



Tasmanian Masters Squash

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Ross's Rants and Raves 2015 so far

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The second part of 2014 was a very slow and laid back time for Masters Squash in Tasmania, with the only things happening were the Monday night masters pennant sponsored by KAM Joinery (Simon Ottway) held at Eastside with the help of Chris Doig and Cheryl Unsworth.

Since the Australian masters at Bathurst NSW in September some players participated in the November VMSA tournament in Ballarat with mixed results , then a small group went to Shepparton VMSA in February.

With lack of numbers and finding a suitable date we were unable to run a tournament in the North West during March or April , but are endeavouring to get a weekend in November.

Numbers seem to be low for the July tournament but we will strive to put on a good weekend for our interstate and intrastate visitors.

Entries for the AMSA 2015 tournament in Perth close August 7th and are played Sept 7 to 11 .The teams event Sept 14 to 18 close August 14th, so

please let Michael and or Gaye know if you intend to participate.

Our treasurer Mark Hayes has advised he is relocating to sunny Queensland so therefore will stand down at the AGM in July . I wish to thank Mark on behalf of the committee and all masters squash players for the work he has done over the 4 years as treasurer, a job well done.

Finally congratulations to Michael Brown and Gaye Mitchell for their selection to represent Australia in the trans Tasman series to be played against New Zealand in October.



Ross Barnden, President

Monday Masters Pennant

Our Monday night Masters' Pennant continues to maintain its popularity. Pennant 2 for 2015 concluded on 11 May with finals being played between Red and Blue in Division 1 and Pink and Lime in Division 2. The Red team, who lead the pennant from start to finish, were victors (Tony Lawrie, Andrew Waymouth and Kym Hancock). The Pink team of Di Kinghorn, Chris Bennett and Jane O'Brien also lead for most of the pennant and defeated Lime in the final. Congratulations to the winners who get to enjoy a dinner out which is sponsored by Simon Ottway of KAM Joinery. The dinners are not limited to the winners (although they reap the benefits of sponsorship) and a great time is usually had by all who attend.

Our reserves' list is not extensive; however our system of everyone now arranging their own fill ins seems to be working out well. If you have a reserve or are unable to find one, players need to advise Chris at Eastside. Every attempt will be made to find someone to play on the night; however whilst this is not always possible there are some willing to play a second match.



Cheryl Unsworth

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GET IT IN THIS WEEK

***OPEN TO ALL PLAYERS OF ANY LEVEL,
OVER THE AGE OF 35***

BRUCE TURNER (Victoria)

6th October 1951 - 11 February 2015

Bruce Turner from Victoria passed away after a long battle with cancer. Bruce was a long time player of Masters squash and indeed an Australian Champion on many occasions. He also represented Australia in the Trans Tasman test series

Our sympathies are with his family and friends.

**Congratulations
Ross & Margaret
on your
47th Wedding
Anniversary
4/5/2015**

Trans Tasman Test Series

The Australian Test Team to compete in the 2015 Trans Tasman Test Series in New Zealand in October this year is as follows:

Age Group	Male	Female
35-39	Craig BRANN (NSW)	Janelle SCOBIE (Qld)
40-44	Jeff BOND (NSW)	Sue DAVIS (Qld)
45-49	Tony WHACKETT (NSW)	Sarah NELSON (NSW)
50-54	Warren MILLER (Vic)	Sue HILLIER (WA)
55-59	Kelvin SMITH (Qld)	Mary SCENEY (Vic)
60+	Michael BROWN (Tas)	Gaye MITCHELL (Tas)

Gaye Mitchell & Michael Brown of Tasmania have been selected for the Trans-Tasman series to be held in Napier New Zealand in October this year.

Three-test series against New Zealand with one representative from each age group over 35 to over 60.

Pretty good to get two Tasmanian in the team of 12.

All the best to all competitors, especially our Tassie reps.

SQUASH CALENDAR

TAS CHAMPIONSHIPS HOBART 2015

July 3-5

VICTORIAN MASTERS CHAMPS

Bendigo July 24-26

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS PERTH 2015

September 7-18

NW TOURNAMENT DEVONPORT

November 6-9

VICTORIAN MASTERS

Ballarat November 20-22

**4TH OF
JULY**



**TMSA CHAMPIONSHIPS
SATURDAY DINNER DANCE
THEME - 4TH OF JULY**

Come dressed in your Red White & Blue

ROSNY BOWLS CLUB, 40 BASTICK ST, ROSNY

**7 PM - \$45 A HEAD - includes
Dinner and Band (Ebeneza Good)**



AUSTRALIAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS PERTH 2015

Individuals September 7-11

Teams September 14-18

<http://wamasters.com.au>



All Squash players 35 years of age and over, are invited to participate in the annual Australian Masters Squash Championships, to be held in Perth in September 2015.

