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Good luck to all our Victorian friends and other intending Aussie competitors in Hong Kong at this year's World Masters Championships. It seems there is a lot of interest generated in the event this time as it is held closer on our side of the world. Judging by the competitive nature of matches at the Victorian aged Championships in Bendigo, there are a lot of men and women "tuning up" for a crack at the World's in early July. Let's hope someone in our Masters ranks from Victoria can supply us with a report to keep interested members informed of performances.

Speaking of competitiveness, wasn't it great to see all the 'Lyons' lions playing in Bendigo. We all know Brian of course, but wasn't it fantastic to have all his 'cubs' competing for the first time as a great big family unit. I wonder if there are any other families with such a squash pedigree that could rival their number at an event. Food for thought!! Once again, the Masters/Juniors tournament has just been completed and without a doubt, one of the most enjoyable weekends of family squash was had at Moorabbin. It was our 10th year for this event as many would know. It was an outstanding success and a pleasure to be a part of. Jill's report will be good reading.

As we tick over to Winter, the pennant season finals will soon be upon us. My new friends and teammates at Club Hawthorn are in contention for a flag so fingers crossed in Grade 5.

I'm hoping we don't meet PEGS in the finals as they are a real danger team. Brian/Zig/Ken and Dave cost our team \$200 in grog last pennant round!! Interesting to note my old friends in Ray/Rick/Mal and Mal at Squash Logic finished down the ladder and out of contention this season. Could you be missing me fellas??? Good luck to all competing finalists this season. Hope you bring your best form and...best behaviour!!!

The next VMSA tournament comes along on 25th-27th July in Shepparton. The Shepp folk are great supporters of our events and also great hosts. Their juniors are also outstanding as we witnessed in the Masters/Juniors recently. They're always keen to take on any Masters player for a "friendly competitive hit" in between breaks. As well, the "apprentice" as we know him, Andrew Meredith, will be around to service all your squash needs for shoes, restringing etc etc. Shepparton will be sponsored by our good buddy Max Smith from Combined Liquor Services. The section prizes will be a great incentive to perform well. As an extra innovation this year, we will be providing a wine tasting of Max's range. Could get ugly with Jill and Wali in charge of tastings and ordering. Remember Wodonga Terry!!!

Squash is for life. See you soon.

*Lou Morsch –
your Prez*



TOURNAMENT REPORT

BENDIGO CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

A great tournament, with some new faces and a lot of good squash matches. Congratulations to all who participated.

120 players entered the Championships this year, a few more than last year. Some of the age groups were still a little light on though. More women entered this time, 40 compared to 27 last year. We even had 2 entries in the 35-39 age group which is an improvement.

Of the 7 virgins that played, it is fabulous to note that 4 of them were sisters, and also the daughters of one of our long standing players, Brian Lyons. Brian came third in the Mens 70-74 event, Rochelle won the Womens 35-39, while the other three sisters competed in the Womens 40-44 event with Vicki Runner-Up, Nicole 3rd and Kerryn 6th. This is what I would call "A PRIDE OF LYONS"

We would also like to welcome to our ranks Mary Sceney and Gary Pedersen. Both were winners of their respective age groups and also participated in a couple of exhibition matches for us. If all goes well, we hope to see them both at Ballarat, which will definitely give our regulars a bit of a shake up.



Quite a lot of our members will be heading to Hong Kong for the World Masters and we wish them all the best of luck. We also hope that they will be back in time to play in Shepparton.

At Shepparton, the dinner dance is at a different venue this time, the GV Hotel, so we will provide a booze bus at a nominal cost. Pick up points will be advised on Saturday.

Please let us know on your entry if you intend to use this service so we know what size bus to book. Please also let us know if you will be attending the dinner dance as I have to confirm numbers the week before.

Get your entries in, by post, fax, email and even on-line this time, so no excuses.

