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By Lou Morsch

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Upcoming Tournaments 2018

Dromana – Vic Champ April 20-22

Masters/Jnrs - Westerfolds May 26-27

Shepparton Tournament July 20-22

Grays **Ballarat** Tourn Nov 23-25



A wonderful way to start another year of squash with a great number of entries to the

Mountain Districts Open Tournament in February. This event was heavily supported by Masters players. The VMSA have now sponsored this event for a third year running. Lots of Masters age players competing against other players, including juniors more than half their age or more. In Bert Hoveling's case his opponent was nearly 70 years his junior. Wonderful sight. This was followed by a great response to our first visit to Horsham for a Masters event. Great being out and about in the Wimmera and staying at Sylvania Park Mohair Farm for a true taste of the country. The team's format went down well but the next time we return to Horsham it will be an Individual's Event which I hope will attract even more competitors.

A great thank you to the Horsham folk who put on a great weekend for us and also to the local sponsors who supported the tournament. Very pleasing to also see the Mayor of Horsham - Pam Clarke come to the presentation on Sunday despite her husband injuring himself at home on the weekend. A really great show of support for our Association. I'm sure Helena will have more to report about Horsham in her segment.

Back in Melbourne, the new pennant season has started but unfortunately for me and my Pegstar team mates, it will be our last season at Pegs. The school where we play out of is knocking down the facility at season's end to build basketball courts so we will have to find a new home in Spring 2018. At this stage, it looks like Squash Logic will be our new home. I'm hoping they will welcome me back having played at the club before.

Your new VMSA committee has met a couple of times now since the AGM. New faces on the committee are Karen Gallo and Clara Edney. Karen has a great deal of past experience with the VMSA and Clara has taken the key role as Treasurer. She is also our Match and Pennant Results Officer where she has served for many a long year already. The great quality of the women serving us the committee now well outnumber the serving men (and they drink and party more!!).

Just a quick reminder to visit the VMSA website to view all the photos Horsham from our recent all tournament and find the information about upcoming tournaments, pennant results and other important announcements.

An early tip is that the Masters/Juniors event this year on 26°-27° May at Westerfolds will be bigger again so get in early if you wish to enter. Jill is already going grey with the prospect of catering for more player numbers again.

Hope you are enjoying squash in 2018

Your Prez
Lou Morsch



TOURNAMENT REPORT

By Helena Morgan

HORSHAM TEAMS 2018

It may have been a long drive, but definitely worth it once we got there. Great weather (not too hot), great city, and lots of friendly people that made us feel very welcome.

The team's event allows for a lot more interaction between players and provides plenty of friendly rivalry and a lot of great, hard fought matches.

88 players participated with 13 "virgins".

Congratulations to all, hope you had a good time. Many thanks must go to the committee and helpers from Horsham, who looked after us for the weekend. Loved the "Florrys". Your efforts were very much appreciated.

Special mention to our interstate competitors.

ACT 1

TAS 2

WA 1

There were no tournament milestone badges for this weekend. Winner of our members draw for 2 free dinner dance tickets was Alan McRorie. Winner of our 'on line entry' draw for free VMSA merchandise was Karen Scott. Congratulations to you both.

There was also a great time had by all that attended our dinner dance held at "Sylvania Park". What a lovely venue!!

Well done to Peter Miller who played a few numbers with the band. Not bad Peter!

VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS — DROMANA

Now our next tournament, the Victorian Championships, is being held at **Dromana** again this year.

As the results for this tournament help to determine your ranking for the Australian Championships that are being held in Hobart 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. Scoring will be PAR15 for all grades/divisions.

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 "Josephine's Restaurant at the Briars" in Mt Martha. There will be a courtesy bus available for \$10 per head to get you there and back safely.

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.





We are saddened to farewell Joy Williams who is moving warmer pastures in Queensland. Joy has played our Master's tournaments for many years. Horsham was Joy's last tournament with us although she intends to play in the Australian Masters Championships, so we can catch up with her then. Good luck in your new location Joy.

Shortly before the Horsham tournament, one of our Masters friends and a tournament stalwart in Carol Robertson broke her wrist and had to withdraw from the event. Even though Carol now lives in South Australia, everybody knows she is a true loyal Victori-

an. It was such a pity to hear of Carol's injury as I know How much she was looking forward to coming to Horsham to compete and to re-connect with her Masters

friends.

We all wish Carol a speedy recovery and hope this injury doesn't prevent her from continuing to play. Look forward to seeing you soon Carol— from all your friends at the VMSA.



