

SQUASH AUSTRALIA

2006 Annual Report

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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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Anthony Ricketts – 2006
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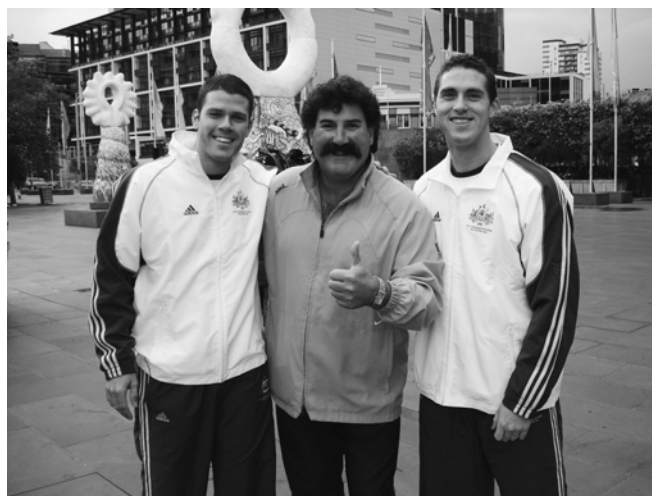


Ryan Cuskelly and Peta Hughes
2006 Australian Junior Champions

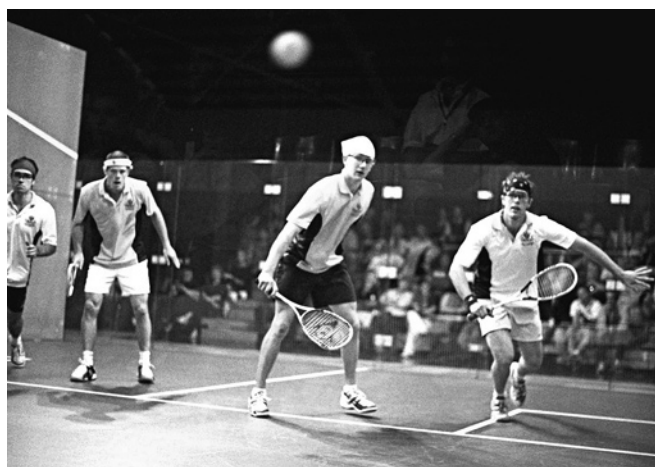


David Palmer 2006 World Champion
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Silver for Pittock and Pilley at World Doubles Championship

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(Until May 2006)

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Mr Greg Hutchings



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Mr Jeffrey Wollstein

NATIONAL REFEREEING DIRECTOR
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Website Committee

Ray Strachan, Norman Fry, Larissa Williams.



Ricketts & Boswell win Gold, 2006 World Doubles



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We had an exciting start to the year with the Australian Open and the World Doubles Championships both being held in Melbourne at the M.S.A.C.

The events were used as test events for the Commonwealth Games and the Doubles were hugely successful for Australia, and saw us win two Gold and three Silver medals.

The Commonwealth Games were the next major event and all the hard work over the past few years was put to the test. After lengthy negotiations on a number of levels, we had secured the necessary infrastructure to hold the event, and were grateful to Squash SA for their help in purchasing, and then leasing, the glass court to M2006.

Greg Hutchings and his team did an excellent job in putting on "the best event possible".

In 2004, the Commonwealth Games Federation determined that Bronze medals would have to be won, and a play-off for third and fourth would be required. This reduced the medals available by five, over the event, and our forecast of eight medals was going to be hard to achieve.

In an excellent result, we achieved the expectation with three Gold, three Silver and two Bronze medals - an outstanding outcome for Squash in Australia.

It would be remiss of me not to mention Natalie Grinham's performance in winning the maximum of three Gold medals - one for each event she contested, and a record which will be hard to equal.

At the 2006 AGM, Sandie Davis did not contest the Vice-President Female position and Sarah Fitz-Gerald was duly elected to that position. Sandie has been a valuable Board member over a number of years, and we were fortunate that she volunteered to Chair the Women's Committee, and thereby allow us to retain her knowledge and enthusiasm.

At the Awards Dinner, which followed the AGM, Rhonda Thorne was inducted into the Hall of Fame and our guest at the dinner, Senator Rod Kemp, commented that he was most impressed with the "Squash Family".

The subject of a Unitary Model for Squash was introduced to the members during the weekend, and this elicited some spirited debate. This subject will no doubt continue to raise issues, and it is hoped that we can all make progress and achieve a result into the future - it will not happen overnight, but if we all work together, it will happen.

The Matrix continues to grow in popularity and its value is certainly being realised by those who have adopted it. We are now much closer to a national rating system and can all now look forward to its fruition.

Raymond Strachan has been working with us on a web-based on-line Court Booking System which looks exciting and can offer us all some unique advantages in terms of participation statistics.

Our Historical Sub-committee has made progress in the gathering of information for our history book, and now has the task of sorting and compiling this vast amount of data.

Late in the year, Greg Hutchings agreed to take on the full-time role of National Technical Director, which encompasses the previous two roles of National Competitions Manager and National High Performance Manager. Greg has been very successful in the Competition Manager's role, and we are confident that this success will be replicated in the new position.

The catalyst for the change was the resignation of our High Performance Manager, Geoff Hunt. Geoff was offered a position in the Middle-East which, in his words, was "too good to refuse", and we unfortunately lost his services. We wish Geoff all the best in his new role and sincerely thank him for his years of dedicated service to Australian Squash.

Our National Referee Director, John Small, and our Media Liaison Officer, Andrew Dent have both had very busy years with the high profile events in Australia, and we are grateful for their ongoing commitment and enthusiasm.

Our AIS program, under the supervision of Byron Davis is performing well, and we are seeing some encouraging results from our younger AIS athletes.

Bridget Harris, our Finance and Administration Officer has quickly mastered the role and has proven to be a most valuable member of the team.

The National Coaching Director is now a full-time position, and Jeff Wollstein is doing an excellent job, and fully justifies our decision to increase the time allocated to this role.

Unfortunately we lost Larissa Williams, our Administration Assistant, and our current office staff has been able to cover this role (with the addition of a part-time Administration Assistant, Victoria Johnstone). Larissa was an excellent team member and she has been missed.

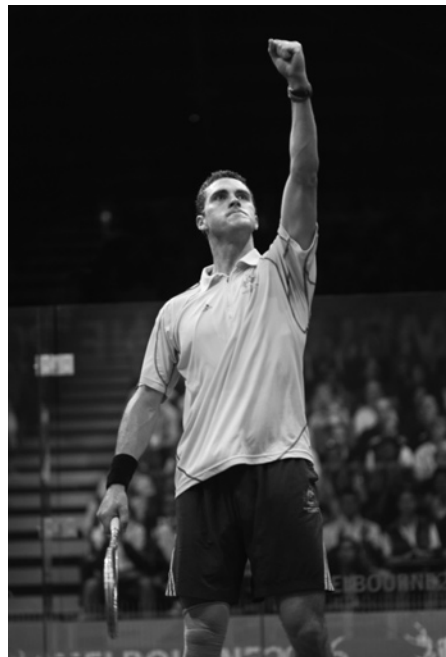
I am grateful for the support and assistance from all the Board members - Richard Best, Steve Derbyshire, Sarah Fitz-Gerald and Carol Kawaljenko, and assure all members that this experienced and cohesive team work tirelessly to progress our sport in Australia.

It is with sadness that we farewell our CEO, Norman Fry, who has been enticed to another sport with an offer that we were unable to conscientiously match. Norman has done a fantastic job for Squash and leaves us in a very healthy position, and extremely well organised in terms of policies and regulations. He will be missed by all involved in our sport, and I am sure you all join me in thanking him for his efforts and wishing him all the best in his new role.

In farewell to Norman we now welcome his successor, Gary O'Donnell who comes with excellent sporting administration credentials, and I am sure he will quickly assimilate into the role.

Finally, I wish to thank all the members of Squash Australia for their support and assistance, and with the co-operation we now enjoy from all, the future is very encouraging.

John Holland
President
Squash Australia



David Palmer

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WORLD SQUASH FEDERATION

CONFERENCE & AGM

5-7 October 2006

Cape Town South Africa

The conference opening address was presented by a local sporting and media personality, Dwayne and he concentrated on our theme of raising the profile of squash – he felt that this could best be achieved through better publicity of our players and reminded us that our World Champions were not well known particularly when compared to other sports.

Presentations from WSF, WISPA and PSA followed – all highlighting their achievements over the past twelve months.

The WISPA presentation in Andrew Shelley's inimitable light-hearted style, highlighted the promotional tours which WISPA undertake annually and are so very much appreciated by the developing nations.

Jack Henrick presented some interesting facts from the PSA:

Year	Prize Money	No of Events
2003	US\$1,500,000	118
2004	US\$1,800,000	146
2005	US\$2,130,000	160
2006	US\$2,600,000	170

PSA membership now at over 400 in four categories:

World Member	
Continental Member	Must upgrade to World Member when ranking is better than 100.
Country Member	
Junior Member	

PSA live webstreaming – with further developments in television technology, more people will soon be able to access live and delayed squash on television. As a result of an enquiry it was explained that if a player uses his accommodation bonus after losing then he is available for any promotional/educational use.

The WSF Strategic Plan focus remains on seeking Olympic inclusion. All member countries are encouraged to form relationships with their own IOC delegates to push for the inclusion of squash. The key to squash's inclusion rests with the IOC delegates and the media.

Jaque Rogge the IOC President has made several observations and comments.

1. Squash needs more television coverage and he questioned if the ball visibility is an issue.
2. We need to raise the profile of our athletes.
3. We need to educate the general public on the rules and tactics of squash.

Referees were discussed and it is an international issue that we need to increase the number and expertise of referees. The question was asked, is there scope for professional referees?

The target market for squash has been identified as young professionals who have a desire to get fit. Kevin Klipstein from the United States presented the results of a survey on squash players in the US which supported the WSF's target market.

Other interesting facts revealed that only one third of players competed in organised competitions and insurance hardly rated in their value from membership – their magazine rated as highest value.

After much discussion the WSF have committed to being serious about Doubles Squash and are supportive of a review of the rules and regulations. New Zealand Squash is working on a structured program to review a range of different court dimensions and rule changes.

The President of the South African Deaf Squash Association gave us an introduction to Deaf Squash and a presentation on the World Deaf Squash

Championships to be held in Cape Town in 2007 – the growth in these championships was also highlighted.

A report from the Disciplinary Committee noted their discussions with PSA and WISPA and their attempts to bring their regulations closer together – unfortunately at this stage, nothing will change but they will continue to work on it.

Horst Babinsky from ASB gave a presentation on his latest innovation – a glass floor for his glass courts. These floors offer a multitude of opportunities to enhance the visual appearance of the game including ruling highlights and advertising. They apparently perform better than the wooden floors and as strange as it sounds, are a better playing surface. This technology is new and only been tested in three courts to date but it may be worth considering for the Australian Court in the future.

Rusty Roys from Slovakia presented his modular court concept which changes the dimensions of the court and reduces the height of the front wall. The walls are in a 2 to 3 ratio and the concept was mainly presented to promote discussion – I doubt whether we could seriously contemplate radically changing the court dimensions.

The workshop on the Friday concentrated on the World Championships and what could be done to "relaunch" them. Four groups gave some excellent feedback on their views and all these ideas will be consolidated at WSF and a plan to relaunch the Championships will be formulated.

The proposed constitutional changes were discussed on the Friday prior to the AGM and the change (proposed by New Zealand) to allow Man Com to coopt an extra specialist board member received good support. The change proposed by Man Com to increase terms to three years and limit to two terms did not receive solid enough backing arguments and our criticism saw this amendment dropped.

The AGM was held on the Saturday and the constitutional amendments were dealt with as agreed on the Friday.

Reports were presented on World events held over the past twelve months and our report on the Doubles was well received. New Zealand presented a report on the Juniors and highlighted their initiatives. One initiative worth noting was the adoption of international teams by local schools. The local schools did projects on their adopted country and generally supported them throughout the Championship – an idea worth remembering.

Other Championships yet to be held are:

World Men's Open – last week of November 2007 – Bermuda
World Men's Team – 6th to 12th December 2007 – India
World Doubles – 2008 – India
World Men's Open – 2009 – Pakistan

Reports were received from all Regions and copies are available from Squash Australia on request.

The elections were interesting – all the regions held meetings to discuss their voting procedure and it was obvious on the Friday that the preferred candidates were: Heather Dayton, Gerard Decourcy and Frank van Loon. I presented Sarah's letter at the meeting but by that time, all the decisions had been made.

If Sarah had been there in person I'm confident that we could have swayed some countries and I'm certain that to get elected, the candidate must be there. Consequently, Heather, Gerard and Frank were all elected on the first round of each vote which highlights the fact that the voting was very well orchestrated. Suzie Simcock was reconfirmed as the Emeritus President.

The next AGM and Conference was confirmed for Bermuda in the last week of November 2007.

In summary, it was another interesting conference and a great chance to network with other countries and benchmark our own performance against others. We are still well in front of most other countries in our Sports Management and as long as we maintain our efforts we will stay there.

My thanks to Squash Australia for the opportunity to represent Australian Squash which is indeed an honour as we remain leaders in our sport.

John Holland
President
Squash Australia



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Like most sports in Australia, Squash is faced with the continuous requirement to maintain standards, develop and expand its participation base, and achieve at the elite level of the sport internationally.

Looking back on 2006 the objectives that have been achieved have been varied and numerous. There have been some outstanding results such as those recorded by the Australian Squash Team at the XVIII Commonwealth Games and the 3rd World Doubles Championships, which were both conducted in Melbourne. David Palmer winning the 2006 Men's World Championship ensured Australia remains at the top of individual international Squash. Although these aspects are reported on in detail later in the report I would like to take the opportunity to note the work and effort by everyone involved in preparing the Commonwealth Games and World Doubles Teams and the conduct of the two events. A fantastic effort by all concerned, especially the large group of volunteers. My particular thanks to Geoff Hunt, Byron Davis, Greg Hutchings and Paul Vear.

The Squash Australia organisation continued to change shape and many roles were refined during the year. I am confident that this evolution will now continue as a matter of course in the search of more effective and efficient methods of operation. The introduction of a full time National Technical Director to take over the roles and tasks of the High Performance Manager and the National Competitions Manager should take a load of work off the shoulders of a number of our volunteers and part time staff.

There were a couple of major objectives not achieved in 2006. These involved the 2006 World Women's Teams Championship in Canada and the World Junior Men's Teams Championship in New Zealand.

For the first time since the competition commenced the Australian Senior Women's Team finished outside of a top two placing. They finished the tournament in tenth place. The circumstances that led to this situation are still a puzzle, but can be placed squarely upon the fact that some top athletes were missing. Their absence from the team probably cost Australia a World title, it certainly played a major part in the team dropping out of the top two positions in the World.

For any athlete of any code representing their country should be the ultimate goal. To be selected to represent Australia in Squash is a great honour that should be treated with respect. No athlete is bigger than the sport they play. It can only be hoped that the few athletes who refused to play for their country in

2006 reflect upon what they personally achieved, if anything, and the fleeting damage they did to themselves and Australian Squash by taking the stance they did.

My congratulations to those athletes who stepped forward and proudly represented their country. You are all a credit to the sport and you did extremely well under the circumstances.

I would like to thank the fulltime staff of the Squash Australia staff, Bridget Harris and Jeff Wollstein, for their outstanding contribution to Squash Australia's administration and the daily operation of the National office during 2006. In addition, the part time staff Andrew Dent, Greg Hutchings, Geoff Hunt and John Small for their contributions to their specialist areas. Squash Australia has been well served by this small handful of very experienced staff members.

In a similar vein, the support received from the Member Associations was most appreciated. The closer links created with the VIS and the PSCAA will benefit squash in the long run.

There can be no doubt that the support, particularly financial support, received from the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Institute of Sport and the Australian Commonwealth Games Association enabled Squash Australia to achieve the objectives it did during the year. The AIS Squash Program is now squarely ensconced in Brisbane and funding has been approved for the next few years. The program is gaining momentum thanks to the work by Byron Davis, Rodney Martin and Geoff Hunt and of course the athletes.

As you read the 2006 Annual Report you gain a feel for work that has transpired within the sport over all aspects and the objectives achieved. During my four-year tenure the tremendous workload and effort provided by the volunteers has amazed me. When you peruse the organisational chart, with the exception of the four full time appointments, volunteers and part time personnel meet the operational requirements of Squash Australia.

The key groups deserving mention are the Board and the Sub-Committees. These involve over seventy volunteers who have given their time to assist in the governance and maintenance of squash as one of Australia's leading sports. My thanks to all for their support to me and the staff during the year.

