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Let me begin my report with an apology. I apologise for missing out on Wodonga after having to also miss the "Victorians" in Bendigo in April. Seems our busy lives continue to

get busier as we get older. After legitimately having to go to a wedding in April, I then had to legitimately go on a business holiday to Italy in July as reported in my last edition. Missing out on tournaments is unfortunate and most of the Winter experience in Melbourne was a real shame too so apology for that as well!! FYI, the holiday in Europe was just fantastic so if anyone wants any further details about that or see some pickies, I'm happy to share my experiences when I see you all in Ballarat.

Since returning to Melbourne, I have another apology to make. I just couldn't take more time off after being away for 5 weeks in July and go to the Australians in Queensland. So another apology is offered for missing out there as well. From all reports, the tournament was a blast and congratulations to all the successful individuals and team winners from the Gold Coast. I can gladly say that I will definitely be in Ballarat in November for the final event on the tournament calendar for 2019. Can't wait.

For being so pathetically apologetic, I thought my time as flavour of the month would run out when it came for re-election at the AGM in August. NOT A CHANCE. I'm back as your Prez after having been re-elected for another term. The AGM saw only one major change to the committee - that being the election of Allison Douglas as Madam Vice-Prez. Congratulations Ally. Allison replaces the outgoing Jill Morsch whose contribution to the affairs of our Masters Association has been enormous. Jill remains on the general committee for the time being but what a wonderful servant we have had and well done darling on a massive contribution across the board in the VMSA. We need more like you.

Speaking of massive contributions, a new Life Member was inducted to the VMSA at our AGM in August. Just wish more members would attend as a show of support for what we do and see what goes on behind the scenes of your Association. So few give so much when it comes to volunteering and little is made of the work they do for the benefit of many others. **Michelle Rowles** thoroughly deserves her place on the list of VMSA Life Members of which there is now 12. A follow up story about Michelle and her award of Life Membership is included in this edition of the Newsletter.

With Ballarat fast approaching, I better wind up and start preparing my sermon for the dinner dance in November. I hope to see many familiar faces there and also some new ones as we see 2019 out.

Let's Squash Ballarat

Your Prez

Best Wishes to JOHN TAYLOR

Yet another squashie has been struck down of recent times with a major health scare. John Taylor from Mountain Districts Club collapsed on the court from a heart attack during a recent pennant match and was rushed to hospital. Fortunately, plenty of assistance was at hand which may have saved John's life so my thanks to everyone involved for treating John and assisting him. The VMSA wish to pass on our well wishes to John and Sue and his family and pray for his speedy recovery from this setback.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS 2019

Grays Ballarat Nov 22-24

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS 2020

Bairnsdale Teams Event Feb 14-16
Vic Champs - Lilydale April 17-19
Masters/Juniors Westerfolds May 30-31
Bendigo July 10-12
Aust Masters - Adelaide Oct 12-23
Grays Ballarat Nov 20-22



WODONGA TOURNAMENT REPORT

by Darren O'Neill



Wodonga being a lovely place to visit held up under the chilly conditions with a major surprise when I entered the courts, they have installed central heating so chilly went out the door it was toasty inside. We held our very much growing in popularity TEAMS EVENT at Wodonga

with 72 Entries which worked out just perfectly with 6 courts. Unfortunately I had to knock back a few entries which I felt terrible to have to do, so apologies to those people.

At this teams Event we had 6 Divisions, 4 Teams per division and to all of those people who created some hilarious team names well done. It was a really great time watching you all have so much fun, not to mention some really great squash played across all levels battling it out for a win for their perspective teams.

We had 4 Virgins play their first tournament which was fantastic for the VMSA, to those new players we hope to see you as regulars going forward so keep an eye on our website for tournament updates.

Thanks to the Wodonga Squash Club for your hospitality and to Kate for organising things to make our weekend a very pleasant one. The food was fantastic, the courts were warm and in fantastic condition, see you next time.

Thanks to our sponsor, Combined Liquor for the Wine samples. Max Smith has been a long time supporter of Masters Squash (VMSA). I hope whoever purchased the wine enjoy it. Also, to the Hovell Tree Inn for making us feel very welcome. Their food was great the venue was great and even better for those who stayed there, only having a very short walk home from the dinner. We had the pleasure of Daryl Kennedy who is a local squash player in Dromana so thanks to his band the Melody Boys for making the trip up to Wodonga.

On the Weekend we handed out 2 Badges for achieving 25 Tournaments and they went to Jenny Anderson & Paul Frost. Congratulations once again to you both.

