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Oh good - it's newsletter time. A great opportunity to announce to all my Masters' friends I'm embarking on another overseas (business) holiday departing very soon. Jill's offered to carry the bags so she's going too. Readers may recall we did a similar thing 2 years ago. Back then, the trip was pretty enjoyable I guess (free fares, accom, food, drink etc) but we did miss everybody back home so terribly. It was Winter time too, back then if I recall. The trip is more ill-timed this year because unfortunately we are going to miss all pennant finals. We don't return until the end of June. What a bummer - couldn't have planned it better if we tried. Our respective teams can play finals and win flags for us and we'll be back in time to collect all the spoils. On top of that, other committee members can be available at the presentations as well. PERFECT!! Geez it's good to be President and Madam Vice - eh Jilly! Wonder what everyone is really thinking about us??

Now before you screw this page up and throw it in the bin in protest at us having a good time - read on. I've got more good news. You'd be well aware by now the new VMSA website has been born. Mark Thurkle has had a huge input into its creation and I'd like to thank him for what he has done. Shows the depth of commitment our committee members go to on your behalf. Mark displayed enormous patience and persistence to carry this task through especially with all the demands of our committee and queries from other members. What we now have is something we are very proud of and I hope visitors to the website enjoy using it. Further development will occur in time, I'm sure. Such development may see an end to our hard copy newsletter as it will be available to members on-line in future. You can read repeat after repeat

of my fine reporting without losing the copy - what a thought!

Since our last newsletter, the Victorian championships were completed in Shepparton. Numbers were good and I'm sure Helena will give an extensive account of the weekend. Well done to the ageless warriors who won titles in their age divisions. Of all the winners, it was a great achievement by local identities Tom and Christine Spark winning their respective age division titles. I would also add compliments to the Shepparton committee led by Damian Maidment and his team for hosting and delivering a great weekend. Particularly pleasing was the support from many local juniors assisting at the courts all weekend and even enjoying the challenge of having a hit against some of our masters. They all pitched in and we were really impressed. Many have entered our Masters/Juniors Tournament and I'm sure everyone is looking forward to this weekend. Terrific sponsorship of this event has been provided by Grays, Link Pumps, TS & L and a newcomer in squashanalysis.com. Gary Pedersen is the founder and a passionate squashie who was present at the tournament. His video analysis package is creating great interest in the game. Visit the website to learn more about it at squashanalysis.com.

After our return from overseas, we head to Bendigo in July. Check the calendar for dates. I'll be there with Jill and we'll be happy to give an account of our boring business trip. Then follows are AGM in late August where you can vote me back in as your humble President. Hope I get nominated. Last edition, I had great delight reporting about the new Mulgrave courts. The fact that my record is now three from three at the

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centre is a further delight. It would have been unheralded if my most recent victory was against Ray Mouw again, but alas, the night we returned there Ray dodged me and preferred to play at 2 to avoid further humiliation!!!
Keep up the great squash everyone -

from your humble PREZ
Lou Morsch

**OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST 11AM
AT MOORABBIN SQUASH CENTRE
FOLLOWING THE TEAMS MEETING**



TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - SHEPPARTON 2013

Well, what a great weekend. 115 players entered the championships this year, same as last year in Bendigo. Some of the age groups were a little light on though. Unfortunately we had no entrants for the Womens 35-39 event at all.

But on a more positive note, for the first time ever, we had a Men's 85-89 champion. Well done Max, you are amazing!

A few statistics for you to contemplate.

- Of the 115 entrants, 86 were male, and 29 were female.
- 75% Men and only 25% Female.
- 61 of the men and 21 of the women were over fifty.
- Nearly 75% of the players were over 50.

Where are all the 35-49 year olds??

Where are all the girls??

If anyone knows, please make them aware of the great times and great squash we have at our tournaments, and try to bring them with you next time.

A great dinner at the GV hotel was enjoyed on Saturday night. A fabulous venue which we may use next year for our dinner dance in July. Winner of the members draw for 2 free dinner dance tickets was Tony Zinna.

Speaking of the dinner.....It has been the usual practice that, at the Victorian Championships, we don't have a dinner dance, but a dinner only instead.

This has been the case for as long as I have been involved with VMSA. We do try, where possible, to have the dinner at a venue that has some sort of music available to those who like to party into the night. Because of this, the price of the dinner is cheaper than at our normal dinner dances, which has to include the cost of a band.

I have received mixed feedback from our night in Shepparton.

Some would have preferred to pay more and have our own band, while others enjoyed the fact they could sit and talk without the noise of a band.

DILEMMA!!!

Which way do you want me to go.

Band or no band? That is the question.

Please think about this and let me, or any other committee member know your thoughts.

The Championships will be in Bendigo next year.

We will need to know asap, as bookings for venues and bands need to be made 12 months in advance. I will ask for a vote while we are in Bendigo next month.

Now back to the Shep tournament.

There were some great matches played.

Congratulations to all the winners.

Our thanks must go to all the members of GV Squash for their hospitality during the weekend.

A special thanks to the juniors who stepped in to fill some spaces so everyone got their allotted matches.

They did a great job, and their attitude and sportsmanship is a credit to the GV Squash Club.

Congratulations to the following players for reaching tournament milestones this weekend.

Brian Richmond	25
Marge Delaney	50

My tournament committee again did an outstanding job. Thank you all.

Now we go to Bendigo.

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Some things you should take note of.....

There are a lot of events happening in Bendigo on our weekend, therefore accommodation is scarce. BOOK EARLY!!

Because of this, we have decided to provide a free bus to and from the dinner dance. Pick up points will be advised on the Saturday.

Please let us know on your entry form whether you will be using this service or not.

PLEASE!!!!!!! get your entries in as soon as you can. And PLEASE!!!!!! Book your seat for the dinner dance with your entry.

Numbers have to be confirmed 7 days before the event, so let me know if you are attending.

Hope to see you all in Bendigo.