My final thanks are directed to the athletes both senior and junior. Squash is one of the hardest sports in which to achieve elite status - especially at international level. It has been a privilege to work so closely with young athletes who are so dedicated to their chosen sport. There are many countries pouring copious funds into squash in an effort just to reach the heights already achieved by Australia. However, at the end of the day the one thing that makes Australian Squash great is its athletes. Keep up the excellent work and stay hungry.

This is my last report as in a few weeks I will take up a position with another great Australian sport. I look forward to seeing future Australian squash individual athletes and teams achieving and maintaining the top positions. Good luck to all in 2007 and many thanks for a great four years.

Norman Fry
CEO
Squash Australia



Norman Fry, Danielle Kemp, Lyndsay Fry and Senator the Hon. Rod Kemp at the 2006 Hall of Fame Dinner



MESSAGE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION

The Australian Government is a strong supporter of Australian sport. The Australian Sports Commission is the government body that develops, manages and invests in sport at all levels in Australia.

The Commission funds and works closely with a range of national sporting organisations, state and local governments, schools and community bodies to ensure sport is well run and accessible so that everyone can participate and enjoy the benefits. The Commission upholds the integrity of sport through many innovative programs to promote ethical sporting practices and sport free of performance-enhancing drugs.

During 2005-06, the Australian Government, through the Commission, supported Squash Australia through funding of \$906,000 for the development of the sport and its continued enhancement and support at the grass-root and elite levels, including the Australian Institute of Sport Squash program. Elite Squash players preparing for the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games also received \$129,000 through the Australian Government funded Direct Athlete Support scheme.



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The Commission acknowledges that Squash Australia has continued to work to build its membership base and also to improve its high performance program. A feature of this high performance program has been the continued success of Australia's elite squash players on the international stage. This success was demonstrated by the marvellous performances achieved at the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games, where Australian squash representatives won an impressive three gold, three silver and two bronze medals.

The Commission also acknowledges the enormous contribution made by Geoff Hunt, who left the Institute squash program in 2006 to pursue opportunities overseas, after being involved in the program for 19 years. Geoff leaves an indelible mark on the sport of squash in Australia, both as a player and coach.

Squash Australia has signalled its intention to closely examine its governance structure, with a view to exploring methods that may improve governance and management efficiencies. The Commission commends Squash Australia on this initiative.

The Australian Sports Commission looks forward to a continued winning partnership with Squash Australia.

Mark A Peters
Chief Executive Officer
Australian Sports Commission



NATIONAL COMPETITION MANAGER REPORT

January to March was dominated by the final preparations for the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games. Preparations included the conduct of the 3rd World Doubles Championships during early January in Melbourne. The event provided an excellent test for the recently redeveloped Melbourne Sport & Aquatic Centre with the addition of a further 2 Doubles Courts, and also the All Glass Doubles Adaptable Court erected for both the World Doubles and Commonwealth Games.

The Commonwealth Games organisation was very successful. Squash achieved all the goals, mile stones and planning objectives set during the final 3 years of planning and preparation. I was privileged to work with M2006 as the Competition Manager – Squash, on a full time basis during the final 18 months of preparation. The success of the squash competition preparation and presentation and was due to a tireless group of dedicated people including Paul Vear (assistant competition manager), Judi Hoare (event administrator), Duncan Constable (field of play operations manager), Chris Sinclair (championship

referee), John Small (assistant championship referee) and Andrew Shelley (WSF Technical Director).

Many others must be acknowledged including the 30 Australian and International Technical Officials, the 66 squash specific volunteers, Victorian Squash Federation management & staff, Squash Australia Management & staff and Squash South Australia (providing the All Glass Court).

Squash Australia must also extend gratitude to all Melbourne 2006 program areas and management for their support of the squash event ensuring that short cuts in the preparation were not required.

Many other successful events were conducted by venue operators and state organisations across Australia during 2006 including 31 PSA & 26 WISPA tournaments. Thank you to all those involved with the conduct of these grass root events, assisting the development of our young professional players.

Squash Australia acknowledges and thanks the host states for conducting the following National Championships;

- Australian Open – Squash South Australia
- Australian Closed – Victorian Squash Federation
- National Team Championships – Q Squash
- National Junior Series – Squash New South Wales
- Australian Junior Individual & Team Championships – Devonport Squash Club (Tasmania)

Greg Hutchings
National Competitions Manager
Squash Australia

Vic Belsham OA (1925 – 2006)

Sadly Vic passed away on 4 June 2006 after a short illness.

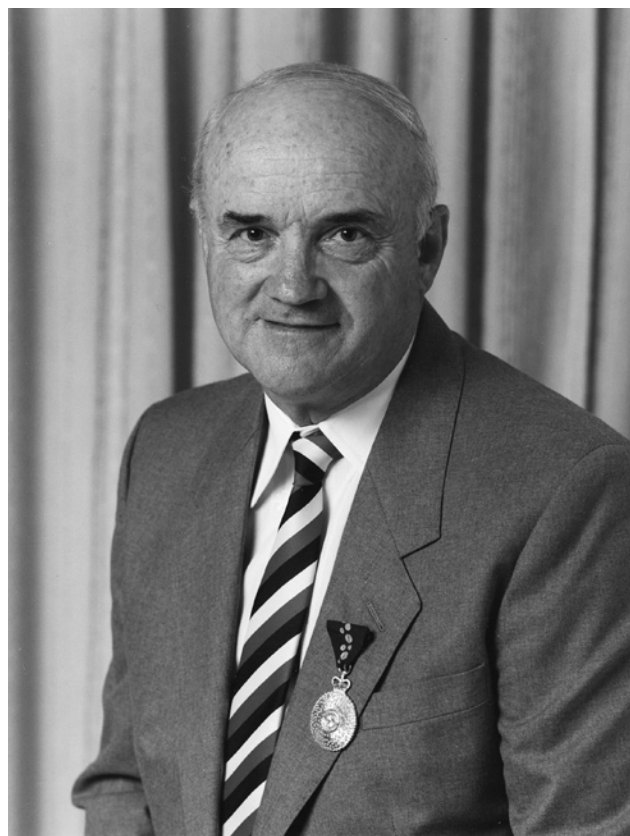
Vic Belsham, a Life Member of Squash Australia, was the longest serving national President (1976 – 1985) in the modern era of the sport in our country.

During his Presidency, he provided the vision, energy and leadership that transformed the national management of squash from a totally voluntary organisation to one staffed by full time professionals. The AIS squash unit opened in 1986 and the full time Director of Coaching commenced in 1981.

Squash Australia evolved from the amalgamation of the separate women's and men's squash bodies during this time.

Competitively and organisationally Australia became one of the world leaders in squash. Vic was awarded Membership of the Order of Australia in recognition of his efforts that made Squash Australia the envy of other sports in this country. He created the foundation of today's successful, modern and professional Squash Australia organisation.

Always a gentleman, Vic will be sorely missed by all who knew him in Australian squash circles.



MEDIA LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Australian squash enjoyed a glorious month in the media spotlight in March thanks to the magnificent performances of our Commonwealth Games team.

Natalie Grinham's triple gold medal performance was the highlight of a team that was the most successful of all Australia's Games teams.

During the Games, the performances by the Australian team were well documented, and the television coverage on Fox Sports and Channel Nine took the sport into Australian lounge rooms for the first time in many years.

In what may be a first, squash even featured off the court when The Australian newspaper and ABC's Grandstand covered Natalie's Gold Coast wedding.

But like all of the smaller sports, squash has to fight for every piece of airtime and every inch of column space it can get, so the sport's followers were often frustrated with the lack of coverage in some of the major media organisations.

From the high of the Commonwealth Games, national media coverage plateaued thereafter, with occasional peaks such as David Palmer's win in the Men's World Open in August and Natalie Grinham's second place in the Women's World Open in November

Lack of coverage wasn't for lack of news. Squash Australia issued over 300 press releases in 2006, providing the media with news on Australians competing in tournaments in Australia and overseas, world rankings updates, junior tournaments and administrative changes. Coverage in national newspapers has continued to be a struggle, although anecdotal evidence suggests attention by radio has increased throughout the year.

Squash Australia this year focused increasingly on local media, particularly local newspapers and radio. These organisations, which have high penetration in their markets, are always very supportive of athletes who live in or were raised in their local areas.

To this end, while media releases are still sent to all national outlets, a list of local media contacts has been compiled and relevant press releases are also sent to them. Interviews with local radio stations have also been arranged and been well received.

Looking ahead to 2007, continued good performances by established stars such as David Palmer, Anthony Ricketts, Stewart Boswell and Rachael and Natalie Grinham will be vital to media coverage, while exciting newcomers like Kasey Brown, Peta Hughes, Steve Finitsis and Ryan Cuskelly should ensure the good health of the sport in Australia.

The strategy for next year will be to promote the athletes themselves on the national and local stages, providing the media with stories behind the names.

Feedback to Squash Australia from journalists is that the squash players they deal with are invariably friendly and helpful, with no request too much trouble.

They have made themselves available wherever they are, at home or overseas, and this has been noticed by the media.

Andrew Dent
Media Liaison Officer
Squash Australia



NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR REPORT

The coaching sector was given a significant boost from the start of 2006 with the appointment of a full-time National Coaching Director. New responsibilities were progressively delegated and many challenges were embarked upon, particularly:

- a) Significantly expanding the information on our website for coaches;
- b) The initial development of a new coach education system;
- c) The establishment of a new Squash Australia Coaches Section (SACS)
- d) The implementation of compulsory insurance cover for all NCAS coaches
- e) The organisation and conduct of a National Coaching Conference
- f) The management of our 12-member National Coaches Panel

Program Design Committee

A completely new committee was established from the start of 2006 to oversee and advise the technical content of a new coach education system (CES). This is a 2-4 year project where the existing "levels-based" CES will be progressively replaced with a "program-based" CES. Instead of accredited coaches being accredited as Level 1, 2 or 3, they will be referred to as Squash Essentials Instructors (introductory 1-day training program), Community Coaches, Club Professionals and Talent Development/ High Performance Coaches.

The framework for the construction of this new CES and the foundation for preparing a range of Training Documents for ASC approval was generated from 2 face-to-face meetings in the first half of 2006. Committee members are Mike Cornish (WA), Chris Doig (Tas), Roger Flynn (Vic), Grant Gough (NSW), Margaret Holmes (Qld), Karen Morrissey (Vic), Roger Smith (Qld) and Jeffrey Wollstein, Chairman.

Squash Australia Coaches Section (SACS)

A new body, initially set up at the end of 2005, was primarily created to provide another avenue for accredited coaches to gain insurance cover. A range of additional benefits for joining SACS were developed with the 2 main ones being:

- a) A significant discount on the registration fee for attending the National Coaching Conference;
- b) Password access to a new website for SACS coaches.

At the end of 2006 there were over 40 coaches who joined SACS.

Compulsory Insurance for Accredited Coaches

All newly accrediting coaches or those re-accrediting after a 4-year period now either take up membership of the PSCAA or join SACS thus being covered for insurance purposes. With the PSCAA offering the same insurance benefits to their own members and membership above 200 combined with the 40 plus SACS coaches implies the largest number of accredited coaches in our history are now adequately insured.

National Coaching Conference

In November 2006, a National Coaching Conference was conducted in Canberra at the AIS. About 50 coaches attended including 4 of our Kiwi neighbours, 2 from Malaysia and 1 from Japan. The Conference was rated highly by delegates and a range of reports and technical information is available to read on our website.

Special thanks goes to Ken Watson who assisted with the entire organisation of the Conference and acted as the MC. The Conference Scouts are also to be congratulated on their fine voluntary efforts. The Scouts were: Darren Barclay (ACT), Tim Batty (VIC), Barbara de Bruine (ACT), Richard Cagliarini (VIC), Joe Meilak (VIC), Mick Morrell (ACT), Karen Morrissey (VIC), Greg Wild (VIC)

National Coaches Panel

The management of the National Coaches Panel came under the NCD in 2006 in consultation with the HP Manager. A major review of all operations of the Panel was conducted in the second half of 2006 culminating in 2 face-to-face meetings of the entire 12-member Panel during the Conference at the AIS.

Over 10 recommendations were submitted to Squash Australia for fundamental changes with 3-year terms of office now extended to 4 years but where 4 coaches retire from the Panel every year to allow fresh coaches the opportunity to contribute.

Coach Accreditation Numbers

Our current coach accreditation numbers continued to increase in 2006 breaking the 500 mark for the first time in 10 years. Similar to 2005, there were over 50 coaches who allowed their accreditation to expire in the last 12 months. A review of re-accreditation procedures (Regulation 57) has seen a lot less coaches allow their accreditation to lapse.

Level 2 Assessors Course - Adelaide

A supplementary 3-day Level 2 Assessors Course was conducted in Adelaide in late-June 2006 as a follow up for more training from the inaugural Assessors Course in November 2005. Six of the original nine Level 2 candidate coaches attended and were once again trained by Ken Watson, Roger Flynn and myself. This supplementary course was carefully planned so that it crossed-over with the first 2 days of a fresh Level 2 Course itself. Candidates gained direct experience in presenting and assessing in a real-world environment and were all capable of assessing all or parts of future Level 2 Training Programs.

Level 2 Course - Adelaide

Seven participants attended another 5 day Level 2 Course in Adelaide which was split across the Australian Open Men's event with 2 days before and 3 days after the finals. This was the first Course where it was attended by the existing three Level 2 Assessors and an additional six in training. The interaction between Assessors, candidate Assessors and candidate coaches was reported as a positive highlight of this major coach education event.

Additional Level 3 Coaches

Barbara de Bruine and Grant Gough were upgraded in 2006 to Level 3 accreditation and join our inaugural Level 3 coaches, Geoff Hunt and Roger Flynn, to the very top echelons of high performance qualified coaches. A profile article on both these coaches can be viewed on our website under Coaching Information/ Coach Profiles.

National Coaching Committee (NCC)

The National Coaching Committee members in 2006, who advised Squash Australia on an extensive range of coaching matters, comprised: Tim Batty (VIC), Bill Cook (Tas) and Anthony Polling (SA) as new members appointed for a 2 year term; Grant Gough (NSW), Byron Davis (Qld) and Barbara de Bruine (ACT) as existing members expiring in March 2007; Roger Flynn (Vic) as the PSCAA representative (resigned Oct 2006) and Jeffrey Wollstein, Chairman. Mike Cornish and Geoff Davenport retired in February 2006.

The coaching sector continued to receive excellent support in 2006 from the Board, our CEO Norman Fry, and Bridget Harris Finance and Administration Officer.

Jeffrey Wollstein
National Coaching Director
Squash Australia



National Coaching Conference 2006



NATIONAL REFEREEING DIRECTOR REPORT

Refereeing in 2006 has again been dominated by the training and participation needed to meet officiating responsibilities at the Commonwealth Games. The other major initiative was to develop a number of State level referees towards their National accreditation. On the other hand, total refereeing numbers are down and only 3 States/Territories have sufficient referees to be considered self-sufficient.

Commonwealth Games training started in Melbourne in January with the Australian Open and World Doubles. The entire Games squad, consisting of Championship Referee, Assistant Championship Referee, 4 referees and 17 markers were involved and went on to officiate at the Games. The overall training program funded by M2006 can be considered highly successful with outstanding performances from the entire squad. The doubles training proved invaluable as the international referees with little recent doubles experience relied on their Australian markers to keep the matches flowing while they came up to speed. Particularly pleasing were the performances of the younger members of the squad, including two new recruits to refereeing, and which resulted in their being rewarded with marking three of the gold medal matches.

In an already busy year, the New Zealand tournament referee for the World Junior Men's Championships in Palmerston North asked for Australian assistance during the tournament. As well as Chris Sinclair and Damien Green attending on WSF appointment, 3 National and 2 State referees attended. This was an excellent opportunity to foster closer ties with New Zealand refereeing and the State referees gained valuable experience towards National accreditation.

Despite the high workload from the Games, with many referees using 4 weeks leave to train and participate, referees were still provided to the National Junior Series, the Australian Open, the Australian National Teams, and the Australian Junior Championships. These tournaments were also used to allow 6 State referees to gain further experience and assessment towards National accreditation. It was pleasing to see player behaviour improving at these tournaments but it could still benefit from further improvement.

Our contribution to WSF refereeing has continued to be significant this year. World Referee Chris Sinclair and International Referees Damien Green and Harvey Bowlit have officiated at various overseas tournaments. In addition, Chris Sinclair remains on the WSF Rules Committee reviewing the singles

rules and Chris and John Small head and participate in WSF working groups implementing aspects of the WSF International Referee Programme Review. In particular, commitment to the CBTA working group has been extensive.

