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Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the Masters Voice from **January 1995** which was Kaye Kay's first edition as Newsletter Editor. Enjoy the read.



With the Covid Curse continuing to disrupt our daily lives, I thought it would be a good time for me to provide another VMSA update. A big

cheerio to our long suffering Victorian friends, and all squashies for that matter. I really hope you remain safe and well. To everyone doing it tough through loss of work, business or family and friends, can I say that without knowing who is impacted or how, I'm thinking about you daily and my heart goes out to you.

I especially want to send well wishes to Denise Hill who is experiencing ill health at the moment. Our thoughts and those of the VMSA are with you Denise. To our committee member Woodyard, I equally send well wishes to you and your husband Dave who is doing it tough with a serious illness. I also want to acknowledge the recent loss of a great Tassie friend in Ross Barnden. Now only just to hand, the sad passing of a great squash stalward in Bryan Bird. All these people are fantastic contributors to squash and wonderful supporters of the VMSA. I'm sure there are many more good people dealing with life or family issues at present so a big shout out to all of you. I too have been impacted by the loss of loved ones recently and know how hopeless it feels not being there for your family and friends. Let's lean on each other to help us all get through.

Lockdown has seen us having to finally make a call on Pennant this year. I'm sure it comes as no surprise the season is now abandoned. The focus now moves on to 2021 and the hopeful return to pennant squash in the first week of February next year. Everyone should be fighting fit,

injury free, and keen as mustard to get back on court by then. I can advise that the closing date for Autumn 2021 team entry will be the end of November this year. The Match and Pennant committee have set this date to initially ensure plenty of time to assess how many teams and players have entered. It can then determine what steps need to be taken to formulate the competition based on the numbers. It will be difficult assessing the expected changes caused by the Covid situation and setting a structure for a fair and even competition. In view of the short Autumn 2020 season which ended abruptly and to encourage a return to competition, there will be no team entry fees imposed on clubs by the VMSA for the 2021 Autumn pennant season.

Another area seriously impacted by virus restrictions has been our tournaments. So far we have missed out on the Victorian Championships which were to be conducted in April at Lilydale for the first time. It was such a shame as the Lilydale Club, who are great supporters of the VMSA had planned hard for a great event and to showcase their new facility. It will have to wait now just like so many other cancelled events. We have also missed out on hosting our very popular and highly successful Masters/Juniors tournament and the Bendigo Championships in July. The Australian Masters Championships in Adelaide are also lost to 2020 as well as the World Titles in Poland. A crushing blow

for tournament organisers and players alike. To this day, we still have the Grays- Ballarat tournament in November up our sleeve but as every day creeps by, we will have to make a call on that event soon too.

The 40th anniversary celebration of the VMSA which was to be a feature of the Ballarat event appears very unlikely to go ahead throwing all our plans into disarray. We will just have to find another way to celebrate later down the track perhaps.

Regardless of the disappointments of losing all these events in 2020, the VMSA will work towards a re-scheduled calendar of tournaments in 2021. We very much look forward to your ongoing strong support of them.

To get away from all the tiring and depressing stuff, I can share some good news. I was recently contacted by the son of Kaye Kay. Kaye Kay, until her sad passing was a tremendous servant and supporter of the VMSA. She loved her time involved in squash - playing or socializing and was a regular tournament goer to the end. She contributed greatly to the association as it's Editor back in the 90's. Her son came across a file of newsletters she had collated and he has passed them on to me. I'll be happy to include an edition in our current newsletter or have them available to read at any VMSA tournaments we host in the coming year.

Another interesting sideline to life with Covid has been the way we have spent our time during lockdown. Clearing the cellar of old stock has been my favourite pastime. I'm sure I can share that practice with others!!! Another favourite is Friday platters of food and wine. Love that too. For others, it has been home renovations and improvements or on-line team meetings with club mates. Walking and jogging is popular and what about the "S" word ??? – Sleeping ha ha!! I also wonder how many new pets have become a recent addition to our lives. Thank god footy is still being played especially for all the mad Richmond, Geelong and Collingwood supporters I've come across during Winter. Just hope it's a Melbourne team that wins the flag this year.