Online Entries are now open for our Grays Ballarat Tournament.

This is our last tournament of the year and probably the biggest in entries out of any Victorian Tournament around on the Squash Calendar, so be a part of it. I think we had over 160 entries last year so I'm expecting everyone to come and play. I want to be flat chat all weekend. I want to see everyone dancing at the dinner dance, even the Lilydale show who don't normally come will have to lead by example now, seeing you're going to hold the Vic Champs next April at Lilydale. More on that later. Don't forget to book online, and if you need assistance contact me on 0418362909 or tournaments@vmsasquash.com.au.

Special thanks to Helen Lococo who helped me over the weekend. Michelle Rowles, Lynette Woodyard, Linda Wing, Allison Douglas and Mark Thurkle who did various jobs over the weekend.

Thank you for supporting Master Squash and see you at Ballarat 22-24 November.

Darren O'Neill

Tournament Director

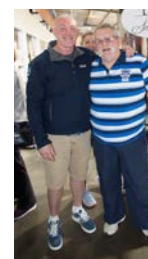
TOURNAMENT BADGE AWARDS

VMSA TOURNAMENT BADGES

25 Tournaments



Jenny Anderson



Paul Frost

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS TOURNAMENT BADGES



Greg Murphy

10 Years



Linda Wing



Brian Davey

15 Years



Belinda Murphy



Darren O'Neill



Shane Thorpe

20 Years



Paul Frost

LIFE MEMBERSHIP OF THE VMSA AWARDED TO MICHELLE ROWLES



Dear Guests, It is my great pleasure to include a 12th name to the list of Life Members of the VMSA. This talented person has developed a wonderful reputation over many years as a player, a stayer, a rager and a misbehavior as well as an organizer and administrator, a charmer and a schemer but most of all, a true believer in Masters - typical characteristics of all of our other Life Members.

Masters has probably not been the starting point for most squashes. Many squash players are typically introduced to the sport by playing socially at first. Then through enjoyment of the game join a pennant competition where they develop a love for the game being either a naturally talented individual or a lesser player who enjoys the sport for the competition and friendships that are struck. We can't all be champions but we stick at it, then some decide to give something back to the game so the sport can continue to prosper. It's a rare commodity for someone to possess, to develop friendships and offer something in return as a result of the enjoyment they derived from the sport.

Squash players are a rare breed- hard to find yet easy to build a friendship with and great ambassadors for the sport, but not always prepared to act as volunteers. So when someone special comes along possessing all these qualities, you grab them with both arms and hope they are prepared to take on a greater role and serve as a committee member or more. Well this person has done exactly that and more. Being introduced to squash as a mediocre player then going on to play regular pennant. Not to be deterred by results, we then get introduced or seduced by the Masters philosophy and thus a new career was started which progressed into an even greater enjoyment of the sport through fun weekends away at tournaments with the joy of making even more new friends along the way.

Being part of a loyal group of friends, playing squash and spending weekends together was quite normal. Being a natural organizer, who loved bossing the boys around, planning for pennant and encouraging team's spirit, an opportunity to get involved in the committee of the VMSA presented itself. A group discussion with a great friend led to acceptance of a vital position on the VMSA committee and along with it came 2 close friends, who also volunteered to serve. All 3 of these individuals have given great service to the VMSA. However, it is what occurs as you grow into your role that makes this person so special. Never one to shy away from a challenge, our newest nominee for Life Membership is also our Australian Masters Secretary as well as our VMSA Secretary. Michelle Rowles has taken responsibility for probably 2 of the most important positions in squash administration and given her heart and soul to the job. These are arduous rolls and require a special work ethic and commitment. Michelle has been our VMSA Secretary since 2008 and AMSA Secretary since 2016. She is also a Victorian Judith Goadby recipient. She has been involved in far more matters apart from her role as Secretary. A keen organiser, she unselfishly takes on roles of club pennant, website, since Mark Thurkle, accommodation plans, team organiser, social functions, bus conductor, raffle sales and promotion of our sport at every opportunity. She is so deserving of Life Membership of the VMSA and I am pleased her nomination was put forward by one of our other Life Members.

So without further ado, I nominate Michelle Rowles to be included as a Life Member of the VMSA and ask for a seconder to this nomination. Having seconded and received unanimous approval at the AGM, I now welcome Michelle Rowles as our 12 VMSA Life Member.

Congratulations Michelle. A very worthy and deserving recipient I'm sure you will all agree.



