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Another year is dusted and by now the Christmas presents have all been unwrapped and the New Year is upon us. Merry Christmas from Prez Santa and Happy

New Year to all my fellow squashes. Hopefully, there was plenty of squash accessories in the Christmas sack to entice you back in 2019.

It was another successful year full of memorable events and enjoyable times which I hope for everyone else, the same can be said. As usual the end of year Ballarat event was another special weekend. Great squash, hard partying and a festive togetherness. We farewelled Helena Morgan in grand style and I even detected a tear or two as Helena reminisced about her time as Tournament Director. Helena dedicated many years of her life to squash all for the enjoyment it brought and the friendships she made along the way. I'm sure we will still see plenty of Helena as time ticks on especially at the dinner dances where she always kicked up her heels and had a good time partying.

There were plenty of other highlights in 2018- none greater than my team winning a flag in the Spring Pennant just concluded. Thought you would all be thrilled about hearing that. I would like to congratulate all pennant winners during the year and also heap praise on all the supporters who also came along on finals nights and cheered on their club. There was a real buzz about the place which added to the pleasure of competition. Further highlights during the year were the tournaments and especially Horsham which was a new location and conducted as a team event. It was a great weekend especially for the locals who worked hard to ensure it's success. We will return in Feb 2019 but this time Horsham will be an open event for individuals.

With the departure of Helena Morgan after the 2018 AGM, I was thrilled to announce Darren O'Neill as a keen and enthusiastic new Tournament Director. Darren has been heavily involved in the VMSA committee but now tackles a tough job vacated by Helena. I'm confident Darren will handle the role well with the help and support of everyone. Further welcome additions to the committee in 2018 are Allison Douglas and Gary McPyke. So pleased to have the two of you on board.

It was also a great thrill in Ballarat to award Lynette Woodyard the Judith Goadby Trophy for 2018. A great contributor to the VMSA and a most worthy winner.

As we role into 2019, I wish everyone good health and happiness. Play well and stay healthy (we need you all) The squash community is a great group with a special bond. Let's keep looking out for each other and sharing in the pleasures the sport provides.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Squashing

Your Prez

Sylvie O'Neale Update

Hi, Just an update after having spoken to Sylvie. She could not make Ballarat and apologises for that. She is going in to the Alfred on 2nd Nov for a valve procedure on her heart and will be there at least a month after - recovering. Being Sylvie, she instructed the family not to wake her if her body does not cope from the anaesthetic or surgery. She is now 87yrs and still going okay and still living at home. This problem she has was just found recently after she was going to have a cyst on her ear removed and required anaesthetic. They did a health check on her first and found she had a valve blockage requiring immediate attention. She said to pass on her best wishes to Gerry and say hello to everyone and wish Helena all the best.

Cheers Lou

Post note: Sylvie came through the surgery well and is recovering.





TOURNAMENT REPORT

By Helena Morgan

(RETIRING) TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT GRAYS BALLARAT MASTERS 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!!

Hope the start of 2019 finds you all safe and well.

The Ballarat tournament was a great end to our tournament year, and also a great end to my life as tournament director.

We had 158 entries, with 11 virgins.

Special mention to our interstate competitors.

ACT	6
NSW	4
TAS	3
WA	2
QLD	1

Thank you all for your support.

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

John Forrest	25	(ACT)
Darren O'Donnell	25	(Ballarat)
Chris Photis	25	(Bright)
Rick Dintinosante	50	(Squash Logic)

AND..... A special congratulations to Mark Thurkle for reaching his 100th tournament. Well done Mark. Hope you make many more.

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 Lynette Woodyard, who was this years recipient of the Judith Goadby Trophy.

Thanks for all your hard work and great newsletters you have published over your years of association with the VMSA.

