

Off the Back Wall

Welcome to the second issue of the Squash Tasmania/Performance Pathway Newsletter. We have changed the format to include articles from around the Clubs. Happy reading!

REFEREE'S CORNER

We have two State and National qualified Referees. Both Andrew Strugnell and Michael Palfreyman have officiated at many national events and are more than willing to pass on their knowledge to anyone who has a refereeing question.



Andrew and Mike are keen to get the word out and improve the rule knowledge of Tasmanian players. To start the ball rolling here are a couple of examples that constantly crop up: -

1. Andrew serves and Mike hits the ball into the tin. Mike waves at the Ref and says I wasn't ready. Is it : Yes let. No Let. Stroke to Andrew.
Answer: **NO LET.**
2. Andrew slips over during a rally. Mike makes a good return and catches the ball on the first bounce thinking that Andrew could not run fast enough to get to the ball. What is the correct ruling?
Answer: **STROKE TO ANDREW**

Both Andrew and Mike are available to run club rules nights and assist anyone that may be interested in becoming a referee, even if only at club level.

Please contact Squash Tasmania to enquire about booking them for your Club as their knowledge can be most helpful to all.

Just a helpful tip - it's your decision right or wrong. Don't be pushed and most importantly do not change your mind. Remember if you or the scorer is unsure if the ball is out or down then call LET.

Happy refereeing!

JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS

Recently held at Devonport, the North West Junior Tournament drew a good turnout, with many making this their first event. The weekend was a huge success with great squash all around. The highlight of the weekend was just before the presentation - the table collapsed and most of the trophies fell off and smashed but not to be deterred, as they say "the show must go on" and without too much of a fuss the presentation went ahead. Congratulations to all trophy winners and well done to all who entered. A special thank you to our sponsors: - Keiron Burgess, Devonport City Council, Devonport Squash Club and, of course, all who worked tirelessly in the canteen feeding us with mouth watering food.



Emma Clyde & Bailey Fairbrother



Jack Hudson & Jamie Pattison



Yours truly & Mark Hudson



Ben Hudson & Harry Palfreyman



Bethany Campbell & Susannah Kingshott

PATHWAY TRAINING CAMP

The weekend of the 24th and 25th of May, Parsons Squash Centre played host to this year's first State Junior Pathway training camp and we welcomed master coaches Gary Pedersen and Terry White, along with Wynyard Squash Club's top coaches, Steve Lee and Brodie Stokes.

All our Pathway youngsters showcased their skills and from the four top instructors learned further skills to take back to their home training grounds. Sunday started with a bang - the dreaded BEEP TEST. Not one of our charges gave in and handled this tiring stamina test in great spirit. Special mention to Harry Bird " You can stop now!"



On your marks!



Please God no more!!!!



Come on, keep up!



Good action Thomas!



The end of a perfect weekend!

JUNIOR NATIONAL RANKINGS

As we are all aware the National Junior Ranking System has now changed from 13 Boys to U/13 Boys and so on. For those who will be playing in the AJC, your seeding age group will be based on your age as at the end of the Teams' Event.

Each month the National Selectors meet and re-adjust the junior rankings. The last ranking as of the 1st of June 2014 has seen a few movements for our Tassie players and as the months pass more changes may occur. Here are the rankings as at the 1st of June: U/19 Boys (Jordan Stokes, 11), U/15 Boys (Jack Hudson, 4 and Jamie Pattison, 7), U/13 Boys (Harry Palfreyman, 3 and Ben Hudson, 8), U/15 Girls (Grace Pattison, 3). Not a bad showing for our small state.

UP COMING JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS

This month sees the last of the major junior events in Tasmania. On 21st & 22nd Penguin Squash Centre will play host to the Northern Junior Tournament. This will be a graded event and will also cater for new juniors who are just starting out using the Karakal Big Ball. Registration forms have already gone out, But please be aware that the closing date for this one is 13th of June.

June 28th & 29th is the Victorian Junior Championships. Entry forms are now available on the Squash Vic web page. This is always a good event and is certainly worth the trip over.

FOR THE GOLDEN OLDIES

Well not so old! The Tasmanian Masters Squash Association are holding their last tournament on the 4th, 5th & 6th of July before they head off to destroy NSW. (Watch out Bathurst, the party gang will soon be in town!) This last Masters' tournament for the year will be held in Hobart at the Eastside Squash Centre. If you are looking for good squash and a fun time that's the place to be. If you are interested, contact Gaye Mitchell by email: gayemitchell@southernphone.com.au

FROM THE GRAPE VINE

The rumour is, and can be confirmed, that Devonport will be holding the PSA/WSA tournament on the 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th of October during the same period as the Devonport Open. This is a major coup for squash in the North West and no doubt we will get to see some world top class squash players in action. Put this date in your diary as this is one event that should not be missed. Look out for further details on these two major squash tournaments.

MORE FROM THE PATHWAY WEEKEND



Are you paying attention?



Nice dance movement chaps!

SNEEK PREVIEW

State Team Shirt Colours



Happy squashing, till next month!
Leon