Really hope everyone enjoys my latest report. Just trying to stay connected and keeping everyone informed and up to date during this horrible time. When the first opportunity arrives for us to get back together as a group, I'm sure there will be lots of hugs, plenty of kisses and lots of stories. Stay safe everyone, stay healthy and positive and look out for one another like good squashies do.

Your Prez Lou Morsch

PENNANT SEASON ABANDONED

The VMSA 2020 pennant season has been abandoned due to ongoing Corona virus concerns. Resumption of Masters Pennant will now occur in 2021 with the Autumn season set to commence in the first week of February as per normal in previous years.

To encourage a return to pennant participation in Autumn 2021 there will be a **zero team entry fee** charged to all clubs by the VMSA. Clubs are advised that the deadline for team entry for the Autumn 2021 pennant season is 30th November 2020. The earlier than usual closure for team nominations is necessary so the Match and Pennant Committee can assess the strength of club and team entries. It is expected a loss of players to competition will occur and formulating grades will be even more difficult.

I sincerely hope Masters Squash will continue so your ongoing support is essential to it's survival. The VMSA remains committed to providing a great pennant competition and look forward to its return in 2021.

Lou Morsch



LEGEND!!

Squash and Racquetball Victoria are delighted to elevate Peter Wright to Legend Status following 58 years of service in squash as a player, venue operator and administrator.

Congratulations Peter, well deserved.

VALE BRYAN BIRD

A message from Peter Wright

It is with deepest regret I announce the passing of our beloved squash mate Bryan Bird after a long illness. His son Chris advised that he passed away peacefully earlier this morning.

Birdy as he was affectionately known by all who met him Australia wide, made an enormous contribution to the sport of squash, virtually throughout his entire life. Birdy was a Larger Than Life character who endeared himself to everyone he met, and will never be forgotten.

The funeral service will be live streamed on Thursday 10th September at 2pm. See link below.

Birdy will be sadly missed by his many squash friends all around Australia. On behalf of Squash and Racquetball Victoria, I would like to pass on our sincere condolences to all of his family members.

Link for service https://vimeo.com/455328186/5face54b8b

VICTORIAN MASTERS SQUASH ASSOCIATION



THE MASTERS VOICE

JANUARY 1995

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WELCOME to the first newsletter for 1995. I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and that you are ready for a very successful year of squash, social enjoyment and a bright, happy, healthy future.

My name is Kaye Kay and I am your new Editor, having played Masters Squash out of Lower Plenty for 5 years. On your behalf I would like to thank our previous Editor, John Sandler, for all his time, work and effort and wish him well in his future.

How did you feel at the end of the 1994 season? Like me ready for a rest I bet! Most of us wouldn't have cared if we didn't see that little black ball for a couple of months. But how many of us can lay off for that long without some form of exercise in between without suffering the agonies, aches and pains on return to play? We all tell ourselves we'll start swimming, running or walking instead of squash over the break, but tomorrow is long time coming, is tomorrow, is tomorrow. We even kid ourselves that the weight we know would go on would be easily lost once back to play. But will it? We even promise to smarten up our squash outfit too. We know we have been getting away with our non-regulation singlet, but not for much longer, and our runners with the smooth soles are a bit risky for a non-injury season. It's a pity the little pinkie toe keeps popping out the side, but that's not anywhere near as bad as the perfume our shoes give off. The bottle of strawberry smelling bann-oder doesn't seem to be working very well now. Perhaps we should try soaking that favourite T shirt to remove that stubborn yellow underarm stain, and maybe we could throw in our now grey socks with the T shirt into the bleach solution too. How do squash runners go in undiluted bleach?

Hopefully someone, or Father Christmas, will have given us a gift of magic deodorant that will not only last through vigorous court play but will also dull the odour when at supper, when we cannot understand why no-one is touching us. We wished we'd tried harder at the last tournament when they gave out towels for trophies and wished we'd taken all the complimentary soap from the motel, and we start to wonder - can we really do without our Mum!

Yes, we wished we'd tried harder at our last pennant season too, then we would not have had to ref or mark at the finals. Anyhow, everyone knows the best refereeing is done from on the court, not to mention the best play and shots are made from outside, especially from our well meaning team mates or opposition. On the other hand, we may even have taken off *The Flag* and, oh what joy, what bliss, it was

all worth it. The refs and markers are once again our good mates, and we even shared a drink or two!

