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It is with sad news I report the loss of two very well known and much loved Masters friends. It came to my attention Brian Moroney (82 yrs young) and Linda Mackill (just 58) were lost to squash and the VMSA. Both struck down with horrible diseases which ended their lives too soon. I'm sure many in the squash world, and not just Masters, would have known or competed against these champions at some stage and would wish to remember them as fondly as me and everyone else. You will both be in our hearts and minds as long as we can remember. God rest your souls.

With such sad news to report, I'm struggling to put anything noteworthy on paper in this edition. I'll just say how pleasing it was all clubs paid their pennant team entry by the due date when given the choice of a zero increase in fees or a substantial penalty for lateness. It will now be implemented every season so the VMSA doesn't have to chase clubs to do what they should be doing in the first place.

On the subject of pennant, the season is ticking along nicely to this point and I'm sure the addition of 6 new teams is adding to the strength of competition. Just need to find more teams capable of playing in grade one as it's a grey area when

we only have 4 teams in that section.

Congratulations to all those who competed in the teams tournament in Bairnsdale. It was a great success which was enjoyed by all. It appears it's popularity may have convinced us to run another one somewhere down the track. I leave that to Helena to decide.

Continue to plan and prepare for our Australian Championships in Ballarat on the 4th-15th Sept. We need as many Victorians as possible there to show the rest of our Interstate friends how keen we are to kick their butts!!

Remembering the passing of some great friends in squash –

*Your Prez **Lou Morsch***

Upcoming Tournaments

Victorian Masters Champs –

Dromana April 28-30 '17

Masters/Juniors May 27-28 '17

Bendigo July 21-23 '17

Australian Master Champs –

Ballarat - Sept 4-15 '17

Grays Ballarat Nov 17-19 '17

TOURNAMENT REPORT

By Helena Morgan



2017 BAIRNSDALE TEAMS MASTERS TOURNAMENT

What a great weekend we all had!!

The teams format worked very well, with some great hard fought matches and some new friendships started. 76 players participated with 5 'virgins'.

Congratulations to all, hope you had a good time.

Many thanks must go to the committee and helpers from Bairnsdale, who looked after us for the weekend with, it seemed, an endless supply of food. Your efforts were very much appreciated.

Special mention to our interstate competitors.

ACT 1
NSW 1
TAS 1

Congratulations to the following player for reaching a tournament milestone this weekend.

Michael Bracecamp
25 Tournaments



Winner of our members draw for 2 free dinner dance tickets was Rick Dintinosante.



Winner of our on line entry draw for free VMSA merchandise was Helen Lococo.



Congratulations to you both.

There was also a fabulous time had by all that attended our dinner dance. Good food, fantastic music, and great company. Special mention to Henry, who helped the band along with a few numbers playing the harmonica. Not bad Henry!

Now our next tournament, the Vic Championships, is being held at a new venue. Dromana.

As the results for this tournament help to determine your ranking for the Australian Championships that we are holding in Ballarat in September, it is in your best interest to enter.

It will be played in 5 year age brackets, ie 35-39, 40-44 etc Men and Women. There will be Open and graded events depending on entry numbers. Some age groups may be combined if insufficient entries are received, to ensure you get at least 3 matches for the weekend. Even if we have to combine some age groups, each age group will still receive medals.

We are holding a dinner on Saturday night at The New Atrium Function Centre" at Safety Beach. There will be a DJ playing for us after dinner from about 9.30 for those who want to stay and kick up their heels

Get your entries in as soon as you can, and please book for the dinner as well. We have to confirm numbers 7 days prior to the event.

Hope to see you all there

Helena – Tournament Director

A Step Back in Time

How many can you name?

As starters – Geoff Hunt in blue

(Yes I know....I picked the easy one)



