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Well, here we are – 3 months into another year already and plenty to report. The bushfires have been put out, it's now pouring rain around the country, economic doom is

upon us and coronavirus is spreading. Not to mention Melbourne roadwork and traffic congestion. With all this shit going on, no wonder we've run out of toilet paper!!!

Let's focus on the good stuff. We all had a nice Christmas and New Year. There's been plenty of squash happening and we all did a good deed supporting our bushfire victims and the volunteers who helped to save lives and properties. In fact the recent VMSA Bairnsdale Teams Event contributed \$1400 to Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund raised from donations and raffle sales conducted over the tournament weekend. I wish to thank everyone who attended Bairnsdale and whose generosity contributed to the sum donated.

Bairnsdale was a great success. There was wonderful local support and sponsorship, terrific tournament prizes for those fortunate to win something (including my team) and great raffle prizes as usual. But I'm sure the highlight was the Saturday cruise around the Lakes. Well done Darren for working so hard with Carl Freshwater of Bairnsdale in organising it. It was an enjoyable social event.

Back in Melbourne, squash goes on and I've even competed in a couple of local events to sharpen my game. Didn't really work but I had some fun trying. First, I competed in the Mountain District tournament and then went to Corio for the Geelong Open. Now, I'm back playing pennant where we are well into the Autumn season. All this extra squash is really benefitting my game –NOT. How is your game going??

I'll close out my column with a further

reminder that the VMSA is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year. I can't believe I was your Prez when we celebrated our 30th. And I certainly will not be your Prez when we hit 50, okay!?!? The Grays Ballarat Tournament in November is again targeted as the event to celebrate our next milestone. So make a note in your calendar to plan for the Ballarat weekend of the 20-22nd November. Support your association whose committee is also making plans to bring about a quality celebration for you and our association to enjoy.

Still - your Prez

Footnote to reports

In regard to the Victorian Championships at Lilydale, we will keep you advised if we are able to secure a date in the future for this tournament and possibly the Master's Juniors Tournament (the fate of this one is still to be decided) when restrictions are eased.

We urge you all to stay safe and look for updates at vmsasquash.com.au

If you are looking for some inspiration on how keep your squash training going during the restrictions, have a look at the video David Hayes put up on Facebook of Darcy and Connor Hayes practising in their back yard.

Oh to have that energy!!!!

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS 2020

Vic Champs – Lilydale	April 17-19
POSTPONED – STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES	
Masters/Juniors Westerfolds	May 30-31
Bendigo	July 10-12
Aust Masters – Adelaide	Oct 12-23
Grays Ballarat	Nov 20-22

 Grays



BAIRNSDALE TEAMS EVENT REPORT

by Darren O'Neill



Welcome to my Bairnsdale tournament report. I enjoyed the tournament sitting in the background checking out several matches. As a tournament director you don't get to do that as much as you would like. The teams event gives me a little more free time between teams playing to

float around and connect with all the players. There were some fantastic matches played and so many 5 set matches, which caused a few courts to run over slightly, which I guess is what we aim for but cannot always achieve. We had 80 entries at Bairnsdale, 6 Division with sections 1 and 2 having 4 person teams. I'm not sure who made up those team names but you made me laugh. Some names were comical to say the least so well done, I hope you all had fun over the weekend.

Our dinner dance, which was hugely supported by Carl Freshwater (President) and his committee in relation to what they achieved with local support, namely the boat company Peels Lake Cruises who took us out on the lakes for an hour before dinner. I'm certain you all enjoyed the cruise very much. After the cruise it was back to the Paynesville Hotel for a meal and plenty of dancing to The Jimmy's (Band). Midnight came around before you knew it and it was back on the bus and more support from Gillick's Bus Lines, thanks to them for their support and getting everyone back home safely.

Unfortunately, no badges given this tournament, but I feel a few coming up at Lilydale so make sure you enter, 17-19 April 2020. By the way I have had confirmation that The Lilydale Club has secured sponsorship from CHN Partners Accountants and Melbourne Prestige Auto for a custom designed hand towel to be given to every player to remember your experience at the Victorian Masters Championships, Lilydale.

The Members Draw was won by Miss Glitter herself Jackie Bannon, so congratulations Jackie. You are a great supporter of Masters Squash and I hope you enjoy your two free dinner dance tickets.

To our new players (VMSA Virgins) Mark Edgley, Kylie Trewin, Karen Grant, Carl Freshwater, David Fairy, Charles Muir and Lee Bruce, thank you for being a part of the tournament. I hope you all had a great time and you try to play other tournaments outside your local area.

To Carl and his committee, I want to thank you for the endless support and commitment you gave the VMSA. You all did a fantastic job to make our experience memorable to say the least.

To everyone who attended the tournament, a big thank you. With your generosity you helped raise \$1,400 which was donated to the Fire Relief Fund. I think for an 80 player tournament, that's impressive. I'm sure the money will be well

received. Thanks to the raffle girls for giving their time to sell the tickets. Thanks also to Jill and Wali for building the raffle prizes. They looked fantastic.

As always, thanks to Pam, Helen & Bernadette for your support behind the desk. Everyone has found a place which is great. Thanks to Michelle for all the work she does collecting payments and organising everyone for the bus and dinner table settings.