Speaking of a little drink, it was a pity the young men and women in blue with their shiny vests and pretty flashing red and blue lights were waiting for us on the way home. We had cunningly managed to avoid them throughout the season by learning all the back streets of suburban Melbourne. How many of us can blow hard into those straws after an exhausting hard night at Masters. Really, you would think the young would show more consideration. And consideration from our team mates is what we want when we ask to be picked up and transported to and from our next season's matches as we seem to be without that necessary plastic card with our Pentridge like photo on it. It is a bit hard to take when our home partner and kids don't show much sympathy either. After all, we only play squash and go out to Masters on a Thursday night to give them time to themselves.

Yes, the start of another Masters year. We know we will be back for more. The fun we have far outweighs all the injuries, late nights, sore heads, bad calls and other trivialities, etc... All are forgotten when we reflect on the good times and true Masters friends we have made. The camaraderie and togetherness are shared by all who participate in Masters Squash from Melburnians to country Victorians to our interstate players as well, who play a vital part in this companionship. I hope you enjoyed your rest - the season is on us once again.

BRISBANE - 3RD WORLD MASTERS GAMES

What a wonderful time everyone had. Congratulations to all successful players of both Individual and Team Events. You must feel very proud - and rightly so. We had 3 ladies and 8 men take out Individual Gold and 4 ladies teams and 5 mens teams also take Gold. What an effort by these players. Congratulations to all other medal winners and to everyone else who played - you did Victoria proud.

However, I feel I have to mention one extra special effort, and that was JULIE WILSON who won Gold playing with a broken arm in plaster. Julie had been training very hard before going to Brisbane - I know, as I rang asking for a game one night but couldn't be fitted in between the playing, coaching, running, walking, aerobics, gym, swimming, dancing, tennis, golfing,

football (I'm sure that's right). I may add the arm got broken whilst out at dinner the night before the semis.

Apart from a hearing difficulty that was not due to our aging process, but because of the acoustics, the Opening Ceremony was great. The parade with thousands of school children and all their various flags was very colourful. The athletes, all in uniform, then had their turn to march around the track under the banners of unity with no barriers between country or sport. The atmosphere was one of overwhelming warmth and friendliness. The Little River Band and Anthony Warlow followed a magical and spectacular display of fireworks.

Did you know that the Cheshire Cat has nothing on MARK THURKLE. I saw him at the finals in December and he was still smiling after his Gold win. MARG DOUEAL had the misfortune of rooming next to one of the party rooms (commonly referred to as the EPICENTRE), but as the lovely lady she always is Marg said 'as long as you are having fun she was pleased'. Boy, what good sport! I'll try and arrange your accommodation elsewhere next time. Thanks Marg. Just who did Viv Pascoe lead up the garden path on one of her many walks through the Griffith University grounds? Viv, an avid bush walker, toured the Mt Kosciusko bush at Xmas for 10 days. Viv also intends to cycle around Tasmania shortly with a young overseas 70 year old lady. Hope you can keep up, Viv.

Keith Jefferson, who had his van to sleep in, became known as our wandering gipsy. Keith, also a keen cyclist, has since toured with the Great Victorian Bike Riders from Swan Hill to Melbourne in December, and had a great time. Thanks also to Keith for saving the tables at the Masters Ball in Brisbane. The ball was a huge success with 1200 ladies and gents looking gorgeous and dashing - of course, of course. Drinks and food were aplenty, while a large orchestra and singers entertained and played on for our dancing.

The Bush Nights were successful as well. The huge acreage had everything Australian to see from the Swaggie at the billabong, the aborigine corroboree, stockmen, whip cracking, sheep shearing, wood chopping, koalas and wandering kangaroos. Also the cockatoos and lyrebirds and not to mention (who could forget) the biggest, most gigantic bull ridden and led around the complex for all to admire and smell! The traditional food of beer and wine, pie and sauce, wrapped fish and chips, lamingtons and fruit tarts were quite a treat for our overseas visitors. The bush band played virtually non-stop and everyone just joining in with whoever was on the dance floor and became quite exhausted. But not as much as PAUL MARMARAS when he clambered for front row viewing of the lovely young Can Can dancers. I forwarded your copies of the blonde girl's back anatomy, Paul, and hope they were the right six copies you wanted. Has your heart stopped pounding yet? Was that why you got on the wrong bus which headed back to Brisbane when you should have got one that went 2 kms to the car park?