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NEXT TOURNAMENT: SHEPPARTON JULY 20-22







HORSHAM TEAMS EVENT



Section 7 R/Up Melrose Mob



Section 7 Winners Chickadees



Section 6 R/Up The Flugelbinders



Section 6 Winners Numb-Nuts



Section 5 R/Up Battlers



Section 5 Winners Dee Jays



Section 4 R/up Leopards



Section 4 Winners
Th Mould & the Beautiful



Section 3 R/Up Where's Wally

TEAMS EVENT Cont'd



Section 3 Winners No Idea



Section 2 R/Up Any Which Way



Section 2 Winners The Go Getters



Section 1 R/Up Forgetful Frogs



Section 1 Winners **RMD**



SALMING. no nonsense.





Horsham Officiaries





RESULTS OF THE HORSHAM MASTERS TEAM EVENT

Event	Award	Awarded to
(1) SECTION 1	Winner	RMD
		MICK DYKE Yarram
		MARGE DELANEY Werribee
		ROSS MEDDINGS Squash Logic
	Runner up	FORGETFUL FROGS
		GARY MCPYKE MULGRAVE
		JOHN FORREST ACT
		JILLIAN THOMAS SQUASH LOGIC
(2) SECTION 2	Winner	THE GO GETTERS
		DAVID SHAY WERRIBEE
		ROD WILSON
		DONNA FISHER MILDURA
		JENNIFER ESAM SHEPPARTON
	Runner up	ANY WHICH WAY
		STEVEN CUFF
		ASHISH KHURANA SQUASH LOGIC
		JACKY ADLINGTON HORSHAM
		JENNY ANDERSON MOE
(3) SECTION 3	Winner	NO IDEA
		ANDREW MEREDITH SHEPPARTON
		MARJA JANSEN WESTERFOLDS
		ROBYN CREEK HORSHAM
	Runner up	WHERE'S WALLY
	·	WALTER PASTUSZKA BENALLA
		MICHELLE ROWLES PEGS
		MUHAMMAD JAVID HORSHAM
(4) SECTION 4	Winner	THE MOULD & THE BEAUTIFUL
		ROSS TROMPF WESTERFOLDS
		NEIL TYTLER MOORABBIN
		MARK DECKERT HORSHAM
	Runner up	LEOPARDS
	•	ANGELO COCO GPHC
		TERRY BARLOW MOORABBIN
		SUE GILIBERTO MULGRAVE

HORSHAM TEAMS EVENT RESULTS Cont'd

(5) SECTION 5	Winner	DEE JAYS JANINE EEDY TOWERHILL DARYL FERGUSON HORSHAM JOY WILLIAMS BAW BAW				
	Runner up	BATTLERS				
		WARREN FROST HORSHAM				
		PHILLIP WARREN GPHC PHIL O'BRIEN MOORABBIN				
		FRIL O BRIEN WOORABBIN				
(6) SECTION 6	Winner	NUMB - NUTS				
		LOU MORSCH PEGS				
		RICHARD JOHNSON MOORABBIN				
		VIC STAFFORD BRIGHTON				
	Runner up	THE FLUGELBINDERS				
		DARYL HOLLIS DONALD				
		DON PERRY HORSHAM				
		MIKE EDNEY MOORABBIN				
(7) SECTION 7	Winner	CHICKADEES				
. ,		LAUNA SCHILLING HORSHAM				
		BIDDY MCFARLANE GPHC				
		PAM PARK MOORABBIN				
	Runner up	MELROSE MOB				
		ZIG SZAMBELANCZYK PEGS				
		MICHAEL BYRNES				
		ANN FISHBURN MULGRAVE				



The Autumn season has commenced but not without some problems even before it started. Due to some difficulties with juggling teams, Mike & Clara had to spend numerous extra hours rearranging some of the grades. And as a result of this Bryan Bird had to re-do the draw for all pennant competitions again. This, I'm told, took an extra 18 hours of Bryan's time. Hopefully after that hiccup, it is onwards without too many other dramas for the rest of the season. My thanks to Mike, Clara, Bryan and new recruit Ian Wyatt for volunteering their time to get everything in place for the season to commence on time, keeping me posted on what was eventuating and taking on board my thoughts on matters at hand whilst I was dealing with concerns of my Dad's health.

PENNANT REPORT Cont'd

The grading of pennant teams is a very difficult issue. Trust me - we do not deliberately put you into a grade you believe is unsuitable for you (yet again as some may think). Whilst I am sympathetic to people/teams/clubs grievances, please remember we are trying to do the best we can for <u>ALL</u> people/teams/clubs not just your club or your team. On most occasions when we are grading teams there are some very tough decisions to make on who goes up or not and at times we are nearly pulling our hair out trying to get the balance right. Sometimes we may have to push a team into a grade where they may not be fully competitive, but we have to choose which team and it's personnel we believe will handle it the best.

