

Brian Galt-Smith

Brian's greatest joy has been watching and supporting Juniors develop and continue to enjoy the sport. Players like Phil Larmer, Anthony Hill, Warren Miller, David Tink, The Walker brothers, Robbie Attard, Stephen Jones, Michael Joint and John Williams to name a few(I am sure there are many others we have missed!). Also those who had gone on to coach e.g. Leo Otte, Michael Joint (Detroit Athletic Club head Coach) and Kyle Blanchard.

This passion has seen him continue to coach to this day following a shoulder reconstruction in 1996 when he trained himself to be right handed rather than give up, and after 2 knee replacements in his 70's returned to the court.

Some chronology and Awards are-:

1976 - 1981 - Managed/Coached/Match and Pennant at Ringwood Squash Club

1981 - 2005 - Managed Squash/Coached/match and Pennant at Lilydale Squash and Fitness Club.

2005 - 2018 - Semi-retired relieving at Lilydale Squash and Fitness/Coaching.

1976 - Accredited Referee

1976 - Professional Coach

ESRA - Several years as Match and Pennant coordinator

1980's - 2-3 years with John Larkin coaching Juniors Elite Squad for Squash Victoria.

2006 - Volunteer at Commonwealth Games - Squash(of course!)

Life Memberships - Ringwood Squash Club and Lilydale Squash and Racquetball club

Club Championships - 6

World Masters Racquetball - Gold medal in his Age Group. Silver medal in Doubles

Australian Championships - American Racquetball - 2 X 45-49 Age Group Gold, 1 X Doubles Gold with Vic Di Luzio.

"Somebody once said if you find a job that you love, you will never work another day in your life. I have not worked since 1976. " Brian Galt-Smith

"I am sure we will hear lots of accolades about Bryan's amazing squash ability. For example learning to play again left-handed after wearing out his right shoulder. His personal successes, and those with coaching juniors to great heights, and there are a great many players today who attest to that. But what I want to highlight is Bryans amazing passion for squash that goes beyond the trophies and success. Bryan has done more for squash than even he realises.

Bryan's passion runs deep, he is not elitist or particular about who he helps. He has always been there for anyone who wanted to learn and spent hours of free time helping squash hacks like me. So....I caught Bryans passion virus, which has led me to more than 20 years now playing squash and leading the Lilydale Club to a bright future with 2 new courts and a full upgrade. Ultimately none of this would have been possible without Bryan. Thanks Jason"