Bairnsdale Teams Event 2017

Presentations - VMSA BAIRNSDALE TEAMS 2017		
Event	Award	Awarded to
(1) SECTION 1	Winner	CITY BUMPKINS DAVID MATCHETT MORWELL WAYNE SCOTT SQUASH LOGIC MICHAEL BRACECAMP LEONGATHA HELEN LOCOCO PEGS
	Runner up	FROSTY ITIES MARK ASCOLI JOE PRINCIOTTA WERRIBEE PAUL FROST BALLARAT JENNY ANDERSON MOE
(2) SECTION 2	Winner	DOUGIES FAT RARA MICHAEL FATOUROS TONIC RICHARD JOHNSON MOORABBIN ALLISON DOUGLAS ESSENDON
	Runner up	MEATLOAF GREG MURPHY BENALLA MICHAEL BYRNES ROSEBUD ROD WILSON
(3) SECTION 3	Winner	TNT CHYE LIM GPHC COLIN CASKIE MAFFRA JUDITH FOX TAS
	Runner up	THE CRAPPERS MARK THURKLE BRIGHTON ZIG SZAMBELANCZYK PEGS MARGE DELANEY WERRIBEE
(4) SECTION 4	Winner	NQR GEOFF ELY MAFFRA RAY GALLO SQUASH LOGIC JILL MORSCH PEGS
	Runner up	VIRGIN ON THE RIDICULOUS ROSS FRANCIS MORWELL RICK GORDON MORWELL CHRISTIE HIGGINS (V) MULGRAVE
(5) SECTION 5	Winner	BIDDY'S BITCHES PAUL SNEE SQUASH LOGIC BIDDY MCFARLANE GRACE PARK KAREN GALLO SQUASH LOGIC
	Runner up	DAZZANATORS -1 DARREN O'NEILL MOORABBIN SHANE THORPE SQUASH LOGIC HEATHER WILLIAMS WANGARATTA
(6) SECTION 6	Winner	OLD TIMERS MARIO QUINTELA PEGS GEOFF MORLEY MAFFRA PAM PARK MOORABBIN
	Runner up	THE MISSING SJS STEPHEN SPEHAR YARRAM MICHELLE ROWLES PEGS JOY WILLIAMS GPHC



Section 1 Winners - City Bumkins



Section 1 R/up Frosty I'ties



Section 2 Winners - Dougies Fat Rara



Section 2 R/up - Meatloaf



Section 3 Winners - TNT



Section 3 R/up The Crappers



Section 4 Winners - NQR



Section 4 R/up - Virgin on the Ridiculous



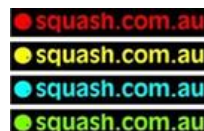
Section 5 Winners - Bidy's Bitches



Section 5 R/up - Dazzanators - 1



Section 6 Winners - Old Timers



Section 6 R/up - The Missing SJs





Can you put a name to these legs??



Left We have some very special players amongst us who are not gender challenged. Guess who forgot his shorts and had to borrow attire from his girlfriend??
Right Don't they make a lovely couple.





Gary McPyke and Allison Douglas, of Frankston. K269-116

Bairnsdale Squash and Table Tennis Centre hosted about 80 squash players from across the state, New South Wales, Canberra and Tasmania over the weekend for the Victorian Masters Squash Association teams tournament. The 24 teams (in teams of either three or four) is an improvement on players numbers last time the event visited Bairnsdale two years ago. Some competitive squash was played in a social atmosphere, which included a dinner dance on Saturday night. Play started on Friday night and concluded mid afternoon yesterday. PICTURED: Mario Quintella, of Essendon, Brian Lyons, of Yarrawonga, Richard Johnson, of Moorabbin, and Syd Webb, of Maryborough. Syd (85) and Brian (75) were the two oldest players at the tournament, Syd having played squash for 59 years and Brian for 44. K269-112



Melton's Michael Lewis, Werribee's Linda Wigg, Moorabbin's Vic Stafford and Melton's Ray Gallo. K269-107



Melton's Rick Dintinosante, Inverloch's Ross Francis, Melbourne's John Alamanos, and Bright's Chris Photis. K269-119



Michael Fatouros, of Red Hill, with Steve Murray, of Moorabbin. K269-117



Biddy McFarlane, of Hawthorn, with Melton's Paul Snee and Karen Gallo. K269-109



Wayne Scott, of Melton, Ian Wyatt, of Westerfolds Templestowe, and Baden Edwards, of Bega. K269-115



Chye Lim, Angelo Coco, Biddy Macfarlane and Phill Warren, of Melbourne. K269-118



Judy Fox, of Hobart, and Ross Meddings, of Melton. K269-108



Shane Thorpe, Helen Snee and Darren O'Neill, all of Melbourne. K269-114



John Brown, of Milawa, and Brian Lyons, of Yarrowonga. K269-110



Or more information visit -
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AUSTRALIAN MASTERS SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

BALLARAT - VIC.
Individual Championships
4-8 September 2017
Team Championships
11-15 September 2017

Australian Racquetball has announced that as from 2017 the Australian Open Racquetball Championships D Grade Singles event will be titled 'The John Broadway Australian Open Racquetball D Grade Singles Championship'.



