

# THE MASTER'S VOICE



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## THE PREZ SEZ By Lou Morsch



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Well it's time to lighten up your day with some more of my engrossing editorials. It would be a pretty quiet Christmas/New Year period without a good read to savour from your Prez.

So Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hope everyone has enjoyed the festive season celebrating with your families and friends. For me, it was Christmas in Brisbane followed by New Year's eve at Jill's second home - the Rye Retreat of Wali's and Terry Barlow. It's there when we generally solve all the problems of the squash world over a bottle or ten of good red. Many of our good ideas and problem solving usually occurs between midnight and 2am. I'll drink to that!!

The first problem solved was the pennant teams for next season. I expect everyone is now back in full training for the coming season starting in early February. My promotion to number 1 in our Masters team is a bold move Michelle. Guess we can't go any worse than last season eh!! Second problem solved was the length of time to stay at Rye. Jill reckons 10 days is enough Terry, but if you complain, she's prepared to stay 12. Next problem (unresolved) is will I play with the same under achieving teammates in Darwin 2016?? Hmmm. Our good idea for 2016 - let the Pies win the flag!!!

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## 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 at each tournament to a lucky member that enters this way. The only requirement is to be a current 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.

### 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 Master Champs -  
Darwin** - Sept 5-16 '16

**Grays Ballarat** - Nov 18-20 '16



# **TOURNAMENT REPORT**

By Helena Morgan

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

### **GRAYS BALLARAT MASTERS - 2015**

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!! Hope the start of 2016 finds you all safe and well.

Again, our Ballarat tournament was a great end to our tournament year. We had 173 entries, with 12 virgins.

Yet again we had quite a few injured players who could not play in the tournament, but they still came to enjoy the weekend, and attend the dinner dance. Great you could make it. Get better soon.

Special mention to our interstate competitors.

- SA 1
- NSW 2
- ACT 4
- TAS 8

It is also interesting to note that even though all of these interstate competitors are members of their home state Masters Associations, 5 of them have also chosen to join the VMSA as members.

1 SA, 3 ACT, AND 1 TAS.

This is a fantastic show of support. Thank you all.

From feedback I have received, the tournament was enjoyed by all, and for all the spectators there were a lot of great matches to watch in all grades.

The dinner dance was a fabulous night as always. New band! Great music!!! Sorry to all those who missed it, but I advise that you put next year's date in your calendar now.

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

Rhonda Fry (ACT)	25
Richard Fry (ACT)	25
Biddy (Lynne) McClarty	25
Jill Mitchell	25
Joe Princiotta	25
Linda Wing	50

Thanks to everyone who supported VMSA events in 2015. I trust we are satisfying the needs of our members with good tournaments and great entertainment. Ballarat in November suggests all is well especially the dinner dance and band. An outstanding night. We still want plenty of players entering though to ensure continuing strong competition. An area we are constantly reviewing is playing numbers. The prizes from competition and raffles were also fabulous. Well worth winning in Ballarat if you're good enough thanks to our major sponsor Grays. Trust everyone loaded up on squash equipment at Ballarat as well thanks to Steve's annual clearance sale. Great bargains for the smart squash shopper.

For the trivia expert amongst us, I discovered an old school yearbook whilst in Brisbane. Did you know former world No 2 Rodney Martin hails from my old school of Everton Park. Brett and Michelle Martin also attended school there and all played squash as a school sport before achieving international fame on the squash circuit.

We are starting to ramp up our efforts planning for the Australians in 2017 at Ballarat. Your Masters committee will be working hard to deliver an event like no other. Anyone prepared to assist is most welcome to join one of our sub-committees. Just let me know.

The VMSA is again sponsoring the Mountain Districts Squash Championships in late January. So get along and show your support and participate in preparation for another season of squash. The Mountain Districts tournament is always a great event and the VMSA are pleased to be a part of it.

Looking forward to our next tournament as we return to Wodonga. You will be assured of some HOT competition. Our friends in Wodonga looked after everyone very well last time so I'm sure we can expect the same friendly hospitality again. Visit the website for all necessary information including on-line entry.

Put your glasses and stubbies down folks and let's get back to training.

GREAT SQUASHING in 2016

*Lou Morsch* –

*your Prez*

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# GRAYS BALLARAT MASTERS - 2015

*Tournament Director's Report  
Cont. from page 2*

Again there was a great array of food provided by the Ballarat Squash Club over the weekend. Thanks ladies, and guys. You did a great job.