Hope to see you all there

Helena

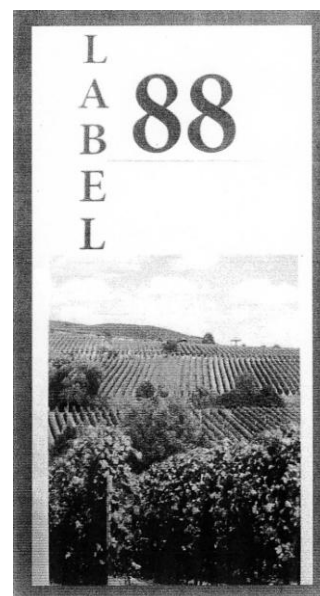
Upcoming Tournaments

Shepparton -	July 25 th to 27 th 2014
Australian Champs, Bathurst -	Sept 1 st to 12 th 2014
Grays Ballarat -	November 21 st to 23 rd 2014

Membership Nook

Hi all. The website is complete and with it comes the ability to confirm your details. The most common details to change are email addresses and mobile phone numbers. It will also enable you to check your membership due dates. Now that this facility is available, please check all information carefully and amend any incorrect information. As the website is now fully operational I will not be sending monthly emails to remind you of due dates. If you do have queries please feel free to contact me by email membership@vmsasquash.com.au, or mobile phone **0439 308 093**. Remember you need to be a member of the VMSA if you wish to participate in the Australian Masters Squash tournament in Bathurst NSW, but with all the benefits a membership offers, why wouldn't you?

Yours in squash,
Pam Park
Membership Coordinator



Online Entries have arrived

We are delighted to announce Online Entries for our Tournaments are now available.

By now all financial members who have an email address registered with us should have received an email advising them of their Username and Password. The first time that you log on you will be asked to change your password to one of your choice. If you have not received an email please contact our Membership Officer, Pam Park at membership@vmsasquash.com.au.

It is easy to enter tournaments online. All you need to do is log on, fill out the details and pay with your credit card. You will receive an email confirmation of your entry in your email Inbox.

There are a range of features available to members including:

- Updating information about yourself such as:
 - Your postal address
 - Your email address
 - Your phone numbers
(important to list a mobile phone number in case Helena needs to contact you during a tournament)
 - Your emergency contact details
 - Your current pennant details
 - How you would like to receive your newsletter ie by post or email.
- The date when your membership expires. You no longer have to worry about remembering when your membership is due as you can check it in *Your Details* section.
- You can also pay your membership online or as part of your online tournament entry, just like many of you have done in the past with the paper tournament entry forms.

This is a new and exciting feature for our members and we would love to receive your feedback.

If you are not a current financial member but play tournaments and would like to be able to enter online, become a member - it only costs \$20 a year and one of the advantages is cheaper entry fees to tournaments. Application forms are available on the home page of our website.



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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.

If you are a member, **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.



*New sponsorship from
Park Lane Holiday Parks*

Park Lane Holiday Parks offer all VMSA entrants and members (including family) to stay with us during your events in Shepparton and Bendigo during 2014/2015

Our quality accommodation is both spacious and affordable. Along with our friendly staff, your stay is sure to be an enjoyable one!

Phone 1800 44 00 00 to secure your booking and we will donate a percentage of your booking back to the Victorian Masters Squash Association.

In order for us to accurately calculate your 2.5% commission back, it is important that all guests booking in for the squash events mention the event as this is the only record we will have to calculate the percentage. When booking online, they can leave a note in the comment section of the booking.



With the introduction of Online Entries to our VMSA website, please be aware that the Association will be undertaking some major changes to the way the newsletter is distributed to members.

This will be the last newsletter we will be distributing by postal mailout, as the October 2014 edition will be emailed to members unless you specifically request a postal version through your **membership details** page on our website www.vmsasquash.com.au, or by contacting our Membership Officer, Pam Park at membership@vmsasquash.com.au.

Our latest newsletter will be available to view through our website as usual if you are a current member, and our past editions are available for all to view.