This is in memory of a champion bloke, who was an enormous promoter and marketer of the sport of Racquetball, plus an extremely passionate player, who exemplified what the sport was all about.

"John has left dinosaur size footprints on the squash and racquetball landscapes in this country which will never be erased."

Australian Racquetball Manager Paul Vear stated, "John cared about others, never blowing his own trumpet, and not comprehending the great legacies he has left the sports of squash and racquetball."

Over the past seven years, most of John's Racquetball Grand Prix Tournament play was in D Grade, and now joins South Australian Heidi Tugend, who has the Australian E Grade Singles event named after her, as the only two people to be honoured in this way by Australian Racquetball.

RON CLAYTON AWARDED LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO AMSA.



Congratulations to **Ron Clayton** on being awarded **Life Membership of the AMSA**. Ron's presentation was at Busselton Squash Tournament dinner last night. Ron has given outstanding service to Masters Squash throughout Australia for more than 2 decades.

This award has been well earned.



Sad news for those who knew Linda Mackill. Unfortunately she lost her battle with cancer after a 4 month fight. She passed away peacefully during the night surrounded by family and loved ones at the age of 58 in Cabrini Palliative Care in Prahran.

Her funeral was held on 20th March 2017.



It is with sadness that I pass on the news that **Brian Moroney** passed away Friday 10/3 in hospital from Leukemia aged 82. I'm sure that we all remember him for variety of reasons but most of all he was a gentleman with a great sense of humour.

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.

VMSA 2017 Tournaments

**Feb
24-26
Bairnsdale**

**April
28-30
Dromana
Victorian
Masters
Championships**

**May
27-28
Westerfolds
Masters/Juniors
Jim Bristow Cup**

**July
21-23
Bendigo**

**Sept
4-15
Ballarat
Australian
Masters
Championships**

**Nov
17-19
Grays
Ballarat**



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JIM BRISTOW CUP

Jim Bristow is a player with a long history of success in the squash industry, both as a player and as an administrator. His vision of Masters Players and Junior Players interacting with each other and having ongoing contact is the essence of the Jim Bristow Cup concept. Jim is proud to be associated with the Masters Juniors Championships and will play a role in presenting the Jim Bristow Cups.

HOW TO ENTER

You may already have your team of one masters player and one junior player all set to go. If this is the case, simply complete your details on the other side of this form with the Masters player in the Masters text box and the Junior player in the Junior text box. You can enter on the same form or you can enter on separate forms – please list your partner's name.

If you do not have a partner, we can find one, so simply complete your section of the entry form and tick the box for us to find you a partner.

Entry fees are \$25 for Masters players and \$20 for Juniors.

T-SHIRTS

Event T-shirts will be supplied free of charge for Junior Entries and distributed at the tournament compliments of the VMSA. Please enter your size on the entry form. Masters may purchase T-shirts for \$30.

EVENT ORGANISERS – Victorian Masters Squash Association

EVENT DIRECTOR – Jill Morsch

PHONE: 0414 522 730 or Fax (03) 9333 3668

EMAIL: jmorsch@woolsell.com.au

SPONSORS: Inform Connection – Grays – Hi Tech – Salming - Squash Analysis – TS&L Neon - & O'Neill Bros.

Suggested accommodation:

Quest Apartments, 855 Doncaster Rd, Donaster Ph 8848 1600

Download Entry Form at www.vmsasquash.com.au or www.informconnection.com.au



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Masters Juniors Champs

27th-28th MAY 2017

A VMSA Event

Entries Close 19th May 2017

One Master Player and one Junior Player (U23)
compete as a team in singles and doubles for the

Jim Bristow Cup



HOST:

Westerfolds Squash Club

VENUE:

Westerfolds Squash
Templestowe Swim & Squash
2 Swilk Street,
Templestowe 3106
Phone 03 9846 1222

Entry Forms/Payments/Enquiries:

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TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

