was impressed with a Tasmanian player who not only thanked the Referees for officiating but as well, shook hands with both officials.

This was the first NTC in recent times to be a stand alone Event – previously the Australian Open coincided with this Event – and it deserves to hold its own in the future.

The Final Round of matches were played on Sunday morning with the dramatic Grand final match drawing to and end at 1.30pm. A short Trophy presentation by Squash Australia President John Holland was conducted on court he thanked the States for supporting this Event and the Referees for volunteering their time and expertise. South Australia's captain Jason Mudge was generous in his praise of opponents- Queensland, congratulated the organisers, his team and coach Geoff Davenport for their efforts.

South Australia has now conducted the past three National Team Championships found the 2005 Event particularly enjoyable. We hope this Event continues as its format is economical and its rewards grand.

Des Panizza Tournament Organiser



NSW Squash spent a considerable effort with the internal administration as the situation required drastic changes in order to stay afloat. Had NSW not reviewed operations NSW Squash may have become insolvent due to declining number of players and declining revenue coupled with insufficient controls on expenditure and realignment with expected income.

Introduction of the Squash Matrix to the Sydney Pennant competition had an effect of revitalizing interest in the competition. Volunteers who contributed to the introduction of squash matrix are thanked particularly Peter Guy who has also been involved with the national IT strategy. With some Clubs still to get on board the administration of the competition is streamlined however the advantages are continually being recognized.

NSW Squash Website has been redeveloped with a much simpler format allowing the technology to be the main and an extremely important administrative process in communicating with the NSW Squash community. Features introduced include a members only chat room and notification of both senior and junior Tournament calendar matters.



2005 was a very active and rewarding year for Queensland and Q Squash.

Queensland won the Australian Junior Team Title for the second year in succession. The highlight was the 5<sup>th</sup> straight victory for our 13YAG Team.

Q Squash delivered: the Queensland Junior Championships, the Queensland Open, Unlock the Pyramid, five Rookie Pro PSA & WISPA Challengers, two seasons of Southside Squash League, three Pro League Grand Finals, ten Junior Superleague Nights and the 3<sup>rd</sup> event of the National Junior Series.

Q Squash delivered the inaugural 2004 Queensland Squash Awards. The highlight of that evening was the induction of Rhonda Thorne and Rodney Eyles into our Queensland Squash Hall of Fame.

Squash Australia also presented an Awards evening. Queensland Sharks Coach Noel Forster won Coach of the Year. Queenslanders Brian Jarvis and Neil Corkery were also presented with the PSCAA Coach of the Year for 2003 and 2004 respectfully. Congratulations to all our winners.

Queensland hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> event of the 2005 National Junior Series at Wynnum West in May. Queenslanders Peta Hughes and Kasey Sinclair were selected to represent Australia. Their hopes and dreams were shattered a few weeks later when both players sustained serious leg injuries. Their withdrawal paved the way for Samantha Davies to be added to the team. That first hand experience was invaluable for Davies who is still eligible for the 2007 team.

Due to unsynchronised school holidays, Queensland only sent a small squad to Adelaide hence our results were below expectation. Congratulations to Peta Hughes on winning the first event in the 19YAG Girls.

NSW State Government again supported NSW Squash with a level of base funding as well as additional project funds for which NSW Squash is very thankful.

Coaching continues to be supported by NSW Squash and in particular the interest in the sport on the NSW North Coast was recognised with a Level 1 Coaching course being conducted in Ballina.

NSW Squash is pleased to recognize the efforts on the international scene by Anthony Rickets, David Palmer, Cameron Pilley and Kasey Brown; and domestically by Scott Arnold, and Donna Urquhart.

NSW was also pleased to be represented by Jan Miller, Jo Armstrong, Luke Hillier and Ryan Cuskelly in the interstate teams event

Magda Cawthorne (CEO) is thanked for her continued efforts in achieving the policies and direction required by the NSW Board and special thanks to those who have supported her over the year particularly the volunteers who have generously donated their time and effort.

During the year some of the chairs in NSW Squash changed and particular thanks was extended to Dawn Moggach and Dean Landy who now follow different paths within Squash but who made a very large contribution to the sport in the state. Greg Middleton, a former President of NSW and Vice president of Squash Australia was also recognized for his contribution by being made a Life Member of NSW Squash

R Best President, NSW Squash

The 2005 Unlock the Pyramid was conducted at Wynnum West with Northern Region securing \$900. From this event the Queensland Senior Team was selected to compete at the National Teams Championship in Adelaide in September. Steve Finitsis, Brad Freeme, Luke Forster, Lisa Camilleri, Sue Davis and Kristy Taylor won the right to represent Queensland.

The 2005 Marie Donnelly Queensland Junior Championships were conducted in June at the Mackay Leisure Centre. The Championships were well organised by the Northern Region. Atherton's Dijo Sexton, Gold Coast's Sam Fife and Brisbane's Zac Alexander and Samantha Davies were the stars of the Individual Championships winning duel age groups. Brisbane Region again dominated the Team Championship winning 86 rubbers and only losing 22 rubbers. It was the 4<sup>th</sup> straight victory for the Brisbane Vipers. Zac Alexander took out the prestigious Peter Nance Achievement Award for most outstanding male player whilst Zoe Petrovansky won the Rachael Grinham Achievement Award for being the most outstanding female player.

The Queensland Senior Team had to settle for second at the 2005 National Teams Championship in Adelaide in September. Defending their 2004 title, the Stingrays gave it their absolute best but lost a close tie to South Australia by one game. The 89 minute match between Brad Freeme (World #247) and Simon Carruthers (World #74) was the highlight of the Championship. Freeme fought back from 0-2 to win 3-2 and keep the tie alive. The final score line was 5-9 4-9 9-5 9-4 9-4.

The 2005 Q Open was held at Labrador on the Gold Coast. The centre was well presented and attracted good quality fields in both the men's and women's open events. The 2005 Open Champions were Cameron Pilley (NSW) and Lisa Camilleri (QLD). It was Lisa Camilleri's first Q Open and her victory was full of merit. She defeated previous winner Dianne Desira (World #38) in the semi final 9-2 3-9 2-9 9-1 9-1 and Melissa Martin (World #30) in the final 9-7 1-9 9-2 9-7.