Helena

Upcoming Tournaments

Bendigo - July 26th to 28th
Aust Champs - Canberra - 2nd Sept to 13th Sept
Ballarat - November 22nd to 24th



Lob into Canberra and *boast* about it

Accommodation for Victorians

The INDIVIDUALS EVENTS are being held from Monday 2 September – Friday 6 September 2013.

The TEAMS EVENTS are being held from Monday 9 September – Friday 13 September 2013.

2013 is Canberra's centenary year. There is an event planned for every day so this would be a great time to experience Canberra if you haven't been there before.

To enter the teams event:

- Complete the attached Teams Entry and send to VMSA Secretary and
- Download an entry form at amasasquash.com.au/championships, and send it to ACT Masters Squash Association

All team players are expected to play in the VMSA uniform. Like last year, if you purchase a team shirt, you get a free pair of shorts or skort. If you are only playing in the individuals you are most welcome to purchase a VMSA uniform.

If you have any queries, please feel free to give Michelle Rowles a call on 0407 838 572

Membership Nook

Well the Autumn season is coming to an end, and with the cold weather, it gets more difficult to get that little black ball to fly.

On a more positive note, our website is really close to being fully operational.

When the membership section does become active, when you log in, you will be able to see when your membership is due and make your payment online. If your membership is current, you will also be able to update your personal details. If your membership lapses, (there will be a short period of grace), you will

need to download a membership form to renew.

Until this section of the website is launched, you will need to download the form from the website and fax to the VMSA Secretary. At the end of the month that your membership becomes due, I will be sending emails and text messages to remind you that your membership is due for renewal, so you don't miss out on the benefits that our membership offers.

Yours in squash,

Pam Park
Membership Coordinator

www.vmsasquash.com.au

YES! Our fabulous new website is up and running!!

More tournament photos and videos, information on upcoming tournaments as well as pennant fixtures, ladders & venues with maps are at your fingertips.

In the near future we will be expanding the website to include online entries to tournaments, access to our online shop for purchasing VMSA uniforms, stubby holders and membership renewal. The possibilities are endless so hop on line, have a look and send us your feedback.

A TIME TO REMINISCE



Dinny Hurley had a very old Vic Teams Shirt from 1989 with a difference on at Shepparton. He was told to 'Please Explain' (didn't know Pauline was there) to which he told us the story of this shirt.

Back in 1989 the Australian Masters was being conducted in Perth & at that time there was the airline strike that was crippling the country (Oh the good ol' days). The Victorian team decided to organise a bus from Essendon airport with the Tasmanians to take them all the way to W.A. Once on board it was announced that 'NO DRINKING ON THE BUS' which was heralded with a lot of bottles opening as soon as the bus got moving.

The bus drivers swapped after leaving Adelaide after midnight, with the first driver sleeping in his bed at the back of the bus. Just before dawn when most were sleeping Dinny commented to his lovely wife, Gail, that he thought the bus was going the wrong way to which she responded with a "Be quiet everyone is trying to sleep & don't be silly. Of course the bus driver knows where he is going" But still the doubt would not leave Dinny, so finally he went up to the driver with his concerns to which the driver agreed that he too thought that he may have been going the wrong way. Yes indeed he was heading back towards Renmark and not to Port Augusta. Not easy finding a bridge over the Mighty Murray!!!! This little mishap set them a good 4 hours behind schedule.

The bus stopped for food in a pub at a small town west of Port Augusta. As there was not enough staff, the squashies were allowed to take control of the bar and kitchen. Kaye Kay and helpers, pulled the beer and made toasted sandwiches for the rest of the squashies. You will be happy to know that all monies were paid in full and handed over to the very grateful owners - they must have thought they had won Tattsлото!!

Numerous food and pit stops were required, and at one, Tom Vimpany of Tassie, found he had to run very hard to catch the bus carrying a heavy load of refreshments (you can see him running behind the bus on the shirt). Lucky there was some part of the Nullarbor that still had some green grass as the bus had to stop to drain out the toilet tanks. I wonder how long the grass stayed green after that!!!

Unfortunately for Dinny he did not get to play in the event. Shortly after arriving he got a call regarding a sick parent & had to find the best way home. That was another epic for him which had him nearly going home via Singapore, & I don't know how many more stopovers, but eventuated in him getting on a RAAF plane straight home.

The return bus trip back was a very quiet affair, with most suffering from sore limbs and heavy heads, but what a way to go!!!

After that year there was a reunion of all players listed on the shirt for many years after & I am sure the stories got taller & taller as the years went on!!!

This story was regaled to us by Dinny Hurley & Kaye Kay this year (see photo of them together). Thanks for sharing with us.

If anyone has anymore old stories we would love to read about them. Please feel free to send in to us.

Victorian Championships 2013

The Winners







CHINA SQUASH TOUR 2013

with **MICHELLE MARTIN**

SHANGHAI – BEIJING (October 8-18th) 11 Days from \$3490

After the success of the last 2 years Squash Tours, we offer an exciting travel opportunity to combine your squash and holiday to China in 2013. A wonderful Tour of China will feature matches at a number of squash clubs against local players. Your tour leader **Michelle Martin** will ensure you have a memorable holiday. Michelle is a squash legend who won three World Open titles and six British Open titles. This year's tour will include taking in the sights of Shanghai and Beijing, squash club matches in both cities as well as time to enjoy the incredible culture, history and attractions that China has to offer. Players of **all standards, partners and non-squash players** are most welcome. We guarantee great squash, luxury hotels, exciting adventures and an unforgettable experience.



Includes Flights (taxes not included), Welcome Dinner, Accommodation & Breakfast, Transport, Transfers, Squash Club matches, Farewell Dinner, Tour Guide and Tour Bag

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“The Ultimate Squash Experience”

Day 1 Tuesday 8th October

Depart Sydney at 10pm on Cathay Pacific flight to Shanghai via Hong Kong.