The Editor.
Happy reading



BENDIGO 2014





The Lyon's Pride

Who would have thought in 1971 when Brian and Marg Lyons opened the Yarrowonga Squash centre that some 40 odd years later Brian and his four daughters would all compete in the Victorian Aged Masters Championships run by the Victorian Masters Squash Association VMSA. The VMSA caters for players over 35 years who enjoy playing squash in a sociable yet competitive level. Masters has grown into a strong association and continues to host it's own pennant competition as well as state national and world titles. In June this year the world masters titles will be held in Hong Kong where Brian will be competing. His girls wish him all the best for the next challenge. Brian received a medal commemorating 15 years of competing in the VMSA tournaments. For the first time in



Brian Lyons with his daughters (R to L) Vicki Martin, Kerryn Lyons, Nicole Stenhouse & Rochelle Shaw

VMSA history a father and all his children have competed in an event together, cheered on by Margaret and their 10 grandchildren. It was a very proud moment when one by one the girls took to the court, and even prouder for the girls when their father played. There was fantastic squash played from all the Lyons pride with Brian finishing third in the 70-74 age group. In the 40-44 age group Vicki finished second and Nicole Third. Kerryn managed to survive and has promised to make a comeback after her 10 year retirement and Rochelle won the 35-39 age group.

Mike & Clara's Farewell from Moorabbin Squash Centre



It was with great sadness that we said farewell to Mike & Clara as tenants of the Moorabbin Squash Courts after 18 years as administrators. The Moorabbin Squash Club arranged an official thank you

for them held at the TS&L factory, and we thank Wali & Terry for the use of their venue. The Moorabbin Committee all had anecdotes to relate for the enjoyment of all. We wish Mike & Clara all the best for the next phase of their lives, although they will still be involved in squash administration through the VMSA committee.