WODONGA TEAMS WINNERS & PLACEGETTERS



Section 1 Winners
SCULLYBUTT



Section 2 Winners
TO TANGO



Section 2 R-Up
ONE WOODY & TWO NUTS



Section 3 Winners
MAD HATTERS



Section 3 R/Up
MURPH'S MUPPETS



Section 4 Winners
CLEM'S CLOMPERS



Section 4 R-Up
BOSS LADY'S BOYS



Section 5 Winners
WTF'S



Section 5 Third
ANTIQUES ROADSHOW



Section 6 R/up
GMH



Section 6 Winners
PISSED & BROKEN

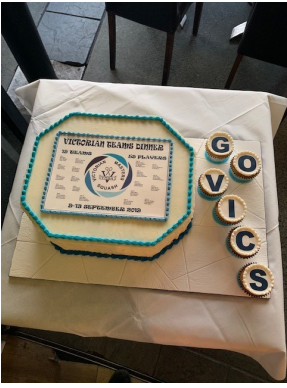


Section	Winner	Runner-up	Third
1	SCULLYBUTT Kevin Healy Brian Cameron John Scully	F TROOP Scott Petts Richard Woodbridge Henry Pastuszka	HAPPY WANDERS Mark Ascoli Janine Eedy Robert Melvin
2	TO TANGO Michael Bourke Anne Fordham Judith Fox	ONE WOODY & TWO NUTS Chye Lim Brian Davey Lynette Woodyard	MIX O MIX Mick Dyke Michael Byrnes Ross Meddings
3	MAD HATTERS Michael Walker Dave Blacker Annie Baker	MURPH'S MUPPETS Greg Murphy Rod Wilson Paul Frost	STD'S Sandy Paterson Trevor Walker Dan Carberry
4	CLEM'S CLOMPERS Clem Viney Ron Smith Ian Wyatt	BOSS LADY'S BOYS Alan McRorie Michelle Rowles Noel Sargent	BEAUTY & THE BEASTS Steve Lukey Mal Rubinich Barbara Melvin
5	WTF'S Mark Thurle Linda Wing Rhonda Fry	FLYSCREEN Paul Ellingham Allison Douglas Jennifer Esam	ANTIQUES ROADSHOW Ross Trompf Wendy McWilliams Elena Moreno
6	PISSED & BROKEN Mark Rogers Barry Durham Jennifer Anderson	GMH Greg Duncan Jeff Marr Heather Campbell	AVEADRINK Wayne Scott Richard Fry Padma Padmanaban

Wodonga Dinner Dance



AUSTRALIAN TEAMS REPORT GOLD COAST 2019



Sunshine is what we ordered, sunshine is what we got this year at the Australians on the Gold Coast with nearly 600 entries over the two weeks. Mother nature certainly turned on great weather for us Victorians escaping the cold soaked up that sunshine and not to mention two great weeks of squash. Most of the Victorians stayed at Broadbeach for the team's week which worked out perfectly, with loads of restaurants, easy access to transport, the Casino, shopping and so on.

The Sunday Teams Meeting was one of my favourite nights with 82 Vic's in attendance at Sage Restaurant. It was a great night for all the Vic's to get together and catch up with a few old faces that we hadn't seen for a while, plus 5 new Virgins who attended as well. We had a two-course meal plus a sponsored cake by the VMSA bank account, the restaurant was at capacity but unfortunately the bar never stood a chance keeping up with drink orders (hee-hee their loss).

A dominant entry list for the teams from NSW and QLD initially looked intimidating at a glance but by the end of the week, our 19 teams from Victoria left us standing proud of our achievements. We won 5 divisions, came runner up in 3 divisions and had a lot of 3rd placings as well. The winners were Vic 1 (Div 2), Vic 6, (Div 7), Vic 9 (Div 10), Vic 12 (Div 13), Vic 16 (Div 16) and the runners up were Vic 4 (Div 5) Vic 8 (Div 10), Vic 13 (Div 14) .

A huge congratulations to those teams, it was a seriously great effort and when you pop in some injuries along the way which made it that bit sweeter especially for those people who played through their injuries. Thanks to those players who played twice in one day to help out, very kind indeed. The teams this year particularly in Division 1 was the strongest I have seen enter for years so I really hope that is a sign of things to come from some of the best over 35-year-old players in Australia.

The dinner dances were held at great venues and the theme night this year was the Outback Experience it was very well received; I really enjoyed the backstage tour.

