



# THE MASTER'S VOICE

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## THE PREZ SEZ By Lou Morsch



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Well the holiday in June/July went well. I hope everyone got a taste of our travels on facebook 'cause

Jill had a great time posting photos and messages from abroad. Comments anyone?? Like how hot was it overseas whilst you were all shivering back home!!!

Just in case members and friends missed it, we spent 5 weeks away on "business" since the last newsletter. England, Czech Republic and Italy just to drop a couple of names. Fantastic probably just sums it up according to Jill – do you think? We weren't the only off season holidaymakers though. Angelo, Phil, Steve and the rest of the Grace Park mob also lived it up in Italy along with Mario and Margarita Quintella and Peter and Cheryl Gilbee also had a great family holiday lazing around Europe. I'm sure many more of our members also took holidays so Ballarat this year could be a story swap weekend.

Perhaps we should start a scrapbook as well for inclusion in the next newsletter. Sounds like a plan folks.

Apart from holidays, I participated in my first Australian in Perth in Sept. Managed to work it around another "business" trip.

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## 2015 Trans Tasman Test Series

At the time of printing, Warren Miller is making his way to New Zealand to represent Australia in the TranTasman Test Series to be held in October.

The VMSA wishes our Vics and all Australian competitors well for this series.

*Footnote: Australia won the Test 2-1. Well done Aussies.*

### Upcoming Tournaments

Wodonga Feb 19-21 '16

Vic Masters Champs,  
Bendigo April 15 -17 '16

Masters/Juniors Champs,  
Westerfolds May 28-29 '16

Shepparton  
Champs July 22-24 '16

Australian Masters Champs –  
Darwin - Sept 5-16 '16

Grays Ballarat - Nov 18-20 '16



# **TOURNAMENT REPORT**

By Helena Morgan

## **BENDIGO MASTERS 2015**

Another great tournament.

Thank you to all who entered.  
108 entries including 8 “Virgins”

A lot of tough matches that were fought out in true master’s spirit as usual.

Thanks also to the interstate players who support our tournaments. For this one there were 5 from ACT, 2 from Tasmania, and 1 from S.A. (Welcome back Carol).

Again the Bendigo Squash Club provided us with great food and plenty of liquid refreshment. Russell and his crew did a fantastic job.

Also must say well done for the renovations to the showers and change rooms. You have done a lot of hard work and it definitely has paid off.

The dinner dance was well supported. So was our raffle. Thank you. A reminder that because of you all supporting our raffles we are able to keep the cost of the dinner dance at the ridiculously low price it is.

Winner of the members draw for 2 free dinner dance tickets was Karen Scott.....Again!!!.....

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

Vic Stafford	25
Michelle Rowles	50
Judy Fox	50
Ross Trompf	75

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

At this tournament we started a new On-Line Members Draw. Members who enter on line go into the draw to win a piece of VMSA merchandise. Winner of our first draw was Janine Eedy. Congratulations!

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## **THE PREZ SEZ** – *Continued from page 1*

Had a great time along with hordes of other Victorians who migrated west for the national championships. Well done to the ones who drove across the Nullarbor to get there by the way. How many slabs did it take Ray? Congratulations also to the individual and teams event winners. I know there were many as well as some close runners-up. Unfortunately, I wasn’t one of those but the team performed well. My teammates Terry Barlow and Ray Gallo, were competitive but saved their best work for the BAR. Back on the local front pennant season is progressing well. My PEGS team is copping a few floggings but looking on the positive side, we are getting plenty of drinking time at supper as a result. Should be well prepared for Ballarat!! On the negative side, there are an increasing number of walkovers being given throughout the grades. This is not good for the competition nor is it fair on your opposition who commit to play each week. I understand the difficulties of keeping a fit and available squad together but every effort must be made to honour your intent to play and give your opponents a match. Our association is very understanding when it comes to fining teams or clubs but we may start to be less sympathetic if it continues.

We are leading up to Ballarat again so I hope everyone is preparing their groups and partners for another excellent tournament on the 20th-22nd November. I want to see the weekend continue a success in terms of squash and social enjoyment. We can count on Steve Walton to provide the incentive with prizes and specials on clearance items of squash equipment so let’s all be a part of our biggest Masters event for the year. What a way to see all your friends off with a Christmas celebration as well. Looking forward to Ballarat and sharing some stories (again) of our wonderful overseas adventure. I’m sure you all can’t wait. Eh Terry!!!