Results - VICTORIAN MASTERS SQUASH STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Event	Awarded to	Event	Awarded to
(1) MENS 35-39 OPEN Winner	CAMERON PENNA BENDIGO	(13) MENS 75-79 / 80-84 / 85-89 OPEN	
Runner Up	GUS SUTTON ALBURY	Mens 75-79 Winner	DINNY HURLEY FITZPATRICKS
Third	CHRIS PHOTIS ALBURY	Mens 75-79 Runner-Up	NOEL CLOUGH GEELONG
Consolation plate	SHAUN OELOFSEN MOORABBIN	Mens 75-79 Third	IAN ASHBY
(2) MENS 40-44 OPEN Winner	MICHAEL CARUANA SQUASH LOGIC	Mens 80-84 Winner	SYD WEBB MARYBOROUGH
Runner Up	JOHN ALAMANOS MOORABBIN	Mens 85-89 Winner	MAX SMYTH HAWTHORN
Third	LEON GALLIVAN SHEPPARTON	(14) MENS 55-59 DIVISION 2	
(3) MENS 45-49 OPEN Winner	GARRY PEDERSEN (V)	Winner	CLEO NANNI HAWTHORN
Runner Up	KEVIN HEALY MILDURA	Runner Up	BARRY FITZPATRICK BENDIGO
Third	MICHAEL BOURKE SQUASH LOGIC	Third	LOU MORSCH HAWTHORN
Consolation plate	MICHAEL FATOUROS DROMANA	Consolation plate	STEVE MURRAY MOORABBIN
(4) MENS 45-49 DIVISION 2 Winner	GARY MCPYKE MULGRAVE	(15) WOMENS 35-39 OPEN / 45-49 DIV	
Runner Up	STEVE MORLEY MACCABI	45-49 Div 2 Winner	INO WOBBS
Third	ROBERT MACFARLANE LILYDALE	45-49 Div 2 Runner-Up	KAREN GRIFFITH
Plate	GREG DUNCAN WANGARATTA	45-49 Div 2 Third	SUE MOSES
Consolation plate	DARREN ROYLANCE YARRAM	35-39 Winner	ROCHELLE SHAW (V)
(5) MENS 50-54 OPEN Winner	WARREN MILLER LILYDALE	35-39 Runner-Up	AUTUM O'CONNELL (V)
Runner Up	PETER GILBEE LILYDALE	65-69 Winner	MARGE DELANEY
Third	BRYAN CASEY LEOPOLD	65-69 Runner-Up	JUDY SIMMONS
(6) MENS 50-54 DIVISION 2 Winner	CHYE LIM GRACE PARK	(16) WOMENS 40-44 OPEN	
Runner Up	DARREN O'NEILL MOORABBIN	Winner	JODIE MCLEAN LILYDALE
Third	JORGE FREIJE WESTERFOLDS	Runner Up	VICKI MARTIN (V) YARRAWONG
(7) MENS 55-59 OPEN Winner	PETER ADRIAANS	Third	NICOLE STENHOUSE (V) YARRAWONGA
Runner Up	DAVID SHAY WERRIBEE	Consolation plate	ALLISON DOUGLAS MOE
Third	MARK THURKLE MOORABBIN	(17) WOMENS 45-49 / 55-59 / 60-64 OPEN	
(8) MENS 60-64 OPEN Winner	JOHN TOBIN BALLARAT	45-49 Winner	SUE DUNLOP HAWTHORN
Runner Up	JOHN SANDS HAWTHORN	45-49 Runner-Up	ANNE FORDHAM ROSEBUD
Third	RICK DINTINOSANTE SQUASH LOGIC	45-49 Third	JANINE EEDY TOWERHILL
Consolation plate	TONY ZINNA WERRIBEE	55-59 Winner	MARY SCENEY (V) GEELONG
(9) MENS 60-64 DIVISION 2 Winner	RICHARD JOHNSON MOORABBIN	55-59 Runner-Up	BIDDY MCCLARTY GRACE PARK
Runner Up	ZIG SZAMBELANCZYK PEGS	60-64 Winner	JENNY CLARK GEELONG
Third	RAY GALLO SQUASH LOGIC	60-64 Runner-Up	TINA GILCHRIST LILYDALE
Consolation plate	GORDON HALL SHEPPARTON	(18) WOMENS 50-54 OPEN	
(10) MENS 60-64 DIVISION 3		Winner	LINDA WING PEGS
Winner	ROGER REJMER MOE	Runner Up	THERESE LYNCH BENDIGO
Runner Up	GEOFF MORLEY MAFFRA	Third	JILL MORSCH PEGS
Third	GRAEME LAYTON KNOX PARK	Plate	MICHELLE ROWLES PEGS
(11) MENS 65-69 OPEN Winner	PETER FRICKE MULGRAVE	Consolation plate	SUE DYKE YARRAM
Runner Up	RON SCHIAVELLO WESTERFOLDS	(19) WOMENS 55-59 DIVISION 2	
Third	JOHN FORREST ACT	Winner	BELINDA MURPHY
(12) MENS 70-74 OPEN Winner	TED VALE	Runner Up	TASHIA MIHAIL MULGRAVE
Runner Up	TOM SLATTERY MULGRAVE	Third	SANDRA CREEK SQUASH LOGIC
Third	BRIAN LYONS YARRAWONGA	(20) WOMENS 60-64 DIVISION 2	
Consolation plate	IAN KIRKBY BENDIGO	Winner	JUDITH FOX TAS
		Runner Up	LYNETTE WOODYARD PEGS
		Third	LIBBY INNES HAWTHORN

Victorian Championships 2014 - Bendigo



M & L 35-39 Open



M 40-44 Open



M 45-49 Open



M 45-49 Div 2



M 50-54 Open



M 50-54 Div 2



M 55-59 Open



M 55-59 Div 2



M 60-64 Open



M60-64 Div 2



M 65-69 Open



M 70-74 Open



M75-79, 80-84, 85-89



W 35-39 Open



W 40-44 Open



W 45-49 Open



W 50-54 Open



W 55-59 Div 2



W 55-59 Open



W 60-64 Open



W60-64 Div 2



W 65-69 Div 2



Oldest and Youngest Competitors
Max Smith & Cameron Penna



Winners are grinners



April 2014 Bendigo Advertiser Article

BENDIGO players enjoyed success at the recent Victorian Masters Tournament held at the Bendigo Squash Centre. The tournament attracted 120 players competing in both men's and women's events.

