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Summer heat and bushfires. Something we have to endure again and I trust everyone made it through unscathed. From Mickleham to Morwell and to our many other rural friends, I hope you are all safe and well. Leaving home on our way to Wodonga recently, Jill and I were stunned by how close these fires got and how blackened the landscape was. Speaking of Wodonga, the heat was certainly on again up there this year but not quite to the same extent as 2013. We had a great time again and I can thankfully say the extension of the liquor license to 2am on Friday night at the courts created a significant improvement in the mood of squashies compared to last year's 11pm curfew. To say nothing of the benefit this returned to Wodonga Squash Club. I would personally like to thank the Wodonga Squash Club and its committee for being such fine hosts in 2013 and 2014.

There has been some good and bad news since my last newsletter. The good news was provided by Peter Fricke and Belinda Murphy who became engaged recently. Another great relationship developed through squash. Congratulations Peter and Belinda. Then we had a significant birthday event when our Tournament Director - Helena Morgan celebrated her 60<sup>th</sup> year of squash (oh-ah birthday). I know she appreciated all the well wishes that were expressed on the birthday card in Wodonga. On the other hand, our thoughts and well wishes go to Bruce Turner and Roger Regan who are experiencing ill health at the moment. Bruce is a former Section 1 regular who we haven't seen for quite a while, and Roger is a regular from the Geelong region who has been a feature at our tournaments until recent times. Bearded, balding, sweats profusely on the

dance floor and plays average squash – you know the guy and I'm sure he would appreciate my tongue in cheek assessment of him. Your friends in the VMSA are thinking of you both.

Is everyone enjoying our new website nowadays? It is being constantly improved and Thurks tells us it will soon be complete. Just getting the on-line entry right is the last hurdle and it's a big one. We are all surprised by the enormity of this project. We would love some feedback if members have any comments.

The long 18 week Autumn season is about a third of the way in. Hope everyone is hitting plenty of winners and playing good squash. I'm playing at Club Hawthorn this season and enjoying the shorter trip on home nights. Sorry Ray, but I still miss the Melton team if it's any comfort. I'm also enjoying meeting some new faces. If you are also meeting new players, I hope you will emphasize the enjoyment of Masters and its friendly approach as well as the opportunities of playing in our tournaments.

There have been more new players turning up at our country tournaments which is very encouraging. There seems to be a trend for a whole team from any given club entering together for an enjoyable weekend away. Hope this continues as it creates great camaraderie and team spirit. See you at the next one in Bendigo on the 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> April.

Let's keep squash alive by playing Masters in the VMSA.

Your Prez  
Lou Morsch



# TOURNAMENT REPORT

## Wodonga Masters Championships 2014

The journey to Wodonga was well worth the travel time. A wonderful weekend. The weather was perfect for us, a little warm on court, but a nice cool ale after the match helped.

There was even more work done to the courts since last year, and they are in tip top shape.

The barbie was going all weekend with some excellent food available. Great job! A big thank you to all at the Wodonga Club for your hospitality over our 3 days.

Congratulations to all the winners, but also congratulations to all who participated.

All matches over the weekend were played in true master's spirit, which is what it is all about. Welcome back to a few players we have not seen for a while - Grantley Pinnington, Greg Duncan and last but not least Karen Scott. Karen not only won her section, she won the Members draw for 2 free dinner dance tickets, and she also received her 50 tournaments badge. Not only is she back, but she is back with a vengeance.

We also welcomed 10 new (virgin) players. Hope you all had a good time.

As usual the dinner dance was a huge success. Winner of our members draw for 2 free dinner dance tickets as mentioned before was Karen Scott. If you attended the dinner dance you may have seen Karen "breakdancing" on the dance floor, tight dress, high heels and all.

Make sure your membership is up to date before the next tournament so you can be included in the draw.

Tournament milestones achieved in Wodonga.

Tony Bennett

25



Mal Rubinich

50



Karen Scott

50



A big, big thank you to my assistants, Karen and Ute. The tournament only runs as smoothly as it does because of their help.

Now a couple of things I need to ask you all to do when filling out your entry forms.

Please put a contact number on your form that we can reach you on while at the tournament.

There were a couple of you at this tournament who only put their home phone number on the entry. If I need to contact you about a time change etc while at the tournament you won't answer the phone because "you are not home".

Secondly, if you have any special dietary requirements, Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Don't like seafood, allergic to something, please write it on your entry.

Our dinner dance venue at Wodonga was fantastic, and because of the size of the venue, they were able to provide the extra "special requests" made on the night. This is not possible at some of our other venues.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Next tournament is the Victorian Championships in Bendigo.

We are not having a dinner dance as such, on the Saturday night. Instead we have booked a function room upstairs at the Metro where we will have a full buffet style dinner. For those who want to dance the night away, there is a band downstairs.

This should suit everyone, as you can sit and chat upstairs, or go downstairs for the music and exercise.

As the band is provided by the venue, it has allowed us to reduce the price for the night to only \$30 per head. Please book your seat on your entry form.

Get your entries in as soon as you can.

The more entries I receive, the more grades we can have, so everyone can play at their own level.