The winding down at the Closing Ceremony and fun

carnival at Southbank saw a tired but spirited Masters crowd clutching the last phases of entertainment and enjoyment. Everyone love the band, Shebang, who had all the nations' athletes joined arm around shoulders together in one continuous line around the waters edge on Kodak Beach, kicking up their heels and legs to their old time favourites. A wandering jazz band proved popular too.

Tis here we would like to thank those with private transport and our *Bus Drivers* who so willingly transported players to and from their venues and for shopping, etc..., such as GARY ROSE, JIM BRISTOW, JOHN TOBIN, GEOFF EVANS, JACK KAVAN, GARY BROWN, KEITH JEFFERSON, MAX SAMBLEBE, RALPH ALTMAN, MARK THURKLE. I really do hope I haven't missed anyone.

As you can guess - if you missed Brisbane you missed a real treat. Therefore, don't miss the Australian Masters Squash Championships to be held in conjunction with the 3RD WORLD MASTERS SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS in Melbourne this year - Individuals & International Team Events 2-9 September, Interstate Team Series 11-16 September.

Late last year David Donelly received from Canada a 1995 SQUASHART Calendar from squash friend and artist, Louise Waters. David informs us the calendar of squash players on court is unique and attractive. A portion of the profits will be donated to local junior squash in Canada. Cost in Canadian dollars is \$17.50 plus \$4.00 postage and orders can be placed with cheque or money order to: LOUISE WATERS ENTERPRISES, 279 FIVE ISLAND ROAD, ARMDALE, N.S. B3L 4J3, CANADA

JANICE WALSHE, who plays out of Hawthorn Club, recently attended the World Masters Games. Being in need of transport home, Janice approached none other than the ambulance officers, BARRY SHEEDY and STEVE JACKSON, and she would like to share her experience home with you.

THE TRIP HOME

I said to my team mates after another of our gruelling matches in Brisbane, "Does anyone know of anyone driving back to Melbourne?" Kathy said, "Yes, Bazza and Steve are driving home in the ambulance, and they love their beer more than anything, so you'll be right." I wasn't sure if she meant I'd be safe from any advances, or because rather like beer myself. Kathy introduced the incredible duo who said I was more than welcome and mentioned some sort of work they thought I could do in Moree on the way back, as the local native population received \$250,000 each fortnight. They also said they had a "bit" of trouble with the 1984 ambulance on the way up but not to worry as they had credit cards and plenty of money, plus a mobile phone - I don't know if any of that had to do with the work at Moree on the way up.

PREZ SEZ

Once again it is our sad duty to farewell outgoing toilers from your Committee and welcome new ones.

Even though we are losing the following three members in theory, we are keeping them in practise as they (poor addicts) will still be helping - as do many past committee members whose familiar faces are seen behind the various tournament desks.

BERT ARMSTRONG (Vice President), JUDY SIMMONS (Tournament Committee) and JOHN SANDLER (Newsletter Editor & Tournament Committee).

We will miss their company and input but as mentioned, shall be working with them at events such as the 1995 World Masters Squash Championships in Melbourne. However, work or no work, we have become friends.

By subtle use of hypnosis and the freewheeling use of blatant lies, we have secured the following gems as replacements.

MARIE PERNAT (Pennant Director) - Wattle Park Grade 9.

MIKE EDNEY (the VMSA representative on the VSF Technical Council and now a Pennant Co-ordinator). Mike is owner of Southland (Collins Street) Squash Courts and plays in Grade 11. He will also be the lessee of the new Moorabbin Squash Centre - venue for the World Masters Squash Championships. As President of Hunts Squash Club, Fitzroy, in the early years of Masters, he had the dubious distinction of introducing SYD WEBB and IAN PATTERSON to Masters Squash - as well as many others.

GERRY MAHON (Tournament Director) - who said you can't talk an old war horse into another battle? Gerry and his family (the Mahon Machine) play Grade 18 for Maroondah. Gerry was President of VSF (then SRAV) 1974-1976 and proprietor of Knox Bayswater Squash Courts 1988-1992.

We are confident that this Committee will continue to serve you in the manner that you luck bastards have become used to.

Good health and good luck for 1995.