Let’s get squashed in Ballarat.

*Lou Morsch –  
your Prez*

# BENDIGO MASTERS 2015

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It saves us, myself and Linda, a lot of work if you enter on line so please all you financial members, please enter on line.

Any problems contact either Pam Park or myself.

## Now to Ballarat

We will provide a bus to the dinner dance @ \$5 per head for those people that are staying in or close to the city centre. For those that are staying at The Belltower, The Alfred, The Avenue, and The Ambassador, the golf club is a short stroll across the road so you will not need the bus. For those that will need the bus, please book your seat on your entry form.



There will be 3 or 4 pick up points which will be advised on Saturday.

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 Ballarat

*Helena* – Tournament Director

## TOURNAMENT BADGES RECEIVED AT BENDIGO



Ross Trompf 75



Michelle Rowles & Judy Fox 50



Vic Stafford 25



*Our illustrious Vice President and Accredited Referee reading 'Squash Rules Made Easy'. Hmmm Should we be worried Mike???*



# BENDIGO 2015



SECTION 1



SECTION 2



SECTION 3



SECTION 4



SECTION 5



SECTION 6



SECTION 7



Russell, Helena & Lou

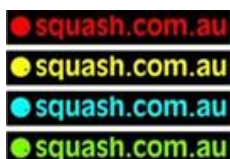


Russell McLean –  
Court Manager



## Presentations - VMSA BENDIGO MASTERS TOURNAMENT

Event	Award	Awarded to
(1) SECTION 1	Winner	WARREN MILLER LILYDALE
	Runner Up	PETER GILBEE LILYDALE
	Special plate	MICK DYKE YARRAM
	Plate	CHRIS PHOTIS BRIGHT
	Consolation plate	JOHN TOBIN BALLARAT
(2) SECTION 2	Winner	JOHN MERTZ BENDIGO
	Runner Up	LEON GALLIVAN SHEPPARTON
	Special plate	JORGE FREIJE WESTERFOLDS
	Plate	MICHAEL LUCAS SQUASH LOGIC
	Consolation plate	CARON PENDRY LILYDALE
(3) SECTION 3	Winner	GREG DUNCAN WANGARATTA
	Runner Up	SCOTT NICHOLLS BENDIGO
	Special plate	JANINE EEDY TOWERHILL
	Plate	SANDRO MINUZZO FURLAN
	Consolation plate	RAY GALLO SQUASH LOGIC
(4) SECTION 4	Winner	CHRIS NANERE BENDIGO
	Runner Up	DARYL FERGUSON HORSHAM
	Special plate	KAREEN WATT ACT
	Plate	SUE PARKER (V) ACT
	Consolation plate	KAREN SCOTT
(5) SECTION 5	Winner	ALLISON DOUGLAS ESSENDON
	Runner Up	LISA KIRBY SQUASH LOGIC
	Special plate	HENRY PASTUSZKA BENALLA
	Plate	BELINDA MURPHY MULGRAVE
	Consolation plate	PHIL MCCABE (V) BENDIGO
(6) SECTION 6	Winner	JILLIAN THOMAS SQUASH LOGIC
	Runner Up	LYNETTE WOODYARD PEGS
	Special plate	IAN WYATT WESTERFOLDS
	Plate	LIBBY INNES GPHC
	Consolation plate	JODIE KIRKBY (V) BENDIGO
(7) SECTION 7	Winner	JOY WILLIAMS MORWELL
	Runner Up	DIANA MCHENRY TAS
	Third/Special plate	CASSIE MILLER
	Plate	ELENA MORENO PEGS
	Consolation plate	JEN O'SULLIVAN WANGARATTA





# AROUND THE COURTS - BENDIGO



Check out all the action photos on our website - [vmsasquash.com.au](http://vmsasquash.com.au)