Day 2 Wednesday 9th October

Arrive in Shanghai mid morning. We are met and transferred to our hotel via the Shanghai Maglev fast train that reaches a peak speed of 431km. You will be impressed by the amazing speed of the train and it makes for an exciting first experience in Shanghai. Built with the technological help from Germany, the Shanghai Maglev Train (SMT) has operated since the end of 2002. The whole journey which would take an hour to drive takes only eight minutes.

In Shanghai we are staying at the luxurious Marriot Hotel where you can enjoy the peace and serenity of the hotel's superb facilities. The rest of the day is at your leisure to relax or explore the Shanghai city centre. In the early evening we have our Welcome Dinner, before we take a spectacular evening Huangpu river cruise where you will see spectacular views of Shanghai at night.

Day 3 Thursday 10th October

After breakfast, we will experience a unique half-day morning tour. After this cultural tour you will know what it means to be a Shanghainese. In the afternoon you will have the chance to learn from a squash legend when **Michelle Martin** holds a **Coaching Clinic** and games at the luxurious **Shanghai Racquet Club**. The Club has an inviting and friendly environment away from the Shanghai buzz. The night will be at your leisure, and a chance to wander in the Shikumen lane and enjoy its unique construction, have dinner at the outdoor tables, or do some shopping in the fashion shops before sampling the various styles of bars and night life.

Day 4 Friday 11th October

Today is at your leisure where you have the chance to explore Shanghai via a number of optional tours. Recommended is the 1 hour trip to Zhujiajiao, which is a typical water town in the Jiang'nan area. The little fan-shaped town glimmers like a bright pearl in the landscape of lakes and mountains. Endowed with another elegant name - 'Pearl Stream' - the little town is the best-preserved among the four ancient towns in Shanghai. Unique old bridges across bubbling streams, small rivers shaded by willow trees, and houses with courtyards attached all transport people who have been living amidst the hustle and bustle of the modern big city to a brand-new world full of antiquity, leisure and tranquility.

In the evening we play our **first Squash match at the Shanghai Racquet Club**. The Club has an inviting and friendly environment away from the Shanghai buzz. After dinner, enjoy a walk along the Bund to see the famous Nanjing Road. The Bund is the cultural section of Shanghai that best represents the blending of ancient and modern influences. This renowned waterfront district is the city's most famous landmark and you will enjoy a feeling of space and openness that you won't find anywhere else in Shanghai.

Day 5 Saturday 12th October

The morning is at your leisure, and you may choose one of many optional tours in and around Shanghai. In the afternoon you may enjoy a superb day and night of Semi-Finals at the **Shanghai Tennis Masters**. Held at the Qi Zhong Tennis Centre, it debuted in 2009 and has since established itself as one of the premier tournaments on the ATP World Tour. Most years it has featured Federer, Djokovic, Murray, Nadal and the world's best players.

Day 6 Sunday 13th October

We have a morning **Squash match** against the **Shanghai Racquet Club**, followed by a buffet lunch, before we catch the afternoon bullet train to Beijing. With its fully reclining airline-style seats, a strict no-smoking policy and designed top speed of 350 km per hour, the new Beijing-Shanghai express embodies China's race to the future. After checking into the luxurious Renaissance Hotel, we enjoy an easy and relaxed night in Beijing.

Day 7 Monday 14th October

After breakfast we take a city tour including Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City. You can also take the chance to visit Chairman Mao's resting place where his body is preserved behind glass. From Tiananmen Square we enter into the Forbidden City, a massive complex that was the centre of the Ming and Qing dynasties. We then begin our tour of the hutongs. A hutong is an ancient city alley or lane typical in Beijing, where hutongs run into the several thousand. After, we go shopping at the world-renowned Silk Market, clearly marked on the world's top tourist map, in the eyes of foreign tourists who rate it on a par with the Great Wall, Forbidden City and Beijing roast duck. There are 1,600 shops with plenty of bargains to be had. Tonight we play against the **Kempinski Squash Club** in Beijing.

Day 8 Tuesday 15th October

After breakfast, visit the trendy and unique 798 Art Village. The 798 Art Village, is the Beijing "Greenwich Village" or "Soho", a part of Dashanzi in the Chaoyang District of Beijing that house a rich artist community. It is nestled in a 50-year old out of service military factory complex with a functional Bauhaus-influenced design. There are lots of cool art studios and cafes to be seen. Afterwards we visit the new icons in Beijing, the 2008 Olympic venues of the Bird's Nest and the Water Cube. Early evening we play our **final Squash match** at the **East Lake Squash Club**. Afterwards you may like to visit the Houhai (Shichahai) district, Beijing's newly developed old town. This area on the lake is home to about 100 restaurants, small bars and pubs with character and funky nightlife. With the glow of lights over the lake, Hohai takes on an unreal feeling. A great place for dinner and then migrate from place to place for drinks, or a nice stroll with lots of people watching. A mixture of old Beijing and the modern west, Houhai is worth a look.

Day 9 Wednesday 16th October

An early breakfast will be followed by a bus trip to the Great Wall of China. Today you will experience the splendor of the Great Wall, the pride of China and one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It is an amazing man-made structure built over 2000 years ago to protect China from northern invaders. In the early evening you can experience the famous Acrobatic Show. The Beijing Acrobatic Troupe is not to be missed and frequently tours internationally. Afterwards we will enjoy our Farewell Dinner of typical Beijing cuisine to celebrate a wonderful tour.

Day 10 Thursday 17th October

Today is free for you to catch up on any last minute shopping or sight-seeing. In the late afternoon we transfer to the airport for our flight home, or for those flying to Xian for 2 nights.

Day 11 Friday 18th October

Arrive morning – home sweet home !!

CHINA SQUASH TOUR with Michelle Martin

Enjoy the best of both worlds when you combine your holiday with your squash. Free time to shop, sightsee, enjoy the culture or just simply relax. Nights to enjoy matches against local clubs and fantastic nightlife and after match festivities. Come and join us in discovering the intriguing enigma that is China.