As in 2005, 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 5 States and Territories. Some assistance has been provided in this regard but a significantly higher State commitment will be needed to rectify the problem.

A State refereeing representatives workshop was held during the Australian Open to advise everyone of the new accreditation requirements.

Chris Sinclair attended the Australian Coaching Conference and delivered a well-received presentation on refereeing.

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 2006, or outstanding at the end of 2005, are:

- Total of 130 referees – numbers stand at 165;
- Total of 3 International referees – this target has been met;
- Total of 9 National referees - number remains at 8. However, across 5 States, 9 State level referees are actively engaged in upgrading their skills to National level. Three are close to achieving this level of accreditation;
- Produce rules and referee training material for high performance players – completed in 2005; and
- Three singles and one doubles training program submitted to the ASC for NOAS registration in 2005 have yet to be registered. Only minor additional work is required and completion is expected by January 2007.

Refereeing priorities for 2006 will be:

- Provision of referees at National tournaments
- A program to assist State level referees achieve National level accreditation, including providing refereeing opportunities in Australia, mentoring and assessment; and
- encouraging and supporting State associations to increase the level of local refereeing;

I wish to thank Chris Sinclair and Damien Green for all of their work on the Rules & Refereeing Committee, as well as those who committed so much voluntary time this year. Excellent support has again been provided from the top by CEO Norman Fry throughout the year. He will be missed by refereeing.

John Small
National Refereeing Director

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KASEY BROWN

In Kasey Brown's biography for the Women's International Squash Players Association she lists her ambition as "to be world number one". If she achieves that goal then 2006 will be seen as her breakthrough year.

Kasey took her world ranking from 35 at the beginning of the year to 17 at year end, winning a host of tournaments along the way. She also made two national teams, representing Australia at the Commonwealth Games in March and the Women's World Team Championships in September.

Kasey has now based herself at Harrogate in the north of England as she prepares to tackle the major WISPA tournaments in 2007. She started the year well when she made the quarter-finals of the Dayton Open in the US, but her results for the next few months hardly indicated the blitz she would make on the Australian circuit later that year. In an incredible run she claimed four tournaments in a row in May and June, beating all of the new crop of Australian players and a host of rising overseas competitors in the process. She started her golden run when she won the WA Open in May, beating Amelia Pittock in straight games in the final. She then won the Naracoorte Open, beating Melissa Martin and the Mortgage Choice SA Open, where she beat Dianne Desira.

Kasey followed these titles with the Australian Open, where she beat Diane again to put her name on a trophy featuring some of the greatest names in world squash. She said she took another step in her career during the Australian season. "My career was always going to be slow but steady," she said. "But it's all coming together now. All the hard work and dedication is paying off and I am getting a lot of confidence."

She capped off her Australian success with the Central Open title in New Zealand, where she beat Kiwi Jaclyn Hawkes in the final. Kasey then showed her new confidence to the world when she went to Belfast for the World Open and progressed past the first round for the first time with a good win over Annelize Naude of Holland. She took a game off Irish world number six Madeline Perry before bowing out, but not before showing she is now a real force to be reckoned with on the world circuit.



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DAVID PALMER

For David Palmer 2006 will be a year to remember both on and off the court. On the court he won three major Professional Squash Association tournaments, including the World Open, he won silver and bronze at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, and regained his world number one ranking for a brief period early in the year. Off the court he celebrated the birth of his first child, daughter Kayla Jane, in June.

David got 2006 to a flying start when he won the Windy City Open in Chicago in January, beating Jonathan Kemp, Alex Gough, John White and James Willstrop on the way to the final, before clinching the title with an 11-5, 5-11, 11-8, 9-11, 11-10 (2-0) win over Jonathan Power. In October he took out the Village Open in New York, subduing Mohammed Islam Iskandar in the final, having beaten Shahier Razik, Wael El Hindi and Stewart Boswell earlier in the tournament.

But the highlight of the year was September's World Open triumph. David beat rising French star Gregory Gaultier in what has been labeled the greatest final in the history of the tournament. He came back from losing the opening two games and being behind in the third to wear down and overcome Gaultier 9-11, 9-11, 11-9, 11-10 (6-4), 11-2. David said winning the title made up for the disappointment of losing in 2005, when he went down to Amr Shabana in straight games. And he said it also made up for the disappointment of losing to an inspired Peter Nicol in the final of the Commonwealth Games. "The World Open and British Open are the tournaments I've really been focussing on," he said. "The title was a pretty good first Father's Day present."

David also made the final of the Liverpool 08 Open, losing to Thierry Lincou, and the Australian Open, where he lost to Stewart Boswell to add to his frustration of never having won the national title. He also made the semi-finals at the British Open, the Saudi International, the US Open, and the Hong Kong Open and was firmly placed at number two on the world rankings behind Egyptian Amr Shabana. His 2006 form provides an ideal platform to launch an assault on the major tournaments of 2007 and to regain the top ranking once again.



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The AIS Squash Program had 11 scholarship holders in 2006, made up of 6 males and 5 females. The results achieved by the scholarship holders were outstanding highlighted by their performances at the Commonwealth Games in March. The AIS Squash program had nine current or former scholarship holders out of a team of ten athletes that produced a Commonwealth Games record 3 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze medal haul for Australia. The AIS coaching staff of Byron Davis and Geoff Hunt fulfilled the roles of team coaches at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne.

The AIS Squash Program's consultants went through a number of changes during 2006 with Geoff Hunt leaving the program in May to take up a coaching position in Qatar. Geoff's legacy to Australian squash as a coach has been to oversee the development of the world's leading squash institute program over a 21 year period. Combined with his playing career, Geoff's contribution to Australian squash has been incredible and he is a true icon of the sport. We wish him well in his new position.

Michael Lloyd replaced Greg Thorne as the program psychologist due to an increase in work commitments for Greg and began with the program in November. Jade Roberts filled in for Andrew Lulham for 6 months during the middle of 2006 in the strength and conditioning department. Shane Lemcke (Physiotherapist), Geoff Cox (ACE program), and Kerry Leech (Nutrition) continued in their roles servicing the program. The program received outstanding support from the AIS and its consultancy staff when dealing with a number of injury and personnel related issues. The consultants were again an integral part in the success of the AIS program in 2006.

The program continued to utilise the Hibiscus Gardens Squash Centre and the Queensland Academy of Sport's gym facilities which are world class. Rodney Martin continues to service AIS athletes through our base in New York and attendance at major international competitions.

Amelia Pittcock was on scholarship until April of this year and Joseph Kneipp was with the program until June. Below is a review of the current AIS scholarship holders and their performances.

Scott Arnold: - PSA World Ranking 105 December 2006



Scott has had a reasonable year with a number of solid performances. Scott performed well in most of his PSA events and won his first ever PSA title at the Hilton Open in Perth, W.A. Scott also made the finals of 2 other PSA events. Scott's world ranking improved from 155 at the start of the year to 105 by December 1st. Scott has gained a lot of experience this year as he has remained injury free and has been able to compete in 17 tournaments.

Stewart Boswell: - PSA World Ranking 12 December 2006

Stewart has continued to move up the rankings this year, starting the year at 17 and finishing it at 12. Stewart also secured the biggest title of his career when he won the St Louis Open in September, a 5 Star event. Stewart also won a Silver Medal at the Commonwealth Games earlier in the year in the Men's doubles with fellow scholarship holder Anthony Ricketts. Stewart continues to improve his squash as he attempts to break back into the top 10.



Kasey Brown: - WISPA World Ranking 17 December 2006



Kasey has had a tremendous year after the setbacks of 2005. Kasey started the year off well by being selected in the Commonwealth Games Team and then really improved the level of her play on the middle of the year. Kasey won numerous titles including the Australian Open and the Australian Closed Titles. Kasey's ranking improved from 35 at the start of the year to 17 by December 1st. Kasey has based herself in England this season to gain more competition against the top female players.

Ryan Cuskelly: - PSA World Ranking 122 December 2006



Ryan has had an excellent first year in the program. Ryan's work ethic has been very good and he has trained very well. Ryan's results have been outstanding and after only joining the PSA in May at 279 he has brought his ranking in to 122 in 6 months. Ryan had numerous victories over higher ranked opponents and the highlight apart from winning the Australian Junior Championship, was his semi final in the Grande Prairie Classic, Canada in November.

Aaron Frankcomb: - PSA World Ranking 56 December 2006

Aaron had a breakthrough victory in South America in a One Star event in September, which was his first PSA Tour win. As a result of this performance his ranking improved from 84 in January to 56 as at December 1st. Aaron's other performances have been mixed however his ranking has improved significantly which should give him the confidence to move higher again. Aaron is based in England at the moment where he is also playing league matches and PSA tournaments.



Peta Hughes: - WISPA World Ranking 43 December 2006



Peta has made a significant improvement over the past 12 months which has been reflected in the drop in her world ranking. Peta was ranked 129 in January and came into 43 on the December 1st rankings. Peta had a number of good performances but the highlight apart from winning the Australian Junior Championships would have been qualifying for the Hong Kong Open, a Platinum WISPA event. Peta has had an excellent year and is a promising player of the future.

Anthony Ricketts: - PSA World Ranking 6 December 2006

Anthony has had a difficult year as he has battled to overcome numerous injuries that have impacted on his performance. Earlier in the year Anthony struggled with a calf injury in the Commonwealth Games and then at the World Championships in August he had a problem with his elbow which led to a drop in his form. Anthony's ranking has dropped from 3 at the start of the year to 6 at December 1st. Anthony won the Silver Medal at the Commonwealth Games in the men's doubles with Stewart Boswell. Anthony also made the quarterfinals of the World and Pakistan Opens.



Rachel Smith: - WISPA World Ranking 58 December 2006



Rachel has had a solid year in her first year with the AIS and has made a noticeable improvement in her squash. Rachel's ranking has improved from 114 at the start of the year into 58 by December 1st. Rachel has benefited from training with the other female AIS athletes regularly and that has helped to improve her standard. Rachel made the quarterfinals of the South Australian Open.

Donna Urquhart: - WISPA World Ranking 52 December 2006

Donna has had an up and down year starting with an ankle injury early in the year and then redoing her ankles on a number of occasions. Despite these setbacks Donna improved her world ranking from 145 at the start of the year into 52 by December 1st. This was a tremendous effort considering the setbacks that she had and underlies her future potential. Donna made the semi finals of the South Australian Open and quarterfinals of the Australian Open.



Acknowledgment

The Australian Institute of Sport Squash program continued to receive excellent support from Squash Australia. The program would like to thank Bridget Harris for her contribution as the AIS administrator. Bridget has been a real asset to the AIS Squash program and has been fantastic to work with. The squash program also continued to have an excellent relationship with the Board and CEO of Squash Australia, Norman Fry. Norman has been a fantastic support to the coaches and the program over the last 4 years and we value the contribution he has made to the success of the program.

Byron Davis
AIS Head Coach

JUNIOR MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

REPORT

The 14th World Junior Men's Championships were conducted in Palmerston North, New Zealand from 17 to 28 July 2006.

128 athletes from twenty countries participated in the individual and teams events. Australia was seeded ninth for the teams tournament.

After the individual event, the Australian team seeding was dropped to twelfth. The reason for this was never given by the WSF and at the end of the competition proved to be an incorrect decision.

The Australian team for the Championships comprised the following athletes: Zac Alexander (QLD), Nathan Stevenson (QLD), Matthew Reece (NSW), Rex Hedrick (VIC) and Nathan Kam (NSW) (non-travelling reserve). Geoff Davenport and Roger Flynn coached the team.

The two weeks of competition was a great experience for the athletes and the coaches. The event was professionally conducted by New Zealand and there were very few problems experienced.

The boys played well and with some luck, they could have come out with better results. The athletes all performed at a relatively high level and implemented the game strategies that they were given. Zac Alexander embraced the situation the best and went on to win the Plate Competition.

In the teams event the Australian team was very competitive and only just missed defeating teams that ended up in the last four. The effort by the athletes was commendable and their dedication to the task at hand was first class.



*Members of the 2006 Australian Junior Men's Team
Geoff Davenport (Coach), Zac Alexander, Norman Fry (CEO), Nathan Stevenson and Matt Reece*

EXCEPTIONAL EFFORT

Normally this part of the report is reserved to acknowledge an individual who has been outstanding during the year. This year the accolades must go to the Australian Commonwealth Games Squad and Team for their exceptional performance at the Melbourne Games and their performance at the preceding 3rd World Doubles Championships.

2006 began with the Commonwealth Games Squad members participating in the Australian Open, followed closely by a tremendous effort in the 3rd World Doubles Championships where they collected two gold (Men's and Mixed) and two silver medals (Men's and Mixed).

The Commonwealth games Team was then announced and went on to win three Gold (Women's Singles, Mixed Doubles, and Women's Doubles), three Silver (Men's Singles, Women's Singles, and Men's Doubles), and two Bronze medals (Mixed Doubles and Men's Doubles) at the Melbourne Games. It was an exceptional effort that saw Australia finish as the top Commonwealth nation out of the 28 who competed. The performance was the best Commonwealth Games result to date by any squash team from any Commonwealth nation. A detailed report on the XVIII Commonwealth Games and the Australian team is contained later in this report.

Congratulations to the 2006 Commonwealth Games Team.



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AUSTRALIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

The location of the 2006 Australian Open Championships was the superb facilities at Next Generation just a short walk from the Adelaide CBD.

Our dreams of using our new glass court at the Casino were dashed in the last month, after initial positive indications from the Casino management.

The Championships were the last event of four held in South Australia in June and were a fitting climax to a great month of squash.

The Men's field was strong with David Palmer World No 2, Anthony Ricketts World No 4, Stewart Boswell World No 15 and Cameron Pilley World No 25 our top four. Anthony had to withdraw due to injury, his spot in the top four taken by SA's Dan Jenson the winner of two Australian Opens in '03 and '04.

The Womens Event began earlier than the Mens due to an Event in India starting in early July. Our top seeds were Amelia Pittock, Melissa Martin, Kasey Brown and Dianne Desira. The Grinham sisters, Rachel and Natalie, Australia's No 1 and 2 opted to save themselves for India.

Twenty year old Kasey Brown's form was hot - winning her past four tournaments and she was favourite at the start of the week to continue her success. Number one seed, Amelia Pittock was a shock loser in the SA Open the week before and was drawn to play against the same opponent, Donna Urquhart, in the second round. Amelia had her revenge and was a 3/0 winner over the young Donna.

All the women were playing to impress the Selectors, for a spot in the Australian team to compete World Team Championships in Canada later this year.

The media was present with regular TV interviews and segments, as well as newspaper articles daily. This encouraged a good crowd to the matches and the final on Sunday was standing room only. They were not disappointed as the Men's final with Stewart Boswell defeating David Palmer in 82 minutes of entertaining, brilliant and absorbing squash brought a genuine standing ovation. The final score was 7-11, 11-8, 4-11, 11-10(2-0) 11-2.

The Womens Event had Kasey Brown dominating, winning all her matches 3/0. The final versus Dianne Desira was much closer than the scores indicated. In fact, after 20 minutes the score was 2 all in the first game, the final score was 9-2, 9-1, 9-3 in 53 minutes. Kasey had made it 5 in a row - her fitness and toughness were exceptional.

The scoring system is "traditional" for the Women with only the server able to score and Point a Rally for the Men. Squash Australia's referees under Director John Small and Tournament Referee Chris Sinclair did their job admirably.

Jeff Wollstein, Roger Flynn and Ken Watson conducted a Level Two Coaches course while the Australia Open was in progress and used some matches for notational analysis and tactical discussions.

The mixing of players, officials, Board members and squash enthusiasts in the lounge after the final was a highlight.

Squash SA would like to see its glass Show-court in operation in 2007 and look forward to having the all the competitors and officials back in Adelaide.

Des Panizza
Tournament Organiser
Australian Open Championships 2006



AUSTRALIAN CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

For the 4th year in succession, the Bendigo Squash Club hosted the prestigious City of Greater Bendigo Australian Closed Championships, with the two events attracting world class fields.

With the Men's event registered as a PSA Closed Satellite and the Women's, as a WISPA Super Challenger, combined with a total prize pool of \$11,000, both events arguably contained the strongest draws to date for these Championships, which led to several exciting and nail biting matches.

In the end it was the 2005 Australian Open Champion, Kasey Brown and 2004 Australian Closed Champion, Dan Jenson, sharing the major spoils.

The 20-year-old Brown, from Taree in New South Wales overpowered 2005 titleholder, Amelia Pittock 10/8, 9/3, 9/2, to complete a rare double, taking out the 2 major national championships in the same year.