Our sincere congratulations go to Linda Wing, who was this year's recipient of the Judith Goadby Trophy. Thanks for all your hard work and support over your years of association with the VMSA.

Other winners of our special draws:

Members Draw for 2 free Dinner Dance Tickets – Marion Szumski

Online Entry Draw for VMSA merchandise – Rick Dintinosante.

Last but not least, my thanks as always to my fabulous tournament committee, especially Karen and Ute.

**Now we go to our next tournament - Wodonga.**

Format for the tournament will be Triple Plate, best of five games to 15, scoring a point a

rally with a 2 point advantage needed to win a game.

We have made a slight change to the entry form for this tournament. The payment option of CASH has been deleted and replaced with our banking details for DIRECT DEPOSIT.

If you choose this option for your entry, the payment must be made BEFORE the tournament.

There will also be another entry form available on the website that you can fill out and then send through by pressing the "submit" button. This will be great for people who are not yet members or have forgotten their login details, but prefer to enter on-line.

Please note that those who use this option will not be included in the members on-line draw.

Hope  
to see you all fit and well in Wodonga

*Helena* – Tournament Director

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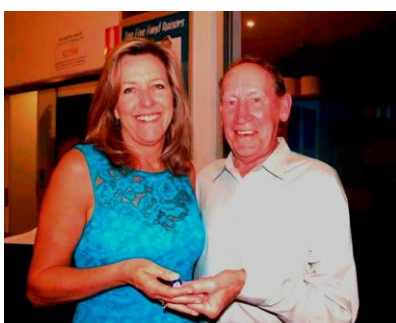
**Linda Wing - 50**



**Jill Mitchell - 25**



**Joe Princiotta - 25**



**Biddy McClarty - 25**



**Richard Fry - 25**



**Rhonda Fry -25**

# JUDITH GOADBY AWARD



Congratulations to **Linda Wing** who is the worthy winner of the Judith Goadby Award for 2015. Linda has been a valued member of our VMSA Committee since Jan 2010 and an Office Bearer as Treasurer since Oct 2011 and has done a fantastic job controlling our finances.

Linda goes above and beyond, and as an example, as those who participated in the show of Solidarity at Ballarat would know, Linda bought and printed all the t-shirts for those who wished to be involved. She always shows great enthusiasm selling raffle tickets and actively participates in all functions of the VMSA. Well done Linda, a well deserved recognition of your contributions.

## SOLIDARITY PHOTOS



# SNAPSHOTS - BALLARAT



# GRAYS BALLARAT TOURNAMENT 2015 WINNERS



**TOURNAMENT WINNER  
MICHAEL WOOLLEY**



**SECTION 1**



**SECTION 2**



**SECTION 3**



**SECTION 4**



**SECTION 5**



**SECTION 6**



**SECTION 7**



**SECTION 8**



**SECTION 9**



**SECTION 10**



**SECTION 11**

# GRAYS BALLARAT MASTERS TOURNAMENT 2015 RESULTS

## Presentations - GRAY'S BALLARAT MASTERS 2015

Event	Award	Awarded to
(1) SECTION 1	Winner	MICHAEL WOOLLEY (V) SQUASH LOGIC
	Runner Up	CRAIG BROOK
	Special plate	CAMERON PENNA BENDIGO
	Plate	WAKA ELMERS MOORABBIN
	Consolation plate	MICK DYKE YARRAM
(2) SECTION 2	Winner	CHYE LIM GRACE PARK
	Runner Up	GREG MURPHY BENALLA
	Special plate	GARY MCPYKE MULGRAVE
	Plate	JOHN TOBIN BALLARAT
	Consolation plate	ROGER CHILD BENTLEIGH
(3) SECTION 3	Winner	ROSS FRANCIS MORWELL
	Runner Up	MARK THURKLE MOORABBIN
	Special plate	STUART JONES BENALLA
	Plate	GEOFF ELY MAFFRA
	Consolation plate	EMILY NOBLE BALLARAT
(4) SECTION 4	Winner	BARRY FITZPATRICK BENDIGO
	Runner Up	LAUNA SCHILLING HORSHAM
	Special plate	CARON PENDREY LILYDALE
	Plate	GREG DUNCAN WANGARATTA
	Consolation plate	COLIN CASKIE MAFFRA
(5) SECTION 5	Winner	JANINE EEDY TOWERHILL
	Runner Up	MARK ROGERS BENALLA
	Special plate	BRUCE BURNS BALLARAT
	Plate	JOE PRINCIOTTA PEGS
	Consolation plate	JON GRANT (V) SQUASH LOGIC
(6) SECTION 6	Winner	NORM BROWNING GLADSTONE PARK
	Runner Up	MAL RUBINICH SQUASH LOGIC
	Special plate	DARYL FERGUSON HORSHAM
	Plate	BIDDY MCCLARTY GRACE PARK
	Consolation plate	MARION SZUMSKI GRACE PARK
(7) SECTION 7	Winner	FRANK BUGEJA POOWONG
	Runner Up	JULIE LESTER MOORABBIN
	Special plate	GRAHAM HEDRICK KNOX PARK
	Plate	KERRY OATES KNOX PARK
	Consolation plate	TINA GILCHRIST LILYDALE
(8) SECTION 8	Winner	DEBBIE PULHAM LILYDALE
	Runner Up	GRAEME LAYTON KNOX PARK
	Special plate	KAREN GRIFFITH LILYDALE
	Plate	KEVIN DENNEHY MOORABBIN
	Consolation plate	ALLISON DOUGLAS ESSENDON