11 Day Tour Package from \$3490 includes:

- 4 nights at the five-star Marriot Hotel, Shanghai plus breakfast
- 4 nights at the five-star Renaissance Hotel, Beijing plus breakfast
- Return Economy Class flights (taxes not included)
- All Squash Club matches & Coaching Clinic with Michelle Martin
- Shanghai Maglev Fast Train
- Bullet train from Shanghai to Beijing
- Round trip airport transfers
- Welcome & Farewell Dinner
- All included Tours in itinerary.
- Professional Tour Guide and Host
- Tour Bag

POST TOUR OPTIONS

XIAN – Terracotta Warriors Tour 3 days/2 nights

Xi'an has world class ancient, religious, cultural, and natural attractions including the Terracotta Warriors. The Terracotta Army figures' excavation is regarded as one of the greatest discoveries of the 20th century. It had lain underground for more than 2000 years before farmers digging a well in 1974 uncovered what is now considered one of the greatest archaeological sites in the world.

YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE 4 days/3 nights

Relax on a slow Yangtze River boat on the beautiful Yangtze River. A Yangtze River Cruise will take you through the cradle of China, while giving you the opportunity to see some of the most spectacular scenery imaginable.

For Bookings and more information please contact - (02) 92338508

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PENNANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

by John Donohoe

The pointy end of the Autumn 2013 season is upon us - another season nears its end with another not too far on the horizon; in fact the Spring 2013 season is poised to commence in the first week of August '13. Competition as always is fierce and jostling has already commenced as to player match ups and for "bragging rights" as we progress towards the Grand Finals.

The top four (4) teams in each grade looks a little like this (below) as at round 18. Whilst there are some notable stand-outs the finals can prove to be a totally different competition where some players stand up differently - **GoodLuck** to all you hopefuls!!



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Round 16 Grade 1					Round 18 Grades 2-11				
Grade	Team	Prev rounds	This round	Prog total	Grade	Team	Prev rounds	This round	Prog total
Grade 01	MOORABBIN 01	158	14	172	Grade 07	WESTERFOLDS 05	193	11	204
	KNOX PARK 01	159	12	171		MULGRAVE 04	154	11	165
	MOUNT DISTRICTS 01	105	14	119		WESTERFOLDS 07	150	6	156
	ESSENDON 01	117	1	118		WERRIBEE 02	148	4	152
Grade 02	WESTERFOLDS 01	216	13	229	Grade 08	LILYDALE 02	203	6	209
	SQUASH LOGIC 01	153	11	164		MULGRAVE 05	160	0	160
	MOORABBIN 04	153	11	164		KNOX PARK 07	146	10	156
	TOWERHILL 01	146	12	158		WESTERFOLDS 09	131	12	143
Grade 03	CLUB HAWTHORN 01	181	11	192	Grade 09	MOORABBIN 09	189	4	193
	MOUNT DISTRICTS 02	175	12	187		LILYDALE 03	159	7	166
	MULGRAVE 01	159	6	165		KNOX PARK 08	148	10	158
	WESTERFOLDS 02	145	12	157		MOORABBIN 11	142	10	152
Grade 04	MULGRAVE 02	194	0	194	Grade 10	KNOX PARK 09	187	14	201
	MOORABBIN 05	172	7	179		WESTERFOLDS 10	186	14	200
	MULGRAVE 09	155	10	165		PEGS 03	162	11	173
	SQUASH LOGIC 02	143	13	156		WESTERFOLDS 12	154	0	154
Grade 05	WESTERFOLDS 03	219	10	229	Grade 11	MOORABBIN 12	164	11	175
	FITZPATRICKS 03	192	6	198		CLUB HAWTHORN 03	162	12	174
	PEGS 01	152	12	164		MOORABBIN 14	162	7	169
	MOORABBIN 06	155	8	163		WESTERFOLDS 11	145	9	154
Grade 06	MOUNT DISTRICTS 06	175	13	188					
	CLUB HAWTHORN 02	167	11	178					
	MALVERN @ BRIGHTON 01	164	8	172					
	WESTERFOLDS 04	135	3	138					

This season has had minimal controversy, by this I refer to player conduct or more pointedly "conduct unbecoming" those who play this sport, representing not only themselves, their club and indeed the VMSA Competition. Remember the VMSA prides itself not only on the high standard of the competition but also on the congeniality in which it's members are represented (both on and off court).

The finals give no reason for behaving any differently – so be "COOL" under pressure.

Something that I have not referenced to in prior newsletters is the condition of venues. This season has seen (1) a number of injuries caused by slippery court surfaces and (2) a number of complaints directed at the conditions of the venue/s. Whilst the VMSA does not advocate standards for court venue operators/owners, it goes without saying that venues should at all times be of an appropriate standard to ensure complete safety as well as providing a comfortable and congenial surrounding for players and visitors. It's my view that venue operators/owners, for their own protection, need to have an appropriate level of public liability and should ensure as a minimum, that prior to anyone participating in sport at their premises that:

- Court floors are swept and damp mopped prior to game commencement, and repeated if necessary at player request or if signs of slipping are evident
- Clear line markings
- Provide clean amenities for changing attire, washing and toilets
- Provide adequate refreshments facilities where drinks can be purchased
- Have available a properly filled first aid kit "cold packs for sprains etc."
- Have appropriate lighting
- Adequate cooking facilities / utensils / tables & chairs
- Adequate access – minimum clutter

Enough said – I look forward to the spring'13 season and meeting many of you around the traps.

John Donohoe – Pennant Director

Michelle Martin awarded an OAM

10 Jun 2013 -

Australian squash great Michelle Martin added another title to her name when she was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) on the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Michelle, who was recognised as a Legend in the Squash Australia Hall of Fame in 2011, was one of the country's most prolific athletes on the international squash scene.