Our Q Team attended the 2005 Australian Junior Championships in Ballarat in September. A total of 36 Queenslanders participated in the Championship. Once again, Queensland proved too good winning the overall title for the 5th year running. We won the 13YAG Boys, Girls and Combined Teams. Congratulations to Jason Barrett, Georgina Cumming, Sam Fife, John Peacey, Kelly Preston and Dijo Sexton. We also won the 15YAG Boys, Girls and Combined Teams. Congratulations to Jaymee Haylock, Julius Krauss, Rachel Mahon, Matthew Muller, Zoe Petrovansky and Sunil Seth. The 17YAG Boys, Girls and Combined Teams finished 2nd. Congratulations to Zac Alexander, Peter Taylor, Adam Morgan, Samantha

Davies, Cassandra Harradine and Laura Stock. The 19YAG Boys and Combined Teams finished 2nd. The Girls finished 3rd. Congratulations to Risto Krauss, Nathan Stevenson, Nathan Turnbull, Peta Hughes and Britt Marie Paasonen. Our two coaches deserve special recognition. Noel Forster and Kay Barclay influenced a fantastic victory. Kasey Sinclair also deserves special praise. Despite recovering from a full knee reconstruction, Kasey assisted Kay Barclay and coached a number of her team mates in the individual championships. Three Queenslanders became Australian Champions: Julius Krauss (Boys 15YAG), Zoe Petrovansky (Girls 15YAG) and Dijo Sexton (Girls 13YAG). Julius Krauss won the Austin Adarraga Achievement Medal whilst Zoe Petrovansky won the Kay Barclay Achievement Medal in recognition of their consistent performances throughout the Championships. Sam Fife won the SUPERSHARK Award for the Most Valuable Player as voted by all Queensland Team Members.

The 2005 Rookie Pro Circuit concluded in Mackay in November. Brad Freeme and Lisa Camilleri won the RPC for the second year in succession. Five events were conducted under the RPC umbrella. All events are PSA and WISPA Challengers. Q Squash provided on site management services for the opens at Wavell, Acacia Ridge and Caboolture.

Queensland selected a squad of 11 players to compete at the 2005 Grays Australian Junior Graded Championships in Melbourne in December. Samantha Davies won back to back open titles whilst Angela Fisher won the B Grade title to add to the C Grade title she won in 2004. Samantha Davies and Cassandra Harradine teamed up again to win the Girls A Grade Doubles title for the 3<sup>rd</sup> straight year at the I Mask Australian Graded Doubles Championship. The pair still remain undefeated in doubles competition.

On the International Stage Queenslanders performed very well. Rachael Grinham reigned as World Number 1 from August 2004 to November 2005. As World #2 in December, Rachael reached her first World Women's Open Championship final but the champagne didn't flow in the Grinham household for the second straight year. Natalie Grinham won the US Open and finished the



# SQUASH NT REPORT

2005 was another challenging year for squash across the NT, although it has been great to see strong numbers in Darwin and Nhulunbuy. There is no doubt that the committees and staff at the centres around the NT are to be congratulated for their commitment and dedication to squash.

The small membership base of the sport and the enormous geographical area to be covered makes the cost of delivering development programs and participating in both Territory and National events an ongoing challenge. We are hoping to ramp up some of our tournaments to WISPA/PSA standard in an attempt to improve the profile of the sport.

Squash in the NT is fortunate to enjoy the ongoing financial support of both the NT Government and several key sponsors such as Nortruss Builders Supplies, Minolta Darwin and Paspaley Pearls. The future viability of the sport is dependent on the continuing support of these organisations and our ability to attract new sponsors into the sport.

The 2005 Arafura Games were very successful, and we are looking forward to having squash included in the 2007 program and feel confident that it will be well supported with entries from a range of local and international teams.

Development programs in the areas of coaching and refereeing were well supported during the year with some involvement from regional areas. A big thankyou once again to Pam Addison from WA for continuing her great support of squash in the NT. year ranked # 4. Natalie was also runner up at the Brittish Open. No Queensland men finished the year in the PSA Top 20. Our best result was Joseph Kneipp who finished # 24.

Development was positive in 2005. The Girls Development Program concluded its 3 year funding agreement in December. The Program introduced over 120 girls to our sport and many have caught the "squash bug" and are playing the game as their main sport. The highlight of the program has been the emergence of Caitlin McCutchen who won the Girls 13B title at the Queensland Junior Championships. Caitlin also came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 12YAG event and looks set to make the Queensland Team in the not too distant future. New programs began at Deception Bay, Emerald and Blake St, Toowoomba.

Our State Government continues to support our sport extremely well. Their financial contribution each year is critical and very much appreciated. Also a big Thank you to all Q Squash member clubs who supported the State Body throughout the year. We look forward to your ongoing support in 2006.

Thank you to my current administration team: Kerri Kal, Kasey Sinclair and Damian Tomasich for all your efforts and achievements throughout 2005. During the year Marc Forster resigned as our State Development Officer to pursue new ventures. Thankfully, Marc is not lost from the industry. A special thanks to our coaches and volunteers for their contributions in 2005. The following people deserve special recognition: Kay Barclay, Noel Forster, Ian Freeme and Meryl Loss.

Finally, I would like to thank my Board of Directors: Steve Derbyshire, Pat Barrett, Bernie James, Alex Petrovansky and Gavin Rowan. Also, our Regional Advisory Committee: Muriel Atherton, Noel Forster, Tony Sinclair and Anne Turnbull.

Kim Schramm Chief Executive Officer, Q Squash

Junior programs are going from strength to strength and continue to provide a strong base for the future of the sport. It is pleasing to see programs continuing to be run in Darwin, Alice Springs and Nhulunbuy. The Junior Squash Academy remains an excellent means of assisting our junior players to improve their performances and achieve strong results at a wide range of local, state and national competitions.

The increasing number of juniors at level 1 reflects the commitment and dedication shown by Clive Naylor and the other coaches who have worked very hard to foster an interest in the sport and work with those players who show some potential.

The NT again sent a team to the National Teams Titles and while the competition is tough all of NT representatives enjoyed the opportunity to play against players of such a high standard. Our results reflect the lack of regular tournament competition which is an ongoing problem for the sport in the NT.

I am pleased to say that Carol Kawaljenko was re-elected on to the board of Squash Australia. The time and effort that Carol puts into squash is to be admired and I would like to thank her for the contribution that she continues to make both here and on the national scene.

Squash NT is now going through the process of implementing the outcomes of its strategic planning process and will be conducting another review in 2006.

In my time as president I have been impressed by the commitment and dedication of the members of the Squash NT executive and also note that there are quite a few people from around the NT who give up significant amounts of their own time to ensure the long term prosperity of squash in the NT.

On behalf of Squash NT I would like to thank Squash Australia for its assistance in 2005 and wish the Chief Executive Officer, his team and the Board all the best in 2006.