One of the reasons people love playing masters is to be able to play as a team with their mates or family. There may be wide differences in standards of players so your club along with the VMSA try to work out the best grade for you and that too causes many headaches for the match and pennant committee.

I am hoping you can all take my remarks about pennant on board and not take it personally if we have not put you into the grade you would prefer. Try to understand we have tried to make every grade evenly competitive with an equal chance for any team to win a grand final. Also remember that there are 5 of us on match and pennant who get together to do the gradings. We <u>ALL</u> discuss and collectively agree on matters regarding grading, penalties and disciplinary issues without bias.

Speaking about disciplinary matters, if you wish to place a report about player misbehaviour, there is now a link on the home page of the VMSA website under "Quick Links" where you can download a disciplinary report form. Just download it, fill it out and email it to me. Please make sure you get the report to me ASAP so I can investigate any claims then discuss with Mike, Ian & Lou what action needs to be taken. This all needs to be done before the next pennant round. Remember that a good way to prevent bad behaviour on the court is by way of firm refereeing. Further measures are the issuing of conduct warnings where appropriate or conduct points and if bad behaviour continues after these steps then a conduct game or match. If the last 2 steps are taken, then a report must be sent to me for us to deal further with this problem.

As your newly elected Pennant Director, I have to thank our President, Lou Morsch for his support. He has taking the pressure off me by dealing with some letters of complaint directed towards the match & pennant committee whilst I have been focussing on my dad's health. For those of you who know my dad, Gerry Mahon is a past VMSA Pennant Director as well as squash pennant player and Tournament Director. Dad suffered a slight bleed to the brain just after the New Year and has been in hospital/rehab for just over a month. He is now out and resting at one of my sibling's place as he tries to regain some strength and hopefully improve on his short term memory that has been affected. Unfortunately this has knocked him around a bit and we have all been affected by seeing him as frail as he is because he has always been so sharp & active. Even at the ripe old age of 91 he was still driving and enjoying playing lawn bowls. So please keep him in your prayers as we wish him a full recovery.

I have gone on a bit, but I really hope that everyone now understands a little bit more about the issues surrounding pennant. It is not as easy to grade teams as we all think, but we do try to make it as painless as possible.

Hope you enjoy your season and remember to always play in good spirit. More importantly remember to provide a nice supper for your opponents after your matches. A good idea for those with food allergies is to ring the captain of your opposition when playing at their courts and advise them of this so that they may cater to your needs.

ON AND OFF THE COURT AT HORSHAM















































DINNER DANCE AT SYLVANIA







































A very good example of the Masters Spirit.

(A letter from John Link following the Horsham tournament)

Helena,

Please convey my thanks to all you wonderful organizers for another excellent tournament.

The teams event was a totally different and for me, an even better event than normal as it thrust me into a new group of friends and excellent team.

I was the worst player but strangely the only one out of all our matches to win a match. The young 60 year olds were too busy running, hitting the ball somewhere to think about playing cleverer.

With the high roof, it suited my serve and I just scraped through in 4.

As the oldest player (82) still squashing in that comp, it was very pleasing to be able to do something useful. I had a wonderful time and enjoyed every moment.

The masters is very fortunate in having me play as without me there would have been no one to come last!!

Personal regards

John Link.

Peter Miller practices for the Horsham Masters Tournament as reported by the Wimmera Mail-Times Newspaper.



JIM BRISTOW CUP

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. lim is proud to be associated with the Masters Juniors Championships and will play a role lim Bristow is a player with a long history of success in the squash industry, both as a in presenting the Jim Bristow Cups.

HOW TO ENTER

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

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 \$30 for Masters players and \$20 for Juniors.

T-SHIRTS

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

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DOWNLOAD ENTRY FORM AT: www.vmsasquash.com.au

SPONSORS: Inform Connection – Grays – Hi Tech – Salming - Squash Analysis – TS&L

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Suggested accommodation:

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26th-27th MAY 2018

A VMSA Event

Entries Close 18th May 2018

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

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Entry Forms/Payments/Enquiries: V.M.S.A. – Jill Morsch

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Greenvale, Vic. 3059

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E: jillianmorsch62@hotmail.com

2 Swilk Street, Templestowe 3106

HOW TO ENTER You can enter as an individual and we

will find you a partner or if you already have a partner, enter as a team (you can use separate entry forms if you need to!).