In the Men's Closed Championship, Jenson, the former world number 4 had to fight back from a first game loss, to close out the 03 Champion, Cameron White 6/11, 11/2, 11/9, 11/6.

White, 4 times Victorian Open Champion, had earlier removed former world number 7 Craig Rowland in the semi finals, but after taking the first game from the number 1 seed, could not withstand Jenson's brilliant all-court game.

At the completion of these Championships, Jenson, a bronze medallist at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games, had appeared in 128 world tour events reaching at least the quarter finals on no fewer than 55 occasions and this was his 13th world tour title.

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.

As a lead up to the Championships, the VSF SDO, Mark Ikin, conducted 13 introductory squash sessions at 3 local primary schools involving nearly 300 students, with 37 of these attending a special Come & Try Session at the Bendigo Squash Centre.

Special thanks must also go to the following:

- The City of Greater Bendigo for their continued support of this prestigious event.
- The VSRRA members for their outstanding 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.

Paul Vear
Event Manager
Australian Closed Championships 2006

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WOMEN'S WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

REPORT

The 15th Women's World Squash Teams Championship was held at the Royal Glenora Club in Edmonton, Canada. The team consisted of Kasey Brown (NSW), Amelia Pittock (VIC), Melissa Martin (QLD) and Dianne Desira (VIC).

The Royal Glenora Club is a family venue housing seven different sports and a variety of food and beverage services. An all glass squash court was erected on the indoor Tennis courts for showcasing the event. During the championships practise courts were allocated on your match court and there were more courts available to players.

The Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel was convenient to the Royal Glenora Club and only a half hour drive to Edmonton Airport. Mini buses were available between the hotel and the Royal Glenora Club and were available at any time of day driven by volunteers. As the hotel was close by to the city it was walking distance to local shopping. Transport to and from the airport was organised by the tournament transport committee.

The opening function was held in a room at the Royal Glenora Club and was a buffet dinner held on Saturday the 23rd September. The closing ceremony was also at the Royal Glenora Club with a sit down dinner serving to players, officials, sponsors and volunteers. A 'Women in Leadership' Conference was held on the rest day (Wednesday 27th Sept, 10am – 12noon) at the club, which the Manager/Coach attended, but the athletes did not

The girls' walk out uniforms looked great and the tracksuits were a lot more practical than the last team tracksuit. The on court uniform was a lot better than in previous years.

Team Matches

Sunday 24th Sept 2006 1st Round pool match.

Australia v South Africa

Kasey Brown	beat	Tenille Swartz	9/5, 5/9, 9/7, 9/4
Melissa Martin	lost to	Claire Nitch	7/9, 8/10, 7/9
Amelia Pittock	lost to	Diana Argye	2/9, 3/9, 7/9

This match was a tough start for Australia but it was crucial for us to win here to give us a chance to finish in the 1-8 category. Kasey started the day well with a 3/1 win although she was a little tentative throughout the match but this is expected on the first day of play. Melissa felt confident going into the match but Claire proved too strong with consistent shot making putting Melissa under constant pressure. It was left to Amelia but South Africa was playing with confidence now and Amelia just was not up to the task.

Monday 25th Sept 2006

Australia v Germany

Dianne Desira	beat	Kathrin Rohrmuller	0/9, 2/9, 9/0, 9/6, 9/6
Melissa Martin	beat	Katharina Witt	9/2, 9/2, 6/9, 9/3
Kasey Brown	beat	Daniela Schuman	9/2, 9/1, 9/2

This match against Germany was vital for us to win 3/0 as Netherlands had dropped a match against them in Sunday's first pool match. Dianne's opponent was proving to be very difficult in the first two games, as her retrieving and errorless squash was just not letting Dianne find her own rhythm and confidence. Although being 2/0 down I felt Dianne only had to get a few points together to stem the flow and start turning the match around. In the third errors started creeping into Kathrin's game and Dianne then found she was controlling play. The fourth and fifth games were close but Dianne always had the upper hand and finished the match strongly. Melissa played well throughout the match but was always under pressure the longer the rallies went. She finished the match confidently and gave Australia a 2/0 lead. Kasey was then too strong for Daniela but gave her court and match

time, which was necessary for the lead in tomorrow's match against the Netherlands.

Tuesday 26th Sept 2006

Australia v Netherlands

Dianne Desira	lost to	Orla Noom	9/6, 9/0, 9/6
Kasey Brown	lost to	Vanessa Atkinson	9/7, 9/5, 9/0
Melissa Martin	lost to	Annalise Naud	9/7, 9/5, 10/9

This was the match Australia needed to win to stay in the top 8. The girls felt confident in pre match talks and all thought they could win their respective matches. Dianne started the morning rallying well but just not putting enough pressure on Orla in the frontcourt. The next match was always going to be tough to win being Kasey against the World No.2 Vanessa Atkinson. Kasey played really well in the first game and was unfortunate not to have won it. In the second she again started and played well throughout, but the experience of Vanessa showed through. Vanessa came out and controlled from start to finish in the third, not letting Kasey have any chance. At this stage we were now out of the top 8 finishes but Melissa still needed to go on and prove she could win a big match for Australia. This was a very disappointing result as the girls really felt that they could beat this team.

Wednesday 27th Sept 2006

Rest day for Australia with all pool matches played

Thursday 28th Sept 2006 Play off 9-16th positions

Australia v Austria

Kasey Brown	beat	Pamela Pancis	9/1, 9/1, 9/1
Amelia Pittock	beat	Birgit Coufal	9/2, 9/2, 9/3
Dianne Desira	beat	Kornelia Hofer	9/2, 9/0, 9/2

This was a very easy run for Australia and the results read so.

Friday 29th Sept 2006

Australia v Germany

Melissa Martin	beat	Katharina Witt	9/2, 4/9, 3/9, 9/3, 9/4
Kasey Brown	beat	Daniela Schumann	9/0, 9/1, 9/1
Amelia Pittock	beat	Carola Weiss	9/6, 10/9 (best of 3)

This was a repeat of our pool match with substitutes playing in the 3rd position. Once again Melissa was not convincing in her win over Katharina. Kasey again won easily against Daniela Schumann and this won the tie for Australia.

Saturday 30th Sept 2006 Play off for 9-10th position

Australia v Hong Kong

Melissa Martin	lost to	Annie Au	9/1, 3/9, 5/9, 9/6, 5/9
Kasey Brown	lost to	Rebecca Chiu	9/3, 9/2, 7/9, 1/9, 6/9

Melissa was first on for the day and started strongly. Melissa was getting unsettled with the refereeing and the slow play between points. After dropping the second and third games Melissa came back with a very hard fought fourth game. Annie however proved to strong mentally for Melissa and put Hong Kong up 1/0. Kasey came out and really lifted to another level in this match and played with consistent pressure, playing at a higher pace and hitting some fantastic shots. The rallies were long but Kasey had control and chased everything down. At 7/7 in the third game Kasey was starting to buckle as she chased another ball down. They exchanged services numerous times at 7/7 and then Rebecca received a stroke to give her game ball. In the fourth Kasey just was not in it as Rebecca dictated play and Kasey was needing time to recoup with one last effort in the fifth. Kasey came out strong again in the 5th going to a 5/0 lead but just didn't have the strength to finish it off. This was a great match for both players

Michelle Martin

Team Manager/ Coach



2006 COMMONWEALTH GAMES REPORT

VICTORY HONOURS

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Australia	3	3	2	8
England	2	1	2	5
New Zealand	-	1	1	2
Total	5	5	5	15

Other Countries Competing: Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Fiji, Guernsey, Guyana, Jamaica, Kenya, Malaysia, Malawi, Malta, Mauritius, Norfolk Island, Northern Island, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Republic of South Africa, Scotland, Sri Lanka, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Wales, Zambia. TOTAL COUNTRIES: 27

Team Members

Officials

Section Manager - Norman Fry (QLD); Coaches - Byron Davis (QLD), Geoff Hunt (QLD).

Athletes

Men: Stewart Boswell (ACT), Daniel Jenson (SA), Joseph Kneipp (QLD), David Palmer (NSW), Anthony Ricketts (NSW).

Women: Kasey Brown (NSW), Dianne Desira (VIC), Natalie Grinham (QLD), Rachael Grinham (QLD), Amelia Pittock (VIC).

Games Preparation and Planning

Planning for the 18th Commonwealth Games commenced two and a half years prior, in August 2003. The CEO and High Performance Manager prepared a plan to train and achieve a final team selection. The plan had to take into account that the majority of the athletes in contention for a team position were full time or part time touring professionals who were living and competing overseas. It had to finely balance the attendance of these athletes against their very busy competition and training schedules. The plan also had to recognise the low budget that Squash Australia had to prepare a team for this competition.

It was recognised early in the planning phase that doubles training and competition was going to be a high priority, with nine of the fifteen medals being awarded for doubles competition. The plan was initially based upon a twenty person squad. This squad was selected and during a period of two and half years was reviewed and revised as required. The squad members were given the opportunity to represent Australia at two World Doubles Championships (India 2004 and Australia 2006). They also met in England for training camps (2004 and 2005) during which test matches were successfully completed against English selections. All the Squad members with the exception of one also competed in the 2005 Australian Open in Melbourne. The plan also stated Australia's medal objective, which was three Gold, three Silver and two Bronze.

Comment. The planning commenced in August 2003, this proved to be a success. Planning by Squash Australia for India in 2010 should commence immediately. Emphasis on Doubles training and competition should remain. The setting of a medal target is realistic and gave the team a goal to aim for.

Section Managers Meeting Melbourne

The Section Manager attended an Australian Team Headquarters meeting in Melbourne prior to the Games. This meeting provided the opportunity to meet the other Section Managers and the staff who would be supporting the teams during the Games. The meeting consisted of a comprehensive program of briefings regarding everything from competition venues to media for the Games.

Selection of Section Manager and Coaches

Coaches. The coaches were selected very early in the preparation phase. This proved to be of great value. The coaches who will be part of the final team

selection should be chosen and begin liaison with the squad athletes as early as possible.

Section Manager. The CEO of Squash Australia acted as the manager of the squad during the preparation phase. He was later appointed as the Section Manager. Like the coaches the intended Section Manager of the final team should be selected as early as possible. He/she should be involved with the athletes from the start if possible, and work closely with Squash Australia.

Australian Team Selection

The athletes in the Australian Team were selected and announced in late January 06. There were three appeals launched against the selection by:

Melissa Martin (SA)

Cameron Pilley (NSW)

Cameron White (VIC)

All three appeals were heard by the Squash Australia Appeal's Committee (which included an independent sport person, the President of Australian Table Tennis). All three appeals were denied. Pilley and White accepted this decision. Melissa Martin then made an appeal to the CAS. The appeal was denied.

Pre-Games Camp

Pre games training conducted immediately prior to the Games saw the Australian Team divided into two groups. The Men conducted training in Sydney and the Women went straight into the Games village and completed training at the competition venue. The men joined the rest of the team in the village a couple of days prior to the commencement of competition. This was not totally satisfactory from a team management/coaching point of view, but did work for both groups. The majority of the female athletes did not want to be involved in a pre games camp outside of Melbourne.

Travel

The majority of the team had to travel to Australia from overseas where they had been competing or resident. The ACGA provided substantial financial support towards the team members travel.

Games Village Accommodation

The Australian Squash team was housed in two converted garages. These were comfortable and clean and provided three people to a room. They contained large common areas where a fridge and a TV were provided. The male and female athletes were separated by a small courtyard. The accommodation was central and close to all services and facilities. Cleaners made the beds every day and clean towels and linen were provided each day. There were no complaints from any team members regarding the accommodation.

Games Village Catering

Meals were provided in a large 24 hr catering hall. The selection of food type was wide ranging, well cooked and of good quality and it catered for all tastes and requirements. There was a system where team members could get a ticket for a meal at the competition venue. Not many team members used this as the meals were similar to a bagged lunch and there was no choice. There was no sit down catering facility at the competition venue for team members. Most team members waited until they returned to the village to eat, even if it was in the early hours of the morning.

Medical Support

Some of the team athletes arrived with minor medical problems they had received in the previous few days (chest virus, sore muscles etc). The excellent medical support provided by the Australian Team doctors and Physiotherapists ensured that every Australian athlete was fit to take the court by the commencement of the competition. There were no major problems during the Games.

Comment. Notwithstanding the excellent support received, the Australian Squash Team should, like many other teams, take its own physiotherapist, especially to India. It is critically important that physio services are available immediately and at any time, both in the village and at the competition venue.

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Clothing and Equipment

The Australian Team received a large quantity of uniforms from two sources. The formal wear from Table Eight and the competition uniforms from ADIDAS. The Australian Squash Team was very grateful to receive all the uniforms and equipment that were issued. However, there appeared to be a breakdown in the system from the ordering to the delivery. Many forms with measurements had been provided by Squash Australia but it appeared that little notice had been taken regarding some clothing items. This was most evident in the women's uniforms where the sizes were too big. The design requested had not been taken into account and the female athletes were forced to wear some items that were not suitable in design for squash but appeared to be made for other sports. Also after briefing the manufacturers months before the items were made they still failed to provide what was requested (eg. Each Squash athlete required sets of shirts of two different colours). This happened for the men but not the women.

Comment. The selected manufacturer needs to confirm with the NSO, by sample well prior to the event. This will be particularly important when the team has to travel to India in 2010.

Competition Venue

The competition venue was the revamped MSAC Squash Centre with a glass centre court erected in the Table Tennis hall. The match court at MSAC was sensational. With close to 2000 spectators the venue had a fantastic atmosphere with great crowds turning up from the very first day. The outside courts were good but spectators could only stand up to watch the games. The floors on both the match and outside courts were sealed and required regular mopping up of the sweat during the men's matches. It also meant that some of the players slipped and fell over causing a few minor injuries.

There was a controlled media zone which produced a most effective result. The courts, partitions, barriers etc were combined well to create warm up, lounges and other areas as needed successfully. The seating banks around the court were close and effective. There had been seating on the outside courts for the World Doubles but they had been removed for the Games.

The demountable glass ASB court was bought new by Squash South Australia, and although there were issues with the colour quality of the laminated glass that needed to be addressed there were no problems with the court or translation into doubles. An air conditioning system was put in place in the main arena. However, it struggled with the large area and the 2000 spectators. Greg Hutchings, Paul Vear and their team should be congratulated on producing a first class competition venue.

Transport Between Village and Competition Venue

Buses were provided to run between the village and the competition venue at 15 minute intervals. On many occasions the buses were late or did not turn up at all. On two occasions taxis or cars had to be used. The trips took between 25 and 55 minutes depending on the driver and route taken to the venue/village. Buses going into MSAC were searched each time by the police and the army, this exercise added to the delay. It is understood that this may not have occurred at all venues. It is unfortunate that this was one of the key aspects effecting athletes and it was not handled properly. This aspect will need to be closely monitored for India as team members may find difficulties using taxis in the early morning hours.

Singles Competition

Our male players ended up with an unfortunate draw, with all the Australians on the one side. The WSF was requested on a number of occasions for advice on how the draw was conducted and under what regulation. It appears that there is no WSF regulation specific for the Commonwealth Games so this needs to be addressed. Australia won 1 Gold (Natalie Grinham) and 2 Silver (David Palmer and Rachael Grinham) medals from a total of six medals on offer. This was an excellent start to the Games for the team as it was vital to win at least one of the singles competitions.

Doubles Competition

The doubles preparation certainly paid off as the team won 2 Gold (Natalie Grinham and Joseph Kneipp, Natalie Grinham and Rachael Grinham), 1 Silver

(Anthony Ricketts and Stewart Boswell) and 2 Bronze (David Palmer and Daniel Jenson, David Palmer and Rachael Grinham) medals from a total of nine on offer. The fact that both our mixed doubles pairs ended up on the same side of the draw prevented Australia winning a silver instead of a bronze in that competition.

There is a major concern with the game of doubles. This has been highlighted before at major competitions but even with a scoring system of best of 5 games to 9 points and the 17inch tin it remains an issue. The matches are regularly long drawn out affairs when two good teams compete. The WSF needs to review this issue for future Games.

Drug Testing ASADA

It is expected that athletes will be drug tested at an event such as the Commonwealth Games. However, the drug testing had an adverse effect on some athletes due to the time it took to conduct the tests, the time the testing was done (late at night or early hours in the morning), and the availability of testing staff.

Financial Support

Finance to support the Australian Team's preparation and participation came from four sources:

- The ACGA
- The Australian Sports Commission
- The DAS scheme
- Squash Australia

Funding received from these sources provided the Australian Training Squad and the final team with the ability to meet the objectives of the Squash Australia Plan. Without this funding there is no doubt that the Australian Team would not have achieved the set target. The athletes were most grateful for the support and responded in their performances.