See you at Bendigo

*Helena*



# Wodonga Masters Championships Winners



Champion – Warren Miller



## Section 1

Winner	Warren Miller (Lilydale)
R/Up	Peter Gilbee (Lilydale)
Special Plate	Gus Sutton (V – Albury)
Plate	Chris Photis (Bright)
Cons Plate	David Shay (Werribee)



## Section 2

Winner	Chye Lim (Grace Park)
R/Up	Gary Mc Pyke (Mulgrave)
Special Plate	Tim Robinson (V – Westerfolds)
Plate	Angelo Coco (Grace Park)
Cons Plate	Jason Turk (Wodonga)



## Section 3

Winner	Leon Gallivan (Shepparton)
R/Up	Robert McFarlane (Lilydale)
Special Plate	Caron Pendrey (Lilydale)
Plate	Stephen Russell (Lilydale)
Cons Plate	Ray Gallo (Squash Logic)



## Section 4

Winner	Denis Mettam (ACT)
R/Up	Daryl Snowdon (Wangaratta)
Special Plate	Ricky Bourke (Squash Logic)
Plate	Jodie McLean (Lilydale)
Cons Plate	Neil Tytler (Moorabbin)



## Section 5

Winner	Geoff Morley (Maffra)
R/Up	Catrina Cook (Hawthorn)
Special Plate	Linda Wing (PEGS)
Plate	Belinda Murphy (Mulgrave)
Cons Plate	Sandra Creek (Squash Logic)



## Section 6

Winner	Karen Scott (Squash Logic)
R/Up	Marge Delaney (Werribee)
Special Plate	Jackie Bannon
Plate	Joe Licciardi (V)
Cons' Plate	Libby Belton (Rosebud)



## Section 7

Winner	Irene Gilbert (V - NSW)
R/Up	Rhonda Fry (ACT)
Special Plate	Rita Stewart (Moorabbin)
Plate	Jennifer Esam (Shepparton)
Cons Plate	Jenny Anderson (Moe)

# Wodonga - Whacky Moments



1. Brian Davey copped one of the best whacks ever. Fancy trying to steal someone's chocolates, especially if it's a raffle prize and it was Jill's. Tempting fate, while Jill was in the loo, Brian tried to nick some of Jill's chokkies from the jarful she won at the dinner dance. Just as it seemed the deed was done, the table was treated to a hilarious moment as Jill descended from nowhere and whacked Brian a beauty on the forearm he just removed from the jar. Helen Lococo nearly had a heart attack with the stunning surprise attack and poor Brian was left scarred for life by the assault. The rest of us couldn't stop laughing!!
  2. Jill Mitchell was having such a great time at the dinner dance until it all got too much. During a quiet moment late into the evening, Jill nodded off!! Startled by all the photography, Jill awoke embarrassed but still smiling. Can't wait to see the photo Jill.
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3. Libby Belton – the latest cougar in the VMSA. Whilst enjoying the music of the local band at the dinner dance, one of the bar staff was enticed onto the dance floor by the band, where he was promptly latched on to by Libby.
  4. Wodonga will gladly welcome Wali and Jill at any of their future tournaments. Not for the squash but the amount of money pumped into the local economy. Returning from a relaxing drive around the district on Saturday, Wali and Jill returned with a boot full of local wines, cheeses and assorted products. And I mean – a boot full!!
  5. Geoff Morley – only been playing in Masters events for about 25 years, yet a virgin Section Winner in Wodonga. Geoff – Catrina let you win!!!!
  6. Zig – didn't play in Wodonga. Must be still getting over the Ballarat hangover!!



## Upcoming Masters-Juniors Tournament

2014 sees the **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of our Masters-Juniors event. Set down for the weekend of the 31<sup>st</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> June, the VMSA is hoping for another great entry as we strive to encourage junior participation in squash, not just at the elite level but at all levels of ability. Juniors 23 year of age and under will be partnered with their master player of choice or will be allocated a Masters team-mate if they have no nominated partner.

Jill Morsch is again our Tournament Director and she is as excited about the event as all those anticipating to enter. This is a fun weekend event set to highlight the spirit of Junior competition but also the enjoyment of participation with a Masters partner.

Grays will again sponsor the event with support from the VMSA and Squash Analysis. Prizes will be significant especially for our Junior male and female winners. I would stress the need for more junior females as there is a clear shortage in this area. Our current male and female Masters Apprentices are Andrew (latte) Monochino from Shepparton and Sarah Quinlivan from Leeton in NSW. Both have benefitted significantly from the prizes they received in 2013 along with coaching lessons and financial support from the VMSA for tournament entry. In fact, Andrew is sending us broke with all the tournaments he has entered in his 12 month Apprenticeship. In Sarah's case she is striving to become selected to represent Victoria in the Australian Junior Age Championships. Not bad for a New South Welshman.

The VMSA is looking forward to this event along with Steve and Lisa Walton from Grays, Garry Pedersen from Squash Analysis and Blu-Health & Rackets Moorabbin – now managed by Todd Bowden. Entry forms will be available through a mailout to VMSA members and most squash centres. We will also have entry forms available on our website at [www.vmsasquash.com.au](http://www.vmsasquash.com.au).



# WODONGA 2014 DINNER DANCE





# WODONGA 2014 AROUND THE COURTS



### Upcoming Tournaments

Victorian Champs,  
Bendigo - April 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 2014  
Masters Juniors,  
Moorabbin - May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> 2014  
Shepparton Champs - July 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> 2014  
Australian Champs,  
Bathurst - Sept 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 2014  
Grays Ballarat - November 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014



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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 all at your fingertips.

In the very 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.



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