The Australian Judith Goadby Memorial Award was awarded to Helen Watkins from Queensland (Tournament Director for the Australians this year) and Dave Fuller from NSW received the Peter Wright OAM Award. Dave and his son, Nathan, made history by being the first father and son to play in the same team at the Australians.

A number of our Victorians received tournament recognition badges so congratulations to:

10 Years - Greg Murphy, Linda Wing

15 Years - Brian Davey, Belinda Murphy, Darren O'Neill, John Scully, Shane Thorpe

20 Years – Paul Frost.

A stellar effort everyone, such a fantastic achievement. Speaking of Stellar efforts a special mention to Mark Stellar for his effort for coming out of retirement after a 10 year layoff well done Mark I hope you didn't pull up too sore.

New players attending for their first Australian – Kevin Hiney (Mulgrave Club), Stewart McKenzie (Werribee), Les Makarucha (Focus GP), Jan & James Wilson (Moe) so congratulations to those players we hope to see you on a regular basis.

Next year reserve your dates now as the date has been moved to 12-23 October 2020 due to the World Masters being held in Poland in late August. This will give people time to get home before heading off to Adelaide, so bring you wine drinking shoes plus a squash racquet.

Last, but not least a huge thank you to Michelle Rowles for the endless hours she put in to bring everything together to make the Australians such a wonderful experience for our Victorians.

Thanks to all who attended I really hope you enjoyed the Teams week and much as I did.

Cheers till next year,

Darren.

Amusing tidbits: Our Vic group was going through customs on our way to Gold Coast and JA was asked if she had scissors in her luggage. "Oh no, I wouldn't have scissors in there" to which the customs officer responded "M'am The xray doesn't lie", so upon opening her bag she finds the scissors as says "Oh you mean these? I forgot about them". Then after getting through customs she lingered waiting for us to pass through which was an invitation to the drugs officer who couldn't resist calling her aside for a check. Later we are at the airport waiting for our flight to be called, and having seen AF there earlier, when our flight is called we all get on board...except for AF. Three calls later and a red faced AF boards the plane. A good start to a fun fortnight.

Australian Masters Championships—Gold Coast Individual Placegetters



W45-49 Div 2
R-up Allison Douglas



W55-59 Div 2
Special Plate Sue Landy



W60-64 Open
R-up Biddy McFarlane



M45-49 Div 2
Plate John Alamanos



M50-54 Div 2
Special Plate
Greg Murphy



M55-59 Open
Winner Peter Gilbee
R-up Warren Miller



M55-59 Div 2
R-up Jorge Freije
Special Plate Ross Francis



M 65-69 Open
Plate John Sands

Other Victorian Placegetters:

M40-44 Open
Special Plate—Cameron Penna

M45-49 Open
Plate—Gavin Prentice

M50-54 Open
Special Plate—David Mutimer

Mens 60-64 Div 2
Special Plate Alan McRorie



M65-69 Div 2
Winner Les Makarucha



M75-79 Open
R-up Brian Lyons
Special Plate Tom Slattery



M80-84 Open
Winner Denny Hurley

Teams Event Placegetters



Division 2 Winners



Division 5 R/up



Division 7 Winners



Division 10 Winners



Division 10 R/Up



Division 13 Winners



Division 14 R/up



Division 16 Winners

GOLD COAST END OF TOURNAMENT DINNER DANCE





Thanks to Desi for entertaining us with some comic relief whilst waiting for the presentations to begin.

James Wilson found out the hard way that the walls don't give in to bodies or equipment when his racquet ricocheted off the wall straight into his head earning him a nice gash to his forehead. But like a trooper he was back on court next day all taped up.



The Victorian Crew



AUSTRALIAN
OUTBACK SPECTACULAR'S
HEARTLAND

Many of the eVics enjoyed the Outback Spectacular which our GoldCoast hosts provided the opportunity to attend.

A great night was had by all.

Joanne Joseph - Master's Apprentice 2019



Just wanted to give you an update on the recently held Australian Junior Championships in Tasmania and Joanne's performance. Joanne played both the individuals as well as was part of the state team.

Individuals

Joanne was ranked 11 in the U13 girls category which had a total of 22 girls competing for the title. Joanne put in some good performances and finished 4th on overall ladder. The highlight was her win (3-1) against the 3rd seeded and Australian National U13 girls player - Soha Khatri from South Australia.

Team - Victorian State team

Joanne was part of the Victorian Under 13 state team and won the gold medal for been the only unbeaten U13 side for the team championships.