Summary

The Australian Squash Team finished the Games as the top Commonwealth Squash nation ahead of England and 25 other squash nations. The Australian performance as individuals and as a team was the best Games performance to date by a squash team. Although one of the smallest Australian teams in the Games, Squash produced one of the best overall medal performances of any Australian Team.

Conclusion

The Squash results of the 18th Commonwealth Games confirms Australia's top standing in the international arena. The plan drawn up in August 2004 proved to be the basis for a most successful campaign. The Australian Squash Team is to be congratulated along with all those who provided support in varying forms. Planning and training must commence now for Australia to better the objectives in India.

SQUASH MEDAL WINNERS 2006

Gold

Natalie Grinham	Women's Individual
	Women's Doubles
	Mixed Doubles
Rachael Grinham	Women's Doubles
Joseph Kneipp	Mixed Doubles

Silver

Rachael Grinham	Women's Individual
David Palmer	Men's Individual
Anthony Ricketts	Men's Doubles
Stewart Boswell	Men's Doubles

Bronze

David Palmer	Men's Doubles
	Mixed Doubles
Dan Jenson	Men's Doubles
Rachael Grinham	Mixed Doubles

Norman Fry
Section Manager





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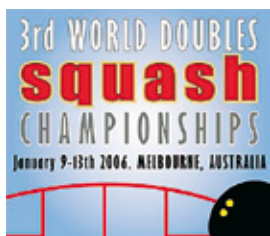
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2006 World Doubles Championship Report

Squash Australia successfully bid for the 2006 Championships at the World Squash Federation AGM held in Mauritius, during October 2004. This was to be the 3rd running of these Championships with previous events being held in Hong Kong in 1999 and Chennai, India in 2004.

Squash Australia appointed the Victorian Squash Federation to manage and host the 2006 championships. The staging of these World Championships at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, was timely as it allowed for the testing of various squash aspects for the 2006 Commonwealth Games, including the venue, technology, management, referees, transport, the revolutionary four wall glass doubles adaptable transportable court, anti-doping procedures and press facilities.

The four wall glass court was specifically built for the Commonwealth Games and was the first ever portable court that could be transformed from singles to doubles mode. To enable these Championships to be hosted in Melbourne, two additional doubles adaptable courts were installed at MSAC, which increased the 'Field of Play' to five doubles courts, including the doubles adaptable transportable court.

To enhance the promotion of the World Doubles Championships, it was also agreed that the 2005 Australian Open Singles Championships be moved to immediately precede the World Doubles Championships.

The World Doubles Squash Championships involved three doubles events – Men's, Women's and Mixed, and all three events secured maximum entry of 16 teams each. Overall 48 Teams from 11 countries competed and the finals results were:

Men's

Gold: Anthony Ricketts and Stewart Boswell (AUS)
Silver: Dan Jenson and Joseph Kneipp (AUS)
Bronze: Campbell Grayson and Martin Knight (New Zealand)

Women's

Gold: Shelley Kitchen and Tamsyn Leevey (NZL)
Silver: Robyn Cooper & Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)
Bronze: Louise Crome and Lara Heta (New Zealand)

Mixed

Gold: Rachael Grinham and Joseph Kneipp (AUS)
Silver: Amelia Pittock and Cameron Pilley (AUS)
Bronze: Lara Heta and Callum O'Brien (New Zealand)

Final Australian Pairs and Placings:

Rachael Grinham & Amanda Hopps – 4th place
Amelia Pittock & Melissa Martin – 5th place
Kasey Brown & Dianne Desira – 6th place
Lisa Camilleri & Kelly Fowler – 8th place
Anthony Ricketts & Stewart Boswell – Gold Medal
Joseph Kneipp & Dan Jenson – Silver medal
Cameron Pilley & Cameron White – 4th place
Rachael Grinham & Joseph Kneipp – Gold medal
Amelia Pittock & Cameron Pilley – Silver medal
Kasey Brown & Paul Price – 6th place
Melissa Martin & Dan Jenson – 7th place
Dianne Desira & Cameron White – 8th place
Amanda Hopps & Tim Manning – 9th

Geoff Hunt (Coach), Byron Davis (Coach), Norman Fry (Manager)

Norman Fry
Manager



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SQUASH AUSTRALIA HALL OF FAME DINNER REPORT

Once again, the Annual Awards and Hall of Fame Dinner proved to be an excellent event on the Squash calendar. It was held on 22 April in the ballroom of the Grand Chancellor Hotel in Brisbane. The large crowd representing all aspects of Squash attended the formal black tie event.

Senator the Honourable Rod Kemp, Minister for the Arts and Sport presented the awards and gave the address. Once again, some of Australia's most elite athletes, past and present attended the function.

Hall of Fame members Heather McKay, Vicki Cardwell, Ken Hiscoe and Geoff Hunt were all on hand to welcome Rhonda Thorne (Clayton) into the Hall of Fame.

Ian (the bear) Maurice had the room buzzing with his MC antics and was ably supported by auctioneer Lance Smith who again raised an incredible amount of funds through his auctioneer skills.

The Life Members of Squash Australia all received beautiful crystal mementos. Five of the seven were present to receive the awards (Col Clapper, Bob Finch, Geoff Hunt, Heather McKay and Patricia Walker). State representatives received the awards for Victor Belsham and John Cameron on their behalf.

Six Squash personalities received awards in recognition of their outstanding work for Australian Squash during 2006. Stewart Boswell (ACT) and Anthony Ricketts (NSW) shared the Senior Athlete of the Year award. Julius Krauss (QLD) was awarded the Junior Athlete of the Year. Kay Barclay (QLD) received the Coach of the Year award and Paul Year (VIC) was awarded the Administrator of the Year. The Referee of the Year went to Bill Patterson (NSW) and Ray Strachan (QLD) received the Volunteer of the Year. Outstanding achievement and support from all recipients.

The Dinner was once again a great success and thanks must go to Bridget Harris, Bob Finch, Ian Maurice, Lance Smith, Dunlop Sports, Hotel Grand Chancellor, Moves Travel, Nevis Bluff Wines (NZ), the Australian Sports Commission and all the participants.



Hall of Fame Inductee Rhonda Thorne and Senator Rod Kemp





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Australian Junior Championships REPORT

The 2006 Australian Junior Squash Championships were held at Devonport Squash Centre (Tasmania), and organised by a small group of dedicated people from the Devonport Squash Club.

Venue

With only a short time to work in the Centre Management worked hard to bring the courts up to tournament standards. All 8 courts were used (6 hard backs and 2 glass backs). Gallery style seating behind courts 1 and 2 were used and were able to accommodate all spectators. Viewing of matches behind courts 3 to 8 was slightly crowded however it didn't appear to create too much discomfort.

Welcome Function/ Team Photographs

Team Photographs were taken by Mat Bennet Photographer, all State teams were photographed with the exception of QLD and NSW who had late arrivals; they had theirs completed on the Tuesday of the Individual events. All photographs were distributed on the following Friday. Mathew Cock (President of Devonport Squash Club) officially welcomed all to Devonport. Both events finished in good time to allow everyone to settle into their accommodation and have an early meal.

Squash Australia Tournament Director

Squash Australia's representative Greg Hutchings was in attendance during the individual events. His guidance and support prior to and during the tournament proved invaluable to the organising committee in their preparation of this major event. All who had contact with Greg found him to have a wealth of information and his mediation was most helpful.

Media

The Tournament prior to and during the competition days drew an enormous attention from the Devonport Advocate and the Local TV and Radio news services. All daily results and player's interviews were published in the local paper. The media coverage created interest from a local high school that brought down some 70 students during the event. Following on from the tournament, Devonport has since commenced with a junior program with 3 classes attending. It is envisaged that this program will eventually lead into Devonport running a junior in-house tournament.

Presentation Function

Some 300 people attended the Individual Championship Function, with the Mayor of Devonport, Lyn Laycock and Australian Cyclist, Louise Yaxely in attendance as guest speakers and award presenters. The high-light of the evening was the MC Hazel award winners, Zac Alexander from QLD and Maggy Marshall from Tasmania. Both were excellent ambassadors for their

states. We in Devonport were especially proud to witness the first Tasmanian to receive this prestigious award.

Trophies

The Individual and Teams trophies were designed and supplied by the Trophy House in Devonport and were made of Tasmanian Timber. These trophies were a huge success and very well received by all winners. The design and craftsmanship work in preparing these trophies are a credit to the supplier.

Catering

Mouth watering hot food, snacks and excellent coffee was on hand during the event, all supplied by two professional chefs. Food was available from the squash clubroom that had been temporarily converted into a café style area, with plenty of table and seating available. Refreshment and ongoing coffee and tea were made available to all officials and referees.

Referees

A total of 13 referees were in attendance including Dawn Moggach, who was the appointed Individual Events Tournament Referee, and Bill Patterson, Tournament Referee Teams Events. All Referees scrutinised their allocated games in a most professional manner. It was a pleasure to have Dawn and Bill's team officiating.

Events Daily Draw

Our I.T. experts, Rachel Roberts and Christine Harris, with the help of the software provided by Squash Australia and some guidance from Roger Flynn, kept all players, managers and coaches well advised of their allocated match times, daily results and news items.

Teams Event Presentation

This event went down extremely well and a choice of refreshing food was on hand. Mathew Cock (Devonport Squash Club's President) was the M.C. and the two MC Hazel Award Winners were the Trophy presenters. It was a pleasant affair and all had a good time.

Tournament Director's Closing Remarks

This event has created interest from non-squash playing people. It is hoped that with the 90 school children now attending a weekly Junior Program (next year this will increase to Years 7 & 8 and hopefully years 3 from the Primary Schools) Tasmania may have some future stars coming through. Devonport Squash Club is still buzzing with a newfound enthusiasm and all stops are being pulled out to bring Squash back to where it used to be. A new Junior Squash Committee has been formed to promote Squash through the schools with interest already been shown from 3 schools.

On behalf of the Club we wish to thank Squash Australia for allowing Devonport to pick up the pieces and run this prestigious event. A special word of thanks from myself, to all my supportive committee for their hard work in making this a most enjoyable and successful run Tournament.

Leon Barnett

Tournament Director

See Page 1 for photograph of 2006 Australian Junior Champions Ryan Cuskelly and Peta Hughes.

See Page 42 for list of Age Group winners

Below: MC Hazel award winners Maggy Marshall and Zac Alexander



2006 Queensland Junior Team





NATIONAL JUNIOR SERIES REPORT

The Organising Committee comprised Dawn Moggach (Tournament Director), Sue Doherty, Merle Pym, Carin Clonda (Venue Operator), Jan Miller (Board Member) and John Small (Tournament Referee). Gary Irwin and Bob Dubois volunteered their services for the period of the event. It was decided to name Event 1 the Anthony Ricketts Classic and Event 2 the Michelle Martin Classic in recognition of the achievements of these two players. Michelle attended Event 2 and did the trophy presentations. Richard Best and Sandie Davis did the trophy presentations for Event 1 as Squash Australia representatives.

All three events were held at Thornleigh Squash Centre which has nine glass back courts. The Centre was presented well by the Manager, Carin Clonda. The decision to move some matches to Northmead Squash Centre on day 1 and 2 of Event 2 was made after the late finishing time of the first event at the request of many Coaches and parents. This allowed the matches to finish close to scheduled time on day 2 of Event 2. A bus service was provided between the two centres. It is much preferred to hold this event at one Centre. To allow this to happen the Events should go to four days each. It was decided in early 2006 that Event 3 would be played immediately Events 1 and 2 concluded. While this was cost saving for parents it was very difficult for the players. A rest day is needed between events.

209 junior players entered. Event 1 had 195 players and Event 2 had 192. Event 3 had 8 19YAG boys. Not all players entered both events. Entries came from New Zealand, Malaysia, New Caledonia, Sri Lanka and Finland as well as every State and Territory in Australia.

Results

Event 1 - Anthony Ricketts Classic

Girls 13 YAG.
1 Tan Yan-Xin (MAL), 2 Tamika Saxby (NSW), 3 Ella Dromgool (NZ)
Girls 15 YAG.
1 Paige Benioni (NZ), 2 Nesserine Ariffin (MAL), 3 Sarah Cardwell (VIC)
Girls 17 YAG.
1 Lo Wee-Wern (MAL), 2 Pushppa Devi (MAL), 3 Zulhijah Azan (MAL)
Girls 19 YAG.
1 Joelle King (NZ), 2 Larissa Huffer (WA), 3 Jessica Gillet (VIC)
Boys 13 YAG.
1 Cheong Kah Wah (MAL), 2 Marcus Yuen (MAL), 3 Sam Fife (QLD)
Boys 15 YAG.
1 Jacon Alexander (QLD), 2 Matthew Hopkin (QLD), 3 Edward Dromgool (NZ)
Boys 17 YAG.
1 Evan Williams (NZ), 2 Aaron Fyfe (NSW), 3 Josh Larkin (ACT)
Boys 19 YAG.
1 Ryan Cuskelly (NSW), 2 Mohd Asyraf-Azan (MAL), 3 Matt Recce (NSW)

Event 2 - Michelle Martin Classic

Girls 13 YAG.
1 Tan Yan-Xin (MAL), 2 Tamika Saxby (NSW), 3 Ella Dromgool (NZ)
Girls 15 YAG.
1 Paige Benioni (NZ), 2 Nesserine Ariffin (MAL), 3 Sarah Cardwell (VIC)
Girls 17 YAG.
1 Lo Wee-Wern (MAL), 2 Pushppa Devi (MAL), 3 Kimberley Bessell (VIC)
Girls 19 YAG.
1 Joelle King (NZ), 2 Larissa Huffer (WA), 3 Jessica Gillet (VIC)
Boys 13 YAG.
1 Cheong Kah Wah (MAL), 2 Marcus Yuen (MAL), 3 Sam Fife (QLD)
Boys 15 YAG.
1 Jacon Alexander (QLD), 2 Bryce Redman, 3 Edward Dromgool (NZ)
Boys 17 YAG.
1 Aaron Fyfe (NSW), 2 Julius Krauss (QLD), Ben Le Roux (WA)
Boys 19 YAG.
1 Ryan Cuskelly (NSW), 2 Zac Alexander (QLD), Nathan Stevenson (QLD)

Player behaviour was, on the whole, excellent. The Tournament Referee reported six incidents to Squash Australia.

It was difficult this year to get referees to come to Sydney as all had used up their holidays attending the Australian Open and World Doubles in January and the 2 weeks of the Commonwealth Games in March. However, four Interstate Referees were in attendance for both Event 1 and 2. Three other Interstate Referees were in attendance for Event 1 only. Six local referees were in attendance for various times over the nine days. One interstate referee (national referee) stayed on for Event 3. These referees deserve all the thanks they can get as the hours were long (some days 12 hours long) but all carried out their duties without a grumble.

Merle Pym, Sue Doherty and Dawn Moggach did the draws and times on receipt of the seedings from the National Selectors. This took almost two days to complete as we had a few problems with the computer program. A complete guide to the use of the tournament program is urgently needed. We had two 64 draws in the first two events. With the Regulations stating what times we could use, it became very obvious very early we could not possibly achieve this using nine courts beginning at 8.30am and finishing by 6.30pm. On day 2 of Event 1, we ran three hours late on some courts.

30 dozen balls were supplied by Dunlop through Squash Australia

Events like this do not happen without the help of very good and capable people. Sincere thanks to Merle Pym and Sue Doherty, two experienced ladies who worked long hours; John Small and his dedicated band of Referees.; Jan Millar and Carin Clonda for their help in all areas; Bob Dubois and Gary Irwin who volunteered to help out on playing days and Greg Hutchings and Norman Fry for their support and interest before and during the event.

Dawn Moggach
Tournament Director



NATIONAL TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT

The 2006 NTC was successfully held at the Wynnum West Squash Centre in Brisbane. The centre boasts 8 glass back courts and was well presented.

After 3 very successful years in South Australia, Q Squash was very pleased to secure the rights to host the Championships in Brisbane. We were looking forward to hosting all 8 States/Territories but sadly, Western Australia chose not to participate.

I would like to personally congratulate the Northern Territory for not only participating but doing so with a sense of pride and enthusiasm despite the many hurdles they faced.

In the round robin rounds SA and NSW topped their respective pools. This resulted in a SA verses Queensland semi final match up and a replay of the 2005 final. Both teams were a little under strength but in a very close encounter the Queenslanders won 3-1. In the other semi final NSW defeated Victoria 3-1.