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS SQUASH ASSOCIATION Tournament Calendar 1995

4-5 February TOOWOOMBA, QLD
11-12 February GOSFORD, NSW
24-26 February SALE, VICTORIA
11-12 March STAFFORD, QLD
11-12 March CANBERRA, ACT

7-9 April WANTIRNA, VICTORIA (STATE TITLES)

8-9 April CURRIMUNDI, QLD
8-9 April BATHURST, NSW
13-14 May NAMBOUR, QLD
13-14 May KEMPSEY, NSW

2-4 June WANGARATTA, VICTORIA
10-11 June NAMBOUR, QLD (STATE TITLES)
17-18 June NEPEAN, NSW (STATE TITLES)

15-16 July RACEVIEW, QLD NOWRA, NSW

21-23 July BELMONT, VICTORIA (TEAMS TOURNAMENT)

21-23 August GYMPIE, QLD 19-20 August DURAL, NSW

3rd WORLD MASTERS SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS TRANS TASMAN TEST SERIES

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MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

Individual Events

International Teams Event
11-16 SEPTEMBER Interstate Team Series

9-10 September MARYBOROUGH, QLD 7-8 October LABRADOR, QLD 13-15 October BENDIGO, VICTORIA

21-20 October MAITLAND, NSW 11-12 November SCARBOROUGH, QLD (TEAMS) 18-19 November PORT MACQUARIE, NSW

VMSA TOURNAMENT CALENDAR 1995

24-26 February SALE

2-9 SEPTEMBER

7-9 April Victorian Championships

24-26 November BALLARAT, VICTORIA

WANTIRNA

2-4 June WANGARATTA 21-23 July BELMONT

(Teams Event)

13-15 October BENDIGO 24-26 November BALLARAT

SYLVIE O'NEALE was telling me she was at Parkmore Squash Courts recently when the lights were switched off. Sylvie says it was some experience feeling around in the pitch dark searching for her towel to wrap up and report to the desk to get the lights back on. Someone listening into this conversation said 'Bet you wished you were in the mens'. Good one MIKE EDNEY!

Overheard recently at a pennant supper. CAROL STEVENS asking a friend 'Have you seen her again since you saw her last time?' Just when was the last time and when again will you see her or will you see her again before the next time or after the time before you saw her last time. WOW!!!

We will be calling on extra volunteers for help before and especially during this year's World Masters Let's get behind the Squash Championships. Executive Committee which includes PETER WRIGHT (AMSA President), JIM BRISTOW (VMSA President), PAUL VEAR (VSF Executive Director), JUDITH GOADBY (AMSA/VMSA BRENDAN DOWNEY (Tourism Secretary), Victoria), KEVIN FIDOCK (VSF Finance Director) and all the sub-committee co-ordinators. Victoria produce the best championships of all times.

THE BEST OF LUCK, HAPPINESS AND FUN TO ALL YOU SQUASHIES AND SQUASHETTES FOR 1995.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Our Greatest Glory Is Not In Never Falling, But In Rising Every Time We Fall.

Bazza said they'd leave at 9 am Saturday morning, but not to worry if they were a little late. Due to the presentation of medals ceremony and BBQ the night before I didn't get to bed until the late hours of the morning, and was extremely surprised when Steve knocked on the door at 8 am saying they were ready to leave! I had to fall into the shower to try and prise my eyes open before embarking on a trip of that magnitude, while Max kept saying, "....they're standing out there waiting for you...".

We left Robertson Gardens at 8.50 am on Saturday, 8 October and headed out towards Warwick. Twenty minutes later we had a breakfast and gas stop. Mainly so I could have some desperately needed fluid intake. I expected Bazza and Steve to have a beer instead of soft drink and sandwiches.

This was the first time I'd been in an ambulance, although it was somewhat modified. Two super comfortable Mazda seats in the front with beanbags, cushions, etc... in the back.

At 10.15 am seventy kms from Warwick going up hill over the Cunningham mountain range on the very busy highway, Bazza decided to flit the gas switch over to petrol and the engine died where there are no lay-byes. A good Samaritan and her son stopped immediately and helped jump start the ambulance. Bazza and Steve said to get the car's registration number. I thought, good one Kathy, they're going to dob the woman in for driving back down on the wrong side of the road (so her battery would be facing ours). How wrong was I, they wanted to find her address so they could send her a tattslotto ticket!