She won three consecutive world titles in 1993, 94, and 95, and clinched six straight British Open crowns – in 1993, 94, 95, 96, 97 and 98.

She also held the world No.1 ranking from 1993-95 and again in 1999.

This domination overflowed into her Australian representational duties, competing at six World Women's Team's Championships in 1987, 90, 92, 94, 96 and 98.

Michelle also competed for Australia at the 1998 Kuala Lumpur Commonwealth Games winning two gold medals in the women's singles and the mixed doubles.



In addition to her outstanding international prowess she won seven Australian Open Championships – in 1991, 93, 94, 95, 96, 98 and 99.

Michelle continued her commitment to Australian squash in the coaching field after she retired from the world tour, taking on roles with the AIS and acting as manager and coach of Australian junior and senior women's teams from 2003-2010.

She still plays competition squash and coaches juniors in Sydney.

Her other honours include:

Inducted into the Australian Sports Hall of Fame, 2001

Inducted into the Australian Sports Hall of Fame - Best Team, 1998 and 2009

Inducted into the Women's Squash Association Hall of Fame, 2000

Inducted into the World Squash Federation Hall of Fame, 2001

Inducted into the Queensland Sports Hall of Fame in 2009

Inducted into the NSW Sports Hall of Champions, 1998



2013 Jim Bristow Cup
Masters/Juniors Tournament 1-2 June 2013
By Jill Morsch - Tournament Organiser

Can you believe it is already 12 months since the Jim Bristow Cup was run for the first time by the VMSA!!!!. This year you will be pleased to know I was far more calm & collected so Lou has not got as many bruises as last year. Don't get me wrong I still had my moments - just not as many. It was great seeing the entries arrive & remembering names from last year with even a few returning that did not play in 2012. (including our 2011 Female Masters Apprentice - Claire Quinlivan). There were also quite a number of new entries. I was a bit worried we were going to have less numbers this year as there were a lot of entries that I did not receive from last year's event. But guess what - we ended up with 80 entries which gave us 8 complete sections - 1 more section than last year. Unfortunately last year's Male Masters Apprentice, Josh McMillan had to withdraw because of injury. Poor Josh has been playing with hair line fractures up his leg & by the sounds of it has been doing so for quite some time. Rest up Josh & hope to see you next year fighting fit. This year, it was very pleasing to have some extra juniors to match up with the extra masters players who had entered and wanted a junior to team up with - one being our ex-President Terry Barlow. Terry only landed back in the country on the Tuesday before the event. He ended up being rewarded for his patience by getting a junior to partner him after all this time and then won his section!!

It was nice to have in our midst a former World Champion Masters player (won't say which age bracket) in Tom Spark. He partnered up with Nathan Lindner - a fine junior who we will be keeping a close eye on in years to come. Another former World no. 1 Cassie Thomas (nee Jackman) from the UK who now resides in Australia teamed up with Nicole Stoneham - an up & coming junior who has just been named in the Australian team to contest the World Junior Teams Event to be held in Poland in July this year. Congratulations and good luck Nicole & I hope you can let us know how you go. I could say I planned to have these two teams playing against each other last as it was just fortunate both teams came into their last round match undefeated. How clever am I - but the reality is, I must have had angels looking down & arranged it for me. Boy, was there some fantastic squash played by these great competitors (Masters & Juniors alike). Nicole won the first match .. Tom won the next match so it all hung on the deciding doubles match with Tom & Nathan winning 22-20.

The range of junior's ages throughout the event was between 7 - 23. Of this I had enough junior beginners to make a section on their own being of course section 8. Originally there were only 3 teams in this section but at the dying last minute before I completed the draw & match times, I received a call from a blast from the past in Craig Brook who was entering with his son Caleb. For those of you who remember - when Craig first started coming to our tournaments Caleb was a gorgeous friendly little 3 year old - he is now a gorgeous friendly 12 year old!! Welcome back Craig & we hope to see you in other Masters tournaments coming up this year.

It was great to see the return of the Poowong/Leongatha crowd. Many thanks go to Frank Bujega for organising them to come. We also had some of the Leeton crew although not the whole crew (hopefully next year). and of course a great throng of the Shepparton crew were here. It was great to see our rural folk from many areas embrace our tournament and of course our many locals.

Unfortunately it was time to say goodbye to Sarah Dennehy (for the time being) as this was her last year playing as a junior. I was looking forward to seeing her play with her dad for the last time in this event with their Richmond jumpers on BUT hang on a minute, Mark Thurkle's name was down as her partner - WHERE WAS HER FATHER KEVIN????? Can you believe he went away for the weekend with mates to play golf. Boy Kevin, you are not going to live this one down.

Unfortunately, Jim Bristow whose name honours this event, was unable to attend this year. He had some minor surgery to his face and felt that he didn't want to scare the Juniors looking like the elephant man (his words not mine). Anyway Jim, I am sure you will soon be looking as beautiful as ever and looking forward to next year which I hope will be bigger & better as it will be the 10th year of running this event. Rumour has it that a certain major sponsor friend of ours who also happens to be the 2012 Judith Goadby award winner is going to be entering with one of his siblings. WOHHOO!!

Back to this year's event. The weekend went off without a hitch. For those of you who don't know how the tournament works. A team consists of 1 Masters player + 1 Junior player. The team is graded on the **junior** player's ability. The order of play is for the Juniors to go on first, followed by the Masters players and finally, a doubles match. Each match allows for a 5 minute warm up followed by 15 minutes playing a point a rally. It was really funny standing at the end of the gallery calling time after warm ups & hearing all the rackets being spun at the same time.

Once again all matches were played in great spirit & everyone seemed to be having fun. It was even noted about the atmosphere at the centre first thing Saturday morning. It was so dreary outside yet everyone had smiles on their faces & were in good spirits. I don't know if there were still big smiles at the end on Sunday or if they were half smiles - half grimace. By the sounds of things though, everyone really enjoyed the weekend & are looking forward to returning next year. Some are even suggesting they will bring more juniors with them next year which is great to hear.