NSW defeated Queensland by 1 game in their pool encounter but the final was a 3-1 win to Queensland. The difference was Carl Hampson who lost the pool match to Matt Karwalski 0-3 but turned the tables in the final,



2006 Queensland Senior Team
winning 3-1. Congratulations to the Queensland team on a well deserved victory.

I would like to extend a big thank you to Paul and Joyce Barlow from Wynnum West for being wonderful hosts and Tony Dummer for a succulent pig on the spit.

Finally, I would like to thank Chris Sinclair and her team of 6 referees who officiated at the Championships, Greg Hutchings and Damian Tomasich.

We look forward to hosting the Championship again in 2007 and once again to all States and Territories participating and competing for National honours.

Kim Schramm
Tournament Director

NATIONAL TALENT SQUAD REPORT

The four squads making up the National Talent Squad 2006 - 2009 were:

2006 Squad: Tom Steward (Vic), Nathan Stevenson (Qld), Matt Reece (NSW), Rex Hedrick (Vic), Zac Alexander (Qld), Tim Cowell (WA), Nathan Kam (NSW)

2007 Squad: Kimberley Bessell (Vic), Samantha Davies (Qld), Larissa Huffer (WA), Melody Francis (Vic), Maggy Marshall (Tas), Laura Stock (Qld), Tamryn Beveridge (NSW), Zoe Petrovanksy (Qld)

2008 Squad: Josh Larkin (ACT), Sam Page (SA), Julius Krauss (Qld), Aaron Fyfe (NSW), Matt Hopkin (Qld), Jacob Alexander (Qld), Sam Brown (WA), Matthew Muller (QLD)

2009 Squad: Sarah Cardwell (Vic), Tayla Sinclair (Qld), Stacey Francis (NSW), Gracia Guida (Vic), Christine Nunn (ACT), Laura Wallis (SA), Rachel Mahon (Qld), Dijo Sexton (Qld)

Camps: Three squads attended camps conducted by the National Coaches Panel members in January 2006. The 2008 & 2009 squad camps were conducted in Brisbane and the 2007 squad camp was conducted in Toowoomba.

British & Scottish Junior Championships: The 2006 Boys Squad attended the British & Scottish Junior Open Championships in December 2005 and January 2006 accompanied by coaches Roger Flynn & Geoff Davenport.

Selected members of the 2007 Girls Squad attended the British & Scottish Junior Open Championships in December 2006 and January 2007 accompanied by coach Noel Forster.

Malaysian Junior Championships: The 2008 Boys Squad competed at championships in Penang and Kuala Lumpur in May 2006 accompanied by coach Mike Cornish.

Trans-Tasman Series: The 2006 Boys Squad competed at the Trans-Tasman Series in New Zealand in June 2006, accompanied by coaches Roger Flynn & Geoff Davenport.

New Zealand Junior Championship: The 2009 Girls Squad competed at the NZ Junior Championship in April accompanied by coach Kelly Fowler.



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NSW SQUASH REPORT

2006: 'A NEW BEGINNING FOR SQUASH IN NSW, LET'S WORK TOGETHER'

The Board, employees and volunteers of NSW Squash have worked very hard in 2006 to bring a new energy and spirit. NSW Squash undertook operations with a refreshed commitment to achieve the organisation's vision of moving forward and upholding its values. In 2006 'A New Beginning For Squash in NSW, Let's Work Together' commenced and is now secure. NSW Squash now has the capacity to create opportunities in moving forward.

2006 saw:

- David Palmer and Anthony Ricketts support NSW Squash by becoming NSW Squash Ambassadors. NSW Squash is indeed privileged to have two of Australia's finest on board.
- David Palmer crowned 2006 World Champion and World #2 ranking.
- Anthony Ricketts achieving career best World #3 ranking.
- Kasey Brown had an exceptional year in achieving a World #17 ranking and winning the NSW Open, Australian Closed and Open events and the SA Open.
- NSW Squash Academy and Squads: appointment of state coaches Shane Doherty and Peter Saxby.
- Our Website has again been revised and had a facelift, with these improvements our website receives between 2,800 and 3,500 hits per week
- Media Coverage has increased with great coverage of Squash at the 2006 Commonwealth Games. Local coverage on Anthony Ricketts and David Palmer appeared in the North Shore Times and Hornsby Advocate with articles also in the Daily Telegraph, Sydney Morning Herald, and interviews on Sports Tonight, 2UE, ABC Radio and 2GB.
- The senior NSW state team participated in the National Team Event, where they were runners up to Queensland. Team members were Will Evans, Matt Karwalski, Luke Hillier, Shannon McNamara, Stacey Sefton and Joe Armstrong. Well done team.
- NSW Squash has applied for the Department of Sport & Rec Regional Facility Sports Program (\$125,000) to help with the upgrade of Thornleigh.
- AIS Scholarships: congratulations to Ryan Cuskelly for receiving an AIS scholarship in 2006. Already his hard training with AIS has paid off with Ryan winning The Australian Junior U19 at The Australian Junior Championships in Tasmania in 2006. Congratulations Ryan and all the best for the future.
- NSW Squash welcomed new Corporate Partners, The IBIS Accor Hotel Thornleigh as our Official Hotel and Alto Group Pennant Hills Toyota as sponsors of NSW Squash Ambassadors, Anthony Ricketts and David Palmer
- NSW Squash was appointed to organise the 2009 World Masters Games Squash event.

Other highlights for NSW Squash in 2006 included:

- Chris Sinclair remains Australia's only World Referee and is member of the WSF Rules Committee and Oceania Referee Convenor.
- 2006 Men's World Junior Championships in New Zealand – Matt Reece and Nathan Kam selected for the Australian Junior Men's Team.
- 2006 Australian Women's Team - Michelle Martin appointed Manager/Coach and Kasey Brown selected to represent Australia in Edmonton Canada.
- NSW Junior Team placed 2nd in the Australian Junior Teams Championships.
- 2006 NSW Representative Australian Junior Championship Winners: Ryan Cuskelly Boys U19, Tamika Saxby Girls U13

Grants

Increase in federal and state government funding through successful grant initiatives, a record number of grants applied for (10) including the Depart of Sport & Rec Regional Facility Sports Program (\$125,000), Depart of Sport & Rec Capital Assistance Program (\$15,000), five ASC Women in Sport

Leadership Grants applications (total \$15,000), Sportscover (\$1,000), Fosters Foundation (\$6,000), International Sporting Event (\$75,000).

2006 Commonwealth Games

David Palmer won a Silver Medal in Men's Singles and a Bronze Medal in Men's Double's; Anthony Ricketts won a Silver Medallist in Mixed Doubles. Carin Clonda selected in Australian Commonwealth Team - Head Office Administration. Chris Sinclair was appointed Championship Referee 2006 Commonwealth Games. Other NSW referees at the Games included; Jan Miller, Greg McGuire, Dawn Moggach and John Small

In 2006 NSW Squash re-launched the NSW Squash Member Awards to celebrate the achievements and contributions of members of the NSW Squash community. David Palmer was on hand to present the Awards. Award winners were: Club of the Year, Willoughby; Centre of the Year, Coffs Harbour; Player of the Year, David Palmer; Junior of the Year, Tamika Saxby; Coach of the Year, Shane Doherty; Referee of the Year, Chris Sinclair; Administrator of the Year, Sue Doherty; Referee of the Year, Chris Sinclair; Volunteer of the Year, Bob Dubois and Special Award Service to the Squash Industry, John & Ros Amer.

2006 saw the re-emergence of the Sydney Junior Circuit including a novice event, NSW Squash Academy and the NSW Squash Academy's underpinning programs including Sydney Super and Regional Development squads. Three Academy camps were held with players from all regions, North Coast, Riverina, Western Region, and Sydney attending. At the first camp held in July at Thornleigh, NSW Squash Ambassadors Anthony Ricketts and David Palmer enthralled the players with their attendance on court and training tips.

The programs in Sydney Super Squad (coached & managed by Shane Doherty and Anthony Thomas), North Coast Squad (coached & managed by Peter Saxby), Western Region (coached by Mick Morrell then Peter Chard with Geoff Salmon assisting) and Riverina (managed & coached by Ian Curruthers) were well supported by players and families and have acted as the foundation for expansion into other areas.

NSW Squash appointed newly accredited Level 3 Coach Grant Gough as our new Level 1 & 2 Coaching Courses presenter. We are indeed fortunate to have Grant on board and benefit from his expertise. In excess of twenty coaches received accreditation through these NCAS Level 1 courses conducted by NSW Squash and NSW currently has two coaches in process towards their NCAS Level 2 accreditation.

NSW Squash Rackets Referees Association

The NSW Squash Rackets Referees Association continued its solid referee development and education programs under the guidance of Chairperson Lorraine Andrews and continued support of National Refereeing Director John Small and Chris Sinclair. Unfortunately we farewell Lorraine Andrews as Chairperson, we thank her for her efforts over the years and wish her good luck for the future. In 2007 a number of referee courses will be held and NSW Squash will re-introduce mandatory Pennant Referee Courses for clubs.

The NJS Tri Series was well supported with just over 200 players from all over Australia as well as Malaysia, New Zealand, Germany and New Caledonia. The Tournament Director was Dawn Moggach and the Committee was Merle Pym, Sue Doherty, Carin Clonda and Jan Miller.

Over 160 players competed in the NSW Masters titles. NSW Squash Ambassador Anthony Ricketts attended Sunday's finals matches and presented winners and runners up with the trophies. Sue Doherty was the Tournament Director.

In July 2006 NSW Squash hosted the inaugural Sydney Super Squash Challenge to profile International squash in Sydney. Four of Australia's top senior men, David Palmer (NSW) (World Champion and Australian No 1), Anthony Ricketts (NSW) (World No 4 and Australian No 2), Stewart Boswell (ACT) (World No 14 and Australian No 3) and Daniel Jenson (SA) (World No 38 and Australian No 6) competed over two nights.

Finally, NSW Squash would like to thank everyone for their support in 2006

Carin Clonda
Board Director, NSW Squash



SQUASH NT REPORT

During 2006, squash in the NT enjoyed greater strength and stability than it has in some time. Growth and consolidation were seen in Darwin, Alice Springs and Nhulunbuy, and overall participation has increased. The staff and committees of the squash centres around the Territory have worked hard over many years, and should be congratulated on the healthy trend they have established.

The NT is a challenging environment for squash. It is vast and sparsely populated, with main centres separated by hundreds of kilometres. The climate is also inhospitable for much of the year. Despite these challenges, the game has consolidated and in some locations grown strongly. Squash NT has also worked to deliver coaching, development and refereeing courses.

During 2006 Squash NT achieved one of its major objectives when it conducted WISPA Satellite and PSA Challenger tournaments, the Top End Open. The tournaments attracted some strong players from interstate, and were won by Brad Hindle and Melissa Martin of Queensland. We thank the major sponsor, the Top End Hotel, and all the volunteers who worked so hard on the tournament. Its success, and the media coverage it generated, has already helped to improve the profile of the sport and planning is under way for a bigger and better NT Open Series in 2007.

The next big event on the Squash NT calendar is the 2007 Arafura Games. Interest in the team event is already high, as past events have been very successful and popular among our neighbours. Work on the event has begun and we expect another strong field and some great quality squash.

Squash in the NT is fortunate to enjoy the ongoing financial support of both the NT Government and several key sponsors. Squash in the NT could not be sustained without the continuing support of these organisations and our ability to attract new sponsors into the sport.

Development programs in the areas of coaching and refereeing were well supported during the year with involvement from all regional areas.

Great efforts have been made in developing juniors, with programmes in both Darwin and Alice Springs. After many years of work, the NT now has three nationally ranked players; Sharmaine Mills, Jade Lee and Adam Wyatt. This is a great achievement, especially given our small population base. We congratulate the players themselves, Clive Naylor and the other coaches, and all the many volunteers and parents who have put in so much effort.

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

I am pleased to say that Carol Kawaljenko continues her Directorship 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 has begun its new strategic planning process, which will carry on into 2007. It will become increasingly challenging to sustain the momentum developed in recent years, with funding and major facilities looming as significant hurdles.

Since joining the Squash NT Committee earlier in 2006, I have observed the great dedication and generosity of its members and executive. It is a privilege to work with them, building a stronger future for the game in the NT. We thank them and all the other volunteers around the Territory for their tireless work for the sport.

Squash NT also thanks Squash Australia for its assistance in 2006, and wishes the Chief Executive Officer, his team and the Board all the best in 2007.

Steve Armitage
President, Squash NT



The past year has seen Squash SA sustain its reputation as an important sporting organisation, which delivers both Squash and Racquetball programs to varying age groups across South Australia.

The Association has continued to deliver high quality programs, services and new initiatives, which is a testament to the passion and commitment shown by all involved in the Sport.

A special mention to our dedicated Board Members and Volunteer Committees including – Finance, Referees, Selectors, Pennant Squash, Pennant Racquetball, Junior League and Junior Tournaments.

The staff of Squash SA in partnership with volunteer committees has worked hard toward growing the Associations core services and in doing so has built stronger ties with our Affiliate Clubs and Members.

During 2006, the Association has strived to fulfil its objectives across its core service areas of Governance, Management and Commercial Interests, Elite Development, Facilities, Competitions and Tournaments, Development and Participation.

Key Highlights throughout the year have included:

- The purchase of a Glass Court, which showcased Squash at the 2006 Commonwealth Games
- The purchase of the South Adelaide Squash Centre, in a joint partnership between Squash SA and the SA Masters Squash Association

- The introduction of a Satellite Club program which has extended the SAAS High Performance Program to include country areas
- Successfully hosting the 2006 Australian Open Championships at Next Generation Memorial Drive
- Rachel Smith achieving an AIS Scholarship in the National Women's Program
- The Under 19 Boys awarded Runners Up at the Australian Junior Team Championships
- A steady increase in the number of coaching accreditations, with seven SA coaches attending the National Coaches Conference held in Canberra

Our State Facility remains a focus, and several meetings have taken place with Government to ensure a State Squash Facility is incorporated in Governments State Level Sporting Facilities Planning Strategies.

On behalf of the Squash SA Board and staff, our gratitude is extended to the club coaches, court owners and administrators, volunteers and athletes who offered their resources and time to support the Associations initiatives, events and activities throughout the year.

Sincere thanks are also extended to the Squash SA staff, who are dedicated to the continuous development of the Sport. A special mention and thank you is extended to the former General Manager, Richard Tisher, for his contribution to Squash SA over the past 4 years. We look forward to his continuing involvement with the Association as a court owner at the Impact Health Club.

In closing, Squash SA sincerely thank and acknowledge the financial and in-kind contributions provided by the Office for Recreation and Sport, and our corporate sponsors for their continuing support throughout the year.

Phil Sinnott
General Manager, Squash SA



Q SQUASH REPORT

2006 was a very productive year on court, with Queensland winning both the National Senior and Junior Team titles.

Queensland won the Australian Junior Team title for the third straight year. They have now won the 13YAG title for the past six years. Our senior team won the National title for the 2nd time in four years.

Q Squash hosted the 2005 Queensland Squash Awards. The highlight of the evening was the induction of Marion Jackman into our Queensland Squash Hall of Fame. Marion was a finalist in the 1976 Women's World Open Squash Rackets Championship in Brisbane against the legendary Heather McKay. Marion also won a record 11 Queensland Opens in succession.

Queenslanders fared well at the Squash Australia Awards night. Former World Champion Rhonda Thorne was inducted into the Squash Australia Hall of Fame. Queensland Coach Kay Barclay won Coach of the Year and Julius Krauss was named Junior Athlete of the Year.

Queenslanders Zac Alexander and Nathan Stevenson were selected to represent Australia at the World Junior Championships in New Zealand. Alexander won the Plate event.

The 2006 Unlock the Pyramid was conducted at Caboolture with Central Region winning the event. From this event the Queensland Senior Team was selected to compete at the National Teams Championship. Craig Rowland, Nathan Stevenson, Carl Hampson, Peta Hughes, Kristy Taylor and Georgina Davis won the right to represent Queensland.

The 2006 Marie Donnelly Queensland Junior Championships were conducted in June at Squash World in Rockhampton. Atherton's Dijo Sexton and Brisbane's Zoe Petrovansky were the stars of the Individual Championships winning dual age groups. Brisbane Region won the Team Championship for the fifth straight year.

Jacob Alexander took out the prestigious Peter Nance Achievement Award for most outstanding male player whilst Rheanne Niebling won the Rachael Grinham Achievement Award for being the most outstanding female player. For the first time a brother and sister combination won the Chris Robertson Encouragement Award and the Rachael Grinham Encouragement Award. Brisbane's TJ and Lakeesha Rarere were deserving recipients.