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Entry fee: Masters \$30 Juniors \$20



RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1/ Teams Will consist of one masters player and one junior player
- 2/ Juniors must be U23 as at 28/5/2018, Masters Men must be Over 35 and Women over 30
- 3/ Organisers will grade all players into suitable divisions once all entries have been received – please note that due to the nature of the event, numbers of entries accepted may be limited to a first come, first served basis – any players entering after maximum capacity has been reached will be notified as soon as possible.
- 4/ Players will compete in both singles and doubles with rounds being
- Players can enter one team only and all players are guaranteed a minimum of four matches.
 - 6/ Players will be required to referee where asked.
- 7/ ALL players, irrespective of age must wear approved protective eyewear for doubles and all junior players must wear protective eyewear for singles. Protective Eyewear will be available for use free of charge.
 - 8/ The organiser's decisions are final and they also reserve the right to:-
 - a) Refuse any entry and shall not be required to give any reason for such refusal
- b) Regrade any player as necessary and disqualify any player not ready to begin his/her match punctually
 - c) Alter times of matches and reduce the number of events
 - b) It is not possible to pay your entry fee on the day.

10/ No entries refunded within 7 days of the tournament commencing



DECLARATION: (To be signed by all competitors) In consideration of my entry, 1, my heirs, executors and administrators release and forever discharge Inform Connection Pty Ltd, VMSA, local councils, it's servants, agents or subcontractors, instrumentalities, all voluntary community groups and organizations assisting with this event, all sponsors, producers, their agents and representatives of all liabilities, claims, damages or costs which I may have against them arising out of, or in any way connected with my participation in the event. I understand this waiver includes claims based on negligence, action, or inaction of any of the above parties. I recognise the difficulties of this event and declare that I am physically fit and able to complete in event safely, and have not been told otherwise by a medical ly qualified person. I consent to receive medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident or illness. I consent to my image being used on the Inform Connection or VMSA websites and all related circuit information. I have carefully read this entry form and agree to abide by all the rules and directions of all officials.

DATE:

SIGNED (Player):



Please send complete page back to us via email (jillianmorsch62@hotmail.com) or fax 03 9333 3668.

TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

- 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.
- Players may enter ONE EVENT ONLY.

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- The scoring will be PAR 15 for all grades.
- Entry Forms will be available on our website, www.vmsasquash.com.au
- Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or not accept entrants and to regrade any entries.
- For advice of first round matches, please check on our website: www.vmsasquash.com.au. from Wed 18TH April 2018.
- Players must report to Tournament Control no later than <u>30 MINUTES BEFORE</u> 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.
- 11. Snacks and refreshments will be available at the squash centre during the day.
- 12. A social get-together, including complimentary supper will be held at the squash courts on Friday evening April 20th after the conclusion of the matches. ALL WELCOME.
- 13 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.
- 14 Trophy presentation will be at approximately 4:30pm Sunday followed by a complimentary supper.
- 15 MOTEL ACCOMODATION SUGGESTIONS: At your own discretion. No discounts available.
- 16 A 3 course dinner has been organised for Saturday 21st April from 7.30pm 10.30pm at Josephines Restaurant at the Briars, 450 Nepean Highway, Mount Martha Vic. 3934 (03) 5974 1104. Drinks at bar prices. Cost: \$40.00 per person Please include payment with entry, along with any dietary requirements.
- 17 There will be a courtesy bus for this function @ \$10 per head. Please include payment with entry.
- 18. 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 lucky draw for all current members attending the tournament, also on-line entry. Ask any of our committee members for details.



VICTORIAN MASTERS SQUASH STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 20th APRIL – 22nd APRIL 2018



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

www.vmsasquash.com.au



Entries close Friday 6th April 2018





Next Tournament:
Masters Juniors Championships
@ Westerfolds Squash
26th - 27th May 2018

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: himoraan@biapond.net.au

VICTORIAN MASTERS SQUASH STATE CHAMPSIONSHIPS 2018 – ENTRY FORM

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Are you a financial member of the VMSA? (Playing VMSA pennant is not automatic membership – see overleaf) ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT? (We need as many as possible to play Friday night – matches start at 7.30pm) 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 @ \$40 per head Dinner: \$ Courtesy Bus \$10 per person (No. attending) Courtesy Bus: \$ \$25 (if due) VMSA Membership: \$ Dietary requirements: TOTAL: \$ I agree to abide by all tournament conditions and decisions of the tournament committee. Signed: Date: Date:								
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