The only concern for the weekend was the lack of junior girls entered. Out of the 40 juniors there were only 6 females. Where are you girls !! We want more girl power !!

This year, once again, great support was provided from our friends of the VMSA & squash in general - Steve & Lisa Walton through the association with Squash.com, Grays & Hi-Tec. They have continued their generous sponsorship of our Masters Apprentices with prizes of squash rackets, bags, shoes, socks, eyewear, shorts and skorts. We also had another good friend in John Link of Link Pumps whose generosity helped supply the event shirts (manufactured through Lisa & Steve's new range of clothing 'Inform Apparel') All Junior players who entered received a free event polo shirt. But wait there's more. Yet another person came on board with us this year. Garry Pedersen (a good friend of Lisa & Steve) has developed an on line coaching and training site called squashanalysis.com Garry has engaged the support of some great exponents of the game (apart from himself) like Sarah Fitzgerald & Cam White to name a couple. He has taken footage of their swing and the way they play shots and compares them against a video you send in of yourself so you can see the difference. Part of the video analysis explains how to improve your game by learning from footage of these top players. There are many other coaching techniques and training videos to view to assist your game. Do yourselves a favour and go to squashanalysis.com

& have a look at some of the basic videos available to give you a taste of what you could get if you sign up. It's free to register. Garry's sponsorship included 2 Ultimate club- on demand coaching packages (valued at \$200 each) for each of our Masters Apprentices and further Premium club prizes for each Junior section winner & basic package prizes for runners-up. A wonderful gesture and a great squash incentive. Results of the tournament can be found below.

By the end of Sunday I was so happy how it all turned out but my brain didn't function enough to say exactly what I wanted to say at presentation. I also think I would have become a blubbering idiot. So now, at least, I can finally say I would like to personally thank Helena Morgan for once again giving me her time & helping me when needed when first setting up the computer for this tournament.. To Mike & Clara Edney, thanks for helping me find the extra junior players we needed & fine tuning where I put these players. Also for having the courts in great condition & last but not least for feeding us all weekend. To Terry Barlow & Wali Linhart of TS & L Neon for the banner displayed at the tournament as well as the printing of the Masters Apprentices certificates. To Pam Park & Lynette Woodyard for coming down to help with ref/markings doubles matches for us and also for Pam's grandson Baden who not only played in his first Jim Bristow Cup, but helped Pam sell raffle tickets on the Sunday. To Darren O'Neill & his sons for always being willing to help out with marking/refereeing extra doubles matches when I needed them. To Linda Wing & Michelle Rowles for also helping ref/mark doubles matches, as well as finding the time to organise the selling of the raffle tickets.. To Mark Thurkle for taking videos & photos which you will be able to view on our website. And of course my darling Lou who was my rock throughout the organising of this event as well as on the actual days of the event I could not have done this without you. I must be getting better though as I did allow him to play some squash on the Sunday after poor John Link injured himself in his first match on Saturday. I said it last year & I will say it again this year - this event just proved to me again what a great committee I am involved with. They are there to back each other up without anything being too much trouble. So once again, a big thank you to you all. I certainly could not have done it without you.

MASTERS APPRENTICE AWARD WINNERS & THEIR PRIZES

Andrew Monichino

1 x Grays Ninja 140 Racquet
 1 x Hi-Tec Squash Bag
 1 x Hi-Tec Squash Shoes
 2 x Hi-Tec Squash Socks
 2 x Grays Navy Shorts and Grays eyewear
 1 x Ultimate club squashanalysis.com package

Sarah Quinlivan

1 x Grays Cambridge 140 Pink Racquet
 1 x Hi-Tec Squash Bag
 1 x Hi-Tec Squash Shoes
 2 x Hi-Tec Squash Socks
 2 x Grays Skorts and Grays eyewear
 1 x Ultimate club squashanalysis.com package

The VMSA will also contribute to our Masters Apprentices the cost of entry for any junior tournaments .

Congratulations to our Masters Apprentices for their wonderful attitude on and off the court. We trust you will derive benefit from your award

Yet again this year's major awards could have gone to any of our Junior entrants as they were such a great bunch who behaved so well on the court as well as off the court with many of them also helping to do extra ref/markings for doubles matches when needed

RESULTS OF THE 2013 JIM BRISTOW CUP

SECTION	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
1	TOM SPARK / NATHAN LINDNER	CASSIE THOMAS / NICOLE STONEHAM
2	MICHAEL RATCLIFFE / BENJAMIN RATCLIFFE	MARCO DE-GREGORIO / JOSHUA DE-GREGORIO
3	MICHAEL FATOUROS / CHARLIE FATOUROS	KYLE BLANCHARD / TYLER BLANCHARD
4	MERVYN MEE / ELI KOZMA	RICHARD JOHNSON / MICHAEL SCOLARO
5	DAMIAN MAIDMENT / BRADLEY MAIDMENT	SCOTT QUINLIVAN / SARAH QUINLIVAN
6	TERRY BARLOW / AKILA DE SILVA	TREVOR WATT / DAMIEN MONICHINO
7	JOHN SCULLY / MATT ANDERSEN	ALLISON DOUGLAS / MEGHAN DOUGLAS
8	CRAIG BROOK / CALEB BROOK	JUANITA TAMEPO-LEE / AUSTIN TAMEPO-LEE

A big thank you & congratulations to our Jim Bristow Cup winners & to all participants who made this event the success that it was & the fun event we try to make it.

To Lisa & Steve Walton from Grays, HiTech & Squash.com. John Link of Link Pumps & Garry Pedersen of squashanalysis.com – thank you for sharing our vision for the future of squash through your generously donated sponsorship of our event. Another big thank you to Lisa & Steve for announcing through Garry that they will continue to support this tournament for the next 5 years Thank you thank you thank you.



SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR

Masters Juniors Winners







FOR A FULL LIST OF RESULTS, GO TO OUR WEBSITE - WWW.VMSASQUASH.COM.AU

TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

1. The Tournament will be conducted on a triple plate system. Every effort will be made to ensure that each entrant gets at least three matches. Scoring will be PAR 11 or 15 depending on number of entries received. **PLAYERS MUST FULFIL THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO OTHER PARTICIPANTS BY COMPETING IN ALL MATCHES SET DOWN FOR THEM.**
2. Players may enter ONE EVENT ONLY.
3. **Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or not accept entrants and to re-grade any entries.**
4. For advice of first round matches, please visit our website (vmsasquash.com.au). This is to encourage entrants to check for themselves without making unnecessary phone calls. Alternatively phone one of the following from (AH) Wed. 24th July.
Courts: (03) 5443 2777 Helena Morgan: 0417 579 311 (Mob)
5. Players must report to Tournament Control no later than 30 MINUTES BEFORE their next scheduled match.
6. All players will be expected to mark and referee the match immediately following their own match.
7. All players will be expected to be warmed up and ready to play as soon as the previous match is completed.
8. No claims whatsoever will be recognized should any player receive an injury whilst participating in the Tournament.
9. Snacks and refreshments will be available at the squash centre during the day.
10. A social get-together, including complimentary supper will be held at the Bendigo Squash Centre on Friday evening July 26 **after the conclusion of the matches.** ALL WELCOME.
11. A Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday 27th July at *Quality Resort All seasons, 171 McIvor Rd, Bendigo (03 5441 1000)* from 7:30pm until 12:00am, featuring a live band. Drinks at bar prices. **Cost: \$50.00 per person. Please include payment with entry.**
12. Trophy presentation will be at approximately 4:30pm Sunday followed by a complimentary supper.
13. MOTEL ACCOMMODATION: **Quality Resort All Seasons, 171 McIvor Road, Bendigo Ph:03 5443 8166.** . No discounts available.
14. **Note: There will be a free booze bus.** Please enter number of travelers on entry form.
15. **No late entries will be accepted. All faxed entries without credit card details will not be accepted. All mailed entries without payment will not be accepted. We encourage as many players as possible to play on Friday evening.**
16. Note: Playing in a VMSA Pennant Team does not automatically mean you are a member of the VMSA. Membership gives participants in tournaments discounted entry rates as well as many other benefits for just \$20 per year. Ask any of our committee members for details.



BENDIGO MASTERS SQUASH TOURNAMENT 26-28 JULY 2013

Conducted by the Victorian MASTERS Squash Association Inc.
ABN 39 143 122 923



www.vmsasquash.com

Entries close Friday
12th JULY 2013

COURT HOST: Bendigo Squash Centre



Next VMSA Tournament:
Grays Masters - Ballarat
22nd - 24th November 2013

TO BE PLAYED AT:

Bendigo Squash Centre
242 Barnard Street, Bendigo
Phone: (03) 5443 2777

Sponsored by
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TOURNAMENT HOSTS:
Greg & Mandy Hamilton

Tournament Referee:
Steve Murray

Tournament Director:
Helena Morgan
Phone: 0417 579 311
Fax: (03) 9747 3150
Email: hjmorgan@bigpond.net.au

BENDIGO MASTERS TOURNAMENT 2013 – ENTRY FORM

EVENTS: Events/gradings will depend on entries. The number of events will be determined by the level of entries.

Date of Birth: _____ **Gender:** _____ **Age at 26TH July, 2013:** _____

Surname: _____ **Given Names:** _____

Address: _____ **P/Code:** _____

Contact Phone No: _____

Email address: _____

IMPORTANT: Please fill in all the details of your current pennant team, grade and position.

	Midweek	State	Country	Masters
League				
Grade				
Position				
Club				

Are you a financial member of the VMSA? YES: NO:
 (Playing VMSA pennant is not automatic membership – see overleaf)

ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT? YES: NO:

(We need as many as possible to play Friday night – **matches start at 7.30pm**) Preferred Time: _____ pm

ENTRY FEES:

VMSA Members	\$30.00	
Non-members	\$40.00	
25+ Tournament players	\$25.00	(Financial Members Only)

PLEASE COMPLETE: Payment attached for:

No. attending @ \$50 per head)	_____	Entry Fee:	\$	_____
No. attending	_____	Dinner Dance:	\$	_____
(\$20 if due)	_____	Booze Bus:	\$	0 . 00
	_____	VMSA Membership:	\$	_____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Do you have any dietary requirements for the dinner dance? Please advise _____

I agree to abide by all tournament conditions and decisions of the tournament committee.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Send entry form and payment to : Helena Morgan, VMSA, PO Box 2246, MELTON SOUTH, VIC 3338
 (Cheques/Money Orders made payable to **SA**) or Fax to (03) 9747 3150 or Email hjmorgan@bigpond.net.au. Please do not send cash by mail.

ENTRIES CLOSE Friday 12th July, 2013

My preferred method of payment is:

Cheque Visa Mastercard Bankcard Money Order Cash

Card Number: _____ | _____ | _____ | _____

Card Holder's Name (please print): _____ Expiry Date: _____/_____/_____

Payment Amount: \$ _____ Signature (Card Holder Only): _____

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS SQUASH ASSOCIATION INTERSTATE TEAMS SERIES

2013 – CANBERRA - UNIFORM ORDER FORM

All Team Players are expected to play in the VMSA uniform.

If playing the Individual Event only, you may still purchase a VMSA uniform.


All team players will receive one free pair of shorts or a skort with their uniform order when purchasing a team top.