Neil Almond President, Squash NT



After many hours of negotiations and a great deal of effort from many parties, purchasing a glass show court came to fruition. The court left the shores of Germany late 2005 destined for Australia and the Commonwealth Games. Michael Chunys from Somerton Squash Club was selected to travel to Melbourne and learn how to assemble and disassemble the court. Having a "technician" based in South Australia will ensure Squash SA is able to provide the service expected when the court is hired to those wanting to showcase their event. Squash SA will be using the glass court whenever possible to show case tournaments held in SA, which should also provide some excellent marketing opportunities for sponsors and squash in general. We hope to hold events in venues such as shopping Centres, which means we can showcase squash to the wider Community.

Squash SA hosted the 2005 Teams Championship at Next Generation as a stand-alone tournament as the Australian Open was to be held in Melbourne. After South Australia being competitive in the past but not strong enough to take honours, SA fielded a team consisting of Jason Mudge, Simon Carruthers, Luke Margan, Rachel Smith, Kirsty Groves and Rebecca Bergiman that proved to be just too good for the 2004 Victors Queensland when Jason Mudge sealed the victory in the final game. SA will look forward to the possibility of travelling Interstate if the Teams Championship is hosted by our friends over the border.

Squash SA has commenced developing better relationships with surrounding Country regions by concentrating on developing Coaches and providing resources to existing Clubs. We hope to see more and more of the Country regions become involved in tournaments and events run by Squash SA and we look forward to assisting the regions develop tournaments and events of their own.



This year has been a year of transition for the organisation as it faced the twin challenges of staff changes and the pending retirement at years end, of a number of long term staff members. The most critical of these was the appointment of a new Manager for the Woden Squash Centre following the sudden departure of the former appointee. Fortunately for the Association a ready made replacement was on hand in Sean Rogers, our former State Junior Coach and he has thrown himself into the challenge with enthusiasm and dedication. The Association looks forward in 2006 to reaping the benefits of his forward plans and proposed innovations.

The successful operational of the Woden Centre was the pivotal task for the Association in 2005 and most pleasingly the financial results continued to hold steady despite the staffing upheavals and the lack of major events that the Centre enjoyed in 2004.

The foreshadowed departure of the Association's long serving General Manager at the end of 2005 also presented challenges for the Association but this has provided the opportunity for the Board to review and consolidated its staffing structure for 2006 to meet its forward strategic goals

The Association also accepted responsibility this year for the hosting and organisation of the ACT International, a 1 Star PSA tournament. This event was previously controlled by a private party but in recognition of the need to ensure The South Australian Academy of Squash continues to be a successful program with High Performance Coach Geoff Davenport continually looking for ways of improving the program and its structure. The Academy has successfully involved junior players from Country regions and looks forward to strengthening all age groups in boys and girls as his strategies roll out. SAAS finished 2005 on a high note when Rachel Smith from Millicent was accepted into the AIS program. We wish her the best of luck.

After a decline in pennant teams over the years numbers seem to have reached a plateau. We are still faced with the challenge of involving people at the lower grades but with help and encouragement from Member Clubs we may be able to finally turn the decline of Pennant around. The Matrix proves to be an essential tool in grading teams and provides players with up to date progress on their performance. Players accept the system now and have even commented players are better matched than previously providing exciting games. Racquetball however continues to although slowly, become more popular. More Member Clubs are nominating teams and in some Clubs existing team numbers are growing.

Squash SA awaits the 2006 Federal budget that will hold the key to the development of a State Aquatic Centre in which we will endeavour to build a 9 court Squash Centre plus an area to set-up the show court. The successes of our endeavours will not only provide South Australia with a State Squash Facility in which to hold World events, but will also provide squash with marketing opportunities.

I would like to thank the Board of Management, Referees, Coordinators and all other volunteers involved with Squash in SA for their priceless commitment to the development and success of Squash in South Australia. I would also like to thank my team of staff at Squash SA and Racquets SA for their continued commitment and professionalism.

Finally Squash SA would like to thank the South Australian Office for Recreation and Sport and Squash Australia for their funding assistance along with the many sponsors who assist in the success of tournaments, events and the development of squash in South Australia.

### Richard Tisher General Manager, Squash SA

its longevity and status within the National tournament schedule, the Association agreed to accept responsibility for it from 2005 and beyond.

The event was scheduled for mid October and despite difficult sponsorship circumstances at the time, the tournament was very successful and attracted wide media coverage in the ACT and provided invaluable exposure for the sport in the region.

On another optimistic note the Association has continued the development and refinement of its "Matrix" Pennant management system, with the system being fully adopted by the Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong competitions in NSW and through Q Squash, a major section of the Brisbane Pennant to add to its adoption by SA Squash.

Squash ACT's other notable successes included:

- > The continued growth and success of the ACT Open.
- The successful participation in the NSW & Australian Team Championships, by our Seniors and a fielding of a near full strength team in the Australian Junior Championships in Ballarat, a not to be diminished achievement, given our limited playing base.
- The retention of our senior Pennant competition at 2004 levels, thereby arresting the annual declines that had been recorded over recent years.
- The successful participation of elite representatives Tim Manning, Lisa Grey in PSA and WIPA events throughout the year.
- The very successful and courageous return to elite competition of Stewart Boswell, following major injury concerns, that had threaten to prematurely end his career.
- Initial discussions were held with the ACT Academy of Sport on the possible inclusion of Squash in their scholarship program.

Ross Jones General Manager, Squash ACT



Squash Tasmania couldn't do as much in 2005 as we would have liked, as we were unable to secure state government funding to employ a part-time Development Officer. We did however continue with National Underpinning Programs, Club Development programs and Junior Development programs.

Eastside Squash Centre in Hobart, operated by the Tasmanian Squash Academy, continued to be the centre of excellence for Tasmania's squash, with growing numbers and continual development of new programs for both juniors and seniors. Eastside also hosted a number of tournaments throughout the year. In addition to the Tasmanian Open, City of Clarence Open and Eastside Open, they run popular One-Day Open tournaments and Junior Graded events on a regular basis.

Devonport Squash Centre is another eight court centre doing very well on Tasmania's North West Coast. They have run an Open tournament for the last few years, and have a strong club base. Devonport tendered to run the 2006 Australian Junior Championships, and Squash Tasmania was delighted to support their bid – organisation of the event is now well underway.



Undoubtedly the major focus of the Federation throughout 2005 was the continued planning and preparation for the M2006 Commonwealth Games Squash Competition, in conjunction with the Squash Competition Manager, Greg Hutchings. A major part of the CG preparation has been the planning for the CG Testing Events, the 2005 Australian Open and the 2006 World Doubles Championships to be held in January 06.

Throughout the year, the Federation hosted several national and international events including:

Oceania Masters Championships - This was the first time this event was held in Australia and with 150 entries, we believe this was the largest ever entry for this event. The VMSA was a major partner in the event and allowed it to also be held in conjunction with the Victorian Masters Championships. The Moorabbin Squash Centre / Club were excellent hosts and a comprehensive social program was also held. Each Australian state and territory was represented, although it was disappointing no international players attended.