The individual championships will be for each 5 year age group from 35 to 85 years of age. Depending on the number of entries, each age group will have an open event and ranking based divisions. It is anticipated that each player will have a minimum of three matches.

The Teams event consists of three person mixed teams arranged on the basis of state and ranking. There will generally be 6 teams per division. The number of divisions is dependent on the number of entries.

Both the above events will be held at Squashworld Mirrabooka with 14 glass backed courts.

OPTIONAL SOCIAL EVENTS

- **Welcome Function** - Hillarys Yacht Club, Sunday the 6th Sept, 5:00pm
- **Individuals Dinner Dance** - HBF Stadium Friday the 11th Sept, 7:00pm
- **Wrinkleys Review** - The Italian Club, Tuesday the 8th Sept, 7:00pm

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

We have booked Quality Resort, Sorrento Beach. Cost approx. \$50p/p pn. 2/3 brm apartments. <http://www.sorrentobeach.com.au/>

Please fill out form below and drop into Eastside Courts.

For more information Contact Gaye Mitchell, Secretary, 0407 435 378

NAME/S PH.

POSSIBLY ATTENDING YES

WOULD LIKE GROUP ACCOMMODATION YES NO

INDIVIDUALS YES NO TEAMS YES NO

BOTH WEEKS YES NO

Victorian Masters Championships Shepparton

The Victorian Masters Champs were held in Shepparton on 17-19 April. Nine intrepid Tassie masters competed; Rod Harker, Matthew McConnell, Mathew Cock, Tim Shaw, Michael Brown, Bob Simmons, Susan Stegman, Judith Fox and Rod Cahill. Everyone enjoyed a great weekend including the Saturday night dinner. Eight of the Tas group shared two modern units, yep accommodation in Shepparton was very good. The tournament was organised by age groups and had about 100 entrants. The Vic masters tournament committee worked very hard to organise combined divisions so everyone got good matches. The highlight match of the weekend, well almost highlight, was between Matt McConnell and Warren Miller with Matt getting to 7-0 up in the fifth. The scoring for the tournament was hand-in hand-out to nine and this gave Warren just enough breathing space to get back in the fifth and win it. This earned Matt the nickname of seven love. One of my highlights was calling in on our son who is in the army at Puckapunyal. Final podium results for the Tas group were:

Women's 40-44	Open Runner-Up Susan Stegman
Women's 60-64	Open Third Judith Fox
Men's 40-44	Open Winner Rod Harker
Men's 40-44	Open Runner-Up Matthew McConnell
Men's 40-44	Div 2 Winner Mathew Cock
Men's 45-49	Div 2 Winner Tim Shaw
Men's 60-64	Open Winner Michael Brown
Men's 65-69	Open Runner-Up Bob Simmons



*Winners are Grinners
Matthew McConnell and Rod Harker*

I would have to say the Tassie Group made a lasting impression on the weekend.



Matthew Cock, Tim Shaw and Rod Cahill

Susan Stegman, Bob Simmons and Michael Brown



Katrina Cook (Vic), Kareen Watt (ACT) and Judith Fox



Rod Harker and Matthew McConnell





Peter Wright - AMSA President Outstanding Achievement

Peter Wright, the President of Australian Masters Squash, has been officially recognised in the Australia Day Honours List. Peter has received an OAM "for service to the sport of squash through a range of executive roles".

- President, Australian Masters Squash Association, since 1986; Life Member.
- Committee Member, World Squash Federation Masters, 2000- 2010. Championship Director,
- World Masters Squash Championships, 1995 and 2001.
- President, Victorian Masters Squash Association, 1986-1990.
- Member, Pennant Committee, Victorian Squash Association, 1968-1975; Tournament Director, Victorian Open, 1979-1985.
- Chairman, Club Circuit Squash Association, since 2011.
- Squash Section Chairman, Melbourne Cricket Club, since 2006; Match and Pennant Chairman/ Committee Member 1990-2006; Tournament Director, Australian and Victorian Squash Championships, 1983-1992; Life Member.
- Trustee, Albion Tennis Club, current; President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Member 1970-1994.
- Member, Executive Committee for Squash in Commonwealth Games, 2005.