## ***VMSA AGM Report 2014/2015 – President Lou Morsch***

The VMSA has again been well served by its team of dedicated committee members. Altogether, the group comprises of 14. Many thanks to the entire group for your contribution over the past twelve months. Leading the way as always has been Michelle Rowles who, as Secretary, performs far and beyond in her role. The time and energy Michelle volunteers is extraordinary for which we are forever thankful. Our Treasurer Linda Wing is another team member deserving of our highest gratitude for keeping the affairs of the association in good order. Well done Linda. We all enjoy a good read and to Lynette Woodyard we have unearthed another treasure who we have been able to count on for the Newsletter publications throughout the year. By singling out these few roles, it by no way lessens the contribution of the others. I just cannot go through everyone. Some significant outcomes over the year include the completed, fully functional website. We are eternally grateful to Mark Thurkle for his efforts on its development. The website is intended to serve the needs of our association and it's members well into the future and especially 2017 when Victoria will again host the Australian Championships. Ballarat has been chosen as our tournament venue in 2017 and planning is now underway for this significant event.

Victoria remains a strong base for squash and is proving to be the place to come and participate in a Masters tournament. I thank Helena Morgan as Tournament Director and her wonderful support base for conducting these events so efficiently and "on time". We continue to run 5 tournaments - all which are well supported by our "local" but also many of our Interstate friends especially from Tasmania the ACT and NSW to name just a few. Our Ballarat tournament, apart from the squash is turning into a real "social" affair at the end of November. The dinner dance is gaining the reputation of a Masters "ball".

Our Masters/Juniors tournament this year was another major success. The choice of Westerfolds as a new venue for this event proved popular. There was a massive increase in numbers which saw 55 competing teams equating to 110 entries. Jill Morsch really had her hands full and did another fantastic job as tournament host. I congratulate Ashira Chait and Jack Ellis as recipients of the 2015 Masters/Juniors Apprentice Award and to Aaron Maidment for his VMSA award as Masters/Juniors Ambassador. I wish to thank and acknowledge the contribution of our major sponsor Grays/InformConnection along with SquashAnalysis, TS&L Neon and O'Neill Bros to this great annual event.

Masters Pennant is the one weak spot of the association with numbers continuing to dwindle. We are not alone though as it spreads through all other squash competitions. However, there is a real concern about the ability of maintaining an even standard through the grades as a result of this decline. John Donohoe, Mike and Clara Edney and Jill Morsch continue to do an outstanding job administering a difficult portfolio.

Finances of the VMSA remain in good shape. Again, this is in part due to the wonderful support of our sponsors - all of whom I thank for your ongoing support, plus donations from supporters, but also through the strength of raffle sales at tournaments. Here, I thank our members and friends for their financial donations. Raffle funds truly assist our running costs especially tournament costs and as a result we have been able to keep pennant fees, entry fees and especially dinner dance costs at very reasonable and affordable levels. It would be remiss of me to not mention how significant Michelle Rowles, Linda Wing and Lynette Woodyard have been in organizing and conducting these tournament raffles. Who hasn't been "touched" by their selling techniques!

Finally, I wish everyone well in Perth this year as WA host the 2015 Championships. I will WandaWest myself on this occasion to compete in my first Australian. The Victorian team will be well prepared and set to arrive in force to take on our Interstate adversaries.

Lou Morsch  
President - VMSA



# Australian Masters – Perth 2015

Woohoo! Well done to all the Vics who entered and to the Winners and Runners up in their divisions. Fantastic effort.

## Team Results - Vics

Div 3 Wnners Gary McPyke, John Sands, Ross Francis.

Div 7 Winners Brian Davey, Janine Eedy, Brian Lyons.

Div 10 Winners Mal Rubinich, Anne Fordham, Colin Dean, Catrina Cook.

Div 14 Runners up Michelle Rowles, Alison Douglas, Lynette Woodyard.

Div 17 Runners up Jill Morsch, Vic Stafford, Reg Green, Sue Dyke.