Australian Closed & Graded Championships - refer separate report

Victorian Open Championships - Although this tournament was a stand alone event, it attracted a large and high quality Open entry with Cameron White winning his 4<sup>th</sup> Vic Open title in 5 years, defeating the event's 'surprise packet' Steve Robinson and Amelia Pittock winning her first Vic Open, defeating Dianne Desira.

Australian Junior Championships - refer separate report

World Deaf Squash Championships - This event would have to be the most satisfying that we have ever been involved in. All participants, team managers and officials greatly appreciated anything that was done for them and an enormous crowd attended the finals. During the Championships a special function was held whereby John Holland announced that the Australia Deaf A referees' course was held during the year, the first for a number of years, and was very well attended.

Selection of State teams was challenging this year. In the seniors, a number of our top players were unavailable due to Masters commitments and injury. This left openings for Kennedy Clark and top junior, Sam Hunt, who played very well for their state. We were disappointed to be unable to field either a women's team or a junior boys or girls team.

We are continuing development of our web site <u>www.squashtas.asn.au</u>. This has been largely due to the volunteer efforts of our treasurer Michael Brown, a computer programmer and also one of our leading players.

We appointed Gaye Mitchell as our Member Protection Officer, a voluntary role. Gaye is a leading player and former Squash Tasmania board member who is well equipped for this role.

Squash Tasmania participated in a State Government workshop as part of a review of the basis for funding sports. We pushed for more equity in the distribution of funding, improvements in the timing of the funding cycle and distribution of funds and the return of administration funding.

Mens' Premier League in Hobart trialled a three-player pennant team structure for the first time, traditionally teams have had four players. The jury is out on whether it was successful – many liked the format, but with fewer players at the centre, it was a bit quiet.

#### Geoff Lucas President, Squash Tasmania

Squash Association had been admitted as a member of Squash Australia, which is the first time in this country a deaf sport has been admitted as a member of their NSO. Interestingly, 10 deaf children attended the junior clinic held on semi final day and this has opened up the opportunity for the VSF and its venues / clubs to help develop deaf squash programs.

### **RESULTS – INDIVIDUAL**

Men's Open – Phillip Thomas (ENG) DEF Peter Walters (AUS) 9/4, 10/8, 9/4 Women's Open – Denise Satti (AUS) DEF Theresa Greenwood (RSA) 4/9, 10/8, 9/7, 9/1

#### TEAMS

Men's Winning Team – Australia Women's Winning Team - Australia

A major focus for our Development Manager (Karen Morrissey) has been to increase participation at the club level in conjunction with our Development Officer (Mark Ikin), as well as fostering player retention in club junior programs. Over the year over 7,000 students were exposed to our Squash in Schools (SiS) Program, with 10% attending Come & Try Sessions and participating in Mini Squash Competitions at their local squash venues. To underscore the success of the SiS Program their was continued growth in the Victorian Junior Graded and Age Circuits.

The VSF also secured the services of Sarah Fitz-Gerald to act as the Skills Demonstrator for the Skills Program CD-ROM. The film is currently being edited and will lead to the production of the CD during 2006.

At the Australian Junior Championships, Victoria finished equal 2<sup>nd</sup> on the medal table with Kimberley Bessell (17YAG) and Tom Steward (17YAG) both winning titles with Sarah Dennehy (15YAG) and Steven Robinson (19YAG) finishing runners-up.

The Federation's underpinning programs, particularly at rural and regional level continue to provide valuable support services for our up and coming junior players.

The Victorian Grand Prix Senior Graded Circuit was expanded to 5 major tournaments, highlighted by the 25% increase in player numbers and expansion of interstate entrants.

The highly contested Victorian Country Teams & Individual Championships were held, both again highlighting the enormous increase in junior player numbers within country Victoria over the past 6 years.

Our partnership with the Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS) continued to prosper under the leadership of Head Coach, Roger Flynn and provided high performance training for 22 scholarship holders, plus a host of international visitors. This Program has now been formally recognised by Squash Australia as a valuable contributor to the development of this country's elite squash players and major plus has been the inclusion of Squash Australia CEO, Norman Fry on to the VIS Squash Program Committee.

The Federation also conducted its second Victorian Squash Hall of Fame Dinner with the 2005 inductees being Bryan Bird, Kevin Fidock, Dave Donnelly, Vicki Cardwell, Eddie French and Roger Flynn. New initiatives included the following awards:

- Club of the Year Wangaratta
- Venue of the Year Epping
- Coach of the Year Richard Cagliarini

A special presentation was also made to Melbourne media personality, Darren James for his invaluable support to the sport over the past 15 years.

The next chapter of our Protective Eyewear Program (PEP2) unfolded with a further 28 Victorian venues being registered to this initiative. In 2006, we are hopeful of further State Government support to enable the Federation to register the balance of Victorian venues to the Program, and at the same time work with Squash Australia in encouraging other states to implement a similar program.

A major initiative of the Federation has been our Female Squash Towards 2006 Project with funding provided by the State Government. This project was only open to CG sports and the VSF has focused on increasing female participation in both the playing and officials areas of the sport.



# WA SQUASH REPORT

2005 was an exciting year for WA Squash as the Association settled into its new home, Terrace Squash. In taking on the management of this centre and the office space associated with it, WA Squash has undergone some significant changes. The centre is a welcoming destination for State squads, Board, committees, coaches and other stake-holders and, not least, a great facility and tournament venue. It is performing reasonably well after a slow start and our Association is optimistic about its future given the low operating cost structure and the quality of the venue. In summary, it is a good base for what we do and for promoting the sport in WA.

It remains a challenging environment for Squash in WA, as it is for many traditional sports. WA Squash has sought to meet these challenges by concentrating in 2005 on improving the quality of its events and programs and making sure that all that is planned is operated. This was true of the WA Open, which took place in May and was promoted as both a PSA Satellite and WISPA event with great success, and extremely worthy winners in Stewart Boswell and Kasey Brown. That this was possible was in large measure due to Squash Australia (and Hyatt Regency Perth) and we thank the national body for their support. We are aiming to operate the event on similar lines in 2006.

There was cause for some comfort in relation to facilities during the year. Another dormant facility was reopened, at the Subiaco Oval and housing a new club Subiaco Kings, and at least one under threat, Rockingham S.C. was given a material face-lift and new lease of life from a new operator, Chris Lark.

WA Squash Pennants saw some stabilization in numbers. WA Squash undertook a review of our products and competitions, Pennants in particular, and is introducing changes and in some cases new formats to next season's competition, which it is hope will breathe new life into the competitive Squash framework here.