Congratulations Peter Wright OAM.





Just for Laughs

The Seven Dwarves of Menopause



Itchy, Bitchy, Sweaty, Sleepy, Bloated, Forgetful & Psycho

Riddle for seniors....

Today's riddle for seniors...Here is the situation:

You are on a horse, galloping at a constant speed.

On your right side is a sharp drop-off.

On your left side is an elephant travelling at the same speed as you.

Directly in front of you is a galloping kangaroo and your horse is unable to overtake it.

Behind you is a lion running at the same speed as you and a kangaroo.

What must you do to get out of this highly dangerous situation?

Get your drunken backside off the merry-go-round and go home!

A Short Book for Men

A man goes into his local bookstore and asks the young lady assistant, "Do you have the new book out for men with short penises?"

She replies, "I'm not sure if it's in yet."

Yes "That's the one; I'll take a copy."

PLEASE HELP: If anyone has a contribution to the newsletter, ideas, jokes, stories, milestones, photos, anything that will make it more interesting reading, please email Annie Baker - quirkyannie33@gmail.com



2015 TASMANIAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Friday 3 July

Saturday 4 July

Sunday 5 July

To be played at:

Eastside Squash & Fitness

69 Cambridge Rd, Bellerive TAS 7018

PH: 03 6344 1386

Tournament Director: Michael Brown 0415221885

ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday 26th June 2015

2015 TASMANIAN MASTERS SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY FORM

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE: HOME:.....WORK:.....

Email.....

ASSOCIATION:.....CLUB:.....

GRADE: (B1, C1 etc).....NUMBER: (No.in team).....

I declare that I shall be 35/or over on 4 July 2015.

SIGNED:.....Date of Birth.....

AVAILABLE TO PLAY FRI NIGHT YES/NO TIME AVAIL:.....

ENTRY FEE:	\$25.00 for TMSA Member	\$.....
	\$30.00 for non-member	\$.....
	\$45.00 Dinner Dance	\$.....
	\$20.00 TMSA Membership	
	\$.....	
	**\$50.00 for Tas Squash M'ship	\$.....

TOTAL PAYABLE \$.....

**Paid through TMSA OR your local club

Enquires: Gaye Mitchell on 0407 435 378

**ENTRY FORMS & PAYMENT MUST BE SENT TO:
THE TMSA SECRETARY:
Gaye Mitchell, PO Box 797, Rosny. 7018
or email: gayemitchell@southernphone.com.au**

**Payment: Cheques can be made out to
"Tasmanian Masters Squash Assoc"
Or by electronic transfer: BSB: 632001, A/c: 100043193**

**Saturday Night Dinner Dance
Rosny Bowls Club, 40 Bastick Street, Rosny
THEME: "Fourth of July" (stars & stripes all that sort of thing)
IMPORTANT TO BOOK AT TIME OF ENTERING FOR CATERING**

I am/am not attending the dinner/dance.

Please indicate number you are booking for

The tournament will be run as graded dependent on skill levels. All players guaranteed three matches where possible.

The tournament be held under the rules of the GAME, and subject to the Conditions and Regulations of the TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE.

TOURNAMENT RULES AND CONDITIONS

1. All entries must be made on the prescribed form and must be accompanied by the relevant fee. Draw and 1st round matches on web site from Thursday evening (2nd July). www.squashtas.asn.au, Draw also available Thursday evening phone Eastside on (03) 6244 1386.
2. The Masters Championships shall be open to players who have attained the prescribed age on or before 3 July 2015.
3. All matches shall be played at times and dates to be notified in the draws. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to disqualify any competitor who has not reported to the Control Desk 15 minutes prior to the advertised starting time of his/her event.
4. On completing his/her match, each player will be responsible for either marking or refereeing the following match on the court on which he/she played.
5. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse the entry of any person and shall not be required to assign any reason for so doing, and may at its discretion vary any or all of the conditions.
6. No claims whatsoever will be recognised should any player receive injury whilst participating in the Championships.

ACCOMMODATION

St. Ives: 67 St. George Terrace, Battery Point, PH 03 6221 5555

City View Motel: 30 Tasman Hwy, Montagu Bay. PH 03 6243 8388.
www.cityviewmotel.com.au

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