Queensland's Lisa Camilleri successfully defended her title at the 2006 Open Championship. She defeated previous winner Dianne Desira and rising star Peta Hughes in the round robin contest.

The Queensland Senior Team won the 2006 National Teams Championship in Brisbane in September. The team lost to NSW in the Round Robin matches but stormed home to win the final against NSW.

Our Q Team attended the 2006 Australian Junior Championships in Devonport in September. A total of 38 Queenslanders participated in the Championship. The Queensland team created history as the first team to win all four age groups.

The 2006 Rookie Pro Circuit concluded in Caloundra in December. Nathan Stevenson and Peta Hughes capped off a great year by winning the Rookie Pro Circuit.

On the international stage Queenslanders performed very well. Rachael Grinham improved one position, finishing the year at World # 2. The highlight for Rachael in 2006 was winning the US Open and the World Mixed Doubles title at the beginning of the year with fellow Queenslander Joseph Kneipp who finished world # 39.

Natalie Grinham finished the year ranked 4th. However, the month of March saw Natalie steal the show at the 2006 Commonwealth Games. She won individual gold before teaming up with sister, Rachael to win the Women's Doubles and Joseph Kneipp to win the mixed doubles. Natalie finished the year on a high winning the Monte Carlo Classic.

Rising star Peta Hughes broke into the top 50 with a world ranking of 46 in November and ending the year at # 43. Melissa Martin reached a career high ranking of # 25 whilst Lisa Camilleri also reached a career high of # 52 in July before slipping back to finish the year at # 63.

Development was mixed in 2006. The year began with Q Squash participating in the 3rd Central Region Junior Development Camp. The Q Squash Girls Junior Development Program continued for the first six months of the year at Deception Bay, Emerald and Mackay.

Development Plans for Athletes, Coaches and Referees were drafted and a very exciting new program has been designed for young players under the age of 11. The "Squash 11 Program" will be launched in 2007.

On the Coaching front Q Squash delivered a Level 1 course in Brisbane in October. Eight participants attended the course. On the Refereeing front Q Squash delivered a RAP Course for players on the Southside in September. Nineteen players attended the course.

Thank you to the Q Squash current administration team and Board of Directors: Special thanks to our coaches and volunteers for their contributions in 2006.

Kim Schramm
Chief Executive Officer, Q Squash



PSCAA REPORT

The PSCAA Inc was approved as an Associate Member of Squash Australia in August 2006, the links between the two organisations to be strengthened in the future. Both organisations are looking for more effective and efficient methods to improve the support to registered squash coaches.

Insurance for PSCAA coaches is now being gained through Squash Australia's insurance broker.

Rules and Purposes of the PSCAA Inc are to be discussed and amendments made after discussions were held at an "informal" meeting held at the AIS on 17/11/06

PSCAA Inc assisted coaches to attend the Squash Australia National Coaches Conference at the AIS in November 2006.

Membership numbers for 2006/07: Insured Members, 128; Life Members with Insurance, 4; Associate Members, 14; Life Members Uninsured or Archived, 11.

Coach of the Year 2006 (1/6/05 – 31/5/06) was awarded to Karen Morrissey (Victoria).

Margaret Zachariah
Honorary Secretary PSCAA



SQUASH TASMANIA REPORT

Our major achievement for 2006 was gaining funding from the State Government. We have not received funding in the two previous years due to our inability of our voluntary committee to prepare an adequate funding application. With considerable help from the 2005 President, Geoff Lucas, I was able to put together a funding application that resulted in a \$5,000 grant that was mainly for development and participation programs.

The grant enabled Squash Tasmania, which is an entirely voluntary organisation, to contract the Tasmanian Squash Academy to carry out the tasks identified in the Strategic Plan that was part of the grant application. Our costs for affiliation with Squash Australia, attendance at the Squash Australia AGM, insurances, administration and contributions to state representative teams were mainly funded by member affiliation fees.

Our achievements are summarised under our Key Result Area headings.

Governance, Management and Commercial Interests

Bi-monthly Committee meetings were held including our AGM. Review of our governance structures and systems are on target for presentation at our AGM in 2007. Our website has been kept up to date and progressively improved by Cheryl Unsworth and Michael Brown.

Elite Development

We received a grant from Squash Australia for our elite development program run by the Tasmanian Squash Academy. This grant was used for the travel and accommodation costs for coaches, Bill Cook and Chris Doig, to attend the National Junior Series with elite juniors, Maggy Marshall, Sam Hunt and David Mulcahy.

Unfortunately, a number of up and coming juniors decided that they were not prepared to make the necessary training and financial commitment and the Tasmanian Squash Academy squad numbers reduced to 3 in 2006. As a result of the reduced numbers our elite development grant was lost for 2007. We will need to look closely at talent available and rebuild our elite junior program to its past standard.

On a positive note, Maggy Marshall achieved a National Ranking of 3 in the girls' 17YAG, received a Scholarship with the Tasmanian Institute of Sport and is a member of the Squash Australia 2007 Talent Squad. Sam Hunt achieved a National Ranking of 10 in the boys' 17YAG.

We were able to field teams in the boys and girls' 17YAG and in the boys' 19YAG at the Australian Junior Championships thanks to the recruiting efforts of State Junior Coach, Bill Cook. Paul Brewtnall and Sam Hunt represented Tasmania in the National Teams Championships with the help of two Queensland ladies.

Facilities, Competitions and Tournaments

On behalf of Squash Tasmania the Devonport Squash Club ran a successful Australian Junior Championships at Devonport Squash Club. The club has provided a separate report on the event.

Five major tournaments were held in 2006 and Tasmanian squash players were able to watch some high standard squash played by visiting players including Jason Mudge, Paul Price and Paul Tuffin. Two Masters tournaments and a number of one-day tournaments were also held. A similar number of events will be held in 2007. Squash Tasmania was able to assist with the organisation of these events.

Development and Participation

The Tasmanian Squash Academy conducted a number of in-school and in-centre programs in southern schools. While the conversion rate to regular junior programs was not as good as previous years the programs have had a positive result. The Hobart area inter-school pennant was held in second term. The number of entries was similar to the previous year.

In-house pennants continued to be successful on the NW coast and at one club in the South. The Coastal Pennant was conducted between NW coast clubs and Hobart clubs competed in two inter-club pennants. The Masters Pennant continues to be successful in Hobart.

New State Coaching Director, Max Moorhouse, conducted a Level 1 Squash Coaching Course. Julie Lindsay conducted a Totball instructor's course. Some of the coaches attending the courses are now actively involved in junior coaching programs within their clubs. We hope to increase the number of coaches involved in club programs in 2007.

Max Moorhouse again conducted a Coaches on Coaching workshop in 2006. All affiliated clubs were invited to attend. A grant from Squash Australia's Squash-In Program made the workshop possible.

Max Moorhouse conducted a refereeing workshop at the Kingborough Squash Club. Bill Cook also conducted a refereeing workshop and coaching sessions at Ulverstone Squash Club. Bill also conducted a coaching and refereeing sessions at unaffiliated club, Scottsdale.

Chris Doig
President, Squash Tasmania



SQUASH ACT REPORT

2006 has proved to be a busy and challenging year for squash in the ACT. The principal focus for the year was on the management of the Woden Squash Centre, which was purchased in 2004, and to develop the centre into a first-class facility and ensure the viability of the sport in the future. This remains an on-going challenge for the Board and management of the centre, and their hard work during the year has been rewarded. A number of significant events were held during the year at the Centre, including the ACT Senior Open (won by local touring professional Tim Manning) and ACT Junior Open.

The Centre also hosted a one-day exhibition featuring a number of high-ranking Australian players, including David Palmer and Anthony Ricketts, as well as hometown boy Stewart Boswell, who played a number of matches to good media coverage and local player interest.

The ACT was proud to host the Australian Masters Championships in September, which was run by the ACT Masters Association to great acclaim, and for which the Woden Centre was base of all activities.

Our junior program supported a full team travelling to Tasmania for the Australian Championships in September 2006. Of particular note was the

performance of Christine Nunn who finished runner-up in the 15YAG and attained the number 2 national ranking. Christine was the first ACT player to reach an Australian junior final since 2001. ACT junior teams also competed at regional NSW events the Dunlop Cup and Greenshield. ACT Junior pennant competition continued to run during Autumn and Spring pennant, and Squash ACT is looking forward to conducting the 2007 National Junior Series in April at the Woden Squash Centre.

During the year, the efforts of our many volunteers have helped ensure that our competitions and programs are run smoothly. One of the highlights of the year was the recognition of long-standing squash volunteer Martin Grace. Martin was awarded the Contribution to Sport Award at the ACT Sports Star awards in October in recognition of his work as an official, volunteer and player over many years of dedicated service.

Our two Pennant competitions remain the backbone of the program in the ACT with continued support from local players in all centres.

We are pleased to be working with other State Associations in the continued development of the Squash Matrix system, which receives regular praise for its impact on the sport around the country. We are looking forward to 2007 when a major emphasis will be the recognition of our volunteers, without whom the sport would not function.

Vena Murray
General Manager, Squash ACT

Although the VSF office was heavily disrupted by it, the highlight of the year was in March with the culmination of one of the Federation's biggest projects, the M2006 Commonwealth Games Squash Competition.

The VSF had been heavily involved with this event since 1996 when the national bidding process began, but by any measure the CG squash competition was a resounding success for Australian Squash both on and off the court. Besides Australia's outstanding performance on court, highlights for the sport were:

- Sell-out crowds to 13 of the 19 sessions conducted.
- Nearly 100 hours of live TV.
- By far the best TV coverage of a squash event to date.
- The 500 metre queues waiting to get into the squash venue.

The Commonwealth Games followed two exhaustive CG testing events, the 2005 Australian Open Championships and the 2006 World Doubles Championships. Although it is always difficult to single out individuals, particularly in an event of this magnitude involving over 100 squash personnel, our Competition Manager, Greg Hutchings did an unbelievable job, leading a highly skilled and superbly drilled management team. Greg was magnificently supported by his lieutenants, Duncan Constable (Field of Play Operations Manager) and Judi Hoare (Administration Manager), plus a superb team of volunteers and referees.

At the conclusion of the CG, our Volunteer Director for the past 16 years, Denise Hill announced her retirement. Denise has been a stalwart of Victorian Squash and has been the 'go to' person whenever we had a problem. Denise will be sorely missed, although we are hoping we can entice her out of retirement one more time for a future major event.

Although the CG was our top priority, during 2006 the Federation successfully co-ordinated and managed 44 other Squash and Racquetball tournaments which also included:

- 2005 Australian Open Squash Championships – held at MSAC in January 06
- 2006 World Doubles Squash Championships – 48 Teams from 11 countries competed.
- 2006 Australian Closed Squash Championships – held in Bendigo during July
- 2006 Victorian Open Squash Championships – held in Wangaratta during October. Dan Jenson defeated Cameron White in the Men's Open final 11/8, 11/9, 11/10 (3-1). Di Desira defeated Kimberley Bessell in the Women's Open final 9/5, 9/6, 9/4.

Another highlight was the increase of participants in the Victorian Grand Prix Graded Circuit events and a large jump in numbers participating in the VSF Junior Graded and Age Circuit events.

Junior development was again a major focus for the Federation and it was pleasing to once again see an increased participation at the club level. Over the year our Development Officer (Mark Ikin), introduced nearly 8,000 school children to our Squash and Racquetball in Schools program, with up to 15% attending follow-up Come and Try Sessions and mini squash competitions at their local squash venues. This continuing increase in junior player numbers led to further growth in our Victorian Junior Graded and Age Circuits with a total of 17 junior tournaments being held in 2006, including 2 highly successful junior doubles events played on full size doubles courts.

At the Australian Junior Championships, Kimberley Bessell won her 5th Australian Junior Title in the 17YAG, and Sarah Cardwell took out the 15YAG title and in the process stamped herself as one of this country's outstanding juniors. Highly talented youngster, Rex Hedrick met one of his key objectives, winning selection in the Australian Team, to represent Australia at the World Junior Championships in New Zealand.

Another successful initiative introduced in 2006 was our statewide Primary Schools Racquetball Challenge, with the state finals far exceeding our expectations. In 2006 this was an individual event, but from 2007 it will transfer to a teams competition, preceded by introductory racquetball sessions in the schoolyard and Come & Try sessions at local squash and racquetball venues.

The only negative we are experiencing in the junior area is the enormous shortage of accredited squash coaches to co-ordinate and manage our junior squash and racquetball in-house programs, which hopefully will be addressed through implementation of Level 1 Coaching Courses in regional Victoria.

Although our metro Melbourne interclub pennant team numbers have stabilised, the Federation has been heavily involved with the introduction of additional in-house competitions and social programs with our metropolitan venues. As well, in conjunction with our major stakeholders, we are investigating the possibility of a centralised pennant system. During the final quarter of 2006 an extensive survey of our pennant players was undertaken with over 50% responding and the data collected will be utilised in determining future formats for our pennant competitions.

The Federation's Underpinning Programs, particularly at rural and regional level, continued to thrive with some outstanding work from our high performance coaches, namely Richard Cagliarini, Neil Young, Karen Morrissey, Marc O'Brien and Tim Batty.

During October the VSF was successful in having its agreement with the Victorian Institute of Sport extended up to the end of 2008, to link in with the Olympic Games cycle. The Squash program continued to prosper under the leadership of Head Coach, Roger Flynn and provided high performance training for 26 scholarship holders, plus a wealth of interstate and international visitors. Sadly in November, Roger announced his resignation, following his appointment as National Coach for Scottish Squash, which precipitated a worldwide search for his replacement. Following an exhaustive selection process, national and pending Level 3 coach, Karen Morrissey was appointed as Roger's replacement for a 2 year period. Roger's contribution to our sport has been immense at state, national and international level and a special function to honour his contribution was held during October. The Federation would also like to acknowledge the support provided to this Program by Squash Australia and its CEO Norman Fry who is a member of the VIS Squash Program Committee.

A major initiative of the Federation for several years has been our Protective Eyewear Program (PEP) and during 2006 we rolled out version 3 with valuable support from the State Government. Discussions are now well underway with Vision 2020 Australia regarding a state and possible national education and awareness campaign to further promote the wearing of protective eyewear by squash and racquetball players.

The Victorian Squash Racquets Referees Association (VSRRA) provided enormous support during 2006, underpinning our refereeing requirements for our national and international events, as well as officiating at weekly Premier League matches and various Grand Prix Circuit tournaments held throughout the state. The VSRRA also conducted several refereeing lectures throughout metro Melbourne during the year, which now sees over 90% of our metro interclub players being Rules Accredited for the next 3 years.

A further initiative of the Federation has been the implementation of our Deaf Friendly Squash Program. Strategy meetings have already been held with several representatives from the deaf community and a pilot program is scheduled to commence during the 2nd quarter of 2007.

Finally we would like to offer our thanks and best wishes to Norman Fry who has been an outstanding administrator for Squash in this country and will be a great loss to our sport.

The Victorian Squash Federation and the Victorian squash community wishes Norman all the best for the future.

Paul Vear
Executive Director, Victorian Squash Federation

2006 has been a year of constant disruption with significant staffing changes. We lost the services of our very valued General Manager, Andrew Stanbury in January and this was followed soon after by the loss of our Office Manager, Bianca Lovelock after almost 13 years service. Replacements were appointed for each within a few months, but the departure of the new General Manager in November has resulted in a need for a staffing restructure. Despite the disruptions, some considerable advances have been made.

Terrace Squash. Usage has grown steadily over the two years of operations. We have exercised an option for a further 8 year lease, including the first year rent free and still have in place a further 10 year option. This gives us a high profile and quality, very central squash headquarters and squash centre for at least the next 18 years.

Facilities. For the first time in many years we are seeing our efforts to develop new centres bearing some fruit. On top of the Terrace Centre and the Subi - Kings Centre re-openings of 2004 and 2005, several new centres are in the pipeline. Marmion Centre will be completed in 2007, Geraldton has a further two courts about to be constructed and Busselton is well on track to have a new centre within the next few years. In addition the mining boom has led to several courts having either been constructed or in the process of being developed in mining towns. We need to continue working to establish new courts to compensate for existing centres that will inevitably be lost in the future. The mining boom is leading to increasing court numbers in country areas, however the flow on effect of increasing housing prices in Perth is rapidly increasing the values of land on which squash courts are located. This is leading to an increased possibility that owners of squash centres will seek an alternative use and higher rate of return for their courts.