The women ranged from the 35-39 to 60-65 years age groups, while the men competed across 13 divisions from 35-39 to 85-89 years.

Among the Bendigo competitors who were victorious in their divisions were Cameron Penna and Autum O' Connell.

Penna won the 35-39 Men's Open, while O'Connell took out the 35-39 Women's Open.

Other Bendigo competitors who performed well at the tournament included Barry Fitzpatrick (runner-up 55-59 men's division two); Ian Kirkby (consolation plate 70-75 men's open) and Therese Lynch (runner-up 50-54 women's open).

During the tournament the Bendigo Squash Club made a special presentation to Jo Walsh in appreciation of her contribution to the club.



WELL PLAYED: Cameron Penna, Autum O'Connell, Gus Sutton and Shaun Oelofsen.



2014 Australian Masters – Bathurst

The INDIVIDUALS EVENTS are being held from Monday 1 September – Friday 5 September 2014.

The TEAMS EVENTS are being held from Monday 8 September – Friday 12 September 2014. The teams have 3 players per team. Whilst the battle against the states is very competitive, it is very social like our VMSA pennant where we enjoy a drink and nibbles at the end of the night.

To enter the team's event, you need to do the following:

Complete the **Team's Entry form** included in this newsletter and send to VMSA Secretary
by Friday, 1 August 2014

This will enter you in the Teams Event for Victoria.
You can also order a Victorian team uniform

Register with NSW Masters Squash Association

Click on this link to access the online entry
<http://amsasquash.com.au/amsa2014>

This is where you pay for your functions and order Bathurst merchandise.

All team players are expected to play in the VMSA uniform, and if playing in the Individuals, and you would like to wear the uniform, you are also able to purchase one. All team players will receive one free pair of shorts or skort with their uniform order when purchasing a team top.

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



2014 Jim Bristow Cup Masters Juniors Tournament

	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
SECTION 1	Jacob Oates / Anthony Hill	Nathan Lindner / Peter Gilbee
SECTION 2	Josh McMillan / Peter Adriaans	Macauley Harrison / Tim Batty
SECTION 3	Rachael Blanchard / Geoff Wilcock	Michael Scolaro / Anthony Morris
SECTION 4	Bradley Maidment / Damian Maidment	Jonathan Vu / Richard Johnson
SECTION 5	Ryan Soutar / Mark Soutar	Jack Ellis / Peter Ellis
SECTION 6	Cameron Anderson / Allison Douglas	Alex Mouw / Ray Mouw
SECTION 7	Lachlan Stenhouse / Brian Lyons	Maanu Alexander / Michelle Rowles & Lynette Woodyard
SECTION 8	Joey Kaminsky / Alex Kaminsky	Courtney Scholtz / Carl Scholtz

2014 MALE 'MASTERS APPRENTICE' AWARDED TO BRYCE ANDERSON

2014 FEMALE 'MASTERS APPRENTICE' AWARDED TO RACHAEL BLANCHARD

2014 Jim Bristow Cup Masters/Juniors Tournament

Report by Jill Morsch- Tournament Organiser

This year marked the 10th year of the Jim Bristow Cup - Masters/Junior Tournament. We had the added pleasure of having Steve Walton from Inform Connection/Grays/Squash.com enter with one of his daughters. Little Belinda had so much fun she has now asked her dad if they can have a hit once a week – I can see the tears in your eyes from here Steve. Hopefully next year we will again watch them in action & see how much Steve has improved with his squash - I mean how much Belinda has improved with her squash. After all the years of Steve & Lisa conducting tournaments, can you believe this is the first of his own Inform Connection events that Steve has entered. That is Virgin on the ridiculous Steve.!!!