By 12 noon we reach Inglewood but it doesn't have gas so we're on petrol until we reach Moree. Yipee, Moree, there's going to be action here but the only placed alive was the KFC. We had trouble with the gas switch not switching over so the NRMA mechanic assisted with that little problem. He even admitted to having been disturbed from a nap on the couch.

Steve now took over driving from Bazza. On driving out of Moree we had to stop, Steve said, and take a photo of me in front of the Moree sign for some future job advertising. I'm not sure why I had to hold a sign reading 'The Moree Madam'.

Bazza was having a well earned sleep in the back, while we were listening to Phantom of the Opera, etc.. on CD's. About 50 kms short of Narrabri, Steve decides that if it was good enough for Bazza to try switching from gas to petrol in a dangerous situation, it was good enough for him too. Of course, the ambulance likes this game and cut out again, right on a bend on the highway with huge transport trucks thundering past.

Of course, this woke Bazza out of his sleep, his friend trying to out do his feat. Once again some kind people stopped to assist, but the ambulance was not being quite so responsive this time and Bazza had to phone the NRMA to come out and help us, and of course, as always

happens the motor kicked over as soon as he hung up.

We had a slight problem with the wind and the drivers door at that time, which we wont go into except to say we used the passenger door from then on.

Steve did eventually get to drive again. He arrived at Coonabarabran at dusk but drove through until we stopped for another sandwich and soft drink. Where was all the beer?

We didn't have any more vehicle problems, it ran like a dream. Bazza and Steve alternated with the driving throughout the night until finally we arrived back in Melbourne at 5 am Sunday, 9 October - 18 hours after the start of our adventure. I have to admit this past part became a little fuzzy after the long week spent in Brisbane, which is something everyone who went to Queensland will understand.

My travelling companions were delightful company and I would like to say: THANK YOU, BARRY AND STEVE - OXOXOXOXOXOXO

BALLARAT TOURNAMENT

We had a record entry of 184 players and didn't everyone enjoy themselves. As usual, Ballarat is the last tournament for the year and, with at least 40 new Masters players competing, a lot of hard work was put in by the Committee and Ballarat people. I'm sure you would like me to thank them on your behalf.

Players came from all over Victoria and MARGARET FYFE and VERE NICHOLS came across the water from Tassie. I hope we get to see even more new Masters again at future tournaments. You bring fresh ideas and spirit to our association.

The Dinner Dance was patronised by nearly all, however, the dance floor is never big enough. Doesn't everyone know Masters People never sit down when music is being played? The Pride of Erin was request and 'twinkle toes' DENIS HARRISON thoroughly enjoyed it. The bank was very taken with DI RICARDO's lovely legs in her mini outfit and assured us they will play anytime for us Masters. Hopefully at the functions for our Australians in September. JIM BRISTOW is working this out.

Believe JUDITH GOADBY and JUDY SIMMONS had an interesting weekend sharing with 'Mummy and Daddy', HELEN LEPA and BERNIE MASSEY at the motel. It appears the shower screen frequently kept getting stuck and wouldn't budge when the girls were inside. Big, bad Bernie had to go to the rescue each time to alleviate the problem. Shall I now tell all how you managed to secretly adjust said door to jam at your whim?

It appears we do have a problem at some venues with the sound system. I am sure if players were more aware themselves of their starting times and got ready it would help solve late matches to some extent. We will endeavour to fix this hiccup at our level, but your cooperation would be appreciated - THANKS.

A bit welcome to MARILYN ROSS, JOHN TUTT's future wife. It's not too late before the big day in February to let a few of us tell you some stores or two, Marilyn. Just kidding Tutty! Best wishes also to ROBERT THOMPSON and MARIANE DELIMA who have also announced their engagement at Ballarat. Some extra juicy gossip from Ballarat comes the since engagement and intention to tie the knot between our Denis (the menace) Harrison and RAWINIA KELLY. Just who will be tying who up in knots we wait to see. However, Winnie, as Denis has been around for some time in Masters there will be lots and lots of tall tales to tell should you desire further in depth information. We await with bated breath for the next episode. Good luck Denis and Winnie and congratulations to all couples.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the following VMSA medal winners at the WORLD MASTERS GAMES 1994

