



Millicent chosen to hold SA Country Championships

Squash SA has announced 2 new, annual events to their tournament calendar for 2010, both being run in Millicent from 17th – 19th September.

As part of the overall reinvigoration of the sport, the annual SA Country Squash Championships will be held in Millicent from the 17th – 19th September. All regional players are eligible to enter in the men's, women's & junior divisions. Registration forms will be available for download from the Squash SA website from Monday 9th August, with entries closing on Fri 27th Aug. Given some country areas have difficulty with internet access, forms will also be available at regional squash centres or they can be posted to interested individuals who contact Squash SA.

Alongside the Country Championships, a new Professional Squash Association (PSA) satellite event has been added to the Australian touring calendar which will be held alongside the country championships.

2 Adelaide-based PSA players originally hail from the Millicent area and have already registered for the event. Ben Werchon, one of Australia's most promising junior male players & Mike Corren (current world ranked #84 & Aust top 10) will be heading home to contest the US\$3,500 event. It is expected other highly ranked Australian's will register by the time entries close on Aug 17th.

Squash SA General Manager, Phil Sinnot said, "Rather than expect country people to continually travel to Adelaide to see elite level squash, we've decided to take it to the regions. We have also just employed 3 new Development Officers with Grant Norman, former Australian Open Tournament Director having been appointed as the Regional Development Officer. Grant will also act as Tournament Director for both new events."

As part of the on-going commitment to the sport, Squash SA will be holding coaching sessions with interested schools & individuals on the Monday & Tuesday after the tournament in the South East area. Mike Corren will be on hand at these sessions to work with the more advanced players and promising juniors.

In 2011, both events will be held closer to the SA Open in June so national & international professionals can stay in the state to compete. Squash SA will also introduce a regional WISPA (Women's International Squash Player's Association) event to provide a full compliment of elite level squash.

With both events being held the weekend prior to the Australian Junior Championships in Alice Springs, Squash SA expects a very high level of competition in all divisions as players use the events as lead-up preparation for the national titles. The SA Junior teams for the national championships will be announced shortly.

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