Div 18 Runners up Noel Clough, Joy Williams, Pam Park



**Division 3 Winners**



**Division 7 Winners**



**Division 10 Winners**



**Division 14 Runners-Up**



**Division 17 Runners-up**



**Division 18 Runners Up**



# Individual Results

## - Vics



Men's 85 Open  
Runner Up Max Smyth



Men's 80 Open  
Winner Dinney Hurley  
Runner Up Joe Rozen  
Third Syd Webb (pic)



Men's 75 Div 2 Winner  
Barry Durham



Men's 70 Open Runner Up  
Brian Lyons



Women's 70 Div 2  
Winner Joy Williams



Men's 65 Div 3 Winner  
Ron Schiavello



Men's 60 Div 3 Runner Up  
Geoff Morley



Men's 55 Open Runner Up  
Malcolm Mc Clarty



Men's 50 Div 3 Runner Up  
Darren Roylance



Men's 50 Div 2 Runner up  
Greg Murphy



Men's 50 Open Winner  
Warren Miller, Special Plate  
Peter Gilbee, Plate Mick Dyke



Women's 45 Div 2  
Runner up Janine Eedy

## On-line Entry Prize

It's easy to enter our tournaments on-line, but to encourage more people to enter this way, we are awarding a prize for each tournament to a lucky member that enters this way. The only requirement is to be a member of the VMSA, enter on-line and you are in the draw.

Just sign in, check your personal details are still correct and at the bottom of that page, there is a button to 'save and enter' which will take you straight to the entry. EASY. We already award a prize to a current member each tournament so here is another great reason to become a member of the VMSA.

# Australian Masters 2017 Tag Line and Logo Competition



The Australian Master's Championships 2017 will be hosted by Victoria in Ballarat, which will be a fantastic venue for our visiting states as well as our country participants, with plenty of touristy places to visit and explore during their stay with us.

The VMSA Committee has already started preparing for this exciting event and one of our first tasks is to **choose a tag line and logo.**

**Firstly** we are holding a competition for a tag line so we will have a theme for the logo. Pictured left are some logos from previous states to give you an idea of what we are looking for. Contact any of our committee for details.

**We would love to get your ideas and there are great prizes up for grabs.**



## WORLD MASTERS - 23-30 SEPTEMBER 2016 - JOHANNESBURG, STH AFRICA

**LESS THAN A YEAR TO GO**

Fly to Johannesburg. Sun City, Pilansburg Game Reserve, Hot Air Balloon ride, altitude training, play tournament, fly to Cape Town, wineries, Camps Bay, Cape Point, Table Mountain, Robben Island, home.

Let **FITZSQUASH** book air tickets, accommodation, tournament entries, functions, sights seeing etc

Stay longer or stop overs.

Expressions of Interest to Sarah Fitz-Gerald by email

([Fitzsquash@gmail.com](mailto:Fitzsquash@gmail.com)) or Facebook.

\$\$\$ will announced ASAP.

## NORFOLK ISLAND MASTERS

Never been to Norfolk Island????!

Why not play the masters 9-13 November, do the sights and meet the locals.

Will be a great fun week of squash. Why not join in!?!?!?

For enquiries, Q & A and updates etc for either event, go to [www.fitzsquash.com/index/php/fitzsquash/tours-events](http://www.fitzsquash.com/index/php/fitzsquash/tours-events)

## MURDER IN THE SQUASH COURT by Jonah Barrington

**BUY IT ON LINE NOW**

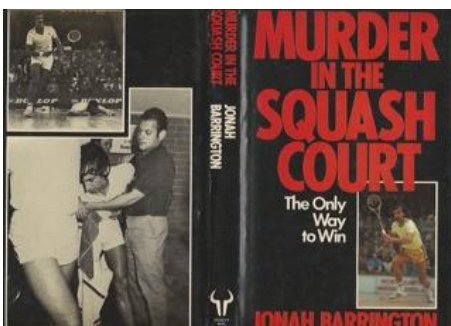
This fantastic book has been rewritten for those squash enthusiasts that didn't have the opportunity to read the 1st edition.

This book is still so relevant to the modern game and a great read.

Money raised will go to Jonah Barrington or a charity of his choice.