Joanne also won the silver medal in the team championships for coming second in the overall competition and losing the finals to Qld.

It was a fantastic experience for Joanne who was sidelined with a hamstring injury for two months and had only two weeks to prepare before the AJC.

Again many thanks to VMSA for extending your support to Joanne and towards Vic junior squash in general .

Thanks and kind regards

Anil Joseph



Australian Trans Tasman Test Team

Congratulations to **Warren Miller** of Lilydale Club and **Mark O'Hare** of Mulgrave Club on their selection in the Australian Masters Trans Tasman Test Team for the upcoming Test Series in Timaru, New Zealand.

I'm sure both players are proud of their selection and will represent Australia with honour. Well done to Warren on his selection again and to Mark who will be making his debut for the Australian team.

Best wishes guys and to the rest of the team as well. Bring home the bacon.



Ballarat

Masters Tournament

Ballarat Squash & Racquetball Club

106 Dowling Street Ballarat - Ph 5339 1281

**22nd-24th
November 2019**

**Early Bird rate ends Friday 8th Nov
Entries close 14th November**

Next Tournaments:

Bairnsdale Squash & Table Tennis Centre 14th-16th Feb 2020

Vic Champs Lilydale Club 17th-19th April 2020

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GRAYS BALLARAT MASTERS SQUASH TOURNAMENT

22nd—24th NOVEMBER 2019

TO BE PLAYED AT:

Ballarat Squash & Racquetball Centre, 106 Dowling Street, Wendouree 3355

Phone: (03) 5339 1281



Entries close Thursday 14th November 2019

Early Bird Rate ends Friday 8th November



NEXT TOURNAMENTS:

Australian Masters Championships
Gold Coast - QLD

2-13 SEPTEMBER 2019

Teams Event Bairnsdale

DATE: 14-16th February 2020

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:

Darren O'Neill

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Fax: 03 9563 0506

Email: tournaments@vmsasquash.com.au

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. Tournament Entry Fees are \$50 for Non-Members, \$40 for VMSA Financial Members and \$35 for VMSA Financial Members who have played 25+ tournaments. Early Bird Rate gives a discount.
3. All players must fulfil their obligations to other participants by competing in all matches set down for them.
4. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept, decline or re-grade any entries.
5. 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.
6. No claims whatsoever will be recognised should any player receive an injury whilst participating in the tournament.
7. First round matches will be available on our website www.vmsasquash.com.au from Wednesday 20th November 2019.
8. All players must report to the Tournament Control Desk at least **30 MINUTES BEFORE** their next scheduled match. It is your responsibility to check the draws for your next match time.
9. All players are expected to be warmed up and ready to play as soon as the previous match is completed. Warm up time is 2 min per side 4 mins in total & between games is 90 seconds.
10. All players are expected to mark or referee the match immediately following their own, or as directed by the Tournament Control.
11. Trophy presentations will be at approximately 4:30pm Sunday followed by a complimentary supper.
12. A social get together, including complimentary supper will be held at the Ballarat Squash & Racquetball Club on Friday evening after the conclusion of the matches. **ALL WELCOME**
13. Snacks and refreshments will be available at the squash centre during the weekend.
14. A Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday 23rd November at the North Ballarat Sports Club, 725 Creswick Rd, Ballarat Vic from 7:30pm till 12:00am featuring a live band and a 3 Course meal. Drinks at bar prices. Cost: \$50 per person. PLEASE INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH YOUR ENTRY.
15. 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.
16. Accommodation: (Suggestion) Bell Tower Inn, 1845 Sturt St, Ballarat VIC 3350 Ph 03 5334 1600
17. 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 is 8th Nov 2019

VMSA TOURNAMENT – GRAYS BALLARAT 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 22nd Nov 2019:** _____

Surname: _____ **Given Names:** _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ **P/Code:** _____ **Mobile Phone No:** _____

Email address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____ **Phone No:** _____

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? YES NO

We need as many players as possible to play Friday night – matches start at 7.30pm **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:

Entry Fee:		Entry Fee: \$
Dinner Dance: \$50 per person	No. attending _____	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 (03) 9563 0506, or email tournaments@vmsasquash.com.au Please do not send cash by mail.

Entries close Thursday 14th November 2019

My preferred method of payment is:

Visa Mastercard Direct Debit **BSB 633000 A/C 130422223** Reference: < eg.....YOUR NAME >

Card Number: _____ | _____ | _____ | _____

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

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