Other winners of our special draws

Members draw for 2 free dinner dance tickets - Jim Howard (Westerfolds)

On line entry draw for VMSA merchandis - Carlo Di Tondo (Mulgrave)

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Upcoming Tournaments 2019

Horsham Masters Tourn	15-17 Feb
Vic Masters Champs—Bendigo	12-14 April
Masters/Juniors – W'folds	25-26 May
Wodonga Masters Teams Event	19-21 July
Aust Masters Champs Gold Coast Qld	2-13 September
Grays Ballarat Masters Tourn	22-24 Nov



Congratulations to Madina Khan and David Crossley on their recent engagement

THE JUDITH GOADBY AWARD



Congratulations to the 2018 Judith Goadby Award winner Lynette Woodyard. Lynette plays out of the PEGS Club at Essendon and has been the Newsletter Editor for the VMSA since taking on the role in 2010.

Left—Previous winners of the Judith Goadby Award

Helena's Report cont'd

For all those players who encourage people from their home masters clubs to participate, here is a run down of where this tournaments players were from. This is not everyone, just the larger groups.

LILYDALE	20
PEGS	15
MOORABBIN	13
BALLARAT	10
GPHC	10
SQUASH LOGIC	10

Well done all of you.

So now I have come to the end of a very enjoyable time in my life. (Even though you may have heard me complain a little at times).

There are so many people that have helped me over the years and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you.

I would also like to give special mention to a couple of exceptional assistants. Firstly Duncan Constable who was with me at the start and sat with me in our office we used to have upstairs at the Hawthorn Club for hours at a time getting the tournaments ready.

Secondly Ute Cottee who only came to the tournaments to assist me, and worked tirelessly behind the desk on the computer entering all the results for many years.

Last but not least I would like to thank the VMSA committee for allowing me the freedom to run the tournaments as I thought they should be run, and for the great send off they arranged for me at Ballarat.

Thank you also to all you great players that have supported the tournaments for the last 18 years.

Special thanks to all those of you that wrote such lovely messages in my presentation book. Love you all.

And finally an extra special thank you to Darren O'Neill who volunteered to take over as Tournament Director.

Good Luck Darren!!

Well that's it from me now

Over to you Darren.....

Helena – Retired Tournament Director



VMSA INCOMING TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

As you all know Helena completed her last Ballarat as Tournament Director, finishing an amazing 18 year stint, putting on these events. I'm sure she would have been overwhelmed at the large attendance. I'm new to the role and have accepted the challenge to continue putting on great tournaments. Keep filling out your entries and I shall do the rest.

Be aware this year is going to be a big push for everyone to enter online. This is a great way to save \$5 off your entry and entering online before the early bird closing date is the only way this can happen. Commencing January 2019, tournament entry fees are now as follows: Non-Member \$50, VMSA financial Members \$40, VMSA financial member 25+ tournaments \$35. We will send out your user name and passwords before the early bird closing date, so don't worry if you don't know it. Otherwise contact Pam Park, our Membership Officer.

Horsham will host the next tournament, 15-17 February to be precise. This will be an individuals event, not a teams event as previous. Horsham Squash Club are fantastic hosts plus having great weather certainly helps to make this an enjoyable weekend. We are heading to Sylvania Park for our Saturday Night function. Purchase a \$10 ticket to ride the bus there and back - this is an option on your entry form.

Check out our Calendar for all scheduled events for 2019 on the VMSA website.

Your new Tournament Team consists of Darren O'Neill, Karen Gallo, Helen Lococo, Bernie Murphy and Pam Park. Thank you ladies for your support, I certainly will need it.

A special thanks to Helena for all the time she has given me over the last year, her knowledge is endless.

Kind Regards

Darren O'Neill – New Tournament Director

REFEREE'S CORNER

Please note the recent change made to the time allowed for a warm-up. It is now a 4 minute allowance for warm-up and was passed at the AGM of the World Squash Federation. Masters players who once took eight minutes are now obliged to take only 4 to warm up prior to play commencing. Seriously, it is now **FOUR** minutes (two minutes each side) and applies to all competitions effective now.

Cheers

Your Prez and Referee

RULES MADE EASY



14.3.3.1

Opponent inflicted. **Where the injury is accidentally caused by the opponent**, Rule 15 (Conduct) must be applied. **The injured player is permitted 15 minutes to recover. If the player is then unable to resume play, the match is awarded to the injured player.**

RENT- A -REF

Email: referee@squashvic.com.au

How would you like to have a qualified referee officiating for your night of squash? Its easy.... For a small fee you can have an easy relaxing night at squash. When using the RENT-A-REF service your team must still supply a marker to assist for \$90, otherwise with no markers provided the cost is \$180. Rent-A-REF is also a great way to learn the correct rules of squash by observing the referee and gives the opportunity to ask questions.