WA's State teams - Senior and Junior – did not quite match the successes of the previous year. At the AJC we came fourth in the Teams event, but were proud that the vast majority of our Juniors improved on their respective seedings in the Individuals event. The trip was a success in many ways with the coaching and

The Victorian Squash Rackets Referees Association (VSRRA) was again very supportive, underpinning our refereeing requirements for our national and international events, as well as officiating at Premier League matches and various other Grand Prix Tournaments throughout the state. The VSRRA also conducted several refereeing lectures throughout metro Melbourne during the year, which now sees nearly 80% of our metro interclub players being Rules Accredited for the next 4 years.

The Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre (MSAC) has also been a great supporter of our sport being a major partner in our upcoming Australian Open and World Doubles events, plus there has been a total refurbishment of the squash courts including a further 2 doubles courts, enabling the Federation to fully promote the development of Doubles Squash in Australia.

The Federation also formed a partnership with Paul Davis from House League Made Easy (HLME) and the Federation now holds the software license for Victoria and is encouraging venues / clubs to implement further in house programs onto their squash and racquetball menus.

The VSF also joined with Cameron White and Tony James to conduct RoadShows at Victorian venues / clubs. The RoadShow comprises exhibition matches, junior and senior coaching clinics, Q&A sessions, plus promotional marketing ideas.

During the year the Federation appointed its inaugural Patron, Sarah Fitz-Gerald who will play a major role in the development and promotion of the sport within Victoria and no doubt nationally.

#### Paul Vear Executive Director, Victorian Squash Federation

management team of Mike Thompson, Don Huffer, Richard Slim and Sue Cowell universally accredited as having done a great job. In the junior ranks, Sam Brown was named Junior Player of the Year and Robbie Reilly Junior of the Year (for all-round contribution). Our State Senior Team came third at the National Teams Championships in Adelaide, a creditable performance without our top player Amanda Hopps.

WA Squash has put a lot of effort into junior participation, particularly at the lower to intermediate ability range. The Schools programs continue to do well, notably in the Country where Mike Cornish is the driving force. The Inter-Schools, WA Junior Teams event, Metro (Club) League and Junior Camp were all successful, the latter two being run after a hiatus in which support for them was hard to come by. The determination of Don Huffer, Francine Tonkin (both WA Squash) and Junior Committee to this end, should be applauded.

The WA Squash Ball was a great success this year and, belatedly, ten very worthy long-time contributors to Squash in WA were presented with Life Memberships to the Association (awarded 2004 and 2005). It was again largely organized by members of WA Masters. This group continues to flourish in WA and spawned a second weekly competition (North of the River) that is developing a healthy rivalry with the original South of the River competition.

WA Squash is continuing to try to address what it sees as the major challenges in Squash. We are moving over to the Matrix system in early 2006, and are very optimistic about the results of this, confident that players and administrators will get so much more from the system. This is one of a number of areas that we are seeing a real benefit from the initiative of Squash Australia. The Association can do more for Country members and this will be a key focus for 2006. A level 1 coaching course in Esperance in 2005, supported by DSR and involving 9 regional participants, was a good step in the direction of building a coaching and volunteer framework outside of Perth. All in all, it was a positive year for Squash in WA.

The DSR and Healthway, our main funding partners in WA, remain supportive to WA Squash. We remain confident that recent developments, a proactive Board of WA Squash (led by Steve Bowen) and a growing spirit of cooperation in the Squash community in WA, will deliver benefits to and help grow the sport of Squash in WA.

Andrew Stanbury General Manager, WA Squash

### AUSTRALIAN SQUASH HALL OF FAME

Legends: Ken Híscoe Geoff Hunt Heather McKay

Members: Vicki Cardwell Chris Dittmar Sarah Fitz-Gerald Michelle Martin

### AUSTRALIAN MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

1967 Ken Hiscoe Geoff Hunt **Richard Carter** Cameron Nancarrow 1969 Ken Hiscoe Geoff Hunt Cameron Nancarrow **Richard Carter** 1971 Ken Hiscoe Geoff Hunt Cameron Nancarrow Richard Carter 1973 Cameron Nancarrow David Wright Michael Donnelly Lionel Robberds 1976 Cameron Nancarrow (Captain) Kevin Shawcross Dean Williams Steven Bowditch 1977 Dean Williams Frank Donnelly Terry Cheetham (captain) Ian Yeates 1979 Frank Donnelly Glen Brumby Ian Yeates Ross Thorne 1981 Steve Bowditch Glen Brumby Greg Pollard Ross Thorne 1983 Dean Williams Ross Thorne Chris Dittmar Ricki Hill 1985 Dean Williams Greg Pollard Ross Thorne Glen Brumby 1987 Chris Dittmar Rodney Martin Chris Robertson Ross Thorne

1989 Ken Hiscoe (Manager) Chris Dittmar Rodney Martin Chris Robertson Brett Martin 1991 Ken Hiscoe (Manager) Chris Dittmar Chris Robertson Brett Martin Rodney Eyles 1993 Rodney Martin Brett Martin Rodney Eyles Tristan Nancarrow 1995 Geoff Hunt (Manager) Craig Rowland Rodney Eyles (Captain) Anthony Hill Brett Martin 1997 Geoff Hunt (Coach/Manager) Rodney Eyles Craig Rowland Dan Jenson Brett Martin 1999 Anthony Hill Dan Jenson Rodney Eyles Paul Price 2001 Steward Boswell David Palmer Paul Price John Williams 2003 Joseph Kneipp Paul Price David Palmer Anthony Ricketts 2005 Stewart Boswell Joseph Kneipp Cameron Pilley Anthony Ricketts Byron Davis (Coach/Manager)

### LIFE MEMBERS

Victor Belsham A.M John Cameron Col Clapper Bob Finch Geoff Hunt M.B.E.; A.M Heather McKay M.B.E., AM Patricia Walker

#### AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS 1979 Barbara Wall Vicki Hoffman 1994 Michelle Martin Elizabeth Irving

Sue King Anne Smith Rhonda Thorne 1981 Rhonda Thorne (Captain Rae Anderson Vicki Hoffman (Cardwell) Barbara Oldfield 1983 Rhonda Thorne (Captain) Carin Clonda Jan Miller Diane Davis 1985 Jan Millar (Captain) Tracev Smith Carin Clonda Di Davis 1987 Vicki Cardwell (Captain) Robyn Friday Sarah Fitz-Gerald Michelle Martin (Player/Manager) 1989 Vicki Cardwell (Captain/Coach) 2004 Danielle Drady Elizabeth Irving Robyn Lambourne 1990 Robyn Lambourne Michelle Martin Danielle Drady Elizabeth Irving 1992 Di Davis (Coach/Manager) Robyn Lambourne Michelle Martin Sarah Fitz-Gerald Elizabeth Irving