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**Presentations - GRAYS BALLARAT MASTERS 2015**

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Event	Award	Awarded to
(9) SECTION 9	Winner	MICHELLE ROWLES PEGS
	Runner Up	BELINDA MURPHY MULGRAVE
	Special plate	TASHIA MIHAIL MULGRAVE
	Plate	STEVE LIGOLI (V) BENDIGO
	Consolation plate	MAX HALL SHEPPARTON
(10) SECTION 10	Winner	DENNIS KENNEDY
	Runner Up	LYN FALZON SQUASH LOGIC
	Special plate	CHRIS CHAPPLE HORSHAM
	Plate	VIC STAFFORD MOORABBIN
	Consolation plate	JULIE SMITH-KINGSTON (V) TAS
(11) SECTION 11	Winner	ELAINE BOXHALL TAS
	Runner Up	DAVID MCDONALD TAS
	Third/Special plate	CASSIE MILLER
	Plate	HELEN LOCOCO PEGS
	Consolation plate	ANN FISHBURN MULGRAVE

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

## REF'S CORNER

*Simplifying the rules in easy to understand language.*

### UNSPORTING BEHAVIOR - MANUFACTURING STROKES

Manufacturing strokes in a game of squash is trying to win a rally by exploiting the rules by:

1. The player runs behind a player, therefore putting their opponent between themselves and the ball rather than making a direct path towards the ball and asking for a Let. This called 'playing the person'. By doing this, they have created the interference. In this situation, even if they could have made a good return, the referee should give a 'No Let'.
2. Another tactic some players use is to exaggerate their normal swing by straightening the arm towards their opponent to milk a stroke. Sadly a lot of players give them a stroke when it should be a 'Let' or 'No Let'.
3. Some players take a slightly indirect route towards the ball by brushing against their opponent claiming they didn't clear the ball and therefore blocking their access to ball and expect a stroke. This is another case of a player creating the interference.
4. Waving the racquet in the air pretending you could hit your opponent or you have the whole front wall and your opponent is against the side but, you shape to hit the ball directly at your opponent. As there is no interference and you had the whole front wall to hit the ball it would be a 'No Let'.

**Any of the above is unsporting behaviour and it's not in the spirit of game and shouldn't be tolerated: if a player uses these tactics they should be given a conduct warning for bringing the game into disrepute.**



# GRAND FINAL PRESENTATIONS

## MULGRAVE



Grade 4 Winners -  
Westerfolds 2



Grade 4 R/Up - Squash  
Logic 2



Grade 8 Winners -  
Westerfolds 7



Grade 8 R/Up - Mulgrave 6



Grade 9 Winners -  
Knox Park 8



Grade 9 R/up - Westerfolds 8



Grade 10 Winners -  
Mt Districts 7



Grade 10 R/up -  
Westerfolds 9



Mike Edney -  
Presentations

# GRAND FINALS AT WESTERFOLDS

Grade 1 Winners Knox Park 2 - R/up Knox Park 1



Grade 2 Winners - Werribee 1



Grade 2 R/up - Westerfolds 1



Grade 3 Winners - Lilydale 1



Grade 3 R/up - Grace Pk Hawthorn 1



Grade 5 Winners - Westerfolds 3



Grade 5 R/Up - Moorabbin 4



Grade 6 Winners - Westerfolds 4



# GRAND FINALS at WESTERFOLDS cont.....

Grade 6 R/up - Knox Park 6



Grade 7 Winner - Mt Districts 5



Grade 7 R/up - Westerfolds 6



Spectators



## LOCAL YARRAM NEWSPAPER ARTICLE



Our own **Mick Dyke** has received notoriety by being the focus of an article produced in the Yarram Standard Newspaper in November. It's good to see squashies being promoted and Mick has always been happy to promote squash in his own quiet way. Well done Mick