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

WOMEN

Over 35 Div 3 Heather Sinclair (Silver)

Sue Sinclair (Bronze)

Over 40 Open Leonie Cann (Gold)

Jenny Clark (Plate)

Over 50 Div 2 Jan Smith (Consolation Plate)

Over 50 Div 3 Julie Wilson (Gold)

Over 60 Open Margaret Doueal (Gold)

MEN

Over 35 Open Tom Spark (Gold)

Gabe Markovics (Consolation Plate)

Over 35 Div 2 Mark Thurkle (Gold)

Over 40 Open Bruce Turner (Silver)

John Tobin (Plate)

Over 40 Div 3 Gary Rose (Gold)

Over 50 Open Max Samblebe (Gold)

Peter Wright (Bronze)

Paul Marmaras (Special Plate)

Bert Armstrong (Consolation Plate)

Over 50 Div 3 Denis Harrison (Gold)

Frank Bugeja (Silver)

Jeff Mead (Plate)

Over 55 Open Ray Villarroya (Plate)

Over 55 Div 2 Joe Rozen (Special Plate)

Over 60 Open Jim Bristow (Special Plate)

Over 60 Div 2 Jack Kavan (Gold)

Alby Francis (Plate)

Over 60 Div 3 Syd Webb (Special Plate)

Over 65 Open Max Smythe (Gold)

Jack Walsh (Bronze)

Over 75 Open Vic Hunt (Gold)

TEAM EVENTS

WOMEN

Over 35 Div 3 - GOLD: Tanya Beacham, Heather Sinclair, Sue Sinclair, Wali Linhart.

Over 40 Div 2 - GOLD: Jenny Clark, Catrina Cook, Karyn Collins, Anne Vergona.

Over 40 Div 3 - BRONZE: Marian Read, Pam Engellenner, Ute Cottee, Suzanne Smith.

Over 45 Div 2 - BRONZE: Janice Walshe, Lorraine Lloyd, Sheryn Mitchell, Kathy Payne, Wendy O'Brien.

Over 50 Open - GOLD: Helene Solley, Heather Barwick, Anne Smith.

Over 50 Div 2 - SILVER: Margaret Doueal, Ros French, Jackie Gunn, Julie Wilson.

Over 60 Open - GOLD: Margaret Doueal, Sylvie O'Neale, Sandra McCann (OLD).

MEN

Over 40 Open - BRONZE : Gary Brown, Bruce Turner, Martin Coyne, John Tobin.

Over 50 Open - GOLD : Max Samblebe, Peter Wright, Paul Marmaras.

Over 50 Div 2 - BRONZE: Tom Slattery, Graham Lewis, Norm Clingan.

Over 50 Div 3 - GOLD : Joe Hrastnik, Brian Lyons, Denis Harrison.

Over 50 Div 3 - SILVER: John Jolley, Jeff Mead, Keith Jefferson.

Over 55 Open - SILVER: Ray Villarroya, Geoff Garrott (TAS), Joe Rozen.

Over 55 Div 2 - SILVER: David Donelly Ron

Over 55 Div 2 - SILVER David Donelly, Ron Imith, Bernie Massey

Over 60 Open - GOLD : Jim Bristow, Brian IcDonald, Peter Longton.

Over 60 Div 2 - GOLD : Jack Kavan, Alby Francis, Syd Webb.

Over 65 Open - GOLD: Max Smythe, Jack Walsh, Peter Henley.

VIC LUCAS went to Brisbane in January to try his ack in Real Estate. We wish you all the best of ack, Vic, and I know a certain Southland lady will e sorry to see you go too. You will also be missed by Victorian Masters and all your friends at Lower Plenty.

PLEASE KEEP OUR SECRETARY, JUDITH (MISS PERFECT) INFORMED OF ANY CHANGE IN YOUR ADDRESS. WE RECENTLY HAD ABOUT 10 NEWSLETTERS RETURNED DUE TO INCORRECT NFORMATION. SEND ANY NEW INFORMATION TO PO BOX 303, KEW 3101 IN WRITING -PLEEEEASE DON'T EXPECT JUDITH TO REMEMBER WHAT YOU TELL HER ON A THURSDAY NIGHT AT SQUASH WITHOUT CONFIRMING IT IN VRITING!!!!!