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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)		

### 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	(EQY)	Pakistan	
2004	Thierry Lincou	(FRA)	Qatar	
2005	Amr Shabana	(EGY)	Hong Kong	

### WORLD DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

AUSTRALIAN MEDALISTS				
1997	Mixed Gold:	Dan Jenson	(AUS)	Hong Kong
		Liz Irving	(AUS)	Hong Kong
2004	Men's Gold:	Byron Davis	(AUS)	India
		Cameron White	(AUS)	India
	Men's Bronze:	Anthony Ricketts	(AUS)	India
		David Palmer	(AUS)	India
	Women's Gold:	Natalie Grinham	(AUS)	India
		Rachael Grinham	(AUS)	India
	Mixed Gold:	David Palmer	(AUS)	India
		Rachael Grinham	(AUS)	India
	Mixed Bronze:	Natalie Grinham	(AUS)	India
		Dan Jenson	(AUS)	India

## WORLD WOMEN'S TEAM'S CHAMPIONSHIP

		0111 1011
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)

### WORLD WOMEN'S OPEN

1976	Heather McKay	(AUS)	Australia
1979	Heather McKay	(AUS)	England
1981	Rhonda Thorne	(AUS)	Canada
983	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
993	Michelle Martin	(AUS)	South Africa
994	Michelle Martin	(AUS)	Guernsey
995	Michelle Martin	(AUS)	Hong Kong
1996	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	(AUS)	Malaysia
1997	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	(AUS)	Australia
998	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	(AUS)	Germany
999	Cassie Campion	(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

## 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
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### AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

	CHAIME	IONSHIP	TEANIS
1980	Peter Nance	1994	Damien Mudg
	Chris Dittmar		Paul Price
	Chris Carter		Michael Fiteni
	Dale Robbins		Danny Woolba
	Bill Hunt (Coach)		Greg Middleto
1982	Chris Dittmar	1996	Stewart Boswe
	Tristan Nancarrow		Anthony Ricke
	Grantley Pinnington		Paul Peters
	Peter Shroeder		Liam Kenny
	Hadyn Daly (Coach)		Greg Middleto
1984	Sean O'Connor	1998	Shane Dohert
	Rodney Eyles		Mark Ikin
	Chris Robertson		Paul Davis
	Rodney Martin		Kirby Sinclair
	Bill Hunt (Coach)		Roger Flynn (
1986	Rodney Eyles	2000	Matt Sanders
	Anthony Hill		Cameron Pille
	Mark Carlyon		Simon Carruth
	Ricki Curtis		Jhie Gough
	Adam Shreiber		Roger Flynn ((
	Geoff Hunt (Coach)	2002	Jhie Gough
1988	Anthony Hill		Luke Margan
	Dean Mason		Aaron Frankco
	Shaun Moxham		James Rogers
	Mark Carlyon		Dean Landy ((
	Bill Hunt (Coach)		Byron Davis (A
1990	John Williams	2004	Matthew Karw
	Simon Baker		Andew Budd
	Billy Haddrell		Steven Robins
	Grant Hixon		Ryan Cuskelly
	Ken Hiscoe (Coach)		Dean Landy (0
1992	Gavin Kadwell		Mike Cornish (
	Joseph Kneipp		
	Dan Jenson		
	Byron Davis		
	Ken Hiscoe (Coach)		
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### WORLD JUNIOR MEN'S TEAM'S CHAMPIONSHIP

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

### WORLD JUNIOR MEN'S INDIVIDUAL AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

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

### AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

		USI III	
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	Meeghan Bell		Dean Landy (Coach)
	Meaghan Pratt		Karen Morrissey (Assistant Coach)
	Camille Rouland		-
	Heather MacDonald		
	Margaret Zachariah (Coach)		
1995	Emma Major		
	Narelle Tippett		
	Rachael Grinham		
	Kate Major		
	Di Davis (Coach)		
1997	Christina McIver		
	Laura Keating		
	Kelly Townsend		
	Judith Mills		
	Di Davis (Coach)		

### WORLD JUNIOR WOMEN'S TEAM'S CHAMPIONSHIP

1985	Australia	(Ireland)
1987	England	(England)
1989	Engalnd	(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)

## 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 Robyn Cooper Sarah Fitz-Gerald Robyn Cooper Sarah Fitz-Gerald Rachael Grinham Natalie Grinham Rachael Grinham Michelle Martin Liz Irving Stewart Boswell Carol Owens Byron Davis Rodney Eyles David Palmer Joseph Kneipp David Palmer Paul Price Paul Price Craig Rowland

Di Davis (Coach) Geoff Hunt (Coach) Phil Trenorden (Section Manager)

# Anthony Ricketts Roger Flynn (Coach) Geoff Hunt (Coach) Ken Watson (Section Manager)

### COMMONWEALTH GAMES RESULTS

### 1998: Men's Singles

wen's Sing	ies
Gold:	Peter Nicol (Scotland)
Silver:	Jonathon Power (Canada)
Bronze:	Paul Johnson (England) & Alex Gough (Wales)
Women's S	Singles
Gold:	Michelle Martin (Australia)
Silver:	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Australia)
Bronze:	Sue Wright (England) & Cassie Jackman (England)
Men's Dou	bles
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 E	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 Dou	bles
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 Single	es
	Gold:	Jonathon Power (Canada)
	Silver:	Peter Nicol (England)
	Bronze:	Stewart Boswell & David Palmer (Australia)
	Womens Sir	ngles
	Gold:	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Australia)
	Silver:	Carol Owens (New Zealand)
	Bronze:	Rachael Grinham (Australia) & Cassie Jackman (England)
	Mens Doubl	les
	Gold:	Lee Beachill & Peter Nicol (England)
	Silver:	Anthony Ricketts & Stewart Boswell (Australia)
	Bronze:	David Palmer & Paul Price (Australia)
		Mark Chaloner & Paul Johnson (England)
	Womens Do	publes
	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 Doub	les
	Gold:	Leilani Rorani & Glen Wilson (New Zealand)
	Silver	Nicol David & Beng Hee Ong ((Malaysia)
	Bronze:	Joseph Kneipp & Robyn Cooper (Australia)

## 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	lan 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	Geoffrey Davenport	45
2005	Jeffrey Bond	35
2005	Simon Gogolin	45
2005	George Oshlack	75

MASTERS WORLD			
WO	MEN'S CHAMPI	ONS	
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	