*If you have trouble reading this article I will be happy to send you a copy via email – Editor.*

# 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.**



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# WORLD MASTERS SQUASH 2016

## Jo'burg - Sth Africa

### 18th-30th September

#### Package Includes: 2 weeks

Return flights and transfers  
Accommodation (twin share)  
Sun City  
Safari  
Pre tournie practise and braai (Afrikans for BBQ)  
Entry, opening & closing functions, SPIN (If required) and transport



(Players of all standards, partners and non-squash players welcome)

#### Optional 3rd week - 1-7 October

Flight to Cape Town  
Friendly challenge with local club  
Wine Tour  
Table Mountain  
Cape of Good Hope  
Hout Bay Market  
Hike up Lions Head



#### Extras:

Robben Island  
Shark Cage Diving  
Paragliding off Signal Hill



#### Please contact:

Sarah Fitz-Gerald: [fitsquash@gmail.com](mailto:fitsquash@gmail.com)

For more information please refer to [www.fitsquash.com](http://www.fitsquash.com)  
Expressions of interest by 12th February 2016



## 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 15, 2 point advantage to win. 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 ([www.vmsasquash.com.au](http://www.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. 17<sup>th</sup> February.  
Courts: Campbell 0421840982 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 Wodonga Squash Centre on Friday evening 19th Feb. **after the conclusion of the matches.** ALL WELCOME.
11. A Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday 20th Feb. at Commercial Club, 618 Dean Street, Albury (02 6021 1133) 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: **Golden Chain Motel Wellington**, 46 High St, Wodonga Ph:02 6024 2400 , **Warrina Motor Inn**, 31 High St, Wodonga Ph: 02 6024 1422, (both walking distance to courts), also **Hovell Tree Inn**, Cnr Hume H'way & Hovell Sts, Albury Ph: 02 6042 3900 and **Paddlesramer Lodge Motel**, 324 Wodonga Pl, Albury Ph: 02 6042 0500 ( Both approx. 1 Km from dinner dance venue).  
**Note: There will be no booze bus.**
14. **Next Tournament:  
Victorian Masters Championships - Bendigo  
15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016**
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.



# WODONGA MASTERS SQUASH TOURNAMENT 19 –21 FEBRUARY 2016

Conducted by the Victorian MASTERS Squash Association Inc.  
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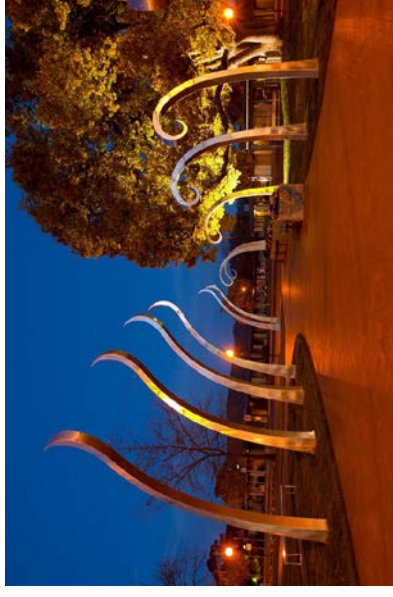


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Entries close Friday  
5th February 2016

COURT HOST: Wodonga Squash & Racquetball Centre



## TO BE PLAYED AT:

Wodonga Squash &  
Racquetball Centre  
29 Hovell Street, Wodonga  
Phone: Campbell  
on 0421840982

## TOURNAMENT HOSTS:

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**Tournament Directors**  
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## WODONGA MASTERS TOURNAMENT 2016 – 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 19<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2016:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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
<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 – commencing 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (No. attending @ \$50 per head) \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner Dance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (\$20 if due) 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 **VMSA**) for Fax to (03) 9747 3150, for Email [hjmorgan@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hjmorgan@bigpond.net.au) . Please do not send cash by mail. **Please add your name to 'description' for Direct Debit payments.**  
**ENTRIES CLOSE Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2016**

My preferred method of payment is:

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  Visa   
  Mastercard   
  Bankcard   
  Money Order   
  Direct Deposit  
 (BSB 633000 A/c 130422223)  
 Your name in 'description'

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_

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