<http://www.fitzsquash.com/index.php/fitzsquash/about/murder-in-the-squash-court-by-jonah-barrington/>

**DOWNLOAD IT NOW!!!!**





## TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

- 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. **PLAYERS MUST FULFIL THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO OTHER PARTICIPANTS BY COMPETING IN ALL MATCHES SET DOWN FOR THEM.**
- Players may enter ONE EVENT ONLY.
- Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or not accept entrants and to re-grade any entries.**
- For advice of first round matches, please check on our website: [www.vmsasquash.com.au](http://www.vmsasquash.com.au). This is to encourage entrants to check for themselves without making unnecessary phone calls; or phone one of the following from (AH) Wed. 18th November 2015:  
Courts - (03) 5339 1281 Helena Morgan - 0417 579 311 (Mob)
- Players must report to Tournament Control no later than 30 MINUTES BEFORE their next scheduled match.
- All players will be expected to mark and referee the match immediately following their own match.
- All players will be expected to be warmed up and ready to play as soon as the previous match is completed.
- No claims whatsoever will be recognized should any player receive an injury whilst participating in the Tournament.
- Snacks and refreshments will be available at the squash centre during the day.
- A social get-together, including complimentary supper will be held at the Ballarat Squash & Racquetball Centre on Friday evening 20th November **after the conclusion of the matches.** ALL WELCOME.
- A Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November at **The Ballarat Golf Club, 1800 Sturt Street, Ballarat, (across the road from the Bell Tower)** from 8:00pm until 12:00am, featuring a live band. Drinks at bar prices. **Cost: \$50.00 per person. Please include payment with entry.**
- Trophy presentation will be at approximately 4:30pm Sunday followed by a complimentary supper.
- MOTEL ACCOMODATION: **Bell Tower Inn, 1845 Sturt Street, Ballarat, Phone 5334 1600, Alfred Motel, Phone (03)5334 1607, Avenue Motel, Phone 5334 1304, The Ambassador, Phone 5334 1505 & Arch Motel, Phone 5334 1464.**  
*Note: The dinner dance is across the road from the Bell Tower but a booze bus will be provided for \$5 return for those abiding in town. Pick-up points to be advised. If you wish to take advantage of this service, please note on your entry form.*
- Late entries may not be accepted (at the discretion of the Tournament Director). Faxed, mailed or emailed entries without payment will not be accepted. Refunds not given for withdrawal 1 week prior to tournament commencement (at Tournament Director's discretion). We encourage as many players as possible to play on Friday evening.**
- 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.*



**GRAYS BALLARAT  
MASTERS SQUASH  
TOURNAMENT**

**20-22 NOVEMBER 2015**

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

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**Entries close Friday  
6th November 2015**

**COURT HOST: Ballarat Squash & Racquetball Centre**



**NEXT TOURNAMENT  
Wodonga Masters Championships  
19th-21st February 2016**



**HI-TEC** &

Prizes for ALL divisions

**TO BE PLAYED AT:**  
Ballarat Squash &  
Racquetball Centre  
106 Dowling St,  
Wendouree Vic 3355  
Phone: (03) 5339 1281

**TOURNAMENT HOSTS:**  
Ballarat Squash & Racquetball Centre  
**Tournament Director:**  
Helena Morgan  
Phone: 0417 579 311  
Fax: (03) 9747 3150  
Email: [hjmorgan@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hjmorgan@bigpond.net.au)

## GRAYS BALLARAT MASTERS TOURNAMENT 2015 – 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 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2015:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Surname:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Given Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **P/Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone No: (HPh)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(B)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(M)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

	Midweek	State	Country	Masters
<b>League</b>				
<b>Grade</b>				
<b>Position</b>				
<b>Club</b>				

**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	\$35.00	
Non-members	\$45.00	
25+ Tournament players	\$30.00	(Financial Members Only)

**PLEASE COMPLETE:** Payment attached for:

Dinner Dance - \$50 per person	(No. attending) _____	Dinner Dance:	\$ .
Booze bus \$5 per person	(No. attending) _____	Booze Bus:	\$ .
\$20 if due (check due date on website)		VMSA Membership:	\$ _____

**TOTAL: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any dietary requirements for the Dinner Dance? **Please specify** \_\_\_\_\_

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 **VMSA**) for Fax to (03) 9747 3150 or email [hjmorgan@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hjmorgan@bigpond.net.au). Please do not send cash by mail.

**ENTRIES CLOSE Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**

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): \_\_\_\_\_



# VMSA

# 2016

# Tournament Calendar



Wodonga

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