1. The Tournament will be conducted on a triple plate or round robin system (depending on number of entries received). 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.**
2. Players may enter ONE EVENT ONLY.
3. Entry Forms will be available on our Website, www.vmsasquash.com.au
4. **Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or not accept entrants and to re-grade any entries.**
5. For advice of first round matches, please check on our website: 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. 26th April 2017.
Courts: (03) 5443 5050 Helena Morgan: 0417 579 311 (Mob) Email: hjmorgan@bigpond.net.au
6. Players must report to Tournament Control no later than 30 MINUTES BEFORE their next scheduled match.
7. All players will be expected to mark and referee the match immediately following their own match.
8. All players will be expected to be warmed up and ready to play as soon as the previous match is completed.
9. No claims whatsoever will be recognized should any player receive an injury whilst participating in the Tournament.
10. Snacks and refreshments will be available at the squash centre during the day.
11. A social get-together, including complimentary supper will be held at the squash courts on Friday evening April 28th **after the conclusion of the matches.** ALL WELCOME.
12. A Buffet Dinner has been organised for Saturday 29th April from 6.30pm onwards at **The New Atrium Function Centre, 10 Country Club Drive, Safety Beach Vic. 3936 (03) 5981 8123.** Drinks at bar prices. DJ to entertain from 9.30pm to 12.00pm **Cost: \$35.00 per person**
Please include payment with entry, along with any dietary requirements.
13. Trophy presentation will be at approximately 4:30pm Sunday followed by a complimentary supper.
14. **MOTEL ACCOMODATION SUGGESTIONS:** At your own discretion. No discounts available.
15. **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.**
16. **Note: There will not be a booze bus for this function.**
17. 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 \$25 per year. We will also be running a raffle for all current members attending the tournament. Ask any of our committee members for details.

VICTORIAN MASTERS SQUASH STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 28th APRIL – 30th APRIL 2017

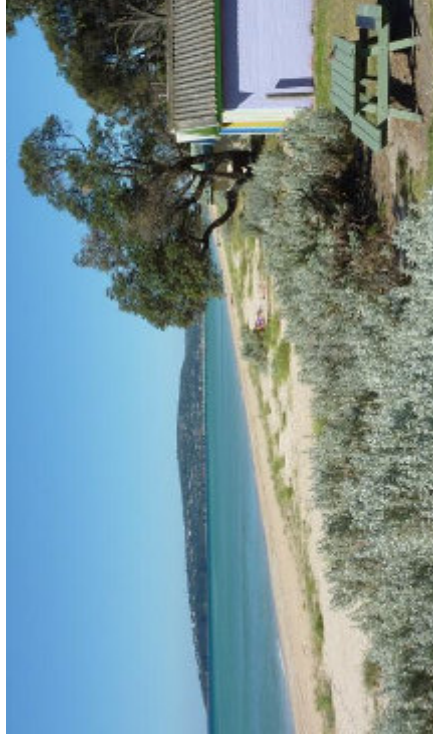
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Entries close
Friday 14th April 2017

COURT HOST: Dromana Squash Club



Next Tournament:
Masters Juniors Championships
@ Westerfolds Squash
27th - 28th May 2017

TO BE PLAYED AT:

Tonic Squash & Gym
50 Collins Road,
Dromana 3936
Phone: (03) 5987 1766

TOURNAMENT HOST:

Rod & Amelia Martin

Tournament Director:

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

VICTORIAN MASTERS SQUASH STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017 – 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 28th April 2017:** _____

Surname: _____ **Given Names:** _____

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

Contact Phone No: _____ **(P)** _____ **(B)** _____ **(M)**

Email address: _____

AGE GROUP	PLEASE TICK	AGE GROUP	PLEASE TICK
35-39		60-64	
40-44		65-69	
45-49		70-74	
50-54		75 -79	
55-59		80 & over	

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

PLEASE COMPLETE: Payment attached for: Entry Fee: \$ _____
 No. attending @ \$35 per head _____ Buffet Dinner: \$ _____
 \$25 (if due) VMSA Membership: \$ _____

Dietary requirements: _____ **TOTAL: \$** _____

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
 Members may enter and pay on-line. For paper entries, Fax to Helena (03) 9747 3150, or email hjmorgan@bigpond.net.au.
 Please do not send cash by mail.
Online entries for financial members available on our website: www.vmsasquash.com.au
ENTRIES CLOSE Friday 14th April 2017

My preferred method of payment is:

Visa Mastercard Direct Debit
 BSB 633000 A/c 130422223
 Reference: Your name please

Card Number: _____ | _____ | _____ | _____

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

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