For more information or to book a referee please contact referee@squashvic.com.au

Please remember that if you try to contact a referee directly and you do **not** go through the above email, we cannot guarantee that a referee will be provided for you.

Summary so far from Renee Rowland – Winner of the Master's Apprentice Award for 2018

1. Tournaments have been a good challenge & good chance to play people of a higher level.
2. David Crossley has helped me to improve my game on Friday night coaching and Sunday one on one coaching.
3. We have worked on reaction timing and have done some driving and drop routines.
4. I feel I have improved my drives and have gained some more strength and power.
5. My goal is to continue working on my reaction timing, drives and to gain some more strength for my shots.
6. The squash analysis has helped me to adjust some technical work- such as footwork, preparation of my racquet and how to play different types of shots.
7. Thanks to VMSA and all of my sponsors, my parents and my coach for this opportunity to improve.
8. I am enjoying playing squash more than ever.

Also Dave Crossley will be sending a "coaches review" to the VMSA shortly.

Renee Rowland

AMUSING MOMENTS

One of our virgins at Ballarat, Mike Halpin from Westerfolds, celebrated at the dinner dance in true Masters Spirit(s??). After imbibing an impressive amount of 'happy juice', went to the 'gents' and found it so comfortable, he fell asleep. Staff found him at 3am and assisted in arranging travel arrangements back to his accommodation.

PENNANT PRESENTATIONS AT MULGRAVE



Grade 10 Winners—Mulgrave Club 6



Grade 10 R-up—Mt District 5



Grade 9 Winners—Grace Park Hawthorn 3



Grade 9 R-up—Moorabbin 3



Grade 7 Winners - Westerfolds 5



Grade 7 R-up—Westerfolds Bayswater 5



Grade 1 Winners—Lilydale 1



Grade 1 R-up—Lilydale 2



Pennant Presentations at Westerfolds



Grade 5 Winners—PEGS and R-up Brighton Rec



Grade 2 Winners Squash Logic 1



Grade 2 R-up Werribee 2



Grade 3 Winners— Grace Park Hawthorn 2



Grade 3 R-up Grace Park Hawthorn 1



Grade 4 Winners—Mt District 1



Grade 4 R-up—Mulgrave Club





VMSA Spring 2018
Individual Team Results Grand Finals

Grade 01	Final Final	Lilydale 01	Defeated	Lilydale 02	3R9G92P to 1R5G79P
Grade 02	Final Final	Werribee 02	Lost to	Squash Logic 01	2R6G85P to 2R7G96P
Grade 03	Final Final	Grace Park Haw 02	Defeated	Grace Park Haw 01	2R9G97P to 2R6G90P
Grade 04	Final Final	Mountain District 01	Defeated	Mulgrave Club 01	3R9G107P to 1R5G74P
Grade 05	Final Final	PEGS 02	Defeated	Brighton Rec 03	3R9G108P to 1R6G82P
Grade 06	Final Final	Westerfolds 03	Defeated	Lilydale 05	3R11G128P to 1R5G98P
Grade 07	Final Final	Westerfolds 05	Defeated	Westerfolds Bayswater 01	3R9G97P to 1R5G70P
Grade 08	Final Final	Westerfolds 06	Lost to	Mulgrave Club 05	2R6G90P to 2R7G87P
Grade 09	Final Final	Grace Park Haw 03	Defeated	Moorabbin 03	4R12G119P to 0R2G48P
Grade 10	Final Final	Mountain District 05	Lost to	Mulgrave Club 06	2R7G104P to 2R8G98P

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INCOMING TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Current Details for our new Director of VMSA tournaments

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Presentations - GRAYS MASTERS BALLARAT 2018

Event Award Awarded to:

SECTION 1

1. Winner ANTHONY HILL
2. Runner Up WARREN MILLER Lilydale
3. Special plate CRAIG BROOK Lilydale
4. Plate GEORGE KANELIS NSW
5. Consolation plate MICK DYKE Yarram

SECTION 2

1. Winner CHRIS PHOTIS Bright
2. Runner Up STEVE MORLEY Brighton
3. Special plate ROGER CHILD Bentleigh
4. Plate CHYE LIM GPHC
5. Consolation plate ANGUS HENDERSON GPHC

SECTION 3

1. Winner WALTER PASTUSZKA Benalla
2. Runner Up TONY FIEDLER Mulgrave
3. Special plate ROBERT GREENWOOD Ballarat
4. Plate CHRIS ROWLAND FOCUS
5. Consolation plate TRAVIS BRUNT Squash Logic

SECTION 4

1. Winner BARRY FITZPATRICK Bendigo
2. Runner Up ROY GARRO Gladstone park
3. Special plate ANIL JOSEPH Melton
4. Plate MARK ROGERS WA
5. Consolation plate LORI FERNANDEZ Corio

SECTION 5

1. Winner GARRY IRWIN NSW
2. Runner Up NORM BROWNING Gladstone Park
3. Special plate GABE MARKOVICS Lilydale
4. Plate KIM CHAMRA PEGS
5. Consolation plate JANINE EEDY Towerhill

SECTION 6

1. Winner ANNE FORDHAM TONIC
2. Runner Up DENIS METTAM ACT
3. Special plate GREG DAVIS Ballarat
4. Plate ROD REYNOLDS Lilydale
5. Consolation plate KAREN GRIFFITH Lilydale

SECTION 7

1. Winner ANDREW DENNISON Moorabbin
2. Runner Up KEVIN DENNEHY Moorabbin
3. Special plate LUCY ALLINSON Moorabbin
4. Plate TINA GILCHRIST Lilydale
5. Consolation plate MAL RUBINICH Squash Logic

SECTION 8

1. Winner RON SMITH ACT
2. Runner Up ALEX SCHERINI Lilydale
3. Special plate MARJA JANSEN Westerfolds
4. Plate TASHIA MIHAIL Mulgrave
5. Consolation plate RICHARD FRY ACT

SECTION 9

1. Winner PETER MILLER Horsham
2. Runner Up HENRY PASTUSZKA Benalla
3. Special plate JOHN SCULLY Mulgrave
4. Plate JUDITH FOX TAS
5. Consolation plate LIBBY INNES GPHC

SECTION 10

1. Winner PAM PARK Moorabbin
2. Runner Up JOHN STRATTON Lilydale
3. Special plate SALLY WINGETT Lilydale
4. Plate BARBARA MELVIN MOE
5. Consolation plate HEATHER CAMPBELL ACT



Section 1



Section 2



Section 3



Section 4



Section 5



Section 6



Section 7



Section 8



Section 9



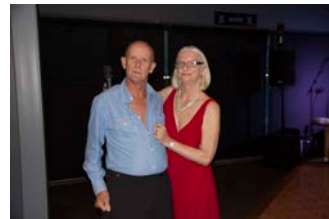
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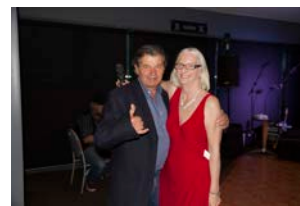
TOURNAMENT BADGE RECIPIENTS



Chris Photis 25



John Forrest 25



Rick Dintinosante 25



Darren O'Donnell 25



A huge congratulations to Mark Thurkle on attaining his 100 Tournament Badge.