Tournaments. Included on our 2007 calendar are four PSA and two WISPA Tournaments. This is a significant growth from the two PSA tournaments held in 2004. Local Government Sponsorship is quite significant with The City of Perth WA Open (WISPA and PSA), The City of Joondalup Open (WISPA and PSA) and Merredin PSA. The remaining PSA event is at Kalgoorlie where there is substantial financial support from various mining companies.

2006 was an extremely unusual year for the VIS Squash Program. Our training venue, the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, was generally unavailable for much of the early part of the year due to major events - including the 2006 Australian Open Championships, the 2006 World Doubles Championships in January, the preparations for and conduct of the Commonwealth Games and the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix, all of which restricted player access. This meant that alternative training facilities were required and we received great support from Keon Park, Squash Logic Melton and Kooyong Squash Clubs who each provided courts at no charge for the duration of our time out of MSAC. We are very grateful for their unqualified support and the opportunity to bring the VIS Program into the suburbs - in itself a bonus for VIS players, High Performance Program players and the clubs themselves in terms of promotion.

Dianne Desira and Cameron White vied for Australian Team selection for the Commonwealth Games at the World Doubles Championships held at MSAC in January. Dianne was successful in her quest but due to singles eligibility rules and specific doubles team match-ups, did not actually compete. Cameron White was unlucky not to make the team after a particularly strong build-up including winning the 2004 World Doubles Men's Championship and being widely regarded as the best doubles player in contention.

We accepted applications from 11 new players for 2006, including a number of quite young ones, to bring the resources of the VIS to those players earlier

Masters. The Australian Masters Championships will be held in Perth in 2007. With preparations well on the way this will no doubt be a successful and well-attended event. WA Squash has a close relationship with Masters (Masters in WA is actually a sub committee of WA Squash). Of our board, two are also involved with the Masters committee and three others play in the Masters competition.

Referees. We recognize that a shortage of referees is a serious problem in WA. With the AJC scheduled for Perth in 2008 we are focusing on increasing referee numbers.

Squash Ball. This was once again held at Royal Perth Golf Club and was a success due largely to the efforts of our Masters volunteers.

Registration Numbers. One of the major reasons for lack of government and sponsorship support in our sport is the low number of registered players. We endeavoured to address this by making it a major issue during 2006 but are only just getting rolling on this due to the significant staff changes previously mentioned.

Juniors. Our junior results were pleasing with a 3rd overall placing at the Australian Junior Age Championships, and numbers are increasing. The Junior Committee has been very active with the main focuses being:

- Appointing regional administrators and coaches
- Increasing registration numbers of juniors

The introduction of our Grays Junior Graded circuit of tournaments has resulted in an over 100% increase in the number of juniors competing in tournament events.

Matrix. This was introduced for our tournaments and pennants during the year with a very positive response from players and administrators. We can still use it more effectively and believe that 2007 should see further improvement.

Sponsorship.

We remain very appreciative of the financial support we receive from:

- The Department of Sport and Recreation
- Healthways (Smarter than Smoking)

We are working closely with both organizations and are hopeful of continuing our relationship into the future.

Steve Bowen
President, WA Squash

in their development. Due to the fact that many of these players live in rural areas, we conducted regular special Saturday morning sessions involving Dr. Noel Blundell and our Strength and Conditioning Coach, Alex Clarke. We also made the decision to provide each of these players with a training "kit" comprising "Swiss" ball, foam rollers, proprioception tool, yoga belt, etc. to ensure that they are able to train their important structural areas without requiring a gymnasium.

The current World Deaf Women's Champion, Denise Satti, commenced training with the program and her involvement has been a double bonus through her influence on other scholarship holders due to her enthusiasm and intent, as well as the great support by the deaf community. She is aiming to defend her title at the next World Deaf Championships in South Africa, during October 2007.

Our very successful High Performance Program continues to grow with players and coaches attending MSAC with VIS players once per month for training as well as competing in our newly integrated Victorian Graded Circuit. Another competition innovation introduces graded age based events that will focus on ability rather than age as a basis for competitions.

In October, Head Coach, Roger Flynn, resigned in order to take up a new position as Scottish Squash National Coach. Roger is the 'Guru' of Coach Education and is highly regarded by the VIS and the coaching fraternity.

We have no doubt that his successor will bring to the program similar high qualities which will enable it to retain its world-renowned status. A new era is about to begin for this very successful program.

Paul Vear
VSF Executive Director

AUSTRALIAN SQUASH HALL OF FAME

Legends:

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

Members:

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

LIFE MEMBERS

Victor Belsham A.M

John Cameron

Col Clapper

Bob Finch

Geoff Hunt M.B.E., A.M

Heather McKay M.B.E., A.M

Patricia Walker

AUSTRALIAN MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

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

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

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

WORLD MEN'S TEAM 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 WOMEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

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

WORLD MEN'S OPEN

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

WORLD WOMEN'S OPEN

1976	Heather McKay	(AUS)	Australia
1979	Heather McKay	(AUS)	England
1981	Rhonda Thorne	(AUS)	Canada
1983	Vicki Cardwell	(AUS)	Australia
1985	Susan Devoy	(NZ)	Ireland
1987	Susan Devoy	(NZ)	New Zealand
1989	Martine le Moignan	(ENG)	Netherlands
1990	Susan Devoy	(NZ)	Australia
1992	Susan Devoy	(NZ)	Canada
1993	Michelle Martin	(AUS)	South Africa
1994	Michelle Martin	(AUS)	Guernsey
1995	Michelle Martin	(AUS)	Hong Kong
1996	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	(AUS)	Malaysia
1997	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	(AUS)	Australia
1998	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	(AUS)	Germany
1999	Cassie 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
2006	Nicol David	(MAL)	Ireland

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

SQUASH AUSTRALIA AWARD WINNERS

Senior Athlete of the Year		Volunteer of the Year	
2004	Rachael Grinham	2004	John Holland
2005	Anthony Ricketts	2005	Ray Strachan
	Stewart Boswell		
Junior Athlete of the Year		Referee of the Year	
2004	Kasey Brown	2004	Damien Green
2005	Julius Krauss	2005	Bill Patterson
Administrator of the Year			
2004	Jacqueline Souwer		
2005	Paul Vear		
Coach of the Year			
2004	Noel Forster		
2005	Kay Barclay		

WORLD DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

AUSTRALIAN MEDALISTS

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

AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

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

AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

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

WORLD JUNIOR MEN'S TEAM'S CHAMPIONSHIP

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

WORLD JUNIOR WOMEN'S TEAM'S CHAMPIONSHIP

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

WORLD JUNIOR MEN'S INDIVIDUAL AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

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

WORLD JUNIOR WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

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

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH GAMES TEAMS

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

COMMONWEALTH GAMES RESULTS

1998: Men's Singles

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

Women's Singles

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

Men's Doubles

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

Women's Doubles

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

Mixed Doubles

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

2002: Mens Singles

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

Womens Singles

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

Mens Doubles

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

Womens Doubles

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

Mixed Doubles

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

2006 Men's Singles

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

Women's Singles

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

Men's Doubles

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

Women's Doubles

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

Mixed Doubles

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



MASTERS WORLD MEN'S CHAMPIONS

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

MASTERS WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS

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

AUSTRALIAN DOUBLES CHAMPIONS

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

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS AMATUER MEN

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

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS AMATUER WOMEN

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



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AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS OPEN MEN

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

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS OPEN WOMEN

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

BRITISH OPEN MEN AUSTRALIAN WINNERS

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

BRITISH OPEN WOMEN AUSTRALIAN WINNERS

1962	H. Blundell (McKay)
1963	H. Blundell (McKay)
1964	H. Blundell (McKay)
1965	H. Blundell (McKay)
1966	H. McKay
1967	H. McKay
1968	H. McKay
1969	H. McKay
1970	H. McKay
1971	H. McKay
1972	H. McKay
1973	H. McKay
1974	H. McKay
1975	H. McKay
1976	H. McKay
1977	H. McKay
1978	S. Newman
1979	B. Wall
1980	V. Hoffman (Cardwell)
1981	V. Hoffman (Cardwell)
1982	V. Cardwell
1983	V. Cardwell
1993	M. Martin
1994	M. Martin
1995	M. Martin
1996	M. Martin
1997	M. Martin
1998	M. Martin
2001	S. Fitz-Gerald
2002	S. Fitz-Gerald
2003	R. Grinham
2004	R. Grinham
2005	N. David



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AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS JUNIOR MEN

1958	R. Carter	NSW	1983	C. Robertson	QLD
1959	G. Pares	NSW	1984	C. Robertson	QLD
1960	T. Quick	SA	1985	R. Eyles	QLD
1961	R. Pratt	NSW	1986	R. Eyles	QLD
1962	R. Pratt	NSW	1987	A. Hill	VIC
1963	G. Hunt	VIC	1988	M. Carlyon	QLD
1964	M. Cutler	NSW	1989	J. Williams	VIC
1965	K. Shawcross	NSW	1990	C. Rowland	QLD
1966	B. Shea	VIC	1991	B. Haddrell	VIC
1967	W. Reedmand	NSW	1992	G. Hickson	QLD
1968	R. Jolly	VIC	1993	D. Jenson	SA
1969	R. Jolly	VIC	1994	D. Jenson	SA
1970	D. Thomas	QLD	1995	D. Palmer	NSW
1971	M. Perry	NSW	1996	S. Boswell	ACT
1972	M. Perry	NSW	1997	S. Boswell	ACT
1973	M. Mounsey	VIC	1998	A. Ricketts	NSW
1974	D. Williams	WA	1999	K. Sinclair	NSW
1975	I. Yeates	NSW	2000	C. Pilley	NSW
1976	K. Richards	VIC	2001	C. Pilley	NSW
1977	G. Brumby	SA	2002	L. Margan	SA
1978	G. Brumby	SA	2003	A. Frankcomb	TAS
1979	G. Pollard	NSW	2004	A. Frankcomb	TAS
1980	P. Nance	QLD	2005	S. Arnold	NSW
1981	C. Dittmar	SA	2006	R. Cuskelly	NSW
1982	T. Nancarrow	QLD			

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS JUNIOR WOMEN

1964	J. McDevitt	QLD	1986	D. Drady	QLD
1965	J. McDevitt	QLD	1987	S. Fitz-Gerald	VIC
1966	R. Kennedy	VIC	1988	A. Hopps	WA
1967	C. Hunter	NSW	1989	R. Cooper	QLD
1968	S. Newman	NSW	1990	C. Owens	VIC
1969	L. Collins	WA	1991	L. Marsh	NZ
1970	L. Collins	WA	1992	S. Cook	NZ
1971	J. Palin	VIC	1993	R. Grinham	QLD
1972	R. Shapland	QLD	1994	K. Keevil	NSW
1973	S. Heaney	VIC	1995	K. Major	NSW
1974	R. Shapland	QLD	1996	R. Grinham	QLD
1975	R. Shapland	QLD	1997	N. Grinham	QLD
1976	R. Shapland	QLD	1998	L. Keating	ACT
1977	K. Johnstone	NSW	1999	N. David	MAL
1978	C. Clonda	NSW	2000	S. Dubois	NSW
1979	S. Post	QLD	2001	S. Dubois	NSW
1980	W. Williams	VIC	2002	A. Pittock	VIC
1981	T. Smith	VIC	2003	K. Brown	NSW
1982	W. Williams	VIC	2004	K. Brown	NSW
1983	E. Irving	QLD	2005	D. Urquhart	NSW
1984	S. Fitz-Gerald	VIC	2006	P. Hughes	QLD
1985	M. Martin	QLD			

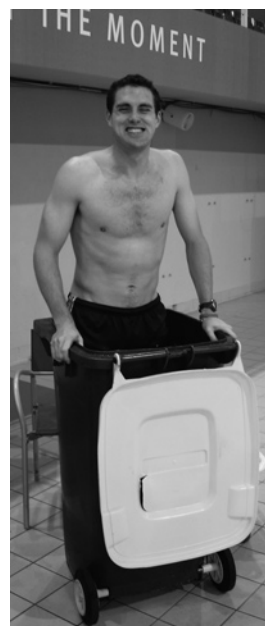
Below: Ice bath at Commonwealth Games
Right: Men's Doubles Medal Winners,
Top: Jenson/ Palmer, Bronze;
Bottom: Boswell/Ricketts, Silver

MC HAZELL AWARD JUNIOR MEN

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

MC HAZELL AWARD JUNIOR WOMEN

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



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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
2006	S. Fife	QLD

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
2006	M. Hopkin	QLD

AUSTRALIAN 17 YAG BOYS CHAMPION

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
2006	Z. Alexander	QLD

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
2006	T. Saxby	NSW

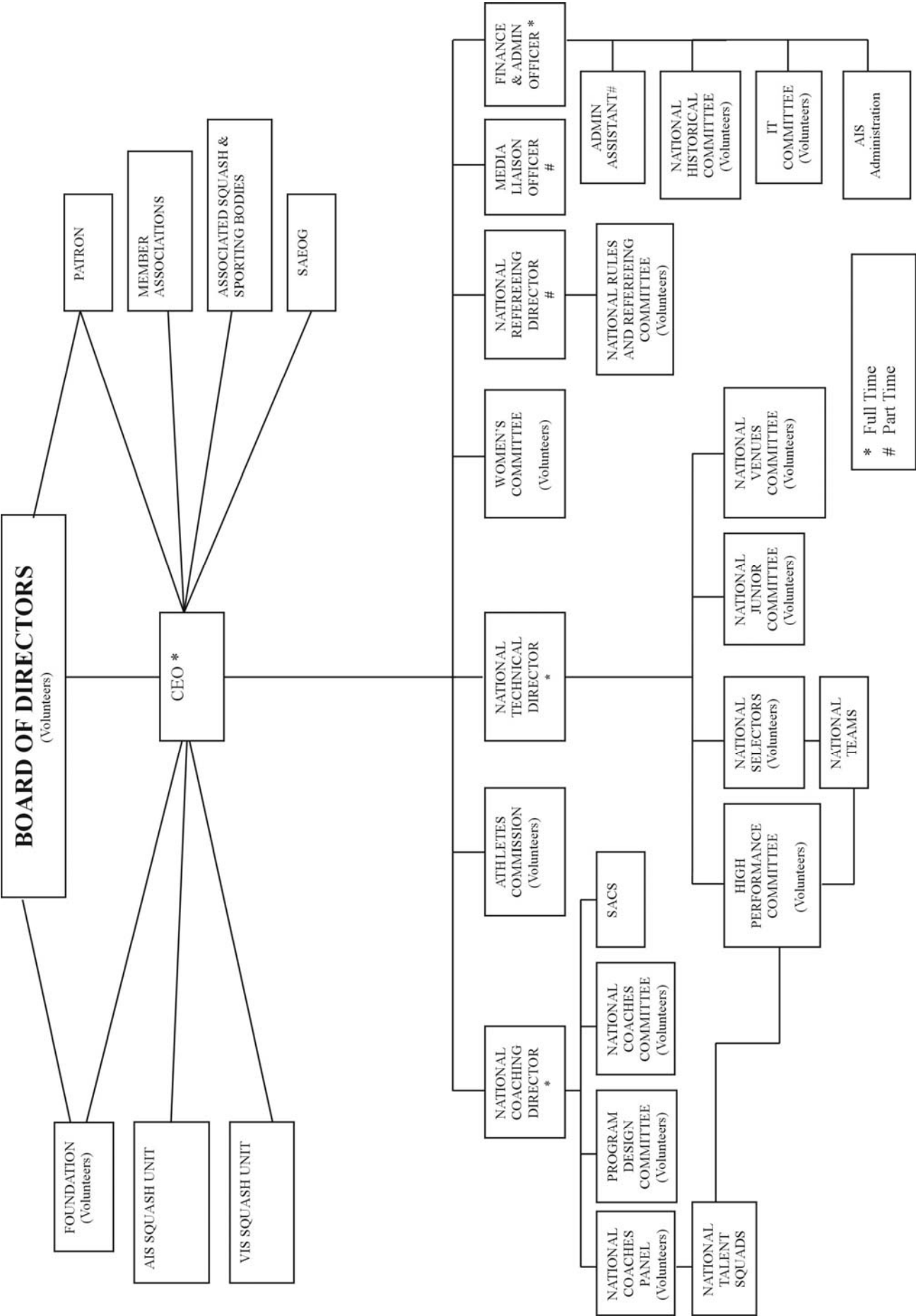
AUSTRALIAN 15 YAG GIRLS CHAMPION

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. Tippet	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
2006	S. Cardwell	VIC

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
2006	K. Bessell	VIC

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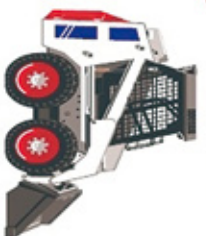
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