### **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

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1980	G. Hunt	VIC	1979	V. Hoffman	SA
1981	G. Hunt	VIC	1980	V. Hoffman	SA
1982	J. Khan	PAK	1981	R. Thorne	QLD
1983	R. Thorne	QLD	1982	V. Cardwell	SA
1984	T. Nancarrow	QLD	1983	V. Cardwell	SA
1985	R. Martin	QLD	1984	V. Cardwell	SA
1986	R. Martin	QLD	1985	J. Miller	SA
1987	C. Robertson	QLD	1986	L. Opie	ENG
1988	C. Dittmar	SA	1987	L. Opie	ENG
1989	C. Dittmar	SA	1988	V. Cardwell	VIC
1990	R. Martin	QLD	1989	V. Cardwell	VIC
1991	C. Dittmar	SA	1990	S. Devoy	NZ
1992	R. Martin	QLD	1991	M. Martin	QLD
1993	R. Martin	QLD	1992	S. Devoy	NZ
1994	B. Martin	QLD	1993	M. Martin	NSW
1995	No Event		1994	M. Martin	NSW
1996	B. Martin	QLD	1995	M. Martin	NSW
1997	R. Eyles	QLD	1996	M. Martin	NSW
1998	J. Power	CAN	1997	S. Fitz-Gerald	d VIC
1999	No Event		1998	M. Martin	NSW
2000	A. Ricketts	NSW	1999	M. Martin	NSW
2001	T. Berden	NED	2000	L. Joyce	NZ
2002	S.Boswell	ACT	2001	S. Fitz-Gerald	d VIC
2003	D. Jenson	SA	2002	S. Fitz-Gerald	
2004	D. Jenson	SA	2003	S. Fitz -Geral	
2005	A. Ricketts	NSW	2004	N. Grinham	QLD
			2005	R. Grinham	QLD
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1996 Australia 1999 England			alaysia) etherlan		

## 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	Н. МсКау	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			

BR	BRITISH OPEN				
	MEN				
AU	STRALIAN				
V	VINNERS				
1969	G. B. Hunt				
1974	G. B. Hunt				
1976	G. B. Hunt				
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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				

<b>BRITISH OPEN</b>								
WOMEN								
AUSTRALIAN								
WINNERS								
962	H. Blundell (McKay)							
963	H. Blundell (McKay)							
964	H. Blundell (McKay)							
965	H. Blundell (McKay)							
966	H. McKay							
967	H. McKay							
968	Н. МсКау							
969	H. McKay							
970	H. McKay							
971	H. McKay							
972	H. McKay							
973	H. McKay							
1974	H. McKay							
1975	H. McKay							
1976 1977	H. McKay							
1977	H. McKay S. Newman							
1970	B. Wall							
1979	V. Hoffman (Cardwell)							
1981	V. Hoffman (Cardwell)							
982	V. Cardwell							
983	V. Cardwell							
993	M. Martin							
994	M. Martin							
995	M. Martin							
996	M. Martin							
997	M. Martin							
998	M. Marin							
2001	S. Fitz-Gerald							
2002	S. Fitz-Gerald							
2003	R. Grinham							
2004	R. Grinham							
2005	N. David							

	AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS JUNIOR MEN						
	1050					01.0	
	1958	R. Carter	NSW	1982	T. Nancarrow	QLD	
	1959	G. Pares	NSW	1983	C. Robertson	QLD	
	1960	T. Quick	SA	1984	C. Robertson	QLD	
	1961	R. Pratt	NSW	1985	R. Eyles	QLD	
	1962	R. Pratt	NSW	1986	R. Eyles	QLD	
	1963	G. Hunt	VIC	1987	A. Hill	VIC	
ľ	1964	M. Cutler	NSW	1988	M. Carlyon	QLD	
	1965	K. Shawcross	NSW	1989	J. Williams	VIC	
	1966	B. Shea	VIC	1990	C. Rowland	QLD	
ŀ	1967	W. Reedmand	NSW	1991	B. Haddrell	VIC	
ŀ	1968	R. Jolly	VIC	1992	G. Hickson	QLD	
	1969	R. Jolly	VIC	1993	D. Jenson	SA	
	1970	D. Thomas	QLD	1994	D. Jenson	SA	
	1971	M. Perry	NSW	1995	D. Palmer	NSW	
	1972	M. Perry	NSW	1996	S. Boswell	ACT	
ŀ	1973	M. Mounsey	VIC	1997	S. Boswell	ACT	
	1974	D. Williams	WA	1998	A. Ricketts	NSW	
	1975	I. Yeates	NSW	1999	K Sinclair	NSW	
ŀ	1976	K. Richards	VIC	2000	C. Pilley	NSW	
	1977	G. Brumby	SA	2001	C. Pilley	NSW	
	1978	G. Brumby	SA	2002	L. Margan	SA	
ŀ	1979	G. Pollard	NSW	2003	A. Frankcomb	TAS	
ŀ	1980	P. Nance	QLD	2004	A. Frankcomb	TAS	
l	1981	C. Dittmar	SA	2005	S. Arnold	NSW	

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		

### AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS JUNIOR WOMEN

J. McDevitt	QLD	1985	M. Martin	QLD
J. McDevitt	QLD	1986	D. Drady	QLD
R. Kennedy	VIC	1987	S. Fitz-Gerald	VIC
C. Hunter	NSW	1988	A. Hopps	WA
S. Newman	NSW	1989	R. Cooper	QLD
L. Collins	WA	1990	C. Owens	VIC
L. Collins	WA	1991	L. Marsh	NZ
J. Palin	VIC	1992	S. Cook	NZ
R. Shapland	QLD	1993	R. Grinham	QLD
S. Heaney	VIC	1994	K. Keevil	NSW
R. Shapland	QLD	1995	K. Major	NSW
R. Shapland	QLD	1996	R Grinham	QLD
R. Shapland	QLD	1997	N. Grinham	QLD
K. Johnstone	NSW	1998	L. Keating	ACT
C. Clonda	NSW	1999	N. David	MAL
S. Post	QLD	2000	S. Dubois	NSW
W. Williams	VIC	2001	S. Dubois	NSW
T. Smith	VIC	2002	A. Pittock	VIC
W. Williams	VIC	2003	K. Brown	NSW
E. Irving	QLD	2004	K. Brown	NSW
S. Fitz-Gerald	VIC	2005	D. Urquhart	NSW
	J. McDevitt R. Kennedy C. Hunter S. Newman L. Collins J. Palin R. Shapland S. Heaney R. Shapland R. Shapland R. Shapland K. Johnstone C. Clonda S. Post W. Williams T. Smith W. Williams E. Irving	J. McDevittQLDR. KennedyVICC. HunterNSWS. NewmanNSWL. CollinsWAJ. PalinVICR. ShaplandQLDS. HeaneyVICR. ShaplandQLDR. ShaplandQLDR. ShaplandQLDR. ShaplandQLDR. ShaplandQLDR. ShaplandQLDK. JohnstoneNSWC. ClondaNSWS. PostQLDW. WilliamsVICT. SmithVICW. WilliamsVICE. IrvingQLD	J. McDevitt         QLD         1986           R. Kennedy         VIC         1987           C. Hunter         NSW         1988           S. Newman         NSW         1989           L. Collins         WA         1990           L. Collins         WA         1991           J. Palin         VIC         1992           R. Shapland         QLD         1993           S. Heaney         VIC         1994           R. Shapland         QLD         1995           R. Shapland         QLD         1996           R. Shapland         QLD         1997           K. Johnstone         NSW         1998           C. Clonda         NSW         1999           S. Post         QLD         2000           W. Williams         VIC         2001           T. Smith         VIC         2002           W. Williams         VIC         2003           E. Irving         QLD         2004	J. McDevittQLD1986D. DradyR. KennedyVIC1987S. Fitz-GeraldC. HunterNSW1988A. HoppsS. NewmanNSW1989R. CooperL. CollinsWA1990C. OwensL. CollinsWA1991L. MarshJ. PalinVIC1992S. CookR. ShaplandQLD1993R. GrinhamS. HeaneyVIC1994K. KeevilR. ShaplandQLD1995K. MajorR. ShaplandQLD1996R GrinhamR. ShaplandQLD1997N. GrinhamK. JohnstoneNSW1998L. KeatingC. ClondaNSW1999N. DavidS. PostQLD2000S. DuboisW. WilliamsVIC2002A. PittockW. WilliamsVIC2003K. BrownE. IrvingQLD2004K. Brown