We were a little down on numbers this year but still managed to maintain 8 sections. The last 2 sections had 4 & 3 teams playing in them. This didn't seem to dampen anyone's enthusiasm over the weekend though as everyone had smiles on their faces, even on Sunday (or were they grimaces). Included in the event were 19 Leetonians who made the long trek this year compared to just 4 last year. What a great effort from this town in NSW. Believe me; their effort to support our tournament with such numbers was very much appreciated. Our good mates from Shepparton were next with 9 entrants with other country towns represented by players from Bendigo, Moe, Morwell and Maffra. Then some of the Lyons Pride from Yarrawonga joined us for the 1st time with Brian Lyons teaming with his grandson Lachlan.

Our locals consisted of players from Moorabbin, Lilydale, Mulgrave, Hawthorn, Bentleigh, Kooyong, MSAC, Westerfolds, Mountain Districts, Knox Park, Melton & the Peninsula. Hopefully, those who played this year from the local clubs will tell their friends about this event and talk them into playing next year.

Like last year, we were again graced with a former world top 10 player from not so long ago. Anthony Hill teamed up with one of our ex 'Masters Apprentices' in Jacob Oates. They went on to take out the Section 1 event defeating Peter Gilbee & Nathan Lindner in an exciting last round clash between the 2 undefeated sides in that division. Once again, the winner was decided in the doubles match. A little bit of trivia for you: Did you know that Anthony's dad Tim Hill won his section with his junior partner, James Vercoulen in the very first Jim Bristow Cup. Talking of our 'Masters Apprentices', we had 5 previous winners playing on the weekend. Last year's winners Andrew 'Latte' Monichino & Sarah Quinlivan along with Jacob Oates as mentioned earlier, Claire Quinlivan & Josh McMillan. It was wonderful to watch these gifted juniors play so well and see the improvement in their squash. It brought a great sense of pride to us as organizers along with our wonderful sponsors Steve Walton from Inform Connection & Grays and Garry Pederson from Squash Analysis.

Every year, choosing a male & female for the VMSA 'Masters Apprentice' Award is no easy task for 2 reasons.

1. Every junior played so competitively yet in true Masters tradition of friendship and great spirit & most with huge smiles on their faces.
2. The conduct and displays of good sportsmanship spread throughout the entire group.

With the choice of girls, it was unfortunate our female numbers were down and the choices were limited to just a few. Having said that, as all girls were so nice to watch, it still made it so difficult to pick just one. The choice of junior boy was a lottery given the quality of the players. Eventually, a decision was reached and congratulations to our 2014 VMSA Masters Apprentice Award winners in Bryce Anderson from Moe, and Rachael Blanchard from Mountain Districts. Each received a Grays squash racket & bag, Hi-Tech Shoes, clothing and other accessories to the value of \$500, thanks to Steve Walton at Grays/Hi-Tech. Then comes 12 months 'Gold' Membership to Squashanalysis.com.au from Garry Pederson, which offers many benefits including video analysis and instruction and lessons to further improve their squash. On top of

this, the VMSA contributes financial support for coaching and tournament entry for the next 12 months.

As we plan for next year, we will talk to as many schools/colleges in the area that have a squash program and see if we can talk more juniors into playing. Hopefully this will give them a taste of what fun you can have playing squash, not to mention developing some good friendships along the way like many of us “old” squashies have.

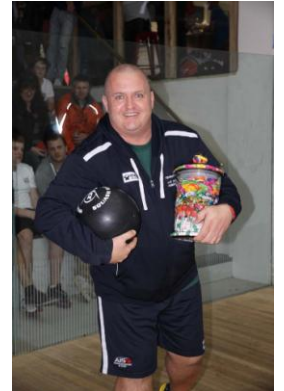
Finally, this fantastic event would not continue without the dedication and enthusiasm of sponsors and many people behind the scenes. The food produced throughout the day by Moorabbin Squash Club members was great, especially Darren’s pizzas. He found it challenging to keep up with the demand! The VMSA is thankful for the support of all those contributors which make this Masters/Juniors tournament so successful and a delight to be a part of.

QUIZ

Can you identify the youngster with Geoff Hunt? This photo was taken 30 years ago, and he participated in the Masters Juniors Tournament this year. HINT: He is from Shepp, has a little less hair now, and his initials are I. A.



Happy raffle winner. Lots of energy in that jar!





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