Please send to: **VMSA Secretary**
PO Box 1023 Newport Vic 3015
 or Email to: rowles.michelle@yahoo.com.au
 or Fax to **03 9391 6461**

UNIFORM ENQUIRIES
 MICHELLE ROWLES 0407 838 572

BY NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 26 JULY 2013
 TOGETHER WITH YOUR TEAMS ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____

MENS		XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	TOTAL
Mens Polo Top	\$40.00										\$
											
Mens Shorts (free with the purchase of a team shirt)											\$ FREE
Mens Shorts	\$25.00										\$
Unisex Polar Fleece Jacket	\$40.00										

WOMENS		XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	TOTAL
Ladies Singlet Top	\$35.00										\$
											
Ladies Capped Sleeve Top	\$40.00										\$
											
Ladies Skort (free with the purchase of a team shirt)											\$ FREE
											
Ladies Skort	\$35.00										\$
Ladies Polar Fleece Jacket	\$40.00										\$

OTHER		NO	
VMSA Badges *	\$5.00 ea or 5 for \$20.00		\$
<small>* to be swapped with opposing interstate teams "A Masters Tradition"</small>			
Stubby Holders	\$6.00 ea		\$

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDER (Insert this amount on the Teams Entry Form)	\$
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2013
PRESIDENT: LOU MORSCH
SECRETARY: MICHELLE ROWLES
TREASURER: LINDA WING
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: HELENA MORGAN
PENNANT DIRECTOR: JOHN DONOHOE

VICTORIAN MASTERS SQUASH ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

17 June 2013

Dear Member,

In accordance with Associations Incorporations Act 1981 and the Statement of Purposes and Rules of the **Victorian Masters Squash Association Incorporated**, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the **THIRTY THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** to be held on **SUNDAY, 25 AUGUST 2013**, at the Moorabbin Squash Centre, 10 Independence Street, Moorabbin commencing at 11.00am.

Enclosed are nomination forms for election of the following office bearers:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (5 to 7 to be elected)

VICE PRESIDENTS (1 Female & 1 Male)

TREASURER

PENNANT DIRECTOR

Written nominations must be received by the Secretary by **FRIDAY, 19 JULY 2013**, in order for nominees to be considered eligible for election. Oral nominations can only be accepted from the floor of the meeting if no written nomination has been received for any position by the due date. Only current financial members can be nominated for election, and the Proposer and Secunder must also be financial. Please ensure nomination form/s, duly completed with Proposer/Secunder/Nominee signatures, are forwarded by the deadline of **FRIDAY, 19 JULY 2013 to: Michelle Rowles – VMSA Secretary,**

**P O Box 1023,
NEWPORT VIC 3015**

Special Resolutions (Alteration to Rules)

If you have any Special Resolutions or Other Business you wish raised at the Annual General Meeting, written notification must be in the hands of the Secretary by **FRIDAY, 19 JULY 2013**.

Life Members

In accordance with resolution at the 1993 AGM, any nomination for Life Membership of the VMSA must be submitted confidentially in writing to the President, Lou Morsch by **FRIDAY, 19 JULY 2013**, in order for nominations to be considered by the Committee prior to recommendation to the AGM.

General Meeting

A General Meeting will be convened at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting at which time any business without notice may be discussed. Lou Morsch would like to advise that during the General Meeting he would be happy to answer any questions and engage in any discussion concerning the VMSA, its structure, performance and activities.

Refreshments

A light meal, funded by the VMSA, will be served at the conclusion of meetings, drinks at own cost.

We thank you for your support and co-operation and look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

VICTORIAN MASTERS SQUASH ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED A0008088E

THIRTY THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Of the
VICTORIAN MASTERS SQUASH ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
To be held at the
MOORABBIN SQUASH CENTRE, 10 INDEPENDENCE STREET, MOORABBIN
On
SUNDAY, 25 AUGUST 2013 AT 11.00 AM

AGENDA

- 1. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES**
- 2. MINUTES**
Approval of the Minutes of the Thirty Second Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, 26 August 2012.
- 3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (Lou Morsch)
Consideration of the President's Report for 2012/13.
- 4. TREASURER'S REPORT** (Linda Wing)
Consideration and acceptance of the Annual Report, Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet.
- 5. PENNANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (John Donohoe)
Consideration of the Pennant Director's Report for 2012/13.
- 6. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (Helena Morgan)
Consideration of the Tournament Director's Report for 2012/13 and the 2014 Tournament Calendar.
- 7. NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT** (Lynette Woodyard)
- 8. MEMBERSHIP REPORT** (Pam Park)
- 9. WEBMASTER'S REPORT** (Mark Thurkle)
- 10. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS** (All positions will be declared vacant)
Current (2012/13) Office Bearers and Committee:

President:	Lou Morsch
Vice Presidents:	Mike Edney/Jillian Morsch
Treasurer:	Linda Wing
Secretary:	Michelle Rowles
Pennant Director:	John Donohoe
Tournament Director:	Helena Morgan
Committee:	Julie Blackie, Darren O'Neill, Pam Park, Mark Thurkle Lynette Woodyard, Ian Wyatt
Committee Appointment:	Clara Edney (Results Officer)
- 11. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**
- 12. MEMBER SUBSCRIPTIONS**
Determination of Member Subscriptions for the financial year 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014.

VICTORIAN MASTERS SQUASH ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED A0008088E

NOMINATION FORM

THIRTY THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(Sunday, 25 August 2013)

POSITION DESCRIPTION:	
NOMINEE'S NAME:	
PROPOSED BY:	
SECONDED BY:	
SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE:	
DATE:	
FORWARD TO:	MICHELLE ROWLES - VMSA SECRETARY P O BOX 1023 NEWPORT VIC 3015 FAX : 03 9391 6461 EMAIL; rowles.michelle@yahoo.com.au
DEADLINE:	FRIDAY 19 JULY 2013

POSITION DESCRIPTION:	
NOMINEE'S NAME:	
PROPOSED BY:	
SECONDED BY:	
SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE:	
DATE:	
FORWARD TO:	MICHELLE ROWLES - VMSA SECRETARY P O BOX 1023 NEWPORT VIC 3015 FAX : 03 9391 6461 EMAIL; rowles.michelle@yahoo.com.au
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