The '100 Tournament Club'

BALLARAT DINNER DANCE





VMMSA 2019 Tournaments

**Feb
15-17**
Horsham
Individuals
Tournament

**April
12-14**
Bendigo
Victorian
Masters
Championships

**May
25-26**
Westerfolds
Masters/Juniors

**July
19-21**
Wodonga
Teams
Event

**Sept
2-13**
Gold Coast
Australian
Masters
Championships

**Nov
22-24**

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HORSHAM MASTERS SQUASH TOURNAMENT

15th—17th FEBRUARY 2019

TO BE PLAYED AT:

Horsham Squash Club, 76 McPherson Street, Horsham 3400 Phone: (03) 5382 2943

Entries close Thursday 7th February 2019



TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:

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Email: tournaments@vmsasquash.com.au



NEXT TOURNAMENT:

Victorian Championships

Bendigo

12-14 APRIL 2019

TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

1. The Tournament will be a mixed graded event and will be conducted using triple plate or round robin draws depending on the number of entries received. Scoring will be PAR15 for all sections. All matches will be best of 5 games and every effort will be made to ensure that each entrant gets at least three matches.
2. All players must fulfil their obligations to other participants by competing in all matches set down for them.
3. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept, decline or re-grade any entries.
4. Notice of withdrawal and requests for refund must be made to the Tournament Director 7 days prior to the tournament start date. Any requests for refunds after this date are at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
5. No claims whatsoever will be recognised should any player receive an injury whilst participating in the tournament.
6. First round matches will be available on our website www.vmsasquash.com.au from Wednesday 13th February 2019.
7. All players must report to the Tournament Control Desk at least **30 MINUTES BEFORE** their next scheduled match.
8. All players are expected to be warmed up and ready to play as soon as the previous match is completed.
9. All players are expected to mark or referee the match immediately following their own, or as directed by the Tournament Control.
10. Trophy presentations will be at approximately 4:30pm Sunday followed by a complimentary supper.
11. A social get together, including complimentary supper will be held at the Horsham Squash Club on Friday evening after the conclusion of the matches.
ALL WELCOME
12. Snacks and refreshments will be available at the squash centre during the weekend.
13. A Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday 16th February at Sylvania Park, 808 East Road, Drung from 7:30pm till 12:00am featuring a live band and a 2 course meal. Drinks at bar prices. Cost: \$50 per person. PLEASE INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH YOUR ENTRY.
14. A Courtesy Bus will be provided to the Dinner Dance. Cost: \$10 per person. PLEASE INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH YOUR ENTRY. You will be advised of the pickup times on Saturday. Any queries contact Michelle Rowles on 0407 838 572.
15. Accommodation: Sylvania Park - 808 East Road, Drung. One 5 bedroom homestead is available. Call Rowena 03 5382 2811 or 0419322605
16. Tournament Entry Fees are \$50 for Non-Members, \$40 for VMSA Financial Members and \$35 for VMSA Financial Members who have played 25+ tournaments. Please note playing in a VMSA Pennant Team does **NOT** automatically mean you are a financial member of the VMSA. Membership of the VMSA provides discounted entry fees to tournaments as well as many other benefits for just \$25 per year. Ask any of our Committee Members for details.

Early Bird Discount applies for entries lodged online only, cut off date 1st February 2019

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VMSA TOURNAMENT - HORSHAM 2019 - 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 15TH Feb 2019: _____

Surname: _____ Given Names: _____

Address: _____ P/Code: _____

Suburb: _____ Mobile: _____

Email address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Ph No: _____ Relationship: _____

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 Conditions)

ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT? MATCHES START AT 7.30 PM YES: NO:

(We need as many as possible to play Friday night – Time available ___pm)

ENTRY FEES: Non-Members \$50.00
 VMSA Members \$40.00 (Financial Members Only)
 25+ Tournament players \$35.00 (25+Financial Members Only)

PLEASE COMPLETE: Payment attached for:

Dinner Dance - \$50 per person	(No attending) _____	Entry Fee: \$.	Dinner Dance: \$.
Courtesy Bus - \$10 per person	(No attending) _____	Courtesy Bus: \$.	
VMSA Membership - \$25 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: Darren O'Neill, VMSA, PO Box 76, CARNEGIE, VIC 3163
 Fax to (03) 9563 0506 or email tournaments@vmsasquash.com.au Please do not send cash by mail

Entries close Thursday 7th Feb 2019

My preferred method of payment is:

Visa Mastercard Direct Debit - BSB 633000 A/c 130422223 Description: < **eg..... YOUR NAME** >

Card Number _____

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

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