### 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

## MISCELLANEOUS AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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	M. Carlyon	QLD
1983	S. Ellul	WA
1984	M. Joint	VIC
1985	S. Baker	VIC
1986	J. Kneipp	QLD
1987	A. Micaleff	NSW
1988	D. Jenson	SA
1989	M. Fiteni	VIC
1990	P. Peters	NSW
1998	A. Frankcomb	TAS
1999	S. Arnold	NSW
2000	A. Budd	NSW
2001	M. Reece	NSW
2002	M. Arnold	NSW
2003	K. Khan	MAL
2004	M. Hopkin	QLD
2005	W. Cusick	NSW

AUSTRALIAN 15 YAG BOYS CHAMPION					
1982	R. Eyles	QLD			
1983	A. Schreiber	NSW			
1984	A. Hill	VIC			
1985	S. Ellul	WA			
1986	M. Joint	VIC			
1987	J. Williams	VIC			
1988	P. Daly	NSW			
1989	C. Dellar	VIC			
1990	D. Jenson	SA			
1991	M. Fiteni	VIC			
1992	L. Kenny	WA			
1993	S. Boswell	ACT			
1994	B. Ong	MAL			
1995	S. Reynolds	NSW			
1996	M. Iskadar	MAL			
1997	M. Arcidiacono	QLD			
1998	J. Rogers	SA			
1999	S. Huffer	VIC			
2000	A. Frankcomb	NSW			
2001	S. Arnold	NSW			
2002	A. Budd	NSW			
2003	T. Steward	VIC			
2004	Z. Alexander	QLD			
2005	J. Krauss	QLD			

	BOYS CHAM	
1982	S. O'Connor	QLD
1983	S. O'Connor	QLD
1984	R. Eyles	QLD
1985	A. Hill	VIC
1986	A. Hill	VIC
1987	G. Wilson	NZ
1988	J. Williams	VIC
1989	J. Williams	VIC
1990	G. Hixon	QLD
1991	D. Jenson	SA
1992	D. Jenson	SA
1993	M. Fiteni	VIC
1994	S. Boswell	ACT
1995	S. Boswell	ACT
1996	A. Ricketts	NSW
1997	S. Doherty	NSW
1998	P. Davis	SA
1999	M. Arcidiacono	QLD
2000	L. Margan	SA
2001	J. Gough	NSW
2002	A. Frankcomb	NSW
2003	S. Arnold	NSW
2004	T. Steward	VIC
2005	T. Steward	VIC

**AUSTRALIAN 17 YAG** 

AUSTRALIAN 13 YAG GIRLS CHAMPION			
1982	C. Greenhouse	WA	
1983	N. James	TAS	
1984	R. Cooper	QLD	
1985	C. Rowland	QLD	
1986	C. Rowland	QLD	
1987	R. Grinham	QLD	
1988	R. Grinham	QLD	
1989	M. Vacca	SA	
1990	N. Grinham	QLD	
1998	K. Brown	NSW	
1999	S. Looi	MAL	
2000	K. Sinclair	QLD	
2001	K. Bessell	QLD	
2002	L. Wee Wern	MAL	
2003	L. Wern	MAL	
2004	M. Maricic	WA	
2005	D. Sexton	QLD	

AUSTRALIAN 15 YAG				
GIRLS CHAMPION				
1982	D. Drady	QLD		
1983	S. Fitz-Gerald	VIC		
1984	A. Hopps	WA		
1985	R. Cooper	QLD		
1986	S. McNamara	NSW		
1987	M. Bell	VIC		
1988	C. Rowland	QLD		
1989	R. Grinham	QLD		
1990	N. Tippett	QLD		
1991	J. Wilson	NZ		
1992	K. Major	NSW		
1993	J. Mills	SA		
1994	K. Townsend	NSW		
1995	L. Siu Lynn	MAL		
1996	N. David	MAL		
1997	S. Dubois	NSW		
1998	A. Pittock	VIC		
1999	G. Davis	NSW		
2000	K. Brown	NSW		
2001	D. Urquhart	NSW		
2002	P. Hughes	QLD		
2003	L. Huffer	VIC		
2004	K. Bessell	VIC		
2005	Z. Petrovansky	QLD		

AUSTRALIAN 17 YAG					
GIRLS CHAMPION					
1982	D. Baertschiger	VIC			
1983	S. Radford	VIC			
1984	S. Fitz-Gerald	VIC			
1985	A. Johnson	VIC			
1986	A. Hopps	WA			
1987	S. McNamara	NSW			
1988	R. Cooper	QLD			
1989	M. Bell	VIC			
1990	L. Marsh	NSW			
1991	S. Cook	NZ			
1992	K. Keevil	NSW			
1993	J. Loader	QLD			
1994	K. Major	NSW			
1995	S. Kitchen	NZ			
1996	C. McIver	NSW			
1997	N. David	MAL			
1998	S. Dubois	NSW			
1999	A. Pittock	VIC			
2000	A. Pittock	VIC			
2001	G. Davis	NSW			
2002	D. Urquhart	NSW			
2003	D. Urquhart	NSW			
2004	K. Sinclair	QLD			
2005	K. Bessell	VIC			



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