The Victorian Championships at Lilydale have been cancelled due to government restrictions, so anyone who has entered and not contacted me for a refund, please feel free to do so.

Thanks for supporting Masters Squash see you soon.....I hope.

My pleasure,

Darren O'Neill - *Tournament Director*



Australian Selection for Masters/Juniors Players

The VMSA is especially proud of three Victorian juniors for being selected to play for Australia against New Zealand in a Trans Tasman Junior Test Series on the Gold Coast on 14-15th April 2020. Congratulations to **Joanne Joseph**, **Courtney Scholtz** and **Dylan Molinaro** who have all competed in our popular Junior/Masters tournament which in general sees parents and their kids participate as a team in a fun weekend of squash on the last weekend in May every year.

At the end of the weekend, one junior male and one female is chosen as our Master's Apprentice with sponsorship support from the VMSA and Grays-Inform Connection. There is also a financial donation, at times, directed towards an outstanding junior in support of their future development.

I am especially pleased for Joanne Joseph who is our current female Masters/Juniors apprentice for being selected as the Australian Under 13 yrs representative. Equally significant is the selection of Courtney Scholtz as the under 15 yrs representative who has also received support from the VMSA and also to Dylan Molinaro.

The VMSA and its members congratulate all three players on their Australian selection and also their proud parents for their supportive roles. Play well during the Test Series and we look forward to having you all back and competing in our Masters/Juniors weekend again on the 30th-31st May at Westerfolds.

For all those interested in competing in our Junior Masters event, information and entry forms are available by visiting the VMSA website or by contacting Lou and Jill Morsch via their contact numbers also available on the VMSA website.

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VMSA ANNOUNCEMENT 16th March 2020

The VMSA wish to announce the postponement of pennant squash only for a period of 4 weeks effective immediately. The postponement effects matches from round 7 to round 10 and then follows a one week break for Easter.

Due to the situation we find ourselves in regarding Corona virus, a further decision on the continuation of Autumn pennant season will be made known as soon as possible taking into account circumstances as they evolve.

The VMSA wishes to express its concerns and well wishes to all squashies at this time. Stay safe and well

Regards Lou Morsch
VMSA Prez

Presentations – VMSA TEAMS EVENT BAIRNSDALE 2020

Award	Awarded to	
Section 1	Winner	LIGHTFOOT LEGENDS
		CARL FRESHWATER (V) Bairnsdale JENNY SWAAB Squash Melb BRENDAN O'KELLY Bairnsdale JENNY ANDERSON Moe
	Runner up	J PAC NIK'S COREY ROBERTSON MCC PETER BASSETT MAFFRA ALLISON DOUGLAS Squash Logic JENNIFER ESAM Shepparton
Section 2	Winner	SWEETHEARTS
		MICHAEL FATOUROS TONIC LORI FERNANDEZ CORIO MAL RUBINICH Squash Logic ELENA MORENO Squash Logic
	Runner up	ALL OVER THE SHOP RICHARD HORLOCK ACT NEIL TYTLER Squash Melb TIM HILL Mountain District LIBBY BELTON Rosebud
Section 3	Winner	STONE AGE
		JOHN BARTON Mt-Districts NATASHA WENDT Newborough HEATHER COOK Mt-Districts
	Runner up	THE FORGETFUL FROGS GEOFF ELY MAFFRA JANINE EEDY Towerhill JOHN FORREST ACT

Section 4	Winner	WHERE'S A
		ROGER CHILD Bentleigh GILL DIGGLE Squash Melb JEANETTE BARTON Mt-Districts
	Runner up	LIVE AND SWEATY JOHN ALAMANOS Bentleigh JULIE LESTER Squash Melb PAUL FROST Ballarat
Section 5	Winner	IS DON IS GOOD
		SANDY PATERSON Benalla DON HOUSE Mountain District LIBBY INNES GPHC
	Runner up	BUBBLY BEER'S CLEM VINEY Squash Logic BRIAN DAVEY Squash Melb ROBERT MELVIN Newborough
Section 6	Winner	ALL THE PREZ'S MEN
		LOU MORSCH Squash Logic RICHARD JOHNSON Squash Melb IAN WYATT Westerfolds
	Runner up	CARUSO'S KIDS JOHN WILLEMS Mulgrave KATE MCCLELLAND Squash Melb PAM PARK Squash Melb

BAIRNSDALE TEAMS EVENT PRESENTATIONS



**SECTION 1 WINNERS
LIGHTFOOT LEGENDS**



**SECTION 1 RUNNERS-UP
J PAC NIK'S**



**SECTION 2 WINNERS
SWEETHEARTS**



**SECTION 2 RUNNERS-UP
ALL OVER THE SHOP**



**SECTION 3 WINNERS
STONE AGE**



**SECTION 3 RUNNERS-UP
THE FORGETFUL FROGS**



**SECTION 4 WINNERS
WHERE'S A**



**SECTION 4 RUNNERS-UP
LIVE AND SWEATY**



**SECTION 5 WINNERS
ALL THE PREZ'S MEN**



**SECTION 5 RUNNERS-UP
BUBBLY BEER'S**



**SECTION 6 RUNNERS-UP
CARUSO'S KIDS**



**SECTION 6 WINNERS
ALL THE PREZ'S MEN**



SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL



AROUND THE COURTS

